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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Theology, Ave Maria University, Department of Theology
 August 2017 – Present

Assistant Professor of Theology, St. Bonaventure University, Department of Theology
 August 2012 – July 2017 (tenure-track appointment)

Research Fellow, Villanova University, Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellowship
 Spring 2016

EDUCATION

University of Durham, United Kingdom

Degree	Ph.D. 2012
Dept./Area	Department of Theology and Religion
Dissertation	“The Context of Augustine’s Early Theology of the <i>imago Dei</i> ”
Committee	Supervisor: Prof. Lewis Ayres Internal Examiner: Prof. Carol Harrison External Examiner: Prof. Gillian Clark

Ave Maria University, Florida

Degree	M.A. 2009 (<i>cum laude</i>)
Dept./Area	Department of Theology
Thesis	“ <i>Mystica Ratio</i> : The Sacramental Ecclesiology of Henri de Lubac”
Committee	Supervisor: Prof. Matthew Levering

Trinity Western University, Langley, BC (Canada)

Degree	B.A. 2007 (<i>with distinction</i>)
Dept./Area	Department of Religious Studies

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Ancient: Latin, Greek

Modern: French, Dutch

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Augustine and the Vision of God* (Oxford University Press, anticipated 2018)
2. *Augustine's Early Theology of Image: A Study in the Development of Pro-Nicene Theology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016)

Edited Volumes

1. *Inside Out, Outside In: Re-thinking Augustine on Interiority*. Ed. Gerald P. Boersma, Anthony Dupont, Matthew W. Knotts (Leiden: Brill, 2018).

Peer-reviewed Articles

1. "Desiring a Better Country': Augustine and Platonic Justice." Forthcoming.
2. Augustine on the Beatific Vision as *ubique totus*." *International Journal of Systematic Theology*. Submitted
3. "Jerusalem as the *Caelum Caeli* in Augustine." *Augustinian Studies*. Submitted.
4. "The Egoism of Eros: The Challenge of Love in Diotima's Speech." *Review of Metaphysics*. Submitted.
5. "Augustine and the Vision of God: Theophanic Anagogy in *De Trinitate* II." Forthcoming.
6. "Ambrose's *De Isaac* as a Baptismal Anthropology." *Pro Ecclesia* 26 (2017): 311–332.
7. "Augustine's Immanent Critique of Stoicism." *Scottish Journal of Theology* 70 (2017): 184–197.
8. "Augustine's Deer Visits the Ophthalmologist: Exercising the Eyes of Faith in *En. Ps.* 41." *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 10 (2016): 53–69.

9. “‘Let us Flee to the Fatherland’: Plotinus in Ambrose’s Theology of Ascent.” *Nova et Vetera* 14 (2016): 771–81.
10. “‘Proteus rising from the sea’: A Note on Proteus in *Contra Academicos*.” *Heythrop Journal* 57 (2016): 692–96
11. “Augustine’s Psalter as *Vox Totius Christi*.” *Cithara* 55 (2015): 27–34.
12. “The Ascent of the Image in *De vera religione*.” *Augustiniana* 64 (2014): 125–51.
13. “Participation in Christ: Psalm 118 in Ambrose and Augustine.” *Augustinianum* 54 (2014): 173–97.
14. “The Logic of the Logos: A Note on Stoic Logic in *Adversus Praxean* 10.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 22 (2014): 485–98.
15. “Enjoying the Trinity in *De vera religione*.” *Studia Patristica* 70 (2013): 251–56.
16. “‘Exquisite and Precious Vessels’: *Doctrina* in Book One of Augustine’s *Confessions*.” *Augustiniana* 61 (2011): 187–205.

Book Chapters

1. “Augustine and Scripture.” In *The Reception and Interpretation of the Bible in Christian North Africa. Volume 1, Commencement to the Council of Carthage (180 to 397 C.E.)*. Berlin: DeGruyter. Accepted.
2. “Ambrose and Self-Identity.” In *Sources of Christian Identity: Essays in Honor of James Houston*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. Accepted.
3. “Monica as Mystagogue: Time and Eternity at Ostia.” In *Wisdom and the Renewal of Catholic Theology. Essays in Honor of Matthew L. Lamb*. Edited by Thomas P. Harmon and Roger W. Nutt, 104–25. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2016.

