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Education

- 2019 Ph.D. in Theology, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana
- 2014 S.T.L. (Licentiate in Sacred Theology) Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
- 2013 M.Div. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
- 2007 M.A. in Philosophical Resources. Fordham University, Bronx, New York
- 2001 M.A. in Classics. The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- 2000 B.A. in Philosophy, Classics; Honors Program. Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio

Current Academic Position

- 2019– Assistant Professor, Boston College, Dept. of Theology.

Previous Academic Positions

- 2018 Instructor, University of Notre Dame, Dept. of Theology. Instructor of introductory theology course for fall semester 2018.
- 2015–17 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame. Lectured and evaluated students in Graduate and Undergraduate theology courses.
- 2014 Teacher, St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Dept. of Religious Studies. Teacher of Old Testament and World Religions.
- 2007–10 Teacher, St. Joseph's Preparatory School, Depts. of Classics and Religious Studies. Teacher of Latin, Church History, Old Testament and World Religions.
- 2004 Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Wheeling Jesuit University, Dept. of Philosophy. Lecturer in Philosophy of Human Nature.
- 2000–02 Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University, Dept. of Greek and Latin. Instructor with full responsibility for entire introductory three-course Latin cycle and intermediate reading courses for undergraduates and graduate students.

Research Interests

Early Christian Scriptural Exegesis; Asceticism, Spiritual Transformation, and Bodily Practices in Early Christianity; History of Christological and Trinitarian Doctrine

Publications, Lectures, and Research

MONOGRAPH

- 2024 *The Interpretation of Kenosis from Origen to Cyril of Alexandria: Dimensions of Self-Emptying in the Reception of Philippians 2:7*. Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Reviews:

Hlabse, Andrij. "The Interpretation of Kenosis from Origen to Cyril of Alexandria: Dimensions of Self-Emptying in the Reception of Philippians 2:7." *The New Ressourcement* 2, no. 1 (2025): 239–244.

MONOGRAPH IN PROGRESS

- in progress *Cyril and Theodoret on Asceticism and Theology: Christ, Freedom, and Fasting*. Press to be targeted: Oxford University Press. (Developing the Proposal for submission March 2026.)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2024 "Exegesis Supporting Metaphysics: Eusebius of Caesarea's Use of *Prosōpon* and Its Hypostatic Associations." *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 100(1): 27–42.
- 2023 "The Nonviolent Christ at the Apocalyptic Center of Origen's *Homilies on Joshua*." *Theological Studies* 84(3): 501–23.
- 2021 "Surpassing Mere Logomachy: Cyril and Theodoret on the Third and Fourth Anathemas." *Studia Patristica* 129: 75–82.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- under review "Cyril of Alexandria on 'Willing Self-Emptying': Precedents and Implications." *Studia Patristica*. Status: Submitted January 31, 2025, awaiting decision.
- in progress "Citizenship and Virtue in Early Christian Asceticism: A Study of *Politeia*." Target Journal: *Journal of Early Christian Studies*. (To be submitted October 1, 2025.)
- in progress "Origen and Valentinianism: A Case Study of Ressourcement Theologies of Freedom." Target Journal: *The New Ressourcement*. (To be submitted December 1, 2025.)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- in progress "Fifth Century Theologians: Theodore of Mopsuestia, Nestorius of Constantinople, Cyril of Alexandria, Theodoret of Cyrus, and Leo of Rome." In *Cambridge Companion to Early Christian Theology*, ed. David E. Willhite. Cambridge University Press. (Chapter is accepted for publication; Volume is under review.)

