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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

- 2017-2022     **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.), University of Notre Dame, IN, USA**  
Systematic Theology  
Minor area: World Religions.  
Coursework GPA 3.9.  
Ph.D. candidacy exams: passed high honors.  
Dissertation: *Christian Vijñānavāda: Yogācāra, Nondual Cognition, and Christian Theology* (Cyril O'Regan, director). Defended August 2022.
- 2014-2016     **MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (M.T.S.), University of Notre Dame**  
Systematic Theology  
3.9 GPA.  
M.T.S. exams passed with high honors.
- 2010-2014     **BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.), Rice University, Houston, TX, USA**  
English and Religious Studies  
4.11 GPA; *Summa Cum Laude*.

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- 2022–pres.     **VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, USA.**

**LANGUAGES**

Classical Tibetan (intermediate-advanced reading)  
Sanskrit (intermediate reading)  
Greek (intermediate reading)  
Latin (intermediate reading)  
German (fluent speaker, writer, and reader)  
Middle High German (intermediate-advanced reading)  
French (advanced reading, intermediate speaking)  
Hungarian (beginning speaking, intermediate reading)  
Spanish (intermediate reading)

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AFFILIATIONS

- 2017-2022 Richard and Peggy Notebaert Premier Fellow, University of Notre Dame.  
 2018-2020 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, affiliated Graduate Student.  
 2018 Graduate School Professional Development Awards (multiple), University of Notre Dame  
 2018 Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame.

## PUBLICATIONS

### MONOGRAPHS

*Debating Nonduality: Christian Engagements with Indian Yogācāra and its Absolute Theist Critics.* Substantial revision of dissertation. Proposal in preparation for Oxford University Press (projected submission for review late summer 2023).

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Eriugena and Indian Thought,” *Modern Theology*. In preparation for peer-reviewed special issue devoted to Eriugena (contributions from Dermot Moran, Willemien Otten, Kevin Hughes, Dierdre Carabine, i.a.). Planned to appear 2025.

“Knowing the Real: Nonduality and Idealism in Dignāga, Dharmakīrti, and Lonergan,” *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 42 (October 2022): 217–236. <https://doi.org/10.1353/bcs.2022.0012>.

“Eckhart’s Systematics: Christ the God-Human Ground.” *Modern Theology* 38, no. 4 (October 2022): 754–776. <https://doi.org/10.1111/moth.12797>.

“Dharmakīrti and the Theologians: Pratyabhijñā Śaivism and Christian Theological Reading.” *Cithara* 60, no. 1 (November 2020): 6-27.

### CO-EDITED VOLUMES

Co-edited with Balázs M. Mezei. *Philosophies of Christianity: At the Crossroads of Contemporary Problems*. Sophia Studies in Cross-cultural Philosophy of Traditions and Cultures 31 (Springer, 2019). <https://www.springer.com/series/8880?detailsPage=titles>

### BOOK CHAPTERS

“Intrinsic Being or the Formal Structures of Thought? The Grounding of Possibility in Francisco Suárez’s Metaphysics.” In *Francisco Suárez (1548-1617): Jesuits and the Complexities of Modernity*, edited by Robert A. Maryks and Juan Antonio Senent de Frutos, 72-96. Leiden: Brill, 2019.

“Loving Being: Erich Przywara’s Engagement with Max Scheler.” In Balázs M. Mezei and Matthew Z. Vale, eds., *Philosophies of Christianity: At the Crossroads of Contemporary Problems* (Springer, 2019), 237-275.

### TRANSLATED VOLUMES

Translated with Beáta Vale, *Ferdinand Christian Baur: A Reader*. Eds. David Lincicum and

Johannes Zachhuber (T&T Clark/Continuum: London, 2022).

#### BOOK REVIEWS AND SYMPOSIA

“God’s Primal, *ex nihilo* ‘Yes.’” *Syndicate Network* symposium response to Brian Robinette, *The Difference Nothing Makes: Creation, Christ, Contemplation* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2023). February 2023. <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/the-difference-nothing-makes/>

Review of Paul T. Nimmo and Keith L. Johnson, eds., *Kenosis: The Self-Emptying of Christ in Scripture and Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2022). Forthcoming 2023 in *Heythrop Journal*.

Review of John Behr, *John the Theologian and His Paschal Gospel: A Prologue to Theology* (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2019). *Nova et Vetera* 20, no. 3 (2022): 989–994.

