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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy May 2026
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Area: Systematic Theology
Minor Area: Historical Theology

Master of Arts, *with distinction* May 2017
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Area: The History of Western Philosophy (Concentrations: Ethics & Epistemology)

Bachelor of Arts May 2015
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Major: Philosophy
Minor Concentrations: Psychology & Spanish

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI Aug. 2026 – Present
Assistant Professor
Department of Theology

TEACHING

Assistant Professor Aug. 2026 – Present
Department of Theology
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Courses: Foundations in Theology; The Question of God in a Secular Age

Teaching Fellow Aug. 2023 – May 2026
Department of Theology
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Courses: Perspectives on Western Culture I–II; God, Self, and Society
Awards: Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award for Graduate Teaching, 2023–24

Lead Instructor and Curriculum Developer Summer 2023 – 2025
Summer Gateway Accelerator Program
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

After School Teacher Oct. 2022 – June 2023
The German International School of Boston, Brighton, MA

Teaching Assistant Sept. 2020 – May 2022
Department of Theology
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
Courses: God, Self, and Society; The Sacred Page; Perspectives on Western Culture III: Horizons of the New Social Sciences

Theology Teacher Sept. 2017 – May 2019
Department of Theology
Catholic Memorial School, West Roxbury, MA
Courses: Introduction to Catholicism; Introduction to Scripture; Faith and Reason

Summer Reading Instructor Summer 2016
The Institute of Reading Development

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"Love Saturated God-Consciousness in Thomas Gallus and Bernard Lonergan." *Angelicum* 99, no. 2 (2022): 97–163. Co-authored with Boyd Taylor Coolman.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"*The Brothers Karamazov* and the Problem of Contemporary Atheism" Nov. 2026
- Upcoming presentation at the 2026 AAR Annual Meeting, in the Colloquium on Violence and Religion unit
- Denver, CO

"Redemption or Nothing: The Question of God as a Question of What Being Will Be" June 2026
- At the 2026 Lonergan Workshop: "Progress, Decline, Redemption"
- Chestnut Hill, MA

"The Question of God and the Challenge of Teaching Theology in the Modern University" — April 2026
- At the 2026 West Coast Method Institute's Annual Meeting: "The University Today: Newman, Lonergan, and Higher Education" at Gonzaga University
- Spokane, WA

"Looking for Salvation in a Secular Age" — Nov. 2025
- At Boston College's "Encountering Two Doctoral Students and Their Research"
- Chestnut Hill, MA

"What Has Transcendental Thomism to Do with Mimetic Theory? Continuing the Lonergan-Girard Conversation" — Feb. 2024
- At Boston College's Winter Colloquium on Mimetic Theory: "Mimetic Theory and Political Theology: Paths to Overcome Polarization"
- Chestnut Hill, MA

"Image, Symbol, and Sign in Saint Bonaventure's *The Tree of Life*" — Oct. 2023
- At the Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference at Villanova University
- Villanova, PA

"More than Meets the Eye: Sacramental Theology in a Post-Metaphysical Context" — May 2023
- At the Makarios: Character and Virtue in the Christian Tradition Conference, hosted by Australian Catholic University
- Rome, Italy

"Incorporating the Cross: On the Role of Symbols in Bonaventure's *The Tree of Life*" — Oct. 2022
- At the Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference at Villanova University
- Villanova, PA

"Towards a Lonerganian Notion of Mystical Consciousness" — Sept. 2020
- At the annual Lonergan on the Edge Conference at Marquette University
- Milwaukee, WI

ACADEMIC GUEST LECTURES

"The Philosophy and Theology of Pierre Rousselot" March 2023
- In Boyd Taylor Coolman's Doctoral Seminar "*Ressourcement* in the *Nouvelle théologie*"
- Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

PUBLIC LECTURES

"Why You Should Read *The Brothers Karamazov* Before You Die" Feb. 2023
- For a graduate student "Great Books" group at Harvard University
- Cambridge, MA

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

The Hank Fellowship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Summer 2023
Loyola University Chicago
Dissertation Fellowship

The Betty Jones Scholarship Summer 2022
Full Funding for Summer Graduate Program in German at Middlebury College

Fortin Foundation Summer Grant Summer 2022
Funding for Summer Language Learning (German)

The Stephen F. Brown Graduate Student Research Fund Summer 2021
Funding for Summer Language Learning (German)

Fortin Foundation Summer Grant Summer 2021
Funding for Summer Language Learning (German)

Fortin Foundation Summer Grant Summer 2020
Funding for Summer Language Learning (German)

Bernard Lonergan Master of Arts Fellowship Sept. 2015 – May 2017
Full degree funding for students studying Bernard Lonergan

AWARDS

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award for Graduate Teaching 2023 – 2024
Course: Perspectives on Western Culture I–II at Boston College
Role: Primary Instructor, Teaching Fellow

LANGUAGES

German
Reading, speaking, listening, and writing proficiency (C1, Goethe-Institut Certificate)

Spanish
Reading comprehension, oral comprehension, speaking proficiency (estimated level, B2)

French
Dictionary-aided reading comprehension

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewer, *Forum Philosophicum* 2026 – Present

SERVICE TO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Saint Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill, MA Sept. 2019 – April 2020
Confirmation Catechist

Boston College Christian Life Community, Chestnut Hill, MA Sept. 2016 – May 2017
Reflection Group Leader

AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion