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Curriculum Vitae

PhD Candidate in Systematic Theology
University of Notre Dame
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EDUCATION

- UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME 2020–present
NOTRE DAME, IN 46556
Ph.D. in Systematic Theology
Dissertation: “Wedding upon the Cross: The Theological Anthropology of Erich Przywara”
(in progress)
Advisor: John R. Betz
Committee Members: Cyril O’Regan, Ulrich L. Lehner

Candidacy Exams: Passed with High Honors March 2023
Major: Systematic Theology
Minor: History of Christianity
- REGIS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO 2018–2020
TORONTO, ON, M5S 2Z5
Th.M., S.T.L. in Systematic Theology, *summa cum laude*
Thesis: “‘Die Unvordenklichkeit der Liebe’: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Dionysian Response to German Phenomenology”
Advisor: Gill K. Goulding, C.J.
- REGIS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO 2016–2018
M.Div., S.T.B., *summa cum laude*
Comprehensive Exam Essay: “Ambassadors for Christ: Catechesis and Evangelization for the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled through the Transformative *Via Pulchritudinis*”
- LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO 2011–2014
CHICAGO, IL 60600
M.A. in Philosophy
Thesis: “New Sources of Restlessness: Art as a Response to the Existential Call of Beauty in the Phenomenology of Jean-Louis Chrétien”
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY 2004–2006
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20057
M.A. in German
Comprehensive Examination: High Pass
Master’s Project: “‘Sô gît der touf mir einen trôst’: The Trinity of Loyalty and the Problem of Baptism in Wolfram’s *Willehalm*”
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY 2001–2005
A.B., double major in English, German Literature and Literary History, *magna cum laude*
➤ German Senior Honors Thesis, *with distinction*: “Ein christlicher Yggdrasil: Die Entstehung des

- altnordischen Heidentums und des Christentums in der norwegischen Stabkirche” [A Christian Yggdrasil: The Synthesis of Germanic religion and Christianity in Norwegian Stavechurches]
- English Senior Honors Thesis: “The Quadruple Alliance: Intimacy in the Letters of Thomas Gray, Horace Walpole, Richard West, and Thomas Ashton”

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Lumen Christi Institute Seminar: The Thought of John Henry Newman, Merton College, Oxford, UK (July 2022)
- University of Notre Dame Department of Theology Workshop, Theology and Race (Spring 2021)
- King’s College London, UK, Intensive language coursework, Classical Greek (Summer 2016)
- King’s College London, UK, Intensive language coursework, Latin (Summer 2012)
- Instituto de Idiomas Maryknoll, Cochabamba, Bolivia, Intensive language coursework, Spanish (Summer 2010)

PUBLICATIONS

Assistant Editor. *The Oxford Handbook of Apophatic Theology*. Eds. John R. Betz and Rik Van Nieuwenhove. Oxford: Oxford University Press, [forthcoming].

“Ratzinger, Romanticism, and Revelation in History.” In *The New Ressourcement* [forthcoming].

Review of *The Roman School*, eds. Justin M. Anderson, Matthew Levering and Aaron Pidel, Jesuit Studies vol. 43 (Leiden: Brill, 2024). In *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu* [forthcoming].

Review of *Nature and Naturalism in Classical German Philosophy*, eds. Luca Corti and Johannes-Georg Schüle, Routledge Studies in Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2023). In *Heythrop Journal* 64:4 (2023): 854–855.

“Natural Law Thinking: An Experiential Approach.” In *Priests, Lawyers, and Scholars: Essays in Honor of Robert J. Araujo, S.J.* Ed. S. Hendrianto. Steubenville: Franciscan University Press, 2017. 1–10.

Articles in Preparation for Journal Submission:

- “Tension and Twilight: Peter Wust’s Contribution to a Christian Metaphysics of Human Being”
- “Theological Fruitfulness: The Contribution of Women to Erich Przywara’s Theology”

TRANSLATIONS

Major Jesuit Thinkers. Eds. Janez Percic and Johannes Herzgsell. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2019.

Moreau (le Jeune), Jean-Michel. *Typus Religionis. Estampe, du tableau trouvé dans l’église, des...Jésuites de Billom en Auvergne*, LUMA Exhibition: *Crossings and Dwellings*, Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, Ill., July 19–October 19, 2014.

Bürgler, Bernhard. “Calmness and Silence in Vienna.” *Jesuits: Yearbook of the Society of Jesus* (September 2010): 114–115. With Georg Schmidt and Mark Mossa.

Rutishauser, C.M. “The House of Encounter.” *Jesuits: Yearbook of the Society of Jesus* (September 2010): 105–108. With Georg Schmidt and Mark Mossa.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

In preparation: “Przywara and Catholic German Romanticism: Roots and Cross-Purposes,” Erich Przywara: Exemplar of Jesuit Ressourcement Conference. Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, Ill. 27–29 March 2025 (invited).

