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## EDUCATION

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- PhD** Boston College, Theology September 2006  
Dissertation: “The Epiphany of Being: Trinitarian *Analogia Entis* and the Transcendentals in Hans Urs von Balthasar”  
Committee: Robert Imbelli (chair), Edward Oakes, SJ, Matthew Lamb
- MA** Catholic University of America, Philosophy May 1998  
Thesis: “Measure and Mediation in Jean-Luc Marion and Maximus the Confessor”  
Advisor: John McCarthy
- BA** University of Dallas, Theology May 1995  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude / highest GPA of class (3.997)  
Concentrations in Medieval/Renaissance Studies, Foreign Languages

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Books*

*Body and Identity: A History of the Empty Self*. South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2025.

*Contraception and Catholicism: What the Church Teaches and Why*. Boston: Pauline Books and Media, 2013.

*Margaret Sanger’s Eugenic Legacy: The Control of Female Fertility*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland and Co. Publishers, 2005.

*The Epiphany of Being: Trinitarian Analogia Entis and the Transcendentals in Hans Urs von Balthasar*. Word on Fire Academic, awaiting proofreading, publication date October 2026.

*Mission-Existence: A Theology of the Body and Identity*. In process (2/3 finished).

*Post-Modernity and Metaphysics*. In process (four chapters completed; introduction and conclusion remain).

### ***Edited Books***

*Catholic Thought and Gender Ideology*, edited by Paul Allen and Angela Franks, forthcoming (accepted pending revisions with the Catholic University of America Press).

### ***Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications***

“Christian Metaphysics and Human Identity.” *Modern Theology*, Christian Humanism symposium. Submitted; awaiting editing.

“The Analogous and Subsisting Person: An Exercise in Theological Anthropology.” *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, John Betz symposium. Published online July 2025; awaiting print publication.

“The Marks of the Body.” *Pro Ecclesia*, accepted, awaiting page proofs.

“Identity and the Trinitarian *Imago*.” *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 23, no. 2 (2025): 523–50.

“Grasping the Form: A Proposal for Contemplative and Synthetic Systematic Theology.” *The New Ressourcement* 1, no. 1 (2024): 204–31.

“Tract 13: Confession: Tracts for the Times.” *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 21, no. 4 (2023): 1115–22.

“Christ as the Way of Synodality.” *The Thomist* 87 (2023): 255–70.

“Mary as Exemplar of the Body’s Poverty.” *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 20, no. 4 (2022): 1097–118. Reprinted and shortened as “Mary’s Poverty, An Example of a Misogynistic Ecclesial Agenda?” [Church Life Journal](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), December 15, 2021 (online).

“Thomistic-Balthasarian Comments on Thomas Joseph White, OP, *The Incarnate Lord*.” *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 20, no. 2 (Spring 2022): 575–600.

“Deleuze, Balthasar, and John Paul II on the Aesthetics of the Body.” *Theological Studies* 81, no. 3 (December 2020): 649–70.

“A Wojtylian Reading of Performativity and the Self in Judith Butler.” *Christian Bioethics* 26, no. 3 (December 2020): 221–42.

“Liquidity: Man, the Triune God, and the Eucharistic Christ.” [Communio](#) 46, no. 3–4 (Fall–Winter 2019): 585–619.

“End-less and Self-Referential Desire: Toward an Understanding of Contemporary Sexuality.” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 18, no. 4 (Winter 2018): 629–46.

“Thinking the Embodied Person with Karol Wojtyła.” *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 16, no. 1 (Spring 2018): 141–71.

“Trinitarian *Analogia entis* in Hans Urs von Balthasar.” *The Thomist* 62 (1998): 533–59.

### **Book Chapters**

“Forgotten and Resurgent Being: Rehabilitating Substance-Metaphysics in a Post-Modern Age.” In *What Would Aquinas Do?* Edited by Michael Dauphinais, Michael Sherwin, and Roger Nutt, paper accepted, awaiting edits.

“Rahner and Ratzinger on the Trinity.” In *Rahner and Ratzinger*, edited by Matthew Levering, paper accepted, awaiting edits.

“Disordered Desire and Contraception.” In *Humanae Vitae and Catholic Sexual Morality: A Response to the Pontifical Academy for Life’s Etica teologica della Vita*, edited by Robert L. Fastiggi and Matthew Levering. Washington, DC: Sapientia Press of Ave Maria University, 2024. 262–77.

