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### EDUCATION

#### **The Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC

PhD in *Historical & Systematic Theology* awarded January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
School of Theology & Religious Studies  
Major Areas: Medieval Theology, Christology  
Minor Areas: Patristic Theology, Modern Theology

#### **The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies**, Toronto/Rome

Diploma in *Manuscript Studies* (summa cum laude) awarded April 3rd, 2023

#### **The Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC

M Phil, *Theology & Religious Studies* (with distinction), 2010–2012  
School of Theology & Religious Studies

#### **The Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC

MA, *Medieval Studies*, 2008–2010  
Center for Medieval & Byzantine Studies

#### **Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary**, Charlotte, NC

MA, *Christian Thought* (cum laude), 2003–2007

#### **Montreat College**, Montreat, NC

BA, *Bible & Religion* (cum laude), 1998–2002

### RESEARCH

#### **Dissertation**

“Alexander of Hales on the Gospel of John: An Epitome of *Sacra Doctrina*.” PhD diss.,  
The Catholic University of America, 2017.

#### **Books**

Aaron Gies, ed. *Trust: Franciscan Connections in Theology, Spirituality, Economics and Beyond*  
(St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute, forthcoming 2024).

Alexander of Hales, *Gloss on the Sentences of Peter Lombard*, Vol. 1, *On Divine Unity and Trinity, Part One: Book One, Distinctions 1–18*. English translation by Aaron Gies based on a translation by Roland Teske. Dallas Medieval Texts and Translations 30:1. Louvain: Peeters. (forthcoming 2024)

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Alexander of Hales, *Gloss on the Sentences of Peter Lombard*, Vol. 2, *On Divine Unity and Trinity, Part Two: Book One, Distinctions 19–48*. English translation by Katherine Wrisley-Shelby and Aaron Gies. Dallas Medieval Texts and Translations 30:3. Louvain: Peeters. (forthcoming 2025)

*Alexander of Hales: On the Significations and Exposition of the Holy Scriptures*. Introduction and English translation by Aaron Gies. St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute, 2018.

### Articles

“*Divisit lucem a tenebris*: Primary Conversion in Early Franciscan Theology.” *Moral Conversion in the Franciscan Tradition*, edited by Krijn Pansters. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2024).

“Medieval Images of Alexander of Hales.” *Early Thirteenth-Century English Franciscan Thought*, edited by Lydia Schumacher. *Studien und Texte zur Geistesgeschichte des Mittelalters*. Leiden: Brill (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021).

“A New Source for Alexander of Hales: Anselm of Laon, *Glosae super Iohannem*.” *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum* 113.3–4 (2020): 587–609.

“Biblical Exegesis in the *Summa Halensis*.” *Early Franciscan Theology: Sources and Context*, edited by Lydia Schumacher. *Studien und Texte zur Geistesgeschichte des Mittelalters*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020: 11–32.

“*Primi duces hierarchiae nostrae*: Bonaventure, Alexander of Hales and Theological Exegesis in John’s Gospel.” In *Frater, Magister, Minister et Episcopus: The Work and Worlds of Saint Bonaventure*, edited by Timothy Johnson, Marie Kolbe, Katie Wrisley-Shelby. St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute, 2020: 507–526.

### Theses

“John the Theologian: Theological Divisions of the Fourth Gospel in Alexander of Hales and his Contemporaries.” Thesis, Summer Manuscript Studies School, The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto/Rome, Aug, 2018.

“An Even Higher Perfection: Bernard of Clairvaux’s Doctrine of Contemplation.” MA thesis, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC, May, 2007.

### Book Reviews

Tommaso Manzon and Irene Zavattero, eds. *Theories of Divine Ideas: From the Church Fathers to the Early Franciscan Masters*. *Archivum Franciscanum Historicum* 117.3–4 (2024).

Frans van Liere and Franklin T. Harkins, eds. *Interpretation of Scripture: Practice*. *Religious Studies Review* 42.2 (June, 2016), 117–118.

