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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Religious Studies, University of Virginia (2002)
- M.A. History of Religions, University of Virginia (1996)
- B.A. Religious Studies, Rice University (1993)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, University of Notre Dame (2020-present)
- Associate Professor, Loyola University Maryland (2008–2020)
- Assistant Professor, Loyola College (2002–2008)
- Lecturer, University of Virginia (2000–2001)

PUBLISHING

BOOK (AUTHOR)

• Jesuit on the Roof of the World: Ippolito Desideri's Mission to Tibet (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).

BOOKS (EDITOR)

- *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, eds. James Buckley, Frederick Bauerschmidt, and R. Trent Pomplun (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2007).
- John Duns Scotus: The Report of the Paris Lecture (Reportatio IV-A), eds. and trans. Oleg V. Bychkov and R. Trent Pomplun (St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Press, 2016).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Like No Other in the World: Ippolito Desideri on Tibetan Religion," *Journal of Early Modern History* (forthcoming, 2020).
- "The Alphabetum Tibetanum of Agostino Antonio Giorgi (1711–1797): Between Augustinianism and the History of Religions," History of Religions 59 (2020): 193–221.
- "Ippolito Desideri's Tibetan Works and the Problem of ARSI Goa 74, fols. 47r-92v," *Revue d'Études Tibétaines* 52 (2019): 176–99.
- "Ippolito Desideri and Madhyamaka: On the Interpretation of Giuseppe Toscano," *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 38 (2018): 109–18.
- "Thomism and the Study of Asian Languages during the Italian Renaissance," Divus Thomas 120 (2017): 106-31.
- "John Duns Scotus in the History of Medieval Philosophy from the Sixteenth Century to Étienne Gilson (†1978)," *Bulletin de philosophie médiévale* 58 (2016): 355–445.
- "The Theology of Gerard Manley Hopkins: From John Duns Scotus to the Baroque," *The Journal of Religion* 95 (2015): 1–34.
- "The Immaculate World: Predestination and Passibility in Modern Scotism," Modern Theology 30 (2014): 525-51.
- "Matthias Joseph Scheeben and the Controversy over the Debitum Peccati," Nova et Vetera 11 (2013): 455-502.
- "Natural Reason and Buddhist Philosophy: The Tibetan Studies of Ippolito Desideri (1684-1733)," *History of Religions* 50 (2011): 384–419.
- "The Holy Trinity in the Chos lugs kyi snying po of Ippolito Desideri, S.J.," Buddhist-Christian Studies 29 (2009): 115-27.
- "Quasi in figura: A Cosmological Reading of the Thomistic Phrase," Nova et Vetera 7 (2009): 505-22.
- "Notes on Scotist Aesthetics in light of Gilbert Narcisse's Les Raisons de Dieu," Franciscan Studies 66 (2008): 247-68.
- "Divine Grace and the Play of Opposites," Buddhist-Christian Studies 26 (2006): 159-72.
- "Israel and the Eucharist: A Scotist Perspective," Pro Ecclesia 11 (2002): 272-94.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "Scotism and Innovation in Early Modern Theology," in *Novelty and Innovation in Early Modern Catholic Theology*, ed. Ulrich Lehner (South Bend, IN: Notre Dame University Press, forthcoming).
- "Martin Luther and Catholic Eucharistic Theology," in *Martin Luther and the Shaping of the Catholic Tradition*, eds. Michael Root and Nelson Minnich (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming).
- "The Creation and Reception of Late Medieval Theology," in *The Brill Companion to Late Medieval Scholastic Theology*, eds. John Slotemaker and Ueli Zahnd (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming).
- "Baroque Bonaventureans on the *Ratio incarnationis praecipua*," in *Saint Bonaventure: Frater, Magister, Minister, et Episcopus*, eds. Timothy J. Johnson, Katherine Shelby, and Sister Marie Kolbe Zamora (St. Bonaventure: Franciscan Institute Press, forthcoming).
- "Predestined a Passible Redeemer: The Use of the *Scientia Media* in Early Modern Christologies," in *After Dordt and* De auxiliis: *The Dynamics of Protestant and Catholic Augustinianisms in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*, eds. Jordan Ballor, Matthew Gaetano, and David Sytsma (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2020), 87–102.
- "Rural Tibet in the Early Modern Missions," in *Catholic Missionaries in Early Modern Asia: Patterns of Localization*, ed. Nadine Amsler (London: Routledge, 2019), 142–54.
- "Étienne Gilson and *Jean Duns Scot*," in *John Duns Scotus: An Introduction to His Fundamental Positions*, trans. James Colbert (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2018), viii–xxv.
- "The Problem of María de Ágreda's Scotism," in *The Spirit in the Church: Peter Damien Fehlner's Franciscan Development of Vatican II*, eds. Jared Goff, Christiaan Kappes, and Edward J. Ondrako, OFM Conv. (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2018), 214–46.
- "Early Modern Catholic Theology (1500–1700)," in *The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology*, ed. Lewis Ayres and Medi Ann Volpe (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), 563–76
- "From Missionaries to Zen Masters: The Society of Jesus and Buddhism," in *Jesuit Historiography*, ed. Robert Maryks, SJ (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming) [published online: http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/jesuit-historiography-online/from-missionaries-to-zen-masters-the-society-of-jesus-and-buddhism-COM_204365]
- "Baroque Theologies of Christ and Mary" and "Sacramental Theology," in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern Theology*, eds. Ulrich Lehner, Richard Muller, and A. G. Roeber (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 104–18, 135–49.
- "Post-Tridentine Sacramental Theology," in *The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology*, eds. Matthew Levering and Hans Boersma (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 348–61.
- "Impassibility in Hilary of Poitiers's *De Trinitate*," in *Divine Impassibility and Human Suffering*, ed. Thomas Joseph White, O.P. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009), pp. 187–213.
- "Mary," in *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, eds. James Buckley, Frederick Bauerschmidt, and R. Trent Pomplun (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2007), pp. 312–25.
- "Ippolito Desideri, S.J. on Padmasambhava's Prophecies and the Persecution of the Rnying ma 1717-1720," in *Power, Politics, and the Reinvention of Tradition: Tibet in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, eds. Bryan Cuevas and Kurtis Schaeffer (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006), pp. 33–45.