“John Paul II’s Metaphysics of Labor.” In *Holiness through Work: Commemorating the Encyclical Laborem Exercens*, edited by Martin Schlag. South Bend, Ind.: St. Augustine Press, 2022. 60–77. Reprinted as “New Aesthetic Vistas on the Metaphysics of Labor,” [Church Life Journal](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), March 28, 2023 (online).

“The Mission and Person of Christ and the Christian in Hans Urs von Balthasar.” In *The Center is Jesus Christ Himself: Essays on Revelation, Salvation, and Evangelization in Honor of Robert P. Imbelli*, edited by Andrew Meszaros. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2021. 272–99.

Foreword to the new edition of Hans Urs von Balthasar, *A Short Primer for Unsettled Laymen*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2020.

“A Body of Work: Labor and Culture in Karol Wojtyła.” In *Leisure and Labor*, edited by Anthony Coleman. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield, 2019. 127–40. Reprinted as “JP2’s Labor on Marx.” [Church Life Journal](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), Aug. 19, 2019 (online).

“The Joy of Giving: Church Teaching on Contraception.” In *Women, Sex, and the Church*, edited by Erika Bachiochi. Boston: Pauline Books and Media, 2010. Reprinted as “*Humanae Vitae* in Light of the War on Female Fertility,” June 24,

2018, and “Is There an Escape from the Evils of a Contracepting Society?” June 25, 2018, [Church Life Journal](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), online.

“Essence, Generation, and Symbol: A Theology of Sexed Difference and Gender.” In *Catholic Thought and Gender Ideology*, edited by Paul Allen and Angela Franks (accepted by the Catholic University of America Press pending revisions).

“Gender and Sexuality.” In *Oxford Handbook on Theological Anthropology*, edited by Ashley John Moyse. Oxford: Oxford University Press (awaiting editing).

### **Conference Papers (Peer-Reviewed)**

“The Body, Alienation, and Gift in Marx and Wojtyła,” Proceedings of The Heart of Work, Oct. 19–20, 2017. In *Pensando il Lavoro*, edited by Giorgio Faro, vol. II/5. Rome: Edizioni Università Santa Croce, 2017. 223–37.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Margaret M. Turek, *Atonement: Soundings in Biblical, Trinitarian, and Spiritual Theology*. In *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 22, no. 4 (Fall 2024): 1429–34.

Review of Ariel Sabar, *Veritas: A Harvard Professor, a Con Man, and the Gospel of Jesus’s Wife*. In [Catholic World Report](#), September 16, 2023.

Review of Matthew Levering, *The Achievement of Hans Urs von Balthasar*. In *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 19, no. 4 (Fall 2021): 1403–7.

Review of Thomas Petri, OP, *Aquinas and the Theology of the Body: The Thomistic Foundations of John Paul II’s Anthropology*. In *Nova et Vetera* (English ed.) 17, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 305–9.

Review of Lara Marks, *Sexual Chemistry: A History of the Contraceptive Pill*. In *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 3, no. 2 (Summer 2003): 426–27.

Book review of Donald Critchlow, *Intended Consequences: Birth Control, Abortion, and the Federal Government in Modern America*. In *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 3, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 215–16.

### **Selected Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications**

“Louis Althusser’s Nonexistence.” [Church Life Journal](#), June 30, 2025 (online).

“John Paul II’s Exploration of the Full Personhood of Women.” [Church Life Journal](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), March 24, 2025 (online).

“Integrating Sex: Why We Hunger for Affirmation of Our Bodies.” [\*Fairer Disputations\*](#), July 14, 2023 (online).

“Judith Butler’s Trouble.” [\*First Things\*](#), May 2023.

“In the Swarm: The Liturgy and Liquid Identity.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), January 12, 2023 (online).

“Why Does Higher Ed Throw Women Under the Bus?” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), September 15, 2022 (online).

“John Paul II’s Theology of the Body and the Gift of Children.” [\*Chicago Studies\*](#) 60, no. 1 (Fall 2021/Winter 2022): 55–61.

“Biopower’s Scapegoating of the Female Body.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), September 2, 2022 (online).