- in press “Cyril of Alexandria: Pastoral Asceticism and Eucharistic Theology.” *The Pastoral Theology of the Early Church*, ed. Andrew Summerson, Andrew Hofer, O.P., and Austin Litke, O.P. The Catholic University of America Press.
- in press “‘A Higher Consideration’: Eadmer beyond Anselm on the Immaculate Conception.” In *Eadmer of Canterbury: Life, History, Thought*, ed. Charles C. Rozier and Jesse Patrick Harrington. Anselm Studies and Texts Series. Brill.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- 2020 “Messianic Age: Patristic and Orthodox Theology.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: De Gruyter (2009–): 918–19.
- 2020 “Messianism: Patristic and Orthodox Theology.” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: De Gruyter (2009–): 954–56.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- in progress “Singing the Creed: Scripture, Theology, and Ecclesial Worship in Nicaea and its Reception.” Session: To Creed or Not to Creed?: Evangelicals and the Use of the Creeds. Evangelical Theological Society. Boston, Massachusetts. Wednesday, November 19, 2025.
- in progress “Nicene Mysticism in Cyril of Alexandria’s Theology.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, October 24–26, 2025. Villanova, Pennsylvania. (Proposal Accepted.)
- 2025 “‘Transforming into Incorruption’: Cyril of Alexandria and the Conquering of Death and Decay.” “His flesh did not see corruption (Acts) 2:31”: Patristic conceptions of Jesus’ body and their foundations in the New Testament. International Conference, Philosophische Fakultät, Universität Siegen. Siegen, Germany. March 19, 2025.
- 2025 “Cappadocian Kenosis in Context.” Second Century Seminar. Dallas, Texas, February 20, 2025.
- 2024 “Book Review Session: Michael Magree, *The Interpretation of Kenosis from Origen to Cyril of Alexandria: Dimensions of Self-Emptying in the Reception of Philippians 2:7*.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: Development of Early Christian Theology. San Diego, California, November 23, 2024.
- 2024 “Cyril of Alexandria on ‘Willing Self-Emptying’: Precedents and Implications.” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, England, August 7, 2024.
- 2023 “Origen and Valentinianism: A Case Study of Ressourcement Theologies of Freedom.” The New Ressourcement Conference. Rochester, Minnesota, November 6, 2023.
- 2023 “Origen on Freedom: Christian Exaltation of the Human in the Face of Gnosticism.” The Catholic Theological Society of America. Annual Convention. Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 10, 2023.
- 2023 “Citizenship and Virtue in Early Christian Asceticism: A Study of *Politeia*.” Makarios: Character and Virtue in the Christian Tradition. Australian Catholic University. Rome, Italy, May 28, 2023.
- 2022 “Does the Past have a Future? Theologies of Grace from the Temporal Margins.” Catholic Theological Society of America. Atlanta, Georgia, June 11, 2022.
- 2022 “Flourishing in Fasting: Ascetical Theology in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Festal Letters*.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, Illinois, May 27, 2022.
- 2022 “Hypocrisy and High Standards: Theodoret on Christian and Non-Christian Ascetics.” New Trajectories in Australian Research on Late Antiquity and Early Christian Studies. Institute for

- Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University. Melbourne, Australia, April 20, 2022.
- 2021 “Cyril of Alexandria, Philippians 2, and Rival Conceptions of Christological Mediation Prior to 428.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: Development of Early Christian Theology. San Antonio, Texas, November 21, 2021.
- 2021 “Dramatic Deification: Anatolios and Cyril on Scriptural Accounts of Christ’s Mediation.” Deification through the Cross: an Ecumenical Symposium on Christian Salvation. University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame, Indiana, September 24, 2021.
- 2021 “Exegesis Supporting Metaphysics: Eusebius of Caesarea’s Use of *Prosōpon* and its Hypostatic Associations.” Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology. Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, August 7, 2021.
- 2021 “Exegesis Supporting Metaphysics: Eusebius of Caesarea’s Use of *Prosōpon* and its Hypostatic Associations.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, Illinois, May 25, 2021.
- 2021 “Theology and Silence: Rhetorical Context for Basil of Caesarea and ‘Unwritten’ Teaching.” Boston Area Patristics Group. Virtual Presentation. April 15, 2021.
- 2021 “Origen of Alexandria and Violence in the Book of Joshua.” History of Christianity/Systematic Theology Annual Colloquium. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Virtual Presentation. March 19, 2021.
- 2019 “Surpassing Mere Logomachy: Theodoret and Cyril on the Second Anathema.” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, England, August 20, 2019.
- 2018 “Philippians 2:7 and Origen on Christological Unity.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: Development of Early Christian Theology. Denver, Colorado, November 18, 2018.
- 2018 “‘A higher consideration’: Eadmer beyond Anselm on the Immaculate Conception.” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, England, July 3, 2018.
- 2017 “Irenaeus on the Personal Charism of an Apostle.” Communion among Christians: the Early Church and Today. 2017 Tantur Summer Seminar. Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, July 4, 2017.
- 2015 “Theodoret and the Love of an Ascetic.” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, England, August 11, 2015.
- 2012 “Aquinas and the Spiritual Sense: Beryl Smalley Learned to Take Aquinas Seriously on the Spiritual Sense — Have We?” Graduate Student Conference on Theology of Thomas Aquinas, University of Dayton, October 24, 2012.
- 2007 “Heidegger and Aquinas: the Meaning of Being and the End of Natural Theology.” Conference: Doing Catholic Philosophy: Jesuit Reflections on the Intellectual Life, Loyola University Chicago, March 10, 2007.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2024 *The Bible in the Early Church*. By Justo L. González. *Theological Studies* 85, no. 2 (June 2024): 359.
- 2021 *Analogical Identities: The Creation of the Christian Self*, by Nikolaos Loudovikos. *Scottish Journal of Theology* 74, no. 4 (November 2021): 385–387.
- 2016 *On Difficulties in the Church Fathers, the Ambigua*, Vols. 1 and 2, by Maximos the Confessor, edited and translated by Maximos Constas. *Religious Studies Review* 42, no. 2 (June 2016): 116.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2023 “Pre-Liberal Theologies of Freedom in a Post-Liberal Age: — Selected Session.” *The Catholic Theological Society of America Proceedings* 77: 90–1.

DISSERTATION AND THESIS

- 2019 “‘Shaped to the Measure of the Kenosis’: the Theological Interpretation of Philippians 2:7 from Origen to Cyril of Alexandria.” Ph.D. Dissertation. Proposal accepted, advanced to candidacy, October 2017. Defended June 13, 2019.
- 2014 “Mission, Procession, and the Cross: Gregory of Nyssa, Augustine and Aquinas in the Context of Bruce D. Marshall on the Trinity.” S.T.L. Thesis, Boston College. Completed May 2014.

POPULAR THEOLOGY WRITING

- 2023 “Against the Dictatorship of Noise: Radical Allegiance to Christ’s Elusiveness.” *Teaching the Faith* 12, no. 10.

Teaching Interests and Competence

Theology: Patristics and early Christianity; Development of Trinitarian and Christological Doctrine; Patristic and Medieval Theologies of Grace and Original Sin; Theological Introduction to Old and New Testament and Early Church; Christology; Soteriology; Trinitarian Theology
Languages and Literatures: Latin, Greek

Courses Taught

AS FACULTY

- 2025–26 Perspectives on Western Culture I and II. Phil/Theo 1090 and 1091. Boston College
- 2025 Spring Cyril of Alexandria and Later Christology. Theo 7057. Boston College
- 2025 Spring Engaging Catholicism. Theo 1401. Boston College
- 2024 Fall Tradition and Traditions. Theo 2001. Boston College
- 2024 Fall Engaging Catholicism. Theo 1401. Boston College
- 2024 Spring Early Christian Ascetical Theology. Theo 7046. Boston College
- 2024 Spring Engaging Catholicism. Theo 1401. Boston College
- 2023 Fall The Formation of Early Christian Thought: A Theological Examination. Theo 1722. Enduring Questions Core Course. (Taught in parallel with Phil 1722: The Formation of Early Christian thought: A Philosophical Examination, by Prof. Sarah Byers.) Boston College
- 2023 Fall Engaging Catholicism. Theo 1401. Boston College
- 2023 Spring Theological Exegesis in Early Christianity. Theo 7599. Boston College
- 2022–23 Perspectives on Western Culture I and II. Phil/Theo 1090 and 1091. Boston College
- 2020–21 Perspectives on Western Culture I and II. Phil/Theo 1090 and 1091. Boston College
- 2021 Spring Self-Knowledge and Discernment: The Experience of Pilgrimage. Phil/Theo 4495. Boston College
- 2020 Spring Theological Exegesis in Early Christianity. Theo 7599. Boston College