Review of Joseph K. Gordon, *Divine Scripture in Human Understanding: A Systematic Theology of the Christian Bible* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2019). *Nova et Vetera* 19, no. 2 (2021): 680-684.

With J. Columcille Dever, “The Gospels Manifest a Poetic Christ: A Review of Olivier-Thomas Venard, O.P.’s *A Poetic Christ*, trans. Francesca A. Murphy and Kenneth Oakes.” *Church Life Journal* (McGrath Institute for Church Life, Notre Dame). March 29, 2019. <http://churchlife.nd.edu/2019/03/29/the-poetic-christ-manifested-by-the-gospels/#>

#### TRANSLATED ESSAYS

Miklós Vető, “God and Religion” (French original). In Balázs M. Mezei and Matthew Z. Vale, eds., *Philosophies of Christianity: At the Crossroads of Contemporary Problems* (Springer: 2019), 13-24.

#### NON-FICTION ESSAYS

“Lord, Bless Those Who Fear You.” *R2: The Rice Review*. Vol. 10 (2014): 86-101.

## PRESENTATIONS

Panel convener for “Buddhist-Christian Dialogue: From the Inside Out.” *European Academy of Religion* annual conference (St. Andrew’s, Scotland: June, 2023). Co-panelists: John Makransky, Brian Robinette, Perry Schmidt-Leukel (University of Münster).

“Buddhist Receptions of Christian Theology in the Work of John Makransky.” Presentation for the above panel at *European Academy of Religion* annual conference (St. Andrew’s, Scotland: June, 2023).

“Natural Liberation: A Christian Reception of Mahāmudrā.” *Catholic Theological Society of America* – Comparative Theology Topic Session (Milwaukee: June, 2023).

“Undergoing God by Buddhist Means: Notes from an Undergraduate Comparative Theology Classroom.” Conference: *College Theology Society* (Fairfield, CT: June 2022).

“Points of Contact with Perspectives I: Greco-Buddhism in Antiquity and its Relation to Cynicism, Stoicism, and Pyrrhonism.” May Workshop presentation for Perspectives on Western Civilization program. (Boston College: May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023).

“Empty Luminosity in Mahāmudrā: Christian Contemplative Receptions.” Chapter draft presented for Comparative Theology Colloquium (Boston College: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023).

Respondent to Felix Wilfred, “Buddhism – A Civilizational Cosmopolitanism.” Lecture three of the annual *Duffy Lectures in Global Christianity* (Boston College: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023).

“Could God have refrained from creating?” Paper for Lonergan Fellows Seminar (Boston College: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023).

“The Word’s One Descent in Eriugena’s *Periphyseon*.” Conference: *Medieval Philosophy and Theology* (Notre Dame: May 2022).

“Self-Awareness and God.” *International Network in Philosophy of Religion Seminar* (Cornwall, NY: January 10-14, 2022).

“Pratyabhijñā Śaivism and Bernard Lonergan: God is an Unrestricted Act of Judgment.” Conference: *Lonergan and Human Consciousness* (Notre Dame: December 3-4, 2021).

“Creation Out of Nothing and Classical Yogācāra.” *Midwest American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting* (virtual: April 22-3 and 29-30, 2021).

“‘He Was Re-Imaged Before Them:’ Eckhart’s Preaching on the Transfiguration.” Invited panel presentation sponsored by American Cusanus Society (ACS) and the International Medieval Sermon Studies Society (IMSSS): “Eckhart and Cusanus: Preaching on the Transfiguration, the Good Shepherd and Mary and Martha.” At the 55th *International Congress on Medieval Studies (Western Michigan University)* (Kalamazoo, MI: May 7-10, 2020). [Postponed for May 2021 by COVID-19]

“Is Buddhist Argument Theoretical in Ambition? Gorampa, Tsongkhapa, and Christian Interpretation of Buddhist Arguments.” Conference: *University of Chicago Divinity School – Notre Dame Graduate Student Conference* (University of Notre Dame: April 2020). [Cancelled by COVID-19]

“Bernard Lonergan, S.J. on the Intelligibility of Dogmatic Development—and Some Objections.” Conference: Mundelein Seminary Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine - *Eighth Annual Graduate Student Conference* (Mundelein Seminary: October 2019).

“Albertus Magnus on Knowledge of the Infinite: From ‘Confused Knowledge’ to the intellectus adeptus.” Conference: *Quidem enim dicunt: Mendicant Theologies before Thomas and Bonaventure* (Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, New York: July 2019).

