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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2018	University of St. Michael's College, Theology
M.A.	2012	Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Philosophy
B.A.	2011	University of St. Thomas, Theology and Philosophy (<i>summa cum laude</i>)

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC PAPERS & ESSAYS

- 1) “*Theologia Descendit*: Kenosis and Divine Naming in the Twelfth Century,” in *Gestures of Grace*, ed. Hector Acero Ferrer and Joshua Harris (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2023): 183-215.
- 2) “‘In the Days of His Flesh’: Recovering the Elemental Meaning of Christ’s Work of Reconciliation,” in *Critical Realism and the Christian Scriptures: Foundations and Applications*, ed. Joseph K. Gordon (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2023): 261-295.
- 3) “*Mysterium Esse Christi*: The Theological Hypothesis of Thomas Aquinas regarding the Supernatural Being of Jesus Christ,” *New Blackfriars* 104 (January 2023): 92-115.
- 4) “*Fac Cor nostrum, secundum Cor tuum*: A Thomistic Exposition of the Human Dimension of Ministerial Priesthood,” *The Venerabile* 37.4 (2022): 7-18.
- 5) “The Hypothesis of *Esse Secundarium*: Positions and Interpretation,” *Lonergan Review* 12 (2021): 79-102.
- 6) “*Nihil Creatum*: Some Thomistic Concerns about the *Consensus Thomistarum* regarding the *esse* of Christ,” *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* 43.3-4 (2020): 301-325.
- 7) “*In Illo Tempore*: Being and Becoming in the Historical Life of Jesus Christ,” *The Heythrop Journal* 58.1 (2017): 17-36.

MONOGRAPHS, TRANSLATIONS, EDITIONS, SERIES, & EDITED VOLUMES

- 1) *Viator et Comprehensor: A Reconsideration of the Human Condition(s) of God Incarnate* [In-Progress]
- 2) Alexander of Hales' *Glossa in quatuor libros Sententiarum Petri Lombardi*, book 3, distinctions 1-22. Co-translator with Andrew Belfield (St. Bonaventure University). This contribution is part of the Alexander of Hales Project in the *Dallas Medieval Texts and Translations Series*. The project is overseen by Boyd Taylor Coolman (Boston College) and Ian Levy (Providence College). [In-Progress]

UNPUBLISHED ACADEMIC PAPERS

- 1) "Blessed are the Peacemakers: Is Contemplation Part of the Human Condition?" Paper presented at the 50th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 24-26, 2025.
- 2) "*Deliberatio Christi*: Did Christ Decide which Parables would be Best?" Paper presented at the 77th annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, June 8-10, 2023.
- 3) "'More Perfect Than Charity': High Scholastic Debates On the Ontological Relativity of Love," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 18-21, 2021.
- 4) "*Paratum cor meum, Deus*: Christological Affectivity in Medieval Exegesis of the *Psalms*," paper presented at the 46th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 15-17, 2021.
- 5) "*Repraesentatur et Efficitur*: Sacramental Presence, Participation, and Meaning in the Life of Christ," paper presented at the annual (virtual) meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 30, 2020.
- 6) "*Habeat Esse Creatum*: The Mystery of Christ's Being and the Christology of Thomas Aquinas," paper presented at the "Aquinas and the Crisis of Christology" Conference, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL, February 6-8, 2020.
- 7) "*Passio Christi, Conforta Me*: Horrors or Original Sin? Satisfaction and the Flesh of Christ," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 23-26, 2019.
- 8) "*Inter Omnia Mirabilissimum Est*: Thomas Aquinas and the Mystery of Temporality in the Being of Christ," paper presented at the 44th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 18-20, 2019.

