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Research Statement

My research, which intersects with various exegetical and theological themes, has primarily focused upon Biblical interpretation in early Christianity (New Testament and patristic authors), especially their spiritual exegesis and readings that harmonize both Old and New. I work on Maximus the Confessor and have completed several translations of his works in various stages of production. My translation of Maximus's *Opuscula* and the *Dispute with Pyrrhus* will be published in the Fathers of the Church Series (CUA Press, 2026). I have co-edited two collections of essays: *Maximus the Confessor and the Latin West*, in press in Brill's *Studies in Catholic Theology* series, and *Patristic Spirituality: Classical Perspectives on Ascent in the Journey to God*, published in the *Studies in Theology and Religion* series (Brill, 2022). I also edited and introduced *Seven Deadly Sins* examining the Church Fathers' sayings on the capital vices and the virtues that heal the soul (CUA, 2018). I have published numerous peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, book reviews, and popular items. I am the U.S.A. National Correspondent for the AIEP-IAPS and the Associate Editor of *Patristic Theology*, an open-sourced peer-reviewed journal.

Educational Background

Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida

Ph.D., 2018, major: Biblical Theology, minor: Systematic Theology, *summa cum laude*

Dissertation: *Nature's Innovation and Preservation in Christ: Maximus the Confessor's Exegesis at Christology's Crossroads*

Dissertation director: Michael Waldstein

Readers: Fr. Brian Daley, S.J., Thomas Scheck, and Gregory Vall

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley, California

S.T.L., 2023

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio

M.A., 2008, Theology and Christian Ministry, specialization: catechetics

Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia

B.A., 2002, Psychology, concentration: human development

Books

St. Maximus the Confessor, *The Opuscula and the Dispute with Pyrrhus: The Theological and Polemical Works*, introduction and translation by Kevin M. Clarke, The Fathers of the Church series, vol. 150, Catholic University of America Press (*in press*, 2026)

Maximus the Confessor and the Latin West, Thomas Cattoi and Kevin M. Clarke, eds., *Brill's Studies in Catholic Theology* series, vol. 15 (Leiden: Brill, *in press*, 2026), doi:10.1163/9789004749955

Patristic Spirituality: Classical Perspectives on Ascent in the Journey to God, Don W. Springer and Kevin M. Clarke, eds., *Studies in Theology and Religion* series, vol. 30, Jan Willem van Henten, Mandy Robbins, et al., eds. (Leiden: Brill, 2022), doi:10.1163/9789004526983

Sayings of the Fathers of the Church: Seven Deadly Sins, edited and introduced by Kevin M. Clarke (Washington: Catholic University of America Press, May 2018), 240 pp. ISBN: 9780813230214

Academic Journal Publications

“The Literal Sense in the Thought of Maximus the Confessor,” *Studia Patristica* (in press, 2026).

“A Patristic Synthesis of the Word Enfleshed: The Christology of Maximus the Confessor,” *Religions* 16.5 (2025): 591 (In a special issue, *Christology: Christian Writings and Reflections of Theologians*). doi.org/10.3390/rel16050591

“The Spiritual Senses and the ‘Complete Act’ of Scripture: Henri de Lubac’s Recovery of the Mystical in Serious Exegesis,” *Angelicum Journal* 101.2 (2024), 153–77.

“Patrology Beyond Suspicion: Hermeneutics, Holiness, and Hope,” *Patristic Theology* 1 (2024), 65–100.

“Abraham the Indiscriminate Almsgiver in John Chrysostom’s Exegesis of the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man,” *LOGOS: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 27.3 (2024), 66–85. doi:10.1353/log.2024.a932881

“Words in the Word: Maximus on Christ the Creator,” *Saint Anselm Journal* 19.1 (2023), 57–81.

“Maximus the Confessor and Thomas Aquinas on Delayed Hominization: Similarity and Difference,” *Angelicum Journal* 99.3 (2022), 519–37.

“‘Born from a Woman’: Unveiling the Marian Mystery beneath Paul’s Allegory in Galatians 4,” *Irish Theological Quarterly* 87.4 (2022), 315–33. doi:10.1177/00211400221127113

“Προοικονομία in Melito: Allegorical Biblical Exegesis in the Early Christian Liturgy,” *Scrinium: Journal of Patrology and Critical Hagiography* 18.1 (2022), 85–107. doi:10.1163/18177565-bja10063

“The Assent of Faith and the Unity of the Form in Biblical Exegesis: Balthasar’s Response to Rahner,” *Heythrop Journal* LXI.6 (2020), 989–97. doi:10.1111/heyj.13041

“Moses’s Dark Cloud, Teresa’s Dark Night, and the Soul’s Entrance into the Divine Presence,” *LOGOS: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 22.1 (2019), 131–46. doi:10.1353/log.2019.0004

“Preserving the Whole Theological System: Maximus the Confessor’s Dyothelitism as a Bulwark for Trinitarian Theology, Christology, and Soteriology,” *Vox Patrum* 37, vol. 68 (2017), 479–500. doi:10.31743/vp.3373

“‘Being Bishoped’ by God: The Theology of the Episcopacy According to St. Ignatius of Antioch,” *Nova et Vetera* 14.1 (2016), 227–43.

