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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, History of Christianity (2013–2020)

M.T.S., Boston College, Concentration in Historical Theology (2011–2013)

Bachelor of Architecture (B. Arch.), University of Notre Dame (2006–2011)

Academic Appointments

University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN

College of Arts & Letters
Department of Theology
Associate Teaching Professor (July 2026 – Present)
Adjunct Assistant Teaching Professor (July 2024 – July 2026)

University of Dallas – Irving, TX

Constantin College & Braniff Graduate School of Liberal Arts
Director of the Graduate Ministry Programs (2022–2026)
Assistant Professor of Historical Theology and Pastoral Ministry (2021 – 2026)

Ann and Joe O. Neuhoff School of Ministry
Assistant Professor of Historical Theology and Pastoral Ministry (2019 – 2021)

Holy Cross College – Notre Dame, IN

Adjunct Professor (Fall 2018)

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME – UNDERGRADUATE (In Person):

THEO 10001 Foundations of Theology (Fall 2018, Spring 2018)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME – GRADUATE (In Person):

THEO 60222 Christian Doctrine for Catechists (Summer 2025, Summer 2024)

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE – UNDERGRADUATE (In Person):

THEO 140 Honors – Creation, Covenant, and Christ (Fall 2018)

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS – UNDERGRADUATE (In Person):

THE 1310 Understanding the Bible (Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022)

THE 2311 Western Theological Tradition (Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024)

PAS 3335 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Ministry (Fall 2020)

TPAS 3V50 Evangelization and the Lay Apostolate (Fall 2023)

TPAS 4381/4181 Pastoral Ministry Internship I: Seminar (Fall 2024)

TPAS 4382/4182 Pastoral Ministry Internship II: Capstone & Seminar (Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Fall 2023)

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS – GRADUATE (In Person):

THE 5300/6V77 Patristic and Byzantine Theology (Fall 2021)

THE 5334 Apologetics (Spring 2026)

NSOM 5110 Graduate Proseminar (Fall 2019; team taught in hybrid modality)

NSOM 5330 Systematic Theology (Fall 2019, Fall 2021)

THE 6351 Church History II (Spring 2024; Directed Readings)

TMIN 7305 Pastoral Ministry Internship I (Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023; MDiv Field Education)

TMIN 7306 Pastoral Ministry Internship II (Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Spring 2024; MDiv Field Education)

TMIN 7309 Clinical Pastoral Education (Spring 2026; MDiv Field Education)

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS – GRADUATE (Online):

TMIN 5311 Graduate Proseminar (Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020)

TMIN 5330 Systematic Theology (Spring 2025, Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Spring 2020)

TMIN 5340 Church History (Summer 2025, Summer 2023, Summer 2021, Spring 2021)

THE 5334 Apologetics (Spring 2026; hybrid modality)

NSOM 6V77 Effective Writing for Study and Ministry (Spring 2021)

TMIN 7305 Pastoral Ministry Internship I (Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023; Master of Pastoral Ministry Field Education)

TMIN 7306 Pastoral Ministry Internship II (Fall 2023; Master of Pastoral Ministry Field Education)

TMIN 7390 Ministry Capstone (Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024)

TMIN 7395 Theological Studies Capstone (Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021)

TMIN 7396 Catechetical Ministry Capstone (Spring 2025)

CAPSTONE AND THESIS SUPERVISION

Graduate Capstones Directed:

Heather L. Nava, *Catechetical Accompaniment in Marriage Preparation: Augustine Institute's* Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage *Through the Lens of* Catechumenal Pathways for Married Life: Pastoral Guidelines for Local Churches*, the* Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and Catechetical Directories*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Catechetical Ministry, Braniff Graduate School, Spring 2025

James Bailey, *The Role of the Permanent Diaconate in Evangelization,* Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Spring 2025

Katie Allen, *Living an Ordinary Life with an Extraordinary Purpose: The Lives of Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd and Servant of God Chiara Lubich,* Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Spring 2025

Guido Verbeck, *An Apology for the Early Church Fathers' Method for Establishing a Bridge with the Academy in Defense of Non-Relativistic Thinking*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Fall 2024

Jake Teitgen, *A Church Where Love Can Dwell: On the Imperative for a Family Perspective in Catholic Human Resource Policies,* Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Pastoral Ministry, Braniff Graduate School, Fall 2024

Kathleen Radtke, *Accompaniment for Married Life – Beyond the Wedding,* Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Pastoral Ministry, Braniff Graduate School, Fall 2024

Rosanna Bashinski, *Responding to the Vocation of Catholic Health Care,* Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Pastoral Ministry, Braniff Graduate School, Spring 2024

