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## EDUCATION

- 2022      **Ph.D.** in Religious Studies  
Historical Theology  
Department of Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2017      **M.T.S.**  
Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
- 2015      **B.A.** *summa cum laude*  
Majors: Classical Languages and Theology  
Minor: Spanish  
Aquinas Scholars Honors Program  
University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

## APPOINTMENT

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

## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming      “Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion,”  
in *Maximus in the Latin West* [Title Pending], edited by Kevin Clarke and Thomas  
Cattoi (Brill: Leiden).

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- 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*, vol. 19, 4.

## 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: 683–84.
- Stock, Brian. *The Integrated Self: Augustine, The Bible, and Ancient Thought*. *Theological Studies*, vol. 79, 2: 435–37.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 “C is to BSD what Latin is to Us: A Theologian’s Report of His Trip to Present at BSDCan 2023,” *FreeBSD Journal*, July/August.
- 2021 “FreeBSD for the Writing Scholar,” *FreeBSD Journal*, January/February.
- 2018 “Meditations on the Lord’s Prayer for Good Friday,” *Vulgate Media*, March 28.
- “Hans Urs von Balthasar and Praying with the Church Fathers,” *Vulgate Media*, March 1.

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Conference Travel Grant, Faculty Development Committee, University of St. Thomas (Houston)
- 2023 Conference Travel Grant, Faculty Development Committee, University of St. Thomas (Houston)
- 2021 Hank Fellowship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago
- North American Patristic Society’s Dissertation Progress Grant
- ULINE Cybersecurity Training Opportunity Grant, Center for Cyber Security & Awareness, Marquette University
- 2019 Graduate Student Research Travel Award, Marquette University
- 2018 Outstanding Student Paper Prize, 2018 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society
- “Integrated Selves in the Image of the Trinity: The *Mundicordes* in Book 8 of St. Augustine’s *De Trinitate*”
- Graduate Student Research Travel Award, Marquette University

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| 2017–2022                  | Teaching Assistantship, Marquette University   |
| 2016                       | Individual Conference Grant, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Student Forum             |
|                            | 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 (St. Paul)<br>Advisor: Mark DelCogliano, Ph.D. |
| 2014                       | Collaborative Inquiry Grant, University of St. Thomas (St. Paul)<br>Advisor: Mark McInroy, Ph.D.       |
|                            | Theta Alpha Kappa’s Undergraduate Achievement Award  |
| 2011–2015<br>All Semesters | Dean’s List, University of St. Thomas (St. Paul)   |

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### SESSION LED

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| 2022 | <i>Maximus the Confessor in the Medieval Latin West</i> , The 2022 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Hyatt Regency of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May 28<br>Paper Presented: “Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion”<br>Panelists: Jonathan Bieler, Vladimir Cvetkovic, and Benjamin Heidgerken<br>Respondent: Thomas Cattoi |
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### PAPERS PRESENTED

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| 2024 | “Harmonizing Patrology in the Earliest Greek Scholasticism: Maximus the Confessor and John Damascene on Dionysius’s Theory of Christ’s ‘Theandric Operation,’” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, August [Schedule Pending]<br><br>“ <i>Summa Tetraodontidae</i> : Thomas Aquinas Explores OpenBSD’s Medieval Orderliness,” BSDCan 2024, University of Ottawa, Ontario, May [Schedule Pending]  |
| 2023 | “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 19<br><br>“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 18 |

- “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, 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 12
- “Thomistic Maximianism: A Theology for Catholic and Orthodox Re-communion,” St. Thomas Aquinas as Spiritual Teacher, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida, February 10
- 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 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 17) 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

#### INVITED AND MEDIA TALKS

2023 “Software Freedom, BSD Unix, and the Liberal Arts: An Unconventional Conversation with Dr. Corey Stephan,” Celts Computing Club, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, October 24

- 2022 “Theology Professor and Free Software Advocate, Corey Stephan Ph.D.,” DistroTube, October 20
- 2021 “The Writing Scholars Guide to FreeBSD,” FreeBSD Friday, FreeBSD Foundation, October 22
- “The Writing Scholars 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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS, HOUSTON, TEXAS

#### The Return to God

Developer and Instructor of Record  
Fall 2024, Fall 2022

#### Introduction to Classical Greek II

Instructor of Record  
Spring 2023

#### Faith, Reason, and Revelation

Instructor of Record  
Fall 2024, Summer 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

### MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Methods of Inquiry: Tolkien  
Breakout Leader  
Spring 2022

Methods of Inquiry: Creativity  
Breakout Leader  
Fall 2021

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2023 Peer Reviewer, Association for Computers and the Humanities 2023 Conference  
Title V Grant Ambassador, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- 2012–2015 President, Theology Club, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Teaching Assistant to Mark Johnson, Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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| 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  |
| 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 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

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| 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, and Byzantine  
Advanced reading

### Latin

Classical, Medieval, and Ecclesial  
Advanced reading; some writing and speaking

## Spanish

Advanced reading, writing, and speaking

## German

Advanced reading

Harvard Divinity School's German Reading Exam, High Pass, May 2017

## French

Intermediate reading

## Italian

Intermediate reading

## Syriac

Elementary reading

## SELECT TECHNICAL SKILLS

GNU/Linux, OpenBSD, and FreeBSD operating systems

Cybersecurity and networking

LaTeX typesetting language

Amateur Radio, FCC vanity callsign N7CJS

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

[North American Patristics Society \(NAPS\)](#), 2017–

[Society of Biblical Literature \(SBL\)](#), 2017–

[Association for Computers and the Humanities \(ACH\)](#), 2021–

## REFERENCES

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