“The Mother of Fair Love: The Beauty of the Ever-Virgin for the Vocations of Christian Life,” *Marian Studies* LXVI (2015), 185–226.

Academic Book Chapters

- “Patristics as Scripture: Divinely Inspired Speech of Gregory, Dionysius, and other Approved Fathers,” 6th International Colloquium on St. Maximus the Confessor, Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade (*in preparation*)
- “The Timid Savior: The Economic Dynamics of Attraction and Repulsion in Maximus’s Account of the Will,” *The Will in St. Maximus the Confessor*, Vladimir Cvetković and Alexis Léonas, eds., *Instrumenta Patristica et Mediaevalia* vol TBD, *Subsidia Maximiana* (Turnhout: Brepols) (*invited essay, under review*)
- “Smelling of Garlic, Hungry for More Mystical Food: Lowly Maximus in the Eyes of Select Correspondents: Elpidius, Polychronius, and Theopemptus,” *Discourses of Holiness and the Education of the Soul in Late Antique Christian Monasticism*, Andrew Cain and Daniel Lemeni, eds. *Vigiliae Christianae Supplements* (Leiden: Brill, *forthcoming*, 2026)
- “Maximus in the Latin West: Maximus and Augustine in Conversation,” *Maximus the Confessor and the Latin West*, Thomas Cattoi and Kevin M. Clarke, eds., *Brill Studies in Catholic Theology* series, vol. 15 (Leiden: Brill, *in press*, 2026), 15–40, doi:10.1163/9789004749955_003
- “Recovering the *Story* of the Fathers: Maximus the Confessor and Western Theology,” an introduction co-authored with Thomas Cattoi, *Maximus the Confessor and the Latin West*, Cattoi and Clarke, eds., *BSCT* 15 (Leiden: Brill, *in press*, 2026), 1–12, doi:10.1163/9789004749955_002
- “Maximus the Confessor’s Anti-Severan Polemics in the *Opuscula*,” *Studies in Maximus the Confessor’s Opuscula theologica et polemica: Papers Collected on the Occasion of the Belgrade Colloquium on Saint Maximus, 3-4 February 2020*, Vladimir Cvetković and Alexis Léonas, eds., *Instrumenta Patristica et Mediaevalia*, vol. 89, *Subsidia Maximiana* 1 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2022), 105–26, doi:10.1484/M.IPM-EB.5.131019
- “Biblical Love, Insatiable Satisfaction, and Deification in Maximus the Confessor,” *Patristic Spirituality: Classical Perspectives on Ascent in the Journey to God*, Springer and Clarke, eds., *Studies in Theology and Religion* series, vol. 30, Jan Willem van Henten, Mandy Robbins, et al., eds. (Leiden: Brill, 2022), 376–401, doi:10.1163/9789004526983_022
- “The Patristic Understanding of Ascent in the Economy of God,” an introduction co-authored with Don Springer, *Patristic Spirituality*, Springer and Clarke, eds., *STAR* 30 (Leiden: Brill, 2022), 1–9, doi:10.1163/9789004526983_002
- “Divinely Given ‘Into Our Reality’: Mary’s Maternal Mediation according to Pope Benedict XVI,” *De Maria Numquam Satis: The Significance of the Catholic Doctrines of the Blessed Virgin Mary for All People*, Judith Marie Gentle and Robert Fastiggi, eds. (Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 2009), 157–76.

Translations

- Maximus the Confessor, *Opuscula Theologica et Polemica* (plus *Additamenta*) and *Disputatio cum Pyrrho* (*Patrologia Graecae* 91, 9A–286B and 288A–353B), 7th century, translated from Greek (*Opusc.* 1-11, 13-27, *DP*) and Latin (*Opusc.* 12 only). In: FOTC series (*manuscript in submission*).
- Maximus the Confessor, *The Chapters on Love* (*Patrologia Graecae* 90, 959A–1073A), 7th century, translated from Greek. In: *Studies in St. Maximus the Confessor’s Chapters on Love: Papers collected on the*

occasion of the Budapest Colloquium on St. Maximus, 3-4 February 2022, Vladimir Cvetković and Alexis Léonas, eds., Instrumenta Patristica et Mediaevalia vol TBD, Subsidia Maximiana (Turnhout: Brepols) (in preparation).

