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EDUCATION

Boston College Ph.D. in Systematic Theology (cumulative gpa 3.92)	Chestnut Hill, MA <i>Expected May 2025</i>
Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Licentiate in Sacred Theology (cum. gpa 3.96)	Brighton, MA May 2020
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University Master of Theology (cum. 3.94)	Berkeley, CA May 2017
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University Master of Divinity (as above)	Berkeley, CA May 2017
Fordham University Master of Philosophical Resources (cum. 3.66)	Bronx, NY May 2011
United States Air Force Officer Intelligence School Certification	San Angelo, TX March 2005
The College of the Holy Cross Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, History, Political Science	Worcester, MA May 2004

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“A Life of Self-Offer: Karl Rahner on the Historical Jesus.” *Philosophy & Theology* 35, no. 1 (2024).

“Weakness as the Conduit for the Mechanics of Grace: Paul’s Paradoxical Spirituality of 2 Corinthians 12: 5-10,” *College Theology Society Annual Volume 2025*.

“Authentic Selfhood from Silence: Francis de Sales’ Dextrous Invitation into Contemplation.” *The Way* 62, no. 2 (April 2023): 65-75.

“Imaging Sin and the Passage to Holiness: René Girard, Ecclesial Vision, and the Spiritual Reshaping of Desires.” *Irish Theological Quarterly* 87, no. 2 (May 2022): 1-17.

“Recovering the Sabbath: Sunday Observance as a Universal Human Right and Civic Cooperationism.” *Lumen et Vita*. Vol. 10. No. 2. (2020). Available:
<https://ejournals.bc.edu/index.php/lumenetvita/index>

“John Henry Newman and the Imagination.” *Theological Studies* 80, no. 2 (June 2019): 457–58. (Review)

“Catholic Theology after Kierkegaard.” *Theological Studies* 79, no. 1 (March 2018): 191–92. (Review)

“Jesus in the Theology of Rowan Williams.” *Theological Studies* 79, no. 1 (March 2018): 206–7. (Review)

“The Gospel of Jesus Christ.” *Theological Studies* 77, no. 4 (December 2016): 983–85. (Review)

“Jesus Christ: The New Face of Human Social Progress.” *Theological Studies* 77, no. 4 (December 2016): 1012. (Review)

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

“Building the Human City: William F. Lynch’s Ignatian Spirituality for Public Life.” *America* 215, no. 14 (October 31, 2016): 35–37. (Review)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Contemporary Barrage of Victimhood: The Posture of Vengeful Lament and Resentment,” *Accepted for publication with revisions by Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, “God, Self, and Society” (THEO 1402.14), Boston College 2024-2025
Apprenticeship in College Teaching Program Certificate, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College 2020-2024

Teaching Assistant, “God, Self, and Society” (THEO 1402.5), Boston College 2021-2023
High School Theology, “Scripture” (Grade 11) and “Social Justice” (Grade 12), Cheverus High School 2011-2014

AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (since 2020)
Catholic Theological Society of America (since 2023)
College Theology Society (since 2019)
Colloquium on Violence & Religion (since 2020)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- Presenter, "The Christology of Soren Kierkegaard." Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium, Boston College, February 28, 2019.
- Respondent, XVII Engaging Particularities Conference, Boston College, April 7, 2019.
- Presenter, "Christology as First Discipline and Mission in Ignatian Spirituality," *Lumen et Vita* Fall Symposium, Boston College School of Theology & Ministry, November 7, 2019.
- Presenter, "Recovering the Sabbath: Sunday Observance as a Universal Human Right and Civic Cooperationism," *Lumen et Vita* Spring Conference, February 15, 2020.
- Respondent, "Human Families: Identities, Relationships, Responsibilities," *College Theology Society* Annual Convention 2020.
- Presenter, "The Struggles of Scarcity, Envy, and the Markets: Girardian Political Theology on Avid Consumerism," Fordham Theology Graduate Conference, April 8-9, 2021.
- Presenter, "Rivalry Overwhelmed by Fraternity: Girardian Theological Anthropology and Social Love," *College Theology Society* Annual Convention 2021.
- Presenter, "The Race of Christ: An Undergraduate Theology Course," *College Theology Society* Annual Convention 2022.
- Presenter, "The Contemporary Barrage of Victimhood: The Posture of Vengeful Lament and Resentment," *American Academy of Religion* Annual Conference 2022.
- Presenter, "The Intelligence of the Victim: Religious Literacy and the Grasp of the Passion-Event," *Mid-Atlantic Regional American Academy of Religion* Conference 2023.
- Presenter, "The Mediation and Propagation of Envy: Contemporary Advertising and Competitive Desires," *College Theology Society* Annual Convention 2023.
- Presenter, "Models of Pecuniary Openhandedness: Paul's Advocacy on Generosity and Imitation," *Colloquium on Violence & Religion* Annual Convention 2023.
- Chair and Presenter, "*Laudate Deum* and the Demise of the Technocratic Paradigm: Pope Francis' Call for Situated Anthropocentrism," *Eastern International Regional American Academy of Religion* Conference 2024.
- Presenter, "Weakness as the Conduit for the Mechanics of Grace: Paul's Paradoxical Spirituality of 2 Corinthians 12: 5-10," *College Theology Society* Annual Convention 2024.
- Presenter, "Ruins and Crisis: Consolation in Fragility in Paul's Farewell Address at Miletus," *Colloquium on Violence & Religion* Annual Convention 2024.
- Presenter, "The Social Psychology of Envy: A Taxonomy of Its Variations and the Dilemma of Moral Disengagement," *Magi Conference* 2024 at the University of Pennsylvania.

INVITED LECTURES & TALKS

- Presenter, "The Spirituality of Francis de Sales," *Syracuse Spiritual Renewal Center*, March 21, 2024.
- Presenter, "Salvation and Jesus in the Twenty-First Center," *Gonzaga Eastern Point Retreat House*. March 18, 2023.
- Panelist, "Experiences of Humanities and Social Sciences Teaching Assistants at BC," *Teaching Assistant and Teaching Fellow Orientation*. August 26, 2022.
- Presenter, "Discernment," Boston University Campus Ministry. April 12, 2022.

Respondent, “Book Launch for *Jesuit Kaddish: Jesuits, Jews, and Holocaust Remembrance.*” Boston College Center for Christian-Jewish Learning. September 16, 2020.

FELLOWSHIPS

McDevitt Pre-Doc Visiting Scholar, LeMoyne College, 2023-2024.

ACADEMIC AND MINISTERIAL SERVICE

Chaplain, Boston College Cross-Country & Track teams
Coordinator, Graduate Student Christian Life Community (CLC), Boston College
Coordinator, Ignatian Young Adults, St Ignatius parish (San Francisco & New York)
M.Div & Th.M. Representative, Jesuit School of Theology Academic Council
Presider, Boston College campus liturgies
Retreat Director, Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (19th Annotation), Boston College & U.S.F.

LANGUAGES

English – Native
French – Intermediate Level Reading Proficiency
German – Intermediate Level Reading Proficiency
New Testament Greek – Intermediate Level Reading Proficiency

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Visiting Priest	Syracuse, NY Dec 2023 to July 2024
St Ignatius of Loyola parish MCI Concord Prison Visiting Priest	Chestnut Hill, MA June 2019 to Jul 2023
St Michael’s parish Weekend Assisting Priest	Bedford, MA Aug 2018 to June 2019
Church of St Ignatius Assistant Pastor	New York, NY June 2017 to July 2018
Cheverus High School Theology Teacher, Grades 11-12	Portland, ME Sept 2011 to June 2014

United States Air Force
Chief, Mission Analysis
Detachment 2, 25th Information Operations Squadron

RAF Mildenhall
Suffolk, England

REFERENCES

Jerome Baggett
Professor of Religion and Society and Ignacio Ellacuria Professor for Jesuit Studies Endowed Chair
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Thomas Cattoi
Associate Professor of Christology and Cultures and Dwan Family Endowed Chair in Ecumenical
and Interfaith Dialogue
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Richard Lennan
Professor of Systematic Theology, Licentiate in Sacred Theology Program Director
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