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Academic Positions

- Professor of Theology, Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore MD, 2013-present.
- Chair, Department of Theology, Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore MD, 2009-2015.
- Associate Professor of Theology, Loyola College/University, Baltimore MD, 2000-2013.
- Director, Loyola International Nachbahr Huis, Leuven, Belgium, 2001-2003.
- Visiting Professor, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, 2001-2003.
- Assistant Professor of Theology, Loyola College, Baltimore MD, 1994-2000.
- Lecturer in the Department of Religion, Duke University, Durham NC, 1993.

Education

- Ph.D. 1996 Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion.
Major Field: Theology and Ethics. Minor Field: History of Christianity.
External Minor Field: English Literature.
Dissertation: “Julian of Norwich and the Mystical Body Politic of Christ.”
Co-directors: Stanley Hauerwas and Sarah Beckwith.
- M.A.R. 1989 Yale Divinity School. Concentration: Systematic Theology.
- B.A. 1984 The University of the South. Major: Religion.

Awards

- 2023 Michael Ramsey Prize for Theological Writing, awarded by the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 2022 Loyola University Maryland Distinguished Scholar of the Year.
- 2009 Loyola University Maryland Center for the Humanities Bernard J. Nachbahr Award for Scholarly Achievement in the Humanities.

Publications

Books Authored

- *Thinking Through Aquinas: Essays on God, Humanity, and Christ*. Word on Fire Academic (forthcoming, September 2024).
- *No Lasting City: Essay on Theology, Politics, and Culture*. Word on Fire Academic, 2023. xviii+361 pp. (Winner of an Honorable Mention in the “Anthology” category of the 2024 Catholic Media Association Book Awards.)
- *How Beautiful the World Could Be: Christian Reflections on the Everyday*. Eerdmans Publishers, 2022. xii+230 pp.
- *The Essential Summa Theologiae: A Reader and Commentary*. Baker Academic, 2021. [First edition: *Holy Teaching: Introducing the Summa Theologiae of St. Thomas Aquinas*, 2005.] 320 pp.

- *The Love That Is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith*. Eerdmans Publishers, 2020. xvii+152 pp. [Italian translation: *L'amore che è Dio: Un invito alla fede Cristiana*, Editrice Queriniana, 2024] (Winner of the 2023 Michael Ramsey Prize for Theological Writing).
- *The Deacon's Ministry of the Liturgy*. Liturgical Press, 2016. vii+124 pp.
- *Thomas Aquinas: Faith, Reason and Following Christ*. Oxford University Press, 2013. xii+342 pp.
- *Why the Mystics Matter Now*. Sorin Books, 2003. Reprint edition, Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2018, 154 pp. [French translation: *Les mystiques chrétiens aujourd'hui*. Alain Sainte-Marie, trans. Toulouse, Ed. du Carmel, 2010.]
- *Julian of Norwich and the Mystical Body Politic of Christ*. The University of Notre Dame Press, 1999. xii+290 pp. [Audiobook edition, narrated by Kevin Spalding. University Press Audiobooks, 2017.]

Books Co-Authored

- *Catholic Theology: An Introduction*, with James Buckley. Wiley Publishers, 2017. xix+398 pp.
- *Living the Word: Scripture Reflections and Commentaries for Sundays and Holy Days, Year B*, with Laurie Brink O.P. (author of the sections headed "Reflecting on the Word"). World Library Publications, 2014. 216 pp.
- *Living the Word: Scripture Reflections and Commentaries for Sundays and Holy Days, Year A*, with Laurie Brink O.P. (author of the sections headed "Reflecting on the Word"). World Library Publications, 2013. 216 pp.

Books Edited

- *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*. Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, James Buckley, Jennifer Newsome Martin, and R. Trent Pomplun, eds. Wiley Publishers, 2024. xx+609 pp. (First edition: *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*. Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, James Buckley, and R. Trent Pomplun, eds. Blackwell Publishers, 2007 [named one of the "Outstanding Academic Titles for 2007" by *Choice*, the publication of the American Library Association]. xv+523 pp.)
- *Aquinas in Dialogue: Thomas for the 21st Century*. Jim Fodor and Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, eds. Blackwell Publishers, 2004. ix+185 pp.