Maximus the Confessor, *Questions Addressed to Theopemptus (Patrologia Graecae 90, 1393A–1400D)*, 7th century, translated from Greek.

Maximus the Confessor, *Letters (various) (Patrologia Graecae 91, 364A–649C)*, 7th century, translated from Greek.

“The Prayer of Jesus in Gethsemane in the Monothelite Controversy,” by François-Marie Léthel, O.C.D., translated from French, « La prière de Jésus à Gethsémani dans le controverse monothélite », *Actes du Symposium sur Maxime le Confesseur*, Fribourg, 2–5 September 1980, eds. Felix Heinzer and Christoph Schönborn, *Paradosis XXVII*, Fribourg: Éditions Universitaires (1982), 207–214. *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*, April 8, 2017.

Various Biblical texts translated from the Greek, available on *academia.edu*.

Scholarly Presentations and Invited Lectures

“Dionysius’s *Divine Names* and Its Readers, Maximus and Aquinas,” *From Dionysius and Maximus to Aquinas and Palamas*, Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, Ill. invited lecture (Sept 3-5, 2026)

“Christ in Gethsemane through the Eyes of St. Maximus the Confessor,” *Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane*, invited plenary lecture, Sacred Liturgy Conference, Portland, Ore. (June 29-July 2, 2026)

“The Agony of the Saints: A Brief History of the Debate over the Two Wills of Christ,” *Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane*, invited plenary lecture, Sacred Liturgy Conference, Portland, Ore. (June 29-July 2, 2026)

“Nicaea and the Rise of Patristic Authority—Athanasius and Gregory as the New Patriarchs,” *Nicaea at 1700: The First Council and the ‘Way Together,’* Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Mich. (Oct. 3, 2025)

Respondent to Khaled Anatolios, “Athanasius’s Nicene Ecclesiology,” *Nicaea at 1700: The First Council and the ‘Way Together,’* Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, Mich. (Oct. 2, 2025)

“Re-evaluating the Evidence for a Maximian Life of the Virgin,” *New Frontiers in Maximus the Confessor: Dubious, Spurious, or Lesser-Known Writings*, North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Ill. (May 23, 2025)

“The Dead Letter Economy and the Famine of the Spirit: Maximus on the Literal Sense,” 19th International Conference on Patristics Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, U.K. (Aug. 7, 2024)

“The Church Fathers or Eunuchs for the Kingdom of Social History? Suspicion, Hermeneutics, and Patrology,” Academy of Catholic Theology, Washington, D.C. (*paper read on my behalf by Daniel Keating*, May 22, 2024)

“The Timid Savior: The Economic Dynamics of Attraction and Repulsion in Maximus’s Account of the Will,” 5th International Colloquium of St Maximus the Confessor, Károli University, Budapest, Hungary (Feb. 3, 2024)

