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EDUCATION

- **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN
Ph.D. in Theology (2018)
Major: New Testament; Minor: Second-Temple Judaism, Greco-Roman Philosophy
Co-Directors: Gregory E. Sterling, John T. Fitzgerald
- **Weston Jesuit School of Theology**, Cambridge, MA
M.T.S. in Biblical Studies
Graduated with distinction
- **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA
M.A. in Philosophy
Graduated with distinction
- **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA
B.A. in Philosophy, Theology, Catholic Social Ethics Minor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Loyola University Chicago, Asst. Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity (2022–)
- Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, MA Director (2022–)
- Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Assoc. Professor of New Testament (2021–)
- Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Asst. Professor of New Testament (2015–2021)
- University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute Jerusalem, Study-Abroad Program, Instructor (2014)
- University of Notre Dame, Department of Theology, Instructor (2013)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- **New Testament/Early Christianity:** Pauline Epistles, Synoptic Gospels, New Testament Ethics, Early Christian Soteriology, Early Christian Forgiveness
- **Hebrew Bible/Early Judaism:** Wisdom literature, Second Temple Judaism, Hellenistic Judaism, Atonement discourses in Second Temple Judaism
- **Greco-Roman Philosophy:** Roman Stoicism; Middle-Platonism
- **Methodology:** Comparative methodology

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS

- “At the Origins of the Biblical Commandment of Interpersonal Forgiveness: Sirach 28:2 in Context.” In *Currents in Korean American and Korean Biblical Interpretation*. Edited by John Ahn. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2022. (forthcoming)

NON PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES/BOOK CHAPTERS

- “The Story of a Symposium: Why We Need a Theological Understanding of Pope Francis’s Thought.” Pages 1–20 in *Discovering Pope Francis: The Roots of Jorge Mario Bergoglio’s*

Thought, edited by Brian Y. Lee and Thomas Knoebel. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2019. (Coauthored with Thomas Knoebel)

NON PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS EDITED

- *Discovering Pope Francis: The Roots of Jorge Mario Bergoglio's Thought* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2019). (Co-edited with Fr. Thomas Knoebel)

BOOK REVIEWS

- *Review of Biblical Literature* 01/2022 Review of Max Botner, Justin Harrison Duff, Simon Dürr, eds., *Atonement: Jewish and Christian Origins* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020).
- *Review of Biblical Literature* 10/2020 Review of Joseph R. Dodson and David E. Briones, eds., *Paul and the Giants of Philosophy: Reading the Apostle in Greco-Roman Context* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2019).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Reframing Paul's Use of Philosophy in 1 Corinthians 6:12–20: New Covenant Prophecy, Stoicism, and Pauline Participationism* (monograph; substantially revised dissertation).
 - Offers a fresh, methodologically-grounded reconstruction of Corinthian reasoning and practices, and Paul's argument in 1 Corinthians (with particular focus on 6:12–20), in light of a reevaluation of Paul's use of Stoic philosophy in the letter.
 - Argues against variants of the theory of Corinthian libertinism.
- *The Origins of Early Christian Forgiveness* (monograph).
 - Traces the emergence and development of the ethical idealization of interpersonal forgiveness in early Judaism and Christianity in relationship to developing notions of sin, non-cultic modes of atonement, and Christology.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- "New Covenant Prophecy, Stoicism, and Pauline Participationism: Reframing Paul's Use of Philosophy in 1 Corinthians 6:12–20," invited lecture, Theology Faculty and Graduate Student Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago, April 7, 2022
- "Romans and Queer Criticism," invited guest lecture for Dr. Olivia Stewart Lester, THEO232 Introduction to the New Testament, Loyola University Chicago, April 8, 2022
- "Reconciliation as Atonement: Matthew 5:23–26, Jewish Covenantal Ethics, and early Christian Eucharistic Theology," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Nov 20–23, 2021.
- "The Origins of Interpersonal Forgiveness and Post-Exilic New Covenantal Understandings of Sin and Atonement," Faculty Colloquium, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, WI, Oct. 6, 2021.
- "The Paradox of Participation: *Paul's Use of Philosophy in 1 Corinthians 6:12–20*," Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. August 1, 2021.
- "Forgive and Be Forgiven: New Testament Theology of Forgiveness and Leviticus 19:17–18," Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Regis College, Denver, CO July 29, 2018.

