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Education

- B.A. (theology, history) from Boston College (1992–96)
- Theological and philosophical study at University of Tübingen, Germany (1996–97)
- Ph.D. in systematic theology from Boston College (1997–2003)
Dissertation: “Answering the Enlightenment: Friedrich Schelling, Johannes Kuhn, and the Recovery of Historical Revelation” (directed by Michael Himes)
- Theological study at University of Fribourg, Switzerland (2002–03)

Research Fellowships/Awards (external only)

- Fulbright Foundation, Research Grant, eleven months (Tübingen, 1996–97)
- DAAD, Summer Research Grant, three months (Tübingen, 2000)
- University of Fribourg, Dissertation Scholarship, Fribourg, Switzerland, ten months (2002–03)
- Peter Thiel Foundation, Monograph Grant, one semester course release (2012)
- Humboldt Foundation, Experienced Researcher Grant, eleven months (2015–2016)

Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Loyola University, New Orleans (2003–2007)
- Assistant Professor of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University (2007–2011)
- Associate Professor of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University (2011–)

Doctoral Mentoring

- Dissertations Directed:
 1. Stephen Lawson, “Erik Peterson and the Interpretation of History in German Theology 1918–1939” (current)
- Dissertations Read:
 1. Charles Michael Shea, “Newman’s Early Legacy. Giovanni Perrone and Roman Readings of the *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* 1845–54” (2013)
 2. Michael Pahls, “School of the Prophets: John Henry Newman’s Anglican Schola and the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian” (2015)
 3. Ryan Marr, “‘To Be Perfect Is to Have Changed Often’: The Development of John Henry Newman’s Ecclesiological Vision, 1845–77” (2015)
 4. Erick Moser, “‘Combat for Culture’: The Formation of Jean Daniélou’s Vision for the Church in Secular France, 1925–50” (2015)
 5. Jonathan King, “Theology under another form: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s formation and writings as a Germanist,” (2016)
 6. Matthew Muller, “The Inspired Bible in the Anglican Career of John Henry Newman” (2017)
 7. James Lee, “Johannes von Hoffman and Nineteenth-Century German Theological Wissenschaft” (current)

8. Andrew Hamilton, “The anti-Hegelian Trinitarian Theology of Dorner and Staudenmaier” (current; external at Southern Methodist University)

Professional Service

Blind Reviewer

- (**presses**): Oxford University, Crossroad/Herder, Saint Joseph’s University
- (**journals**): Heythrop Journal, Modern Theology, Theological Studies, Irish Theological Quarterly
- (**tenure and promotion**): Loyola University, Chicago (2016)
- (**grants & fellowships**): Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies (2017)

Convener

- Catholic Theology Society of America (2011, Wildcard Session)
- College Theology Society (2012, Contemporary Theologies Section)

Board Member

- Colloquium on Violence & Religion (2014–)

Organizer

- Annual meeting of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion (8–12 July, 2015)
- Liaison for Colloquium on Violence & Religion at the American Academy of Religion (2017–2019)

Participant

- International Lutheran Confederation—Roman Catholic Dialogue. Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, International Dialogue (2015–2018)

Publications

Books

- *Answering the Enlightenment. The Recovery of Historical Revelation in Nineteenth Century Germany* (Crossroad/Herder, 2006).
- *Faithfully Seeking Understanding: The Selected Writings of Johannes Kuhn*, edited and translated by Grant Kaplan (Catholic University of America Press 2009).
- *René Girard, Unlikely Apologist: Mimetic Theory and Fundamental Theology* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2016).
- *Faith and Reason in Christian Theology*, in Historical Trajectories Series (Fortress Press, under contract; est. 2018).

Journal Articles

- “What Has Ethics to Do with Rhetoric? Prolegomena to Any Future Just War Theory,” in *Political Theology* 6:1 (2005): 31–49.
- “Diagnosing Modernity: Eric Voegelin’s Impact on the Worldview of Walker Percy,” in *Religion and the Arts* 15 (Summer 2011): 338–68.
- “Getting History into Religion? Appropriating Nostra Aetate for the 21st Century,” in *Heythrop Journal* 52 (Fall 2011): 802–21.
- “Widening the Dialectic: Secularity and Christianity in Conversation,” in *Lonergan Workshop Journal* 24 (2013): 133–68.

- “New Paths for a Girard/Lonergan Conversation: An Essay in Light of Robert Doran’s *The Trinity in History*,” in *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies* NS 4:1 (2013): 23–38.
- “Vatican II as a Constitutional Text of Faith,” in *Horizons* 41:1 (June 2014): 1–21.
- “Between Rome and Tübingen: Rethinking Johann Adam Möhler’s Political Theology,” in *Journal of Church and State* 58:2 (Spring 2016): 234–60.
- “Retrieval and Renewal: Chenu, the Tübingen School, and the Renewal of Theological Method in *Optatam Totius*,” in *Theological Studies* 77:3 (September 2016): 567–92.
- “What Has Prussia to Do with Tübingen? The Political-Ecclesial Context of Möhler’s *Symbolik*,” in *Pro Ecclesia* (2017; accepted but not yet published)
- “Schelling’s Influence on the Catholic Tübingen School,” in *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* 79:1 (2018; special issue)

Chapters in Edited Books

- “Saint vs. Hero: René Girard’s Undoing of Romantic Hagiology,” in *Postmodern Saints of France*, edited by Colby Dickinson (T&T Clark/Continuum, 2013): 153–67.
- “Freiheit in der Dogmengeschichte? Das Verständnis kirchlicher Freiheit in der Tübinger Schule im Gespräch mit Raymund Schwagers Lehre von der Dogmenentwicklung,” in *Das Drama der Freiheit im Disput: Das Kerngedanken der Theologie Raymund Schwagers*, edited by Jozef Niewiadomski (Herder Verlag, 2017): 213–29.
- “The New Atheism: Dawkins, Harris, Hitchens,” in *Handbook of Mimetic Theory and Religion*, edited by Wolfgang Palaver and James Alison (Palgrave MacMillan, est. 2017).
- (with Holly Taylor Coolman) “Development of Doctrine,” in *Oxford Handbook to Catholic Theology*, edited by Lewis Ayres (Oxford University Press, no publication date).
- “Roman Catholic Perspectives: The Nineteenth Century,” in *Oxford Handbook of the Reception of Christian Theology*, edited by Sarah Coakley and Richard Cross (Oxford University Press, no est. publication date).

Additional Articles

- “Can Doctrine Develop? Reflections on the German Contribution,” (Loyola University of New Orleans Press, 2004): 1–21.
- “Celibacy as Political Resistance,” in *First Things* 239 (January, 2014): 49–54.
- “Renewing the Tradition: The Theological Project of James Alison,” in *America Magazine* 210 (19 May, 2014): 25–27.
- “From Tübingen to the Tiber: An Interview with Peter Hünermann,” in *Commonweal* 143 (7 October, 2016): 25–29.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Johann Adam Möhler,” and “Catholic Tübingen School,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, edited by George Kurian (Oxford: Wiley/Blackwell, 2012).
- “Johannes Kuhn,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, edited by Sebastian Fuhrmann (De Gruyter, est. 2017).

Book Reviews

- Stephen Pope and Charles Hefling eds. *Sic et Non: Encountering Dominus Iesus* in *Heythrop Journal* 44:4 (Fall 2003): 521–23.
- Frederick Beiser, *German Idealism: The Struggle Against Subjectivism* in *Review of Metaphysics* 57 (December 2003): 385–87.
- David B Hart, *The Beauty of the Infinite* in *Nova et Vetera* 2 (Fall 2004): 538–42.
- Robert Miner, *Truth in the Making* in *The Thomist* 69 (January 2005): 165–69.

- Jerry Day, Voegelin, Schelling, and the Philosophy of Historical Existence in *Nova et Vetera* 3 (Fall 2005): 859–62.
- Lawrence Cunningham, A Brief History of Saints in *Religious Studies Review* 32 (January 2006): 48–49.
- Michael Buckley, Denying and Disclosing God. The Ambiguous Progress of Modern Atheism in *Nova et Vetera* 4 (Winter 2006): 205–8.
- Julian Young, Nietzsche’s Philosophy of Religion in *Review of Metaphysics* 61 (September 2007): 171–72.
- Johann Adam Möhler, The Spirit of Celibacy, eds. Dieter Hattrup and Rev. Emery de Gaal in *Nova et Vetera* 7:2 (Spring 2009): 529–32.
- William Cavanaugh, The Myth of Religious Violence. Secular Ideology and the Roots of Modern Conflict in *Theological Studies* 71 (June 2010): 479–81.
- Michael Printy, Enlightenment and the Creation of German Catholicism in *Theological Studies* 71 (June 2010): 468–70.
- John J. Ranieri, Disturbing Revelation: Leo Strauss, Eric Voegelin, and the Bible in *Review of Politics* 72:3 (2010): 555–57.
- David G. Schultenover, S.J. ed., The Reception of Pragmatism in France & the Rise of Roman Catholic Modernism, 1890–1914 in *Catholic Historical Review* 96:4 (2010): 745–47.
- Miriam Pawel, The Union of Their Dreams. Power, Hope, and Struggle in Cesar Chavez’s Farm Worker Movement in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion* 37 (October 2010): 20–22.
- Jonathan Israel, A Revolution of the Mind: Radical Enlightenment and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Democracy in *Christian Century* 128:2 (25 January, 2011): 36–37.
- Hubert Wolf, Pope and Devil. The Vatican’s Archives and the Third Reich in *Review of Politics* 73:3 (2011): 502–3.
- Robert Daly, Sacrifice Unveiled. The True Meaning of Christian Sacrifice in *Political Theology* 13:2 (Spring 2012): 267–69.
- Michael Legaspi, The Death of Scripture and the Rise of Biblical Studies in *Theological Studies* 73 (September 2012): 694–96.
- Ulrich Lehner, Enlightened Monks: The German Benedictines 1740–1803 in *Pro Ecclesia* (2013): 230–34.
- Scott Cowdell, René Girard and Secular Modernity: Christ, Culture, and Crisis in *Theological Studies* 75:1 (2014): 178–79.
- Gideon Freudenthal, No Religion Without Idolatry: Mendelssohn’s Jewish Enlightenment in *Review of Metaphysics* 68:1 (September 2014): 161–63.
- Mathias Moosbrugger, Die Rehabilitierung des Opfers. Zum Dialog zwischen René Girard und Raymund Schwager um die Angemessenheit der Rede vom Opfer im christlichen Kontext in *Theological Studies* 76:1 (2015): 192–93.
- Christine Helmer, Theology and the End of Doctrine in *Theological Studies* 76:4 (2015): 862–63.
- René Girard and Raymund Schwager: Correspondence 1974–1991 in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion* 50 (December 2016)
- Ulrich Lehner, The Catholic Enlightenment: The Forgotten History of a Global Movement in *Modern Theology* (July 2017):

