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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, 2024-present
The Catholic University of America

Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, 2022-2024 (Assistant Professor, 2018-2022)
Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
PhD Systematic Theology, August 2018

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Master of Theological Studies, May 2012 / Concentration: Liturgical Studies

George Fox University, Newberg, OR
Bachelor of Arts, May 2010 / Majors: Religion and Biblical Studies / Minor: Philosophy
Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford / Scholars' Semester in Oxford, Fall 2008

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editor with Aaron Pidel, SJ of *The New Ressourcement*, 2023-

Guest editor with Robert Koerpel of *Maurice Blondel, Phenomenology, and Theology*, special edition of *Duquesne Studies in Phenomenology*, 3.1 (2024), *forthcoming*.

BOOKS

The Sacramental Principle: An Essay on the Philosophy of Cult (in preparation)

Xavier Tilliette, *The Eucharist in Modern Philosophy*. With a preface by Cyril O'Regan. Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2023. Translation and introduction.

Distributed Like Bread: Hans Urs von Balthasar Speaks to Seminarians. Omaha, NE: Institute for Priestly Formation, 2023.

The Eucharistic Form of God: Hans Urs von Balthasar's Sacramental Theology. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2022. [Paperback 2024]

[Reviewed in *Theological Studies*, *Gregorianum*, *Theology Today*, *The New Ressourcement*, *The Heythrop*

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “‘Strikes Various Minds Very Variously’: John Henry Newman on Christian Plurality, Diachronically and Synchronically Considered,” *Newman Studies Journal*, 21.2 (Winter 2024), *forthcoming*.
- “Sacramental Causality and the Analogia Entis,” in *The Metaphysics of the Eucharist*, ed. Cody Warta (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, *forthcoming*).
- “Sacramental Theology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Hans Urs von Balthasar*, ed. Mark McNroy and Anthony Sciglitano (Oxford: Oxford University Press, *forthcoming*).
- “Theurgy in Modernity: Maurice Blondel’s Liturgical Philosophy,” *Maurice Blondel, Phenomenology, and Theology, Duquesne Studies in Phenomenology*, 3.1 (2024), *forthcoming*.
- “The Double Unveiling: Balthasar’s Monastic Theology of Revelation,” in *Love Seeking Understanding: Aquinas, Balthasar, and the Renewal of Sapiential Theology*, ed. Michael Altenburger and Jacob W. Wood (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2024).
- “Romanticism and the ‘Sacramental Imagination,’” *The New Ressourcement*, 1.2 (Summer 2024): 356-394.
- “From Circle to Cycloid: The Philosophical Value of Religious Cult in Maurice Blondel’s *L’Action*,” *Religions* 15, no. 3: 283. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15030283>
- “The Sacramental Principle,” *Communio: International Catholic Review* 50.1 (Spring 2023): 67-111.
- “Maurice Blondel and His Prodigal Children: Phenomenology, Charity, and Metaphysics,” *Theological Studies* 82.2 (June 2021): 310-331.
- “Tradition as Given: Eucharist, Theological Pugilism, and Eschatological Patience,” *Journal of Moral Theology*, 10.2 (June 2021): 119-143.
- “Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Indifference to Divinization,” in *Mystical Doctrines of Deification: Case Studies in the Christian Tradition*, ed. John Arblaster and Rob Faesen (New York: Routledge, 2018): 165-185.
- “Viscera to Viscera: Emmanuel Falque on the Body of the Eucharist,” review essay of Emmanuel Falque, *The Wedding Feast of the Lamb: Eros, the Body, and the Eucharist. Modern Theology*, 34:1 (January 2018): 103-110. First published online September 4, 2017.
- “Sacramental Hermeneutics: Augustine’s *De Doctrina Christiana* in the Berengarian Controversy.” *Studia Patristica. Vol. XCVI: St Augustine and His Opponents*, Volume 24, ed. Markus Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters, 2017): 495-507.
- “Divinization as Christification in Erich Przywara and John Zizioulas.” *Modern Theology*, 32.4 (October 2016): 479-503. First published online May 4, 2016. Reprinted in *Theosis/Deification: Christian Doctrines of Divinization East and West*, eds. John Arblaster and Rob Faesen (Leuven: Peeters, 2018): 95-127.
- “Sacramentally Regulated Eschatology in Hans Urs von Balthasar and Pope Benedict XVI.” *Pro Ecclesia: A Journal of Catholic and Evangelical Theology*, 24.2 (Spring 2015): 216-234.
- “Apologia Pro Vita Stulti: J.H. Newman’s Defense of the ‘Superstitious Masses.’” *Newman Studies Journal*, 11.2 (Fall 2014): 20-37.
- “The Divine Image: Hindu Mūrti and Byzantine Iconography.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 48:4 (Fall 2013): 509-522.
- “The One and the Many: Peter and Peters.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 48:1 (Winter 2013): 45-57.

