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## ***EDUCATION***

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### **Doctor's Degree in Theology (Ph.D.)**

#### **Sacrae Theologiae Doctor (S.T.D.)**

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, *11 May 2012*

*summa cum laude*

- Dissertation under Prof. dr. Lieven Boeve and Dr. Frederiek Depoortere: 'Religious Categories in-between Philosophy and Theology: A Fundamental-Theological Investigation into the "Messianic" and the "Canonical" in Contemporary Continental Thought'

### **Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatius (S.T.L.)**

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, *6 July 2011*

### **Sacrae Theologiae Baccalaureus (S.T.B.)**

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, *30 June 2010*

### **Master of Advanced Studies in Theology (M.A.S.)**

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, *2 July 2008*

*summa cum laude*

- Thesis: 'The Processes of Canonicity and their Relation to the Canonical: A Further Freudian Impression'

### **Master of Arts in Theology, Religious Education (M.A.)**

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri, *6 January 2006*

*summa cum laude*

### **Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)**

Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, *14 May 2000*

*magna cum laude*

- Thesis: 'Søren Kierkegaard and the Politics of Poetics: Recovering Poetry as a Theological Discourse'

## **Bachelor of Arts, Literature (B.A.)**

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, 29 May 1998

*summa cum laude*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Minor in Classical Studies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Minor in Philosophy and Religion

## ***TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE***

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**Professor of Systematic Theology, Loyola University Chicago, 2023-present**

**Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Loyola University Chicago, 2017-2023**

**Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Loyola University Chicago, 2012-2017**

*Courses and service at Loyola University Chicago*

- Courses taught include:
  - (Core Level) Introduction to Christian Theology, Introduction to Religious Studies, Roman Catholicism, Religion and Gender, Christianity Throughout Time, Roman Catholicism: Pilgrimage (at John Felice Rome Center), Western Intellectual Traditions: Antiquity to the Middle Ages (Honors)
  - (Upper Level) History of Christian Thought II: Reformation to Modern Church, 20<sup>th</sup> Century German Political Theology, Theology of Secularization, Atheism in the Modern World, Nature and Spirituality, History of Metaphysics, Faith in Modernity, Queer Theology, Philosophies and Theologies of Love
  - (Graduate Level) Doctoral Seminars on Jacques Derrida, Martin Heidegger, Radical Political Theologies, Nihilism and Negative Theologies, The Concept of Forgiveness, Sovereignty: Self, State and God, Phenomenology of Religion
- Served as the Director of Majors and Minors for undergraduate programs in Theology and Religious Studies, 2013-2017, *spring 2020 (interim)*
- Member of departmental Graduate Programs Committee, 2017-present
- Section coordinator of Systematic Theology, 2017-present
- Member of departmental Undergraduate Programs Committee, 2012-2017
- Served on the Department Advisory Committee, 2013-2015, 2016-2017, 2020-2021, 2022-present
- Faculty Advisory Board for the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, 2014-present
- Advisory Board member for Ricci Scholars Study Abroad Program, 2022-present
- Co-organizer of international colloquium on 'Catholic Conversion Narratives in Modernist Aesthetics', 16-17 April 2018
- Co-organizer of international conference on 'The Challenge of God: Continental Philosophy and Catholic Intellectual Heritage', 14-16 April 2016
- Search committee member for positions systematic theology, 2016-2017 and 2020-2021
- Member of Theology Department's Racial Justice Examen committee, 2021-present
- Member of Graduate School's committee for the Crown Fellowship, 2018 and 2020
- Member of College of Arts and Sciences' Sujack Research Award Committee, 2015
- Faculty representative for Loyola chapter of *Theta Alpha Kappa*, Theology and Religious Studies Honor Society, 2013-2017
- Mentor for students in the Rome Start Mentor Program (JFRC), 2016-2017
- Teaching mentor and comprehensive boards examiner for doctoral candidates, 2014-present

- Participant in Ignatian Seminar Course for Faculty, Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, 2018
- Open House representative, Theology and Religious Studies Department, 2012-2017, 2019