“What Secularization Did to the Self.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), January 17, 2022 (online).

“Identity: A History of An Idea.” [\*Humanum Review\*](#) (John Paul II Institute, Washington, D.C., online), Issue 1, September 2021 (online).

“Modernity’s Feasting on Fluid Bodies and Empty Selves.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), September 15, 2021 (online).

“The Body as a Formed Stream.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), August 10, 2021 (online).

“Consumerism and the Liquefaction of Desire.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), July 6, 2021 (online).

“The Fallout from the 20th Century Quarrel Over the Subject.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), March 16, 2021 (online).

“Foucault’s Principalities and Powers.” [\*First Things\*](#), March 2021.

“The Body as Totem in the Asexual Revolution.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), January 21, 2021 (online).

“The Plane Where Nietzsche and Jane Austen Meet.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), December 15, 2020 (online).

“The Blood of Dionysius or the Vineyard of the Lord?” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), Nov. 4, 2020 (online).

“Deleuze on Desire.” [\*First Things\*](#), April 2020 (no. 302), 37-42.

“The Feminine Mystique Revisited.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), March 9, 2020 (online).

“Andrea Long Chu Says You Are a Female, and He’s Only Partly Wrong.” [\*Public Discourse\*](#), Dec. 10, 2019 (online).

“Eberstadt on Eberstadt: Identity Politics’ Roots in Secularization.” [\*Public Discourse\*](#), Oct. 15, 2019 (online).

“Self-Centeredness Isn’t Narcissism’s Central Problem.” [\*Church Life Journal\*](#) (University of Notre Dame McGrath Institute), April 23, 2019 (online).

“The Starved Body: Anorexia and the Fracture Within the Self.” [\*Humanum Review\*](#) (John Paul II Institute, Washington, D.C.), Issue 4, March 13, 2019 (online).

“Sex, Fear, and Idolatry.” Review of R. Marie Griffith, *Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians and Fractured American Politics*. In [\*First Things\*](#), August 14, 2018 (online).

“What’s a Body For?” [\*Plough Quarterly\*](#), Summer 2018 (issue 17), 38–43.

“#MeToo Shows the Dangers of ‘End-less’ Sex. ‘Humanae Vitae’ Shows the Way Forward.” [\*America Magazine\*](#), April 17, 2018 (online).

“Consent is Not Enough: Harvey Weinstein, Sex, and Human Flourishing.” [\*Public Discourse\*](#), November 26, 2017 (online).

“Women, the Pill, and the Sexual Revolution.” Review of Jonathan Eig, *The Birth of the Pill*. In [\*Public Discourse\*](#), January 8, 2015 (online).

*Magnificat*: “In the Company of Women,” November 2013 and September 2015; meditations in *Profiles of Faith* (2013); and meditations in *Lenten Companion* (2011).

“A Life of Passion: Progressive Eugenics and Planned Parenthood.” Review of Jean Baker, *Margaret Sanger: A Life of Passion*. In [\*Public Discourse\*](#), January 4, 2012 (online).

“The Eugenically Driven Female Spirit: Rhetorical Continuity from Margaret Sanger to Today.” *Association for Interdisciplinary Research into Values and Social Change Newsletter* 18 (1), Winter 2005: 1–8.

“Bibliographic Resources for Eugenics and the Birth Control Movement.” *The Mendel Newsletter: Archival Resources for the History of Genetics and Allied Sciences*, new series no. 9 (January 2000): 2–6.

“An Excuse for Bigotry? Religious Freedom and Sexual Morality.” In *Religious Freedom* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Press ([published online](#); awaiting print publication)).

Blog, [www.AngelaFranks.com](http://www.AngelaFranks.com), 2013–present.

Blog, St. Joseph’s College, 2012–2015.

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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### *Invited Keynote Addresses*

“Church Teaching on Women” Keynote, True Genius conference, McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, March 25, 2025.

“Forgotten and Resurgent Being: Rehabilitating Substance-Metaphysics in a Post-Modern Age,” What Would Aquinas Do? conference, Ave Maria University, Jan. 30–Feb. 1, 2025.

“Metaphysics of Gender,” Man, Woman, and the Order of Creation conference, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Oct. 24–26, 2024.