Popular Press

- “Guidelines to Catholic Identity,” in *The Maroon* (Loyola University Student Newspaper) January 2005 editorial.
- “The Legacy of John Paul II,” in *Times-Picayune* and *Dallas-Fort Star Telegram*. April 2005 editorial.

- “Remembering Boston,” in *Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education* 27 (Spring 2005): 48–51.
- “Interview with René Girard” in *First Things online* <http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare>. (6 November, 2008).
- “Review” of John Jay Hughes, *No Ordinary Fool* in *St. Louis Review* (29 August, 2008)
- “Privileged Childhood,” in *Commonweal* (8 October, 2010): 31.
- “A Brief Primer on Christian Forgiveness,” in *University News* (16 April, 2013).
- “René Girard and the Peculiar Nature of Human Desiring,” in *America Magazine online* <http://www.americamagazine.org/issue/rene-girard-and-peculiar-nature-human-desiring> (6 November, 2015)
- “The *Da Vinci Code* All Over Again,” in *First Things online* <http://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2016/06/the-da-vinci-code-all-over-again> (21 June, 2016)

Translations

- *What Big Ears You Have? The Theologians’ Red Riding Hood* by Otto Hermann Pesch (Liturgical Press, 2000).
- “Gender Difference: Critical Questions concerning Gender Studies,” by Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz, in *Women in Christ: Toward a New Feminism*, edited by Michele Schumacher (Eerdmans, 2004), 3–16.
- “Happiness,” by Georg Wieland in *The Ethics of Aquinas*, edited by Stephen J. Pope (Georgetown University Press, 2004), 57–68.
- “Grace,” by Theobald Kobusch in *The Ethics of Aquinas*, 207–22.
- “The Theological Virtue of Charity,” by Eberhard Schockenhoff in *The Ethics of Aquinas*, 244–58.
- “Josef Pieper and the Spiritual Foundations of Totalitarianism,” by Franz Töpfer in *A Cosmopolitan Hermit: Modernity and Tradition in the Philosophy of Josef Pieper*, edited by Bernard Schumacher (Catholic University of America Press, 2009), 63–87.

Papers Given

Conferences and Workshops

- “Living Tradition and Historical Revelation in the Thought of Johannes Kuhn,” Catholic Theological Society of America. Miami, FL. June, 1999.
- “Between Revelation and Idealism—Friedrich Schelling’s Biblical Hermeneutics,” College Theology Society. Portland, OR. June, 2001.
- “After Scandal: What the Catholic Church Can Learn from Radical Islam,” International Society for Universal Dialogue. Olympia, Greece. May, 2003.
- (Panelist), “Johann Adam Möhler as Church Historian,” American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA, November, 2003.
- “Both/And? Towards a Pluralistic Evangelization,” College Theology Society. Mobile, AL. June, 2005.
- “The Suicide of Thought: Reflections on Voegelin and Walker Percy,” American Political Science Association/Eric Voegelin Society. Washington, D.C. September, 2005.
- “Bernard Lonergan’s Philosophy of Revelation,” Third International Lonergan Workshop. Mainz, Germany. 2–7 January, 2007.
- “New Perspectives in Enlightenment Research: The Catholic Tübingen School,” American Catholic Historical Association. New York. 3 January, 2009.
- “Genealogies of Modernity and Post-Secular Space: Bridging Girard and Taylor” Mater Dei Institute. Dublin. 9 June, 2009.