“Sacraments and Personhood: John Zizioulas’ Impasse and A Way Forward.” *The Heythrop Journal* 53.6 (November 2012), 993-1004. First published online June 3, 2012.

“Liturgy and the Construction of Christian Meaning.” *Assembly: A Journal of Liturgical Theology*, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, 37.3 (May 2011): 41-44.

“Thomas Merton’s Creative (dis)Obedience.” *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 46.2 (2011): 189-219.

BOOK REVIEWS

Liturgy, Theurgy, and Active Participation: On Theurgic Participation in God, by Kjetil Kringlebotten, in *The New Ressourcement*, 1.3 (Fall 2024): 770-774.

A Guide to John Henry Newman: His Life and Thought, ed. Juan R Vélez, in *Theological Studies*, 84.3 (September 2023): 550-551.

The Eucharistic Sacrifice, by Sergius Bulgakov, in *Theological Studies*, 83.1 (March 2022): 185-186.

The Father of Lights: A Theology of Beauty, by Junius Johnson, in *Theological Studies*, 82.3 (September 2021): 537-538.

Maurice Blondel on the Supernatural in Human Action: Sacrament and Superstition, by Cathal Doherty SJ, in *Modern Theology*, 37.3 (July 2021): 838-848.

Erich Przywara and Postmodern Natural Law: A History of the Metaphysics of Morals, by James Graham McAleer, in *Theologische Revue*, 117 (February 2021).

Freedom Made Manifest: Rahner’s Fundamental Option and Theological Aesthetics, by Peter Joseph Fritz, in *Crossing: The INPR Journal* 1 (Fall 2020): 218-222.

Maurice Blondel: Transforming Catholic Tradition, by Robert C. Koerpel in *Theological Studies*, 80.3 (September 2019), 720-721.

The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology, eds. Hans Boersma and Matthew Levering in *Reading Religion*, <http://readingreligion.org/books/oxford-handbook-sacramental-theology>, February 3, 2017.

A Trinitarian Anthropology: Adrienne von Speyr & Hans Urs von Balthasar in Dialogue with Thomas Aquinas, by Michele M. Schumacher in *Theological Studies*, 77.3 (September 2016), 735-737.

Explorations in the Theology of Benedict XVI, ed. John C. Cavadini in *Nova et Vetera*, 14.2 (Spring 2016), 716-720.

No Irrelevant Jesus: On Jesus and the Church Today, by Gerhard Lohfink in *Church Life: A Journal for the New Evangelization*, March 14, 2016.

Eucharist as Meaning: Critical Metaphysics and Contemporary Sacramental Theology, by Joseph C. Mudd in *Theological Studies*, 76.4 (December 2015), 876-877.

A Companion to the Eucharist in the Reformation, ed. Lee Palmer Wandel in *Theological Studies*, 76.2 (June 2015). 364-365.

A Sacramental-Prophetic Vision: Christian Spirituality in a Suffering World, by Matthew T. Eggemeier in *Theological Studies*, 76.1 (March 2015): 200-201.

