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EDUCATION

- 2018-2023 PhD in Theology – University of Notre Dame, Department of Theology, Area of Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity.
Thesis: “‘All Humans Are Cast Into Battle’: Ephrem the Syrian’s Theology of Spiritual Struggle and Ascetic Heroism”
Supervisors: Prof. Gary A. Anderson and Prof. Jeffrey T. Wickes
Committee members: Prof. John C. Cavadini and Prof. Tzvi Novick
- 2015-2018 Sacrae Scripturae Licentia (SSL) – Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, specialization OT
Thesis: “Crime and Punishment: An Exegetical Investigation of Joshua 7”
Supervisor: Dominik Markl, SJ
2016-17: one semester at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, following classes also at the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française.
(Summa cum laude)
- 2012-2015 Bac.Theol. – Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum, Rome (Summa cum laude)
- 2010-2012 Lic.Phil. – Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum, Rome; specialization in Metaphysics
Thesis: *Natura communis* in J. Duns Scotus
Supervisor: Alain Contat
(Summa cum laude)
- 2005-2007 Bac.Phil. – Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum, Rome
(Summa cum laude)
- 2004-2005 Classical Humanities Diploma (Latin and Greek language, literature, and culture; History of art and literature) – Colegio de Humanidades clásicas de la Legión de Cristo, Salamanca
(Summa cum laude)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023- Assistant Professor in Theology, Theology Department, Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum
- 2023- Director, International Seminary Formators Course, Sacerdos Institute, Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum
- 2023- General coordinator, Sacerdos Institute, Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 “Sacrificial Atonement in Num 15:22–31: Theological Implications of an Unforgivable Sin” in Richard Briggs and David J. Shepherd (ed.), *Remember Their Sin No More? Forgiveness and the Hebrew Bible*, Eugene, OR; Pickwick, 2022, 22–38.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 11.25.2024 Paper: "A Close Shave: The Sub-plot of Escape from Castration in Daniel 1" — Session on the Book of Daniel, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 22–26, 2024, San Diego, CA.
- 11.23.2024 Paper: "Memrâ as Epic: A Performative Approach to Ephrem's 'Memrâ on the Repentance of the Ninevites'" — Session on Syriac Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 22–26, 2024, San Diego, CA.
- 6.18.2024 Paper: "The 'Life of Moses' and 'Life of Christ' Cycles of the Sistine Chapel: A 15th-Century Approach to the Old Testament's Own Voice in the Church's Two-Testament Bible" — International Symposium "Understanding the Old Testament as Christian Scripture," Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, 17–20 June, 2024, Rome (Italy).
- 11.18.2023 Paper: "'All Humans Are Cast into Battle': Ephrem the Syrian's Vision of Ascetic Heroism for Lay Christians" — Session on Syriac Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 18–21, 2023, San Antonio, TX.
- 11.20.2022 Paper: "Creating a Christian Epic and a New Heroic Ideal: War on Sin in Ephrem's Memra on 'Jonah and the Repentance of Nineveh'" — Session on Syriac Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 19–22, 2022, Denver, CO.
- 6.9.2022 Paper: "Ephrem's Use of Military Metaphors: Creating New War Heroes and Battlefields from Scripture and the Saints" — 8th Dorushe Graduate Student Conference, June 9-10, 2022, Fordham University, New York City.
- 11.22.2021 Paper: "Priestly Self-Critique in Num 15:22–31: Theological Implications of an Unforgivable Sin" — Session on the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 20-23, 2021, San Antonio, TX.
- 2.9.2020 Paper: "Daniel or the Eunuch that Was to Be: A (Neo-Rabbinic?) Reading of Dan 1" – Midwest Region Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, February 7-9, 2020, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN.
- 11.24.2019 Paper: "How Abel ended up in Hebrews: Reexamining the Origins of Heb 11:4 and the Problem of Dating the Targumim" – Session on Intertextuality and Hebrews, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 23-26, 2019, San Diego, CA.
- 6.28.2017 Paper: "צמצום ברשימת הצורות היחידאיות בעברית מקראית? חקר פילולוגי במקצת גרסאות נוסח בישעיהו נח" (paper delivered in modern Hebrew: "One hapax less? A philological investigation of some variants in Is 58, in the light of the Dead Sea Scrolls") International Conference on Hebrew Language, Literature and Culture, National Association of Professors of Hebrew, June 27-29, 2017, New York University.
- 4.8.2016 Paper: "Intorno alla *natura communis* di Duns Scoto. Riflessioni al di qua e al di là della metafisica" – Conference "La Scuola Teologica Francescana del secolo XIII", June 4-8, 2016, Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum, Cattedra Marco Arosio di Alti Studi Medievali.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025 (spring) "The Judeo-Christian Tradition Between Physical and Spiritual Warfare," 2nd theology requirement, University of Notre Dame, School of Architecture, Rome.
- 2025 (spring) "Spiritual Warfare – Biblical and Patristic Soundings," seminar, Lic.Theo., Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum.
- 2024- (yearly) "Psalms and Wisdom books," curriculum requirement, Bac.Theo., Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum.
- 2023- (yearly) "Methodologies of Theological Inquiry," curriculum requirement, Lic.Theo., Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum.
- 2023 (spring) "Foundations of Theology," core curriculum, University of Notre Dame (instructor of record).

