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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Department of Theology, Marquette University,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Dissertation Title: “Maximus the Confessor in Aquinas’s Christology”
Directors: Mark Johnson, Ph.D. & Marcus Plested, D.Phil.
- 2017 M.T.S., Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Chestnut Hill,
Massachusetts
- 2015 B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota
Majors: Theology & Classical Languages
Minor: Spanish
Summa Oral Presentation: “The Integration of Theology & Classics”

APPOINTMENT

- 2022 Assistant Professor of Theology and Fellow of the Core, Division of Liberal
Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas

PUBLICATIONS

Articles & Book Chapters

- 2022 “Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion,” in *Maximus in the Latin West*, edited by Kevin Clarke and Thomas Cattoi. Details with Brill Publishers forthcoming.
- 2021 “Catechisms, Communion, and Latin Scholastic Reception of Byzantine Thought: St. John Damascene’s *De fide orthodoxa* in St. Bonaventure’s *Breviloquium*.” *Nova et Vetera*, 19.4 (Fall 2021).

Book Reviews

- 2021 “Michael W. Lucas’s *Absolute FreeBSD* (3rd Edition): A Scholar’s Review,” *FreeBSD Journal*, July/August.
- Kantzer Komline, Han-Luen. *Augustine on the Will: A Theological Account*. *Thomistica*. August 14.
- 2018 Blackwell, Ben C. *Christosis: Engaging Paul’s Soteriology with His Patristic Interpreters*. *Theological Studies*, vol. 79, 3: pp. 683–684. August 22.
- Stock, Brian. *The Integrated Self: Augustine, The Bible, and Ancient Thought*. *Theological Studies*, vol. 79, 2: pp. 435–437. May 29.

Other

- 2021 “FreeBSD for the Writing Scholar,” *FreeBSD Journal*, January/February.
- 2018 “Meditations on the Lord’s Prayer for Good Friday,” *Vulgate Media* (vulgatemediacom.com), March 28.
- “Hans Urs von Balthasar on Praying with the Church Fathers,” *Vulgate Media* (vulgatemediacom.com), March 1.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 Hank Fellowship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago
- 2021 North American Patristic Society's Dissertation Progress Grant
- 2021 ULINE Cybersecurity Training Opportunity Grant, Center for Cyber Security & Awareness, Marquette University
- 2019 Graduate School Research Travel Award, Marquette University
- 2018 Outstanding Student Paper Prize, 2018 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society
Paper: "Integrated Selves in the Image of the Trinity: The *Mundicordes* in Book 8 of St. Augustine's *De Trinitate*"
- 2018 Graduate School Research Travel Award, Marquette University
- 2017–2022 Teaching Assistantship, Marquette University
- 2016 Individual Conference Grant, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Student Forum
- 2016 Individual Conference Grant, Boston College Graduate Student Association
- 2015–2017 Dean's Fellowship, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
- 2015 Partnership-in-Learning Grant, University of St. Thomas
Advisor: Mark DelCogliano, Ph.D.
- 2014 Collaborative Inquiry Grant, University of St. Thomas
Advisor: Mark McInroy, Ph.D.
- 2014 Theta Alpha Kappa's Undergraduate Achievement Award
- 2011–2015 Aquinas Scholars Honors Program, University of St. Thomas
- All Semesters Dean's List, University of St. Thomas

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Session Led

- 2022 “Maximus the Confessor in the Medieval Latin West,” The 2022 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Hyatt Regency of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May
Paper Presented: “Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion”
Panel Members: Jonathan Bieler, Vladimir Cvetkovic, & Benjamin Heidgerken
Respondent: Thomas Cattoi

Papers Presented

- 2023 “Maximus the Confessor and John Damascene on Dionysius’s Theory of Christ’s “Theandric Operation”: A Case Study in Patristic Devotion and Polemics in the Earliest Greek Scholasticism,” Development of Early Christian Theology Unit, 2023 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November
- “How to Incorporate Real-world Data into the Scholarship-Aware and Libre Computer Game o A.D. for Ancient History and Language Instruction,” Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Unit, 2023 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November
- “John Damascene as Maximus the Confessor’s Student in *De fide orthodoxa* 58 and 59,” 2023 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies / Association canadienne des études patristiques under the auspices of the 2023 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, York University, Toronto, Ontario, May 28
- “BSD for Researching, Writing, and Teaching in the Liberal Arts,” BSDCan 2023, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, May 20
- 2022 “A Move Toward the Pervasive Maximianism of the *Tertia Pars*: Nicetas of Heraclea’s Quotations of Maximus the Confessor in Aquinas’s *Catena in Lucam*,” Thomas Aquinas II: The *Catena aurea*, 57th International Conference on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan (Virtual), May

- “Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion,” St. Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Teacher, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida, February
- 2021 “‘*Et superiorum et posteriorum*’: Difficulties Dating St. Augustine’s *De consensu evangelistarum*,” The 2021 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Hyatt Regency of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (Virtual), May 26
- “The Power to Save Perfectly”: John Damascene’s *De fide orthodoxa* 58 & 59 as Mediators of Maximian Soteriology,” Hope and Death, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida (Virtual), February 11
- “FOSS for the Professional Historian: Optimizing a Multisource Historical Research Workflow in BSD or GNU/Linux with a Tiling Window Manager and Manuscripts Galore,” Free and Open Source Software Developers European Meeting (FOSDEM) 2021, Brussels, Belgium (Virtual), February 6
- 2020 “‘*Medium tenens*’: *Summa Theologica* III, Q. 2, A. 6 & the Transcendence of Orthodoxy,” Aquinas and the Crisis of Christology, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida, February 8
- 2019 “‘*Puer Jesus proficiebat*’: Aquinas’s Disagreement with the Damascene on the Hypostatic Union and Soteriology in Luke 2:52,” Aquinas the Biblical Theologian, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida, February 9
- 2018 “Integrated Selves in the Image of the Trinity: The *Mundicordes* in Book 8 of St. Augustine’s *De Trinitate*,” The 2018 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Pre-Dissertation Research Workshop, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May 24–26
*Outstanding Student Paper Prize Recipient
- “St. John Damascene’s *De Fide Orthodoxa* in St. Thomas Aquinas’s *De Unione Verbi Incarnati*,” Thomas Aquinas and the Greek Fathers, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida, January 25