“Ratzinger, Romanticism, and Revelation in History,” Theology of History Conference. Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., 27 April 2024.

“Humans Stretched Over an Abyss, But Which One?: Erich Przywara on the Radical Humanisms of Ignatius of Loyola and Friedrich Nietzsche,” Jesuit Scholarship in a Secular Age Conference. Loyola University Chicago, Ill., 1 September 2023.

“Mystical Union is not Ontological Identity: Reason’s Humbling of Affect and Spurring of Desire in Ruusbroec’s Mystical Theology,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference. Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., 16 October 2021.

“No Ecology without an Adequate Anthropology: Insights on Developing a ‘Human Ecology’ from Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’* in Dialogue with Hans Urs von Balthasar,” 2nd International Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry. Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y., 23 February 2019.

“A Necessary Polyphony: Jean-Louis Chrétien on our Finite Responses to the Call of the Infinite,” Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry: Expanding a ‘Not Numerous Center’. Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y., 24 February 2018.

Invited Presentations and Lectures

In preparation: “Humble Heroics?: Przywara’s Christian Humanism between Enlightenment Idealism and Nietzschean Nihilism,” History of Philosophy Forum. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., 11 December 2024.

“Mystical-Metaphysical Anthropology in a Przywaran Key,” Systematic Theology Colloquium: “Christ: the Logos of Creation”. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., 22 March 2024.

“Erich Przywara’s *Analogia Entis*: God and the World,” *Crossroads of Theology Lecture Series*. Regis College, Toronto, Ont., 28 October 2019.

“Philosophy and the Love of God,” *Jesuit First Studies Formation Program*. Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 7 September 2012.

Selected Presentations and Invited Talks for General Audiences

“Preparing for Easter: The Origins and Meaning of Traditional Lenten Cultural Customs,” *Lenten Morning of Recollection*. Mary Undoer of Knots Parish, Chicago, Ill, 11 March 2023.

“Lenten Ignatian Spirituality: Erich Przywara on the Gospel of John,” *Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Lenten Day of Recollection for Clergy*. St. Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse, Ind., 9 March 2022.

“Jesus, the Divine Physician,” *Lenten Morning of Recollection*. St. Constance Parish, Chicago, Ill., 22 March 2014.

“Ignatian Contemplation,” *Ignatian Values Day*. St. Ignatius College Prep, Chicago, Ill., 5 November 2013.

AREAS OF GENERAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

- 19th and 20th century Catholic Systematic Theology
- Theological Metaphysics
- Philosophical Theology
- Theology of Mysticism
- Fundamental Theology
- Philosophical and Theological Anthropology

TEACHING AND ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME Spring 2023
Graduate Assistant to Dr. John R. Betz, Department of Theology, Systematic Theology
Tasks: research assistant; manuscript copyeditor

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME Fall 2022
Graduate Assistant to Dr. Ulrich Lehner, Department of Theology, History of Christianity
Courses assisted: 1) Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical
2) Visions of the Kingdom: The Church between Trent and the Present
Guest lectures: 1) “Beauty as a Way to God”
2) “Robert Bellarmine’s Ignatian Ecclesiology”
Tasks: Grader of weekly student essays; writing tutor

SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY Fall 2014–Spring 2016
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19066
Visiting Instructor, Department of Philosophy, College of Arts & Sciences
Courses taught (each with both traditional and service-learning sections):
PHL 154 Moral Foundations
PHL 260 Philosophy of Human Nature

YAP CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Summer 2015
YAP, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
High School Teacher
Classes taught: 1) Senior Homeroom, English/SAT Prep, and College Composition
2) Sophomore Reading
3) Summer Drama Program

WASHINGTON JESUIT ACADEMY Spring 2011
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20017
Co-Teacher for 7th Grade Religion (Christianity)
Substitute Teacher and **Tutor** for all grades

BISHOP LUDDEN JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Fall 2010
SYRACUSE, N.Y. 13219
Teaching assistant, Religion and Language Departments
Classes assisted: Philosophy; Catholic Social Teaching; Latin I

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY Fall 2004–Spring 2005
Undergraduate Research Assistant to Dr. Michael Ragussis, Department of English
Undergraduate Tutor, Georgetown University Writing Center

ACADEMIC SERVICE

REGIS COLLEGE, TORONTO

- Student Council Co-President (2018–2019)
- Regis College Academic Council (2018–2019)
- Regis College Appointment and Rank Committee (2018–2019)
- Student Council Member (Fall 2019)
- College Liturgy Committee (2017–2018)
- College Communications Committee (2017–2018)

