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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Religious Studies: Theology, Ethics, and Culture, University of Virginia (2002)
- M.A. History of Religions, University of Virginia (1996)
- B.A. Religious Studies and Asian Studies, Rice University (1993)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Loyola University Maryland (2008-present)
- Assistant Professor, Loyola University Maryland (2002-2008)
- Lecturer, University of Virginia (2000-2001)

## PUBLISHING

### BOOK (AUTHOR)

- *Jesuit on the Roof of the World: Ippolito Desideri's Mission to Tibet* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).

### BOOK (EDITOR)

- *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, eds. James Buckley, Frederick Bauerschmidt, and R. Trent Pomplun (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2007).
- *John Duns Scotus: The Report of the Paris Lecture (Reportatio IV-A)*, eds. and trans. Oleg V. Bychkov and R. Trent Pomplun (St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Press, 2016).

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- "Thomism and the Study of Asian Languages during the Italian Renaissance," in *Divus Thomas* 120 (2017): 106-131.
- "John Duns Scotus in the History of Medieval Philosophy from the Sixteenth Century to Étienne Gilson (†1978)," *Bulletin de philosophie médiévale* 58 (2016): 355-445.
- "The Theology of Gerard Manley Hopkins: From John Duns Scotus to the Baroque," *The Journal of Religion* 95 (2015): 1-34.
- "The Immaculate World: Predestination and Passibility in Modern Scotism," *Modern Theology* 30 (2014): 525-551.
- "Matthias Joseph Scheeben and the Controversy over the *Debitum Peccati*," *Nova et Vetera* 11 (2013): 455-502.
- "Natural Reason and Buddhist Philosophy: The Tibetan Studies of Ippolito Desideri (1684-1733)," *History of Religions* 50 (2011): 384-419.
- "The Holy Trinity in the *Chos lugs kyi snying po* of Ippolito Desideri, S.J.," *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 29 (2009): 115-127.
- "Quasi in figura: A Cosmological Reading of the Thomistic Phrase," *Nova et Vetera* 7 (2009): 505-522.
- "Notes on Scotist Aesthetics in light of Gilbert Narcisse's *Les Raisons de Dieu*," *Franciscan Studies* 66 (2008): 247-268.
- "Divine Grace and the Play of Opposites," *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 26 (2006): 159-172.
- "Israel and the Eucharist: A Scotist Perspective," *Pro Ecclesia* 11 (2002): 272-294.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

- "From Missionaries to Zen Masters: The Society of Jesus and Buddhism," in *Jesuit Historiography*, ed. Robert Maryks, SJ (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming).
- "Predestined a Passible Redeemer: The Use of the *Scientia Media* in Early Modern Christologies," in *After Dordt and De auxiliis: The Dynamics of Protestant and Catholic Augustinianisms in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*, eds. Jordan Ballor, Matthew Gaetano, and David Sytsma (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming).
- "Étienne Gilson and John Duns Scotus," in *John Duns Scotus: An Introduction to His Fundamental Positions*, ed. and trans. James Colbert (London: Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming).
- "Theology 1500-1700," in *The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology*, ed. Lewis Ayres (Oxford: Oxford University Press, in press).

- “Sacramental Theology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern Theology*, eds. Ulrich Lehner, Richard Muller, and A. G. Roeber (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 135-49.
- “Baroque Theologies of Christ and Mary,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Modern Theology*, eds. Ulrich Lehner, Richard Muller, and A. G. Roeber (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 104-18.
- “Post-Tridentine Sacramental Theology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology*, eds. Matthew Levering and Hans Boersma (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), pp. 348-61.
- “Impassibility in Hilary of Poitiers’s *De Trinitate*,” in *Divine Impassibility and Human Suffering*, ed. Thomas Joseph White, O.P. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009), pp. 187-213.
- “Mary,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, eds. James Buckley, Frederick Bauerschmidt, and R. Trent Pomplun (Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 2007), pp. 312-325.
- “Ippolito Desideri, S.J. on Padmasambhava’s Prophecies and the Persecution of the Rnying ma 1717-1720,” in *Power, Politics, and the Reinvention of Tradition: Tibet in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*, eds. Bryan Cuevas and Kurtis Schaeffer (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006), pp. 33-45.

