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Education:

- Expected Summer 2022: *M.S. in Medical Physiology and Pharmacology*, University of Florida.
- 2021 (July): *B.S. in Mathematical Sciences*, Florida International University.
- 2017–2020: Completion of pre-medical curriculum requirements at Broward College and Miami Dade College.
- 2015 (Jan.): *Ph.D. in Systematic Theology*; Minor: Historical Theology, The Catholic University of America; Dissertation: “Reclaiming Balthasar’s Theodramatic Eschatology: Revisions from Jacques Maritain, Joseph Ratzinger, and Bernard Lonergan.”
- 2011 (Dec.): *M.A. in Theology*, Franciscan University of Steubenville.
- 2011 (May): *M.A. in Philosophy*, University of Dallas; Thesis: “A Solution to the Problem of Universal Causality and Divine Foreknowledge Founded Upon the Proposals of Jacques Maritain and William Most.”
- 2009 (May): *B.A. in Philosophy*, Ave Maria University; Minors: Theology, Classical Languages; Thesis: “Phenomenological Metaphysics and Critical Realism in the Work of Fr. Jesús Villagrana.”
- 2007–2008: Forty-four credits of undergraduate and graduate-level Philosophy (in Italian) at the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University (Rome, Italy).
- 2004–2007: Completion of a three-year Classical Humanities program, Legion of Christ College of Humanities.
- 2002–2004: Seventy Credits at the University of Oklahoma; Majors: Mathematics, Physics.

Teaching Positions Held:

- Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory (Hollywood, FL): August 2019 – July 2020
 - Full-time Theology Teacher
 - Courses: Introduction to Catholicism; Christian Commitment and Vocation
- Cardinal Gibbons High School (Fort Lauderdale, FL): August 2016 – August 2017
 - Full-time Theology Teacher
 - Courses: Christian Morality (Global Studies II); Ethics (Senior Elective)
- Loyola University, Maryland: January 2015 – May 2016

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- Affiliate Faculty
- Course: TH 304 Introducing Christian Ethics (three sections)
- The Catholic University of America: January – May 2015
 - Lecturer
 - Course: TRS 379 Life, Death, Heaven, Hell (a course I created)
- The Catholic University of America: January – May 2014
 - Teaching Fellow
 - Course: TRS 201 Faith Seeking Understanding (for the “First Year Experience” program).
- The Catholic University of America: January – December 2013
 - Teaching Assistant
 - Courses: TRS 497 Senior Capstone on Ends; TRS 280: The Religious Quest

Publications

Monographs

- “*One of the Trinity Has Suffered*”: *Balthasar’s Theology of Divine Suffering in Dialogue* (Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic, 2019).
- “*Grace Abounds More*”: *Balthasar’s Universalism in Dialogue* (forthcoming).
- [Other Manuscripts in Progress]

Academic Articles

- “Phenomenology and Metaphysics in *Realismo Metafísico e Irrealidad* by Jesús Villagrasa,” *Información Filosófica* 5, no. 11 (2008): 219–237.
- “Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Redemptive Descent,” *Pro Ecclesia* 22, no. 2 (Spring 2013): 167–188.
- “The Integrity of Nature in the Grace-Freedom Dynamic: Lonergan’s Critique of Bañezian Thomism,” *Theological Studies* 75, no. 3 (September 2014): 537–563.
- “The Possibility of Refusal: Grace and Freedom in Balthasar,” *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 21, no. 2 (Summer/Fall 2014): 342–361.
- “Revisiting the *Sola Scriptura* Debate: Yves Congar and Joseph Ratzinger on Tradition,” *Pro Ecclesia* 24, no. 1 (Winter 2015): 85–114.

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- “Damnation and the Trinity in Ratzinger and Balthasar,” *Logos* 18, no. 3 (Summer 2015): 123–150.
- “God’s Relation to Evil: Divine Impassibility in Balthasar and Maritain,” *Irish Theological Quarterly* 80, no. 3 (August 2015): 191–211.
- “Pneumatologies of Christian Division: A Catholic Critique of Ephraim Radner’s Kenotic Ecclesiology,” *Angelicum* 92, no. 2 (2015): 165–194.
- “Universalism and Integralism: Balthasar’s Syncretism and the Lonergan-Maritain Alternative,” *Angelicum* 92, no. 3 (2015): 305–348.
- “Presuppositions of Balthasar’s Hope and Maritain’s Alternative Proposal,” *Theological Studies* 76, no. 4 (December 2015): 718–741.
- “Toward a Consensus on the *De Auxiliis* Debate,” *Nova et Vetera* 14, no. 3 (Summer 2016): 783–820.
- “Universalism and Predestinarianism: A Critique of the Theological Anthropology that Undergirds Catholic Universalist Eschatology,” *Theological Studies* 77, no. 3 (September 2016): 603–626.
- “The Possibility of Universal Conversion in Death: Temporality, Annihilation, and Grace,” *Modern Theology* 32, no. 3 (Summer 2016): 307–324.
- “Development(s) in the Theology of Revelation: From Francisco Marin-Sola to Joseph Ratzinger,” *New Blackfriars* 97, no. 1072 (2016): 661–676.
- “Hope and Hell: The Balthasarian Suspension of Judgment,” *The Thomist* 81, no. 1 (2017): 75–105.
- “Trinitarian Suffering and Divine Receptivity after Balthasar,” *The Thomist* 82, no. 2 (2018): 189–234.
- “Towards a Resolution to Balthasar’s Aporia: The Problem of Moral Evil and Theodramatic Hope,” *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 25, nos. 1-2 (2018): 29–64.
- “Post-Gödelian Argumentation for God’s Existence: A Phenomenological-Existential Perspective,” *International Philosophical Quarterly* 58, no. 4 (2018): 371–387.
- “The Mystery of Christ’s Beatific Suffering: Whether Christ Lost the Beatific Vision in His Passion,” *Nova et Vetera* 17, no. 4 (2019): 987–1029.

