

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Mariusz Tabaczek, O.P.

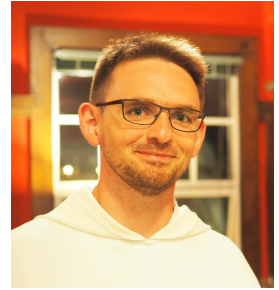
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### Areas of Specialization

Systematic theology

Natural theology

Fundamental theology

Science/theology dialogue

Theology of divine action

Philosophy of nature

Philosophy of Science

Philosophy of biology

Philosophy of causation

Metaphysics

### Personal Data

Born: 15.08.1980, Rzeszow, Poland

Nationality: Polish

Occupation: Priest in the Dominican Order (Entry: 2001, solemn profession: 2007, ordination: 2008), Researcher at the Thomistic Institute in Warsaw, Poland, Director of *Studium Dominicanum* in Warsaw, Poland.

### Education

2011-2016 Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.  
Ph.D. in the area of Systematic and Philosophical Theology. Advisor:

Michael Dodds, O.P. Dissertation topic: *Emergence and Divine Action: Exploring the Dispositional View of Causation as a New Philosophical Foundation.*

- 2008-2010 Department of Theology at the University of Poznan, Poland.  
Church Licentiate in Dogmatic Theology (S.T.L.).
- 2002-2008 Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology in Cracow, Poland  
(*Studium Generale*). Accreditation: The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow, Poland  
M.A. in theology.
- 1999-2001 Biotechnology at the University of Wroclaw, Poland. Accomplished two years of the BS program. No degree.

### Teaching Experience

- 2018 – Lecture on *Thomas Aquinas's Theology of Creation in the Context of Contemporary Views* at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Warsaw
- 2017 – Classes and seminars in *Creation Theology, Philosophy of Nature and the Relationship Between Science and Religion*, and *Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Science* in *Studium Dominicanum* in Warsaw, Poland
- 2017 – Class in *Creation Theology*, and seminars in *Creation Theology and Philosophy of Nature* in the Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology in Cracow, Poland
- 2016 Interdisciplinary Seminar: *From Systems-Biology to Divine Concurrentism: New Mechanical Philosophy of Biology – Emergentism – Philosophy of Causation – Divine Action*, Notre Dame, IN, Spring 2017
- 2013 and 2016 *Issues in Divine Action*, a course designed and co-taught with Professor Michael Dodds, O.P., addressing the problem of understanding of divine action in the context of contemporary science. The course offered at the GTU, Berkeley, CA.

### Working Experience

- 2017 – Director of *Studium Dominicanum* in Warsaw – an institution offering a systematic series of lectures in philosophy and theology for the lay members of the Catholic Church.
- 2011 – 2016 Librarian in the Saint Albert's Priory Library, Oakland, CA.
- 2008-2011 Polish Dominican Publishing House 'W drodze' – secretary and member of the editorial staff of the monthly magazine *W drodze*. Experienced in organizing public debates on the basis of the problems discussed in the magazine (theology, life of the Church, culture, social issues).
- 2008-2011 Leader of the Dominican University Chaplaincy in Poznan, Poland. Experienced in organizing open lectures on biblical, dogmatic, and moral theology, and spirituality.

## Languages

Polish	Mother Language
English	Advanced CAE – Certificate of Advanced English from Cambridge TOEFL - score: 100, year 2010
Spanish	Good
Latin	Medium
Greek	Elementary

## Research/Writing Projects

Book project: *Emergence: Toward a New Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science* – in the process of publication by the University Notre Dame Press.

Book project: *Emergence, Divine action, and Thomas Aquinas: An Alternative to Panentheism* – in review for the University of Notre Dame Press.

Arystotelesowsko-tomistyczna koncepcja przyczynowości w kontekście wyjaśniania we współczesnej nauce (Aristotelian-Thomistic View of Causation in the Context of Explanation in Contemporary Science) – journal article in review of *Filozofia Nauki* (Polish journal in philosophy of science).

## Publications

### In preparation

*Emergence: Toward a New Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science* (University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming in Spring of 2019)

*What Does God Really Do in an Evolutionary Change? – Divine Concurrence and Transformism from the Thomistic Perspective*. Journal article accepted for publication in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*.

Czy współczesne nauki przyrodnicze mogą inspirować filozoficzny i teologiczny namysł nad przyczynowością? (*Can Contemporary Science Inspire a Philosophical and Theological Reflection on Causality?*). Journal article in Polish, accepted for publication in *Scientia et Fides*.