## REVIEWS

- *The Visitor: André Palmeiro and the Jesuits in Asia*, by Liam Matthew Brockey, *History of Religions* 56 (2016): 141-46.
- *La discussione sull’esistenza di Dio nei teologi domenicani a Salamanca dal 1561 al 1669. Studio sui testi di Sotomayor, Mancio, Medina, Astorga, Báñez e Godoy*, by Mauro Mantovani, *The Thomist* 78 (2014): 626-630.
- *Collected Studies on Francisco Suárez*, by John Doyle, *The Thomist* 77 (2013): 477-480.
- *The Genius of the Roman Rite*, by Uwe Michael Lang, ed., *The Thomist* 76 (2012): 641-644.
- *A Jesuit in the Forbidden City: Matteo Ricci, 1552-1610*, by Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, *The Journal of Religion* 92 (2012): 295-297.
- *In Defense of Common Sense: Lorenzo Valla’s Humanist Critique of Scholastic Philosophy*, by Lodi Nauta, *The Thomist* 74 (2010): 467-471.
- *Leibniz on the Incarnation and the Holy Trinity*, by Maria Antognazza, *The Thomist* 73 (2009): 501-505.
- *Journey to the East: The Jesuit Mission to China, 1579-1724*, by Liam Matthew Brockey, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 76 (2008): 706-709.
- *Jesuits: Cultures, Science, and the Arts 1540-1773*, eds. John W. O’Malley, et al., *Pro Ecclesia* 17 (2008): 126-127.
- *Durandus of St. Pourçain*, by Isabel Iribarren, *Nova et Vetera* 6 (2008): 470-473.
- *Working in the Lord’s Vineyard. Jesuit Confraternities in Early Modern Italy*, by Lance Gabriel Lazar, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75 (2007): 1037-1039.
- *The Ascetic Self; Subjectivity, Memory, and Tradition*, by Gavin Flood, *Modern Theology* 23 (2007): 307-309.
- *Trinity in Aquinas*, by Gilles Emery, O.P., *Nova et Vetera* 4 (2006): 201-204.
- *Art and Intellect in the Philosophy of Étienne Gilson*, by Francesca Aran Murphy, *Modern Theology* 21 (2005): 689-691.
- *Mystical Consciousness*, by Louis Roy, O.P., *Nova et Vetera* 3 (2005): 401-404.

## PANELS AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

- “Mary Under Duress: Changes in Devotion to the Virgin Mary in Anglo-Spanish Europe, ca. 1525-1675” (conference co-sponsored by Loyola University Maryland and John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., March 2014).
- “Recent Research on Ippolito Desideri and the Catholic Missions to Tibet” (panel at the Twelfth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, August 2010).
- “Ippolito Desideri and Buddhism” (panel at the Fifteenth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Atlanta, Ga., July 2008).
- “The Trinity and Aesthetics” (panel at Second International Conference on Theology and Aesthetics, Saint Bonaventure University, Denver, Co., May 2006).
- “Acceptance and Denial: Chinese and Japanese Responses to Catholicism” (panel at the Eighty-Sixth Conference of the American Catholic Historical Association, Seattle, Wa., January 2005).

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Baroque Bonaventureans on the *Ratio incarnationis praecipue*,” (paper presented at Frater, Magister, Minister, et Episcopus: The Works and Worlds of Saint Bonaventure, St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY, July 2017).
- “Roman Catholic Eucharistic Theology after Luther,” (paper presented at Martin Luther and the Shaping of the Catholic Tradition Conference, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, May 2017).
- “The Role of the Roman Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in the Study of Eastern Languages,” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Johns Hopkins Cenacolo, Baltimore, Md., May 2017).

