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Employment

Hope College, Holland, MI
Associate Professor of Religion, 2012-Present

Saint Benedict Institute, Holland, MI
Executive Director and Co-Founder, 2013-Present

Calvin Prison Initiative, Ionia, MI
Adjunct Professor, 2018-Present

Education

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
Doctor of Philosophy in Historical Theology, 2012

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
Master of Arts in Historical and Systematic Theology, 2009

St. John's College, Annapolis, MD
Master of Arts in Liberal Arts, 2005

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Bachelor of Arts in Fundamentals: Issues and Texts, 2000

Books

With All the Fullness of God: Deification Across Christian Traditions, edited by Matthew Hunter and Jared Ortiz (in process).

Deification in the Latin Patristic Tradition, editor (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, Under Contract).

You Made Us for Yourself: Creation in St. Augustine's Confessions (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016).

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Articles

“The Whole Christ: A Catholic Perspective on Deification.” In *With All the Fullness of God: Deification Across Christian Traditions*, edited by Matthew Hunter and Jared Ortiz (in process).

“Turning Worshipers into Gods: Deification in the Latin Liturgy.” In *Deification in the Latin Patristic Tradition*, edited by Jared Ortiz (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, Under Contract).

“Deification in the Latin Fathers.” In *Called to Be the Children of God: The Catholic Theology of Human Deification*, edited by Fr. David Meconi, S.J. and Carl E. Olson (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2016).

“The Deep Grammar of Augustine’s Conversion,” *Studia Patristica* 70 (2013).

“Creation in the *Confessions*.” In St. Augustine, *The Confessions: Ignatius Critical Editions*, edited by David Vincent Meconi (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2012).

Book Reviews

Review of *Catholics and Protestants: What Can We Learn from Each Other?*, Peter Kreeft. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2017, in *Catholic World Report*, August 23, 2017.

“Silence and Apostasy.” Review of *Silence*, Shūsaku Endō. New York: Picador Modern Classics, 2016, in *Catholic World Report*, January 4, 2017.

Review of *Memory in Augustine’s Theological Anthropology*, Paige Hochschild. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, in *Nova et Vetera*, 14.4 (Fall, 2016).

Review of *Augustine: Conversions to Confessions*, Robin Lane Fox. New York: Basic Books, 2015, in *Catholic World Report*, June 10, 2016.

Review of *Divinization: Becoming Icons of Christ through the Liturgy*, edited by Andrew Hofer. Chicago: Hillenbrand Books, 2015, in *Catholic World Report*, July 8, 2015.

Review of *The Theology of Augustine: An Introductory Guide to His Most Important Works*, Matthew Levering. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013, in *Catholic World Report*, June 4, 2013.

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Select Presentations

1. “Disability and the Sabbath Structure of Man” (Invited). To be presented at the Chicago Theological Initiative’s “Creation and the Problem of Evil Colloquium,” Wheaton, IL, March 23-24, 2018.
2. “What Can Catholics and Protestants Learn from One Another Today?” (Invited). Presented at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, October 5, 2017.
3. “All Things Hold Together: A Great Books Education and the Catholic Tradition” (Invited). Presented at the Lumen Christi Institute at the University of Chicago, Chicago, May 17, 2017.
4. “Our Frailty is Made Eternal: Deification in the Latin Sacramentaries.” Presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 25, 2016.
5. “A Vision for a Christ-Centered Liberal Arts Education.” Presented at the Hope College Continuum Scholars Lecture Series, Holland, Michigan, November 19, 2015.
6. “Who is this that rises up all in white?: Deification in the Latin Liturgy.” Presented at the International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 11, 2015.
7. “Deification in Latin Patristic Thought.” Presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 23, 2014.
8. “Turning Worshipers into Gods: The Christian Understanding of Salvation” (Invited). Presented at the Aquinas College Catholic Studies Colloquium, Grand Rapids, March 26, 2014.
9. “Rethinking Augustine’s Reception of the Platonists.” Presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 25, 2013.
10. “The Relationship between Creation and the Church in Augustine’s *Confessions*.” Presented at The Second Annual Symposium in Honor of Fr. Florovsky: The Body of the Living Christ: The Patristic Doctrine of the Church, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February 10-11, 2012.
11. “The Unknowing Augustine: Creation, History, and the Knowledge of God.” Presented at the American Society of Church History Conference, Chicago, January 6-8, 2012.
12. “Creation, Imitation, and Conversion in Book Eight of Augustine’s *Confessions*.” Presented at the International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 10, 2011.

