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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Theology, Ave Maria University (2017–Present)

Research Fellow, Institut S. Thomas d’Aquin pour la théologie et la culture: University of Fribourg (Spring / Summer 2020)

Director of the MA in Theology Program, Ave Maria University (2017–Present)

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

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

EDUCATION

2009–2012	PhD University of Durham
2007–2009	MA Ave Maria University
2003–2007	BA Trinity Western University

PUBLICATIONS**Books**

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

Peer-reviewed Articles

1. “‘Tasty knowledge’: Thomas Aquinas on Connatural knowledge of *sacra doctrina*.” In progress.
2. “*Fons Iustitiae*: Augustine’s Account of Justice in *De civitate dei*.” *Augustinian Studies*. Submitted.
3. “The Nobility of Sight in the *Confessions*.” *Modern Theology*. Submitted.
4. “Death in Life at Christmas: T.S. Eliot’s ‘Journey of the Magi.’” *Logos* 23 (2020): 21–30.
5. “The *rationes seminales* in Augustine’s theology of Creation.” *Nova et Vetera*. Accepted.
6. “The Egoism of Eros: The Challenge of Love in Diotima’s Speech.” *Review of Metaphysics* 72 (2019) 93–113.
7. “Jerusalem as the *Caelum Caeli* in Augustine.” *Augustinian Studies* 49 (2018): 247–276.
8. “Augustine on the Beatific Vision as *ubique totus*.” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 71 (2018): 16–32.
9. “Ambrose’s *De Isaac* as a Baptismal Anthropology.” *Pro Ecclesia* 26 (2017): 311–332.
10. “Augustine’s Immanent Critique of Stoicism.” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 70 (2017): 184–197.
11. “Augustine’s Deer Visits the Ophthalmologist: Exercising the Eyes of Faith in *En. Ps. 41*.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 10 (2016): 53–69.
12. “‘Let us Flee to the Fatherland’: Plotinus in Ambrose’s Theology of Ascent.” *Nova et Vetera* 14 (2016): 771–81.

13. “‘Proteus rising from the sea’: A Note on Proteus in *Contra Academicos*.” *Heythrop Journal* 57 (2016): 692–696
14. “Augustine’s Psalter as *Vox Totius Christi*.” *Cithara* 55 (2015): 27–34.
15. “The Ascent of the Image in *De vera religione*.” *Augustiniana* 64 (2014): 125–151.
16. “Participation in Christ: Psalm 118 in Ambrose and Augustine.” *Augustinianum* 54 (2014): 173–197.
17. “The Logic of the Logos: A Note on Stoic Logic in *Adversus Praxean* 10.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 22 (2014): 485–498.
18. “Enjoying the Trinity in *De vera religione*.” *Studia Patristica* 70 (2013): 251–256.
19. “‘Exquisite and Precious Vessels’: *Doctrina* in Book One of Augustine’s *Confessions*.” *Augustiniana* 61 (2011): 187–205.

Book Chapters

1. “Participation.” In *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology*. Edited by Paul Allen. London: T&T Clark, 2021.
2. “Hilary, Ambrose and Augustine.” In *The Cambridge History of Early Christian Theology*. Edited by Lewis Ayres. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020. In progress.
3. “Faith and Reason at Cassiciacum.” In *Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge*. Edited by Lewis Ayres and Matthew Crawford. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020. In progress.
4. “Book 2” In *De Genesi ad litteram Conference Proceedings*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020. Accepted.
5. “Incarnational and Theophanic Anagogy in *De Trinitate*.” In *Patristic Theologies of Ascent*. Edited by Kevin Clarke and Don Springer. Leiden: Brill, 2020. Accepted.
6. “Aquinas and the Greek Fathers on the Vision of the Divine Essence.” In *Thomas Aquinas and the Greek Fathers*. Edited by Michael Dauphinais, Andrew Hofer, and Roger Nutt. Ave Maria, FL: Sapientia Press, 2018.
7. “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.
8. “Ambrose and Self-Identity.” In *Sources of Christian Identity: Essays in Honor of James Houston*. Edited by James M. Houston and Jens Zimmermann, 168–91. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018.
9. “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. James K. Lee, *Augustine and the Mystery of the Church* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2017), in *Scottish Journal of Theology*. In progress.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. John Peter Kenney, *Contemplation and Classical Christianity: A Study in Augustine* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), in *Modern Theology* 31 (2015): 536–38.
5. Paige E. Hochschild, *Memory in Augustine’s Theological Anthropology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), in *Modern Theology* 31 (2015): 363–66.
6. 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.
7. 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.

