

Christopher McLaughlin

curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2022 **Doctor of Philosophy** | *Historical Theology*
Boston College
Minor area: Systematics
Coursework GPA 3.87
Dissertation: “*Marius Victorinus*’ Contribution to Nicene Pneumatology”
Director: Brian Dunkle, S. J.
Readers: David Hunter, Stephen Cooper
- 2017 **Master of Arts** | *Philosophy and Theology*
Boston College
GPA 3.97
Passed Comprehensive Exams with Distinction
- 2011 **Bachelor of Arts** | *Religious Studies*
University of South Carolina
GPA 3.95
Student Fellow of the Ecumenical Institute of the Carolinas; Member of National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society; Recipient Elizabeth Dodge Clark Book Prize for distinction in Religious Studies courses

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Adjunct Professor of Theology | Boston College | Fall 2022 - Present
PHIL/THEO 1090 “Perspectives on Western Culture”
THEO 1401 “Engaging Catholicism”
THEO 1402 “God, Self, and Society”
- Designed core course introducing students to the theology, rituals, morality, historical development, and artistic expressions of the Catholic tradition
 - Introduced students to practices of silence, reflection on leisure and purpose, dialectical discovery of individual virtue, social justice, and doctrinal truth, critical contemplation of Christian art

Instructor “Christian Latin Reading Group” | Harvard Catholic Forum |
Fall 2022 - Present

- Curated curriculum of early to late medieval Christian Latin writings including selections from Jerome’s Vulgate, Augustine, Gregory the Great, Alcuin of York, Bernard of Clairvaux, Bonaventure, and Aquinas
- Provided to participants synopses of figures and notes to the Latin text
- Facilitated twice monthly meetings of 5-10 participants

Adjunct Professor of Theology | Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston
College | Summer 2023 and Summer 2024

THEO 1401 “Engaging Catholicism”

THEO 1402 “God, Self, and Society”

- Designed and constructed asynchronous online course introducing God as Mystery, Jesus Christ as Bridge, the Church as Body of Christ, and Liturgy as the Kingdom of God
- Worked with Learning Designers and Media Producers in Center for Digital Innovation and Learning to optimize production quality and course aesthetics

2023

Adjunct Professor | Hellenic College Holy Cross | Fall 2022 - Present

RELG 2014 “Theories and Methods of Religious Studies”

RELG 2175 “Doctrine and Devotion: The Mother of God in Orthodox
Christianity”

- For RELG 2014: developed new syllabus to achieve desired program and course learning outcomes and implemented seminar-style pedagogy
- Led students by Socratic questioning and specific essay prompts to a demonstrated understanding of classics of scientific and philosophical approaches to the study of religion including Durkheim, Weber, Marx, Freud
- Engaged these texts constructively and critically from Orthodox Christian theological perspectives of Lossky, Sherrard, Velimirovic, and Papademetriou
- For RELG 2175: facilitated student engagement with scholarly and primary patristic sources relating to the Orthodox doctrinal decisions and devotional practices regarding the Mother of God from Scripture to the present

- 2022
- Instructor “Fall with the Fathers” | Harvard Catholic Forum | Fall 2022
- Pitched and developed six-week course studying primary theological texts from Greek and Latin patristic authors (Irenaeus, Athanasius, Nyssa, Augustine) on the themes of redemption and salvation
 - Facilitated discussion of texts for 5-12 participants including Harvard undergraduates, graduate students, and community members
- Dean of Summer Session Teaching Fellowship | Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College | Summer 2022
- THEO 1402 “God, Self, and Society”
- Teaching Fellow | Boston College | Fall 2021-Spring 2022
- THEO 1401 “Engaging Catholicism”
- 2021
- Apprenticeship in College Teaching | Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College | Fall 2017 - Fall 2021
- Developed my teaching philosophy articulating my pedagogical principles and strategies for achieving effective student engagement, growth, and accomplishment for diverse populations of pupils
 - Participated in seminars, building skill in course and assignment design, active learning, crafting an effective learning environment, grading for learning, facilitating difficult discussions
- 2020
- Teaching Assistant | Boston College | Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
- UNAS 1109 “Perspectives III: Horizons in the New Social Sciences”
- THEO 1401 “God, Self, and Society”
- Facilitated weekly three-hour discussions on Modern philosophy, politics, and economics
 - Delivered guest lecture on “The Way of Jesus”

Participant, Catholic Intellectual Tradition Series of Seminars | Church in the 21st Century Center & Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College | Spring 2020