“Rahner and Ratzinger on the Trinity,” Rahner and Ratzinger: Contrasting Visions conference, Mundelein Seminary, Sept. 5–7, 2024.

“The Marks of the Body,” *Pro Ecclesia* 2024 Conference, Beeson Divinity School, June 11, 2024.

“Is Modern Identity Really Progress?” Veritas Conference, Humanities Program at Providence College, April 19–20, 2024.

“Gender: What’s True, What’s False, and Why Does It Matter,” Thomas Lecture in Philosophy and Theology, Saint Meinrad Seminary, March 14, 2024.

Seminar on the theme “Remaining Human: Humanity at the Limits of Science and Religion,” Nova Forum for Catholic Thought, University of Southern California, Nov. 11, 2023.

“Identity, Neuroscience, and Ancient Christianity,” Nova Forum for Catholic Thought, University of Southern California, Nov. 9, 2023.

“Grasping the Form: A Proposal for Contemplative and Synthetic Systematic Theology,” New Ressourcement Conference, Word on Fire Academic, Nov. 6, 2023.

“The Aesthetics of Human Action According to John Paul II,” Human Action and the Drama of Accompaniment: The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Veritatis Splendor*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, Sept. 30, 2023.

“Identity and the Trinitarian *Imago*,” Academy for Catholic Theology, May 25, 2023.

Spring 2023 Bioethics Lectures: “The Rise of Gender: How Did We Get Here?” and “Sex, Gender, and Catholic Healthcare,” Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, March 9–10, 2023.

“Liquid Identity and the Sacred Liturgy: The Problem of Experience in Modernity,” Society for Catholic Liturgy, Denver, Co., September 30, 2022.

“Gender and Sexuality,” Ramsey Colloquium, Institute for Religion and Public Life, New York, N.Y., May 16, 2022.

“Scheler, John of the Cross, and John Paul II,” Symposium on Michael Waldstein’s *Glory of the Logos in the Flesh*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology (online), March 18, 2022.

“Response to Chantal Delsol,” The End of Christendom and the Rise of the Pagan West conference, Abigail Adams Institute, *First Things*, and Zephyr Institute, Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 30, 2022.

“Mary as Exemplar of the Body’s Poverty,” Theotokos Lecture in Theology, no. 14, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 30, 2021.

“Biopolitics, Sexuality, and Woman,” University Faculty for Life conference (online), June 5, 2021.

“The Sexed Body: Why?” Theology and Culture Lecture, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry (online), March 2, 2021.

“How Fluid Are We? Gender, the Body, and Us,” Lecture as Visiting Catholic Scholar, Benedictine University at Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 23, 2021.

“Core Principles of the Theology of the Body: For Diocesan and Parish Staff,” Lecture as Visiting Catholic Scholar, Benedictine University at Mesa, Arizona, Feb. 16, 2021.

“Finding the Good in Our Liquid Narcissistic World,” Visiting Lecture, Magdalen College, New Hampshire, Feb. 12, 2021.

“Liquid Narcissism, Balthasar, and Formation,” Renewing Formation: Toward a New Unity of Theology and Sanctity, Symposium-Retreat, St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, California, Nov. 10, 2019.



“The Body as Grid or as Window: Contemporary Aesthetics and a Theological Response,” Academy of Catholic Theology, Washington, D.C., May 23, 2019.

“End-less Sex and Selfishness,” Catholic Women’s Forum, Washington, D.C., May 29, 2018.

“Mission and Identity,” In the World, but Not of the World: Paradigms for the Evangelization of American Culture, Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas, April 1–2, 2017.

“Performativity vs. the Acting Person: Judith Butler and John-Paul II,” Catholic Women’s Forum, Washington, D.C., April 7–8, 2016.

“‘A Mind of Metal and Wheels’: Power, Sex, and Death in *The Lord of the Rings*,” Catholic Studies Program, Loyola College, Baltimore, March 2007.

### ***Keynote Panels***

“Modern Heresies concerning Women,” True Genius conference, McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, March 25, 2025.

“Women and Feminism: What Happens if the Latter Doesn’t Serve the Former?” Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA, March 19, 2024.

“*Feminism Against Progress*, Part 2: A Post-Feminist Feminism?” Institute for Human Ecology, The Catholic University of America, November 30, 2023 (online).