*Dissertation Supervision and External Examiner Participation*

- External Examiner for Richard Steenvoorde, ‘A Political Theology of Religious Life: A Dominican Interpretation of Agamben’, *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*, January 2023
- Dissertation director for Kimberly Matheson, ‘Soul as Paraphrase: The Formalism and Minority of Prayer’, *Loyola University Chicago*, June 2022
- Dissertation director for Wade Casey, ‘Toward an Eco-Cosmopolitanism: Wendell Berry and Ecowomanism in Conversation’, *Loyola University Chicago*, April 2022
- External Examiner for Bruce Worthington, ‘Christianity Appears First As Itself: Alain Badiou and the Study of Christian Origins’, *Toronto School of Theology*, May 2021
- Dissertation co-director for Marcos Norris, ‘Hemingway, Sartre, and Secularization: Finding Religion Without God’, *Loyola University Chicago*, August 2021
- Dissertation director for Martin Tomszak, ‘A Radically Weak (I)ncounter: Dorothy Day, The Catholic Worker, And Overcoming Otherness: An Atheistic Argument for a Political Theology Based in Radical Community’, *Loyola University Chicago*, November 2021
- Dissertation co-director for Jacob Torbeck, ‘Turn Not Thine Eyes: Holy Faces and Saving Gazes in Mystical and Liberation Theologies’, *December 2021*

**Visiting Professor, Pontifical Catholic University Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, summer 2018**

- Seminar in the post-graduate program in Religious Sciences, ‘Religion and Politics from the perspective of Giorgio Agamben’

**Visiting Lecturer, St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha, Aluva, India, summer 2014**

- Seminar for graduate students on ‘The immanent transcendence of fetish-objects: Rethinking political theology in the Twenty-First Century from a postcolonial perspective’
- Seminar made possible by a summer stipend grant from Loyola University Chicago

**Visiting Fellow, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, summer 2013**

- Conducted research in the university libraries and assisted in various research projects with both faculty and researchers at the Faculty of Theology and the Philosophy Institute

**Research Assistant (Prof. dr. Lieven Boeve), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, fall 2008-spring 2012**

- Member of research group ‘Theology in a Postmodern Context’, the ‘Centre for Women’s Studies (in) Theology’ and the ‘Louvain-American Society of Theology’
- Co-taught ‘Fundamental theology’ (with Dr. Frederiek Depoortere), *Spring 2011*
- Collaborated on Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology (LEST) VIII, 26-28 October 2011 [ <http://theo.kuleuven.be/page/lest8/> ]. Responsible for all practical organizational details, budget management, website layout, newsletter management, arranging travel and accommodations, registration coordination and publication of the proceedings (with Peeters Press, Leuven)
- Founded the Louvain-American Society of Theology (L.A.S.T.)
- Editing of various academic monographs, articles, theses and dissertations

**Adjunct Professor, Aquinas Institute of Theology, Saint Louis, Missouri, summer 2012**

- Taught ‘Introduction to Theology and Theological Method’

**Adjunct Professor, Maryville University, Saint Louis, Missouri, fall 2006**

- Taught ‘World Religions’

**Adjunct Professor, Lake Land College, Mattoon, Illinois, fall 2000- spring 2001**

- Taught ‘The Bible as Literature’ and ‘Apocalyptic Literature’

**Department of Theology, Incarnate Word Academy, Saint Louis, Missouri, fall 2001-spring 2007**

- Taught ‘Old Testament’, ‘New Testament’, ‘Social Justice’, ‘World Religions’, and ‘Practical Ministry’ courses in a secondary school context [ [www.iwacademy.org](http://www.iwacademy.org) ]
- Taught independent studies on ‘Globalization’, ‘Science and Religion’, ‘Introduction to Philosophy’, and ‘Domestic economics’
- Led and participated in a variety of spiritual retreats, liturgical and campus ministry programs
- Moderator of the Senior Class

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Monographs**

*Loving While Not Believing: The Decline of Faith and the Response of Love in the Modern Era*, under review.

*Pilgrimage Between the Sacred and the Secular: A Roman Journey*, under review.

*Redoubling and the Roots of Metaphysics in the West*, under review.

*Haunted Words, Haunted Selves: Listening to the Otherness within Western Thought*, Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2024, forthcoming.

*Giorgio Agamben’s Homo Sacer Series: A Critical Introduction and Guide*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2022.

*Theological Poverty in Continental Philosophy: After Christian Theology*, ‘Political Theologies’, London: Bloomsbury, 2021.

*The Fetish of Theology: The Challenge of the Fetish-Object to Modernity*, ‘Radical Theologies and Philosophies’, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.

*Theology as Autobiography: The Centrality of Confession, Relationship and Prayer to the Life of Faith*, Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2020.

*Theology and Contemporary Continental Philosophy: The Centrality of a Negative Dialectics*, London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.

*Continental Philosophy and Theology*, ‘Brill Research Perspectives in Theology’, Leiden: Brill, 2018.

