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## EDUCATION

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Boston College  
Chestnut Hill, MA

**Doctorate in Philosophy** (Ph.D.), 2027 (*anticipated*).

**Licentiate in Sacred Theology** (S.T.L.), May 2021.

*Area of Concentration: Moral Theology / Ethics*

Thesis: *Forgive, Yet Never Forget: Racial Injustice and the Ethics of Forgiveness.*

Directors: Daniel J. Daly; Margaret Eletta Guider, O.S.F.

**Master of Divinity** (M.Div.), May 2021.

Fordham University  
Bronx, NY

**Master of Arts in Philosophy** (M.A.), May 2015.

University of Scranton  
Scranton, PA

**Bachelor of Arts, with Honors** (B.A., Summa Cum Laude), May 2011.

*Majors: Theology and Philosophy, Minor: French, Concentration: Catholic Studies*

Thesis: *Human Facticity and the Vocation to Trinitarian Life: The Event of Personhood in the Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar and Joseph Ratzinger.*

Director: Cyrus P. Olsen III

Examiners: Nathan S. Lefler, Christina M. Gschwandtner

## EMPLOYMENT

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Holy Trinity Catholic Church  
Washington, DC

Associate Pastor / Parochial Vicar

(June 2021 – August 2022)

Saint Ignatius Parish  
Chestnut Hill, MA

Deacon

(September 2020 – June 2021)

College of the Holy Cross  
Worcester, MA

Jesuit Regent & Philosophy Teaching Fellow

(July 2016 – July 2018)

Saint Peter's University  
Jersey City, NJ

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy

(August 2015 – June 2016)

Saint Barnabas Hospital  
Bronx, NY

Hospital Chaplain

(August 2013 – August 2015)

## LANGUAGES

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Native:

English

Full Professional Proficiency:

French

Advanced Reading:

Latin, Ancient Greek (Attic / Koine)

Basic Reading:

Spanish, German

## PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, & RESEARCH

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### Publications

- Forthcoming “The Incarnation Changed Everything: A Review of Richard Kearney’s *Touch: Recovering Our Most Vital Sense*” (INPR *Crossing*, vol. 3; *forthcoming*).
- February 2022 *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, eds. F. L. Cross, E. A. Livingstone, Andrew Louth, 4th ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021).  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/acref/9780199642465.001.0001>  
Contributor: “Apologetics”; “Catholic Worker Movement”; “Day, Dorothy”; “Jesuit thought”; “Immanent/Economic Trinity”; “Trinity, doctrine of the”
- August 2021 “Givenness, Saturation, and the Self: A Phenomenology of Christian Initiation,” in *Religions*, vol. 12, no. 8 (2021): 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12080642>.
- October 2020 “Foreign Exchange or Hostile Incursion?” in *Transforming the Theological Turn: Phenomenology with Emmanuel Falque*, eds. Martin Koci and Jason W. Alvis (London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020): 51–62.
- May 2019 “Divine Injustice: Violence and Violation as Prophetic Image of God,” in *Diakrisis: Yearbook of Theology and Philosophy*, vol. 2, no. 1 (May 2019): 9–24.  
<https://doi.org/10.24193/diakrisis.2019.1>.
- May 2018 “Overriding Immanence: Normativity and the Sick Body,” in *Diakrisis: Yearbook of Theology and Philosophy*, vol. 1, no. 1 (May 2018): 77–95. <https://doi.org/10.24193/diakrisis.2018.5>.
- May 2018 “Escapism, Control, and the Discernment of Desires,” in *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology*, vol. 38, no. 2 (May 2018): 116–120. <https://doi.org/10.1037/teo0000088>.
- April 2018 “Are We on the Cusp of a French Catholic Renaissance?” in *America: The Jesuit Review of Faith and Culture*, April 2018, 30–31.
- September 2017 “Embracing Finitude: Falque’s Phenomenology of the Suffering ‘God with Us,’” in *Evil and Finitude*, eds. Bruce Ellis Benson and B. Keith Putt (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 115–134. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-57087-7\\_8](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-57087-7_8).
- March 2017 “‘So We Are Ambassadors for Christ’: The Jesuit Ministry of Reconciliation,” in *Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits*, ed. Barton T. Geger, S.J., vol. 49, no. 1 (Spring 2017): 1–42.
- April 2012 “Irreconcilable Differences: Opposition and Tension in Ricoeur’s Hermeneutic Theory,” in *Discourse* (University of Scranton Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy) Vol. 5. *This is a revised version of the winning paper for the Thomas M. Garrett Philosophy Paper Contest, originally presented in April 2011.*
- April 2011 “Ethics as First Philosophy: Levinas’ Displacement of Ontology through Alterity,” in *Discourse* (University of Scranton Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy) Vol. 4.
- April 2011 “The Death of Politics: Hannah Arendt and the Rise of the Social,” in *Discourse* (University of Scranton Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy) Vol. 4.