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Teaching

Hope College (Undergraduate)

REL 100 The Mystery of the Incarnation
IDS 100 Holiness and the Intellectual Life
REL 241 History of Christianity: From the Annunciation to the Reformation
REL 267 Introduction to Catholic Christianity
REL 269 Theology of the Human Person
REL 295 Heidelberg Catechism (co-taught)
REL 349 The Faith of the Early Church
REL 369 Reading Scripture Theologically
REL 440 Religion Capstone Seminar

Calvin Prison Initiative (Undergraduate)

ML 111 Church in Historical Context I

Augustine Institute (Graduate, Online)

HIST 521 History of the Ancient World and Formation of Christian Culture
HIST 524 The Dividing of Christendom and the Renewal of Christian Culture
CATE 601 Augustine and the Renewal of Catechesis

Catholic Distance University (Undergraduate, Online)

SCRPT 310 Reading Scripture Theologically

Awards

Mellon Grand Challenges Initiative Grant for “Theology of the Human Person” course development in the “Disability in Contemporary Society” collaborative project, Hope College, 2017

Towsley Research Scholar Fellowship, Hope College 2015-2018

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Scholars Program Award for Mentoring, Hope College, 2015

Jacob E. Nyenhuis Student/Faculty Cooperative Research Grant, Hope College, 2014

Mellon-Helis Fellowship for Studies in Early Christianity, The Center for the Study of Early Christianity at the Catholic University of America, 2010-2012

Johannes Quasten Scholarship, The Catholic University of America, 2006-2010

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Associations

Academy of Catholic Theology, 2016-Present

North American Patristic Society, 2009-Present

American Society of Church History, 2011-2013

Events Organized

“Theology and Disability.” Reading group organized as part of the Grand Challenges Initiative, Hope College, Summer 2017.

“Hope for Restoration: Radical Hospitality and Prison Reform.” Conference organized in collaboration with the inmates of R.A. Handlon Correctional Facility and Calvin Prison Initiative, Hope College, March 4, 2017.

“Gay and Christian: Exploring Vocation, Friendship, and Celibacy.” Symposium organized in collaboration with the Saint Benedict Institute, Hope College, February 22, 2016.

“Homosexuality and Anthropology.” Day of Study organized in collaboration with the Saint Benedict Institute, Hope College, February 20, 2016.

“Deification in the Latin Patristic Tradition.” Workshop organized at the International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, August 11-13, 2015.

“Fundamental Issues in the Western Understanding of Deification.” Day of Study organized in collaboration with the Saint Benedict Institute, Hope College, March 7, 2015.

Saint Benedict Institute Events. Organized more than 30 events including lectures, ecumenical dialogues, panel discussions, immersion trips, retreats, and discernment groups, Hope College, 2014-Present.

Popular Talks

- ❖ “Becoming God: A Catholic Understanding of the Sacraments”
- ❖ “Christianity and the Liberal Arts: Is Scholarship Antithetical to the Christian Life?”
- ❖ “Kneel, sit, stand, kneel... Understanding the Catholic Mass”
- ❖ “The Meaning of the Triduum”
- ❖ “How to Read Scripture from the Heart of the Church”
- ❖ “A Pope for All Christians?”
- ❖ “Mary, the Mother of God: A Scriptural Reflection”

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- ❖ “The Big Picture: Salvation History from Creation to the End Times and Where You Fit Into It (in 45 Minutes or Less)”
- ❖ “What Does it Mean to be Pro-Life? A Discussion of Human Dignity”
- ❖ “Sex and the Meaning of Life”
- ❖ “The Mystery of Creation”
- ❖ “Why Catholics Drink Beer: On the Incarnation”

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Related Experience

St. Jerome Academy, Hyattsville, MD

Volunteer Chair of Curriculum Committee, 2010 – 2013

Curriculum available at

www.stjeromes.org/stjeromeschool/classical_education.htm

Touchstones Discussion Project, Annapolis, MD

Project Assistant, 2003 – 2005

Edited and authored *Remember My Chains: Readings on Prisons, Prisoners, and God*, written as work for hire

St. Ann's Academy, Washington, D.C.

Latin Teacher, 2006 – 2009

Lighthouse Christian Academy, Stevensville, MD

Latin and Great Books Teacher, 2005 – 2006

St. Ignatius College Preparatory School, Chicago, IL

Great Books Teacher, Summers 2002, 2003

Inner-City Teaching Corps, Chicago, IL

Fourth Grade Teacher, 2000 – 2002

*****References Upon Request*****