*Words Fail: Theology, Poetry, and the Challenge of Representation*, ‘Perspectives in Continental Philosophy’, New York: Fordham University Press, 2016.

*Agamben’s Coming Philosophy: Finding a New Use for Theology*, with Adam Kotsko, London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.

*Between the Canon and the Messiah: The Structure of Faith in Contemporary Continental Thought*, ‘Bloomsbury Studies in

Continental Philosophy', London: Bloomsbury, 2013.

*Agamben and Theology*, 'Philosophy and Theology', London: T&T Clark, 2011.

### **Edited volumes**

*Agamben and the Existentialists*, with Marcos Norris, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2021.

*The Challenge of God: Continental Philosophy and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, with Hugh Miller and Kathleen McNutt, London: Bloomsbury, 2020.

*Queering Theology's Object*, with Meghan Toomey, special issue of *Theology and Sexuality* 23:1-2 (2017) 1-181.

*Walter Benjamin and Theology*, with Stéphane Symons, 'Perspectives in Continental Philosophy', New York: Fordham University Press, 2016.

*Tradition and the Normativity of History*, collaborator with Lieven Boeve and Terrence Merrigan, 'Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium', Leuven: Peeters, 2013.

*The Shaping of Tradition: Context and Normativity*, with the collaboration of Lieven Boeve and Terrence Merrigan, 'Annua Nuntia Lovaniensia' LXX, Leuven: Peeters, 2013.

*The Postmodern Saints of France: Refiguring 'The Holy' in Contemporary French Philosophy*, London: T&T Clark, 2013.

### **International journal articles**

'Jesuit Spirituality for a Secular Classroom', under review

'Capitalism as Religion: Uncovering the Metaphysics of the Sovereignty of Money', under review.

'Forgiveness as the redoubling of God', under review.

'Justifying the Unjustifiable: Ecclesiology in a Modern Context', *Ephata: Revista Portuguesa de Teologia*, accepted.

'The Failure of Language Amidst the Joy of Grace: Reading Lispector's *Água Viva* as a Philosophy of (Non)religious Insight', *Angelaki* 28:2 (2023) 102-112.

'Religião, Direito e o Redobramento de Ideias' ['Religion, Law and the Redoubling of Ideas'], trans. Ricardo Evandro S. Martins and João Pedro Sanjad, *Cadernos IHU Ideias* 20:340 (2022) 1-34.

'Ending Christian Hegemony: Jean-Luc Nancy and the Ends of Eurocentric Thought', *Open Theology* 8 (2021) 1-14.

'Locating Love Amidst the Violence: Girard, Vattimo and the Radicality of Love', *Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture* 28 (2021) 111-128.

'How should we suffer? Meditating on Christian responses to the problem of suffering', *Estudos Teológicos* 60:2 (2020) 418-432.

'Bruno Latour and the myth of the autonomous academic discipline: Rethinking education in light of the various modes of existence', *Transformation in Higher Education* 4 (2019) 1-7.

- ‘Polarized readings of René Girard: Utilizing Girardian thought to break a theological and philosophical impasse’, *Forum Philosophicum* 24 (2019) 25-42.
- ‘The Foundations of Order: Scripture, Sovereignty and Exclusion, A Response to Kyle Gingerich Hiebert’, *Ex Auditu* 34 (2018) 117-123.
- Invited article*, ‘O método arqueológico no pensamento contemporâneo’ [‘Philosophical foundations and the archaeological search for origins: Freud, Foucault, Agamben’], trans. Hélierson Silva with Glauco Barsalini, *Reflexão* 43:2 (2018) 173-187.
- ‘Developing a theologically self-reflexive critique with comparative theologians and the sociological analysis of Pierre Bourdieu’, *Lowain Studies* 41:2 (2018) 125-151.
- Invited article*, ‘A glória como arcano central do poder e os vínculos entre oikonomia, governo e gestão’ [‘Glory as the central arcane of power and the ties between *oikonomia*, government and management’], trans. Luís Marcos Sander, *Cadernos Teologia Pública* 14:127 (2017) 1-20.
- Invited article*, ‘What, if anything, comes after the insurrection of theology?’, *The Bible and Critical Theory* 13:2 (2017) 13-22.
- Invited article*, ‘Ser e Agir, o Reino e a Glória: a Oikonomia Trinitária e a bipolaridade da máquina governamental’ [‘Being and Acting, the Kingdom and the Glory: The Trinitarian *oikonomia* and the bipolarity of the governmental machine’], trans. Luís Marcos Sander, *Cadernos Teologia Pública* 14:122 (2017) 1-20.
- ‘The continuing relevance of “queer” theology for the rest of the field’, with Meghan Toomey, *Theology & Sexuality* 23:1-2 (2017) 1-16.
- Invited article*, ‘Fragmented, messianic, paradoxical, antinomian, revolutionary, secular: The hermeneutics of eschatology’, *Religions* 44:8 (2017) 1-16.
- ‘Dwelling in diaspora: Judith Butler’s Post-Secular Paradigm’, with Silas Morgan, *The European Legacy* 20:2 (2015) 136-150.
- Invited article*, ‘With which political theology are we dealing? Reassessing the genealogy of political theology and looking toward its future’, *Praktyka Teoretyczna* 3:17 (2015) 123-142.
- ‘Slavoj Žižek on Jacques Derrida, or On Derrida’s Search for a Middle Ground Between Marx and Benjamin, and his finding Žižek instead’, *Philosophy Today* 59:2 (2015) 291-304.
- Invited article*, ‘What Christians need no longer defend: The political stakes of considering antinomianism as central to the practice and history of theology’, *Crisis and Critique* 2:1 (2015) 115-149.
- ‘The problem of having both a body and a name in the work of Jean-Luc Marion: Names, fathers and the hopeful possibilities of a queer phenomenology’, *Theology and Sexuality* 20:1 (2014) 18-36.
- ‘Searching for a Self-Reflexive Theology: Ways Forward for Systematic Theology in Relation to (Non)Religious Thought in Contemporary Western Culture’, *Irish Theological Quarterly* 79:4 (2014) 366-380.
- Invited article*, ‘Are the Only True Atheists Actually Theologians?’, *Concilium* (2014/3) 51-59. Translations: ‘Só

os verdadeiros ateus são realmente teólogos?', trans. Gentil Avelino Tilton, *Concilium* 356 (2014/3) 46-56; 'Sind die Theologen die einzigen echten Atheisten unserer Zeit?', trans. Gabriele Stein, *Concilium* 50:3 (2014) 269-277; 'Solo i veri atei sono davvero teologi?', *Concilium* 50 (2014/3) 65-76.

'The profanation of revelation: On language and immanence in the work of Giorgio Agamben', in Charlie Blake and Patrice Haynes, eds., 'Immanent Materialisms', *Angelaki* 19:1 (2014) 65-81.

*Invited article*, 'Citing 'whatever' authority: The ethics of quotation in the work of Giorgio Agamben', *Educational Philosophy and Theory* 46:4 (2014) 406-420.

'The Notion of Salvation in Contemporary Religious Dialectics: *Intra Ecclesiam Salus?*', with John Friday, *Louvain Studies* 37:2-3 (2013) 253-272.

'Canons and Canonicity: Late Modern Reflections on Cultural and Religious Canonical Texts', for *Annali di Storia dell'Esgesi* 30:2 (2013) 369-392.

'The "violence" of the canon: revisiting contemporary notions of the canonical', *Horizons* 40:1 (2013) 1-27.

*Invited article*, 'Waarom werd God Homo Sacer? Giorgio Agamben op het druispunt tussen theologie en filosofie' ['*Cur Deus Homo Sacer? Giorgio Agamben on the intersection of theology and philosophy*'], trans. Huub Stegeman, *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* 53:1 (2013) 44-62.

*Invited article*, "'The divisions of sovereignty": Political theology caught between immanence and transcendence', *Political Theology* 14:1 (2013) 88-99.

'A new sense of responsibility? Exploring a Levinasian ecology', *Tattva: Journal of Philosophy* 4:2 (2012) 55-67.

'The poetic atheology of Giorgio Agamben: Defining the scission between poetry and philosophy', *Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature* 45:1 (2012) 203-217.

'Beyond violence, beyond the text: The role of gesture in Walter Benjamin and Giorgio Agamben, and its affinity with the work of René Girard', *The Heythrop Journal* 52:6 (2011) 952-961.

'Biopolitics and the theological body: On the apparent absence of gender in the work of Giorgio Agamben', *Annali d'Italianistica* 29 (2011) 189-203.

'Beyond Objects, Beyond Subjects: Giorgio Agamben on Animality, Particularity and the End of Onto-theology', *Cosmos & History: The Journal of Natural and Social Philosophy* 7:1 (2011) 86-102.

