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APPOINTMENTS

2025-present	<i>Professore Aggregato</i> (Associate Professor) of Sacred Theology, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2025-present	Visiting Professor, Universidad Anáhuac Querétaro, Querétaro, Mexico.
2024-present	Visiting Professor, Universidad Anáhuac, Mexico City, Mexico.
2022-2025	<i>Professore Incaricato</i> (Assistant Professor) of Sacred Theology, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2016-present	Director, <i>Christianity and Culture Program</i> , Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2016-present	Research Scholar, UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights.
2015-2022	<i>Professore Incaricato</i> (Assistant Professor) of Philosophy, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2022	S.T.D. in Systematic Theology, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy. <i>Summa cum laude</i> . Cumulative Average: 10.0
2017	S.T. L. in Systematic Theology, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy. <i>Summa cum laude</i> . Cumulative Average: 10.0
2015	S.T.B. in Theology, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy. <i>Summa cum laude</i> . Cumulative Average: 10.0
2009	Ph. L. in Philosophy, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy. <i>Summa cum laude</i> . Cumulative Average: 10.0
2008	Ph. B. In Philosophy, Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy. <i>Summa cum laude</i> . Cumulative Average: 9.9
2003	B.Sc. (Hons.) Subject of Specialization in Mathematics and Economics with Distinction, Queens University, Kingston ON, Canada. <i>Summa cum laude</i> . Cumulative Average: 9.6

TEACHING

Director, *Christianity and Culture* Program, Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy

2017-present The 2 week annual course brings together history, art, philosophy, and theology professors in order to form Catholic university professors, administrators, and staff from around the world in their knowledge and appreciation of the fundamental role that Christianity has played in the formation of Western civilization, and to better equip them for the challenges of the new evangelization and the specific role of the Catholic University in contemporary culture.

Graduate Level Courses, Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy

2024-present “Approfondimenti nell’ecclesiologia e teologia della missione in J. Ratzinger,” 5 ECTS.

2024-present “Profundizaciones en la ecclesiología y teología de la misión en J. Ratzinger,” 5 ECTS.

Undergraduate Level Courses, Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy

2023-present “Ecclesiology,” 5 ECTS.

2023-present “La teologia della missione secondo J. Ratzinger,” 4 ECTS.

2023-present “Seminario di sintesi teologica,” 4 ECTS.

2016-2023 “Fenomenologia e filosofia della religione,” 3 ECTS.

2015-2016 “Seminario di sintesi filosofica,” 3 ECTS.

Intensive courses in other institutions

2025-present “Ser Cristiano en el mundo de hoy. Conceptos fundamentales del pensamiento de J. Ratzinger/ Benedicto XVI,” Universidad Anáhuac Querétaro, Querétaro, México. 15 hour course to professors from across faculties and departments on Catholic identity and mission.

2024-present “Ser Cristiano en el mundo de hoy. Conceptos fundamentales del pensamiento de J. Ratzinger/ Benedicto XVI,” Universidad Anáhuac, Ciudad de México, México. 15 hour course to professors from across faculties and departments on Catholic identity and mission.

2019 “*Eros and Apagē*. Contemplating the heart of God,” Duns Scotus Bible Centre, Hong Kong (April 23-26).

2019 “Ser Cristiano en el mundo de hoy. Conceptos fundamentales del pensamiento de J. Ratzinger/ Benedicto XVI,” Universidad Finis Terrae, Santiago de Chile, Chile (January 7-11).

Directed Ph.D. Dissertations

2025-present Omar Torres Fernández, “La idea de la universidad en el siglo XXI: Una propuesta antropológica personalista desde Joseph Ratzinger,” Universidad Anáhuac Veracruz

2024-present Daniel Ochoa, “La reactualización del evento de Cristo en el occidente secularizado según el pensamiento de Joseph Ratzinger,” Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy

2024-present Juditpious Lawrence, “Theosis and Integral Transformation. A comparative study of the soteriologies of St Maximus the Confessor and Sri Aurobindo Gosh in light of evangelization efforts in India,” Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy.

2024-present Christudas Philips, “An exploration and analysis of Brahmabandhab Upadhyay’s Interpretation of the Significance of Jesus Christ for Indian Theology,” Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy.

Second Revisor, Ph.D. Dissertations

2025-present Soo-Jung Kim, “La Pietà filiale nell’incontro tra Confucianismo Coreano e Cristianesimo: Tasan e i primi martiri della Chiesa in Corea,” Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy.

2024-present María José Chávez Ibarra, “El ser Cristiano: La unidad de las virtudes teológicas como conformación del sujeto cristiano. Estudio a partir de la trilogía sobre las virtudes teologales de Benedicto XVI,” Kölner Hochschule für Katholische Theologie (KHKT), Cologne, Germany and Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy.