Jacque Le Goff. *In Search of Sacred Time: Jacobus de Voragine and the Golden Legend*. *Religious Studies Review* 41.4 (Dec, 2015), 204.

Atria A. Larson. *Master of Penance: Gratian and the Development of Penitential Thought and Law in the Twelfth Century*. *Religious Studies Review* 40.4 (Dec, 2014), 223–224.

### Articles for a General Readership

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“The Oldest Image of Alexander of Hales.” *Franciscan Connections*. July, 2021

“In Memoriam, Prof. Philip Rousseau.” *Conciliar Post*. Sept. 24, 2020.

“Sacramental Famine in a Time of Pandemic.” *Franciscan Connections: The Cord – A Spiritual Review*. July, 2020.

“On Hierarchy.” *Conciliar Post*. Jan 6, 2020.

“The Shrinking Subject: Early Mendicant Theologians Read John’s Gospel.” *Franciscan Connections: The Cord – A Spiritual Review*. Jan, 2020.

“On Washing, Wiping and the Depth of Glory.” *Conciliar Post*. Mar 25, 2019.

“In Praise of Redoing the Kitchen.” *Conciliar Post*. Sept 17, 2018.

### Presentations

“Alexander of Hales and John of La Rochelle on the Little Apocalypse: A Preliminary Report.” The Last Things in Alexander of Hales and the Early Franciscan School. Rome, Collegio Sant’Isidoro, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

“*Divisit lucem a tenebris*: Primary Conversion in Early Franciscan Theology.” Agents of Change: Moral Conversion and Social Transformation. Tilburg, NL, Franciscan Studies Center, Tilburg University, June 30, 2022.

“Early Franciscans at the University of Paris: Digging Deeper into the Tradition to Support the Gospel Life.” Francis Week 2020. St. Bonaventure, NY, The Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, Sept 30, 2020 (invited).

“Alexander of Hales, *Postilla in Iohannis euangelium*: An Update on Current Research.” Collegio San Bonaventura Meeting of the Hales Commission. Rome, Collegio Sant’Isidoro, Jan 13, 2020.

“Anthony of Padua and Alexander of Hales on the Gospels.” “*Quidam enim dicunt*: Mendicant Theologies before Aquinas and Bonaventure.” St. Bonaventure, NY, The Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, July 16, 2019.

“Considering Bernard in the Early Franciscan School.” Cistercian Studies Conference. Kalamazoo, MI: Western Michigan University, May 11, 2019.

“Biblical Exegesis in the *Summa Halensis*.” ERC Early Franciscan Workshop, “Doctrines and Debates in the Early Franciscan Tradition II.” Dover, MA, Boston College, Aug 1, 2018.

“Anselm of Laon’s *Glosae super Iohannem*: A Source for Alexander’s *Glossa*?” Collegio San Bonaventura Symposium, “Alexander of Hales and the Early Franciscan Masters.” Rome, Collegio Sant’Isidoro, June 10, 2018.

“*Primi duces hierarchiae nostrae*: Bonaventure, Alexander of Hales and Theological Exegesis in John’s Gospel.” “*Frater, Magister et Episcopus*: The Work and Worlds of Saint

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Bonaventure.” St. Bonaventure, NY, The Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, July 14, 2017.

“The Anagogy of the Gospel: Alexander of Hales, Dionysius and Theological Exegesis in John’s Gospel.” PMR Session on Alexander of Hales, Villanova University, Oct 15, 2016.

“The Twofold Efficient Cause Is the Holy Spirit and Blessed John as Minister: Exegesis, Agency and the Literal Level in Alexander of Hales.” SBL Session on “Christian Theology and the Bible,” Chicago, Nov 19, 2012.

“Crimes, Corruption, Correction: Guy of Eu and the Cistercian Chant Reform.” The Alamire Foundation Conference on “Music for the Office and its Sources,” Antwerp, Aug 23, 2010.

“Johannine Glorification of Christ in John of Ford’s Sermons on the Song of Songs.” The Medieval Sermon Society & Cistercian Studies Conference, Kalamazoo, MI, May 14, 2010.

