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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2017– Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Marquette University
2016–2017 Instructor of Record in Theology, University of Notre Dame

EDUCATION/FORMATION

2012–2017 Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, Systematic Theology, 2017
Dissertation: *The Ecclesiology of Erich Przywara, S.J.*, directed by John Betz
2011–2012 Associate Pastor, Gesù Church, Miami, FL
2010–2011 S.T.L., Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Systematic Theology,
Thesis: “Biblical Inspiration and Inerrancy in the Thought of Joseph Ratzinger,”
directed by Khaled Anatolios
2008–2010 M.Div., Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Theology
2005–2008 Teacher of Classical Languages, Jesuit High School, New Orleans, LA
2002–2005 M.A., Fordham University, Philosophical Resources
2000–2002 Jesuit Novitiate, St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, LA
1997–2000 B.A., Franciscan University of Steubenville, Humanities and Catholic Culture

AWARDS AND HONORS

2018 Summer Faculty Fellowship: “Reading the Scriptures with Joseph Ratzinger,”
Marquette University
2016 CTSA Graduate Student Conference Scholarship
2015 Highest Honors on PhD Candidacy Exam, University of Notre Dame
Roman Global Gateway Research Grant: “Exploring the Archives of Erich
Przywara in Rome,” University of Notre Dame
2013 Nanovic Graduate Research Grant: “Exploring the Archives of Erich Przywara in
Munich,” University of Notre Dame
2012 University of Notre Dame Presidential Fellowship in Humanities and Sciences

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ecclesiology
Vatican I and Vatican II and their Receptions
Biblical and Doctrinal Hermeneutics
Jesuit Theology, History, Spirituality
Moral Theology and its Development

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

Church of the Ever Greater God: The Ecclesiology of Erich Przywara
([forthcoming](#) with University of Notre Dame Press, May 2020).

Reading the Scriptures with Joseph Ratzinger
(solicited by University of Notre Dame Press, in progress)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “Augustine’s *Rationes Seminales* as Background to Seed Imagery in *Purgatorio*,”
Le Tre Corone 8 (2021) (forthcoming February 2021)
- “Nadal’s Apology for the Spiritual Exercises: A Study in Balanced Spirituality,”
Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits 52/2 (forthcoming March 2020)
- 2019** “Suárez on Religion and Religious Pluralism,” in *Francisco Suárez (1548–1617):
Jesuits and the Complexities of Modernity*, ed. Robert Aleksander Maryks and
Juan Antonio Senent de Frutos, *Modernity through the Prism of Jesuit History* 22
(Leiden: Brill, 2019), 128–153.
- 2018** “The Limits of Ecclesial Oikonomia at Lyons II,” *Archa Verbi* 15 (2018): 8–43.
- 2016** “Erich Przywara, S.J. and ‘Catholic Fascism’: A Response to Paul Silas
Peterson,” *Journal for the History of Modern Theology/Zeitschrift für Neuere
Theologiegeschichte* 23/1 (2016): 27–55.
- 2015** “*Christi Opera Proficiunt*: Ratzinger’s Neo-Bonaventurian Model of Social
Inspiration,” *Nova et Vetera* 13/3 (2015): 693–711.
- 2014** “Ricoeur and Ratzinger on Biblical History and Hermeneutics,” *Journal of
Theological Interpretation* 8/2 (2014): 37–56.
“Joseph Ratzinger on Biblical Inerrancy,” *Nova et Vetera* 12/1 (2014): 307–33

Book Chapters

“Ratzinger’s Cross-Cultural Biblical Ethics: The Case of Marital Indissolubility,”
in *Ratzinger and the Future of African Theology*, edited by Matthew Levering and
Maurice Agbaw (accepted).

- “Ratzinger on Lessing’s ‘Ugly Broad Ditch’: Augustinian *Ressourcement* and Modern Rationalism,” in *Introduction to Christianity at Fifty*, edited by John Cavadini (accepted)
- 2019 “The Church of the ‘Few’ for the ‘Many’: Ratzinger’s Missiology of Representation.” In *Joseph Ratzinger and the Healing of Reformation-Era Divisions*, edited by Emery de Gaál and Matthew Levering, 295–316. Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic, 2019.