- 9) “*Manifestatio Boni*: Divine Beauty, Arguments from Fittingness, and the Psychological Analogy—Realigning the treatises *De Trinitate* and *De Incarnatione*,” paper presented at the 2019 International Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry, February 22-23, 2019.
- 10) “*Nihil Creatum*: Some Thomistic Concerns about the *Consensus Thomistarum* regarding the *esse* of Christ,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 8-11, 2018.
- 11) “*Eius Semper Gloria Vera Est*: Divine Beauty and the Fittingness of the Incarnation,” paper presented at the 43rd International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 5-7, 2018.
- 12) “Transposition, Intersubjectivity, and the Gifts of the Spirit: Prospects for a Methodical Theology,” paper presented with Brian Bajzek at the West Coast Methods Institute, Lonergan Center, Loyola Marymount University, April 19-21, 2018.
- 13) “*Participatio Christi*: The Medieval Sacramental Triptych,” paper presented at the 42nd International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 13-15, 2017.
- 14) “*Videbis Gloriam Dei*: Finitude, Temporality, and Beatific Knowing in the Human Consciousness of Jesus Christ,” paper presented at the 2nd Triennial Dominican Colloquium at Berkeley, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Oakland, CA, July 12-15, 2017.
- 15) “Is Christ One or Two? Late Twelfth Century Approaches to the Union of Christ’s Body and Soul,” paper presented at the 41st International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 14-16, 2016.
- 16) “Christ Dwells in Our Hearts by Faith: An Exploration of the Intelligibility of the Invisible Mission of the Word,” paper presented at the 62nd Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO, June 2-5, 2016.
- 17) “‘No One Knows the Father Except the Son’: Addressing Questions of Finitude in the Human Consciousness of Christ—An Experiment in Christological Interiority,” paper presented at the West Coast Methods Institute, Lonergan Center, Loyola Marymount University, March 31-April 2, 2016.
- 18) “*Novus Modus Existendi in Aliquo*: Is the ‘Invisible Mission’ of the Word truly a Mission or simply a Fitting Appropriation?” Paper presented at the 7th Annual Lonergan on the Edge Graduate Student Conference, Lonergan Society, Marquette University, September, 11-12, 2015.

- 19) “*Unio illa est ad esse Personale: Why Participation in Paternity?*” paper presented at the West Coast Methods Institute, Lonergan Center, Loyola Marymount University, April 9-11, 2015.
- 20) “Theology Descends: *Communicatio Verbi* as *Auctoritas* and *Principium* for Divine Naming in the Twelfth Century,” paper presented at the 39th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 24-26, 2014.
- 21) “*Didicit Obedientiam: The Historical and Existential ramifications of the Hypothesis of Esse Secundarium*,” paper presented at the 6th Annual Lonergan on the Edge Graduate Student Conference, Lonergan Society, Marquette University, September 19-20, 2014.
- 22) “*Consortes Divinae Naturae: Toward a Positional Theory of the Lumen Gloriae in Aid of a Future Transposition*,” paper presented at the West Coast Methods Institute, Lonergan Center, Loyola Marymount University, April 10-12, 2014.
- 23) “*Misericordia eius in Saecula: Towards an Analogical Notion of Mercy secundum Mentem S. Thomae de Aquino*,” paper presented at the North American meeting of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, October 17-19, 2013.
- 24) “Affections of Reason: The Influence of Thomas Aquinas on Bernard Lonergan’s Early Definition of Human Affection,” paper presented at the 5th Annual Lonergan on the Edge Graduate Student Conference, Lonergan Society, Marquette University, September 20-21, 2013.
- 25) “*Officium Sapientis: Sapiential Moorings of Lonergan’s Notion of Method and Interiority in Thomas Aquinas*,” paper presented at the West Coast Methods Institute, Lonergan Center, Loyola Marymount University, April 4-6, 2013.
- 26) “*Christus Caput est Ecclesiae: The Theology of Christ’s headship and its Temporal Ramifications in the Christology of St. Thomas Aquinas*,” paper presented at the 37th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 26-28, 2012.
- 27) “The Genuine Experience of Pain in the Human Nature of Christ: Patristic Questions and Medieval Answers to ‘Some Greatly Obscure Chapters of St. Hilary’,” paper presented at the 36th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 21-23, 2011
- 28) “Suffering Subjectivity: Aquinas and Lonergan on Christ’s Experience of Pain,” paper presented at the 3rd Annual Lonergan on the Edge Graduate Student Conference, Lonergan Society, Marquette University, September 16-17, 2011.