2019–20 Perspectives on Western Culture I and II. Phil/Theo 1090 and 1091. Boston College
 2004 Philosophy of Human Nature. Wheeling Jesuit University

AS TEACHING FELLOW OR EQUIVALENT

2018 Foundations of Theology. University of Notre Dame
 2001 Latin Reading. The Ohio State University
 2001 Summer Intensive Latin Workshop. The Ohio State University
 2000–01 Introductory Latin I, II, III. The Ohio State University

AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

2016 Introduction to Early Christian Theology (Graduate Level). University of Notre Dame
 (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Brian E. Daley, S.J.)
 2016 The Mystery of God (Graduate Level). University of Notre Dame (Teaching Assistant for Prof.
 Brian E. Daley, S.J.)
 2015 Foundations of Theology. University of Notre Dame (Teaching Assistant for Prof. Khaled
 Anatolios)
 2002 Classical Mythology. The Ohio State University

Professional Memberships

2013– North American Patristics Society
 2017– Society of Biblical Literature
 2019– Catholic Theological Society of America
 2021– Academy of Catholic Theology

Service

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2024–26 Theology Department, Theology Undergraduate Program Assessment Committee
 2025– Michael Dinsmore, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee
 2025– Jonelle Weier, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee
 2024–25 Michael Dinsmore, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee
 2024–25 Jean-Paul Juge, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee
 2023–24 Noah (Dunstan) Enzor, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee
 2023–24 Search Committee, Assistant Professor of the Practice in Christian Theology, Perspectives
 Program
 2023–24 Jean-Paul Juge, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee
 2023–24 Emily Turner, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee
 2023 Cesar Castro, M.A. Philosophy/Theology Comprehensive Exam Committee
 2022– Jordan Parro, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee
 2022–24 Theology Department Curriculum Committee
 2021–22 Jordan Parro, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee
 2020–21 Stephen Surh, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee

2020–21 Andrew Gertner Belfield, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee
 2019–21 Theology Department Curriculum Committee
 2019–20 Andrew Gertner Belfield, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee
 2019 *Ad hoc* Committee for Review of Theology Department Guidelines

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019– Jesuit Institute, Seminar for Tenure-Track Assistant Professors
 2019–20 Boisi Center, Faculty Seminar on Catholic Identity
 2006–07 Jesuit Representative, Fordham Graduate Student Association
 2000–02 Elected member, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, the Ohio State University Greek and Latin department

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

in progress Organizer and chair, Panel session, “Crisis and the Past: Reception of Authority in Four Moments of the Tradition.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, October 24–26, 2025. Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania. (Panel proposal accepted.)
 2025 Organizer and chair, Pre-planned session, “Reassessing Cyril of Alexandria’s Thesaurus de Trinitate: A Link between 4th and 5th Century Theology.” North American Patristics Society, Annual Conference 2025, Chicago, Illinois. May 23, 2025.
 2025 Thesis Examiner, Australian Catholic University
 2023– Anonymous Manuscript Reviewer, The Catholic University of America Press
 2023– Anonymous Manuscript Reviewer, The Thomist
 2023– Steering Committee, Development of Early Christian Theology unit, at the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
 2023 Organizer and chair, Selected Session, “Pre-Liberal Theologies of Freedom in a Post-Liberal Age.” The Catholic Theological Society of America, Annual Convention 2023. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
 2023– Associate Editor, *The New Ressourcement*
 2021–24 Member, Administrative Board, Pappas Patristic Institute at Hellenic College Holy Cross
 2010–12 Executive Editor, *Lumen et Vita*, Graduate Academic Journal of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Grants, honors and awards