- Participated in weekly discussions covering the nature and development of CIT with 10 humanities graduate students led by Philosophy Professor
- Deepened knowledge of the nature and development of CIT
- Reflected on and applied the principles of CIT to my own pedagogy

2019 Teaching Assistant | Boston College | Fall 2018 - Spring 2019
THEO 1161 “Religious Quest: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam”

- Facilitated weekly discussions of course material with 20-25 students

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND ARTICLES

2024 “Marius Victorinus’ Sacramental Theology” | North American Patristics Society (NAPS) | May 23-25 (Accepted)

2023 Respondent to Dr. David G. Hunter, “Disputed Questions on the Canons of the Council of Nicaea I (325)” | Historical Theology Colloquium (HTC), Boston College | Nov. 8

“Matter and Spirit: Marius Victorinus’ On Baptism” | Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference (PMR), Villanova University | Oct. 27-29

Published Review, “Stephen A. Cooper and Václav Němec (eds.), *The Philosophy, Theology, and Rhetoric of Marius Victorinus*” | *Catholic Bible Quarterly* 85:4 October 2023, 814-816

2022 “The Conversion of Philosophy - Caius Marius Victorinus: Rhetor, Philosopher, Theologian” | Invited [Post](#) on Pappas Patristics Institute Blogsite

“The Mediation of Christ and the Oneness of God” | PMR, Villanova University | Oct. 21-23

“‘Non enim videbit me homo et vivet’: Marius Victorinus's Mysticism of Death’ | NAPS | May 26-28

2021 “The Christology of Theodoret of Cyrus” | NAPS | May 25

- Respondent to Rachel Nelson, “Representation and Reenactment: Eucharistic Development and *Acta Martyrum*” | HTC, Boston College | May 18
- 2020 “*Rhetor Clarissimus, Theologus Obscurissimus: A Commentary on Marius Victorinus’ Adversus Arium III*” | HTC, Boston College | Sept. 29
- 2019 “Owen Barfield and Evagrius Ponticus on Participatory Knowledge” | PMR, Villanova University | Oct. 19
- “Imagination in the Mystagogy of Ambrose of Milan” | Mystical Theology Network Conference, Boston College | Mar. 3
- 2018 “The Ambivalence of Imagination in Ambrose of Milan” | HTC, Boston College | Oct. 15
- “He Shall be All in All: Origen’s Christology in Light of His Metaphysics” | Pappas Patristics Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 2017 “Origen and Plato” | PMR, Villanova University | Oct. 26-28
- “Metempsychosis and Metanoia” | Lumen et Vita Conference, Boston College | Jan. 28
- 2016 “Plato’s Reason, Clement’s Christ” | Ways of Knowing Conference, Harvard Divinity School | Oct. 29

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- 2021 Summer Scholar, Intermediate Syriac Summer Program | Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, St. John’s University, MN & Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D. C. | Summer
- Translated Syriac texts from intermediate to advanced difficulty during daily three-hour sessions
 - Revised grammar at intermediate to advanced level
 - Studied diverse genres of Syriac literature including artistic prose, *memre*, and *midrashe* from diverse authors Jacob of Serugh, Ephrem, and Babai the Great
 - Used *instrumenta studiorum* for linguistic, bibliographical, and paleographical study

Participant, Filene Conference: “Civic Connections: Literature, Politics, and Education in the American Tradition” | Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Providence, RI | June 17-21

2020 Summer Scholar, Intermediate Syriac Summer Program | Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, St. John’s University, MN & Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D. C. | Summer

SELECT WORK EXPERIENCE

2020-2021 Graduate Assistant to David Hunter and Stephen Cooper | Boston College

- Proofread Manuscripts (Ambrosiaster Pauline commentaries) for content
- Corrected and supplemented citations in compliance with SBL guidelines
- Verified translation from Latin to English

SELECT VOLUNTEER AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

2023 Bookstore Manager | Tree of Life Bookstore, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Allston, MA | July 2017 - Present

2021 Volunteer | Open Door Soup Kitchen, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, Allston, MA | Fall 2015 - Spring 2021

2018 Tutor in English and Language Arts | St. Herman’s School, Allston, MA

2014-2015 Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Director | St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Olmsted Falls, OH

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

<i>ancient</i>	Greek (Ancient-Byzantine) advanced reading
	Latin (all periods) intermediate reading
	Syriac intermediate reading
<i>modern</i>	French intermediate reading
	German basic reading
	Italian intermediate reading
	Spanish intermediate reading