“Feminism Against Progress,” Institute for Human Ecology, The Catholic University of America, March 24, 2023 (online).

“Response: Redeeming Gender,” Catholic Women’s Forum, Washington, D.C., June 27, 2019.

### ***Paper Presentations***

“Disordered Desire and Contraception,” Response to the Pontifical Academy for Life’s Publication, International Catholic Jurists Forum, Rome, Dec. 9, 2022.

“Deleuze and the Technē of the Desiring Self,” Technology and the Human Person, Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas, March 29–30, 2019.

“The Body, Alienation, and Gift in Marx and Wojtyła,” The Heart of Work, Pontifical Università Santa Croce, Rome, Oct. 19–20, 2017.

“A Body of Work: Labor and Culture in the Thought of Karol Wojtyła,” Leisure and Labor: The Liberal Arts and the Professions, St. Gregory’s University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, March 2017.

“True Liberation of Women: Fertility Control or Openness to Life,” *Mulieris Dignitatem* and the Church’s Social Vision: The Feminine Genius in the Pursuit of the Common Good, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., October 2008.

“The Cosmos, the Temple, and the City: Biblical Visions and Contemporary Revisions,” American Academy of Religion, Christian Systematic Theology Group, San Antonio, November 2004.

“Corpus Christi: Suffering, Embodiment, and Sanctity in Graham Greene’s *The End of the Affair*,” American Academy of Religion, Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, San Antonio, November 2004.

“Choice and Children: Rhetorical Continuities from Margaret Sanger to the Present,” Association for Interdisciplinary Research in Values and Social Change, Arlington, Va., July 2004.

“Measure and Mediation: Ethics and Cosmology in Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Theological Anthropology,” American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neo Platonism Section, Nashville, November 2000.

“Distance and Discourse: Jean Luc Marion’s Reading of Dionysius,” American Academy of Religion, Eastern Orthodoxy Section, Boston, November 1999.

### ***Workshops***

“Judith Butler,” Zephyr Institute, Palo Alto, Cal., Feb. 23, 2022.

“How Fluid Are We? Gender, the Body, and Us,” St. Patrick’s Seminary, Menlo Park, Cal., Feb. 22, 2022.

“How Fluid Are We? Gender, the Body, and Us,” St. John’s Seminary, Boston, Mass. (online), April 20, 2021.

“Fluidity: Man, the Triune God, and the Eucharistic Christ,” Communio Study Group, San Francisco, Cal., August 25, 2020.

“The Body: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives,” Zephyr Institute, Palo Alto, Cal., February 19, 2020.

“Private Property and Self-Possession in Marx and Wojtyła,” Faculty Workshop, Abigail Adams Institute, Cambridge, Mass., July 20, 2018.

“Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Trinitarian Theology,” Theology Department seminar, University of Dallas, December 2004.

### ***Invited Participation and Continuing Education***

“Living Well at the End of a World,” Morningside Institute, New York, N.Y., April 4–5, 2025 (forthcoming).

“Theology and Neuroscience,” Harvard Catholic Forum, Cambridge, Mass., September 2024–May 2025.

“Ecumenical Encounters in Systematic Theology,” University of Notre Dame, June 6–8, 2024.

“Rethinking Feminism Colloquium,” Abigail Adams Institute, Cambridge, Mass., April 27–28, 2023.

“Whither Feminism?” Ramsey Colloquium, Institute for Religion and Public Life, New York, N.Y., May 16, 2022.

“The Theological Framework of Secular Society,” Neuhaus Colloquium with Eric T. Nelson, Morningside Institute, New York, N.Y., Nov. 4–5, 2021.

“The Claims of Memory,” Erasmus Lecture by and discussion with Wilfred McClay, Institute for Religion and Public Life, New York, N.Y., Oct. 25–26, 2021.

“Being Human in the Modern World: The Enduring Importance of the Person,” Faculty Colloquium on Personalism, Abigail Adams Institute, Cambridge, Mass., February 28–29, 2020.