## Conference Presentations & Lectures

- Upcoming “Wrath and the Wages of Spite,” Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (NEPRC), Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA), 20–21 October 2023.
- Upcoming “Divine Disruption and a Phenomenology of Conversion,” Phenomenology and Revelation Seminars and Conference (Long Island, NY), 10–19 August 2023.
- March 2023 “Beyond Guilt and Innocence: Rethinking Responsibility and Blame,” Boisi Center Conference on Race & Religion (Chestnut Hill, MA), 25 March 2023.
- January 2022 “Blessed Exposition: A Phenomenology of the Sacraments of Healing,” International Network in Philosophy of Religion (New York, NY), 10–14 January 2022.
- June 2021 “Recognition, Responsibility, Solidarity,” Jesuit Anti-Racism Sodality: Racial Justice Research Colloquium (Virtual Conference via Zoom), 5 June 2021.
- February 2020 ““Out of the Depths I Cry to You, O God!': Lamentation and the Ethical Demands of Forgiveness,” Seminar in Philosophy and Theology, Boston College Philosophy Department (Chestnut Hill, MA), 19 February 2020.  
[With a response by James F. Keenan, SJ].
- October 2019 “Down in Lamentation Falling,” Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium (NEPRC), Fordham University (Bronx, NY), 12 October 2019.
- June 2019 “The Non-Sense of the Cross: Reconsidering Christianity’s Grotesque Aesthetics,” *Réseau international de philosophie de la religion / International Network in Philosophy of Religion*, Institut Catholique de Paris (Paris, France), 19–23 June 2019.
- November 2018 “An Atheistic Aggiornamento for Contemporary Theology,” Boston College School of Theology & Ministry *Lumen et Vita* Graduate Student Symposium, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA), 8 November 2018.
- October 2017 “*Crossing the Rubicon: Foreign Exchange or Hostile Incursion?*” 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* (SPEP), University of Memphis (Memphis, TN), 19 October 2017.  
[With a response by Emmanuel Falque].
- October 2017 “Escapism, Control, and the Discernment of Desires,” Invited presentation and panel discussion “On the Ethics of Time,” *Psychology and the Other Conference*, Lesley University (Cambridge, MA), 13 October 2017.
- June 2017 “Overriding Immanence: Phenomenological Perspectives on the Sick Body,” Presenter and roundtable respondent, *Réseau international de philosophie de la religion / International Network in Philosophy of Religion*, Institut Catholique de Paris (Paris, France), 21–25 June 2017.
- February 2017 “Restoring Wonder: Phenomenologies of Religious Experience in the Digital Age,” *Seeking the Sacred in a Digital Age*, Gonzaga University: Seminar on the Study of Religion and Technology (Spokane, WA), 17–19 February 2017.

- September 2016 “Reconciliation and Justice in the 21st Century,” Seminar on Ignatian Spirituality, Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, IL), 17–18 September 2016.
- June 2016 “The Jesuit Ministry of Reconciliation: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” Faber Symposium: Jesuit Studies Seminar (Chicago, IL), 12–14 June 2016.
- June 2015 “Décrire et réduire: en quête des phénomènes,” Invited roundtable participant and respondent, Institut Catholique de Paris (Paris, France), 5–11 June 2015.
- May 2015 “Embracing Finitude: Insights and Limitations of Emmanuel Falque’s Theological Phenomenology,” *The Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology* (New York, NY).
- April 2014 “An ‘Utterly Unnatural, Truly Extraordinary Love’: Reconsidering Interpersonal Love in Plato’s *Symposium*,” Fordham University Graduate Student Symposium (Bronx, NY).
- April 2011 “Irreconcilable Differences: Opposition and Tension in Ricoeur’s Hermeneutic Theory,” University of Scranton Thomas M. Garrett Philosophy Paper Contest (Scranton, PA).
- April 2010 “Furthering Science-Religion Dialogue: On Shared Holistic Concepts,” Presentation of research conducted through *President’s Fellowship for Summer Research* (Scranton, PA).