Essays in Academic Journals

**Blind peer-reviewed*

- "Liturgy, Word, and Charity in Thomas Aquinas." *The Thomist* 85:4 (October 2021), 555-580.
- "Aquinas, Contemplation, and Theology." *New Blackfriars* 102:1098 (March 2021), 160-173.*
- "Theological Cool: *The McCabe Reader*" (review essay of *The McCabe Reader*, Brian Davies and Paul Kucharski, eds.). *Modern Theology* 34:4 (October 2018), 664-676.
- "'The Body of Christ is Made from Bread': Transubstantiation and the Grammar of Creation." *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 18/1 (January 2016), 30-46.
- "God as Author: Thinking Through a Metaphor." *Modern Theology* 31: 4 (October 2015),

573- 585.*

- “All Things Counter, Original, Spare, Strange’: Liberal Society and Pluralism.” *Communio* 40 (2013), 1-17.
- “Leaner and More Robust” *Pro Ecclesia* XX/3 (2011), 290-297.
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Medieval Lessons.” *Journal of Religion & Society*, Supplement 6: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Scholarship, Faith, and Higher Education. (2011), 10-21.
- “Imagination and Theology in Thomas Aquinas.” *Louvain Studies* 34 (2009-2010), 173-188.
- “Incarnation, Redemption, and the Character of God.” *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, Vol. 3, No. 3, Summer 2005, 459-472. Also published in *John Paul II and St. Thomas Aquinas*, Michael Dauphinais and Matthew Levering, eds. (Naples, Florida: Sapientia Press, 2006), 31- 44.*
- “Confessions of an Evangelical Catholic: Five Theses Related to Theological Anthropology.” *Communio: International Catholic Review* 31. Spring 2004, 67-84.
- “The Lamb of God in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction.” *Communio: International Catholic Review* 30. Winter 2003, 582-598.*
- “Order, Freedom and ‘Kindness’: Julian of Norwich at the Edge of Modernity.” *Theology Today*, April 2003, 63-81.
- “Too Much Authority?” (review essay of *Aquinas as Authority*, Paul van Geest, et al., eds) *Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, Jaarboek 2002*. Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, 2003, 105-111.
- “The Politics of Disenchantment.” *New Blackfriars* 82: 965/966. July-August 2001, 313-334.*
- “The Otherness of God.” *South Atlantic Quarterly* 100:2. Spring 2001, 349-364.*
- “The Word Made Speculative: John Milbank’s Christological Poetics.” (review essay of John Milbank’s *The Word Made Strange*) *Modern Theology* 15:4, October 1999, 417-432.
- “Theodrama and Political Theology.” *Communio: International Catholic Review* 25 (Fall 1998), 532-552.*
- “Seeing Jesus: Julian of Norwich and the Text of Christ’s Body.” *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* 27:2, Spring 1997, 189-214.
- “Julian of Norwich—Incorporated.” *Modern Theology* 13:1, January 1997, 75-100.
- “Absolutely Fabulous and Civil: John Milbank’s Postmodern Critical Augustinianism.” *Theology & Philosophy* 9/3-4 (1996), 435-446 (with John Berkman).*
- “Walking in the Pilgrim City.” *New Blackfriars* 77:909, November 1996, 504-518.*
- “The Abrahamic Voyage: Michel de Certeau and Theology.” *Modern Theology* 12:1, January 1996, 1-26.*
- “Eruditio without Religio? The Dilemma of Catholics in the Academy.” *Communio: International Catholic Review* 22:2, Summer 1995, 284-302 (with Michael J. Baxter).*
- “The Wounds of Christ.” *Journal of Literature and Theology* 5:1, March 1991, 83-100.*
- “Doing Theology in Light of Divine Aniconicity.” *St. Luke’s Journal of Theology* 29:2, March 1986, 117-135.*