Web-Based Publications

- 2014 “Conciliar Reception in the Early Church as *Traditio* and its Contemporary Implications,” *The Other Journal* 23/5 (2014).
<http://theotherjournal.com/2014/07/21/conciliar-reception-in-the-early-church-as-traditio-and-its-contemporary-implications/>
- 2011 “The Consciousness and Human Knowledge of Christ According to Lonergan and Balthasar,” *Lumen et Vita: The Graduate Academic Journal of Boston College School of Theology and Ministry* 1/1 (2011): 1–25.
<http://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/lumenetvita/article/view/1699/1554>

Book Reviews

- Review of *The Political Morality of the Late Scholastics: Civic Life, War and Conscience*, by Daniel Schwartz, in *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 7/2 (March 2020): 354–356.
- Review of *Participation in God: A Study in Christian Doctrine and Metaphysics*, by Andrew Davison, in *International Philosophical Quarterly* (forthcoming Sep. 2020).
- Review of *Reimagining the Analogia Entis: The Future of Erich Przywara’s Christian Vision*, by Philip John Paul Gonzalez, in *International Philosophical Quarterly* 60/1 (March 2020): 119–122.
- 2016 Review of *Analogia Entis: Original Structure and Universal Rhythm*, by Erich Przywara, S.J., in *International Philosophical Quarterly* 56/2 (June 2016): 241–244.

Other Publications

- 2018 “Revisiting Ratzinger’s ‘Dictatorship of Relativism,’” *America* (May 14, 2018): 26–30, 35. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/04/16/did-benedict-xvi-predict-rise-trump-and-fake-news>
- “Everything Looks Different after Priestly Ordination,” *Church Life Journal*, <https://churchlife.nd.edu/2017/11/15/everything-looks-different-after-priestly-ordination/>; reprinted in *GIA Quarterly* 29/3: 6–7.
- 2014 "A Pastoral Theologian: The Consistency and Compassion of John Ford," *America* 210/11 (March 31, 2014): 25–28.
<https://www.americamagazine.org/issue/ford's-foundation>
- 2011 “An Experience of Adoration,” *C21 Resources* (Fall 2011), 31–32.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2018** “Ratzinger in 1968,” lecture delivered during *The Global '68 Symposium* at Loyola University Chicago, Oct. 24.
- 2017** “Ignatius of Loyola and the Catholic Reformation,” lecture delivered at University of Wisconsin Green Bay, Nov. 16.
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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2020** “Jerome Nadal’s Natural-law Argument for Interreligious Spiritual Exercises,” paper delivered for the panel “Prayer and Action in Spanish Spiritual Theology” at *Society of Christian Ethics*, Washington, DC, Jan. 9–12.
- 2019** “Ratzinger’s Cross-Cultural Biblical Ethics,” paper delivered at *Ratzinger and the Future of African Theology*, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Oct. 17–19.
“The Necessity of Infant Baptism,” paper delivered at *Wrongdoing and Redemption*, University of Notre Dame Law School, Sep. 20–22.
- 2018** “Ratzinger on Lessing’s ‘Ugly Broad Ditch,’” paper delivered at *Introduction to Christianity at Fifty*, University of Notre Dame, Nov. 4–6.
“Early Apologies for the Spiritual Exercises,” paper delivered at *Patristic Medieval Renaissance Conference*, Villanova University, Oct. 5–7.
“Teaching Christ and the Religions,” response to Cyril O’Regan delivered at *Teaching Undergraduate Theology: Connecting the Disconnects*, Washington, DC, Sept. 13–14.
“Erich Przywara on Nature-Grace Extrinsicism,” paper delivered at *CTSA Convention*, Indianapolis, June 7–10.
“Suárez on Religion and Religious Pluralism,” paper delivered at *Francisco Suárez (1548-1617): Jesuits and the Complexities of Modernity*, Universidad Loyola Andalucía, June 1–2.
- 2017** “The Church of the ‘Few’ for the ‘Many’: Ratzinger’s Missiology of Vicarious Representation,” paper to be delivered at *Joseph Ratzinger and the Healing of Reformation-Era Divisions*, Mundelein Seminary, Oct 19–21
“The Church according to Erich Przywara, SJ,” paper delivered at *Academy of Catholic Theology: Church as City and People of God*, Dominican House of Studies, May 23–25
- 2016** “Erich Przywara, Vatican I, and the *Analogia Entis*,” paper delivered at *Loneragan on the Edge: The Spirit of Vatican I? Reversing the Optic of Mid-Twentieth-Century Theology*, Marquette University, Sept 23–24
- 2015** “Erich Przywara, the Jews, and Sacral Nationalism,” paper delivered at *Nostra Aetate Conference: Church and Synagogue*, University of Notre Dame, Nov 8–9
“The Problem of Doctrinal Non-Reception: Ancient Precedents and Modern Analogies,” paper delivered at the *CTSA Convention*, Milwaukee, June 9–12
- 2014** “Francisco Suárez on the Virtue of *Religio* and Religious Pluralism,” paper delivered at the *Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference*, Villanova University, October 24–26

- “The Compatibility of Balthasar’s Holy Saturday and *Benedictus Deus*,” paper delivered at *Eschatology and Moral Order: A Joint Graduate Conference of the University of Chicago and the University of Notre Dame*, Chicago Divinity School, April 30–May 1
- 2013** “H.-J. Sieben on Conciliar Reception in the Ancient Church,” paper delivered at *Tradition and Traditions: Duke Graduate Conference in Theology*, Duke Divinity School, October 4–5
- 2012** “Joseph Ratzinger on Social Inspiration,” paper delivered at *Dei Verbum at 50: Toward the Clarification of the Inspiration of Scripture*, University of Dayton, October 25–27
- 2010** “Ratzinger and the Mission of Somatic Relationality,” paper delivered at *Engaging Particularities VIII: New Directions in Comparative Theology, Interreligious Dialogue, Theology of Religions and Missiology*, Boston College, March 26–28
- 2009** “The Mission of the Angels in the *Mystagogy* of Maximus the Confessor,” paper delivered at the *Fifth Annual Pappas Institute Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies and the History of Christianity in Late Antiquity*, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Seminary, March 19–21
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SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2019** Manuscript review for University of Notre Dame Press
- 2017–** Manuscript review for CUA Press.
- 2014–2015** Contributor to New Sommervogel Bibliography Project
- 2013–** Occasional Manuscript Review for *Nova et Vetera, Forum Philosophicum, Horizons; Modern Theology*
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TEACHING INTERESTS

Ecclesiology: Patristic, Medieval, Contemporary
 Fundamental Theology: Faith, Reason, Revelation
 Christian Spirituality
 Thomistic Ethics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Marquette University

- 2017–** THEO 1001 Foundations in Theology; THEO 2400 Christian Discipleship; THEO 4410 Family, Church, Society; THEO 6310 Introduction to Systematic Theology; THEO 8524 Doctrinal Themes in Contemporary Roman Catholic Systematic Theology: Analogia Entis

University of Notre Dame

2015–2017 THEO 10001 Foundations of Theology; THEO 60023 Soundings in Theological German

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Marquette University

2018– Social Committee (Chair)
2017–2018 Curriculum Assessment Committee Member
2017–2019 Undergraduate Committee Member
2019– GAFAC MA Subcommittee Member
2019– Père Marquette Lecture Committee Member

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Marquette University

2019– Wade Chair Selection Committee Member
2020– Ideation Review Council

LANGUAGES

Modern: French, German, Italian, Spanish
Ancient: Latin, Greek, Hebrew (studied)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2020– North American Patristics Society
2019– Society of Christian Ethics
2018– Academy of Catholic Theologians
2015– Catholic Theological Society of America