2023 Research Expense Grant. Indexing for *The Interpretation of Kenosis from Origen to Cyril of Alexandria: Dimensions of Self-Emptying in the Reception of Philippians 2:7*. Boston College, Internal Grants and Awards. \$2,000.
 2022 Visiting Scholar. Australian Catholic University (Melbourne), Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Biblical and Early Christian Studies.
 2021 Exploratory Technology Grant, Boston College. Proposal accepted for technology development of podcasting and videoconferencing. \$2,465.
 2014–19 Notebaert Premier Fellowship, University of Notre Dame. The highest graduate fellowship given by the University.

- 2017 Charles C. Price Memorial Fund, Summer Research Award, used at the Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen, Frankfurt, Germany. Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame.
- 2015 Summer Language Abroad Graduate Student Award used at the Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen and Goethe Institut, Frankfurt, Germany. Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures, University of Notre Dame.
- 2002 A. G. Woodhead Prize, the annual award for the best graduate research paper in Classics at the Ohio State University, for “Tacitus and *Memoria*: Philosophy and the Morals of an Historian.”
- 1996–2000 Franciscan University of Steubenville: Philosophy department Senior Award; Classics department Senior Award; Baconian Honor Society (Highest at the University); Alpha Chi Honor Society.

Ecclesiastical Work

- 2020– Mass and Confession Celebrant, Blessed Mother of the Morning Star Parish, at Our Lady of Grace Church, Everett, Massachusetts, and at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Revere, Massachusetts
- 2014–16 Mass Celebrant, St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka, Indiana
- 2014–16 Mass Celebrant, St. Matthew Co-cathedral, South Bend, Indiana
- 2013–14 Chaplain, St. Joseph’s Preparatory School
- 2011 Practicum in Spiritual Direction, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California
- 2010 Apostleship of Prayer: “Hearts on Fire” Young Adult retreat program
- 2007–10 St. Joseph’s Preparatory School: Director of Liturgical and Concert Choir; Coordinator, Ignatian Heritage Week; Chaperone, Service trips to New Orleans, Virginia, and Camden; Leader and Chaperone, World Youth Day pilgrimage, Sydney 2008
- 2004–07 Fordham University: Assistant director, Fordham University Folk Choir; Director of Music, Praise and Worship adoration hour; Chaperone, Global Outreach Service Program in Tijuana, Mexico, in 2005 and 2006
- 2004 Wheeling Jesuit University: Moderator, Freshman EXCEL program; Spiritual Director, Lenten retreat
- 2003 Speaker, High School Outreach, Syracuse Catholic Diocese, Respect Life Office

Religious Life

- 2023– House Consultor, Boston College Jesuit Community (St. Mary’s Hall)
- 2015–19 Vice-Superior, Henri de Lubac Jesuit Community, South Bend, Indiana. Society of Jesus, USA Midwest Province.
- 2017 Received faculties to celebrate Byzantine Liturgy in addition to Roman Liturgy. Society of Jesus, Maryland Province, and Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Eparchy of Newton, Massachusetts
- 2013 *Priest*, Society of Jesus, Maryland Province.
Ordained, June 8, 2013, Bronx, New York
- 2012 *Deacon*, Society of Jesus, Maryland Province.
Ordained, October 6, 2012, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
- 2004 *Approved Scholastic*, Society of Jesus, Maryland Province.
Pronounced First Vows, August 14, 2004, Syracuse, New York

2002

Novice, Society of Jesus, Maryland Province.

Entered Novitiate of St. Andrew, August 24, 2002, Syracuse, New York

Languages

Ancient: Latin and Greek (advanced level), Syriac (introductory level), Biblical Hebrew (introductory level)

Modern: English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), German (intermediate reading and introductory conversational skill), French (intermediate reading and introductory conversational skill)