Chapters in Books

- “English Vernacular Apophatic Theology: *The Cloud of Unknowing* and Julian of Norwich.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Apophatic Theology*, John Betz and Rik van Nieuwenhove eds. Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- “In Praise of Complaint.” In *Fratelli Tutti: A Global Commentary*. William Cavanaugh, Daniel Franklin Pilario, Ikenna Ugochukwu Okafor, and Carlos Mendoza-Alvarez eds. Wipf and Stock, 2024, 36-43.
- “Ethics and the Triune God.” In *The Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics*, D. Stephen Long and Rebekah Miles, eds. London: Routledge, 2023, 6-17.
- “Attentiveness: The Liturgy in the Spiritual Life of the Deacon.” In *The Diaconate in Ecumenical Perspective: Ecclesiology, Liturgy and Practice*, D. Michael Jackson, ed. Durham: Sacristy Press, 2019, 168-173.
- “The Deacon and Sacramental Character.” In *The Diaconate in Ecumenical Perspective: Ecclesiology, Liturgy and Practice*, D. Michael Jackson, ed. Durham: Sacristy Press, 2019, 24-32.
- “The Eucharist.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology*, Lewis Ayres and Medi Volpe, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019, 277-293.
- “Rahner in Retrospect.” In *The Character of the Deacon: Spiritual and Pastoral Foundations*, James Keating. ed. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2017, 85-99.
- “Aquinas.” In *The T&T Clark Companion to the Doctrine of Sin*, Keith Johnson and David Lauber, eds. London: T&T Clark, 2016, 199-216.
- “Reading the *Summa Theologiae*.” In *The Cambridge Companion to the Summa Theologiae*, Denys Turner and Phillip McClosker, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016, 9-22.
- “Augustine and Thomas.” In *The T&T Clark Companion to Augustine and Modern Theology*, Chad Pecknold and Tarmo Toom, eds. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2013, 113-130.
- “Doctrine: Knowing and Doing.” In *The Morally Divided Body: Ethical Disagreement and the Disunity of the Church*, Michael Root and James J. Buckley, eds. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2012, 25-42.
- “The Trinity and Politics.” In *The Oxford Handbook on the Trinity*, Gilles Emery and Matthew Levering, eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011, 531-543.
- “Thomas Aquinas: The Unity of the Virtues and the Journeying Self.” In *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas’s 70th Birthday*, Charles R. Pinches, Kelly S. Johnson, and Charles M. Collier, eds. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010, 25-41.
- “The Trinity: Imitation and Improvisation.” In *Gathered for the Journey: Moral Theology in Catholic Perspective*, Therese Lysaught and David McCarthy, eds. London: SCM Press / Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishers, 2007, 68-87.
- “The Middle Ages.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, James J. Buckley, Frederick C. Bauerschmidt and Trent Pomplun, eds. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2007, 49-62.
- “‘That the Faithful Become the Temple of God’: The Church Militant in Aquinas’ Commentary on John.” In *Reading John with St. Thomas Aquinas*, Matthew Levering and

Michael Dauphinais, eds. Washington DC, Catholic University of America Press, 2005, 293- 311.