*Does Science allow for God's Action in the Universe?* – text of the presentation delivered in Polish at the conference *Osobliwość i Transcendens. Granice bytu i poznania (Individuality and Transcendence. On the Limits of Being and Cognition)* organized by the department of philosophy at the University of Rzeszow (May 11-12 2018).

*Classical and Contemporary Hylomorphism and Human Soul (Klasyczny i współczesny hylemorfizm a dusza ludzka)*. Journal article in Polish, accepted for publication in *Roczniki Filozoficzne KUL (Annals of Philosophy)*.

### In review

*Emergence, Divine Action, and Thomas Aquinas. An Alternative to Panentheism* (book project in review for the University of Notre Dame Press)

*The Image of God in Panentheism: A Critical Evaluation* – journal article in review for *The*

## Thomist

*DNA i sekret życia: klasyczna filozofia przyczynowości w spotkaniu ze współczesną nauką* (*DNA and the Secret of Life – Classical Philosophy of Nature Facing Contemporary Science*) – journal article in review for *Filozofia i nauka* (*Philosophy and Science*)

## Articles and Book Chapters

Henry, John and Mariusz Tabaczek. "Causation." In *Science and Religion: A Historical Introduction*, ed. Gary B. Ferngren, 377-394. Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017.

Harris, Steven J. and Mariusz Tabaczek. "Roman Catholicism since Trent." In *Science and Religion: A Historical Introduction*, ed. Gary B. Ferngren, 251-267. Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017.

"Aristotelian Complement to the Metaphysics of Incompleteness: Philosophical and Theological Reflections on Deacon and Cashman's Project." *Theology and Science* 14 (2016), 456-463.

"Emergence and Downward Causation Reconsidered in Terms of the Aristotelian-Thomistic View of Causation and Divine Action." *Scientia et Fides* 4 (2016), 115-149, <http://dx.doi.org/10.12775/SetF.2016.010>

"Thomistic Response to the Theory of Evolution: Aquinas on Natural Selection and the Perfection of the Universe." *Theology and Science* 13 (2015), 325-344.

"An Aristotelian Account of Evolution and the Contemporary Philosophy of Biology." In *The 1st Virtual International Conference on the Dialogue between Science and Theology. Dialogo Conf 2014: Cosmology, Life & Anthropology*, edited by Cosmin Tudor Ciocan and Anton Lieskovský, 57-69. Zilina: Publishing Institution of the University of Zilina, 2014.

"Hegel and Whitehead: In Search for Sources of Contemporary Versions of Panentheism in Science/Theology Dialogue." *Theology and Science* 11 (2013), 143-161.

"The Metaphysics of Downward Causation: Rediscovering the Formal Cause." *Zygon* 48 (2013), 380-404.

"Obraz Boga w 'erze nauki'. Krytyczne spojrzenie na teizm Arthura Peacocke'a" ("God's Image in a 'Scientific Age': A Critical evaluation of Arthur Peacocke's Theism"), *Przegląd Tomistyczny [Polish Thomistic Review]*, vol. XV (2009), 317-345.

## Book Reviews

Gerard Verschuuren *Aquinas and Modern Science. A New Synthesis of Faith & Reason* Kettering, OH: Angelico Press, 2016. *Theology and Science* 16 (2018), 364-368.

Gregory T. Doolan *Aquinas on the Divine Ideas as Exemplar Causes* Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2008. *Theology and Science* 14 (2016), 387-389.

John Dudley, *Aristotle's Concept of Chance: Accidents, Cause, Necessity, and Determinism*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2012. *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 87 (2013), 779-81.

Michael J. Dodds, O.P. *Unlocking Divine Action: Contemporary Science & Thomas Aquinas*. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2012. *Theology and Science* 11

(2013), 164-66.

## Talks and Conference Presentations

*Emergentism and New Mechanical Philosophy of Biology Redefined in Terms of Aristotle's Theory of Causation* – presentation delivered at the conference *Insides of Nature: Causalities, Causal Processes, and Conceptions of Nature* – organized by the Catholic University of Portugal in Braga, Portugal (September 2018).

*Does Science allow for God's Action in the Universe?* – presentation delivered in Polish at the conference *Osobliwość i Transcendens. Granice bytu i poznania (Individuality and Transcendence. On the Limits of Being and Cognition)* organized by the department of philosophy at the University of Rzeszow (May 11-12 2018).