- “Words in the Word: Maximus on Christ the Creator,” invited plenary lecture, *Metaphysics Conference: The God of Creation*, St. Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire (June 14, 2023)
- “Carthaginian Neighbors: Maximus and Augustine on Nature, Creation, and Theological Anthropology,” Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, Congress at York University, Toronto (May 29, 2023)
- “Entering the Veil with Hebrews: Innovating a Fleshly and Living Way,” invited virtual lecture, Monastero di San Benedetto in Monte, Norcia, Italy (Dec. 9, 2022)
- “The Spiritual Senses and the “Complete Act” of Scripture: Henri de Lubac’s Recovery of the Mystical in Serious Exegesis,” *Catholicity as Gift and Task: The Fiftieth Anniversary of Communio*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, Rochester, New York (Oct. 1, 2022)
- “The Trinity and Patristic Exegesis: How the Fathers Interpreted the Scriptures in a Trinitarian Key,” *The Holy Trinity in the Eucharist*, invited plenary lecture, Sacred Liturgy Conference, Billings, Mont. (Sept. 14, 2022)
- “Salubrious Cursing: Imprecatory Psalms for a Wounded Community and a Healthy Mind,” Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, *Symposium on Transforming Culture*, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan. (March 25-26, 2022)
- “The Rule of Faith: A Pious Fiction or a Necessary First Principle?” *Development of Doctrine: Revelation, Magisterium, and Human Person*, St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry, Rochester, New York (June 11, 2021)
- “Fleshly Veil, Precious Blood: Participation in the Melchizedekian Priest-Victim of Hebrews,” *The Incarnation in the Eucharist*, Sacred Liturgy Conference, invited plenary lecture, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. (June 3, 2021)
- “Word, Flesh, Glory: The Gospel of the Incarnation,” *The Incarnation in the Eucharist*, Sacred Liturgy Conference, invited plenary lecture, Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash. (June 1, 2021)
- “Maximus the Confessor’s Anti-Severan Polemics in the *Opuscula*,” North American Patristics Society (May 27, 2021)
- “Christ the Praying Beggar in Gethsemane: Incarnation, Demonstration, and Mystery in Maximus’s *Opuscula*,” *Faith and Life in Byzantine Christianity*, 45th Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, *Thought and Prayer*, Villanova University (Oct. 16, 2020)
- Opuscula*, at the request of Vladimir Cvetković, I provided scholars with select translations for a Maximus the Confessor conference on the *Opuscula* in Belgrade, Serbia (Feb. 2020)
- “The Craftsmanship of God and Σοφία vs. the Evil Craft of Idolaters in the Wisdom of Solomon,” *Wisdom in a Greek Register: Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions*, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego (Nov. 24, 2019)
- “God the Craftsman in the Wisdom of Solomon and the Speculative Hazard Hidden in the Manipulation of Nature,” 8th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, *Technology and the Human Person*, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan. (March 30, 2019)
- “The Centrality of Faith in the Raising of Lazarus,” guest lecture, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans (Feb. 26, 2019)
- “Reading the Old Testament with Paul as a Guide,” faculty lecture, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis (Jan. 31, 2019)

- “Abraham’s Role as Indiscriminate Almsgiver in John Chrysostom’s Exegesis of the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man,” Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, Can. (May 29, 2018)
- “Is Maximus Parsing Christ in His Scriptural Exegesis of the Human Faculty of Willing?” North American Patristics Society, Chicago (May 26, 2018)
- “*Humanae Vitae*, the Call to Asceticism, and the New Evangelization,” 7th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization, *Humanae Vitae 50 Years Later: A Call to Self-Gift*, Benedictine College, Atchison, Kan. (March 24, 2018)
- “Covenant Promise and Resurrection Faith: The Abrahamic Narrative,” public guest lecture, Christendom Graduate School, Alexandria, Va. (Feb. 21, 2018)
- “Maximus and Thomas on the Infusion of the Rational Soul,” the Aquinas Center and the Thomistic Institute, *Thomas Aquinas and the Greek Fathers*, Ave Maria University (Jan. 26, 2018)
- “Nature and the Grace of Deification in Maximus the Confessor,” North American Patristics Society, Chicago (May 27, 2017)
- “The Prior Arrangements of Christ in the Old Testament as the Principle of Exegesis for Melito of Sardis,” Pappas Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies, Holy Cross Hellenic College, Brookline, Mass. (March 4, 2017)
- Respondent to Henry Shea, S.J., “The Cataphatic-Apophatic Dialectic of Maximus the Confessor: A Theological Ontological Bridge between East and West,” Pappas Graduate Student Conference (March 3, 2017)
- “The Mystical Ascent into Divine Darkness, from Gregory of Nyssa to Maximus the Confessor,” the annual conference of the Aquinas Center, *Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Toward a Renewal of Spiritual Theology*, Ave Maria University (Feb. 10, 2017)
- “Maximus the Confessor on God’s Movement of Human Nature vis-à-vis Knowledge and Desire,” Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference: *The Fathers of the Church Today*, Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, Ill. (Oct. 19, 2016)
- “Preserving the Whole Theological System: Maximus the Confessor’s Dyothelitism as a Bulwark for Trinitarian Theology, Christology, and Soteriology,” International Patristics Conference: *Fathers of the Church in the Polemics Against Heresies*, Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II, Lublin, Poland (May 19, 2016)
- “A Natural, Divinely Participatory Mode: Creation and Human Nature in the *Ambigua* of St. Maximus the Confessor,” paper presentation at faculty–graduate theology Oberseminar, Ave Maria University (Feb. 17, 2016)
- “The Mother of Fair Love: The Beauty of the Ever-Virgin for the Vocations of Christian Life,” Mariological Society of America, 66th annual conference: *Mary and Holy Families Today*, Hickory, N.C. (May 21, 2015)
- “Mary as a Model of Faith for the Year of Faith,” *Scripture Unlocked* lecture series, John Paul the Great Catholic University, San Diego (Oct. 1, 2012)
- “Jesus’ Passion and the Compassion of the Father: ‘Suffering Presupposes the Ability to Suffer,’” Franciscan University annual M.A. theology colloquium, Steubenville, Ohio (Feb. 2, 2009)