2024 Sanal Thomas Maliyeckal, “Hermeneutics of an Authentic Inculturation in the Context of India: A Study on the Documents (1970-2020) of the Federation of Asian Bishops,” Pontifical Athenaeum *Regina Apostolorum*, Rome, Italy.

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Monographs)

2024 *Ratzinger on Religious Pluralism* (Steubenville: Emmaus Academic)

- Reviewed in: *Tópicos, Revista de Filosofia*
- Award: Catholic Media Association Awards (2nd place in the ‘Ecumenism and Interreligious Relations’ category)

- 2022 *From Religious Pluralism to a Unity in Diversity. An exploration and analysis of Joseph Ratzinger's Theology of Religions* (Rome: Regina Apostolorum)

Books (editor/ co-editor)

- 2026 *Multicultural and Religious Perspectives on Protecting the Environment, the Biosphere, and Biodiversity*, ed. J. Tham, J. Lunistroth, S. Advani (London: Routledge). Forthcoming.
- 2026 *Fratelli Tutti in Conversation: Voices from World Religions*, ed. J. Tham, S. Advani (London: Routledge). Forthcoming.

Book Chapters

- 2026 "Modernity, religion, and India: Weaving the threads of a complex historical process together," in *Multicultural and Religious Perspectives on Protecting the Environment, the Biosphere, and Biodiversity*, ed. J. Tham, J. Lunistroth, and S. Advani (London: Routledge). Forthcoming.
- 2026 "Introduction," in *Fratelli Tutti in Conversation: Voices from World Religions*, ed. J. Tham and S. Advani (London: Routledge). Forthcoming.
- 2026 "Catholic Approaches to Interreligious Dialogue," in *Fratelli Tutti in Conversation: Voices from World Religions*, ed. J. Tham and S. Advani (London: Routledge). Forthcoming.
- 2025 "Ratzinger on the Soteriological Value of Non-Christian Religions," in *Interpreting the Signs of the Times. Church and Secularity in the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger*, ed. P. Azzaro and S. Hildebrand (Steubenville: Franciscan University Press), 219-36.
- 2021 "Unanswered Questions: A Catholic Response", in *Multicultural and Interreligious Perspectives on the Ethics of Human Reproduction – Protecting Future Generations*, ed. J. Tham, A. G. Gomez, and J. Lunistroth (Cham: Springer), 127-134.
- 2020 "Il rapporto tra scrittura, teologia, e rivelazione nel prologo del *Breviloquium*," in *Trilogia Bonaventuriana*, ed. C. Pandolfi and R. Pascual (Rome: IF Press), 403-419.

Co-Authored Publications

- 2020 N. Bossu and S. Advani, "Resolving the dualism between Exegesis and Theology: Joseph Ratzinger and the rediscovery of Tradition. A case study of the Purification of the Temple (Jn 2)," *Alpha Omega* 23 (2020), 47-79.
- 2017 L. J. Prieto López, J. Villagrasa Lasaga, and S. Advani, "Francisco Suárez, between modernity and tradition," *Cuariensia* 12 (2017), 63-92.

Other publications

- 2019 “The theological method of J. Ratzinger/ Benedict XVI,” *Mathavum Chinthayum*, Vol 100-A, 3 (2019), 8-22.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2025 “Joseph Ratzinger’s theological method and engagement with the Council in light of the Scholasticism-*Ressourcement* debate,” in *A Dialogue Renewed: Scholasticism and the Ressourcement Movement on the Nature of Catholic Theology*. 5th Annual Conference of The Sacra Doctrina Project, Catholic University of America, Washington DC, USA (June 12-14).
- 2025 “Ratzinger on Religious Pluralism,” University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy (May 12).
- 2025 “Joseph Ratzinger on implicit faith, vicarious representation and conversion, and the salvation of non-Christians,” in *Evangelization. Believing, thinking, and celebrating according to J. Ratzinger / Benedict XVI*, University of Navarra and the Joseph Ratzinger/ Pope Benedict XVI Foundation, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain (April 28-30)
- 2025 “Ratzinger and *Gaudium et Spes*: Church and the World. Context, Goals, and Ambiguities of the Council,” in *A 60 Anni dal Concilio. Temi Scelti su Ratzinger e il Vaticano II*, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy (March 21).
- 2024 “Mission as Double Fulfillment in J. Ratzinger,” in *Modelos de evangelización para un mundo postmoderno*, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy (September 24-25).
- 2024 “Joseph Ratzinger on the Human Person’s Created Reality as Gift,” in *All Things that were made. On Creation, Creatures, and their Creator*, 4th Annual Conference of The Sacra Doctrina Project, University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul MN, USA (June 6-8).
- 2023 “Joseph Ratzinger on the Fundamental Structure of the Human Person as Receiver,” in *Dust of the Earth: On Persons*, University of Notre Dame Fall Conference, South Bend IN, USA (November 2-4).
- 2023 “Ratzinger on implicit faith,” in *The Primacy of God in a Secular Age. On the Theological Virtue of Faith*. 3rd Annual Conference of The Sacra Doctrina Project, St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore MD, USA (June 8-10).
- 2023 “Catholic Approaches to Interreligious Dialogue,” in *Responses to Fratelli Tutti from Different Religious Traditions*, 9th UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy (May 23-25).