Book Reviews

1. Jesse Couenhoven, *Stricken by Sin, Cured by Christ: Agency, Necessity, and Culpability in Augustine’s Theology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), in *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 18 (2016): 99–102.
2. Paul Kolbet, *Augustine and the Cure of Souls* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2010), in *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum* 19 (2015): 367–70.
3. John Peter Kenney, *Contemplation and Classical Christianity: A Study in Augustine*

- (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), in *Modern Theology* 31 (2015): 536–38.
4. Paige E. Hochschild, *Memory in Augustine's Theological Anthropology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), in *Modern Theology* 31 (2015): 363–66.
 5. J. Warren Smith, *Christian Grace and Pagan Virtue: The Theological Foundation of Ambrose's Ethics* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), in *Augustinianum* 54 (2014): 593–98.
 6. Sarah Byers, *Perception, Sensibility, and Moral Motivation in Augustine: A Stoic–Platonic Synthesis* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), in *Augustinian Studies* 45 (2014): 145–49.
 7. Steven Long, *Natura Pura: On the Recovery of Nature in the Doctrine of Grace* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2010), in *New Blackfriars* 93 (2012): 117–19.
 8. Gilles Emery and Matthew Levering (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Trinity* (2011), in *Theological Book Review* 24 (2012): 46.
 9. Craig J. N. de Paulo et al. (eds.), *Confessions of Love: The Ambiguities of Greek Eros and Latin Caritas* (New York: Peter Lang, 2011), in *Theological Book Review* 23 (2011): 8–9.

Additional Articles

1. “Thomas Merton: Centennial Book Reviews,” *Cithara* 54 (2015): 51–52.
2. Smart Phone Inserts for *Online Confessions of St. Augustine*, produced by Villanova University: “Image of God.”

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. Invited Lecture on Book Two of Augustine's *De Genesi ad litteram*. Universität Tübingen, October 9-12, 2017.
2. “The Power of Sight: Augustine and the Vision of God (*De Civitate Dei* 22.29).” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 25–27, 2017.
3. “Desiring a Better Country: Augustine and the Politics of Hope.” The Ciceronian Society, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, March 10–12, 2017.
4. “The *Caelum Caeli* and ‘Jerusalem’ in Augustine.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, University of Villanova, October 14–16, 2016.

5. "Jerusalem in the Psalms of Ascent within Augustine's *Enarrationes in Psalmos*." North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 26–28, 2016.
6. The Patricia H Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellow Public Lecture, "What does God look like from the back? Augustine and the Vision of God." University of Villanova, April 14, 2016.
7. "Epistemic Poverty: Augustine on Seeing the Back of God." American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 21–24, 2015.
8. "The Deer's 'Holy Longing' for the Face of God: *Enarrationes in Psalmos* 41 in Augustine's Theology of Ascent." Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, University of Villanova, October 16–18, 2015.
9. "Monica as Mystagogue: Time and Eternity at Ostia." Theology Conference, Ave Maria University, Florida, February 6–7, 2015.
10. "Ascent through the image in Ambrose's *De Isaac*." American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 22–25, 2014.
11. "The Virtue of 'Hope' in Augustine's Critique of Stoicism." Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, University of Villanova, October 24–26, 2014.
12. "'Love is as strong as Death': Platonic Motifs in Augustine's View of Love as Antidote to Death." Conference: Augustine Across the Curriculum, Samford University, October 2–4, 2014.
13. "The Platonic Philosophy of Ascent in Ambrose's *De Isaac*." Theology Conference, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, California, July 16–20, 2014.
14. "The Image of God as Homoousion in Marius Victorinus." North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 25, 2013.
15. "*Imago Dei* in the West after the Council of Nicaea." Centre for Catholic Studies, University of Durham, March 1, 2012.
16. "*De vera religione* 12.24: A Key to Augustine's Early Account of Participation in the Life of the Trinity." Oxford Patristics Conference, Oxford UK, August 8–12, 2011.
17. "Participation, the Image of God, and Christology: Psalm 118 in Ambrose and Augustine." British Patristics Conference, University of Durham, September 2, 2010.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Good Shepherd Award St. Bonaventure University, University Ministries; 2017