TORONTO SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- Student Representative, Basic Degree Council (Fall 2016–Spring 2018)

SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY

- Director of Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program, Campus Ministry (Fall 2014–Spring 2016)

WASHINGTON JESUIT ACADEMY

- Ignatian Identity Assistant (Spring 2011)

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

- Student Representative, Hiring Committee for Professor of Music and Choral Director in the Program in Performing Arts (Fall 2002–Spring 2004)
- Student Musical Director, Georgetown University Chamber Singers, Program in Performing Arts (2004–2005)
- President, Georgetown University Concert Choir, Program in Performing Arts (2003–2004)
- Treasurer, Georgetown University Concert Choir, Program in Performing Arts (2002–2003)

ACADEMIC AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

- Department of Theology Doctoral tuition fellowship, University of Notre Dame (Fall 2020–present).
- Notre Dame Alumni Association scholarship, University of Notre Dame (\$10,000) (2024, declined).
- Summer seminar + travel grant (Merton College, Oxford, UK), Lumen Christi Institute (2022).
- Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society, Loyola University Chicago (2013).
- Department of German Graduate Studies Scholarship, Georgetown University (2005).

LANGUAGES

German:	Fluent reading, writing, speaking
French:	Reading
Spanish:	Reading, intermediate speaking
Latin:	Reading
Classical Greek:	Reading

ADDITIONAL NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE
ARLINGTON, VA. 22203

2006–2009

Staff Writer with focus in the area of property rights

Tasks: Editing and writing for online publications, press releases, media advisories, letters to the editor

Research concerning cases of eminent domain for private development
Copyediting/proofreading for media and legal briefs.

Selected Non-Academic Professional Publications

- *California Scheming: What Every Californian Should Know About Eminent Domain Abuse*, Institute for Justice (March 2008).
- “Raytown Resistance,” Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice (February 2008).
- “Delaware City Plans to Condemn Properties for Condos,” Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice (September 2007).
- “NYC Communities Band Together to Fight Eminent Domain,” Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice (August 2007). “Jane Carpenter, Ozark’s Activist Leader,” Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice (July 2007).
- “Passaic, NJ Wants to Turn Local Furniture Craftsman Into Redevelopment Kindling,” Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice (May 2007).
- “Sun Shines on Riviera Beach Once More,” Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice (April 2007).
- “Columbia’s Harlem Takeover,” Castle Coalition, Institute for Justice (March 2007).

SELECTED MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

- 8-day Retreat Director for women religious, Sisters of Life, Catskill, N.Y. and Stamford, Conn. (2023–present)
- Seasonal sacramental ministry (summer and Christmas), Prince of Peace Parish, Taylors, S.C. (2022–present)
- Sacramental ministry, St. Thomas More Academy, South Bend, Ind. (2021–present)
- Chaplain for liturgies in German, Donaueschingen Society of Chicago, Ill. (2020–present)
- Priestly supply ministry, various apostolates in Diocese of Fort Wayne—South Bend (St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, St. Pius X Parish, St. Monica Parish, St. John the Evangelist Parish) (2020–present).
- Spiritual Director for priests, students, and lay men and women (2013–present)
- Assistant Pastor/co-coordinator of liturgical livestreaming/pastoral coordinator and editor of parish communications during COVID crisis, St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, New York, N.Y. (2020)
- Priestly supply, St. Basil’s Catholic Parish at the University of St. Michael’s College and University of Toronto Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy and Parish, Toronto, Ont. (Fall 2019)
- Diaconal university parish ministry, Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy and Parish, Toronto, Ont. (2018-2019)
- Diaconal ministry, St. Anthony’s Parish, Oceanside, N.Y. (Summer 2018)
- Retreat Direction Internship, Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, Calif. (Summer 2017)
- Helper Catechist for SPRED (Special Religious Education) Program for developmentally disabled adults, Queen of Angels Parish, Chicago, Ill. (2011–2014)
- Head Catechist, English RCIA Program, St. Procopius Parish, Chicago, Ill. (2013–2014)
- Chaplain to the Women’s Soccer Team, Loyola University Chicago, Ill. (2013–2014)
- MAGIS Week Group Leader (Olinda, PB, Brazil) and Team Leader/Staff Member at World Youth Day English Language Welcome Center, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Jesuit Conference of the United States (Summer 2013)
- Speaker/Media Assistant/Small Group Leader for Summer “Hearts on Fire” Young Adult Weekend Retreats, Apostleship of Prayer (Summer 2013)
- Staff Member and Service Trip Coordinator at the Appalachian Institute, Wheeling Jesuit University, W.Va. (Spring 2011)
- Young Adults Spiritual Committee Chair, Parish Faith Formation Committee Member, Volunteer ESL Teacher, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington, D.C. (2006–2009).

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