Robert E. Stone, *Eschatological Hope: A Touchstone for Hospital Chaplaincy*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Spring 2024

Jayne Williams, *Human Fraternity: Vatican II,* Fratelli Tutti *and Modern Society*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Fall 2023

Francisco Lopez Arenas, *From Sacramental Life to a Living Faith: The Scriptures as a Relationship with God in the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Hispanic Community*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Fall 2023

Fr. Leon Ngandu, SVD, *The Theological Significance and Pastoral Implication of the Scriptures Proclaimed at Mass: A Pastoral Experience in the Importance of the Liturgical Weekly Bible Study*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Fall 2023

Michaelangelo Serapio, *Jesus Forms his People: The Gift of Adult Formation in the Sacramental Life of the Parish*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Fall 2023

James Ranieri, *"There and Back Again": Tolkien and the Culture Transforming Power of Catholic Narrative*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Spring 2023

Philip Reeves, *Toward a Theology and Practice of Law-Enforcement Chaplaincy*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Braniff Graduate School, Spring 2022

McKenzie Mauss, *The Eucharist: Re-Discovering Presence*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Neuhoff School of Ministry, Spring 2021

Thomas Bulick, *Authentic Communion in Digital Relationship: The Evangelistic Potential of Internet Video*, Final Capstone Research Project for Master of Theological Studies, Neuhoff School of Ministry, Spring 2021

Undergraduate Theses and Capstones Directed:

Adolfo Angel Rojas Zamora, *Saint Augustine on the Nature of Sin*, Final Thesis Research Project for Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Constantin College, Fall 2025

Carmen Kuehler, *Docetism in the Early Church: An Overview of Valentinian Gnosticism and the Patristic Response*, Final Thesis Research Project for Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Constantin College, Fall 2025

James-David Self, *Community Service and the University of Dallas*, Final Capstone Research Project for Bachelor of Pastoral Ministry, Constantin College, Spring 2025

Edna L. Gamiño, *Identifying the Minister in Parish Office Personnel,* Final Capstone Research Project for Bachelor of Pastoral Ministry, Constantin College, Spring 2024

Ryan Weiland, Against Arius: Book II, By Marius Victorinus, *Translation and Introduction*, Final Thesis Research Project for Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Constantin College, Fall 2023 (Co-Directed with Dr. David Sweet, Classics)

Franya Blanton, *A Study of Self-Reflection and Mentoring in the Culture of Ministry*, Final Capstone Research Project for Bachelor of Pastoral Ministry, Constantin College, Fall 2023

DEACON FORMATION – DIOCESE OF DALLAS

Christology (Spring 2026)

Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue (Fall 2021)

Catholic Social Teaching (Spring 2020; In Person and Asynchronous)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Patristics, STEP Online Courses, McGrath Institute for Church Life (Online asynchronous; Designed and Recorded Spring 2022)

Patrística, Camino: Cursos en Español, McGrath Institute for Church Life (Online asynchronous; Designed and Recorded Spring 2022)

Christian Anthropology, *Advanced Formation for Catechetical Leaders* program. Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (January 20, 2022; Online synchronous)

Promoting Discipleship (UD Certificate in Pastoral Ministry; November 2020)

Theology of Ministry (UD Certificate in Pastoral Ministry; October 2020)

Introducción al Antiguo Testamento (UD Certificado en Ministerio Pastoral; January 2020)

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED ESSAYS

"Christ the Way: Augustine and Aquinas on the Meaning of the Incarnation," in *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 24, No. 3 (*forthcoming*)

"From Peace to Vision: Nature and Grace in Augustine's Developing Exegesis of the Beatitudes," in *Studia Patristica*, ed. Markus Vinzent and Jack Bull (Leuven: Peeters, 2026) (*forthcoming*)

"Augustine and Aquinas on the Gifts and Beatitudes," in *Nova et Vetera,* English Edition, Vol. 23, No. 3 (2025): 859–892.

"The Challenge of Augustine's Biblical Christology: Re-reading the *In Iohannis Evangelium Tractatus*," in *Studia Patristica*, vol. CXIX, ed. Markus Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters, 2021), 43–50.