- “Baptism in the Diaspora.” In *On Baptism*, Peter C. Erb, ed. Pandora Press, 2004, 16-61.
- “Making Religion Safe for Democracy: William James and the Monotony of Religious Experience.” In *Divinising Experience: Essays in the History of Religious Experience from Origen to Ricoeur* (Studies in Philosophical Theology 23), Lieven Boeve and Laurence Hemming, eds. Leuven, Peeters Press, 2004, 113-131.
- “Shouting in the Land of the Hard of Hearing: On Being a Hillbilly Thomist.” In *Aquinas in Dialogue: Thomas for the 21st Century*. Jim Fodor and Frederick Bauerschmidt, eds. Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 2004, 163-183.
- “Being Baptized: Bodies and Abortion.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics*. Stanley Hauerwas and Sam Wells, eds. Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 2003, 250-262 (2nd ed. 2011, 290- 302).
- “Aquinas.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Political Theology*. William Cavanaugh and Peter Scott, eds. Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 2003, 48-61; revised 2nd edition 2019.
- “Aesthetics: The Theological Sublime.” In *Radical Orthodoxy: A New Theology*. John Milbank, Catherine Pickstock and Graham Ward, eds. London: Routledge, 1999, 201-219.
- “Michel de Certeau.” In *The Postmodern God*. Graham Ward, ed. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1997, 135-142.
- “The Politics of the Little Way: Dorothy Day Reads Thérèse of Lisieux.” In *American Catholic Traditions: Resources for Renewal*. Sandra Yocum Mize and William L. Portier, eds. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1997, 77-95.

Other Publications

- “Being Happy in an Endless Universe: Descartes, Spinoza, and Pascal.” *Church Life Journal*, April 22, 2024 (<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/being-happy-in-an-endless-universe-descartes-spinoza-and-pascal/>).
- “The Eucharistic Revival and the Problem of Trust.” *Church Life Journal*, June 13, 2023 (<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/the-eucharistic-revival-and-the-problem-of-trust/>).
- “Fear, Desire, and Perplexity.” *Theopolis Institute Conversations*, April 20, 2023 (<https://theopolisinstitute.com/conversations/fear-desire-and-perplexity/>).
- “After Christendom: Catholicism in a more secular future.” *Commonweal*, May 2022, 34-39.
- “What Is the Purpose of the Proofs of God’s Existence?” *Church Life Journal*, September 23, 2021 (<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/what-is-the-purpose-of-the-proofs-of-gods-existence/>).
- “May Christ enlighten a nation in darkness.” *Catholic Herald*, January 10, 2021 (<https://catholicherald.co.uk/homily-may-christ-enlighten-a-nation-in-darkness/>).
- “Pastoral Care, Political Action, and the Royal Office.” *Church Life Journal*, April 26, 2021 (<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/pastoral-care-political-action-and-the-royal-office/>).

- “Preaching and the Prophetic Office.” *Church Life Journal*, January 19, 2021 (<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/preaching-and-the-prophetic-office/>).
- “Liturgy and the Priestly Office.” *Church Life Journal*, November 24, 2020 (<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/the-liturgy-and-the-priestly-office/>).
- “Against Bourgeois Religion: Remembering Johann Baptist Metz.” *Commonweal*, January 2020, 15-16.
- “Theologizing America: A Tale of Two Prefaces.” *American Catholicism in the 21st Century: Crossroads, Crisis, or Renewal?* College Theology Society Annual Volume 63 (2017), 42-45.
- “Censure or Critique? The Bishops and Elizabeth Johnson.” *Commonweal*, June 3, 2011, 11- 13.
- “Evangelization and Community: Lessons from the RCIA.” *Assembly: A Journal of Liturgical Theology*, Vol. 36, no. 5, September 2010, 72-76.
- “Loosening Our Grip.” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 17, 2005, 29-36.
- “The Apocalypse of Peace.” *The Sign of Peace: Journal of the Catholic Peace Fellowship*. November 2002.
- “Michel de Certeau: Theologian.” Introduction to the “Theology” section of *The Certeau Reader*. Graham Ward, ed. Oxford, Basil Blackwell, 1999, 209-213.
- “Will Everything Really be O.K.?: The Spirituality of Julian of Norwich.” *Commonweal*, February 27, 1998, 13-14.
- “Liturgy of the World—Liturgy of the Church.” *Antiphon: Publication of the Society for Catholic Liturgy* 2:2, Fall 1997, 13-16.
- “Liturgical Rites and Wrongs: The Temptation to be Relevant.” *Commonweal*, November 17, 1995, 14-16.