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- “Augustine’s *Massa Damnata* Theory: Twentieth-Century Catholic Appropriations,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 21, no. 4 (2019): 431–456.
- “The Relationship Between the ‘Supersensible’ and the Noumenon in Kant’s ‘Critique of Judgment,’” *Heythrop Journal* (19 November 2019): early view.
- “A Response to Griffiths’ Annihilationist Proposal,” *Modern Theology* 37, no. 1 (2020): 89-113.

Semi-Scholarly Articles

- “Past and Present Conceptions of Tradition: Looking Toward the Synod on the Family,” *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (October 13, 2014).
- “A Feminist Argument for a Male-only Priesthood,” *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* 39, no. 1/2 (Spring/Summer 2016): 50–52.
- “The ‘Our Father’ Translation Controversy,” *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* 41, no. 3 (2018): 282-286.

Book Reviews

- *The Dark Night of the Body: Why Reverence Comes First in Intimate Relations* by Alice von Hildebrand, *Homiletic & Pastoral Review* (May 31, 2015).
- *Christ’s Descent into Hell: John Paul II, Joseph Ratzinger, and Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Theology of Holy Saturday* by Lyra Pitstick, *Nova et Vetera* 16, no. 2 (2018): 665–669.
- *A Theology of Grace in Six Controversies* by Edward T. Oakes, S.J., *Nova et Vetera* 17, no. 2 (2019): 588-592.
- *Do Not Resist the Spirit’s Call* by Michael D. Torre, *Nova et Vetera* 18, no. 3 (Summer 2020): 709-740.
- *That All Shall Be Saved: Heaven, Hell, and Universal Salvation* by David Bentley Hart, *Nova et Vetera* 18, no. 4 (2020): 1050-1055.

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Presentations and Awards:

Academic Addresses

- Introduction for Guest Lecturer, Fr. John Michael McDermott, S.J., in the Systematic and Historical Theology Area of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America (March 11, 2013).
- Series of lectures on the New Evangelization and the Theology of the Body at Holy Family Catholic Church in Randallstown, MD; organization and introductions for a month-long series of talks concerning a variety of life issues (October 2014 and 2015).
- Research Paper delivered for Conference on “Theological Perspectives on Suffering,” hosted by Duke University, concerning “Divine Impassibility in Balthasar and Maritain” (October 3-4, 2014).
- Research Paper delivered for Conference on “*Nouvelle Theologie, Ressourcement, and Contemporary Theology*” at the Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine, hosted by Mundelein Seminary, concerning “Twentieth Century Developments in the Theology of Revelation” (October 22, 2014).
- Guest Lecture at The Catholic University of America to the School of Theology and Religious Studies concerning “Universalism or Predestinarianism? The Determinative Role of Theological Anthropology in Eschatology” (February 20, 2015).
- Guest Lecture at Christendom Graduate College on “The Intra-Catholic Debate Concerning the Relationship between Grace and Nature” (July 25, 2018).
- Aquinas Center Concurrent Session at Ave Maria University on “The Universalist Rationalization of Evil in Bulgakov and Balthasar: A Modern Thomistic Perspective” (February 12, 2021).

Academic Honors

- Scholarships from the Physics and Mathematics Departments at University of Oklahoma (2002–2004).
- Scholarship from Undergraduate Program, Ave Maria University (2008–2009).
- Scholarship from Master’s Program in Philosophy, University of Dallas (2009–2011).

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- Elected representative for the Area of Historical and Systematic Theology to the School of Theology and Religious Studies Student Association at the Catholic University of America, 2012–2013.
- Member of American Academy of Religion and Catholic Theological Society of America (2012–2017).
- First recipient of the annual Student Academic Service Award from the School of Theology and Religious Studies Student Association (2014–2015), The Catholic University of America.
- Peer-referee for submissions to *Theological Studies*, *Modern Theology*, and *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (2016–Present).

Research Interests and Expertise:

- Primary Areas of Expertise: Theological Anthropology (especially, theology of grace); Eschatology (especially, problem of hell); Theology of Revelation (especially, development of doctrine and tradition); relationship between Metaphysics and Phenomenology; Philosophy of God (natural theology); Thomas Aquinas and twentieth-century Thomism; Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar; Theology of Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI); Theology and Philosophy of Karol Wojtyla (John Paul II).
- Secondary Areas of Expertise: Trinitarian theology; Soteriology; Philosophy of Love; Theology of Yves Congar; Theology and Philosophy of Bernard Lonergan; natural law ethics; scriptural hermeneutics; fundamental theology; philosophy of nature and science.
- Other Areas of Interest: the influence of Kant, Hegel, Heidegger, and Wittgenstein in contemporary theology; Blondel and transcendental Thomism; Hamartiology (particularly, original sin); Post-liberalism; Pneumatology.

Language Proficiencies

- Eight semesters of Latin and demonstrated proficiency at multiple institutions (including CUA).
- Four semesters of Greek and demonstrated proficiency at multiple institutions (including CUA).

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- Six semesters of Spanish, one year of Spanish immersion, and demonstrated proficiency in Spanish at The Catholic University of America.
- Two semesters of Italian, an intensive immersion program in Rome, and year of Philosophy coursework in Italian.
- Two semesters of French and demonstrated proficiency in French at the University of Dallas.
- One semester of “Reading Scholarly German” at the Goethe Institute and demonstrated proficiency in German at The Catholic University of America.

Professional and Character References Available Upon Request