

The Rev. Canon Dr. Thomas Williams, canon theologian at St. Peter's Cathedral, is Professor of Philosophy at the University of South Florida. He has published widely on medieval philosophy and theology. His most recent work includes *The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Ethics* and a new translation of Augustine's *Confessions*.

He received a \$138,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support his translation volume, *John Duns Scotus: Selected Readings in Ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

Born in Memphis, TN, Canon Williams is a 1988 graduate of Vanderbilt University and earned a Ph.D. in philosophy from Notre Dame in 1994. Before coming to USF he taught at the University of Iowa, where he received the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Collegiate Teaching Award in 2005.

"I was brought up in Southern Baptist churches but was drawn into the Episcopal Church in high school," Canon Williams says. "Interesting fact: Inviting people to go to church with you actually works!"

A fine singer who performs with the Cathedral's Chamber Choir and an excellent pianist, Canon Williams began taking piano lessons at the age of four and became an organist "when I got to college, mainly because the campus Episcopal chapel needed an organist and, as a pianist, I was the closest thing available."