“Reaching the Nones,” Erasmus Lecture by and discussion with Bishop Robert Barron, Institute for Religion and Public Life, New York, N.Y., Oct. 30–31, 2017.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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<b>President</b>	2025–2026
Academy of Catholic Theology	

<b>Expanded Reason Research Award</b>	2025
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria / Vatican Benedict XVI—Joseph Ratzinger Foundation	

<b>Vice President / President-Elect</b>	2024–2025
Academy of Catholic Theology	

<b>Life and Dignity Writing Fellow</b> <i>Church Life Journal</i> , McGrath Institute, University of Notre Dame	2020–present
<b>Visiting Catholic Scholar</b> Benedictine University at Mesa, Arizona	February 2021
<b>Outstanding Online Theology Professor</b> Awarded by St. Joseph’s College	2009
<b>Boston College University Fellowship</b> Funded doctoral theology studies	1998–2003
<b>Ernest M. Fortin Study Grants</b> Awarded by Boston College to fund summer studies	1999, 2000
<b>Partial Discretionary Grant</b> For archival research in eugenics at the Rockefeller Archive Center, NY	1999
<b>Board of Trustees Fellowship and Scholarship</b> Awarded by Catholic University of America	1996–1997
<b>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Hochschulsommerkurs-Stipendium</b> Funded German-language summer course in Germany	1996
<b>Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities</b> Funded graduate study and awarded through a national fellowship competition	1995–96
<b>University of Dallas Highest Graduating GPA</b>	1995
<b>University of Dallas Departmental Honors in Theology</b>	1995
<b>University of Dallas Cardinal Spellman Scholarship</b> Awarded to further graduate studies	1995
<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b> , junior year	1994

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>The Catholic University of America</b> , Washington, DC <b>Associate Professor</b> of Systematic Theology	August 2025–present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courses: Christology; Christian Anthropology; Gender and Sexed Difference; Church and Person</li> </ul>	

- Teach in the lay and seminarian Master's-degree programs
- Courses: Christology; Trinity; God: One and Three; Theological Anthropology; Faith and Reason; New Evangelization; Ecclesiology; Theology of the Body; Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar; Women, Sex, and the Church; Theology of Ratzinger; Gender and Sexual Differentiation; Mariology
- Developed quizzes, exams, and homework
- Created academic writing pro-seminar materials for Faith and Reason philosophy course
- Designed, recorded, and narrated introductory Writing Course
- Developed hybrid distance/classroom courses
- Revised syllabi to meet accreditation standards
- Revised syllabi from classroom to distance-learning formats
- Graded comprehensive examinations and directed theses
- Assisted transition to distance learning in Spring 2020
- Experience with LMSs (Canvas, Blackboard, Moodle, Brightspace) and Zoom, Google, and Teams video services

#### **Master Theses as Director**

Leland Thorpe, OMV, "The Freedom of the Sons of God: A Theological Foundation for the Spiritual Exercises in the Writings of Hans Urs von Balthasar," defended April 2022

Sister Louise Marie Turner, MICM, "The Necessity of Mariology for Christology," defended April 2022

Jonas Verdeflor, OMV, "The Virgin Mary as the Quasi-Incarnation of the Holy Spirit, according to St. Maximilian Kolbe," defended May 2021

Brenden Bell, "G. K. Chesterton and the New Evangelization," defended November 2020

Stephen Mooney, "Becoming a Theological Person by Virtue of Motherhood: Mission, Obstacles and Tasks," defended May 2018

Francis Burke, "Non-Toxic Masculinity: Christian Manhood as Part of the Solution to What Ails Contemporary U.S. Culture," defended May 2018

Eric Landers, "Marriage in the Beginning: An Appraisal of the Relationship between Adam and Eve," defended May 2017

Peter Braudis, "Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theology of Holy Saturday: A Word of Hope for the New Evangelization," defended May 2015

## **Master Theses as Reader**

Br. Brian Verzella, “From Transition to Transformation in Christ: Toward a Catholic Response to Gender Ideology,” defended May 2021

Christopher Oravetz, “Dramatic Pedagogy for the Theology of the Body,” defended May 2013

## **Dissertations as External Examiner**

Kirsten Dempsey, “NFP / FA Methods and Informed Consent,” Saint Louis University, in progress

Marc John Paul Barnes, “That People Might Not Say There Are Two Deities: The Meaning of Gender in Modern and Biblical Tradition,” St. Mary’s University, Institute of Theology and Liberal Arts, Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society, January 2022