8. 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.
9. Gilles Emery and Matthew Levering (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Trinity* (2011), in *Theological Book Review* 24 (2012): 46.
10. 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 / Popular 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. “The Spiritual Senses in Aquinas’s Christology.” Aquinas and the Crises of Christology, Ave Maria University, February 7–8, 2020.
2. “The Vision of God in *Confessions* 7.” Augustine’s *Confessions* and Contemporary Culture, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN, June 17–19, 2019.
3. “The Vision of God: Eastern and Western Dialogue.” Mapping the Una Sancta: On Orthodox-Catholic Ecclesiologies Today, Syros, Greece, June 10–13, 2019.
4. “Aquinas on connatural knowledge.” Aquinas the Biblical Theologian, Ave Maria University, February 7–9, 2019.
5. “Augustine’s participatory epistemology.” Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge in Early Christianity C. 100–700, Seminar at Australia Catholic University, Rome Campus, July 23–26, 2018.
6. “Divine Ascent in Augustine’s *De Trinitate*.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 24–26, 2018.
7. “Chrysostom and Aquinas on seeing the divine essence.” Aquinas and the Greek Fathers Conference, Ave Maria University, January 26–27, 2018.
8. Invited Lecture on Book Two of Augustine’s *De Genesi ad litteram*. Augustines “De Genesi ad litteram” Internationale Tagung in Tübingen, Universität Tübingen, October 9–12, 2017.
9. “The Power of Sight: Augustine and the Vision of God (*De Civitate Dei* 22.29).” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 25–27, 2017.
10. “Desiring a Better Country: Augustine and the Politics of Hope.” The Ciceronian Society, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, March 10–12, 2017.
11. “‘The *Caelum Caeli* and ‘Jerusalem’ in Augustine.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, University of Villanova, October 14–16, 2016.
12. “Jerusalem in the Psalms of Ascent within Augustine’s *Enarrationes in Psalmos*.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 26–28, 2016.
13. “What does God look like from the back? Augustine and the Vision of God.” The Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellow Public Lecture, University of Villanova, April 14, 2016.
14. “Epistemic Poverty: Augustine on Seeing the Back of God.” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 21–24, 2015.
15. “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.
16. “Monica as Mystagogue: Time and Eternity at Ostia.” Theology Conference, Ave Maria University, Florida, February 6–7, 2015.

17. "Ascent through the image in Ambrose's *De Isaac*." American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 22–25, 2014.
18. "The Virtue of 'Hope' in Augustine's Critique of Stoicism." Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, University of Villanova, October 24–26, 2014.
19. "'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.
20. "The Platonic Philosophy of Ascent in Ambrose's *De Isaac*." Theology Conference, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, California, July 16–20, 2014.
21. "The Image of God as Homoousion in Marius Victorinus." North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 25, 2013.
22. "*Imago Dei* in the West after the Council of Nicaea." Centre for Catholic Studies, University of Durham, March 1, 2012.
23. "*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.
24. "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

1. Fellow of Institut S. Thomas d'Aquin pour la théologie et la culture: University of Fribourg, 2020
2. Laurel Family Faculty Grant: Ave Maria University, 2020 (\$4,500)
3. Good Shepherd Award: St. Bonaventure University, 2017
4. Junior Faculty Award for Professional Excellence: St. Bonaventure University, 2016
5. Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellowship: Villanova University, Visiting Research Fellow; Spring 2016 (\$30,000)
6. NAPS Research Grant: North American Patristics Society, Small Research Grant; 2016 (\$1,500)
7. James Martine Faculty Development Grant: St. Bonaventure University Research Grant, (2017: \$2,000; 2016: \$3,000; 2015: \$2,500; 2014: \$1,500; 2013: \$1,200)
8. Calvin College, Summer Seminar: "Eastern Orthodoxy for the West" with Prof. William Abraham and Prof. Paul Gavrilyuk; July 8–19, 2013

COURSES TAUGHT

Ave Maria University

1. Sacred Doctrine (UG) (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
2. Creation and Grace (UG) (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)
3. Augustine's *De Trinitate* (PhD) (Fall 2017, Fall 2019)
4. Augustine's *De civitate Dei* (PhD) (Fall 2018)
5. Augustine: Life and Writings (MA) (Summer 2019)
6. M.A. Theology Thesis class (MA) (Spring, 2018–2020)

St. Bonaventure University

1. Theological Seminar: Christian Theology and the Platonic Tradition (Spring 2017)
2. The Way of Francis and Clare (Summer 2017, Online)
3. History of Christianity (Fall 2016)
4. Theological Seminar: Christian Mysticism (Spring 2015)
5. Honors Program – Intellectual Journey (Fall 2014; Fall 2015)
– Catholic Franciscan Heritage (Spring 2017)
6. The Theology of St. Augustine (Spring 2014)

7. Jesus through the Centuries (Spring 2013)
8. Intellectual Journey (Fall 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2017)
9. Catholic Franciscan Heritage (Fall 2012; Spring 2013; Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Fall 2014; Spring 2015)

Other Institutions

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Director MA in Theology (Ave Maria University)
2. Co-Director of the Augustine Research Group (Ave Maria University)
3. PhD Committee: Katie Froula, “The Missions of the Son and the Holy Spirit as the Source and End of the Sacraments According to Saint Thomas Aquinas” (August, 16, 2018)
4. PhD Comprehensive Exams Board: Sarah Kaiser (Fall 2019); Gideon Barr (Spring 2020); Aaron Henderson (Spring 2020); Fr. Joseph Lugalambi (Spring 2020)
5. Ave Maria University Ad Hoc Committee to revise Article 6 of the Faculty Handbook (2017–2018)
6. Ave Maria University Institutional Review Board committee (2018–2020)
7. Ave Maria University Theology Department search committee
8. Book Review Editor for *Cithara* (2014–2017)
9. External / Peer Reviewer for *Augustinian Studies*, *Augustiniana*, *Cithara*, *Modern Theology*, *Nova et Vetera*, Brill Press
10. External evaluator for Postdoctoral Fellowships for the Research Foundation - Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen, FWO)
11. St. Bonaventure University Senate: Academic Standards Committee, Arts Representative (2014–2016)
12. St. Bonaventure University Core Curriculum Coordinating Meetings (2016)

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)