- “Thomism and the Study of Asian Languages during the Italian Renaissance” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Chicago, Il., March 2017).
- “The Beauty of the Buddha’s Three Bodies: A Response to Rob Gimello” (invited lecture at the inaugural conference of the World Religion World Church Program, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., Sept. 2015).
- “The Problem of María de Ágreda’s Scotism: Between the Mystical Interpretation of Scripture and Modern Historical Criticism” (invited lecture at Symposium in Honor of Peter Damien Fehlner, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., June 2015).
- “The Immaculate Conception, the *sensus fidelium*, and the Genesis of Modern Catholic Biblical Criticism (1854-1967)” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Milwaukee, Wi., June 2015).
- “Theology as a Science of Conclusions: A Response to Stephen Brown” (invited lecture at the annual meeting of the Academy of Catholic Theology, Washington, D.C., May 2015).
- “The Theology of Gerard Manley Hopkins: From John Duns Scotus to the Baroque” (paper presented at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., November 2013).
- “God and Emptiness: The Tibetan Thomism of Ippolito Desideri (1684-1733)” (paper presented at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, In., November 2013).
- “Ippolito Desideri on the Validity of Buddhist Meditation” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami, Fl., June 2013).
- “Indestructible Life: the Priesthood of Christ in the Letter to the Hebrews” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Chicago, Il., November 2012).
- “Incarnation in Impassible Flesh: The Reception of a Scotist Notion” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Boston Colloquy for Historical Theology, Boston College, Boston, Ma., August 2012).
- “St. Thomas Aquinas and Tsongkhapa: An Unlikely Meeting on the Roof of the World” (paper presented for the St. Anselm Institute, The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., October 2010).
- “Ippolito Desideri’s Refutation of Reincarnation (*Skye ba snga ma*): Text and Context” (paper presented at the Twelfth Seminar of the International Association of Tibetan Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, August 2010).
- “Inter-Religious Dialogue in Tibet: The Example of Ippolito Desideri” (invited lecture in the Presidential Colloquium on Jesuits and the Liberal Arts, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Ma., February 2010).
- “Ippolito Desideri and the Tibetan Trinity,” Fifteenth Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies, Atlanta (July 2008)
- “Univocity and Analogy: Notes on a Long-Forgotten Remark of Allan Wolter, O.F.M.” (paper presented at John Duns Scotus 1308-2008. The Quadruple Congress, First Session, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y., October 2007).
- “The Trinitarian Structure of Arguments *ex convenientia* in Duns Scotus” (paper presented at the Second International Conference on Theology and Aesthetics, sponsored by Saint Bonaventure University, Denver, Co., May 2006).
- “*De Unione Verbi Incarnati* as a source for the *analogia entis*” (paper presented at the third annual conference of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht. Utrecht, Netherlands, December 2005).
- “Philosophy and Allegory: Preliminary Remarks on Ippolito Desideri’s Knowledge of Madhyamaka” (paper presented at the International Association of Buddhist Studies Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, August 2005).
- “Hell Hath No Fury: The Lady Tshe ring Bkra shis and the Death of Sde srid Sangs rgyas Rgya mtsho” (paper presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Ga., November 2003).
- “Oedipus Aegyptiacus: Ippolito Desideri on the Sins of the Sixth Dalai Lama” (paper presented at the Tenth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, September 2003).
- “The Influence of Tibetan Prophetic Literature in the *Notizie istoriche* of Ippolito Desideri, S.J.” (paper presented at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 2002).

## AWARDS

### POSTDOCTORAL

- “The *Alphabetum Tibetanum* of Antonio Agostino Giorgi (1711-1797)” funded by an American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant (\$6000 May-Aug 2004)
- Loyola College Senior Faculty Sabbatical Grant (2008-2009, 2015-16 [deferred])
- Loyola College Junior Faculty Sabbatical Grant (2004)
- Loyola College Summer Research Grant (2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2016)

## PREDOCTORAL (SELECTED)

- Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship (1993-1994)

## SERVICE

### PROFESSIONAL

- Editorial Board. *Nova et Vetera* (2012-present)
- Book Review Editor. *Pro Ecclesia: A Journal for Catholic and Evangelical Theology* (2002-2008)
- Reader. Yale University Press (2016-present), Harvard University Press (2015-present), Oxford University Press (2014-present)
- Peer Reviewer. *Journal of Religion* (2010-present) *History of Religions* (2009-present), *Journal of the History of Ideas* (2007-present), *Buddhist-Christian Studies* (2007-present), *Journal for the International Association of Tibetan Studies* (2004-present), *Modern Theology* (2004-present)

### COLLEGIATE

- Director, M.T.S. Program (2014-2016, 2017-present)
- Director, Loyola University Catholic Studies Program (2009-2010, 2011-2013)
- Assistant to the Director of the Center for the Humanities, Loyola College (2006-2008)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- Renaissance Society of America
- International Association of Tibetan Studies
- International Association of Buddhist Studies