Book Reviews

- Simon Maria Kopf, *Reframing Divine Providence: New Perspectives from Aquinas on the Divine Action Debate*, in *The Scottish Journal of Theology* (forthcoming).
- Peter Brown, *Journeys of the Mind: A Life in History*, in *Modern Theology* (forthcoming).
- Olivier-Thomas Venard, *A Poetic Christ*, in *Modern Theology*, 37:1, January 2021.
- Manfred Svensson and David VanDrunen, eds., *Aquinas Among the Protestants*, in *The Thomist*, July 2020.
- W. Shawn McKnight, *Understanding the Diaconate: Historical, Theological, and Sociological Foundations*, in *The Thomist*, Vol. 84 no. 1, January 2020.
- Brian Brock and Stanley Hauerwas, *Beginnings: Interrogating Hauerwas*, in *The Journal of Theological Studies*, Volume 69, Issue 2, October 2018.
- Mark D. Jordan, *Teaching Bodies: Moral Formation in the Summa of Thomas Aquinas*, in *Modern Theology*, 34:1, January 2018.
- Bruce L. McCormack and Thomas Joseph White, eds. *Thomas Aquinas and Karl Barth: An Unofficial Catholic-Protestant Dialogue* in *The Thomist*, April 2016.
- Bernhard Blankenhorn, *The Mystery of Union with God: Dionysian Mysticism in Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas* in *Modern Theology* 32:3, July 2016.

- Thomas Pfau, *Minding the Modern* in *Commonweal* 142:3, February 6, 2015.
- Denys Turner, *Julian of Norwich: Theologian* in *Modern Theology* 29:1, January 2013.
- John Haldane, *Reasonable Faith* in *The Thomist*, Vol. 76 no. 1, July 2012.
- Herbert McCabe, *On Aquinas* in *Nova et Vetera* 7/4, Fall 2009.
- Fergus Kerr, *Twentieth Century Catholic Theologians* in *Modern Theology* 23:4, October 2007.
- John McGuckin, *Saint Cyril of Alexandria and the Christological Controversy* in *Pro Ecclesia*, XV:1, Winter 2006.
- Ralph Wood, *Flannery O'Connor and the Christ-baunted South* in *Modern Theology*, January 2006.
- Christopher Steck, *The Ethical Thought of Hans Urs von Balthasar*, in *The Thomist*, July 2003.
- Clayton Crockett, *A Theology of the Sublime*, in *Modern Theology*, October 2002.
- Gary Macy, *Treasures from the Storeroom: Medieval Religion and the Eucharist*, in *The Anglican Theological Review*, LXXXIII: 2, 2001.
- Gerhard Lohfink, *Does God Need the Church? Toward a Theology of the People of God*, in *Modern Theology*, 2001.
- Robert Barron, *And Now I See . . . : A Theology of Transformation*, in *Modern Theology* 15:4, October 1999.
- Ellen Charry, *By the Renewing of Your Minds: The Pastoral Function of Christian Doctrine*, in *Pro Ecclesia* VII: 2, Spring 1999.
- David Aers and Lynn Staley, *Powers of the Holy*, in *The Anglican Theological Review* LXXIX: 4, 1997.
- Grace Jantzen, *Power, Gender and Christian Mysticism*, in *Modern Theology* 13:3, July 1997.
- P. J. Fitzpatrick, *In Breaking of Bread*, in *Pro Ecclesia*, November 1995.

Translations (from French)

- Emmanuel Perrier, OP, “Europe,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2007, 143-158.
- Emmanuel Perrier, OP, “Duns Scotus Facing Reality: Between Absolute Contingency and Unquestionable Consistency,” *Modern Theology* 21:4, October 2005, 619-643.
- Olivier Boulnois, “Reading Duns Scotus: From History to Philosophy,” *Modern Theology* 21:4, October 2005, 603-608.
- Michel de Certeau, “White Ecstasy,” in *The Postmodern God*. Graham Ward, ed. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1997, 155-158 (with Catriona Hanley).