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Book 12 of *De Trinitate*." In *Augustine's* On the Trinity*: A Companion*, edited by Thomas Clemmons and John C. Cavadini. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press (*forthcoming*)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Florian Klug, *Beyond the Visible Church: The Motif of the* ecclesia ab Abel *from Augustine to James Alison*, *Theologische Revue* (*forthcoming*)

TRANSLATIONS

Three Pseudo-Bernardine Works. Edited by Ann Astell and Joseph Wawrykow. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2018 (As Member of the *Catena Scholarium* translating team at the University of Notre Dame)

Aelred of Rievaulx, The Liturgical Sermons: The Durham and Lincoln Collections, Sermons 47–83. Translated by Kathryn Krug, Lewis White, and the *Catena Scholarium*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2018 (As Member of the *Catena Scholarium* translating team at the University of Notre Dame)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Zeno of Verona," in *Reception of the Bible in Early Christianity*, ed. Jeffrey Bingham et al. (Brill/de Gruyter) (Invited article contributor; In progress for submission May 2026)

"Leporius," in *Reception of the Bible in Early Christianity*, ed. Jeffrey Bingham et al. (Brill/de Gruyter) (Invited article contributor; In progress for submission May 2026)

Conference Presentations

"Origen and the Epistemic Transformation of the Biblical Wisdom Tradition," Accepted for presentation at Colloquium Origenianum Quartum Decimum: Origen and the Development of Christian Thought, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, August 10–14, 2026

"The Word Made Flesh: The Incarnation in Augustine's *De Trinitate* and *In Iohannis Euangelium Tractatus*." Presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2025

"A Culture of the Word: The Place of Theology in UD's Liberal Education." Presented at "On the Pursuit of Wisdom, Truth and Virtue as the Ends of Liberal Education and How It's Done at UD" Conference, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX, March 7–8, 2025

"Christ the Way: Augustine and Aquinas on the Meaning of the Incarnation." Presented at the "Aquinas at 800" Conference, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, September 25, 2024

"From Peace to Vision: Nature and Grace in Augustine's Developing Exegesis of the Beatitudes." Presented at the 19th International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 6, 2024.

"Exegesis and Eloquence: Augustine and the Persuasive Art of Scriptural Interpretation." Presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2024

"A Unified Scriptural Dialogue: Aquinas, Augustine, and Chrysostom on the Gospel of John." Presented at "Aquinas After 750 Years: Still the Common Doctor?" Conference, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C., September 15, 2023

"Christology and Grace in Augustine's Homilies on the Gospel of John." Presented at the Tenth Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, St. Louis, June 13, 2023

"Augustine's Biblical Christology: Re-reading the *In Iohannis Evangelium Tractatus."* Presented at the 18th International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 21, 2019

"An Inculturated *Introduction*: Reintroducing Christianity in the Context of U.S. Hispanic Catholicism." Presented at the "Ratzinger's *Introduction to Christianity* at 50" Conference, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, November 4, 2018

"Preaching the Fourfold Gospel: Augustine's Exegetical Method in the *Sermones ad populum*." Presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 25, 2018

"Augustine's Influence on the Developing Theology of the Gifts and Beatitudes: A Medieval Reception History." Presented at the Pinckaers Symposium, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, May 7, 2018

"'De humilitate Christi loquor': Augustine's Preaching on the Union of Natures in his *In Iohannis Evangelium Tractatus*." Presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 27, 2017.

"Augustine and Aquinas on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit." Presented at the 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 13, 2017

Conference Panels Organized

"The Credibility of Faith: Reconsidering Patristic Arguments." North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 21–23, 2026

"Augustine's *De Trinitate*: Theological Questions." North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2025

Invited Lectures & Symposia Participation

"Preaching the Word of Truth: Evangelization According to Augustine of Hippo." 25th Annual Augustinian Address, Diocese of St. Augustine, Florida (August 28, 2024)

Response to James K. Lee's Paper "The Eucharistic Ecclesiology of Ignatius of Antioch." Presented at the Second Century Seminar, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX, April 11, 2025

Co-Organizer and Discussion Leader, Theology Faculty Symposia on Augustine's *De doctrina Christiana* (March 2025–October 2025; Four sessions)

"Christ, the Sun of Justice: Patristic Meditations on the Light of the World." Mall Talk as part of the Solar Eclipse event, "Out of the Darkness and Into the Light." (April 8, 2024)

"Synodality and the Ecclesiology of Vatican II (*Communio*)." Presentation as part of the Diocese of Dallas Synod Speaker Series (March 28, 2023)

"The Tempest." Invited Faculty Book Discussion Panelist, University of Dallas (August 2021)

Grants and Awards

Project Team for University of Notre Dame *New Horizons* Program, funded by $5 million Lilly Endowment grant (July 2026–present)

Leadership Team for University of Dallas collaboration in Lilly Endowment $10 million CENTERS grant (Catholic Education Network to Enact and Resource Synodality) (February 2025–June 2026)

Haggar Scholar Award for Faculty Development (University of Dallas, 2024)

Haggar Scholar Award for Faculty Development (University of Dallas, 2020)

