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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Catholicism in China, Confucianism, Comparative Theology

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor. Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame.
2023–present

Lecturer. Department of Theology, Loyola University Chicago. 2020–2023

Academic Consultant, US China Catholic Association, 2020–2023

Instructor. Department of Theology, Loyola University Chicago. 2017–2020

Lilly Postdoctoral Fellow, Valparaiso University. 2015–2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, Theology, 2014

Dissertation: *Gregory of Nyssa on the Corporate Nature of the Human Body*

Director: Brian Daley, S.J.

Committee: John Cavadini, Cyril O'Regan, Joseph Wawrykow

M. A. University of Notre Dame, Theology and Classics, 2009

M. A. Beijing University, English, 2007

B. A. Beijing Foreign Studies University, German, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Forthcoming. *Examining Similarities and Differences between Catholicism and Confucianism in 17th-Century China: The Example of Zhang Xingyao*.

(Accepted for publication in the *Early Modern Catholic Sources Series*. Catholic University of America Press.)

Articles

2024. "The Translation of Saints and the Confucian Narrative of Sages in the

Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century in China: The Examples of Alfonso Vagnone, Zhang Xingyao and Yan Mo.” Under review at *Intellectual History Review*.

2022. “‘The Ancient Rites of China’: Yan Mo 嚴謨 on Ancestral Rites during the Chinese Rites Controversy.” *Journal of World Christianity*, 12(1): 90–112.

2021. “The Concept of the Soul during the Chinese Rites Controversy: The Example of Xia Dachang 夏大常.” *Journal of Chinese Religions*, 49(2): 169–190.

Translated into Chinese: 2023. “中國禮儀之爭中有關靈魂的概念: 以夏大常為例.” Translated by Ge Xiaoxue 葛小雪. *Yazhou gainian shi yanjiu 亞洲概念史研究*, 10. (Forthcoming.)

2020. “Mencius, Xunzi, Augustine, and John Chrysostom on Childhood Moral Cultivation.” In *Confucianism and Catholicism: Reinvigorating the Dialogue*. Ed. Philip J. Ivanhoe, Erin Cline, Michael Slater (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press): 109–134.

2019. “John Chrysostom on the Premature Death of Children and Parental Grief.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 27(3): 443–463.

Translations

“A New Examination of the Life of Li Zubai: a Confucian Christian in the Early Qing Dynasty” (English translation of <清初儒家基督徒李祖白新考> by Qinghe Xiao 肖清河), *Historical Legacies of Christianity in China*. (Forthcoming, Brill)

《切斯特頓傳記二種: 笨牛和聖方濟各》. Chinese translation of *Two Biographies of G. K. Chesterton: 'Dumb Ox' and St. Francis of Assisi*, published by China Publishing Group, Shanghai, June 2016.

《論基督教教義的發展》. Chinese translation of *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* by John Henry Newman, published by China Publishing Group, Shanghai, September 2014.

Works in Progress

“Catholicism in Dialogue with Confucianism and Daoism: Revisiting Human Nature in Chen Xun’s *Xingxue xingmi*.” In progress.

“The Chinese Face of our Lady: Alfonso Vagnone and his *Life of the Holy Mother* 聖母行實.” In progress.

“Dai Zhen 戴震 and Christianity.” In progress, in forthcoming *Dao Companion to*

Dai Zhen's Philosophy, edited by Zemian Zheng, Springer (2024).

Book Project: *Chinese Literati on the Rites Controversy: A Comparative Theological Perspective*

ABSTRACT

The Chinese Rites Controversy (ca. 1630–1742) was one of the most complicated and important debates in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. Traditionally, it was viewed primarily as a debate between Jesuit missionaries who upheld an accommodationist policy on the one side, and Dominicans and Jansenist missionaries on the other. The latter group opposed the accommodation of Chinese ancestral rites, rituals in honor of Confucius, and the use of the Chinese terms *tian* 天 and *shangdi* 上帝 for God. Less attention has been given to the writings of Chinese Catholics themselves who sought to find ways of creatively integrating their newfound Catholic faith with traditional cultural practices. In recent decades, however, there has been increased interest in the works of Chinese Catholic converts, especially in connection with inquiry into the inculturation of Christianity in China.

This book seeks contribute to the study of these Chinese Catholic thinkers in the seventeenth and eighteenth century and to demonstrate their importance by focusing on the writings of Yan Mo 嚴謨 (ca. 1640–1718), one of the most prolific writers during the Rites Controversy. This book offers an in-depth account of Yan's viewpoints on the Chinese ancestral sacrifices, sacrifice in honor of Confucius by the literati, the use of *tian* and *shangdi* as names of God, and the integration of Christian and traditional Chinese elements in funeral rites. To further elaborate Yan's ideas, the viewpoints of other significant Chinese Catholic intellectuals such as Xia Dachang 夏大常 and Zhang Xingyao 張星曜, are also explored. Drawing on the resources of their own linguistic and cultural heritage, these Chinese Catholics developed a sophisticated understanding of the traditional Chinese rites and offered a powerful way of harmonizing their deep Catholic faith with the cultural practices and values that were also constitutive of their Chinese identity.