The Oral Gospel Tradition, by James D. G. Dunn in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly*, 49.4 (2014): 545-547.

Globalization of Hesychasm and the Jesus Prayer: Contesting Contemplation, by Christopher D. L. Johnson in *LOGOS: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies*, 54.3-4 (Fall 2013): 275-279.

Yearning for the One: Chapters in the Inner Life of the Greeks, by Stelios Ramfos, trans. Norman Russell in *LOGOS: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies*, 54.3-4 (Fall 2013): 296-300.

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¡Santo! *Varieties of Latino/a Spirituality*, by Edwin David Aponte and *The Blessing of Waters and Epiphany: The Eastern Liturgical Tradition*, by Nicholas E. Denysenko in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 48:2 (Spring 2013): 263-264.

The Wounded Heart of Thomas Merton, by Robert Waldron in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 47.3 (2012): 369-371.

TRANSLATIONS

Jean-Luc Marion, "The Conversion of the Will in *L'Action*," translation of "La conversion de la volonté selon 'L'Action.'" *Maurice Blondel, Phenomenology, and Theology, Duquesne Studies in Phenomenology*, 3.1 (2024), *forthcoming*.

Emmanuel Falque, "Christ Doesn't Save Us by Words First of All, but by His Body," translation of interview for *Church Life Journal*, June 7, 2018.

Erich Przywara, "Eucharist and Labor," translation of *Eucharistie und Arbeit (1917)*. *Communio: International Catholic Review* 44.1 (Spring 2017): 173-193.

Martin Bieler, "The Consummation of the World as a Re-capitulation," translation of "Weltvollendung als Wieder-Holung," with D.C. Schindler. *Communio: International Catholic Review* 43.3 (Fall 2016), 365-387.

Hans Urs von Balthasar, "Eucharist: Gift of Love," translation of "Eucharistie: Gabe der Liebe" (1986). *Communio: International Catholic Review* 43.1 (Spring 2016): 139-153.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"From Newman's Development to Przywara's Polarity." To be presented at "Erich Przywara: Exemplar of Jesuit Ressourcement," Mundelein Seminary, March 27-29, 2025.

"Two Modern Mystagogues." Presented at "Rahner and Ratzinger: Contrasting Visions," Mundelein Seminary, September 5-7, 2024.

"Romanticism and the 'Sacramental Imagination.'" Presented at the inaugural "The New Ressourcement Conference," Rochester, MN, November 5-7, 2023.

"The Church is Symphonic: Hans Urs von Balthasar's Contribution to Eucharistic Ecclesiology." Presented at the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA), Volos, Greece, January 10-15, 2023.

"Hegel's Philosophy of *Cultus* and Competing Sacramental Principles." Presented at "Hegel and Theology: A Summer Colloquy," Saint Louis University, June 15-17, 2022.

"The Ontological Demands of Cult in Hinduism and Christianity." Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), Atlanta, GA, June 9-12, 2022.

"The Sacramental Principle and Secondary Causality." Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Academy of Catholic Theology (ACT), Washington, D.C., May 24-26, 2022.

"The Inevitability of Superstition and the Impossibility of Sacraments According to Maurice Blondel." Presented at "Blondel et la liturgie," Institut Catholique de Toulouse, March 9, 2022.

"The Cycloidal Host: The Philosophical Value of Religious Cult in Blondel's *L'Action*, Part V." Presented at "Blondel's Modernity: The critique and (re)construction of modern philosophy," Institut Catholique de Toulouse, October 21, 2020.

