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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2020 **Ph.D. Theology. University of Notre Dame.**

FULL-TIME FACULTY POSITIONS

2025 Assistant Professor of the Practice of Theology. Boston College.
2024-2025 Msgr. Tinder (Class of 1964) Morrison Professor of Catholic Intellectual Tradition.
 Mount St. Mary's University.
2022-2024 Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology. Mount St. Mary's University.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Forthcoming *Theology, Religion, and Anime (Theology, Religion, and Pop Culture Series).*
 Editor. Bloomsbury Press. With David Armstrong.
2022 *The Spiritual Diary of Fr. Sergius Bulgakov, 1924-1925.* Edited, introduced, and
 translated. Angelico Press. With Mark Roosien.
2021 Sergius Bulgakov. *The Sophiology of Death: Essays on Eschatology: Personal,*
 Political, Universal. Introduced and translated. Cascade Books.

Refereed Journal Articles

Forthcoming "The End of the Incarnation: Iconic Christology and Ecclesiology
 in Theodore the Studite." *Liturgy*.
2023 "Pelagianism *Redivivus*: The Free Will Theodicy for Hell, Divine
 Transcendence, and the End of Classical Theism." *Modern Theology*.
2020 "Divine Drama or Divine Disclosure? Hell, Universalism, and
 a Parting of the Ways." *Modern Theology* 36, No. 1, 201-210.
2019 "'Augustine and Predestination' by Sergius Bulgakov." Translation. *Journal of*
 Orthodox Christian Studies. Vol. 2.1, 65-99.
2018 "Anselmian Apocatastasis: The Fitting Necessity of Universal Salvation in
 Anselm's *Cur Deus Homo*." *Scottish Journal of Theology*. Vol. 71.2, 142-158.
2016 "(Re)-Writing Icons: Picturing Icon Theology Anew." *Logos: A Journal of*
 Eastern Christian Studies. Vol. 57, Nos. 1-4, 145-148.
2016 "The Fork in the (Final) Road: Universalist and Annihilationist Eschatologies and
 What Ultimately Divides Them." *Pro Ecclesia* XXV, No. 3, 315-320.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “The Last Temptation of St. Anselm: Humility, Self-Will, and the Limits of Obedience in Eadmer’s *Vita Anselmi*.” *Eadmer*. Editors Sally Vaughn, C.C. Rozier, Giles Gasper, and J. P. Harrinton. Brill.
- 2015 “The Weak God of the Gospels: Mercy, Mysticism, and Martyrdom in Origen’s *Contra Celsum*.” *Sacred Scripture and Secular Struggles*. Editor David Vincent Meconi, SJ. Brill.

Book Reviews and Symposia

- 2024 Joseph K. Gordon, *Divine Scripture in Human Understanding* (UND Press, 2019) in *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies* Vol. 13, No. 1, 71-74.
- 2023 Curator for Joseph K. Gordon’s *Divine Scripture in Human Understanding* (UND Press, 2019).
- 2019 Robert F. Slesinski, *The Theology of Sergius Bulgakov* (SVS Press, 2017) in *International Journal of Systematic Theology* Vol. 21, No. 4, 457-460.

Popular Writing

Print

- 2024 “The Spirit of the *Grand Inquisitor*.” *The Wheel*.
- 2021 “What We’ve Been Missing.” April issue, *Commonweal*.
- 2020 “Unwrapping Lazarus.” December issue, *Commonweal*.
- 2019 “Behold the Child.” December issue, *Commonweal*.
- 2012 “Insulted, Injured, Forgiven: Review of *The Insulted and Injured* by Fyodor Dostoevsky.” *The Living Church*.

