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EDUCATION

2028 (Exp.) Ph.D. in Theology, University of Notre Dame
Major Area: History of Christianity
Minor Area: Moral Theology
Cumulative GPA: 3.95

2023 MTS, University of Notre Dame
Area: History of Christianity
Medieval Studies Minor with the Medieval Institute
Byzantine Studies Minor with the Medieval Institute
Cumulative GPA: 3.94

2021 BA in Classics, University of Virginia
Concentration: Greek and Latin Languages
Master's Promotion Program for Religious Studies
Cumulative GPA: 3.89

PUBLICATIONS

2028 (upcoming) *The Small Catecheses of St Theodore the Studite*, translated by James Whitaker
St Vladimir's Seminary Press, in *Popular Patristics Series*

2027 (upcoming) *The Ascetic Treatises of St Nilus of Ancyra*, translated by James Whitaker
St Vladimir's Seminary Press, in *Popular Patristics Series*

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Upcoming "The State of Scholarship on St Nilus of Ancyra," *Studia Patristica*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 "The Integrity of Human Faculties and the Disintegration of Sin," Aquinas Conference, Ave Maria University, "Aquinas & Sin," February 5-7

2025 "The Reasonable Assent of Faith in Aquinas and Newman," Aquinas Conference, Ave Maria University, "What Would Aquinas Do?" January 30-February 1

2024 "Innocent and Francis: The Transmission of a Theological Encounter," 49th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, November 1-3

2024 "Rediscovering the Authentic Corpus of St Nilus of Ancyra," 19th International Patristics Conference, Oxford University, August 5-9

2022 "The State of Scholarship on St Nilus of Ancyra," Early Christian Studies Conference, University of Notre Dame, May 23-25

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS (selections)

2026 **Notre Dame Rome Dissertation Research Fellowship**, Center for Italian Studies, The Graduate School, and Notre Dame Rome
Funding for Spring 2027 semester, dissertation research in Rome

2025 **Graduate Research Grant**, Nanovic Institute for European Studies (Notre Dame)
Funded research of microfilm at the Patriarchal Institute of Patristic Studies, Thessaloniki

2025 **Niarchos Byzantine Travel Bursary**, Medieval Institute (Notre Dame)
Funded participation at a workshop on Nilus studies at the University of Tübingen, organized by Volker Drecoll and Christoph Scheerer

2024 **Sorin Fellow Grant**, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (Notre Dame)
Funded travel to November 2024 PMR conference (described above)

2024 **Niarchos Byzantine Travel Bursary**, Medieval Institute (Notre Dame)
Funded travel to August 2024 Oxford conference (described above)

2023 **Sorin Fellow Grant**, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (Notre Dame)
Funded summer research to produce St Theodore the Studite translation project (described above)

2022 **Sorin Fellow Grant**, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (Notre Dame)
Funded summer research to produce St Nilus of Ancyra translation project (described above)

2021-present **Sorin Fellow**, de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture (Notre Dame)

2021 **Lazenby Fund**, Classics Department (University of Virginia)

2020 **CAMWS Award for Outstanding Accomplishment in Classical Studies**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025-present Research Assistant to Professor Thomas Berg, Visiting Professor of the Practice, McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame

2024- 2025 Research Assistant to Professor Philip Bess, Professor Emeritus, School of Architecture, University of Notre Dame

2024 Diploma in Greek Palaeography, earned at Lincoln College Summer School in Greek Palaeography, University of Oxford (equivalent to an M.Phil course)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026 (upcoming) Instructor on record, "Foundations of Theology," Fall 2026

2026 Teaching Assistant to Professor Mary Hirschfeld, "God and Business" course, Spring 2026

2025 Teaching Assistant to Professor Xueying Wang, "Foundations of Theology" course, Fall 2025

2025 Teaching Assistant to Professor Yury Avvakumov, "The Eastern Churches: Theology and History" course, Spring 2025

2022-2024 Teaching Assistant to Professor Kevin Grove, "Foundations of Theology" course, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024

2021 Teaching Assistant to Professor David Lincicum, "Foundations of Theology" course, Fall 2021

RELEVANT WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2022-2025 Various positions with the Graduate Theological Society at Notre Dame

2020-2024 Independent language tutoring, Greek and Latin

LANGUAGES

Latin – advanced level

Greek – advanced level

French – proficient reading

German – proficient reading