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EDUCATION

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

PhD in *Historical & Systematic Theology* awarded January 31st, 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 (anticipated May, 2022)

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

M Phil, *Theology & Religious Studies*, 2010-2012

School of Theology & Religious Studies

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

MA, *Medieval Studies* (with distinction), 2008-2010

Center for Medieval & Byzantine Studies

Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC

MA, *Christian Thought* (honors), 2003-2007

Montreat College, Montreat, NC

BA, *Bible & Religion* (honors), 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

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. Louvain: Peeters. (forthcoming 2022)

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 Aaron Gies and James Ginther. Dallas Medieval Texts and Translations. Louvain: Peeters. (forthcoming 2024)

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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

“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 (forthcoming 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*. Leiden: Brill, 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

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

“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.

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“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

“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 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.

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TEACHING

St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY

“Elementary Latin II,” 2022

“Christian Spirituality,” 2021-2022

“The Way of Francis & Clare” 2019-2022

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

Fellow of the Collegium Sancti Bonaventurae (Quaracchi), Rome

Editor, Alexander of Hales, *Postilla in Iohannis euangelium*, 2019-2021

Latin Translation Consultant, Washington, DC

Translator, various authors in Gwenfair Walters Adams, ed., *Romans 1-8*, Reformation Commentary on Scripture, NT vol. 7. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2019.

Translator, G. Stefaneschi, Marian poems, Sta. Maria in Trastevere, (Rome), Oct, 2014.

Translator, Nicholas III, ep. 517 To the Canons of St. Peter, June, 2014.

Translator, Peter John Olivi, *Postil on John* (excerpts), 2013

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Research Assistant to Joshua Benson, 2012-2013

Research Assistant to Regis Armstrong, 2010-2012

AWARDS

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

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

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Mellon Fellowship, PIMS Summer Program in Manuscript Studies, 2011-2012

SERVICE

St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY

Self-Evaluation Committee for Middle States Accreditation Standard 6: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement, 2021-2022

The Medieval Academy of America

Proofreader, Speculum, 2020-2022

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

Associate Editor, Franciscan Studies, 2021-2022

Assistant Editor, Franciscan Studies, 2020-2021

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 3-4th, 2014

Little Falls Presbyterian Church (USA), Arlington, VA

Ruling Elder in charge of worship, 2010-2013

Music Ministry Volunteer, 2008-2014

Youth Ministry Volunteer, 2011-2013

ASSOCIATIONS

International Society for the Study of Medieval Theology, 2019-2022

The Medieval Academy of America, 2008-2022

American Academy of Religion, 2012-2022

REFERENCES

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