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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### 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 Advisor:* Dr. Bruce D. Marshall, Southern Methodist University

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### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Books Authored:*

*Neither Nature nor Grace: Aquinas, Barth, & Garrigou-Lagrange on the Epistemic Use of God's Effects.* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2020).

#### *Books Edited:*

*Love Become Incarnate: Essays in Honor of Bruce D. Marshall.* eds. Justus H. Hunter, T. Adam Van Wart, David L. Whidden III (St. Paul, MN: Emmaus Academic Press, 2022).

Bruce D. Marshall, *The Primacy of Christ: Faith, Reason, and the Cross.* eds. T. Adam Van Wart and David Moser (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, under contract).

#### *Book Chapters & Peer Reviewed Articles:*

"*Anima mea non est ego: Thomas, Beatitude, & the Human Person*" in *Hope and Death: Christian Responses.* eds. Michael Dauphinais, Scott Hahn, Roger Nutt (St. Paul, MN: Emmaus Academic Press, 2022).

"*Natum ante omnia saecula: Sense, Nonsense, and the Grammar of Theology,*" in *Love Become Incarnate: Essays in Honor of Bruce D. Marshall.* eds. Justus Hunter, T Adam Van Wart, and David Whidden (St. Paul, MN: Emmaus Academic Press, 2022), 229-47.

"*Staying Within the Cloud: Maximus and Thomas on the Grammar of 'Being'*" in *Maximus and the Latin Fathers.* eds. Thomas Cattoi and Kevin Clarke (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, forthcoming).

"*Aquinas' Eschatological Historiography: Job, Providence, & the Multiple Senses of the Historical Event.*" *Pro Ecclesia* 30, no.1 (Winter 2021): 32-50.

"*Aquinas on the Linguistic Intelligibility of the Mystically Ineffable,*" in *Initiation and Mystagogy in Thomas Aquinas: Scriptural, Systematic, Sacramental and Moral, and*

*Pastoral Perspectives*, eds. Jürgen Vijgen, Jacco Verburgt, and Henk J. M. Schoot (Leuven, Paris, Bristol CT: Peeters, 2019), 105-22.

*Extra-Academic Essays:*

“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:*

Philip John Paul Gonzales, *Reimagining the Analogia Entis: The Future of Erich Przywara’s Christian Vision*. (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2019). *The Heythrop Journal* (in progress)

John-Mark L. Miravalle, *God, Existence, and Fictional Objects: The Case for Meinongian Theism*. (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019). *The Heythrop Journal* (in progress)

Richard Schenk, O.P., *Soundings in the History of Hope: New Studies on Thomas Aquinas*. (Ave Maria: Sapientia Press, 2016). *Nova et Vetera* 18, no.2 (Spring 2020): 718-22.

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): 134-37.

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.

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## CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“He That Is Spiritual: Aquinas, Paul, and the Primacy of Cruciform Wisdom”	2022
<i>St. Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Teacher: Conference – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“Why Become Catholic?”	2022
<i>Our Lady of Light (RCIA) – Estero, FL</i>	
“What Isn’t Heaven?”	2021
<i>AMU Panel Discussion – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“ <i>Anima mea non est ego</i> : Thomas, Beatitude, & the Human Person	2021
<i>Hope and Death: Christian Responses Conference – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“The Importance of Prayer for Christian Service”	2020
<i>Mother Theresa Scholar’s Program – Ave Maria, FL</i>	