“Divinely Given ‘Into Our Reality’: Mary’s Maternal Mediation according to Pope Benedict XVI,”
Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Philip Neri Oratory, Pittsburgh (Aug. 13,
2008)

Encyclopedia Entries

“Nahum (Book and Person),” “Nebuchadnezzar,” “New Heaven and New Earth,” “Old and New,”
Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, vols. 20-22, Constance M. Furey, Brian Matz, Steven L.
McKenzie, Thomas Römer, Jens Schröter, Barry Dov Walfish, Eric Ziolkowski, eds., Berlin: De
Gruyter (2022–2024).

New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2010, ed. Robert L. Fastiggi, Vol. 1, Detroit: Gale (2010).
Contributing writer for the following entries: “Catanoso, Gaetano (Cajetan), St.,” 215–6;
“Centurione Bracelli, Virginia, St.,” 252–3; “Coll y Guitart, Francisco, St.,” 349–50; “Comboni,
Daniele, St.,” 350–2; “Felix of Nicosia, St.,” 460; “Francia, Annibale Maria di, St.,” 479–80;
“Frassinello, Benedetta Cambiagio, St.,” 485–6; “Galvão, Anthony of Saint Anne, St.,” 492–3;
“Guerrero González, Angela de la Cruz, St.,” 511; “Guízar Valencia, Rafael, St.,” 513–5.

Book Reviews

The Bible in the Early Church. Justo L. González. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2022. Reviewed for
Catholic Biblical Quarterly, vol. 86.1 (2024), 173–5.

Divine Scripture and Human Emotion in Maximus the Confessor: Exegesis of the Human Heart. Andrew J.
Summerson. *The Bible in Ancient Christianity* 15. Leiden: Brill, 2021. Reviewed for *Journal of Early
Christian Studies*, vol. 31.4 (2023), 579–80.

The Minor Prophets as Christian Scriptures. Hauna T. Ondrey. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
Reviewed for *Review of Biblical Literature* (SBL), March 9, 2022.

Ancient Wisdom and Thomistic Wit: Happiness and the Good Life. Fulvio di Blasi. Associazione Thomas
International, 2017. Reviewed for *Heythrop Journal*, vol. LXII.6 (2021), 1128–9.

John Henry Newman on Truth and Its Counterfeits: A Guide for Our Times. Reinhard Hütter. Sacra
Doctrina. Chad C. Pecknold and Thomas Joseph White, OP, eds. Washington: The Catholic
University of America Press, 2020. Reviewed for *Thomistica*, April 18, 2021.

Christ in the Life and Teaching of Gregory Nazianzus. Andrew Hofer, O.P. Oxford: Oxford University
Press, 2013. Reviewed for *Nova et Vetera*, vol. 18.4 (2020), 1059–63.

Docetism in the Early Church. Joseph Verheyden, Reimund Bieringer, Jens Schröter, Ines Jäger, eds.
Tübingen, Germany: Mohr Siebeck, 2018. Reviewed for *Reading Religion* (AAR), April 22, 2020.

Basil of Caesarea. Stephen M. Hildebrand. London and New York: Routledge, 2018. Reviewed for
Review of Biblical Literature (SBL), April 4, 2019.

Dying and the Virtues. Matthew Levering. Grand Rapids, Mi.: Eerdmans, Jan. 2018. Reviewed for
Reading Religion (AAR), Aug. 19, 2018.

Language for God in Patristic Tradition: Wrestling with Biblical Anthropomorphism. Mark Sheridan. Downer’s
Grove, Ill.: IVP Academic, 2015. Reviewed for *Review of Biblical Literature* (SBL), April 19, 2018.

Leontius of Byzantium: Complete Works. Brian E. Daley, SJ, ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, July 2017. Reviewed for *Reading Religion* (AAR), Jan. 8, 2018.

Reading the Sermons of Thomas Aquinas: A Beginner's Guide. Randall B. Smith. *Renewal Within Tradition.* Matthew Levering, ed. Steubenville, Ohio: Emmaus Academic, 2016. Reviewed for *Thomistica*, July 5, 2017.

The Apostolic Fathers and Paul. Todd D. Still and David E. Wilhite, eds. New York: Bloomsbury Academic, Dec. 2016. Reviewed for *Reading Religion* (AAR), June 29, 2017.