### TEACHING

**St. Bonaventure University**, St. Bonaventure, NY

“Elementary Latin I,” 2022

“Elementary Latin II,” 2022

“Christian Spirituality,” 2021–2024

“The Way of Francis & Clare” 2019–2024

**The Franciscan Institute**, St. Bonaventure, NY

“Marvelous Depths: Reading Scripture with St. Bonaventure and His Teachers” 2020

**Limestone College**, Gaffney, SC

“Christian Heritage I” 2016

“Introduction to the New Testament” 2015

**The Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC

“The Dynamics of Christian Spirituality” 2014

*Teaching Assistant* to Robin Young for “God’s Words in Human Words” 2013

*Teaching Assistant* to Regis Armstrong for “God’s Words in Human Words” 2013

*Teaching Assistant* to Tarmo Toom for “Christian Beginnings” 2012

### OTHER EMPLOYMENT

**Research Fellow of the Collegium Sancti Bonaventurae (Quaracchi)**, Rome

*Editor*, Alexander of Hales, *Postilla in Iohannis euangelium*, 2019–2024

**Administrative Lead, Enchanted Mountains Urgent Veterinary Care**, Olean, NY

*Voluntary financial officer and grant administrator*

### AWARDS

## Aaron Gies

*Stitt Innovation Grant*, with Katie Gies, Ashley Luedke and Regina Moro, “Grief Support Tools for Clients and Staff at Enchanted Mountains Urgent Veterinary Care.” St. Bonaventure University, December, 2021–April 2024  
*Franciscan Institute Travel Grant*, “*Quidam enim dicunt: Mendicant Theologies Before Aquinas and Bonaventure.*” St. Bonaventure University, July, 2019  
*Franciscan Institute Research Grant*, Collegio San Bonaventura symposium, June, 2018  
*Hubbard Dissertation Fellowship*, CUA STRS, 2015–2017  
*Mellon Fellowship*, PIMS Summer Program in Manuscript Studies, 2011–2012

## SERVICE

**St. Bonaventure University**, St. Bonaventure, NY  
*Co-chair*, Self-Evaluation Committee for Middle States Accreditation Standard 6: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement, 2021–2023

**The Collegium S. Bonaventurae**, Collegio San Isidoro, Rome, Italy  
*Conference Organizer* (with Andrew Belfield), “The Last Things in Alexander of Hales and the Early Franciscan School,” May 29–30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**The Medieval Academy of America**  
*Proofreader*, *Speculum: The Journal of the Medieval Academy of America*, 2020–2022

**The Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University**, St. Bonaventure, NY  
*Research Advisory Council Member*, 2023–2024  
*Associate Editor*, *Franciscan Studies*, 2021–2024  
*Assistant Editor*, *Franciscan Studies*, 2020–2021  
*Conference Organizer* (with Andrew Belfield, Kasey Kimball and Fr. David Couturier), “*Qui primus legit: Studies in Sentence Commentaries on the Eighth Centenary of Alexander of Hales’s Lectures July 11–13, 2024*”  
*Conference Organizer*, “Trust in the Franciscan Tradition,” Franciscan Connections International Virtual Conference, June 23–24, 2022  
*Advisory Council Member*, Franciscan Connections International Blog, 2020–2022  
*Session Organizer* for “Early Mendicant Exegesis,” “*Quidam enim dicunt: Mendicant Theologies Before Aquinas and Bonaventure.*” July 16, 2019

**The Catholic University of America**, Washington, DC  
*Selection Committee Member* for “Medieval Objects,” The Eighth Annual CUA Medieval Studies Graduate Conference, April 3–4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Canticle Farm**, Allegany, NY  
*Board Member*, 2023–2024

**St. Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic Church**, Olean, NY  
*Cantor Volunteer*, 2023–2024

## ASSOCIATIONS

International Society for the Study of Medieval Theology, 2019–2024

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The Medieval Academy of America, 2008–2024

American Academy of Religion, 2012–2024

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