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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Theology (New Testament)
Marquette University (2026–present; tenure track)

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago (2022–present)
Ph.D. in Theology, New Testament and Early Christianity
Dissertation Title: "Autochthonous Narratives: The Politics and Poetics of Land-Based Epistemologies in the Acts of the Apostles," passed with distinction, August 11, 2026.
Dissertation Supervisor: Olivia Stewart Lester.
Dissertation Committee: Michal Beth Dinkler, Brian Lee, and Michael Schuck.
Yale Divinity School (2019–2022)
Master of Divinity, Julia A. Archibald High Scholarship Prize
Curtin University (2009–2012)
Bachelor of Arts (Film and Television)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient: Greek, Hebrew, Coptic (Sahidic); Modern: French, German

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Michael J. Garanzini, S.J. Fellowship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition (2025–2026)
Scholarship for the SCU Sustainability and Justice Workshops (June 23–27 & July 7–11, 2025)
Research Assistantship, The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage (2024–2026)
Pass with Distinction, Comprehensive Doctoral Exams, Loyola University Chicago (2024)
Julia A. Archibald High Scholarship Prize, Yale Divinity School (2022)
Two Brothers Fellowship, Yale Divinity School (2022)
The Plymouth Union-Prince Scholarship (2019–2021)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Sister Septuagint: Virginal Allusions as Textual Apologetic in *De vita Mosis*," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 87.2 (2025).

Contributions to Edited Volumes

"Luke-Acts and Diaspora," in Gregory E. Sterling and Michal Beth Dinkler ed., *The Oxford Handbook of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles* (forthcoming, invited).

"John in the Acts of John," in Christopher W. Skinner and Douglas Estes ed., *The Reception of John's Gospel*. Baylor University Press, 2027 (forthcoming, invited).

"The Beginning of the *Euangelion* Between Scripture, Biography and Gospel: A Response to Helen K. Bond and Elizabeth E. Shively," in Christopher Skinner, James Barker, and Zechariah Eberhart, ed., *Reassessing the Emergence of the Gospels: Genre, Media, Reception*, Loyola University Chicago (forthcoming, invited).

"The Legacy of Pope Francis on the Relationship Between the Church and Indigenous Peoples," in "The Legacy of Pope Francis," a special issue of The *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 24.1 (2027) (forthcoming).

Book Reviews

Review of Benea Alukwe, *The Characterization of Peter's Leadership and Ethics in Acts 1–12, 15: Echoes of the Mebaqqer at Qumran*. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham Academic, 2024 (forthcoming).

Review of Tina M. Sherman, *Plant Metaphors in Prophetic Condemnations of Israel and Judah*. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2023. *Review of Biblical Literature*. May 17, 2024.

General Audience

"From Macedonia to Massachusetts: Seals, Native Americans, and the Bible in the Construction of Modernity," *Genealogies of Modernity*, two parts: April 4 & 21, 2026.

"Dei Verbum and A Catholic Theology of Pseudepigraphy," in *Dei Verbum at 60: Rediscovering the Word of God Ever Anew, Nexus Journal*, ed. Julian Sieber (Chicago: The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, 2025).

"Australia just voted down a voice for First Nations in its Constitution. What comes next for the Indigenous rights movement?" *America Magazine*, October 2023.

"The Pastoral Significance of *Dei Verbum*," *Voice of Delhi* (New Delhi: Archdiocese of Delhi), August 2023.

"The Gospel According to Squid Game: A Study in Mortality, Humanity and Divinity," *STM: The Magazine of the Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University*, Fall 2021.

Interviews

Video Interview with Harold W. Attridge, "*Dei Verbum*, Sixty Years On: The Story of the Document," November 2025.

Other Contributions to the Academy

Author, CBA Land Acknowledgment Statement, motion passed August 4, 2025.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2026

"For the Sake of the People or the Place?: Decolonial Land-Based Approaches to Spatiality in 1–2 Maccabees," 2026 *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Program Unit: Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity, Denver, November 21–24, 2026.

"From Holy Land to Heavenly Throne: Land-Based Rhetoric and Spatial Reorientation in Acts 7," 2026 *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Program Unit: Book of Acts Section, Denver, November 21–24, 2026.

Panelist, CBA Unbound Book Review: Isaac W. Oliver, Jocelyn McWhirter, and Joshua Scott, *Luke and Acts with(in) Second Temple Judaism,* Catholic Biblical Association, Zoom, October 15, 2026.

"Luke-Acts and Diaspora," *NT/EC Colloquium*. Loyola University Chicago, October 12, 2026 (forthcoming).

Response to Christopher Hoklotubbe, Book Discussion with Chris Hoklotubbe: Reading the Bible on Turtle Island, Loyola University Chicago, April 13, 2026.

Response to Helen Bond and Elizabeth Shively, *Reassessing the Emergence of the Gospels: Genre, Media, Reception*, Loyola University Chicago, April 10, 2026.