REVIEWS

- The Jesuits and Italian Universities, 1548–1773, by Paul F. Grendler, Cithara (forthcoming)
- Strange Tales of an Oriental Idol: An Anthology of Early European Portrayals of the Buddha, edited by Donald S. Lopez, Jr., History of Religions 59 (2019): 163–65.
- Dispelling the Darkness: A Jesuit's Quest for the Soul of Tibet, by Donald S. Lopez, Jr. and Thupten Jinpa, Journal of Early Modern History 23 (2019): 397–400.
- Alessandro Valignano. Dialogo sulla missione degli ambasciatori giapponesi alla curia Romana e sulle cose osservate in Europa e durante tutto il viaggio basato sul diario degli ambasciatori e tradotto in latino da Duarte de Sande, sacerdote della compagnia di Gesù, translated by Pia Assunta Airoldi and edited by Marisa Di Russo, Renaissance Quarterly 72 (2019): 353–54.
- "More Than the Promised Land": Letters and Relations from Tibet by the Jesuit Missionary António de Andrade (1580–1634), translated and edited by Michael J. Sweet and edited by Leonard Zwilling, Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society 29 (2019): 371–73.
- The Theology of John Duns Scotus, by Antonie Vos, Journal of Jesuit Studies 6 (2019): 183-85.
- The Catholic Enlightenment: The Forgotten History of a Global Movement, by Ulrich L. Lehner, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 84 (2016): 1175–77.
- The Visitor: André Palmeiro and the Jesuits in Asia, by Liam Matthew Brockey, History of Religions 56 (2016): 141-46.

- La discussione sull'esistenza di Dio nei teologi domenicani a Salamanca dal 1561 al 1669. Studio sui testi di Sotomayor, Mancio, Medina, Astorga, Báñez e Godoy, by Mauro Mantovani, The Thomist 78 (2014): 626–30.
- Collected Studies on Francisco Suárez, by John Doyle, The Thomist 77 (2013): 477-80.
- A Jesuit in the Forbidden City: Matteo Ricci, 1552-1610, by Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, The Journal of Religion 92 (2012): 295-97.
- In Defense of Common Sense: Lorenzo Valla's Humanist Critique of Scholastic Philosophy, by Lodi Nauta, The Thomist 74 (2010): 467–71.
- Ippolito Desideri S.J. Opere e Bibliografia, by Enzo Bargiacchi, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 77 (2009): 154-56.
- Leibniz on the Incarnation and the Holy Trinity, by Maria Antognazza, The Thomist 73 (2009): 501-5.
- Journey to the East: The Jesuit Mission to China, 1579-1724, by Liam Matthew Brockey, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 76 (2008): 706–9.
- Jesuits: Cultures, Science, and the Arts 1540-1773, eds. John W. O'Malley, et al., Pro Ecclesia 17 (2008): 126-27.
- Working in the Lord's Vineyard. Jesuit Confraternities in Early Modern Italy, by Lance Gabriel Lazar, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 75 (2007): 1037–39.
- The Ascetic Self; Subjectivity, Memory, and Tradition, by Gavin Flood, Modern Theology 23 (2007): 307-9.
- Art and Intellect in the Philosophy of Étienne Gilson, by Francesca Aran Murphy, Modern Theology 21 (2005): 689-91.
- Mystical Consciousness, by Louis Roy, O.P., Nova et Vetera 3 (2005): 401-4.

PANELS AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

- "Mary Under Duress: Changes in Devotion to the Virgin Mary in Anglo-Spanish Europe, ca. 1525-1675" (conference co-sponsored by Loyola University Maryland and John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., March 2014).
- "Recent Research on Ippolito Desideri and the Catholic Missions to Tibet" (panel at the Twelfth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, August 2010).
- "Ippolito Desideri and Buddhism" (panel at the Fifteenth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Atlanta, Ga., July 2008).
- "Acceptance and Denial: Chinese and Japanese Responses to Catholicism" (panel at the Eighty-Sixth Conference of the American Catholic Historical Association, Seattle, Wa., January 2005).

PRESENTATIONS

- "The Immaculate Conception and the Origins of Modern Catholic Biblical Criticism" (invited lecture presented at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, October 2018).
- "The Training of Missionaries at the Collegio Romano, 1700–1712" (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Johns Hopkins Cenacolo, Baltimore, Md., May 2018).
- "Tibetan 'Buddhism' and the Creation of 'Oriental' Religions: Between Ippolito Desideri (1684-1733) and Antonio Agostino Giorgi (1711-1797)" (paper presented at The Early Modern Catholic Invention of 'Oriental' Religions Workshop, University of Texas, Austin, Tx., January 2018).
- "Ippolito Desideri and Madhyamaka: On the Interpretation of Giuseppe Toscano" (paper read at the Convegno Internazionale di studi su Ippolito Desideri s.j., Pistoia, Italy, October 2017).
- "Baroque Bonaventureans on the *Ratio incarnationis praecipua*" (paper presented at Frater, Magister, Minister, et Episcopus: The Works and Worlds of Saint Bonaventure, St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY, July 2017).
- "Roman Catholic Eucharistic Theology after Luther" (paper presented at Martin Luther and the Shaping of the Catholic Tradition Conference, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, May 2017).
- "The Role of the Roman Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in the Study of Eastern Languages" (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Johns Hopkins Cenacolo, Baltimore, Md., May 2017).
- "Thomism and the Study of Asian Languages during the Italian Renaissance" (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Il., March 2017).
- "The Beauty of the Buddha's Three Bodies" (invited lecture at the inaugural conference of the World Religion World Church Program, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., Sept. 2015).
- "The Problem of María de Ágreda's Scotism" (invited lecture at Symposium in Honor of Peter Damien Fehlner, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., June 2015).
- "The Immaculate Conception, the *sensus fidelium*, and the Genesis of Modern Catholic Biblical Criticism (1854-1967)" (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Milwaukee, Wi., June 2015).
- "The Theology of Gerard Manley Hopkins: From John Duns Scotus to the Baroque" (paper presented at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., November 2013).
- "God and Emptiness: The Tibetan Thomism of Ippolito Desideri (1684-1733)" (paper presented at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., November 2013).