Web-Based

- 2024 “Discernment as First Philosophy: Intellectual Conversion and the Catholic Liberal Arts.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2024 “Relativism as Lebensgefühl: Untying the Knot through Intellectual Conversion.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2024 “Teaching for Intellectual Conversion: Introductory Theology at the Level of Our Time.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2021 “Sin for Its Own Sake? The Theft of the Pears and the Divine Image in Augustine’s *Confessions*.” *Mere Orthodoxy*.
- 2021 “Is the Concept of Human Dignity Philosophically Verifiable?” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2021 Sergius Bulgakov, “Christianity and the Soul of Socialism.” Translator. *Church Life Journal*.
- 2021 “Is It Wrong to Bring Children into a Broken World? The Theological Case Against the Growing Anti-natalist Movement.” *America*.
- 2021 “The Kids Aren’t Alt-Lite.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2020 “By Man Shall His Blood Not Be Shed?” *Church Life Journal*.

- 2020 “Unwrapping Lazarus.” *Commonweal*.
- 2020 “The Good Place Wave and the Restless Heart.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2020 “Common Sense Isn’t Enough.” *Commonweal*.
- 2020 “Is Heaven Possible? The Will in Fall and Beatitude.” *Macrina Magazine*.
- 2020 “Fleabag: Fully Clothed.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2019 “Marcionism, Allegorical Exegesis, and the Question of Universal Salvation.” *Public Orthodoxy*.
- 2019 “Reading the Writing in the Dirt.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2019 “The Death Penalty and Hell: Entanglement and Evolution.” *Public Orthodoxy*.
Russian version: «*Smertny Prigovor i ad*» translated by Valentina Kurenschchikova.
- 2018 “The Digital Displacement of Transcendence.” *Church Life Journal*.
- 2015 “‘Let Our Mouth Be Filled with Your Praise’: The Liturgical Pedagogy of the Byzantine Liturgy.” *Oblation: Liturgy and Life*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY (4-3 Load)

- Spring 2025 “Human Ethics and the Common Good”
“Foundations of Theology”
- Fall 2024 “Dogma and its Development” (Senior Seminar)
“Made in God’s Image: Spirituality”
- Spring 2024 “Human Ethics and the Common Good”
“Foundations of Theology”
- Fall 2023 “Encountering Christ”
“The Brothers Karamazov” (co-taught)
- Spring 2023 “Foundations of Theology”
“Russia: Christ, Church, State”
- Fall 2022 “Encountering Christ”

SERVICE

Church and Academy

- 2025 *Lumen Christi* summer seminar: “Self-Knowledge as ‘First Philosophy’: Introducing Bernard Lonergan.” Co-taught. Boston College.
- 2025 “Universal Salvation and Scriptural Interpretation in the Early Church.” St. John’s Western Run Episcopal Church, MD. Adult Faith forum.
- 2025 “Universal Salvation/Judgment in the New Testament.” St. John’s Western Run Episcopal Church, MD. Adult Faith forum.
- 2025 “Catholic Afterlife.” St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Frederick, MD. Adult Faith Forum.
- 2025 “The Magisterium and Synodality.” St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Frederick, MD.
Adult Faith Forum.

Guild

- 2025 Blind peer review for *The Lonergan Review*
 2020 Blind peer reviewer for *Modern Theology*

MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

- 2024-2025 Msgr. Tinder (Class of 1964) Morrison Professor of Catholic Intellectual Tradition.
 Fall 2023 Presented at "Pizza Theology Discussion." "Suffering: How to Grow Spiritually in the Midst of Suffering"
 Fall 2023- Co-initiator of "*Campus Conversations*: AI Lecture Series"
 Spring 2024
 Fall 2023 Participant in the "Catholic Intellectual Tradition" Faculty Seminar
 Summer 2023 Participant in Delaplaine Seminar: "The Faith of Gen Z"
 Spring 2023 Presented at "Pizza Theology Discussion." "Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant: What's the Difference/Division?"
 Fall 2022 Represented Theology department at Fall Open House

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**Organizer**

- 2022 *Sergius Bulgakov: Spiritual Diary: Online Conference* [Zoom]. August 13th.
 2021 *Lonergan and Human Consciousness*. December 3rd-4th.
 2021 *The Sophiology of Death: Online Conference* [Zoom]. August 14th.