INVITED LECTURES, SEMINARS, PANELS, & RESPONSES

- 1) “*Amicitia Sapientiae*: Continuing the Conversation with Wisdom,” commencement address given at the Catholic Home Educators Collective Houston Graduation Ceremony, Holy Rosary Catholic Parish, Houston, TX, June 6, 2025.
- 2) “*Ars Domestica*: Foundations for Fostering Familial Cultures of Leisure,” presented at the annual conference for the Catholic Home Educators Collective Houston, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, February 22, 2025.
- 3) “*Verbum Vitae*: Foundations for a Missiology of Truth,” presented as part of the *Truth, Aquinas, & the Theological Turn in Continental Philosophy* Seminar, sponsored by the *Widening Horizons Project* of the Templeton Religion Trust and the Aquinas Institute of Blackfriars Hall at Oxford University, December 15-16, 2023.
- 4) “*Mysterium Esse Christi*: The Theological Hypothesis of Thomas Aquinas regarding the Supernatural Being of Jesus Christ,” presented as part of the annual Aquinas Seminar, hosted by the Aquinas Institute, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford, May 4, 2022.
- 5) Response to Katherine Karam McCray, “Balthasar’s Spiritual Senses and the Overlooked Disabled Body,” presented at the annual Spring colloquium of the International Institute for Method in Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 11, 2022.
- 6) Response to Tim Lopez, “Voluntarism in Early Thomistic Eudaimonism: The Case of Gregorio Martinez, O.P.,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 21-24, 2019.
- 7) “‘The Full Stature of Christ’: Imitation and Participation as Program for Priestly Formation,” plenary address co-presented with Brian Bajzek at the International Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry, February 24, 2018.
- 8) Response to Joshua Harris, “Things within Things? Toward an Ontology of the Firm,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, November 16-19, 2017.
- 9) “Sacramental Character and the Dynamic State of Being-in-Love,” part of a multi-institutional panel, “‘And Hope Does Not Disappoint’: Understanding and Applying the Concept of the Fifth Level of Consciousness,” presented at the West Coast Methods Institute, Lonergan Center, Loyola Marymount University, April 6-8, 2017.
- 10) “*Amor Habet Rationem Primi Doni*: Matthias Scheeben and the Prospect for a New Starting Place in Pneumatology,” Plenary Address, Lonergan on the Edge Graduate Student Conference, Marquette University, September 24, 2016.
- 11) “How a God-man? Being and Becoming in the Historical Life of Jesus Christ,” Lonergan Research Institute Graduate Seminar Series, February 27, 2015.

- 12) “‘Nature is Difficult to Define’: A Response to R.J. Feenstra concerning Kenotic Christological Method,” Toronto Philosophy of Religion Work-in-Progress Group, Ryerson University, October 21, 2014.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION, COMPETENCE, AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialization

- 1) Systematics
 - a) Christology
 - b) Sacraments in General
 - c) Eucharist
 - d) Soteriology
 - e) Grace
- 2) Historical Theology
 - a) Gilbert of Poitiers
 - b) Peter Lombard
 - c) Thomas Aquinas
 - d) Bernard Lonergan

Areas of Competence

- 1) Systematics
 - a) Trinity
 - b) Pneumatology
 - c) Theological Anthropology
 - d) Fundamental Theology
 - e) Ecclesiology
 - f) Eschatology
 - g) Mariology
- 2) Historical Theology
 - a) Patristic
 - b) Medieval
 - c) Scholastic
 - d) 20th Century Catholic

Research Interests

- 1) Atonement
- 2) Eucharistic Presence
- 3) Sacramental Participation, Meaning, and Causality
- 4) The Development of Theological Method(s) in the Middle Ages
- 5) Twelfth Century Christology
- 6) Hypostatic Union & the Ontological Status of Jesus' Humanity
- 7) Jesus' Human Consciousness, Human Knowing, Learning, & Development
- 8) Jesus' Affectivity, Interiority, Emotions, & Sacred Heart
- 9) The Theological Turn in French Phenomenology, especially Michel Henry
- 10) Theology of Thomas Aquinas & Theological Thomism

- 11) Theology of Bernard Lonergan
- 12) Metaphysics of Erich Przywara

LANGUAGES AND OTHER ACADEMIC SKILLS

Competency:

- German
- Greek
- Paleography

Proficiency:

- Latin

PREPARED COURSES

Theology

- Christ, Culture, & Evangelization
- Patristics II
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Medieval Theology
- Scripture & Salvation History
- Return to God
- Faith, Reason, & Revelation
- Christology
- Mystical Theology
- Theology of Joseph Ratzinger
- Sacramental Theology
- Trinity
- Sacraments in General / Baptism & Confirmation
- Introduction to Catholic Theology
- Introduction to the Fathers of the Church
- Eucharist
- Mystery of the Supernatural
- Creation & Grace
- Pneumatology
- Eschatology
- Theology of Pastoral Action
- Theology of Christian Ministry
- Holy Orders

Philosophy

- Philosophy of Nature & the Human Person
- Foundations of Liberal Learning
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Nature
- Epistemology
- Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2024 – Present	Associate Professor of Theology Fellow of the Core University of St. Thomas 3800 Montrose Blvd. Houston, TX 77006
Summer 2023 – 2024	Visiting Associate Professor Fellow of the Core University of St. Thomas 3800 Montrose Blvd. Houston, TX 77006
Fall 2022 – Summer 2023	Visiting Core Fellow University of St. Thomas 3800 Montrose Blvd. Houston, TX 77006
Summer 2020 – 2022	Assistant Professor Philosophy & Systematic Theology St. Mary's Seminary & University 5400 Roland Ave. Baltimore, MD
Fall 2017 – Spring 2020	Assistant Professor Systematic Theology Christ the King Seminary East Aurora, NY
Fall 2016 – Summer 2017	Sessional Theology Faculty Regis College University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario
Fall 2016 – Spring 2017	Adjunct Theology Faculty Christ the King Seminary East Aurora, NY
Spring 2016 – Spring 2017	Adjunct Theology Faculty (Little Rock Theology Institute) St. Gregory's University Shawnee, Oklahoma

Fall 2015 – Spring 2016	Adjunct Philosophy Faculty Christ the King Seminary East Aurora, NY
Fall 2015	Sessional Theology Faculty St. Peter's Seminary London, Ontario
Summer 2012	Teaching Assistant Mendenhall Summer Institute University of St. Thomas, Houston
Summer 2011	Teaching Assistant Mendenhall Summer Institute University of St. Thomas, Houston
Spring 2011-Summer 2012	Tutor, Theology Tutorial Service Center University of St. Thomas, Houston
Spring 2011-Spring 2012	Secondary Education Teacher Children of the Holy House: Institute for Catholic Culture Studies Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church Houston, TX
Fall 2010-Summer 2012	Private Latin Tutor
Fall 2010-Spring 2012	Secondary Education Teacher Aquinas Tutorials Houston, TX

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Spring 2021 – Spring 2022	Assistant Dean St. Mary's Seminary and University 5400 Roland Ave. Baltimore, MD
Fall 2018 – Spring 2020	Department Chair, Systematic Theology Christ the King Seminary 711 Knox Road East Aurora, NY 14052
Spring 2018 – Spring 2020	Co-Founder, International Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry

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711 Knox Road
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Spring 2018 – Fall 2018 Co-Director, Pre-Theology Program
Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road
East Aurora, NY 14052

Fall 2016 – Fall 2017 Director (Interim)
Lonergan Research Institute
100 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M5S 2Z5
Canada

THESES (MA) OR DISSERTATIONS (PHD)

December 2025 Joseph Nemec, “The Philosophy of Tradition and Rowland’s Problematic
of Culture in *Gaudium et Spes*”
Thesis
University of St. Thomas
3800 Montrose Blvd.
Houston, TX 77006
(Reader)

August 2025 Elliot Polsky, “Aquinas the Boethian: Interpreting *Quod est* and *Esse* in
Aquinas in Light of His Sources”
Dissertation
Center for Thomistic Studies
University of St. Thomas (Houston)
(Defense Committee Chair)

2018 – 2019 Alejandro Manunta, “Can Deacons Be Ministers of the Rite of Exorcism?”
Thesis
Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road
East Aurora, NY 14052
(Director)

2017 – 2018 Denise York, “Pope Francis’ Theology of the Family”
Thesis
Christ the King Seminary
711 Knox Road
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(Director)

