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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Southern Methodist University	Religious Studies (Systematic Theology)	2016
M.T.S.	Duke University	Theology	2009
Th.M.	Dallas Theological Seminary	Systematic Theology	2006
M.A.	Dallas Theological Seminary	Counseling	2004
B.S.	Texas Christian University	Psychology	2000

Dissertation Title: “Neither Nature nor Grace: Garrigou-Lagrange, Barth, & Aquinas on the Epistemic Use of God’s Effects.”

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Bruce D. Marshall, Southern Methodist University

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts Under Review:

Neither Nature nor Grace: Garrigou-Lagrange, Barth, & Aquinas on the Epistemic Use of God’s Effects. (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press).

Articles:

“Natum ante omnia saecula: Theology and the Importance of Semantic Analysis.” (in progress).

“Staying Within the Cloud: Maximus and Thomas on the Grammar of ‘Being’” (in progress)

“Aquinas on the Linguistic Intelligibility of the Mystically Ineffable and the Necessity of the Former for the Realization of the Latter” (in progress)

“Lindbeck’s Ships: A Response to Chad Pecknold” with Justus H. Hunter. *Covenant* (April 26, 2018): <http://livingchurch.org/covenant/2018/04/26/lindbecks-ships-a-response-to-chad-pecknold/>

Book Reviews:

Richard Schenk, O.P., *Soundings in the History of Hope: New Studies on Thomas Aquinas.* (Ave Maria: Sapientia Press, 2016). *Nova et Vetera* (in progress)

Lawrence Feingold, *Faith Comes from What Is Heard: An Introduction to Fundamental Theology.* (Steubenville: Emmaus Academic, 2016). *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 20, no.1, (January 2018): 134-137.

John Baptist Ku, O.P., *God the Father in the Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas.* (Berne:

Peter Lang International Academic Publishers, 2012). *Nova et Vetera* 14, no.1, (Winter 2016): 367-371.

Wendlinder, Anastasia, Speaking of God in Thomas Aquinas and Meister Eckhart: Beyond Analogy. (Burlington: Ashgate, 2014). *Modern Theology* 32, no.3, (July 2016): 468-470.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “On Mother Teresa’s ‘Secret Fire’” 2018
Mother Theresa Scholar’s Program – Ave Maria, FL
- “Staying Within the Cloud: Maximus and Thomas on the Grammar of ‘Being’” 2018
Thomas and the Greek Fathers Conference – Ave Maria, FL
- “What is the Trinity?” 2017
Good Shepherd Catholic Community – Colleyville, TX
- “The Marks of the Church: What Makes Catholicism Distinctive?” 2017
Good Shepherd Catholic Community – Colleyville, TX
- “Who is God?” 2017
Good Shepherd Catholic Community – Colleyville, TX
- “Aquinas, Causation, and the Unknowability of God” 2015
Abilene Christian University, Christian Scholar’s Conference – Abilene, TX
- “What Religion Cannot Know and How Not to Know It Best” 2012
Harvard University, Ways of Knowing Conference – Cambridge, MA
- “The Postliberal Impulse: Whence and Whither” 2008
National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – Providence, RI
- “What Makes the Anglo-Catholic Catholic?” 2008
Church of the Holy Comforter – Cleburne, TX
- “The Place of Inerrancy in a Postfoundationalist Theology” 2007
National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – San Diego, CA
- “What is Evangelicalism?” 2007
Church of the Holy Comforter – Cleburne, TX
- “The Place of Inerrancy in a Postfoundationalist Theology or Inerrancy After Enlightenment” 2007
SW Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – Ft Worth, TX
- “The Historicity of Inerrancy in Light of Kuhn and Lindbeck or Inerrancy’s Tie to Foundationalism” 2006

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<i>Annual Dallas Theological Seminary Student Academic Conference</i>		
“The Relationship of Common Sense Realism to Dispensationalism’s Hermeneutics and A Priori Faith Commitments”		2005
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<i>Annual Dallas Theological Seminary Student Academic Conference</i>		

COURSES TAUGHT

THEO 105 – Sacred Scripture	Ave Maria University	2018 (Spring)
THEO 309 – Christ and His Church	Ave Maria University	2018 (Spring)
THEO 390 – Catholic Bioethics	Ave Maria University	2018 (Spring)
THEO 400 – Living in Christ: Catholic Moral Theology	Ave Maria University	2017-2018
THEO 490 – Senior Seminar	Ave Maria University	2018 (Fall)
THEO 553 – Systematic Theology & Eschatology	Ave Maria University	2017 (Fall)
RELI 1311 – Judaism, Christianity & the Bible	Southern Methodist University	2015 (Fall)
Towards a Doctrine of Creation	Center for Biblical Studies	2007 (Summer)
Introduction to Postmodernity	Center for Biblical Studies	2007 (Summer)
Anthropology & Hamartiology	Center for Biblical Studies	2006 (Spring)
Eschatology	Center for Biblical Studies	2005 (Fall)
Introduction to Theology	Center for Biblical Studies	2005 (Summer)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Assistant Professor Theology, Ave Maria University	2017- Present
Adjunct Professor at Dedman College, Southern Methodist University	2015
Research Assistant to James Kang Hoon Lee, SMU (Early Church History)	2012-13
Research Assistant to Bruce D. Marshall, SMU (Systematic Theology)	2011-12

Teaching Assistant to Roy L. Heller, SMU (Old Testament)	2011-12
Instructor at the Center for Biblical Studies at Dallas Theological Seminary	2005-08

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Directory of Undergraduate Studies in Theology	Ave Maria University	2017- Present
Faculty Advocate (Pregnant on Campus)	Ave Maria University	2017- Present
Online Education Committee	Ave Maria University	2017- Present
Student Colloquy Chair (GPRS)	Southern Methodist University	2012-13

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SERVICE

Søren Filipski, *The Necessary Question of the Play: The Contribution of Hamlet to Balthasar's Dramatic Categories*. Directed by Michael Waldstein (Ave Maria University, May 2018) Faculty Reader

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Catholic Theology
American Catholic Philosophical Association
American Academy of Religion
Analytic Theology Workgroup (sponsored by the Templeton Foundation *via* The Center for Philosophy of Religion at The University of Notre Dame)

ACADEMIC HONORS

Honors Pass – Systematic Theology PhD Compressive Exam	2012
Honors Pass – Philosophical Theology PhD Compressive Exam	2012
Honors Pass – Historical Theology PhD Compressive Exam	2011
Graduated <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> (Duke University)	2009
Faculty selectee for the Annual DTS Student Academic Conference	2006
Faculty selectee for the Annual DTS Student Academic Conference	2005

LANGUAGES READ

German Latin French Greek

SELECT RESEARCH INTERESTS

Systematic Theology	Philosophical Theology	Karl Barth
Thomas Aquinas	Ludwig Wittgenstein	Analytic Philosophy
Historical Theology	Biblical Studies	Virtue Ethics

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Dr. Bruce D. Marshall (Lehman Professor of Christian Doctrine)
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