Junior Faculty Award for Professional Excellence	St. Bonaventure University, one award every three years; 2016 (\$5,000)
Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellowship	Villanova University, Visiting Research Fellow; Spring 2016 (\$30,000)
NAPS Research Grant	North American Patristics Society, Small Research Grant; 2016 (\$1,500)
James Martine Faculty Development Grant	St. Bonaventure University Research Grant; 2017 (\$2,000)
James Martine Faculty Development Grant	St. Bonaventure University Research Grant; 2016 (\$3,000)
James Martine Faculty Development Grant	St. Bonaventure University Research Grant; 2015 (\$2,500)
James Martine Faculty Development Grant	St. Bonaventure University Research Grant; 2014 (\$1,500)
Calvin College, Summer Seminar	“Eastern Orthodoxy for the West” with Prof. William Abraham and Prof. Paul Gavrilyuk; July 8–19, 2013
James Martine Faculty Development Grant	St. Bonaventure University Research Grant; 2013 (\$1,200)
McAuley Scholarship	University of Durham Academic Scholarship; 2011–2012; £2,970
Centre for Catholic Studies Grant (3 years)	Grant for Ph.D. study at the University of Durham; 2009–2012; £9,000 per annum
Full tuition scholarship (2 years)	Ave Maria University, Graduate Studies; 2007–2009

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. “Theology Requirements in other Catholic Core Curricula.” Presentation to Faculty for Curriculum Revision Process, St. Bonaventure University, April 28, 2015.
2. “‘Exquisite and Precious Vessels’: *Doctrina* in Book I of Augustine’s *Confessions*.” Patristics Seminar, University of Durham, March 10, 2011.

3. “Sacra Doctrina in Thomas Aquinas.” Guest lecture for “Introduction to Christian Theology.” University of Durham, November 16, 2010.

COURSES TAUGHT

St. Bonaventure University

1. Theological Seminar: Christian Theology and the Platonic Tradition (Spring 2017)
2. History of Christianity (Fall 2016)
3. Theological Seminar: Christian Mysticism (Spring 2015)
4. Honors Program – Intellectual Journey (Fall 2014; Fall 2015)
– Catholic Franciscan Heritage (Spring 2017)
5. The Theology of St. Augustine (Spring 2014)
6. Jesus through the Centuries (Spring 2013)
7. Intellectual Journey (Fall 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2017)
8. Catholic Franciscan Heritage (Fall 2012; Spring 2013; Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Fall 2014; Spring 2015)
9. Perspectives on Human Nature (Fall 2011; Spring 2012)

Other Institutions

1. Nashotah House Theological Seminary: “The Beatific Vision” (co-taught) (July 24–28, 2017)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Book Review Editor for *Cithara*
 - Organized Special Issue of *Cithara* reviews for Spring 2016: “Classical culture and early Christianity”
 - Organized Special Issue of *Cithara* reviews for Fall 2015: “*Novum in Vetere*: Reading the Hebrew Bible as Christian Scripture”

- Organized Special Issue of *Cithara* reviews for Spring 2015: “Thomas Merton Centenary”
- 2. Peer Reviewer for *Augustinian Studies*, *Augustiniana*, *Cithara*, *Modern Theology*
- 3. External evaluator for Postdoctoral Fellowships for the Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO).
- 4. University Senate: Academic Standards Committee, Arts Representative (2014–2016)
- 5. Core Curriculum: Core Coordinating Meetings for “Intellectual Journey” (Clare 101) and “Catholic Franciscan Heritage” (Clare 207)
- 6. Core Curriculum Revision Meetings: Spring 2015 – Fall 2016
- 7. Committee to design Core Curriculum class, “The Way of Francis” (2016)
- 8. Restructured Theology Major, St. Bonaventure University (2016 – 2017)
- 9. Academic advisor to theology majors, St. Bonaventure University
- 10. PhD dissertation director (with Prof. Anthony Dupont) for Pablo Irizar (KU Leuven, Belgium).
- 11. Philosophy Thesis Reader: Andrew Belfield, “Dawkins Deluded or, How God is not a Scientific Hypothesis” (Spring 2014)
- 12. RCIA Leadership Team, St. Bonaventure University (2013–2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Academy of Catholic Theology (2015 – Present)
- American Academy of Religion (2013 – Present)
- North American Patristics Society (2012 – Present)
- Society for the Study of Theology (2011 – 2012)