- “Enlightenment and the Religious Turn,” Baylor University Conference on Secularization and Revival. Waco, TX. 9 October, 2009.
- “Widening the Dialectic: Secularity and Christianity in Conversation,” Lonergan Workshop. Boston, MA. 23 June, 2010.
- “Girard Behind Bars: Teaching Mimetic Theory to Convicts,” Colloquium on Violence & Religion. South Bend, IN. 2 July, 2010.
- “Overcoming Romantic Pelagianism: Mimetic Theory’s Contribution to Hagiography,” Catholic Theological Society of America. San Jose, CA. 10 June, 2011.
- “Apocalypse and Unveiling: A Girardian Account of Revelation,” College Theology Society. San Antonio, TX. 2 June, 2012.
- “Beyond Continuity vs. Rupture: Vatican II as a Constitutional Text of Faith,” American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL. 21 November, 2012.
- “*Dialektiker* of Enlightenment? Johann Adam Möhler as Political Theologian,” Academy of Catholic Theology. Washington, D.C. 22 May, 2013.
- “Apologies Worth Apologizing For: Imagining a Girardian Ecclesiology,” Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Cedar Falls, IA. 12 July, 2013.
- “Between Rome and Tübingen: The Political Theology of Johann Adam Möhler,” American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, MD. 25 November, 2013.
- “For and Against Nietzsche: Assessing Girard’s Interpretation,” Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Freising, Germany. 23 July, 2014.
- “Scott Cowdell’s *René Girard and Secular Modernity: Christ, Culture, and Crisis*. A Reflection,” American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. 23 November, 2014.
- “18th- and 19th-Century Challenges to Catholic Theology,” Academy of Catholic Theology. Washington, D.C. 21 May, 2015.
- “The Impact of Möhler on French Theology of Renewal and the Transformation of Theological Education,” Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology X. Leuven, Belgium. 26–29 October, 2015.
- “Freiheit in der Dogmengeschichte? Johann Adam Möhlers Verstehen der kirchlichen Freiheit im Horizont seiner Engagement mit der Kirchenväter,” Symposium zum 80. Geburtstag Raymund Schwager, S.J. Innsbruck, Austria. 3–4 December, 2015.
- “Johann Adam Möhler’s Phenomenology of Protestantism,” Symposium on Rethinking the Reformation. Edinburgh, United Kingdom. 29 January, 2016.
- “Did Schelling Live on in Catholic Theology? An Examination of his Influence on the Catholic Tübingen School,” Schelling’s Afterlives Workshop. Münster, Germany. 14–15 March, 2016.
- “The Apologetic Legacy of René Girard,” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. November, 2016.

Invitations (excluding ecclesial settings)

- “Can Doctrine Develop? Reflections on the German Contribution,” Yamauchi Lecture, presented at Loyola University, New Orleans. March, 2004.
- “Catechesis and Mystery: Learning to Sit with the Question,” Hofinger Conference. New Orleans, LA. January, 2008.
- “Mimetic Theory and the Doctrine of Revelation,” Loyola, Maryland: Catholic Studies Lecture. 6 February, 2012.
- “Faith and Reason in the Tübingen School,” Religion and Science Before Darwin. University of Notre Dame. 14 March, 2014.
- Participant, Dulles Colloquium. New York City. 28–29 September, 2014.

- “The Wire and Narrative Theology,” Ringvorlesung, Romanistik Seminar. Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz. 3 November, 2015.
- “Fließt der Neckar in den Rhein? Ein Plädoyer zum Wesen der Katholische Tübinger Schule,” Dies Academicus Kurzvorlesung. Johannes Gutenberg University, Department of Catholic Theology. 18 November, 2015.
- “Reversing the Optic: An Attempt at Re-examining 20th-century Theology through 19th-century Lenses,” Invited Plenary Panel. Lonergan On the Edge, Marquette University. 23 September, 2016.
- “The Apologetic Legacy of René Girard,” Invited Lecture for School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. 16 February, 2017.
- “Where Truth Resides: Johannes Kuhn and the Catholic Response to the Left-Wing Hegelianism of D.F. Strauss,” Invited Paper for “Multiple Reformations? The Heidelberg-Notre Dame Colloquies on the Legacies of the Reformation.” Notre Dame, Indiana. 12–15 March, 2017

Organizations

- 2000– American Academy of Religion
- 2005– Catholic Theological Society of America
- 2009– Colloquium on Violence & Religion
- 2013– Academy of Catholic Theology