- “Bridging the Academy and the Church: How Should We Teach Historical Thinking in Seminary Education?,” Faculty Colloquium (with Fr. Tom Knoebel and Dr. Paul Monson), Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, WI, Feb. 12, 2020.
- “The Science of Forgiveness,” Faculty Colloquium (with Dr. James Stroud), Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology, WI, February 28, 2017.
- “Paul’s Use of Stoic Ethics in His Guidance of the Community at Corinth,” Faculty Colloquium, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology, WI, March 2, 2016.
- “The New Testament on Human Suffering: A Response to Bart Ehrman’s *God’s Problem*,” Guest Lecturer, Robert St.-Hilaire’s *Religion and Atheism* course, Niagara University, NY, Feb. 23, 2015.
- “Comparing the Crucifixion in the Synoptic Gospels,” Invited Lecture, Sacred Heart Seminary & School of Theology, WI, Feb. 5, 2015.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- “Faith, Forgiveness, Prayer, and Salvation: Understanding the Relationship between Soteriology and Ethics in Early Judaism and Christianity,” Invited Lecture, Cor Unum Alumni Program, WI, Nov 11, 2021.
- “In The Beginning: Jews and Christians Reading Genesis 1 Together,” Lux Center for Jewish-Catholic Dialogue, Jewish-Christian Biblical Interpretation Workshop Series, WI, March 9, 2020.
- Radio Interview with editors of *Discovering Pope Francis* (“I Thought You’d Like to Know,” on WCATradio.com, interviewed by Fr. Greg Heille, Professor of Preaching and Evangelization, Aquinas Institute of Theology, 11/18/19)
- “Applying Biblical Exegesis to Social Problems for Ministry: Methodology and Case Studies,” Invited Lecture, Cor Unum Graduate Lay Ministry Program, WI, Sept. 14, 2019.
- Moderator of International Symposium, *Discovering Pope Francis* (2017–2018)
- “Pope Francis and Interreligious Dialogue,” Lunchtime Community Presentation, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology (Fall 2016)

CONFERENCES/LECTURES ORGANIZED

- *The New Paradigm of Mission* (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Apr. 22, 2020) [canceled due to COVID-19]
 - Speakers: Fr. José Cristo Rey García Paredes, CMF, Fr. Aaron Wessman, Dr. Jeremy Blackwood, Dr. Steven Shippee, Dcn. Edward Sanchez
- *Wounded Shepherd: The Sacred Heart and the Reform of Pope Francis* (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Nov. 13, 2019)
 - Speakers: Dr. Austen Ivereigh, Dr. Peter Casarella, Dr. Kurt Martens, Fr. Stefan Tertünte,
- *Discovering Pope Francis: Theological, Philosophical, Cultural and Spiritual Perspectives* (Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Oct 8–11, 2018)
 - Speakers: Dr. Massimo Borghesi, Dr. Austen Ivereigh, Dr. Peter Casarella, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Bishop Robert Barron, Dr. Rocco Buttiglione, Dr. Guzman Carriquiry Lecour, Dr. Susan Wood, Dr. Rodrigo Guerra Lopez

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- Catholic Press Association Award, 2nd place for *Discovering Pope Francis*, Pope Francis

- Catholic Media Award, 2nd place for Discovering Pope Francis, Theology
- Catholic Biblical Association CCD Grant for the Promotion of Biblical Scholarship and Biblical Literacy, \$32,748 sabbatical research funding for *Forgiveness, Faith, and Justice in Early Christianity* (2019)
- Templeton Grant Co-Recipient, Re-engaging Science and Theology in Seminary Formation, John Templeton Foundation, \$12,500 (2017)
- Teaching Fellowship, Notre Dame International, University of Notre Dame, Jerusalem, Israel, 2014
- Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, Theology Department, University of Notre Dame, 2013, 2014
- Dean's Scholarship, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, 2008–2011
- Summer Study Grant, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, Jerusalem, Israel, 2010
- Scholarship, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, 2005–2006; 2006 summer; 2006–2007
- Lay ministry tuition grant, The Paulist Center, Boston, MA, 2006–2007
- National Jesuit Honor Society, Alpha Sigma Nu, 2007
- Bernard Lonergan fellowship, Lonergan Institute, Boston College, 2003–2004
- Floyd L. Moreland scholarship, Latin/Greek Institute, 2004

