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## Education

### *Degrees*

Ph.D., Saint Louis University Historical Theology	May 2007
M.A., St. Bonaventure University Franciscan Studies	May 2002
B.A., Canisius College Philosophy	May 2000

## Professional Service

Member, CFIT Advisory Council (January 2014 - )

Member, Editorial and Advisory Board of the Bonaventure Text in Translation Series (BTTS)  
(2006 – present)

Member, Advisory Board of *Greyfriars Review* (2006–2010)

## Articles:

- “Structure and Meaning in St. Bonaventure’s *Quaestiones disputatae de scientia Christi*,”  
*Franciscan Studies* 62 (2004), 67-90.
- “Digitizing Francis and Clare of Assisi Early Documents – Progress, Challenges Implications.”  
*Spiritus* 8:2 (2008), 156-163.
- “Identifying the Literary Genre of *De reductione artium ad theologiam*: Bonaventure’s inaugural  
lecture at Paris,” *Franciscan Studies* 67 (2009), 149-178.
- “Bonaventure’s *De reductione artium ad theologiam* and Its Early Reception as an Inaugural  
Sermon,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 85 (2011), 7-24.
- “An Unedited Principium: Fons Sapientiae Verbum Dei in Excelsis. Introduction and Text,”  
*Collectanea Franciscana* 81:1-2 (2011), 71-100.
- “Fons Sapientiae Verbum Dei in Excelsis. John Pecham’s Inaugural Sermon?” *Collectanea  
Franciscana* 81:3-4 (2011), 451-478.
- “Bonaventure’s Inaugural Sermon at Paris: Omnium Artifex Docuit Me Sapientia. Introduction  
and Text,” in *Collectanea Franciscana* 82/3-4 (2012), 517-562.
- “Hold Back Nothing of Yourselves for Yourselves’: Transitus Address 2012,” *The Cord* 63:1  
(2013), 27-35.

## Book Chapters:

- “Matthew of Aquasparta’s Sermons on Theology,” in *Franciscans and Preaching*, ed. Timothy J.  
Johnson (Leiden: Brill, 2012), 145-174.

“Augustine and Bonaventure,” in *T and T Clark Companion to Augustine and Modern Theology*, eds. C. C. Pecknold and Tarmo Toom (London: Bloomsbury, 2013), 131-150.

“The Christology of the *Breviloquium*,” in *A Companion to Bonaventure*, eds. Jay M. Hammond, J. A. Wayne Hellmann and Jared Goff (Leiden: Brill, 2014), 247-288.

### **Translations**

Hugh of St. Victor, "The Five Sevens," in *Writings on the Spiritual Life, Victorine Texts in Translation*, vol. 4, ed. Christopher P. Evans (Turnhout: Brepols, 2013), 349-368.

Hugh of St. Victor, "On the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit," *Victorine Texts in Translation*, vol. 4, ed. Christopher P. Evans (Turnhout: Brepols, 2013), 369-380.

### **Reviews:**

Forum Essay on *The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society* (Brad Gregory). Nelson H. Minnich, Joshua Benson, Hans J. Hillerbrand, Simon Ditchfield, Paul F. Grendler and Brad Gregory. *The Catholic Historical Review* XCVIII:3 (July, 2012), 503-516.

### **Electronic Media:**

*The Digital Francis of Assisi and Clare of Assisi: Early Documents*. Available at: <http://franciscantradition.org:8080/FAED/>

### **Invited Addresses:**

“An introduction to Francis of Assisi,” for the John Carroll Society, Washington DC, January 13, 2014.

“A Humble Gesture, Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis,” Smithsonian Institute, Washington DC, October 8, 2013.

“Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves . . .” Annual Transitus Address, Holy Land Monastery, Washington D.C., Oct. 3, 2012.

“The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition. The Challenge in the Sources.” Five Day Workshop with Capuchins of the St. Mary Province (Boston, MA), Aug. 20-24, 2012.

“Francis and the Sultan: A Peaceful Encounter,” Dulin United Methodist Church, Falls Church, VA. March 2011

“St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan: A Peaceful Encounter with Islam,” DC Public Library, November 9, 2010.

“Fons sapientiae verbum Dei in excelsis: John Pecham’s Lost Inaugural Lecture at Paris?” Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies, Catholic University, October 20, 2010.

“Images of Francis of Assisi: A New Look at a Beloved Saint.” Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C., October 5, 2009

“Ortus, Progressus, Status: The Structure of Bonaventure’s Theology in the *Breviloquium*.” Saint Bonaventure University, Franciscan Institute Summer Lecture Series, July 21, 2008

### **Respondent:**

Response to Christopher Cullen, “Bonaventure on the Natural Desire to See God: Innate Appetite or Elicited Desire,” Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology, 2012

## Conference Papers:

“Bonaventure’s *De reductione artium* and a sermon of John Pecham?” Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Conference at Villanova University, October 23, 2010.

*A Dialogue between Faith and Modernity: Habermas and Ratzinger*, Saint Louis University, October 2, 2007 “Ratzinger on Faith and Reason.”

*International Conference on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2007 “Identifying the Literary Genre of the *De reductione artium ad theologiam*.”

*International Conference on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2006 “*Mulier Fortis*”: Mary, Fortitude, and Bonaventure’s Shifting Perspective on Feminine Exemplarity?”

*International Conference on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2005 “Robert Grosseteste on *Contuitio*.”

*Theological Studies Graduate Student/Faculty Colloquium*, Saint Louis University, November 9, 2004 “The Electronic Grosseteste Project: Task and Outcomes.”

*International Conference on Medieval Studies*, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2004 “The Poverello in Paris: Matthew of Aquasparta as Interpreter of Bonaventure’s Francis.”

*American Comparative Literature Association*, San Marcos, California April 2003

“Theology and Science: Arthur Peacocke and Saint Bonaventure on the Ultimate Science in Search of Ultimate Meaning.”

## Teaching

### *Courses Taught (Graduate)*

- Bonaventure: Parisian Master (CUA)
- Introduction to Medieval Theology (CUA)
- Mariology (CUA)
- Introduction to the history of Christian Spirituality (CUA)
- Inaugural Sermons of Medieval Masters (CUA)
- Medieval Christology (CUA)
- Medieval Exegesis (CUA)
- The History of Franciscan Theology (CUA)
- Foundations of Franciscan Theology (Saint Bonaventure University)
- Readings in Franciscan Theology: Peter of John Olivi (Saint Bonaventure University)

### *Courses Taught (Undergraduate)*

- Christianity and Culture (CUA)
- Dynamics of Christian Spirituality (CUA)
- Enduring Questions of Catholic Theology (CUA)
- Faith Seeking Understanding (CUA)
- Francis and Clare (CUA)
- Special Topics: Ratzinger’s Jesus of Nazareth (CUA)
- Unity and Diversity: Theology in the Middle Ages (CUA)
- Theological Foundations (Saint Louis University)
- Christian Beliefs (Saint Louis University)
- Jesus and Salvation (Saint Louis University)

- Teachers of Medieval Christianity (Saint Louis University)

*Associate Professor*, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America (2008-present)

*Visiting Assistant Professor*, Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University (Summer 2011, 2010, 2006)

*Assistant Professor*, Department of Theological Studies Saint Louis University; *Project Director*, Institute of Digital Theology Saint Louis University (2007-2008)

*Instructor*, Department of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University (2006-2007)

*Adjunct Professor*, Department of Theological Studies Saint Louis University (2005-2006)