**Wollstonecraft Project**, Cambridge, Mass. September 2020–present  
**Senior Fellow**, Gender Studies

- Developed and co-teach with Rachel Coleman a summer course: “The Body, Vulnerability, and Bioethics” at the Abigail Adams Institute
- Developed and co-teach with Erika Bachiochi a summer course: “Theorizing Man and Woman: From Plato to Judith Butler” at the Abigail Adams Institute
- Serve as mentor

**Abigail Adams Institute**, Cambridge, Mass. July 2018–present  
**Senior Fellow**, Theology, Philosophy, and Gender Studies

- Taught a 5-week course on Joseph Ratzinger’s *Introduction to Christianity* (fall 2018)

**Permanent Diaconate Formation Program**, Archdiocese of Boston Jan. 2007–2021  
**Professor**, Theology

- Taught courses in Theological Anthropology, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Christology, and Trinity

**Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary**, Weston, Mass. Sept. 2015–2019  
**Adjunct Professor**, Theology

- Taught courses in Theological Anthropology and Ecclesiology

**St. Joseph’s College**, Standish, Maine Jan. 2007–2019  
**Adjunct Professor and Online Course Developer**, Online Theology

- Wrote and taught online courses: Theology of the Body (undergraduate and graduate)
- Taught summer intensives, including: Theology of the Body; Women, Sex, and the Church; and the Theology of Marriage (undergraduate and graduate)

- Wrote and taught undergraduate Introduction to Moral Theology course
- Taught Christology (undergraduate and graduate)
- Online Theology teacher of the year, 2009

**Theology of the Body Institute**, Downingtown, Penn.

May 2016

**Instructor**, Theology

- Taught a one-week intensive course on Karol Wojtyła's *Love and Responsibility*

**Catholic Distance University**, Online

Jan. 2006–May 2010

**Adjunct Professor and Online Course Developer**, Theology

- Wrote and taught graduate and undergraduate courses in Christology

**Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Sept. 2002–May 2003

**Teaching Fellow**, Department of Theology

- Taught two semesters of an undergraduate class "Introduction to Catholicism"

**Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Sept. 2001–May 2002

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Theology

- Assisted two semesters of an undergraduate class "Introduction to Catholicism" taught by Matthew Lamb

**Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Sept. 2000–May 2001

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Theology

- Assisted two semesters of an undergraduate class "Introduction to Catholicism" taught by Robert Imbelli

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Jewish/Christian Word and World, 2023–present.

Evangelicals and Catholics Together, 2015–present.

Catholic Women's Forum, 2015–present.

Catholic Theological Society of America, 2015–present.

Academy of Catholic Theology, 2013–present.

American Academy of Religion, 1999–2005.

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Consultant**, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
Committee on Doctrine

March 2025–November 2027

**President**, Academy of Catholic Theology

Summer 2025–2026

**Vice-President / President-Elect**, Academy of Catholic Theology Summer 2024–2025

**Associate Editor**, *The New Ressourcement* journal Summer 2023–present

**Board of Advisors**, *Nova et Vetera* journal (English ed.) Spring 2023–present

**Contributor**, Jewish/Christian Word and World Winter 2023–present

- Meet twice a year to discuss, draft, and revise documents
- Present theological papers
- Contribute to interreligious understanding

**Board**, Academy of Catholic Theology May 2022–present

**International Scientific Committee**, *Dynamic Dictionary of Trinitarian Ontology* (Città Nuova Editrice, Istituto Universitario Sophia di Loppiano) June 2021–present

- Consult on topics pertaining to Trinitarian ontology

**Expert Consultant**, EthicsFinder (Australian Catholic University) Winter 2021–present

- Suggest resource inclusion for website

**Contributor** Dec. 2015–present

**Evangelicals and Catholics Together**

- Meet twice a year to discuss, draft, and revise documents
- Present theological papers
- Contribute to ecumenical understanding

**Dissertation Board**, Academy of Catholic Theology Spring 2022–2024

- Advise on ACT dissertation prize awardee

**St. John’s Seminary, Boston** Sept. 2019–2024

**Convener of Faculty Scholarship Forum**

- Recruit faculty to present papers
- Organize the monthly forum

**St. John’s Seminary, Boston** Summer 2020–Spring 2023

**Thesis Board for MTS and MA Degrees**

- Review and approve thesis proposals
- Co-write and revise SJS Thesis Handbook

**The Institute for the New Evangelization**, Sept. 2019–2023

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston

**Lecturer for Certificate Program**

- Doctrine of God, Trinity, theological anthropology, and sexual ethics



**St. John's Seminary, Boston**

Jan. 2009–May 2014

**Founding Director of the Master of Theological Studies for the New Evangelization**

- Formed the curriculum for the new MTS for the New Evangelization degree
- Directed the program
- Supervised the admissions process
- Advised students
- Organized a program of whole-person formation: academic, human, spiritual, and evangelical