'The logic of the 'as if' and the existence of God: An inquiry into the nature of belief in the work of Jacques Derrida', *Derrida Today* 4:1 (2011) 86-106.

'The Relationship of Canon and Messiah: The Convergence of Jan Assmann and Walter Benjamin on a Theory of Monotheistic Canon', *The Bible and Critical Theory* 7:1 (2011) 1-15.

'Canon as an act of creation: Giorgio Agamben and the extended logic of the messianic', *Bijdragen: International Journal in Philosophy and Theology* 71:2 (2010) 132-158.

## Book chapters

'Enchantment, the occult and constellations: Resonances in the materialist theology of Walter Benjamin', *A Secret Agreement with the Past: Walter Benjamin's Pre-Enlightenment Sources*, eds. Elsa Costa and Leonardo

Arigone, under review.

'Religion without Religion', *Theology and Phenomenology*, under review.

'Mystical theology without sovereignty: Toward an apophatic political theology', *Theos & Polis: Political Theology as Discernment*, eds. Stephan Van Erp and Jacques Haers, Leuven: Peeters, 2022, pp. 35-49.

'Whither the divine? Nietzsche, Heidegger and the end of metaphysics in Agamben's thought', *Agamben and the Existentialists*, eds. Marcos Norris and Colby Dickinson, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2021.

'O programa *Homo Sacer* e suas implicações religiosas e políticas', 'A leitura de Giorgio Agamben sobre o apóstolo Paulo', 'Agamben, Aristóteles o problema da "potência"', 'Em diálogo com Martin Heidegger: explorando o conceito do livro *O Aberto: o homem e o animal* (de Giorgio Agamben)', 'Luzes sobre o contemporâneo: o pensamento de Giorgio Agamben nos contextos da globalização, economia, religião, política e violência' in *Religião e Política na obra de Giorgio Agamben*, eds. Douglas Ferreira Barros, Glauco Barsalini and Renato Kirchner, trans. Héleron Silva, Campinas: Editora Saber Criativo, 2020, pp. 31-48, 181-194, 247-262, 263-283, 319-330.

'Exploring a negative Catholic ecclesiology in conversation with contemporary continental philosophy', *Ecclesia Semper Reformanda: Renewal and Reform Beyond Polemics*, eds. Peter De Mey and Wim François, Leuven: Peeters, 2020, pp. 307-322.

'Metaphor as dynamic myth in Ricoeur', *A Companion to Ricoeur's The Symbolism of Evil*, ed. Scott Davidson, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020, pp. 123-135.

'On Poetic Self-creation and the Sacramental Imagination: Denise Levertov's Formulation of a Distinctive Spirituality', *"this need to dance/this deed to kneel": Denise Levertov and the Poetics of Faith*, eds. Michael P. Murphy and Melissa Bradshaw, Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019, pp. 37-49.

'Dealing with the Fragmentation of Knowledge: The Complex Grounds for Faith in Newman, Adorno, and Latour', *John Henry Newman and the Crisis of Modernity*, eds. Brian W. Hughes and Danielle Nussberger, Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2019, pp. 105-118.

*Invited chapter*, 'Theodor W. Adorno', *Agamben's Philosophical Lineage*, eds. Adam Kotsko and Carlo Salzani, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2017, pp. 219-229.

'Die Neuerfindung der Menschheit an den Grenzen der Sprache: Zu den Theopolitischen Konsequenzen der Lyrik Adrienne Richs' ['Reinventing humanity at the limits of language: On the theo-political consequences of the poetry of Adrienne Rich'], with Kristien Justaert, in Martin Doll and Oliver Kohns, eds., *Figurationen des Politischen*, trans. Christina Borkenhagen, Paderborn: Wilhelm Fink, 2016, pp. 239-265.

'The Three Faces of the O/other: Negotiating the Self, the Other and Other Possible Sites of Revelation' in Lieven Boeve, Terrence Merrigan and Mathijs Lamberigts, eds., *The Normativity of History: Theological Truth and Tradition in the Tension between Church History and Systematic Theology*, BETL, Leuven: Peeters, 2016, pp. 121-141.

*Invited chapter*, 'The many tasks still to come: Walter Benjamin and Giorgio Agamben on the future of philosophy and theology' in Tom Frost, ed., *Agamben and the Future of Law, Politics and Philosophy*, London: Routledge, 2013, pp. 189-206.