Non-Academic Writings

2021. "Ex Corde Ecclesiae and Interreligious Dialogues in Catholic Universities." *Nexus: Conversations on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, 1 (1).

<https://www.hanknexusjournal.com/interreligiousdialogue>

2017. "A Review of Thomas Albert Howard's Remembering the Reformation: An Inquiry into the Meaning of Protestantism." *The Cresset: A Review of Literature, the Arts and Public Affairs*, 81 (3): 26–30.

http://thecresset.org/2017/Advent/Wang_A17.html

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native speaker, Mandarin and classical Chinese)
English (fluent reading, writing and speaking)
German (fluent reading, writing and speaking)
Greek (fluent reading, classic and koine)
Latin (fluent reading)
French (basic reading)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited speaker at the inaugural conference of *The New Ressourcement* (Academic Journal by Word on Fire). Topic TBA. Rochester, Minnesota, October 5–7, 2023.

“Yan Mo on the Sacredness of Chinese Ancestral Ceremonies.” Ways of Perfection and Devout Lives Conference, University of Notre Dame, September 2021.

“Bridging Catholicism and Confucianism: a Comparative Approach in Teaching Foundations of Theology.” US China Catholic Association Annual Conference, Santa Clara, California. Invited Speaker, August 2021.

“Chinese Literati on Ancestral Rites during the Rites Controversy: the Example of Yan Mo.” The Ricci Institute, University of San Francisco. Invited speaker, June 2019.

“Mengzi, Xunzi and John Chrysostom on Early Childhood Education.” Reinvigorating the Dialogue between Confucian and Catholic Traditions Conference. invited speaker. Georgetown University, March 2016.

“Eat and Drink Worthily: Gregory of Nyssa on the Eucharist and its Partakers.” North American Patristics Society Conference, May 2014.

“A Spring Whence Rivers Gush Forth: Augustine on the Legitimacy of Multiple Interpretations of Scriptural Passages.” Symposium on Augustine, invited speaker. Zhejiang University, November 2013.

“John Chrysostom on Parental Grief at the Premature Deaths of Children.” North American Patristics Society Conference, May 2012.

“Christians as Individuals: Tertullian’s Appeal for Religious Tolerance.” American Society of Church History Conference, January 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in Theology (full time), Loyola University Chicago

Religions of Asia (Core Course, Department of Theology)

Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018.

Global Religious Ethics (Core Course, Department of Theology)

Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019.

Foundations of Christian Theology (Core Course, Department of Theology)

Fall 2019, Summer Term 2019, January Term 2019, Summer Term 2018, Fall 2017.

Christianity through Time (Core Course, Department of Theology)

Spring 2020, Fall 2018.

Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in Humanities, Valparaiso University

Buddhism and Contemporary Ethics (Honors College)

Spring 2017

Women in Christianity (Honors College/Department of Theology)

Fall 2016

Introduction to Christian Tradition: The Human Condition (Honors College)

Spring 2016

Introduction to Christian Tradition: the Foundations (Department of Theology)

Fall 2015

Teacher of Record, University of Notre Dame

“Foundations of Theology: The Biblical and Historical Approach”

Spring 2014

formulated course, devised syllabus, and taught two sections of introductory course on the biblical and historical sources of theology

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame

“Religion and Visual Arts: Christianity and Buddhism”

Fall 2011

Assisted Prof. Robert Gimello with grading papers and exams

“Buddhist Meditation Traditions”

Fall 2010

Assisted Prof. Robert Gimello with grading papers and exams

ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Hank Fellowship for Research in Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Hank Center, Loyola

University Chicago, 2021–2022

Grant for Course Development, The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago, 2020–2021

Henry Luce Summer Fellowship, Ricci Institute, University of San Francisco, Summer 2019

Dissertation Writing Scholarship, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2013

Mellon-ISLA Interdisciplinary Workshop Fellowship, Spring 2013

Jacque Maritain Summer Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2012

Kunkel Summer Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Summer 2010

Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2009-Spring 2014

Research Assistant Scholarship, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2007- Spring 2009

Graduate Fellows Award, Peking University, Fall 2004- Spring 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & ACADEMIC SERVICE

Conference Co-organizer, “Thomas Aquinas and Chinese Thought,” Mundelein Theological Seminary. March 2023.

Conference Co-organizer, “Reinvigorating the Dialogue between Confucian and Catholic Traditions Conference,” Georgetown University. March 2016.

Conference Organizer, “Athens and Jerusalem: Interdisciplinary Conference of Theology and Philosophy in the Late Antiquity.” Invited three scholars specializing in philosophy and three scholars specializing in theology for an interdisciplinary dialogue, funded by Mellon-Isla Interdisciplinary Workshop Fellowship. Organized technology services, accommodations, catering, receptions and dinner, and coordinated with sponsors and participants. Managed budget of \$7,000. April 2013.

Research Assistant

Prof. Robert Gimello. Assisted with searching for primary texts in Chinese and research literature. Spring 2012.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Catholic Theology

Catholic Theological Society of America

REFERENCES

Philip J. Ivanhoe

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Georgetown University

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Brian E. Daley, S. J.

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Fellow of East Asian Studies, Campion Hall, Oxford University
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