Academic Service

University of Notre Dame

Advisory Council Member for the McGrath Institute for Church Life and the Center for Social Concerns (2020–2023)

University of Dallas

Director of the Graduate Programs in Ministry, Braniff Graduate School (August 2022–June 2026)

Co-Director of the Undergraduate Pastoral Ministry Concentration, Constantin College of Liberal Arts (August 2022–June 2026)

Faculty Advisor to Undergraduate Theology majors (15+ students) (August 2022–June 2026)

Member of the Braniff Graduate Curriculum Committee (August 2022–June 2026)

Member of the University of Dallas Excellence in eLearning Advisory Committee (January 2022–June 2026)

Member of the Constantin College of Liberal Arts (Undergraduate) Committee on Academic Discipline (August 2025–June 2026)

Member of Grant Committee for *Sacred Shifts: Guiding Christian Adults Toward a Purposeful Second Career in Faith Leadership*, Neuhoff Institute for Ministry and Evangelization (April 2024–June 2026)

Faculty Grader for Comprehensive Exams (Graduate and Undergraduate) in Department of Theology (2023–2026)

Faculty Grader for Annotated Bibliography for Graduate Ministry programs (2019–2023)

Resident Assistant Faculty Mentor (August 2023–May 2024)

Member of the Search Committee for the Executive Director of the Neuhoff Institute for Ministry and Evangelization (June 2021–January 2022)

Member of the Search Committee for the Director of the Homiletics Institute (April 2020–September 2021)

Member of the Joint Committee on Ministry Education (August 2019–August 2021)

Member of the Committee on Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid (August 2019–August 2021)

Member of the Neuhoff School of Ministry Committee for Online Course Review and Redevelopment (November 2019–May 2020)

Bibliographer for the Neuhoff School of Ministry, 2020

Professional Associations

North American Patristics Society (2017–Present)

Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry (Institutional; 2019–Present)

National Association of Catholic Chaplains (Institutional; 2019–2026)

Service to the Church

Member of the Synod Implementation Commission for the Diocese of Dallas [https://synod.cathdal.org/commission/] (January 2025–June 2026)

- Appointed by Bishop Edward Burns
- Sub-commission on Pastoral Letter Drafting
- Sub-commission on Communications
- Sub-commission on Outcome Tracking
- Pastoral Initiative Launch Team Member (Lay Formation, Clergy Formation and Wellness)

Invited participant at the "Jubilee of Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies," Paul VI Audience Hall, Vatican City (October 24–26, 2025)

Invited Observer at the Diocese of Dallas Synod 2024 Meeting (December 1–4, 2024)

Invited Member of the Synod Resolution Writing Committee for the Diocese of Dallas Synod (December 2023–May 2024)

Lector, St. Joseph's Parish, South Bend, IN (2014–2019)

Hospitality Minister, St. Joseph's Parish, South Bend, IN (2013–2019)

RCIA Team Member, St. Joseph's Parish, South Bend, IN (2013–2016)

Confirmation Preparation Team Member, St. Joseph's Parish, South Bend, IN (2013–2016)

First Communion Preparation Catechist, St. Joseph's Parish, South Bend, IN (2014–2015)

Popular Theological Lectures and Essays

"Augustine and Evangelization," Conference for the Dominican Novices, St. Albert the Great Priory & Novitiate, Irving, TX (May 1, 2025)

"Foreword," in Fr. Leon Ngandu, SVD, *The Divine Word: The Liturgical Weekly Bible Study on the Sunday Mass Readings*, Vols. 1 and 2 (2024, 2025)

"Marian Devotion." Talk given for FOCUS Summer Projects, Big Sky, MT (July 2023)

"The Trinity." Talk given for FOCUS Summer Projects, Boyne Mountain, MI (June 2023)

"Purgatory." Talk given for Theology on Tap, Young Adults Group of Mater Dei Parish, Dallas, TX (May 2022)

"Ordinary Holiness." Blog Post for the Catholic Apostolate Center's *Ad Infinitum* Blog (August 19, 2021)

"The Heart of the Incarnate God." Blog Post for the Catholic Apostolate Center's *Ad Infinitum* Blog (June 10, 2021)

"Indulgences: Encountering the Mercy of God." Blog Post for the Neuhoff School of Ministry's *Neuhoff Musings* Blog (April 6, 2020)

"Augustine: Seeker, Sage, and Saint." Talk given to the University of Texas at Dallas Newman Catholic Ministry (February 23, 2020)

Languages

Reading: Ancient Greek, Latin, German, French

Spoken: Italian (Conversational), Spanish (Conversational)