**St. John's Seminary, Boston**

Jan. 2009–May 2012

**Founding Director of the Certificate Programs**

- Prepared the curricula, based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- Organized the sessions
- Identified and trained small-group mentors and presenters
- Publicized the programs
- Co-taught the programs

**St. John's Seminary, Boston**

Dec. 2008–May 2010

**Co-Associate Director of the Master of Arts in Ministry**

- Assisted in the administration of the MAM degree
- Laid the groundwork for the new umbrella Institute for the seminary's lay programs, the Theological Institute for the New Evangelization

**Massachusetts Catholic Conference, The Future Depends on Love Marriage Initiative, Coordinator**

Aug. 2006–Dec. 2008

- Organized training, promotion, and creation of materials for state-wide catechetical and educational initiative
- Created website content

**Peer-Reviewer for:**

- Cambridge University Press
- The Catholic University of America Press
- *Christian Bioethics*
- *Evangelizare Noviter*
- *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*
- *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*
- *Nova et Vetera*
- *Pro Ecclesia*
- Springer Press

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### *Positions*

<b>Board of Directors</b> , Pure in Heart America	2010–2014
<b>Steering Committee and Full Committee</b> , Marriage Preparation Recommendation Implementation Committee, Archdiocese of Boston	2006–2010
<b>Live-in Volunteer</b> , Missionaries of Charity Queen of Peace, women's homeless shelter and soup kitchen, Harlem, New York	1990–1991

### *Presentations*

**Talks on Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood, and eugenics:** Around 50 talks to colleges, state and national pro-life organizations, and other organizations, including a keynote at the 2010 National Right to Life convention. College hosts have included Aquinas College, College of St. Benedict, Furman University, Gustavus Adolphus College, Harvard Law School, Illinois State University, Notre Dame University, Princeton University, University of Dallas, University of Dayton, University of Minnesota, and Wellesley College.

**Theology of the body, gender, contraception, abortion, feminism, and the sexual revolution:** Around 45 talks (alone or co-presenting), to various Catholic and secular entities. Invited speaker at the 2016 Theology of the Body Congress. Other hosts include the Archdioceses of Boston, Newark, New York, and St. Louis; the Dioceses of Corpus Christi, Fall River, Gary, Manchester, Metuchen, Phoenix, Portland (Maine), Providence, San Diego, Santa Rosa, Superior, Tucson, and Worcester; the Eparchy of Phoenix; and the St. John Paul II Foundation, Women Affirming Life, Legatus, and Catholic Answers. Colleges include Benedictine University at Mesa (Arizona), Boston College, Clarion University, Harvard University School of Public Health, Providence College, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry, St. John's Seminary, St. Patrick's Seminary, and Williams College.

**Marriage and family:** Around 20 talks (alone or co-presenting), to various Catholic and secular entities. Hosts include the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers, the Archdiocese of Boston, and the Dioceses of Burlington, Ogdensburg, and Providence, as well as the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, Benedictine University Mesa, Harvard University, and *Magnificat* American conference.

### ***Documentary-Film Appearances***

*The Matter of Life* (2021)

*Sexual Revolution: 50 Years Since Humanae Vitae* (2018)

### **LANGUAGES**

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**English:** Native Language

**Italian:** Advanced in Listening, Speaking, Writing, and Reading

**German:** Intermediate Listening, Intermediate Speaking, Intermediate Writing, Advanced Reading

**French:** Intermediate Listening, Intermediate Speaking, Novice Writing, Advanced Reading

**Spanish:** Intermediate Reading

**Latin:** Intermediate Reading

**Koine Greek:** Intermediate Reading

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**Dr. Margaret Turek**, Professor and Chair of Dogmatic Theology and Academic Dean  
St. Patrick's Seminary and University  
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