"Treaties and Tributaries: A Postcolonial Reappraisal of 1 Maccabees in Light of Native American and Indigenous Studies," *Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies*, Section: Second Temple Judaism. South Bend, March 14, 2026.

"The Parting of the γῆ: A Decolonial Land-Based Comparison of 1 & 2 Maccabees," *NT/EC Colloquium*. Loyola University Chicago, March 9, 2026.

Plenary address, "Autochthonous Narratives: Six Pathways of a Decolonial Land-Based Biblical Hermeneutic," *Graduate Theology Colloquium with Loyola, Marquette, and SLU*. Loyola University, February 6, 2026.

"Toward a Decolonial Land-Based Biblical Hermeneutic," *NT/EC Colloquium*. Loyola University Chicago, January 27, 2026.

2025

"Visual Art as an Introduction to Christian Theology," Pedagogy in Praxis: The Teaching of Theology and Religious Studies, 9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium, Loyola University Chicago, December 3, 2025.

"'This Jesus was an Indian': Decolonial Biblical Hermeneutics in Charles Eastman's *From the Deep Woods to Civilization* (1916)," 2025 *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Program Unit: Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies, Boston, November 22–25, 2025.

"No More Smeared Walls and Tattooed Degenerates: New Jerusalem Aesthetics in Adolf Loos' Modernist Manifesto," 2025 *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Program Unit: John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern, Boston, November 22–25, 2025.

"Toward a Decolonial Land-Based Biblical Hermeneutic," *Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religion (MiCAR)*, University of Chicago, November 8-9, 2025.

Facilitator, book review Panel: Michael Peppard, *How Catholics Encounter the Bible*, 87th International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, Chicago, August 2, 2025.

Panelist, book review panel: Edmondo Lupieri, *John of the Mandeans.* EuARe Conference, Vienna, July 8–12, 2025.

"Autochthonous Narratives: The Politics and Poetics of Land-Based Epistemologies in the Acts of the Apostles," *NT/EC Colloquium*. Loyola University Chicago, April 21, 2025.

"Paul between the Canonical *Acts* and the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*," *The Bible in History: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue between Italian and American Scholars on the Reception History of the Bible and Early Christian History.* Loyola University Chicago, April 11–12, 2025.

Session chair and respondent, "Reflections on Pseudepigraphy, Scripture, and Tradition," *The Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy: Authorship and Imagination in Ancient Epistolary Fictions*. Loyola University Chicago, March 31, 2025.

"The Second Letter to Theophilus: The Prologue of Acts of the Apostles as Epistolary Pseudepigraphy" *The Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy: Authorship and Imagination in Ancient Epistolary Fictions*, Graduate Symposium. Loyola University Chicago, March 30, 2025.

"Land-Based Epistemologies Between First and Second Maccabees," *Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies*, Section: Second Temple Judaism. South Bend, March 15, 2025.

"When the Land Trembled for its People: A Decolonial Land-Based Reading of 1 Maccabees," *Graduate Theology Colloquium with Loyola, Marquette, and SLU*. Loyola University, February 8, 2025.

2024

"Wisdom Lives in Wells: Knowledge as Gift of God and the Earth in Second Temple Judaism," 2024 *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Program Unit: Nature Imagery and Conceptions of Nature in the Bible, San Diego, November 23–26, 2024.

"God's Chthonic Footstool: The Earth as Domain of Disability and Death in Acts of the Apostles" 2024 *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Program Unit: Book of Acts, San Diego, November 23–26, 2024.

"Translating Indigeneity in Acts 28:1–10," *Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies*, Section: Early Christianity: Acts, Apostolic Fathers, and Patristics. South Bend, March 16, 2024.

"A Johannine Ogdoad: The Eightfold Power(s) in the Acts of John," *Loyola-Marquette Colloquium*. Marquette University, February 24, 2024.

2023

"Concepts of Apostolicity within Johannine Literature," *'The Apostolic Ministry': History, Theology and Ecumenism*. Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University, October 26–27, 2023.

"Sister Septuagint: Philo's Supine Feminine Figure of Speech," *Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies*, Section: Second Temple Judaism. South Bend, March 18, 2023.

"Untasted Dinners: Luke's Great Dinner and Tobit's Not-So-Great One," *Loyola-Marquette Colloquium*. Loyola University, January 21, 2023.

2022

"The Hope of Vanity: Legacy as Duty of Care in Qoheleth and Australia's Response to Climate Change," *Theology in the City Biblical Colloquium.* Concordia University, September 27, 2022.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Marquette University

Classes Taught, Instructor of Record

THEO 1001: Foundations in Theology; instructor of 2 sections in Team-Taught format, Fall 2026

THEO 1001: Foundations in Theology; co-lecturer of Team-Taught format large lecture, Spring 2027 (forthcoming)

THEO 2100: New Testament Overview; Spring 2027 (forthcoming)

Loyola University Chicago

Instructor of Record, THEO 100 Introduction to Christian Theology (Fall 2025).