Professional Presentations and Invited Academic Lectures

- “Eucharist and Social Salvation in Thomas Aquinas.” Catholic Theological Society of America, Baltimore MD, June 15, 2024.
- “The City That is to Come and the City of Our Exile: Politics, Ministry, and Preaching” (three lectures). Diocese of Tennessee Clergy Colloquium, Sewanee TN, April 23-24, 2024.
- “Apophaticisms: *The Cloud of Unknowing* and Julian of Norwich.” Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology. Dover MA, August 3, 2023.
- “Being Happy in an Endless Universe: Spinoza and Pascal.” Markarios: Character and

Virtue in the Christian Tradition, Rome, Italy, May 28, 2023.

- “Jesuit Education and the Disruptive Ignatius.” Regis University, Denver CO, March 9, 2023.
- “How Not to Take ‘No’ for an Answer: Catherine of Siena on Prayer.” University of Mary, Bismarck ND, October 7, 2022.
- “*Multa et Multam: Aquinas on Christ’s Passion.*” Aquinas Studium. Providence RI, July 31, 2022.
- “The Dumb Ox in the Room: Reckoning with the Legacy of Aquinas.” Mixed Blessings: The Theologians Who Shaped Us. Annual Conference of the Center for Evangelical and Catholic Theology. Baltimore MD, June 7, 2022.
- “What the Heart Knows: Aquinas and Pascal on Faith and First Principles.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference. Villanova PA, October 16, 2021.
- “Walking Toward Faith: Thomas Aquinas on the *Praeambula fidei.*” St. Mary’s Seminary and University. Baltimore MD, April 20, 2021.
- “Thought in Bliss: Contemplation and Theology in Thomas Aquinas.” Thomistic Institute conference on Aquinas on Contemplation: Philosophy, Theology, and the Spiritual Life. Washington DC, October 10, 2020.
- “Some Notes on Friendship with God.” The Society of Christian Ethics. Washington DC, January 9, 2020.
- “Freedom in the Novels of Graham Greene.” Thomistic Institute lecture series Freedom in Christ. Catholic Information Center, Washington DC, November 14, 2019.
- “Being Religious in a Post-Medieval World.” Thomistic Institute lecture. Duke University, Durham NC, January 24, 2019.
- “The Deacon and Sacramental Character,” “Attentiveness: The Liturgy in the Spiritual Life of the Deacon,” and “Diaconal Relationship.” Presentations at The International Anglican- Roman Catholic-Ukrainian Catholic Conference on the Diaconate. Campion College, Regina SK, May 10-13, 2018.
- “Large and Startling Figures: Flannery O’Connor’s Postmodern Apologetic.” Thomistic Institute lecture series Finding God in the Modern World. Catholic Information Center, Washington DC, September 6, 2017.
- “Theologizing America: A Tale of Two Prefaces.” College Theology Society Annual Meeting, Ecclesiology and American Catholic Life and Thought Joint Session. Newport RI, June 2, 2017.
- “Distinguishing Post-Liberalisms.” Presentation on the panel “Thomist and Post-Liberal Theology: Looking to the Future” at the conference Thomism, Post-Liberal Theology, and Postmodernity: In Honor of J. Augustine DiNoia, O.P. Thomistic Institute. Washington DC, April 8, 2017.
- “Ellacuría, Aquinas, and the Crucified People.” Society of Christian Ethics. New Orleans LA, January 7, 2017.
- “The Infused Moral Virtues and the Infused Knowledge of Christ.” The Virtuous Life: Thomas Aquinas on the theological nature of moral virtues. Thomas Instituut te Utrecht. Utrecht, The Netherlands, December 19, 2015.
- “Anonymous Deacons? Rahner in Retrospect.” Diaconate Seminar, Institute for

Priestly Formation, Creighton University, Omaha NE, April 25, 2015.

- “Culture, Church, and the Threefold Office” (three lectures). Diocese of Tennessee Clergy Colloquium, Sewanee TN, April 22-23, 2015.
- “Catholic Perspectives on Ecclesiology.” A response to papers at the Mercersburg Society 2014 Convocation: Defining the Church for Our Time. Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster PA, June 4, 2014.
- “Disambiguating Faith.” A response to papers at the session An Evangelical Thomas? A Review of Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt’s *Thomas Aquinas: Faith, Reason, and Following Christ*, Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore MD, November 20, 2013.
- “‘The Word of the Lord’: Catholic Approaches to Scripture.” God’s Books: Reading Scripture in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The Islamic Center, Murfreesboro TN. November 3, 2013.
- “Conversion, Coercion and Persuasion in Thomas Aquinas.” Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami FL, June 2013.
- “God as Author: Thinking Through a Metaphor.” Lawler Lecture Series. Creighton University, Omaha NB, March 20, 2013.
- “The Limits of Tolerance.” *Dignitatis Humanae* and the Rediscovery of Religious Liberty. John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, Washington DC, February 23, 2013.
- “Response to Anthony Baker’s *Diagonal Advance*.” American Academy of Religion, Chicago IL, November 18, 2012.
- “Doctrine: Knowing and Doing.” The Morally Divided Body: Ethical Disagreement and the Disunity of the Church. Annual Conference of the Center for Evangelical and Catholic Theology. Baltimore MD, June 15, 2010.
- “Creation and Co-creation, Theurgy and Liturgy: A Cautionary Note.” A response to papers on Spiritual and Ergonomic Harmonies: Beauty as the Unity of Prayer and Work, Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference, Villanova PA, October 17, 2009.
- “The Life of the Mind at a Catholic University.” Public lecture upon receiving the Loyola College Center for the Humanities Nachbahr Award for Scholarly Contribution in the Humanities, Baltimore MD, September 26, 2009.
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Medieval Lessons.” Symposium on the Catholic intellectual tradition, Creighton University, Omaha NE, March 26, 2009.
- “The Medieval Imagination: The Case of Thomas Aquinas.” The Imagination and the Mediation of Religious Truth: A Systematic-Theological Approach. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, November 20, 2008.
- “Mary and the Body Politic of Christ.” Blessed is She Who Believed: The Place of Mary in the Catholic Faith. Academy of Catholic Theology. Washington DC, May 29, 2008.
- “Evangelization and Community: Lessons from the RCIA.” Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology VI. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. November 8, 2007.

- “The Lord’s Day as Catastrophe.” Plenary address at the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy annual conference, The Lord’s Day: Sign of Contradiction? Notre Dame IN, June 13, 2007.
- “Between Creation and Change: Thomas Aquinas on Transubstantiation.” Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology. Boston MA, August 5, 2006.
- “Masaccio’s Trinity.” International Conference on Theological Aesthetics. Denver CO, May 26, 2006.
- “Transubstantiation and Transcendence: the logic of Eucharistic presence in Thomas Aquinas.” Divine Transcendence and Immanence in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas. Thomas Instituut te Utrecht. Utrecht, The Netherlands, December 17, 2005.
- “Trinitarian Doctrine and Moral Theology: Reflections after Balthasar.” Love Alone Is Credible: Hans Urs von Balthasar as Interpreter of the Catholic Tradition. Washington D.C., April 16, 2005.
- “Incarnation, Redemption, and the Character of God.” John Paul II and the Renewal of Thomistic Theology Conference. Ave Maria College, Ypsilanti MI, August 8, 2003.
- “The Lamb of God in the Age of Mechanical Reproduction.” Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Hooger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte, Belgium, March 20, 2003.
- “Doctrines, Contemplation, and Texts of Terror.” A response to papers on “Divine Initiative and Human Response” in the Christian Theology and the Bible Group, AAR/SBL Annual meeting, Toronto ON, November 24, 2002.
- “‘That the Faithful Become the Temple of God’—The Church Militant in Aquinas’ Commentary on John.” Reading John with St. Thomas Aquinas: Ressourcement and the Fourth Gospel, Dearborn MI, October 6, 2001.
- “What Sort of Re-enchantment?: A Response to John Milbank.” The North American Karl Barth Society, Nashville TN, November 17, 2000.
- “Order, Freedom and Caritas: Julian of Norwich at the Edge of Modernity.” Lumen Christi Institute Yves Simon Lecture Series, The University of Chicago, Chicago IL, January 13, 2000.
- “The Politics of Disenchantment.” Christian Theological Research Fellowship, Boston MA, November 20, 1999.
- “Disenchantment and Mysticism: The Case of Max Weber.” The Peter Braeger Memorial Lecture, Loyola College, Baltimore MD, March 12, 1999.
- “Liturgy as Culture: A Response to Geoffrey Wainwright.” The Society for Catholic Liturgy, Chicago IL, September 24, 1998.
- “Does Hans Urs von Balthasar Have a Political Theology?” The Catholic Theological Society of America, Ottawa ON, June 12, 1998.
- “The Otherness of God.” De Certeau: A Symposium, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Australia, January 1998.
- “The Threefold Body: Theology After Suspicion.” Christian Theological Research Fellowship, San Francisco CA, November 1997.