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- “Maurice Blondel and His Prodigal Children: The Philosopher of Aix among the Phenomenologists.” Presented at the International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR), Paris, June 19-23, 2019.
- “Liturgical Aesthetics? Hans Urs von Balthasar Between Romano Guardini and Joseph Ratzinger.” Presented at the Society for Catholic Liturgy, Miami, FL, September 27-29, 2018.
- “The Eucharistic Reception of Tradition in Blondel and Balthasar.” Presented at the Annual Meeting for the American Academy of Religion (AAR) in the Christian Systematic Theology Unit, Boston, MA, November 18-21, 2017.
- “Is the Eucharist a Thing? L-M Chauvet and J-Y Lacoste on the im/possibility of a Phenomenological Sacramental Theology.” Presented at “The Challenge of God: Continental Philosophy and the Catholic Intellectual Heritage,” Loyola University Chicago, April 14-16, 2016.
- “Thomas Merton’s Monastic Philosophy of Language: Silence as the Font of Meaning.” Presented at the *Fourteenth General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society*, “Merton 100: Living the Legacy,” Bellarmine University, June 4-7, 2015.
- “Theosis as Kenosis in Erich Przywara and John Zizioulas.” Presented at “Christian Doctrines of Divinization East and West” at the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven), Leuven, Belgium, January 29-31, 2015.
- “The Profanation of the Holy God: Where is Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Sacramental Theology?” Presented at the Graduate Student Conference, on “The Nouvelle Theologie, Ressourcement, and Contemporary Theology,” Mundelein Seminary, October 22, 2014.
- “Sacraments or Ethics in Eschatology? The Dissolution of a False Dichotomy.” Presented at the *Joint University of Chicago and University of Notre Dame Graduate Student Conference on Eschatology and Moral Order*, University of Chicago, March 31-April 1, 2014.
- “Irenaeus’ Eucharistic Logic of Bodily Resurrection.” Presented at the Graduate Student Conference, on “The Theology of the Church Fathers,” Mundelein Seminary, October 23, 2013.
- “The Body as Symbol of the Spirit: Ritual as Mediation.” Presented at a Notre Dame MTS Colloquium, April 14, 2012.
- “The Influences of Saint John Chrysostom’s Theology of the Eucharist as a Sacrifice.” Presented at a George Fox Religious Studies “Intellectual Feast,” February 2009.

TEACHING/RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

The Catholic University of America: Christian Theology; Liturgy and the Christian Life

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology: The Creed in History and Theology (both standard and weekend formats); Christology and Mariology; Ecclesiology and Ecumenism; The Eucharist (online format); Sacramental Theology (independent study); The Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar; The Soteriology of Hans Urs von Balthasar (independent study); Interreligious Dialogue: History, Theology, and Spirituality (with Nathaniel Marx); John Henry Newman.

Provided peer reviews for *Modern Theology*, *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, *Communio*, *Theological Studies*, *Nova et Vetera*, and *Religions*.

Provided manuscript review for Bloomsbury and The Catholic University of America Press.

Presented on eucharistic theology (in ten conferences) for the annual priestly convocation for the diocese of Sacramento, CA, October 3-7, 2022.

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- Secretary of working group for an ecumenical dialogue between Catholic and Evangelicals, and principal author of the document, “The Gift of Being Christian Together,” sponsored by Glenmary Home Missioners and Kingdom Mission Society, 2022-2023.
- Taught the class “Who is God?” for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston’s *Advanced Formation for Catechetical Leaders (AFCL)*, February 17, 2022.
- Lecture on “Holy People and their Spirituality from the Eastern Tradition” for “Our Daily Bread Spiritual Formation Conferences,” Saint Meinrad, November 3, 2021.
- Taught a week-long seminar on Plato’s *Republic* to postulants in the Sociedad San Juan, July 2021.
- Lectures on “Christology” and “Eschatology” for “One Bread, One Cup” College Ministerial Internship Program, June 2021.
- Invited participant for USCCB’s Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis brainstorming session regarding a “proposed Eucharistic revival project,” February 2, 2021.
- Organized “Profiling Religious Experience: Notre Dame Systematic Theology Colloquium,” with Bruno Shah, OP. University of Notre Dame, November 30-December 1, 2017.
- University of Notre Dame: Foundations of Theology (Fall 2017).
- Gave lectures to the seminarians of the *Sociedad San Juan* on Martin Luther and John Henry Newman, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2018.
- Taught a workshop on “Los Padres de la Iglesia” for Spanish-speaking candidates for the diaconate in the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on July 16, 2016.
- Facilitator for online theology courses with STEP, *University of Notre Dame’s Institute for Church Life*, in 2013: The Sacraments; Old Testament: The Writings; Mary as Mother; The Letters of St. Paul; We Are His Witnesses.
- Facilitator and Instructor for course *Catolicismo: Curso de Teología para Laicos* September-November 2012. *Sociedad San Juan*, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