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE & TEACHING

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### Service

#### **Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)**

Teaching Assistant for Jean-Luc Marion de l’Académie française (Spring 2023)

Visiting Gadamer Chair, Department of Philosophy

Course: PHIL-7543-01: *The Fundamental Concepts in Phenomenology: New Reflections*

Research Assistant for Jean-Luc Solère, Ph.D. (Academic Year 2022–2023)

Assistant to the Book Review Editor, *Journal of the History of Philosophy (JHP)*

Research Assistant for Daniel J. McKaughan, Ph.D. (Academic Year 2022–2023)

Assistant to the Editor: *Faith: An Interdisciplinary Reader* (Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming)

Trustee Associate, Board of Trustees (2019–2021)

Subcommittees: Buildings & Properties; Mission & Identity

#### **International Network of Philosophy in Religion [INPR] (Paris, France)**

*Crossing: The International Network of Philosophy in Religion [INPR] Journal*

Editorial Board; Section Editor: *Nostris Libri* (2019–Present)

INPR Cornwall Conference (New York, January 2022)

Conference Organizer

#### **College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA)**

Office of Mission & Identity

Faculty Chaplain / Spiritual Director for *Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life*

(19<sup>th</sup> Annotation of Saint Ignatius’ *Spiritual Exercises* Retreat)

Chaplaincy / Campus Ministry

Spiritual Director for *Spiritual Exercises* and *Ignatian Alumni Weekend Retreats*

Catechist, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program

## Teaching

*Anticipated:*

### **Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)**

Academic Year 2023–2024

PHIL-1070 *Philosophy of the Person I (1 section)*

PHIL-1071 *Philosophy of the Person II (1 section)*

### **College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA)**

Academic Year 2016–2017

PHIL-110 Philosophical Inquiries (3 sections)

PHIL-299 Forgiveness & Reconciliation (1 section)

Academic Year 2017–2018

MONT-102C Degradation & Demonization (Montserrat Seminar, 2 sections)

MONT-103C Reconciliation & Restoration (Montserrat Seminar, 2 sections)

PHIL-400-2 Politics & Religion in Postmodernity (Tutorial Course)

PHIL-400-1 The Symbol of the Good: Ethics & Aesthetics (Tutorial Course)

### **Saint Peter's University (Jersey City, NJ)**

Academic Year 2015–2016

PHIL-100 Introduction to Philosophy I (2 sections)

PHIL-101 Introduction to Philosophy II (2 sections)

## ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS

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### University of Scranton

- 2011 Frank J. O'Hara Award — Awarded to graduate with the overall highest academic average.
- 2011 First Place, Thomas M. Garrett Philosophy Paper Contest  
Paper Title: "*Irreconcilable Differences: Opposition and Tension in Ricoeur's Hermeneutic Theory.*"
- 2010 Rose Kelly Award — Awarded by the Dean of College of Arts & Sciences for academic excellence, leadership, and extracurricular involvement.
- 2009 Grant recipient, President's Fellowship for Summer Research

### Honor Society Memberships

- 2009 Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society)
- 2010 Alpha Mu Gamma (Foreign Language)
- 2010 Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy)
- 2011 Theta Alpha Kappa (Theology)

## JESUIT MINISTRY

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### Society of Jesus — United States East Province (UEA)

Entrance Date: 20 August 2011  
Profession of Vows: 10 August 2013  
Diaconate Ordination: 19 September 2020  
Presbyteral Ordination: 12 June 2021

### Select Ministry Assignments

Parochial Vicar (June 2021 – August 2022)	Holy Trinity Catholic Church Washington, DC
Transitional Deacon (September 2020 – June 2021)	Saint Ignatius Church Chestnut Hill, MA
Jesuit Regency Department of Philosophy Office of Mission and Identity (July 2016 – June 2018)	College of the Holy Cross Worcester, MA
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy (August 2015 – June 2016)	Saint Peter's University Jersey City, NJ
Hospital Chaplain (August 2013 – June 2015)	Saint Barnabas Hospital (SBH) and Nursing Home Bronx, NY
Pastoral Associate & Teacher (January – May 2013)	Saint Anne's Catholic Parish Saint Anne's Primary School Kingston, Jamaica

## REFERENCES

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References available upon request.