- “Neoplatonic Elements in the Christology of Julian of Norwich.” American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism section, New Orleans LA, November 1996.
- “The Politics of the Little Way: Dorothy Day Reads Thérèse of Lisieux.” College Theology Society Annual Meeting, Consultation on Mysticism and Politics, Dayton OH, May 1996.
- “‘Not Without’: Michel de Certeau and a Future for Christian Theology.” American Academy of Religion, Critical Theory section, Washington DC, November 1993.

Editorial Positions

Co-Editor (with James Fodor) of the journal *Modern Theology* (Blackwell Publishers), 2001-2006.

Other Professional Activities

- Regular Contributor, Pray Tell (praytellig.com)
- Occasional Instructor in the Archdiocese of Baltimore Deacon Formation Program (History of Spirituality and Spiritual Theology)
- Member of the Liturgical Commission, Archdiocese of Baltimore, 2023-present.
- Peer-reviewer of book manuscripts/proposals for Catholic University of America Press, Cambridge University Press, Eerdmans Publishing, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Wiley Publishers
- Peer-reviewer of essay submissions for *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Journal of Moral Theology*, *Modern Theology*, *Pro Ecclesia*, *Religions*, *The Thomist*

Courses Taught

- The Roman Catholic Tradition (introductory Religion course)
- Introduction to Theology/Theology Matters (Theology core course)
- Cities of God: Theology and the Built World (Theology core course)
- Christian Sacraments (Theology core course)
- The Pilgrim Community of Jesus: An Overview of the Church (Theology core course)
- Who is Jesus? (Theology core course)
- Introduction to Christian Ethics (Theology core ethics course)
- Marriage and Sexuality (Theology core ethics course)
- Ethics Special Topics: Thomas Aquinas and *The Wire* (Theology core ethics course)
- The Medieval World (Honors Program core course)
- The Examined Life (Honors Program capstone course)
- Medieval Women Authors (Theology majors’ seminar)
- The Tradition of Catholic Radicalism (Theology majors’ seminar)
- Liturgy, Sacraments and the Christian Life (Theology majors’ seminar)
- Historical Theology I: The First Millennium (MTS core course)
- Historical Theology II: The Second Millennium (MTS core course)

- Catholic Theology in Modernity (Theology majors' seminar/MTS elective)
- The Theology of Thomas Aquinas (Theology majors' seminar/MTS elective)
- Faith and Reason (Theology majors' seminar/MTS elective)
- Paul in the Christian Tradition (MTS elective)
- Medieval Philosophy (Philosophy core course)
- Philosophical Anthropology (Pre-Theology course for Catholic seminarians)

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