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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

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| 2026 | Doctor of Philosophy (Theology, Liturgical Studies) – University of Notre Dame. Dissertation: “The Coptic Eucharist in Practice: Frequency, Access and the Regulation of Communion in Premodern Egypt.” |
| 2022 | Certificate in Arabic Manuscript Studies – Hill Museum and Manuscript Library (HMML), Collegeville, MN. |
| 2021 | Master of Theological Studies (Liturgical Studies and History of Christianity) – University of Notre Dame. |

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

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| 2026 | With Mikhail, Arsenius, “Coptic Prayer Books in Ottoman Egypt: Overview & Observations on the Collection of Euchologia of the Monastery of the Syrians,” <i>Ex Fonte – Journal of Ecumenical Studies in Liturgy</i> 5, 437–483. |
| 2026 | “Variable Celebrant Prayers in the Medieval Coptic Eucharist: A Bohairic Manuscripts-Based Inventory and Introduction,” <i>Eastern Theological Journal</i> 12.1, 113–162. |
| 2025 | “Women and Blood Impurities in Christian Egypt: Menstruation, Childbirth, and Liturgical Participation among Late Antique and Medieval Copts,” <i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i> 79, 161–191. |
| 2022 | “The Barcelona Papyrus and the Opening Dialogue of the Christian Anaphora: Resituating Egyptian Scribal Practices Amid Scholarly Anaphoral Reconstructions,” <i>Ex Fonte – Journal of Ecumenical Studies in Liturgy</i> 1, 129–168. |
| 2022 | “Approaching the Ecclesia in Medieval Coptic Cairo: Church Entrance Petitions from the Thirteenth-Century Copto-Arabic Manuscript <i>Suryan Liturgy</i> 383 (Folia 190r–194r),” <i>Ecclesia Orans</i> 39.1, 143–173. |

BOOK CHAPTERS

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| Forthcoming | “Praying While Officially Praying: Liturgical Automaticity and the Thirteenth-Century Coptic Eucharistic Supplications of Patriarch Gabriel III,” in Stefanos Alexopoulos, Harald Buchinger, and Arsenius Mikhail (eds.), <i>Proceedings of the Conference “The Liturgies of the Church of Alexandria: From Late-Antique Origins to the Medieval Heritage,” 21–23 September 2023, Washington, DC</i> (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press). |
| Forthcoming | With Chase, Nathan P. and Farag, Mary K., “Region X: Northeast Africa and Nilotic Lands,” in Nathan S. Dennis, Robin M. Jensen, and Nathan P. Chase (eds.), <i>Baptistries of the Early Christian World</i> (Leiden: Brill). |
| 2023 | “The Εἰς Θεός Acclamations in the Barcelona Papyrus: A Eucharistic Liturgy without the Opening Line of the Christian Anaphoral Dialogue,” in Maxwell E. Johnson (ed.), <i>Further Issues in Early Liturgy</i> (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press), 61–84. |

BOOKS

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| Forthcoming | With Davis, Stephen J. and Mikhail, Arsenius, <i>Catalogue of Coptic and Arabic Manuscripts in Dayr al-Suryān</i> . Vols. 7–9: <i>Liturgical Texts</i> . CSCO (Leuven: Peeters). |
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ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRY

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| 2024 | “Fast, Pre-Nativity,” in <i>The Coptic Encyclopedia</i> . |
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SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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| Jun. 2026 | Niarchos Byzantine Travel Bursary, University of Notre Dame (ND). |
| Apr. 2026 | Nanovic Institute for European Studies Scholarship (ND). |
| Feb. 2026 | Notebaert Professional Development Fund (ND). |
| May 2025 | Medieval Institute Scholarship (ND). |
| 2024–2025 | Mary Jaharis Center Dissertation Grant. |
| Sept. 2024 | Research Fellowship at Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway (ND). |
| Feb. 2024 | Notebaert Professional Development Fund (ND). |
| Dec. 2023 | Niarchos Byzantine Travel Bursary (ND). |

Nov. 2023	Byzantine Studies Conference, Graduate Student Paper Prize.
Jul. 2023	Zahm Professional Development Fund (ND).
Dec. 2022	Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ND).
Jun. 2022	University of Haifa (Israel) Scholarship.
Jun. 2022	Nanovic Institute for European Studies Scholarship (ND).
May 2022	Notebaert Professional Development Fund (ND).
Mar. 2022	Notebaert Professional Development Fund (ND).
Mar. 2022	The 21st Vagantes Conference, Paper Prize (First Place).
Dec. 2020	Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ND).