POPULAR PRESENTATIONS AND WRITING

- “Living Sacramentally,” presented at St Joan of Arc Church, Indianapolis, May 15, 2024.
- “The Eucharist and the Works of Mercy,” presented at the South Bend Catholic Worker, February 3, 2023.
- “Night, Hope, and Sleep: An Advent Reflection,” published online by Church Life Journal, December 9, 2022: <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/night-hope-and-sleep-an-advent-reflection/>
- Ecumenical presentation on the Eucharist at *The Church in Dialogue* series at Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Shephardsville, KY, August 20, 2022.
- “The Key to Understanding God,” published online by Church Life Journal, April 11, 2022: <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/the-key-to-understanding-god/>
- “The Eucharist as *Regula Fidei* in Sergius Bulgakov and Hans Urs von Balthasar,” presented at the book launch of Mark Roosien’s translation of Bulgakov’s *The Eucharistic Sacrifice*, November 6, 2021.
- “Distributed Like Bread: Hans Urs von Balthasar Speaks to Seminarians,” Theology on Tap event sponsored by Knights of Columbus at Saint Meinrad Seminary, April 2021.
- “Saint Socrates? Christianity’s Philosophical Impulse,” invited lecture for Newman Lecture Series. Delivered remotely to Oregon State University on October 14, 2020.
- Contributed the essay “Hans Urs von Balthasar: Orthodoxy without Mimesis” to the Saint Meinrad student

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journal, *The Raven*, September 2018.

“Vatican II in Context: What Began 50 Years Ago and How it Affects us Now,” St Matthew’s Cathedral Parish, South Bend, Indiana, September 14, 2014.

Wrote reflection for faith.nd.edu on April 13th 2015.

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Member of Advisory Council, McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame, 2024-2027

The Rev. Adrian Fuerst Faculty Development Grant, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2024

University of Notre Dame, Presidential Scholarship, 2013-2018

Selected member for the seminar “Communion Among Christians: The Early Church and Today,” Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem, Israel, July 2-15, 2017

Summer Travel & Research Grant from the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, June 2017

Funding for research at the Hans Urs von Balthasar Archive, Basel, Switzerland

University of Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway, October 2016

Grant to conduct research in Rome at Casa Balthasar, utilizing Notre Dame’s Rome Campus

Selected member for the Lumen Christi Institute Summer Seminar “The Thought of John Henry Newman,” with Fr. Ian Ker, Merton College, Oxford, July 12-17, 2015.

University of Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway, June-July 2015

Grant to conduct research in Rome at Casa Balthasar, utilizing Notre Dame’s Rome Campus

Grant from Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame

Funding to attend conference “Una Antropología Trinitaria desde, para y con nuestros pueblos,” sponsored by CELAM (Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano), March 21-25, 2015 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

University of Notre Dame’s Graduate Presentation Grant, January 2015

Funding to present paper at the Catholic University of Leuven

Notre Dame SLA Grant and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Summer 2011

French immersion at Alliance Française, Paris, France

Daggy Scholarship, International Thomas Merton Society, 2011

George Fox University, Award of Excellence for 2009-2010, Outstanding Religion Student

Richter Scholars Grant, Summer 2009, George Fox University

LANGUAGES

French: reading and speaking proficiency

Spanish: reading, writing, and speaking proficiency

German: reading proficiency

Italian: reading and speaking proficiency

Latin: reading proficiency

Koine Greek: reading proficiency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)

Academy of Catholic Theology (ACT)

International Network in Philosophy of Religion (INPR)