- "Ippolito Desideri on the Validity of Buddhist Meditation" (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami, Fl., June 2013).
- "Incarnation in Impassible Flesh: The Reception of a Scotist Notion" (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Boston Colloquy for Historical Theology, Boston College, Boston, Ma., August 2012).
- "St. Thomas Aquinas and Tsongkhapa: An Unlikely Meeting on the Roof of the World" (paper presented for the St. Anselm Institute, The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., October 2010).
- "Ippolito Desideri's Refutation of Reincarnation (*Skye ba snga ma*): Text and Context" (paper presented at the Twelfth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, August 2010.
- "Inter-Religious Dialogue in Tibet: The Example of Ippolito Desideri" (invited lecture in the Presidential Colloquium on Jesuits and the Liberal Arts, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Ma., February 2010).
- "Ippolito Desideri and the Tibetan Trinity," Fifteenth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Atlanta (July 2008)
- "Univocity and Analogy: Notes on a Long-Forgotten Remark of Allan Wolter, O.F.M." (paper presented at John Duns Scotus 1308-2008. The Quadruple Congress, First Session, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y., October 2007).
- "The Trinitarian Structure of Arguments *ex convenientia* in Duns Scotus" (paper presented at the Second International Conference on Theology and Aesthetics, sponsored by Saint Bonaventure University, Denver, Co., May 2006.
- "De Unione Verbi Incarnati as a source for the analogia entis" (paper presented at the third annual conference of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht. Utrecht, Netherlands, December 2005).
- "Philosophy and Allegory: Preliminary Remarks on Ippolito Desideri's Knowledge of Madhyamaka" (paper presented at the International Association of Buddhist Studies Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, August 2005).
- "Hell Hath No Fury: The Lady Tshe ring Bkra shis and the Death of Sde srid Sangs rgyas Rgya mtsho" (paper presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Ga., November 2003).
- "Oedipus Aegyptiacus: Ippolito Desideri on the Sins of the Sixth Dalai Lama" (paper presented at the Tenth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, September 2003).
- "The Influence of Tibetan Prophetic Literature in the *Notizie istoriche* of Ippolito Desideri, S.J." (paper presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 2002).

AWARDS

- "The Education of Ippolito Desideri, 1700–1712," funded by an American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant (\$6000 June–July 2018)
- "The *Alphabetum Tibetanum* of Antonio Agostino Giorgi (1711–1797)," funded by an American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant (\$6000 May–Aug 2007)
- "A Jesuit on the Roof of the World: Ippolito Desideri in Tibet 1715–1721," funded by an American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant (\$6000 May–Aug 2004)
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SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

- Series Editor. *Early Modern Catholic Sources 1450-1800*, The Catholic University of America Press (2017–present)
- Editorial Board. History of Religions (2019-present)
- Book Review Editor. Pro Ecclesia: A Journal for Catholic and Evangelical Theology (2002-2008)
- Peer Reviewer (monographs). Catholic University of America Press, Harvard University Press, Institute of Jesuit Sources, Oxford University Press, Yale University Press
- Peer Reviewer (journal articles). American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Buddhist-Christian Studies, History and Anthropology, History of Religions, International Journal of Systematic Theology, Journal for the International Association of Tibetan Studies, Journal of the History of Ideas, Journal of Religion, Modern Theology, Nova et Vetera, Theological Studies, The Thomist
- Grant Reader. American Philosophical Society

COLLEGIATE

- Director, M.T.S. Program, Loyola University Maryland (2014-2016, 2017-2020)
- Director, Loyola University Catholic Studies Program (2009–2010, 2011–2013)
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- Renaissance Society of America
- International Association of Tibetan Studies
- International Association of Buddhist Studies
- Academy of Catholic Theology
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LANGUAGES

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- Italian
- French
- German