Organized Lectures**(Msgr. Tinder Chair of Catholic Intellectual Tradition)**

- 2025 "The Future of Hell: That This Doctrine Developed, and How It Might Still." With Dr. Jordan Daniel Wood. Mount St. Mary's University.
 2024 "A Sign of Contradiction? The Problem of Christianity in American Politics." With Dr. Jeremy Wilkins. Mount St. Mary's University.
 2024 "Healing and Reintegrating after Incarceration." With Fr. Dustin Feddon of Joseph House and Andra' Robinson. Mount St. Mary's University.

Invited Presentations

- 2024 "Creating is Not Free Choosing: Dismantling an Analogy." With Matthew Z. Vale. Fellowship of Scholars at Mount Angel Abbey and Seminar.
 2022 "*Necesse Creare*: An Argument that God Necessarily Creates." With Matthew Z. Vale. Lonergan Fellows Meeting, Boston College.
 2022 "The Controversy over Recent Catholic Doctrinal Development on the Death Penalty and the Question of Scriptural Foundations." Lonergan Workshop, Boston College.
 2021 "The Eternal Eucharist: Sophia and Deification in Bulgakov's *The Eucharistic Sacrifice*." *The Eucharistic Sacrifice: Online Conference* [Zoom].
 2021 "*Insight* Among Friends." Lonergan Workshop, Boston College.

- 2021 (Keynote) “The Sophia Affair: What They Argued About and Why It Still Matters.” Correlating Sophiology: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Sergii Bulgakov’s *Sophia: the Wisdom of God*.

Accepted Papers

- 2025 “The Freedom of the Theologian as a Precondition for Doctrinal Development: Catholic Teaching on Slavery as Case Study.” AAR, Ecclesiological Investigations Unit.
- 2025 “Method in Magisterium: Normative Magisterial Performance and the Church’s Doctrinal Development.” Lonergan Workshop.
- 2024 “Is ‘Human Dignity’ Philosophically Verifiable? A Lonerganian Approach through Interiority.” Lonergan Workshop.
- 2021 “Is Christianity a Religion of Fear? Berdyaev, Balthasar, and Hart on the Question of Hell.” AAR, Joint Session with the Christian Systematic Theology Unit and the Eastern Orthodox Unit.
- 2021 “Human Dignity After the Death of Metaphysics.” deNicola Center for Ethics and Culture.
- 2019 “The Specter of History in Nikephoros’ Iconophile Apologetic: A Case Study in Theological Method.” University of Chicago-Notre Dame Joint Graduate Student Conference.
- 2018 “Kenotic Iconology in Theodore the Studite.” AAR, Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit.
- 2018 “Take Up and Read (Again): Biography, Exegesis, and the Unity of Augustine’s *Confessions*.” North American Patristics Society.
- 2018 “St. Anselm on Christ in Gethsemane: Patristic Roots and Transformations.” St. Anselm of Aosta, Bec, and Canterbury: Theologian, Statesman, Administrator, Pastor.
- 2017 “The Last Temptation of St. Anselm: Eadmer’s *Life* and the Limits of Obedience.” The Anselm Conference at the Institute for Saint Anselm Studies.

PODCASTS

- 2025 “Universalism as a Doctrine.” *The Bible for Normal People*.
- 2023 “Bulgakov Booth, Pt. 4: Bulgakov the Man, Priest, and Theologian.” *The Theology Mill*.

INVITED WEBINARS

- 2023 “Universal Salvation Is Not Modern.” *The Bible for Normal People*, “Summer School Lecture Series.”
- 2020 “Wisdom, Be Attentive! Bulgakov’s Sophiology and the Wisdom of God. Greystone Online Postgraduate Seminar Series

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2021 Lonergan Fellow at *The Lonergan Institute* at Boston College.

LANGUAGES

English - Native

Spanish - Native oral and reading proficiency

Russian - Good oral proficiency; excellent reading proficiency

German - intermediate oral proficiency; dictionary-aided reading ability

French - Dictionary-aided reading ability

Italian - Dictionary-aided reading ability

Ancient Greek - Dictionary-aided reading ability

Latin - Dictionary-aided reading ability

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