MAURA R. SHEA

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame | Notre Dame, IN 2024 - (Expected) 2029
Doctor of Philosophy, Theology (Current GPA: 4.0)
Concentration: History of Christianity, Patristic and Medieval
Minor area: Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, New Testament
Advisor: Rev. Khaled Anatolios

University of Notre Dame | Notre Dame, IN 2022 - 2024
Master of Theological Studies, Concentration in History of Christianity (Cumulative GPA: 4.0)

University of Notre Dame | Notre Dame, IN 2011 - 2013
Master of Education, Alliance for Catholic Education Teaching Fellow (Cumulative GPA: 3.87)
Curriculum Unit: "Metaphysical Poetry and Citing Your Sources: A Senior Unit on Writing"
Academic Supervisor: Dr. Brian Collier

University of Dallas | Irving, TX 2007 - 2011
Bachelor of Arts, double major in Theology & English Literature, Latin Concentration, (Cumulative GPA: 3.95)
Summa Cum Laude
Theology Thesis: "Truth as Veiled Unveiling, the Intimacy of Being, and the Eucharist: A Critical Exploration of Hans Urs von Balthasar's *Theo-Logic: Truth of the World*"
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christopher Malloy

English Thesis: "Miracles and Storytelling in Willa Cather's *Death Comes for the Archbishop*: 'Something We Can Hold in Our Hands and Love' and 'The Refinement of Our Perceptions'"
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Brett Bourbon

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"'Secrets Are Revealed to Friends': The Nuanced Teaching of St. Thomas on the human author of the fourth Gospel." *Nova et Vetera* vol. 24. no. 3 (2026) 1021-1038.

"A Living Scriptural Commentary: *Caritas* in *The Life and Miracles of St. Benedict*." *American Benedictine Review* vol. 76. no. 3 (2025) 324-336.

HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of Notre Dame Presidential Fellowship	2024-2029
Solomon Fellowship, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture	2024-2029
Maritain Fellow, Maritain Center and History of Philosophy Forum	2024-2029
Bradley Fellowship	2023-2024
de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Conference Grant	2023, 2024, 2025
Graduate School Professional Development Award Travel Grant	2023
Graduate Student Government Conference Presentation Grant	2023
Sorin Fellow, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture	2022-2029
First Year Fellow, Leonine Forum New York City	2019-2020

Michael Pressley Award for Excellence in Catholic Education, University of Notre Dame 2019
Parochial High School Teacher of the Year, Knights of Columbus 2012
AmeriCorps National Service Program Educational Grant 2011-2013
Phi Beta Kappa 2011
Dean's List, University of Dallas 2007- 2011
Christine S. Kiegerl Memorial Scholarship, University of Dallas 2010
Due Santi Scholar Award, University of Dallas 2008
Latin Scholarship, University of Dallas 2007-2011

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AS PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR:

Seminar Instructor, The Witherspoon Institute | Princeton, NJ

"Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*" Spring 2022
Princeton undergraduate and graduate students
"Jane Austen's *Emma* – Formation, Malformation, and Education through Friendship" Fall 2021
Princeton undergraduate and graduate students
"The Pedagogy Project: On the Philosophy and Practice of Education"
Princeton graduate students and teaching assistants
"Another Eden: C. S. Lewis and John Milton on Genesis"
Princeton undergraduate and graduate students
"Moral Life & the Classical Tradition" Summer 2021
high school students
"Deciding to Be Excellent: A Study in Josef Pieper's *The Four Cardinal Virtues*" Spring 2021
Princeton undergraduate students
"The Pedagogy Project: On the Philosophy and Practice of Education"
Princeton graduate students and teaching assistants
"Thornton Wilder and the Purpose of Literature"
high school students
"C. S. Lewis' *Till We Have Faces*"
high school students
"'Hearth-fires and Holocausts': Cauterizing Virtues in *Jane Eyre*" Fall 2020
Princeton undergraduate students
"The Pedagogy Project: On the Philosophy and Practice of Education"
Princeton graduate students and teaching assistants
"C. S. Lewis' *The Four Loves*"
high school students
"The Moral Vision of Jane Austen" Spring 2020
Princeton undergraduate and graduate students
"The Defeat of Words: On Lyric Poetry" Fall 2019
Princeton undergraduate students

English Teacher, St. Dominic Savio High School | Austin, TX 2018-2019
AP Literature & Composition, British Literature, Freshmen Seminar

Dean of Curriculum & Instruction, Bishop Machebeuf High School | Denver, CO 2017-2018
Professional & Curricular Development, Instructional Coaching, and Teacher Evaluation

Instructional Coach, Bishop Machebeuf High School | Denver, CO 2014-2018
Instructional Coaching, Curricular Development, and Classroom Observation

English Teacher, Bishop Machebeuf High School | Denver, CO 2013-2018

AP Literature & Composition, American Literature, World Literature, Christian Authors, Creative Writing

English Teacher, Ascension Catholic High School | Donaldsonville, LA 2011-2013
British Literature, American Literature, World Literature

ASSISTANTSHIPS:

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame
"The Eastern Churches: Theology and History," taught by Rev. Yury Avvakumov Fall 2026
"Foundations of Theology," taught by Dr. Joshua Lim Spring 2026
"Saints and the Theology of Warfare", taught by Sr. Ann Astell Fall 2025
"Foundations of Theology", taught by Rev. Kevin Grove, C.S.C. Spring and Fall 2023

Intern, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Summer 2023
Research, report writing, and facilitating Vita Conference

Graduate Assistant, University of Notre Dame
"Christology", taught by Rev. Khaled Anatolios Spring 2025
"Athanasius and Gregory of Nyssa," taught by Rev. Khaled Anatolios Spring 2024
"Patristic Christology", taught by Rev. Khaled Anatolios Spring 2023

Research Assistant, University of Notre Dame Fall 2022
Copy editor for Dr. Robin Jensen, *Understanding Early Christian Art*, revised and expanded 2nd edition (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge 2023).

GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

"An Education in Letters: The Friendship of Flannery O'Connor and Caroline Gordon." Spring Literary Review. Vol. 222, No. 9. *America Magazine.* 24 April 2020.

"Memory and Sympathy in Coleridge's Poetic Imagination: An Exploration of the Soul's Movement from Deprivation to Joy." *The University Scholar*: Vol. 12:1, Article 6. 2010.

ONLINE PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

Gospel Reflection. Faith.nd.edu. 4 July 2025.
"The Dignity of Being Causes: St. Thomas Aquinas and Discernment." *America Magazine*. 25 August 2020.
"The novelist who mentored a young Flannery O'Connor." *America Magazine.* 24 April 2020.
Advent Reflection. Faith.nd.edu. 8 December 2019.
"Back to School: Tips and Resources for Teachers." *The Public Discourse*. 27 August 2019.
"The Dignity and Vocation of Women in the Writings of St. Edith Stein." *Catholic News Agency*. June 2013.

PRESENTATIONS

"Seeds of the Word Unfolding: Joseph Ratzinger's Bonaventurian Theology of History." Paper accepted to *The New Ressourcement* Conference: "Joseph Ratzinger and His Sources." Rochester, Minnesota, November 4-6, 2026.

"Christ the Good Teacher: Athanasius' Reconfiguration of Arius' Noetic Language about Father and Son." Paper accepted to the Florovsky Symposium, "Retrieving the Unity of Christian Theology." University of Notre Dame, October 16-17, 2026.

"The 'kiss' of the Bridegroom: Union with the Word of God in Ancient Jewish and Christian Exegesis of Song of Songs 1:2." Paper presented to the Origeniana XIV Conference, Boston College, Boston, MA, August 11, 2026.

"The 'kiss' of the Bridegroom: Union with the Word of God in Ancient Jewish and Christian Exegesis of Song of Songs 1:2." Paper presented to the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2026.

"'I hope in you for me': Joseph Ratzinger as Follower of Charles Péguy's 'Little Girl Hope' and the Retrieval of the Second Theological Virtue." Paper presented at the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, "That Which I Also Received: Living Tradition," University of Notre Dame, November 15, 2025.

"Origen, Augustine, and Denis Farkasfalvy on The Analogy of the Incarnation and the Question of Biblical Inerrancy." Paper presented to *The New Ressourcement* Conference: "Scripture and Its Interpretation." Rochester, Minnesota, October 8, 2025.

"'Secrets Are Revealed to Friends': The nuanced teaching of St. Thomas on human authors of scripture in his *Commentary on the Gospel of John*." Paper presented at "Aquinas at 800: *Ad Multos Annos*" Conference. University of Notre Dame, September 23, 2024.

"Teaching with a Sacramental Approach." Professional Development Sessions, St. Pius V School, Providence, RI, August 19-20, 2024.

"Renewal in Catholic Education." Leonine Forum Online Professional Development. July 31, 2024.

"A Living Scriptural Commentary: *Caritas* in *The Life and Miracles of St. Benedict*." Paper presented at the 59th International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University, May 11, 2024.

"Joseph Ratzinger's New Iconography of Christ's Descent into Hell." Paper presented at de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Conference, "Benedict XVI's Legacy: Unfinished Debates on Faith, Culture, and Politics," University of Notre Dame, April 8, 2024.

"'Till this moment I never knew myself': Jane Austen's Narrative Contributions to the Concept of Person." Paper presented at the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, "Dust of the Earth: On Persons," University of Notre Dame, November 3, 2023.

"Thomas Aquinas on *The Teacher*: Teaching Grades 6-12." Professional Development Sessions, St. Thomas More Academy, South Bend, IN, August 2-3, 2023.

"Friendship with Christ and Eschatological Hope in the thought of Benedict XVI." Paper presented at the Veritas Conference, Providence College, Providence, RI, April 21-22, 2023.

Led Sorin Fellows Graduate reading group on Pope Benedict's *Spe Salvi* for the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, South Bend, IN, February 17 and 24, 2023.

SERVICE (SELECTED)

Graduate Biblical Inspiration Reading Group, leader and organizer	2026
Staff Development Committee, St. Thomas More Academy	2025

Mentor & Resident of Siena House, The Aquinas Institute at Princeton University	2021-22
Supporting Language Learners - Voices from the Field, Alliance for Catholic Education	2021
Spiritual Mentorship Program, St. Dominic Savio High School	2018-19
Instructional Leadership Team, Bishop Machebeuf High School `	2017-18
Academic Council, Bishop Machebeuf High School	2016-18
Pilgrimage Leader & Chaperone, Rome, Bishop Machebeuf High School	2018
Pilgrimage Leader & Chaperone, World Youth Day Poland, Bishop Machebeuf High School	2016
New Teacher Mentor	2015-2016

LANGUAGES

Latin – Advanced reading proficiency; passed department exam Fall 2025
Attic/Koine Greek – Basic reading proficiency
Italian – Reading proficiency
French – Reading proficiency