- 2022 (spring) “The Catholic Faith,” teaching assistant of Prof. John C. Cavadini, University of Notre Dame.
- 2021 (fall) “Foundations of Theology,” teaching assistant of Prof. Tzvi Novick, University of Notre Dame.
- 2020 (spring) “Foundations of Theology,” teaching assistant of Prof. Khaled Anatolios, University of Notre Dame.

COURSES UNDER DEVELOPMENT

- “Original Sins in the Old Testament” (curriculum requirement, Lic.Theo., Pont. Ath. Regina Apostolorum).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2022 Travel grant awarded by the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture to present a paper at the 8th Dorushe Graduate Student Conference, June 9-10, 2022, Fordham University, New York City.
- 2021 Graduate School Professional Development Award (GSPDA) travel grant awarded to present a paper at the SBL annual meeting 2021 in San Antonio, TX
- 2019 GSPDA travel grant awarded to present a paper at the SBL annual meeting 2019 in San Diego, CA
- 2019 Research and travel grant awarded by the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture to study Arabic in Jordan.
- 2019-2023 Sorin Fellow at the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture.
- 2016 Travel grant to attend the International Conference on Hebrew Language, Literature and Culture, National Association of Professors of Hebrew, June 27-29, 2017, New York University.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS (academic and pastoral)

- 2023- Spiritual director, International College of the Legionaries of Christ, Rome.
- 2020-2023 Pastoral ministry with the incarcerated at Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, IN (ministry of presence, weekly masses since the reopening of the facility to visitors after COVID in August 2021).
- 2018-2023 Pastoral ministry with ND students (masses, counselling, confession, marriage prep); ministry to the Hispanic community at St. Joseph’s parish, La Porte, IN.
- 2015 Ordination to the Catholic priesthood.
- Passim* Tutor (Greek, History, Metaphysics), individual mentoring of younger students, music director at the seminary (choir and ensembles).
- 2009-2010 Educator and Prefect of studies (hiring and coordinating teachers, supervising curricula, and mentoring students), Collegium Maria Immaculata (boarding school, Bad Münstereifel, Germany)
- 2007-2008 Assistant to the master of novices (Bad Münstereifel, Germany). Teaching responsibilities: German, Spanish, Latin, Gregorian Chant.
- Since 2002 Member of Catholic religious order ‘Legionaries of Christ.’

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Modern Languages:

- Fluent: **German** (mother tongue), **French, English, Spanish, Italian, mod. Hebrew**
- Intermediate: modern standard **Arabic**

- Reading skills: **Portuguese, Dutch**

Ancient Languages:

- Advanced studies in: **Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Syriac**
- Other: **Akkadian** (2 semesters), **Targumic Aramaic** (2 semesters), **Biblical Aramaic** (1 semester), **Geez** (1 semester), **Ugaritic** (summer course, University of Leiden, NL), **Garshuni** and **Judeo-Arabic**