Teaching Assistant,

Brian Lee: Introduction to Christian Theology (Spring 2023, Spring 2024; Introduction to the New Testament: Texts, History, and Interpretation (Spring 2024)

Edmondo Lupieri: Early Christian Gospels (Fall 2023); Apocalyptic & the Apocalypse (Spring 2024)

Devorah Schoenfeld: Religion and Gender (Fall 2023); Introduction to Judaism (Fall 2022)

Michael Murphy: Theology of Christian Marriage (Spring 2023)

Olivia Stewart Lester: Introduction to Religious Studies (Fall 2022)

Assistant to Michael Schuck, ENVS 391 Immersive Trip to Standing Rock Sioux Reservation (Fall 2023).

Guest lectures: *Religion and Secularization: Native Americans, Religion, and Law* (Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Fall 2022); *Latin American Liberation Theology* (Fall 2025, Spring 2023); *Acts of the Apostles* (Spring 2024); *Jesuit Missions and Religious Pluralism in* Silence *(2016)* (Spring 2024); *Gender in the Ancient Greco-Roman World* (Fall 2023); *Women's Ordination in the Catholic Church* (Fall 2023); *Marriage and Family in the New Testament* (Spring 2023); *Jesus in the Poor: The Challenge of Charity* (Spring 2023); *Atheism: Atheist Humanism* (Fall 2022); *Is There Antisemitism in the New Testament?* (Fall 2022).

Yale Divinity School

Teaching Assistant, Theology and Practice of Spiritual Direction (Spring 2020, for Janet Ruffing)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Ph.D. Examination

Benjamin Luke Beavers, "Deuteronomic Life in Luke-Acts and early Judaism." Marquette University (in progress).

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Volume Editor, *Dei Verbum at 60: Rediscovering the Word of God Ever Anew*, Nexus Journal (Chicago: The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, 2025)

Indexing, *"Who Is Sitting on Which Beast?" Interpretative Issues in the Book of Revelation,* Judaïsme ancien et origins du Christianism, eds. Edmondo Lupieri and Louis Painchaud (Brepols, 2024)
Proof-reading, Edmondo Lupieri, "Fear, Joy, and Sorrow: Politics of Emotions in Some Gospel Narratives" (Brill, forthcoming).
Proof-reading, *The Studia Philonica Annual* Volume XXXIII, eds. David T. Runia and Gregory E. Sterling (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2021).
Research Assistant, Yale Divinity School, Michal Beth Dinkler, 2021–2022.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Theological Pedagogy I & II, Loyola University Chicago, 2024–2025.
Santa Clara University's Online Workshop on Environmental Justice and Integral Ecology*,* July 11, 2025
Santa Clara University's Online Workshop on Sustainability Across the Curriculum, June 27, 2025
Archeological excavations at Tel Hazor, Israel (3-week season), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2022.
Yale Divinity School Certificate in Roman Catholic Lay Ministry, May 21, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL AND MINISTRY SERVICE

University Service

Loyola University Chicago
Co-President, Theology Student Caucus. 2024–2026.
Conference Organizational Assistant, *Reassessing the Emergence of the Gospels: Genre, Media, Reception*, April 10-11, 2026, Loyola University Chicago.
Conference Organizational Assistant, *The Pleasures of Pseudepigraphy: Authorship and Imagination in Ancient Epistolary Fictions*, March 30-31, 2025, Loyola University Chicago.
Session Chair, *CSBR & CBA 2025 Student Religious Studies Conference*, March 14, 2025.

Yale University
Co-facilitator of Religious Education Program, St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University. 2021–2022.
Graduate Assistant in Online Ministry, Office of Student Affairs, Yale Divinity School. 2021–2022.
Founding Committee Member, The Roman Catholic Lay Ministry Colloquium, Yale Divinity School 2020–2022.
Co-leader, Roman Catholic Fellowship at Yale Divinity School. 2020–2022.
Member, Graduate Council, St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel & Center at Yale University. 2020–2021.
Reflection Contributor, *Saint Thomas More Blog*. 2020–2021.

Parish Ministry & Other Service

Co-leader and discussion facilitator, *Alpha* program, St. Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish Oran Park, *Sydney, Australia*. 2018–2019.
Co-founder and Pastoral Leader, Encounter Worship Nights*, Sydney, Australia*. 2016–2019.
Volunteer teacher in high school religious education and retreat coordinator*,* Impact Catholic Ministry, *Perth, Australia*. 2009-2011.

Media Work

Freelance Video Producer, Videography, Video Editing, Graphic & Web Design. 2012–2023
Television Producer, The Catholic Guy Ministry *Sydney, Australia*. 2014–2019.
Coordinator of Team & Media, Institute for Mission, Paramatta Diocese, *Sydney, Australia*. 2018–2019.
Live Radio Mixer & Assistant Technician, 98.5 Sonshine FM, *Perth, Australia*. 2013–2014.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Catholic Biblical Association (2022–present)
Chicago Society of Biblical Research (2024–present)
European Academy of Religion (2025–present)
Society of Biblical Literature (2021–present)
Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies/Theology (2025–present)