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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Systematic Theology, Boston College, 2008**
Doctoral Thesis: 'Sacrifice, Grace, and Contemplative Prayer in
Maurice de la Taille, S.J. (1872-1933)'
Advisors: Sarah Coakley and John Baldovin, S.J.
- S.T.L. Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, 2001**
Thesis: 'The Eighth Day: Rediscovering the Sacramentality of Time'
- M.A. University of Notre Dame, 1989**
English Literature
- M.A. University of Chicago Divinity School, 1986**
Religion & Literature
- A.B. Occidental College, 1984**
Majors: Religious Studies, English Literature
Honors Thesis: 'Theories on the Soul: Origin and Destiny'

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH

Sacramental and Liturgical Theology
Literature and Theology
Christian Spirituality
Ecclesiology
Thomas Aquinas

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught at the Graduate Level:
Introduction to Christian Liturgy
Eucharist
Sacramental Theology
The Liturgical Year
Ecclesiology: People of God, Body of Christ
The Carmelite Spiritual Tradition
Christian Rites and Sacraments

Courses taught at the Undergraduate Level:

2025-present: University of Notre Dame
Foundations in Christian Theology

2014-2024: University of Mary, Bismarck, ND
Introduction to Christian Theology
Christian Spirituality: Four Traditions
Romano Guardini
Dante's *Divine Comedy*
Theology and the Literary Imagination: An Anatomy of Envy
Saint Thomas Aquinas, the Angelic Doctor
Sacred Tradition
Ecclesiology
Liturgical Theology
Liturgical Celebration
Eucharist

Sacramental Theology
Dante and Thomas Aquinas
Search for God: The Catholic Vision
Benedict: Yesterday and Today
Interdisciplinary Honors Program, Fall 2014-present

2011-2014: Providence College, Providence, R.I. (Adjunct Assistant Professor)

Development of Western Civilization (Honors)
Foundations in Theology
Church in Today's World
Growth in Christian Life

2009-2010: Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA (Visiting Professor)

Introduction to Christian Theology
Word, Wine, and Water
Eucharistic Theology Seminar

2008-2009: Saint Patrick's Seminary and University, Menlo Park, CA

Introduction to Christian Liturgy
Eucharist
Sacramental Theology
The Liturgical Year

2006-2007: Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Exploring Catholicism: Tradition and Transformation

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Sacrifice as Gift: Eucharist, Grace, and Contemplation in Maurice de la Taille. The Catholic University of America Press, 2012

Peer-reviewed essays:

"The Justice of Christ Become Fruitful": Thomas Aquinas and Romano Guardini on the *Iustitia* of Worship,' *Antiphon*, 20:2, 2016

"De la Taille's *Mysterium Fidei*: Eucharistic sacrifice and nouvelle théologie," in *New Blackfriars*, 94:1053, September 2013

"Narrative of Suffering: Complimentary Reflections of Theological Anthropology in Johannes Baptist Metz and Elie Wiesel," *Religion and Literature*, 18.2

Invited essays, articles:

"Maurice de la Taille's *Mysterium Fidei*: A Precursor of Liturgical Renewal" *The Adoremus Bulletin*, March 2022

'Foreword' in David Meconi's *Christ Alive in Me: Living as a Member of the Mystical Body*, Emmaus Road Publishing, 2021

"The Style of the Liturgy: Heaven in a Grain of Incense," in *The Seven Gifts of The Spirit of the Liturgy*. Ed. by Christopher Carstens, Ignatius Press, 2020

"Romano Guardini's The Spirit of the Liturgy: A Question of Style." *The Adoremus Bulletin*, May 2018

"Sacrifice," in *The Cambridge Companion to Religion and Literature*, Cambridge University Press, 2016

“Divine excess and hidden grandeur: Divinization in the French School of Spirituality,” in *Called to be Children of God: Deification in the Catholic Tradition*, eds. David Meconi, S.J., and Carl E. Olson, Ignatius Press, 2016

Book Reviews:

Balthasar and Prayer, Travis LaCouter (T&T Clark, 2021), forthcoming, *Syndicate Theology Symposium Christian Flesh*, Paul J. Griffiths (Stanford University Press, 2018) in *Pro Ecclesia*, Vol. 30:4, Nov. 2021
Liturgy as Revelation: Re-Sourcing a Theme, Philip Caldwell (Fortress Press, 2014) in *Journal of Theological Studies*, Volume 68, Issue 2, 1 October 2017, 849-851
Decreation: The Last Things of all Creatures, Paul Griffiths (Baylor, 2014) in *Christianity and Literature*, Vol. 66 no. 1 Dec 2016, 183-187
Speaking of God in Thomas Aquinas and Meister Eckhart: Beyond Analogy, Anastasia Wendlinder, (Ashgate, 2014), in *Journal of Theological Studies*, (2017) 68 (1): 395-398
Sacrifice and Modern Thought, eds. Julia Meszaros and Johannes Zachhuber (Oxford University Press, 2012), in *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oct. 2014), 65:817-820

PAPER PRESENTATIONS and INVITED LECTURES

“Dante and Envy: The Death of Charity and The Hope of Conversion,” DiNicola Center for Culture and Ethics at the University of Notre Dame, Conference: Ever Ancient, Ever New: The Catholic Imagination, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2024.
“Retrieving Sacrificial Oblation: Proposals and Obstacles,” Academy of Catholic Theology, Washington D.C., 21-23 May 2024.
“Eucharist: A Remedy for Envy,” Society for Catholic Liturgy Annual Meeting, St Paul MN, 21-22 September 2023.
Keynote Address: “The Sacrifice of Worship,” Sacred Music Institute Annual Meeting, Mt. Saint Mary’s Seminary and University, Cincinnati OH, 20-22 July 2022
“Eucharistic Liturgy and its End(s): What can we legitimately desire in and from the liturgy?” Society for Catholic Liturgy Annual Meeting, Notre Dame, IN, 23-25 September, 2021
Week-long course on Sacramental Theology, 3-7 May 2021. Mount St. Mary’s Abbey, Wrentham, MA
‘Eucharistic Sacrifice in Maurice de la Taille: Does it (still) matter in today’s Church?’, Society for Catholic Liturgy, International Webinar Presentation, 14 April 2021, 3-4:15pm
‘Paying attention and the synthetic impulse: Kent Haruf’s Re-education of the senses and heart,’ Kent Haruf Literary Celebration, Salida, Colorado, 22-24 September 2017
Plenary Paper: “Eucharist: The *incunabulum* of the Heavenly Jerusalem,” Academy of Catholic Theology, Washington D.C., 23-25 May 2017
Plenary Address: The Divine Liturgy: ‘The justice of Christ become fruitful’, Society for Catholic Liturgy, New York City, Oct. 1-3, 2015
‘The Twentieth-Century Sea-Change in Eucharistic Theology: Maurice de la Taille’s *Mysterium Fide*,’ The Catholic Theological Society of America, Saint Louis, June 2012
‘Jean-Pierre de Caussade’s *Abandon à la providence divine*: the ‘short’ and ‘easy’ path to sanctity?’ Catholic Theological Society of America, 2011
‘The Necessity of Sacrifice: Contemplation and the Oblation of Desire’ American Academy of Religion, National Meeting, San Diego, November 2007
‘Milton’s Unconditional Incarnation: A Model for Contemporary Christology?’ American Academy of Religion, National Meeting, Anaheim, 1989
‘Intentional Creation and Beginning: It Matters,’ American Academy of Religion, National Meeting, Chicago, 1988
‘Theodicy and the Process Critique: A Possible Response,’ American Academy of Religion, Regional Meeting, Bloomington, 1987

GRANTS

July 2015, *Fides et ratio* Institute Seminar Participant. Saint Patrick’s Seminary, Menlo Park, CA
August 2013 & 2014, Participant in the (Templeton) Analytical Theology Workshop, Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX

2011-2013 Mullins Fellow. 'Generations in Dialogue: The Vocation of the Theologian,' Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
September 2011 and 2013, The USCCB initiative for Catholic Scholars: 'The Intellectual Tasks of the New Evangelization', Washington D.C.
2005, Ernest Fortin Dissertation Research Grant

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Academy of Catholic Theology (2017--present)
Society for Catholic Liturgy (2015-present); Board Member, 2016-2019
Catholic Theological Society of America (2010-2015)
Co-Chair of Thomas Aquinas Interest Group (2013-2015)

VARIA

Manuscript Evaluation, Catholic University of America, 2019-present
"Baptism: The Forgotten Sacrament," Young Adult Spiritual Formation, St. Mary's Parish, Bismarck, ND, 18 February 2023
"Overcoming Baptismal Amnesia," Diocesan Women's Retreat, 2 April 2022 (Bismarck ND)
Deaconate Formation, *Eucharistic Spirituality Retreat*, January 2020 (Assumption Abbey, ND)
Deaconate Formation, Presentations in January and February of 2017, Bismarck Diocese.
'*Sacrosanctum Concilium* and the Liturgical Movement', video presentation for the Archdiocese of Boston, February 2013
'*Sacrosanctum Concilium*: Fifty Years Later', Presentation at St Pius V, Providence, RI, 8 Nov., 2012
'Lenten Fasting', Lecture for St. Leo's Parish in Agua Caliente, Calif., 8 February 2008
Parish Minister: Liturgy Coördinator and Mystagogia Instructor (RCIA), St Vincent de Paul Parish, Petaluma, CA, 1994-2000
Assistant Winemaker and Viticulturist, Marcassin Vineyards, Windsor, CA, 1994-2001
'Introduction to Moral Theology', Lecture for Adult Education at Resurrection Parish in Santa Rosa, CA, 1992