In Memory of Me: A Meditation on the Roman Canon. Milton Walsh. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2011. Paperback. Reviewed for *Lay Witness*, 2012.

Ten Universal Principles: A Philosophy of the Life Issues. Robert Spitzer, S.J. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2011. Paperback. Reviewed for *Lay Witness*, 2012.

Higher Education Teaching Positions

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

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Associate Professor (*courses taught or scheduled to teach*)

July 2022–present

- STL 9859: Patristic Biblical Interpretation (elective)
- STL 9862: Nicaea and Its Reception (elective)
- ST 8895: Patristic Pillars (elective)
- ST 650: Trinity and Christology
- ST 600: The Church Fathers to Nicaea
- ST 501: Theology of Mission and Ministry
- THE 249: Introduction to Sacred Scripture
- MNS 101: Theology of Ministry
- MNS 352: Reflection Seminar
- IS-883: MAPS Formation

St. Patrick's Seminary and University

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Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture

July 2019–June 2022

- SS-4104: Prophets
- SS-4109: Johannine Literature
- SS-5213: Wisdom Literature
- SS-5215: Hebrews and Catholic Epistles
- SD-4103: Theological Anthropology
- SD-7341: Historical Theology I (Patristics)
- SD-7342: Historical Theology II (late antique early medieval Church History)
- SD-8443: Historical Theology III (medieval Church History)
- Church History, diaconate formation program

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Visiting Assistant Professor

July 2018–June 2019

- BBL515: Johannine Literature
- BBL513: Psalms and Wisdom Literature
- BBL511: Pentateuch and Historical Books
- BBL510: Prophets and Later Historical Books

Ave Maria University

5050 Ave Maria Blvd, Ave Maria, FL 34142; (239) 280-2500

Adjunct Professor

Aug. 2017–May 2018

- THEO502: New Testament (Master's level)
- THEO205: Sacred Doctrine (taught twice)
- THEO105: Sacred Scripture (taught twice)

Pontifical Josephinum College, Diaconate Institute

Course Developer and Instructor

fall 2025

- HS810CE: Patristics: An Introduction to the Church Fathers (asynchronous)

Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Hellenic College

50 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA 02445; (617) 731-3500

Faculty Instructor

“Polemics and Salvation” (scheduled)

*Summers from 2017 to 2020
July 2020 (canceled due to Covid-19)*

“Virtues and Vices in the Eastern and Western Fathers”

July 2017, June 2018

Teaching Fellow

July 2015, July 2016

“The Desert Fathers: Stories and Sayings for Contemporary Life”

teaching fellow under Sean Moberg, July 18–22, 2016

“Reading Scripture with the Fathers: Studies in Patristic Hermeneutics”

teaching fellow under Bruce Beck, July 20–24, 2015

John Paul the Great Catholic University

155 W Grand Ave, Escondido, CA 92025; (858) 653-6740

Adjunct Professor of Biblical Languages

*July 2011–June 2015**

- BIBL531: Biblical Greek I (taught three times)
- BIBL532: Biblical Greek II (taught three times)
- HUMA107: Rhetoric

*Note: Greek courses were taught in person and also offered asynchronously.

Administrative Experience

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Dean of the Institute for Lay Ministry

July 2022–present

In this role, I oversee lay student formation and career services, serving as a liaison to bring student interests to the Board of Trustees. I also collaborate with the departments of distance education and admissions in directing content planning for the Equip platform, collaborating with the Archdiocese of Detroit in the certification of catechists. In this role, I have served on many stable and *ad hoc* committees.

St. Patrick's Seminary and University

Coordinator for Institutional Effectiveness

Jan. 2020–Oct. 2020

- WASC self-study steering committee member
- Technology and resources committee member
- Verbum Bible Software ad hoc committee chair

Professional Memberships

AIEP-IAPS (International Association of Patristics Studies) (2017–present, National Correspondent for the U.S.A., 2022–present)

Canadian Society of Patristics Studies (2022–present)

North American Patristics Society (2012–present)

Sacra Doctrina Project (2020–present)

Academy of Catholic Theology (2019–present)

Catholic Biblical Association (2019–present)

National Association of Lay Ministers (2022–present)

Society of Biblical Literature (intermittent membership, since 2015)

Mariological Society of America (intermittent membership, since 2009)

Service to the Academy

Conference organizer, *Nicaea at 1700: The First Council and the 'Way Together'*, Sacred Heart Major Seminary (Oct. 2-4, 2025)

Associate Editor, *Patristic Theology*, an open-source, peer-reviewed journal published by the Centre for Patristics and Early Christianity (2023–present)