PAPERS PRESENTED

Jul. 2026	“Center and Periphery: Eucharistic Frequency and Regional Divergence in Medieval Egypt” at the International Congress of Coptic Studies, Georg August University of Göttingen (Göttingen, Germany).
Jun. 2026	“Christian Egypt’s Earliest Arabic Canonical Collection: A Case Study of the Work of Abū Ṣulḥ Ibn Nāna (ca. 11th c.),” at the international conference, “Living Tradition: Apostolic Tradition and Legal Practice among Christians in Egypt from Late Antiquity to Modern Era,” Université de Fribourg (Fribourg, Switzerland).
Jun. 2026	“‘I Am of Another Doctrine’: Eucharistic Belonging and Boundary in Medieval Egyptian Christianity,” at the Society of Oriental Liturgy, The Theological School of the Church of Cyprus (Nicosia, Cyprus).
Apr. 2025	“Domestic Eucharistic Rituals: Partaking of the Eucharist in Private Spaces among the Copts through the Middle Ages,” at the Oxford Medieval Graduate Conference, Oxford University (Oxford, UK).
Feb. 2025	“Communion Access in Medieval Egypt: Social Context and Eucharistic Participation,” at the St. Mark Foundation for Coptic Heritage 11th International Symposium on Coptic Liturgy, Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate (Cairo, Egypt).
May 2024	“Rites of Transition: Prayers of the Veil and Kiss as Preparatory Rituals in the Medieval Coptic Eucharist,” at the Society of Oriental Liturgy, The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC).
Sept. 2023	“Receiving the Mysteries: The Case of the Liturgical Spoon in Coptic Literature, Material Culture, and Visual Representations,” at the Liturgies of the Church of Alexandria: From Late-Antique Origins to the Medieval Heritage, The Catholic University of America (Washington, DC).
Nov. 2022	“Three Medieval Christian Arabic Sources on Women’s Eucharistic Reception in Egypt,” at the Byzantine Studies Conference, University of California, Los Angeles (Los Angeles, CA).
Jul. 2022	“Women’s Eucharistic Reception during Bodily Flux among Medieval Copts,” at the International Congress of Coptic Studies, Université libre de Bruxelles (Brussels, Belgium).
Jun. 2022	“Purity, Pollution, Purification, and Defilement in the Premodern Mediterranean,” at the Mediterranean Seminar, University of Haifa (Haifa, Israel).
Jun. 2022	“Medieval Eucharistic Rituals from Old Cairo’s Hanging Church: Private Devotional Prayers in the Thirteenth-Century Copto-Arabic Manuscript Suryān Liturgy 383 (Fols. 190r–207v),” at the Society of Oriental Liturgy, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Thessaloniki, Greece).
Mar. 2022	“Ritual Impurity and Women’s Liturgical Participation among Medieval Copts,” at the Vagantes Conference on Medieval Studies, Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, OH).
Jan. 2022	“Rethinking Recent Studies on the Barcelona Papyrus,” at the North American Academy of Liturgy (Kansas City, MO).
Oct. 2020	“The ‘Dead’ Burying the Dead: Afterlife and Interment in Pachomian Sources,” at the Byzantine Studies Conference (Virtual Conference).
Feb. 2020	“Ancient Roots in Modern Scholarship: The Alexandrian Tradition of Theosis in the Writings of Fr. Matthew the Poor,” at the Student Religious Studies Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature, Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame, IN).

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2026–2027	Postdoctoral Researcher and Teaching Fellow, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame.
Spring/Fall 2026	Instructor of Record, “Foundations of Theology,” University of Notre Dame.

- 2025– Collaborator on the Bohairic Coptic Euchologia Project (BCEP), funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG); co-hosted by the Department of Liturgical Studies at the University of Regensburg and the Project for the Digital Edition of the Coptic Old Testament (CoptOT) at the Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Lower Saxony, led by Arsenius Mikhail.
- 2022– Cataloger of the Copto-Arabic liturgical manuscripts at Dayr al-Suryān (Egypt), part of the Yale Monastic Archaeology Project North (YMAP-North), headed by Stephen J. Davis.
- 2021–2024 Graduate Teaching Assistant: Christian Spirituality; Eucharist; Liturgy, Time, and Traditions; and Foundations of Theology, University of Notre Dame.
- Fall 2020 Instructor of Record, “Why the Church? Discussion for Making the Case for Catholicism to Millennials,” University of Notre Dame.
- 2013– Monk, Saint Paul Coptic Orthodox Monastery in California.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2021– Society of Oriental Liturgy (SOL).
- 2021– International Association for Coptic Studies (IACS).
- 2021– North American Academy of Liturgy (NAAL).
- 2020– Byzantine Studies Association of North America, Inc. (BSANA).
- 2019– St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Coptic Society.