“Is Faith Necessary for Theological Study?”	2020
<i>AMU Panel Discussion – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“Is Belief in God Reasonable in Light of Modern Science?”	2020
<i>Our Lady of Light (HS Youth Group) – Estero, FL</i>	
“An Incarnational Grammar: Leontius of Byzantium & Aquinas on the Christological Use of Concrete & Abstract Terms”	2020
<i>Aquinas the Biblical Theologian Conference – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“Ecumenism and the Eucharist”	2020
<i>Our Lady of Light (RCIA) – Estero, FL</i>	
“Hope in the Present”	2019
<i>Diocese of Venice (Theology on Tap) – Ft. Myers, FL</i>	
“Aquinas’ Eschatological Historiography: Job, Providence, & the Multiple Senses of the Historical Event”	2019
<i>Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference – Villanova University, PA</i>	
“Aquinas the Biblical Theologian?: <i>Sacra Pagina</i> & the Problem of Reason’s Preceding Contingency in Thomas”	2019
<i>Aquinas the Biblical Theologian Conference – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“Aquinas on the Linguistic Intelligibility of the Mystically Ineffable & the Necessity of the Former for the Realization of the Latter”	2018
<i>Initiation and Mystagogy in Thomas Aquinas – Utrecht, Netherlands</i>	
“On Mother Teresa’s ‘Secret Fire’”	2018
<i>Mother Theresa Scholar’s Program – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“Staying Within the Cloud: Maximus & Thomas on the Grammar of ‘Being’”	2018
<i>Thomas and the Greek Fathers Conference – Ave Maria, FL</i>	
“What is the Trinity?”	2017
<i>Good Shepherd Catholic Community – Colleyville, TX</i>	
“The Marks of the Church: What Makes Catholicism Distinctive?”	2017
<i>Good Shepherd Catholic Community – Colleyville, TX</i>	
“Who is God?”	2017
<i>Good Shepherd Catholic Community – Colleyville, TX</i>	
“Aquinas, Causation, & the Unknowability of God”	2015
<i>Abilene Christian University, Christian Scholar’s Conference – Abilene, TX</i>	

“What Religion Cannot Know & How Not to Know It Best”	2012
<i>Harvard University, Ways of Knowing Conference – Cambridge, MA</i>	
“The Postliberal Impulse: Whence and Whither”	2008
<i>National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – Providence, RI</i>	
“What Makes the Anglo-Catholic Catholic?”	2008
<i>Church of the Holy Comforter – Cleburne, TX</i>	
“The Place of Inerrancy in a Postfoundationalist Theology”	2007
<i>National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – San Diego, CA</i>	
“What is Evangelicalism?”	2007
<i>Church of the Holy Comforter – Cleburne, TX</i>	
“The Place of Inerrancy in a Postfoundationalist Theology or Inerrancy After Enlightenment”	2007
<i>SW Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – Ft Worth, TX</i>	
“The Historicity of Inerrancy in Light of Kuhn & Lindbeck or Inerrancy’s Tie to Foundationalism”	2006
<i>SW Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – Ft Worth, TX</i>	
“The Relationship of Common Sense Realism to Dispensationalism’s Hermeneutics & A Priori Faith Commitments”	2005
<i>SW Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society – Ft Worth, TX</i>	

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Director of Undergraduate Studies in Theology, Ave Maria University	2017-Present
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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Article Referee	<i>International Journal of Systematic Theology</i>	2022
Article Referee	<i>The Thomist</i>	2022
Article Referee	<i>Irish Theological Quarterly</i>	2021

NCH Bioethics Committee	NCH Healthcare System	2021-Present
The Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal	Ave Maria University	2017- Present
Faculty Advocate (Pregnant on Campus)	Ave Maria University	2017- Present
Faculty Advisor (Prison Ministry Club)	Ave Maria University	2018- Present
Online Education Committee	Ave Maria University	2017
Student Colloquy Chair (GPRS)	Southern Methodist University	2012-13

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### DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SERVICE

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

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### ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

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### ACADEMIC HONORS

Recipient of the Academy of Catholic Theology's Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J., Research Fellowship for Philosophy in Theology 2022

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### ACADEMIC CERTIFICATIONS

The Online Learning Consortium's Online Teaching Certificate 2018

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### COURSES TAUGHT

(PhD) Foundations in Systematic Theology	Ave Maria University	2022 (Fall)
(PhD) Colloquium on the Moderns	Ave Maria University	2019 (Spring)

(MA) Systematic Theology & Eschatology	Ave Maria University	2017-2019
(MA) Catholic Bioethics	Ave Maria University	2020-Present
(BA) Sacred Scripture	Ave Maria University	2018 (Spring)
(BA) Sacred Doctrine	Ave Maria University	2020-Present
(BA) Moral Theology	Ave Maria University	2019-Present
(BA) Christ & His Church	Ave Maria University	2018-Present
(BA) Catholic Bioethics	Ave Maria University	2018- Present
(BA) Living in Christ: Catholic Moral Theology	Ave Maria University	2017-Present
(BA) Senior Seminar	Ave Maria University	2018-Present
(BA) 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)

## LANGUAGES READ

German	Latin	French	Greek
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## SELECT RESEARCH INTERESTS

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