“Christianity and the Manifold Word of God.” Conference: *Ratzinger’s Introduction to Christianity at 50* (McGrath Institute for Church Life, Notre Dame: November 2018).

“The Church, the Sacrament of Salvation: A Notion from Vatican II and its Meaning in Newman.”

Lumen Christi Seminar: *The Thought of John Henry Newman* (Merton College, Oxford: July, 2018).

“Suárez, ens nominaliter, and Modern Narratives of Metaphysics.” *4th International Symposium of the Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies* (Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Sevilla: June 2018).

“Edith Stein – Teresa Benedicta a Cruce.” Schoolwide event, “Celebrating Eight Great Woman” (Incarnate Word Academy Catholic High School in Houston, TX: September 2016).

“Encountering Jesus Christ in the ‘Theological Concept:’ Doctrine and Dogma in Catechesis.” Orientation workshop for Catechist Academy Program. (Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame: January 2016).

“Being before Love: Erich Przywara, S.J., Max Scheler, and Newman’s Way of Wedding Phenomenology and Metaphysics.” Conference: *Philosophies of Christianity: New Ways in Philosophy of Religion*. Panel with Richard Schenk, Francesca Murphy, and John Betz. (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest: June 2015).

“Newman’s Moral Grammar in the Metaphysics of Erich Przywara, S.J.” Conference: *Religious Ethics and the Sources of Moral Authority*, sponsored by the Notre Dame Theology department and the University of Chicago Divinity School (Notre Dame: May 2015).

“‘Hypostaticall Union’ and the Crisis of Legality in the English Revolution.” *University of Notre Dame MTS Colloquium* (Notre Dame: Fall 2014). Based on undergraduate senior thesis.

Inprint’s Marion Barthelme Reading Series. A public reading from an essay which won the Marion Barthelme Prize for creative writing (Inprint Magazine) (Houston, TX: April, 2014).

“‘Immensity, cloister’d in thy dear womb:’ Spatial Paradoxes and the Late-medieval and Jesuit Traditions of Prayer in John Donne’s Poetry.” *Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium* (Rice University: Spring 2013).

“Pilgrims at Chimayo” (poem). Reading at conference, *Crafting Knowledge: Ritual, Art, Thought* (Rice University: March, 2012).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### BOSTON COLLEGE

- 2022–24
- Instructor of record: “Buddhism and Christianity in Dialogue.” (Undergraduate level)
  - Instructor of record: “Mahāyāna Buddhism: Thought and Practice.” (Master’s level)
  - Instructor of record: “Buddhism and Christianity: Contemplative Responses to Suffering.” (“Enduring Questions” undergraduate core course, fall 2023)
  - Instructor of record: Doctoral-level directed reading course, “Zen Philosophy and Practice.”
  - Instructor of record: Master’s-level readings and research course, “Comparative Axiology: Contemporary Virtue Ethics and Theravādin Buddhist Ethics.”

## UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

- 2021 Instructor of record: “Christianity and Buddhism.”  
A course fulfilling the second of the University’s two required undergraduate theology courses.
- 2019 Teaching assistant: “Foundations of Theology.”  
Teaching assistant: “Christian Spirituality.”  
Teaching assistant: “Introduction to Christian Doctrine.”
- 2018 Teaching assistant: “Foundations of Theology.”
- 2015 Teaching assistant: “Following Jesus: Christian Discipleship.”

## INSTITUTE FOR CHURCH LIFE, UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

- 2015-18 Graduate teaching assistant for Catechist Academy.

## INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY, Houston, TX

- 2017 Instructor of record: “The Church”  
Instructor of record: “Ecumenism and World Religions”
- 2016 Instructor of record: “The Paschal Mystery”  
Instructor of record: “Catholic Social Teaching”

**AWARDS**

- 2022 Kaneb Center Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* Biannual Essay Contest, top 5 finalist
- 2014 Saba Price for Excellence in the Study of Religion (Rice University)
- 2014 Rhodes Scholarship Nominee for Rice University
- 2014 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Member
- 2014 Marion Barthelme Prize for Creative Writing, Inprint Magazine (Houston, TX)
- 2011 Lady Geddes Writing Prize, Rice University

**MEMBERSHIPS**

- Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, since 2016.
- Catholic Theological Society of America, since 2021.
- College Theological Society, since 2019.
- American Academy of Religion, since 2019.
- Colloquium on Violence and Religion (COV&R), 2019–2021.