*The Image of God in Panentheism: A Critical Evaluation* – presentation at the conference *The Nature of God. Ontological and Epistemological Issues*, organized by the Department of Philosophy, Sociology, and Journalism at the University of Gdansk, Poland (May 34-35 2018).

*Biological Complexity: A New Scientific Revolution and Its Impact on Philosophy and Theology* – a Vivian Lamb Lecture at the Villanova University in Randor Township, PA (April 12 2018).

*What Does God Really Do in an Evolutionary Change?: Divine Concurrence and Transformism from the Thomistic Perspective* – public lecture at the Ayala Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences at the Gradual Theological Union in Berkeley, CA (April 5 2018).

Guest seminar lecture *What Would Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas Say About Evolution?* At the Department of Theology at the University of Torun, Poland (December 2017).

*Called to Immortality – The Unique Status of the Human Nature.* A lecture delivered in Polish (November 2017) in a series of public lectures on *Nature and Grace* organized by the Thomistic Institute in Warsaw in 2017/2018.

*Classical and Contemporary Hylomorphism and Human Soul (Klasyczny i współczesny hylemorfizm a dusza ludzka).* A paper delivered in Polish at the annual conference of the Polish Society of Dogmatic Theologians in Lublin 2017 (the title of the conference: *Human Person – Reality or Useful Metaphor?*).

*DNA and the Secret of Life – Classical Philosophy of Nature Facing Contemporary Science.* A lecture delivered in Polish for the opening of the new academic year 2017/2018 at the Dominican College of Philosophy and Theology in Cracow, Poland (in September 2017).

*From Causal Non-Reductionism and Emergentism to New Aristotelianism and Aquinas' View of Divine Action.* Paper presented at the *Classical Theism Workshop* at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN in July 2016.

*Aristotelian Complement to the Metaphysics of Incompleteness: Philosophical and Theological Reflections on Deacon and Cashman's Project.* Paper presented at The Annual Russell Family Research Conference, organized by the CTNS in Berkeley, CA, on April 16, 2016.

*Metaphysics of Downward Causation: New Aristotelianism versus Nonreductionist Physicalism.* Paper presented at the conference on *Agency and (Quantum) Physics* at the University of Innsbruck in 2015.

*Powers View of Divine Action: New Aristotelianism in Analytic Philosophy and Theology.* Paper presented at the Dominican Colloquium: *What Has Athens to Do with Jerusalem? Dialogue between Philosophy and Theology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* in Berkeley, CA, in 2014.

*William Wallace and the Retrieval of Aristotle's Philosophy of Nature: The Role of Chance.*  
Paper presented at the conference: *Dominicans and Renewal of Thomism* in Washington, D.C., in 2013.

A talk on emergence and divine action at the book launch: *Unlocking Divine Action: Contemporary Science & Thomas Aquinas* by Michael Dodds, O.P. at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA (April 23, 2013).

### **Academic Honors and Awards**

Fellowship at the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies (2016/2017)

CTNS Charles T. Townes Graduate Student Fellowship in Theology and Science (2014)

GTU Newhall Teaching and Research Fellowship (2013)

### **Editorial work**

Member of the editorial board of the academic series *Dominikańska Biblioteka Teologii* (*Dominican Library of Theology*) of the Thomistic Institute in Warsaw, Poland

Reviewer for the journals *Scientia et Fides*, *Theology and Science*, *Theological Studies*

Reviewed articles for *Kriterion*

### **Organization of Academic Events**

Member of the program committee of the conference *Osobliwość i Transcendens. Granice bytu i poznania* (*Individuality and Transcendence. On the Limits of Being and Cognition*), organized by the department of philosophy at the University of Rzeszow (May 11-12 2018).

Member of the program committee of the conference *The Insides of Nature*, organized by the Catholic University of Portugal in Braga (September 2018).

### **Memberships**

CTNS (Centre for Theology and the Natural Sciences), Berkeley, CA, <http://www.ctns.org/>

Christians in Science, <http://www.cis.org.uk/>

American Catholic Philosophical Association, <http://www.acpaweb.org/>

The Society of Christian Philosophers, <http://www.societyofchristianphilosophers.com/>

Society of Catholic Scientists (scholar associate), <https://www.catholicscientists.org/>

The Society of Polish Dogmatic Theologians