LANGUAGES STUDIED

- Ancient Languages: Classical and Hellenistic Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Latin, Coptic, Syriac
- Modern Languages: German, French, Italian, Spanish, Korean

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC TRAINING

- Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
New Testament and Early Christianity, Resident Graduate Program (2007–2008)
- Latin/Greek Institute, New York City, NY
Classical Greek Summer Program (2004)
Summa cum laude

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Fundamentals of Online Teaching Certificate, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2019)
- ATS Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty, Chicago, IL (2016)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Society of Biblical Literature, 2008–
- Catholic Biblical Association, 2016–

COURSES TAUGHT

- Introduction to Christian Theology (LUC; Fall 2022)
- New Testament Soteriology (SHSST; Fall 2021)
- Catholic Doctrine II (co-taught) (SHSST)
- Jesus in the New Testament (co-taught; flipped classroom model) (SHSST)
- Apocalyptic Literature and Revelation (SHSST)
- Synoptic Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles (SHSST)

- Gospel of John and Catholic Epistles (SHSST)
- Pentateuch and the Historical Books (SHSST)
- Psalms and Wisdom Literature (SHSST)
- Ancient Philosophy: From the Presocratics to Neo-Platonism (SHSST)
- The Science of Forgiveness (co-taught; as in-class and online courses) (SHSST)
- Art & Archaeology (co-taught in Israel) (ND)
- The Church of All Nations: Theology of Ecumenism (co-taught in Israel) (ND)
- Foundations of Theology (ND)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Convener, Greek Hour (Spring 2023)
- Undergraduate Learning Committee (2022)
- Moderator for MA ART Oral Comprehensive Exam for Dennis John and Moses Babu (2022)
- MA Thesis Co-Reader for Carlos Londoño Alvarez, “The Death of the Lord as Interpreted by the First Century Jerusalem Church and the Current Liturgical Texts for Good Friday” (2020)
- Online Teaching Transitional Faculty Mentor to Drs. Brown, Rappe, and Udoekpo (2020)
- Co-Chair of Dehon Lecture Organizing Committee (2019–2020, 2021–2022)
- Member of Organizing Committee for Austen Ivereigh’s November 2019 Dehon Lecture “A Heart for Change: the Sacred Heart and the Reform of Pope Francis” (2019)
- Co-editor of *Discovering Pope Francis: The Roots of Jorge Mario Bergoglio’s Thought* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2019).
- Co-Chair of Organizing Committee for Symposium, Discovering Pope Francis (2017–2018)
- MA Comprehensive Exam Examiner for Miguel Perez (2018–2019); for Bill Evans (2018–2019)
- MDIV Case Study Thesis Director for Dcn. Wesley Beal (2019); for Dcn. Steven Pautler (2017); for Dcn. Michael Neeland (2016)
- Mentor to New Faculty Member Fr. Vien Nguyen (2018–2019)
- Working Group for Pre-Theology Scripture Curriculum Development (2018); Working Group for Pre-Theology Philosophy Curriculum Development (2018); Working Group for Pre-Theology Curriculum Development (2021–2022)
- Advisory Board to Academic Dean (2016–2017, 2017–2018, 2021–2022)
- Self-Study Working Group (ATS/HLC accreditation standards, Learning and Teaching) (2017–2018)
- M.A. Admissions Board (2016–2017, 2017–2018)
- Academic Advisor for two lay MA students (2017–2018)
- Writing Assessment Board for Pre-Theology Program (2016–2018)
- Comprehensive Curriculum Review Working Group (2015–2016, 2016–2017)
- Peer Teaching Evaluator for Evaluative Review Process for Dr. Steven Shippee (2016)
- Committee on Educational Principles and Parameters (2015–2016)
- Committee for the Assessment of Program Effectiveness (2015–2016, 2018–2019)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member of the SHSST Faculty Choir/Liturgical Cantor (2016–2018)
- Member and Regional Co-Founder, Community of Sant’Egidio (1998–)

TECHNOLOGY FLUENCY

- LMS: Canvas, Populi, Moodle, Blackboard, Sakai, LOCUS
- Video Production: Screen Cast-o-Matic, Microsoft Stream, YouTube
- Video Conferencing: Zoom, WebEx, Microsoft Teams, Skype
- Presentation Software: PowerPoint