- 'Diverted from nature: Contemporary approaches to ecological and philosophical problems' in Jacques Haers and Frederiek Depoortere, eds., *To Discern Creation in a Scattering World*, Leuven: Peeters, 2013, pp. 221-31.
- 'Confronting God "As Such": Between Poetry and Phenomenology in the "Mysticism" of Jacques Derrida' in Kurian Kachappilly, ed., *Mystic Musings in Art and Poetry*, New Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2013, pp. 49-65.
- 'Jean Genet versus *Saint Genet*: Searching for Redemption among the "Unredeemable"' in Colby Dickinson, ed., *The Postmodern 'Saints' of France: Refiguring 'The Holy' in Contemporary French Philosophy*, London: T&T Clark, 2013, pp. 13-24.
- 'The guises of violence: Paul Ricoeur on the difficulties of constructing an ontotheological bridge between metaphor and politics', in Greg Johnson and Dan Stiver, eds., *Paul Ricoeur and the Task of Political Philosophy*, Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2012, pp. 125-143.
- 'Examining Canonical Representations: The 'Exceptionalism' of Ricoeur's hermeneutics and the Bid for an Ethical Canon' in Todd S. Mei and David Lewin, eds., *From Ricoeur to Action: The Socio-Political Significance of Ricoeur's Thinking*, London: Continuum, 2012, pp. 229-245.
- 'The Absent Notion of Canonicity in Paul Ricoeur's Memory, History, Forgetting' in J. Verheyden, T.L. Hettema and P. Vandecasteele, eds., *Paul Ricoeur: Poetics and Religion*, Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium 240, Leuven: Peeters, 2011, pp. 487-501.

## Book reviews

- Joeri Schrijvers and Martin Koci, eds., *The Reception of John D. Caputo's Thought in International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* (24 February 2023), posted online at <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21692327.2022.2163133>
- François Jullien, *Resources of Christianity* in *Theological Studies* 82:3 (2021) 549-550.
- Donald Wallenfang, *Phenomenology: A Basic Introduction in the Light of Jesus Christ* in *The Heythrop Journal* 62:1 (2021) 164-166.
- Arthur Willemse, *The Motif of the Messianic: Law, Life, and Writing in Agamben's Reading of Derrida* in *The Heythrop Journal* 62:1 (2021) 206-208.
- Alain Badiou, *Malebranche: Theological Figure, Being 2* in *H-France Review* 20 (2020) 1-4.
- Michael L. Morgan, *Levinas's Ethical Politics* in *The Heythrop Journal* 60:6 (2019) 943-945.
- T. Wilson Dickinson, *Exercises in New Creation from Paul to Kierkegaard* in *Reading Religion* (21 May 2019), posted online at <http://readingreligion.org/books/exercises-new-creation-paul-kierkegaard>
- Christina M. Gschwandtner, *Marion and Theology* in *The Heythrop Journal* 59:2 (2018) 373-375.
- Daniel Blue, *The Making of Friedrich Nietzsche: The Quest for Identity* in *The Heythrop Journal* 59:2 (2018) 309-311.
- Joeri Schrijvers, *Between Faith and Belief: Toward a Contemporary Phenomenology of Religious Life* in *Horizons* 44:2 (2017) 484-486.