2017 “‘Not One Iōta of the Law Will Pass’ or be Changed: St. John Damascene’s *De Hymno Trisagio* (Chapters 1–7) and Liturgical Orthodoxy,” The Pappas Patristics Institute’s 13th Annual Archbishop Iakovos Patristics Graduate Student Conference, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, March 4

“The Holy Mass as Wholly Beautiful: Transformational Aesthetics in the Liturgical Theology of Dom Prosper Guéranger,” Lumen et Vita Fall Symposium 2016, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, November 10

2016 “Different Biblical Versions Show Distinct Christological Truths: St. Jerome’s *Commentary on Isaiah* and the Servant Songs,” Patristic, Medieval, & Renaissance Conference 2016, Villanova University, Radnor, Pennsylvania, October 15

“St. John Damascene’s *De Fide Orthodoxa* in St. Bonaventure’s *Breviloquium*: A Case Study in Medieval Reception of Byzantine Thought,” Florovsky Symposium 2016, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, May 7

“Tongues Can Save or Damn: St. Gregory the Great’s *Fortieth Gospel Homily* and the Priority of Moral Exegesis,” The Pappas Patristics Institute’s 12th Annual Archbishop Iakovos Patristics Graduate Student Conference, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, March 5

Service as Respondent

2017 Porcu, Zachary. “The Letter Kills but the Spirit Gives Life: Challenging Our Hermeneutical Presuppositions via Origen’s Biblical Exegesis,” The Pappas Patristics Institute’s 13th Annual Archbishop Iakovos Patristics Graduate Student Conference, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, March 3

2016 Jenks, Sarah. “Typology in the Hymns of St. John of Damascus: A Case of Patristic Biblical Interpretation,” The Pappas Patristics Institute’s 12th Annual Archbishop Iakovos Patristics Graduate Student Conference, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, March 5

Undergraduate

- 2014 “John of Damascus on the Resurrection: The Eschatology of the Last Church Father,”
Theology Major Capstone, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, May 5
Advisor: Rev. Fr. Steven McMichael, O.F.M., S.T.D.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Theology Professor and Free Software Advocate, Corey Stephan Ph.D.,” DistroTube,
October 20 (published on Odysee and Youtube Oct. 21)
- 2021 “The Writing Scholar’s Guide to FreeBSD,” FreeBSD Fridays, FreeBSD Foundation,
October 22
- “The Writing Scholar’s Guide to *BSD,” Chicago BSD Users Group, October 12
- 2017 “Roman Catholic Liturgy After Trent,” Reformations Class (RS 423), Edgewood
College, Madison, Wisconsin, November 28. Instructor of Record: Jill Kirby, Ph.D.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2023 Peer Reviewer, Association for Computers and the Humanities 2023 Conference
2012–2015 President, Theology Club, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas

The Return to God

Developer & Instructor of Record

Fall 2022

<https://www.coreystephan.com/teaching/return-to-god/>

Introduction to Classical Greek II

Instructor of Record

Spring 2023

<https://www.coreystephan.com/teaching/greek/>

Faith, Reason, & Revelation

Instructor of Record

Fall 2022, Spring 2023

<https://www.coreystephan.com/teaching/faith-reason-revelation/>

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Methods of Inquiry: Tolkien

Breakout Leader

Spring 2022

Methods of Inquiry: Creativity

Breakout Leader

Fall 2021

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Teaching Assistant to Mark Johnson, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2020 Teaching Assistant to Jeanne-Nicole Mellon Saint-Laurent, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Teaching Assistant to Rev. Julian Hills, Th.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2019 Teaching Assistant to Rev. Fr. Joseph Ogbonnaya, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Letter and Spirit Institute, St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio
- Teaching Assistant to Lyle Dabney, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2018 Teaching Assistant to Jeanne-Nicole Mellon Saint-Laurent, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Letter and Spirit Institute, St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, Steubenville, Ohio
- 2017 Teaching Assistant to Alexandre Martins, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2015–2016 Research Assistant to Rev. Fr. Brian Dunkle, S.J., Ph.D, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
- 2013–2016 Teacher, Train Your Brain Youth Summer Enrichment Program, Marshall School, Duluth, Minnesota
- 2013–2015 Tutor, Theology Department, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

MINISTRY

2023- Lector, St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Houston, Texas
2014-2015 Volunteer Chair, Liturgical Choir, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota
2013-2015 Singer, Schola Cantorum, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota
2011-2015 Singer, Liturgical Choir, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota
2010-2012 Junior Counselor, Camp Survive, Diocese of Duluth, Virginia, Minnesota
2006-2011 Lector, Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, Duluth, Minnesota

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Greek: Classical, Koine, & Byzantine (advanced reading)

Latin: Classical, Medieval, & Ecclesial (advanced reading; moderate writing & speaking)

Spanish (advanced reading, writing, & speaking)

German (intermediate reading)

High Pass on Harvard Divinity School's German Reading Exam (May 2017)

Syriac (elementary reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

North American Patristics Society (NAPS)

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

Association for Computers and the Humanities (ACH)

REFERENCES

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