AIEP-IAPS, National Correspondent for the U.S.A. (2022–present)

AIEP-IAPS peer-elected delegate to the executive council (Oxford Patristics, August 2024)

Thematic Session Organizer with Corey Stephan, *New Frontiers in Maximus the Confessor: Dubious, Spurious, or Lesser-Known Writings*, North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Ill. (May 22–24, 2025)

Editorial Board, *Lux Veritatis: A Journal of Speculative Theology* (2024–present)

Panel chair, “Trauma & *Therapeia* in Early Christian Literature 2,” Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, Congress at York University, Toronto (May 29, 2023)

Panel chair, “*Theosis* in the Second and Third Centuries: Early Perspectives and Approaches to the Human Journey to God,” North American Patristics Society (May 25, 2021)

Panel chair, “Revisiting Neo-Cyrrillian and Non-Chalcedonian Theologies: Their Implications for Ecumenical and Speculative Reflection,” North American Patristics Society (May 24, 2021)

Associate Editor, *Ecce Mater Tua* (2018–2020; vols. 1–2)

Peer-review work for journals in the United States and abroad.

Department Service, Volunteer, and Ministry

M.A. thesis committees

- Kim Kerwin, Sacred Heart Major Seminary (*summer 2025*)
- Fr. Nicholas Ashmore, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (*fall 2018*)
- Elizabeth (Welsh) O'Donnell, Ave Maria University (*spring 2018*)

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

- Organizer and host: “Catholicism: East and West—A Workshop Collaboration with Eastern Catholic Leaders” (May 29, 2025)
- Organizer and frequent host of annual *In the Heart of the Church* Lay Ecclesial Ministry Speaker Series
- “Growing in the Virtues in the Theological Vision and Wisdom of the Church Fathers,” webinar (March 6, 2024)
- “Spirituality to Transform a Busy Life,” presentation to SHMS staff (March 5, 2024)

Missionaries of Charity

- The Gospel of John, a course offered to the novices of the Missionaries of Charity in San Francisco (Sept. 3–Oct. 1, 2021)

St. Patrick’s Seminary and University

- “The Church in the Times of Plague: A History of Catholic Response,” rector’s conference (Feb. 22, 2021)
- “Writing for History,” Student Learning Center workshop (Feb. 12 and Sept. 29, 2021)
- Acquired 70 temporary free Verbum licenses for faculty and seminarians during Covid-19

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

- Technology and resources committee member

Ave Maria University

- Research assistant for Thomas Scheck (2015-16)
- Teaching assistant for David Tamisiea (THEO105, *fall 2016*) and for Sr. Albert Marie Surmanski, O.P. (THEO205, *spring 2017*)
- Founder of committee to create *professional development colloquia* for graduate theology program
- Led patristic Greek reading group for theology and classics students (2016-17)
- Treasurer, graduate student government (2016-17)

Accreditation visits

- Participated in various ad hoc committees and faculty input sessions in preparation for WASC, ATS, and HLC accreditation visits at numerous institutions

Popular Speaking Engagements and Adult Faith Formation

- “The Book of Signs and Glory: Understanding the Gospel of John,” Knights of Columbus Retreat, Our Lady of Redemption Melkite Catholic Church, Warren, Mich. (March 15, 2025)
- “Understanding the Old Testament,” Akathist lecture series, Our Lady of Redemption (March 2025)
- “Liturgies of the Fathers: Chrysostom, Basil, and the Theology of the Divine Liturgy,” Knights of Columbus Retreat, Our Lady of Redemption (March 9, 2024)
- “You Do We Exalt: A Series on the Church’s Doctrine of the Theotokos,” Akathist lecture series, Our Lady of Redemption (Feb.–March 2024)
- “Dionysius, Maximus, and Partaking in the Mysteries that Make Perfect,” Christ the King Catholic Church, Indianapolis (March 18, 2023)
- “Introducing the Fathers: The Lives and Teachings of the Guides to Church Doctrine and Liturgy,” Our Lady of Redemption, Akathist lecture series (Feb.–March 2023)
- Volunteer catechist at Ave Maria Quasi-Parish (adult faith formation and OCIA)
- “Beholding the Lamb in Exodus: How the Early Christians Saw the Christian Mystery in the Passover,” Theology on Tap, St. Anthony of Padua, Las Vegas (Feb. 12, 2022, online)

- “An Introduction to St. Maximus the Confessor,” Blessed Sacrament Men’s Group, Seattle (Oct. 21, 2020, online)
- Talk on *Summa Theologiae* III, qq. 18–19, Lay Dominican group, Salem, Va. (summer 2015)
- Volunteer OCIA team member at Franciscan University