- 2022 “The Value of Other Religions and Christian Mission,” in *Joseph Ratzinger’s Vision of the Church and Its Relevance for Contemporary Challenges*, Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Joseph Ratzinger/ Pope Benedict XVI Foundation, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville OH, USA (October 20-21).
- 2022 “Modernity, religion, and India: weaving the threads of a complex historical process together,” in *Religious Perspectives on Bioethics: Protecting the environment, the biosphere and biodiversity*. 8th UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (September 20-22).
- 2019 “Catholic and Hindu perspectives on Protecting the future generation and the ethics of human reproduction in dialogue,” in *Multicultural and Interreligious Perspectives on the Ethics of Human Reproduction – Protecting Future Generations*. 7th UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion, Hassan II Mosque, Casablanca, Morocco (November 11-13).
- 2019 “Jesus Christ and the via pulchritudinis,” in *Caritas in Veritate Global Forum on the New Evangelization and Reaching the Next Generation*, Rome, Italy (March 31).
- 2018 “Christianity and the Asiatic religious worldview in the thought of Benedict XVI,” in *Health for All in an Unequal World: Obligations of Global Bioethics*, 14th World Congress of Bioethics, St. John’s Medical College, Bangalore, India (December 5-7).
- 2016 “A Catholic perspective on Neurogenomics,” in *Bioethical Challenges in Neurogenomics from an Interreligious and Multicultural Perspective*. 5th UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion, University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston TX, USA (November 14-16).

Other conferences/ talks

- 2025 “Discovering the Heart of the Father,” St Agnes Catholic Church, Miami FL, USA (June 7).
- 2025 “The Universal Call: Catholic Views on Other Religions,” St Hugh Catholic Church, Miami FL, USA (June 5).
- 2025 “Un Dios, ¿muchas voces?,” Universidad Anáhuac Puebla, Puebla, Mexico. (January 17).
- 2025 “Ratzinger sobre el Pluralismo Religioso,” Universidad Anáhuac Querétaro, Querétaro, Mexico (January 15).
- 2025 “Ratzinger sobre el Pluralismo Religioso,” Universidad Anáhuac, Mexico City, Mexico (January 9).

2024	“Fe y Alegría;” “Desperanza como cultura, respuestas espiritualistas orientales,” <i>Alegría: Camino a la esperanza</i> . XII Congreso Duchem, Mexico City, Mexico (October 8-10).
2024	“Eros and Agape. Contemplating the Heart of God,” Casa San Carlos Retreat Center, Delray Beach, FL, USA (June 31-July 2).
2024	“A Father’s Love,” St Hugh Catholic Church, Miami FL, USA (March 18-20).
2023	“Eros and Agape. Contemplating the Heart of God,” Casa San Carlos Retreat Center, Delray Beach, FL, USA (Jan 26-29).
2022	“Christian Mission in a religiously plural and agnostic world,” Florence Leadership Academy, Florence, Italy (December 2).
2019	“Evangelization through Sport: the example of the Vatican’s Cricket Team,” in <i>Evangelization of Culture</i> , Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy (March 28).
2019	“Identidad y misión de la universidad Católica en el mundo de hoy,” Universidad Finis Terrae, Santiago de Chile, Chile (January 9)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025	2 nd place, ‘Ecumenism and Interreligious relations,’ Catholic Media Association Award
2022	Gold Medal winner for Ph.D., Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2018	“J. Ratzinger/ Benedict XVI Study Grant,” Joseph Ratzinger/ Pope Benedict XVI Foundation.
2017	Gold Medal winner for S.T.L., Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2015	Gold Medal winner for S.T.B., Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2009	Gold Medal winner for Ph. L., Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2008	Gold Medal winner for Ph. B., Pontifical Athenaeum <i>Regina Apostolorum</i> , Rome, Italy.
2003	Dean’s Honor List with Distinction, Queen’s University, Kingston ON, Canada.

- 2002 Dean's Honor List with Distinction, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada.
- 2002 Queen's Undergraduate Excellence Scholarship, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada.
- 2002 James H. Rattray Scholarship in Science, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada.
- 2002 Susan Near Prize in Mathematics, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada.
- 2001 Dean's Honor List, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada.
- 2001 Edith Whyte Prize in Macro-Economics, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada
- 2000 Dean's Honor List, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada.
- 2000 Principal's Scholarship, Queen's University, Kingston ON, Canada.