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EDUCATION

2024–present	Ph.D. , Systematic Theology, University of Notre Dame
2022–2024	M.T.S. , Systematic Theology, University of Notre Dame
2018–2022	B.A. in Catholic Studies and Biology, Minor in Philosophy University of St. Thomas, MN – <i>summa cum laude</i>

PUBLICATIONS

2025	“Price to Pay: The Contraction and Omission of Resurrection in Hegel’s Dialectics.” <i>Church Life Journal</i> . (2025).
2024	“Do Red and Yellow Autumn Leaves Make Use of Different Photoprotective Strategies During Autumn Senescence?” <i>Physiologia Plantarum</i> 176.3 (2024).
2024	“Taste and See: The Eucharist and “Opened Eyes” from the Fall to the Road to Emmaus.” <i>Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture</i> . (2024).
2022	“St. Thomas of the Creator: The Return to the Savior Through Recognition of the Creator,” <i>CASC LUMEN</i> . (2022).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

June 2025	“Biological Death as the Consequence of Original Sin in Aquinas and Rahner.” A Dialogue Renewed: Scholasticism and the <i>Ressourcement</i> Movement on the Nature of Catholic Theology, <i>The Sacra Doctrina Project</i> .
June 2024	“Prelapsarian Humanity and Rene Girard’s Account of Hominization.” All Things That Were Made: On Creation, Creatures, and Their Creator, <i>The Sacra Doctrina Project</i> .
February 2023	“Taste and See: The Eucharist and “Opened Eyes” from the Fall to the Road to Emmaus.” The Holiness of God and the Mystery of the Eucharist, <i>The Aquinas Center and St. Paul Center</i> .
November 2022	“Creation’s Theodicy: Insights from Joseph Ratzinger and the Book of Job.” de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, <i>de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame</i> .
April 2022	“Photoprotective Strategies of Red and Yellow Deciduous Species During Autumn Senescence.” Winchell Symposium, <i>The Minnesota Academy of Science</i> . Awarded “Judges’ Choice” for outstanding presentation.
April 2022	“The Metaphysics of Evolutionary Speciation.” UST Philosophy Spring Colloquium, <i>University of St. Thomas</i> .

February 2022 “St. Thomas of the Creator: The Return to the Savior through Recognition of the Creator.” St. Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Teacher Conference, *Ave Maria University Aquinas Center and the Thomistic Institute*.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2025	GSPDA Grant for attendance of the <i>Sacra Doctrina Project</i> conference. Awarded \$600.
2025	GSG Grant for travel to the <i>Sacra Doctrina Project</i> conference. Awarded \$250.
2025	Fellowship, “To What End?: Purpose and the Universe,” <i>Organs and Origins Conference, University of Notre Dame</i> . Awarded \$500.
2024	Fellowship, “In the Beginning: Life, the Universe, and Everything,” <i>Organs and Origins Conference, University of Notre Dame</i> . Awarded \$500.
2024	Presidential Fellowship, <i>University of Notre Dame</i> . Awarded \$5,000/yr.
2024	Fellowship, “What is an Organ?” <i>Organs and Origins Conference, University of Notre Dame</i> . Awarded \$500.
2022	Winchell Symposium <i>Judges’ Choice Award</i> , Minnesota Academy of Science. Research Title: “Photoprotective Strategies of Red and Yellow Deciduous Species During Autumn Senescence.”
2022	University of St. Thomas Philosophy Essay Contest, <i>Second Place</i> . Paper Title: “The Metaphysics of Evolutionary Speciation.”
2022	Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal Essay Contest at Ave Maria University, <i>First Place</i> . Paper Title: “St. Thomas of the Creator: The Return to the Savior through Recognition of the Creator.”
2021	Collaborative Inquiry Grant, \$1500. The grant funded work done on “Autumn Senescence” research through the Biology Department at the University of St. Thomas.
2019	Leading E.D.G.E. Award. Leading Edge Award recipients are recognized for their excellent academic achievement in both lecture and lab among students in core biology courses at the University of St. Thomas.

PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Summer 2023	Administrative Assistant, <i>Echo, McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame</i> .
Summer 2023	Research Assistant, <i>McGrath Institute for Church Life</i> . The Body and Beyond: Human Sexuality for Young People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from a Catholic Perspective.
Summer 2023	Research Assistant, <i>McGrath Institute for Church Life</i> .

Fiat Program on Faith and Mental Health at the McGrath Institute for Church Life.

Fall 2022 Marketing Intern, *Ave Maria Press, Congregation of Holy Cross*.

2021–2022 Researcher in Plant Physiology Laboratory, *University of St. Thomas Department of Biology*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2025 Teaching Assistant, *University of Notre Dame*. “Buddhism and Christianity.”

Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant, *University of Notre Dame*. “Foundations of Theology.”

Fall 2023 Teaching Assistant, *University of Notre Dame*. “Foundations of Theology.”

Spring 2023 Teaching Assistant, *University of Notre Dame*. Directed seminar of 13 undergraduate students for “Faith and Human Flourishing” (Introduction to Moral Theology).

2020–2021 Mission and Culture Apprenticeship, *University of St. Thomas and St. Agnes High School*. Classes included “A History of Catholic Dogma” and “Catholic Social Doctrine” Senior Theology, Freshman General Biology, and “The Great Conversation” Honors Integrated Senior Humanities Seminar.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & SERVICE

2025–present Hospice Volunteer, *Elara Caring*, South Bend, IN.

Summer 2025 Missionary, *Christ in the City*, Denver, CO.

Summer 2025 Programming Intern, *Christ in the City*, Denver, CO.

Summer 2025 Volunteer, *Samaritan House 48th Street Women’s Shelter*, Denver, CO.

2022–present Sorin Fellow, *de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame*.

2020–2021 Confirmation Catechist, *Our Lady of Guadalupe Church*, St. Paul, MN.

2020–2022 Catholic Studies Leadership Intern, *University of St. Thomas*.

LANGUAGES

Latin (basic reading ability)

Greek (basic reading ability)

Spanish (intermediate reading; basic spoken and written)

French (intermediate reading; basic spoken and written)

German (intermediate reading; basic spoken and written)

REFERENCES

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