Youth and young adult ministry

- “Melkite History,” MAYA young adult group, Our Lady of Redemption (Oct. 6, 2024)
- “The Trinity,” Old St. Mary’s youth, Detroit (March 4, 2023)
- “Reading the Psalms,” NAMY youth group, Our Lady of Redemption (Feb. 5, 2023)
- Retreat speaker, JSerra Catholic High School

Liturgy

- Choir, Lector, and Sacristan, Our Lady of Redemption
- Sacristan, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, JSerra Catholic High School

Little league baseball

- Co-head coach, Ave Maria Royals (“coach pitch” league, players aged 6-9), 2017

Popular Venues

Sacred Heart Major Seminary – EQUIP courses

- *The Psalms: Prayer at the Heart of the Scripture*, 2 modules, Advent 2025
- *The Seven Deadly Sins and Their Healing Remedies*, Lent 2024 (Feb. 11–March 23)
- *Jesus: The Paschal Mystery*, in *Catechist Formation: Profession of Faith*

Sacra Doctrina Project – Sed Contra Podcast

- “Aliens and Soteriology,” July 18, 2024
- “Why Should I Care about Balthasar,” April 18, 2024
- “Maximus the Confessor and Why Catholics Should Care about Him,” Dec. 14, 2023
- “Differences in Eucharistic Piety Among Roman and Byzantine Catholics,” Oct. 12, 2023
- “Artificial Intelligence,” Sept. 15, 2023
- “Further Musings on Universalism,” July 1, 2023
- “The Ascension,” May 11, 2023
- “Tribute to Joseph Ratzinger/Benedict XVI,” Jan 4. 2023
- “Divine Impassibility,” Dec. 10, 2022
- “Why Can’t Christ Be a Human Person?” Nov. 10, 2022
- “Truth, Freedom, and the Catholic University,” Aug. 12, 2022
- “Private Revelation,” April 8, 2022
- “Irenaeus of Lyons: The Church’s Newest Oldest Doctor,” Oct. 11, 2021
- “Is Mary Co-Redemptrix? Is She Mediatrix of All Graces?” April 1, 2021
- “Would God Have Become Incarnate Had Man Not Sinned?” Dec. 10, 2020

How They Love Mary – Podcast of Fr. Ed Looney

- “Ep. 196: Pope Benedict Was a Marian Pope,” Jan 4. 2023

I have published dozens of articles or been interviewed in various print and online sources, such as *History.com* (*The History Channel*), *Notre Dame’s Church Life Journal*, *Thomistica*, *Mosaic*, *The Catechetical*

Review, Homiletic & Pastoral Review, First Things: On the Square, Lay Witness, North Coast Catholic, HuffPost Live, Real Clear Religion, Pittsburgh Tribune Review, and Zenit News Agency.

Languages

Languages read with professional proficiency

Greek (with teaching experience), **Latin, Hebrew, French, German**

Languages in development

Russian (intermediate), **Spanish** (intermediate), **Arabic** (beginner)

Academic Honors

Ave Maria University: received full-tuition scholarship and \$53,000 stipend award

Graduate-level GPA: 3.95 (64 credit hours); graduated *summa cum laude*

Franciscan University: Graduate-level GPA: 3.81 (42 credit hours); prereqs GPA: 4.0 (18 cr. hrs.)

Paper selected for presentation at annual M.A. theology colloquium

Ecclesial Fidelity and Certifications

Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith—Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Archdiocese of Detroit,
Sept. 6, 2022 (also at St. Patrick’s, San Francisco, Sept. 23, 2019)

Mandatum—Catholic Diocese of Venice (Fla.), Aug. 28, 2017

VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children—Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit, completed recertification
Sept. 2023

Professional Skills

Experienced public speaker and teacher since 2009, traditional and hybrid classrooms.

Over two decades of professional experience in writing, editing, and publishing.

Frequent use of Chicago Style (familiar with Turabian, MLA, and APA).

Experience with several student information systems and course management programs,
including Canvas Instructure, Populi, and Moodle.

Daily experience with Logos Bible Software (Verbum), Microsoft Office products, and Google
products. Experienced with Adobe: InDesign, Photoshop, Acrobat, Premiere Pro.

Personal

Catholic (Melkite Greek)

Married to Natasha Clarke since Jan. 1, 2007

Children: Sophia (04/2008), Agnes (07/2011), Aletheia (02/2015), and Gregory (09/2019)

Hobbies: cooking, gardening, baseball, basketball, billiards, chess