- Tristan Garcia, *Form and Object: A Treatise on Things* in *The Heythrop Journal* 58:4 (2017) 734-737.
- Joseph Acquisto, *The Fall Out of Redemption: Writing and Thinking Beyond Salvation in Baudelaire, Cioran, Fondane, Agamben, Nancy* in *The Heythrop Journal* 58:4 (2017) 731-732.
- Joshua Furnal, *Catholic Theology after Kierkegaard* in *The Heythrop Journal* 58:4 (2017) 712-714.
- Joris Geldhof, ed., *Mediating Mysteries, Understanding Liturgies: On Bridging the Gap between Liturgy and Systematic Theology* in *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 92/4 (2016) 742-746.
- M. Ross Romero, *Without the Least Tremor: The Sacrifice of Socrates in Plato's Phaedo* in *America* 215:16 (Nov 2016) 35-36.
- Stanislas Breton, *A Radical Philosophy of Saint Paul* in *The Journal of Religion* 96:4 (Oct 2016) 553-555.
- Gregg Lambert, *Return Statements: The Return of Religion in Contemporary Philosophy* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (23 Aug 2016) 1-3.
- Daniel Colucciello Barber, *Deleuze and the Naming of God: Post-Secularism and the Future of Immanence* in *The Heythrop Journal* 56:6 (2015) 1081-1083.
- Nigel Zimmermann, *Levinas and Theology* in *The Heythrop Journal* 56:6 (2015) 1074-1077.
- Kenneth Jason Wardley, *Praying to a French God: The Theology of Jean-Yves Lacoste* in *H-France Review* 15:108 (2015) 1-5.
- Paul S. Fiddes, *Seeing the World and Knowing God: Hebrew Wisdom and Christian Doctrine in a Late-Modern Context* in *The Heythrop Journal* 56:3 (2015) 532-534; reprinted *The Heythrop Journal* 59:2 (2018) 402-404.
- Scott Cowdell, *René Girard and Secular Modernity: Christ, Culture, and Crisis* in *International Journal of Public Theology* 8 (2014) 489-493.
- Jennifer Hockenbery Dragseth, ed., *The Devil's Whore: Reason and Philosophy in the Lutheran Tradition* in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:5 (2014) 970-971.
- Elena Fell, *Duration, Temporality, Self: Prospects for the Future of Bergsonism* in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:4 (2014) 719-720.
- Peter Fenves, *The Messianic Reduction: Walter Benjamin and the Shape of Time* in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:4 (2014) 724-725.
- Eric Severson, *Levinas's Philosophy of Time: Gift, Responsibility, Diachrony, Hope* in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:4 (2014) 743-745.
- Frank J. Matera, *God's Saving Grace: A Pauline Theology* in *Louvain Studies* 37 (2013) 77-80.
- Karen Kilby, *Balthasar: A (Very) Critical Introduction* in *Louvain Studies* 37 (2013) 91-93.
- Péter Losonczi, Mika Luoma-Aho and Aakash Singh, eds., *The Future of Political Theology: Religious and Theological Perspectives* in *Louvain Studies* 37 (2013) 93-95.
- Peter Admirand, *Amidst Mass Atrocity and the Rubble of Theology* in *Louvain Studies* 37 (2013) 399-402.

- Elizabeth Phillips, *Political Theology: A Guide for the Perplexed* in *International Journal of Public Theology* 7 (2013) 497-498.
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- Ulrich G. Leinsle, *Introduction to Scholastic Theology* in *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 89/1 (2013) 187-9.
- George Pattison, *God & Being: An Enquiry* in *The Heythrop Journal* 54 (2013) 318-319.
- Luke Timothy Johnson, *Prophetic Jesus, Prophetic Church: The Challenge of Luke-Acts to Contemporary Christians* in *Louvain Studies* 36 (2012) 400-402.
- Reinhard Hütter, *Dust Bound for Heaven: Explorations in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas* in *Louvain Studies* 36 (2012) 409-413.
- Gesa Elsbeth Thiessen, *Apostolic & Prophetic: Ecclesiological Perspectives* in *Louvain Studies* 36 (2012) 417-419.
- Chris Boesel, *Risking Proclamation, Respecting Difference: Christian Faith, Imperialistic Discourse, and Abraham* in *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 88/1 (2012) 208-9.
- J. Denny Weaver, *The Nonviolent Atonement* in *Louvain Studies* 36 (2012) 103-4.
- Georges De Schrijver, *The Political Ethics of Jean-François Lyotard and Jacques Derrida* in *Louvain Studies* 36 (2012) 106-7.
- Troels Nørager, *Taking Leave of Abraham: An Essay on Religion and Democracy* in *International Journal of Public Theology* 6:2 (2012) 5-6.
- Johan De Tavernier, Joseph Selling, Johan Verstraeten and Paul Schotsmans, eds., *Responsibility, God and Society: Theological Ethics in Dialogue. Festschrift Roger Burggraeve* in *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 87/4 (2011) 482-3.
- Randi L. Rashkover and Martin Kavka, eds., *Tradition in the Public Square: A David Novak Reader* in *International Journal of Public Theology* 5 (2011) 375-6.
- Mario I. Aguilar, *Contemplating God, Changing the World* in *International Journal of Public Theology* 5 (2011) 370.
- Bruce Ellis Benson and Norman Wirzba, eds., *Words of Life: New Theological Turns in French Phenomenology* in *Louvain Studies* 34 (2010) 411-12.
- Norman Wirzba and Bruce Ellis Benson, eds., *Transforming Philosophy and Religion: Love's Wisdom* in *Louvain Studies* 34 (2010) 409-10.
- Daniel A. Dombrowski, *A Platonic Philosophy of Religion: A Process Perspective* in *Louvain Studies* 34 (2010) 408-9.
- Thomas G. Guarino, *Vattimo and Theology* in *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 86/1 (2010) 504-506.
- Arvind Sharma and Katherine K. Young, eds., *Fundamentalism and Women in World Religions*, in *International Journal of Public Theology* 4 (2010) 119-127.