2017 – 2018 Denise Spadaccia, “Mary Co-Redemptrix: A Fifth Marian Dogma?”
Thesis
Christ the King Seminary
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(Director)

ECCLESIAL SERVICE

28 September 2025 *Is the Contemplative Life for all the Faithful?*
The Beatitudes Show Us the Way
Adult Forum
Our Lady of Walsingham
Houston, TX

3 June 2025 *Introitus Vitae: How to Enter the Kingdom of the Sacred Heart*
Young Adult Group
St. Vincent de Paul
Houston, TX

8 February 2025 *Living the Life of Christ: Lessons in Theological Consolation*
Adult Forum
Our Lady of Walsingham
Houston, TX

20 January 2024 *The Mystery of Baptism*
Parish Sacramental Outreach Program
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
Archdiocese of Baltimore, MD

17 October 2022 *Horizon of Eternity in Our Hearts: Thomas Aquinas Contemplates Glory*
Parish Colloquium
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
Archdiocese of Baltimore, MD

April 2022 *Corpus Christi, Salve Me: Developing a Daily Eucharistic Spirituality*
Lenten Retreat
St. Gregory the Great Parish
Buffalo, NY

2020-2021 Permanent Diaconate Formation
Archdiocese of Baltimore, MD

27 February 2021 *Christology of the Permanent Diaconate*
Permanent Deacon Study Day
Diocese of Hamilton, ON (Canada)

2019-2021	Permanent Diaconate Formation Diocese of Hamilton, ON (Canada)
16 October 2019	<i>Christology of Pope Francis</i> Evening of Recollection for Professed Religious Diocese of Hamilton, ON (Canada)
2016-2020	Permanent Diaconate Formation Diocese of Buffalo, NY
2009-2010	RCIA Facilitator St. Anthony of Padua Parish The Woodlands, TX

COMMITTEE WORK

2025-present	Faculty Senate, Academic Committee
2025-2026	Core Theology, Sub-committee (Chair)
2024-2025	Foundations of Liberal Learning, Sub-committee
2021-2022	Faculty Assessment Committee
2021-2022	Library Committee
Fall 2019	Pastoral Theology Curriculum Revision
Spring 2019	Degree Outcomes
Spring 2019	Departmental Alignment (Chair)
Fall 2017	Classroom Renovation
2015-2018	Philosophy/Pre-Theology Curriculum Revision

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2025-present	Faculty Advisor Student Theology Club University of St. Thomas (Houston)
4 November 2025	Speaker <i>Leadership is More than Influence: Why Hope Generates History</i> Registered Student Organization (RSO) General Meeting

University of St. Thomas (Houston)

17 October 2025 Faculty Facilitator
Faculty Faith for Mission
University of St. Thomas (Houston)

8 October 2025 Moderator / Organizer
Lumen Veritatis: Cardinal Newman, Personal Formation, and the Symphony of Faith & Reason
A Panel Celebrating the 38th Doctor of the Church
University of St. Thomas (Houston)

23 September 2025 Speaker / Facilitator
Dolor Christi: Does Jesus have a Human Consciousness?
Student Theology Club
University of St. Thomas (Houston)

25 March 2025 Speaker
The Altar of the Sacred Heart
Student Theology of the Body Club
University of St. Thomas (Houston)

28 January 2025 Speaker
The Wonder of the Christ according to St. Thomas Aquinas
Theology Department
Festival of St. Thomas (FOST)
University of St. Thomas (Houston)

GRANTS

Fall 2018	\$10,000.00 USD	The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo 795 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203
Fall 2017	\$15,000.00 USD	The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo 795 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (PAST & PRESENT)

Academy of Catholic Theology (ACT)
Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)
American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)
American Academy of Religion (AAR)

College Theology Society (CTS)

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND NOMINATIONS

2024	TeachOnline Awards to Spur Transformation Recipient
2022-23	Saint Thomas Aquinas Excellence in Teaching Nominee
2012-16	Denson Family Lonergan Research Institute Fellowship
2011	Outstanding Student in Theology, University of St. Thomas
2006	Ira C. Eaker Award, Civil Air Patrol
2004	Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America
2003	Amelia Earhart Award, Civil Air Patrol
2001	Billy Mitchell Award, Civil Air Patrol