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- ‘Religion, Law and the Redoubling of Ideas’, *Canopy Forum: On the Interactions of Law & Religion*, 23 July 2021.  
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- ‘The Politics of Being: The Political Theology Implicit in Schrijver’s *Between Faith and Belief*’, *Syndicate*, 24 December 2018  
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- Interview with *Theology Research News*, ‘In between Philosophy and Theology’, 19 December 2018  
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- Interview with Márcia Junges, ‘A necessidade de uma outra política a partir da lei inoperante’, trans. Luísa Flores, *Review IHU On-Line* 505 (2017) 50-53.  
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- Interview with Mike Avery for *Daily Theology* podcast, Episode 8, 21 July 2015  
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- ‘Speaker examines role of virtue at BCU theology conference’, by Joanne Fox, *The Catholic Globe*, 2 April 2015, p. 17.
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<http://www.ihuonline.unisinos.br>, Universidade do Vale Rio dos Sinos, São Leopoldo, Brazil,  
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## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited presentations at conferences, symposia and colloquia**

*Common Home Digital Lexicon Symposium, Research Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon, Portugal, 25 January 2023*

‘Shamanistic and Magical Spiritualities as Contemporary Eco-Spiritualities’

*Roundtable Discussion, American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, 19 November 2022*

‘Fetish and Fetishization’

*Porticus Research Group, Faculty of Theology, KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, 27 June 2022*

‘Justifying the unjustifiable: Ecclesiology in a modern context’

*After Continental Philosophies and Colonial Christianities, PUC-Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, 9-13 May 2022*

‘The Ruins of Imperial History: Decolonial Dreaming in Continental Philosophy’

‘Critical Theory, Black Nihilism and the Ends of Continental Metaphysics’

‘Astrology, Witchcraft and Satanic Feminism: The Limits of Empowerment in Counter-Christian Negativities’

*Narrative Approaches to the Self, Center for the Advancement of the Humanities, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 29 April 2022*

‘The sovereignty of self-narrative: Exploring consciousness with positive and negative redoublings’

*Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM), Vienna, Austria, 13 October 2021*

‘Sovereignty and Political Mythologies’

*Roundtable discussion on Giorgio Agamben: Religião e Política, II Jornada Científica, PUC-Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, 28 September 2020*

‘Concluding reflections on Agamben’s *Homo Sacer* series’

*University of Vienna, Austria, 23 March 2019*

‘Dealing with necessary fictions: Gauging the import of Giorgio Agamben’s *Homo Sacer* series’

*Centre of Theology, Philosophy and Media Theory, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 21 March 2019*

‘Potentiality, Resistance and the Contemplation of the Inappropriate: On Agamben’s Re-use of Bodies’

*Scientific Meeting of the PPGCR Research Group PUC-Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, 11 May 2018*

‘Lights on the Contemporary: The Thinking of Giorgio Agamben in the contexts of globalization, economy, religion, politics and violence’

*(Keynote) Transforming Encounters and Critical Reflection Conference, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 17-18 August 2017*

‘The Fetishes of Theology: Agamben, Althaus-Reid and Mbembe on Thinking New Paths for Theological Thought’

*Department of Religious Studies, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa, 14 August 2017*

‘The Fetish of Theology: Locating Political Theology within the History of the Fetish-Object’

*Colloquium at School for Philosophy, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 11 August 2017*

‘Longing for Enchantment: The Fetish of Theology’

*A Transforming Encounters Diversity Panel: Transforming the Curriculum, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 10 August 2017*

‘Teaching Queer Theology as a Transformative Encounter’

*(Keynote) Politics, Economics, Theology: The Contributions of Giorgio Agamben’s Work, Universidade do Vale dos Sinos, São Leopoldo, Brazil, 23-24 May 2017*

‘Being and Acting, the Kingdom and the Glory: The Trinitarian *oikonomia* and the bipolarity of the governmental machine’

‘Glory as the central arcane of power and the ties between *oikonomia*, government and management’

*Between Eternity and Historicity: Exploring the ‘After’ of Christianity, Expert Seminar, Centre of Theology, Philosophy and Media Theory, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 9 May 2017*

‘Poverty of History, Poverty of Theology’

*Centre for Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion and Philosophy of Culture, Philosophy Institute, KU Leuven, Belgium, 9 December 2015*

‘Aesthetics and grace: Unpacking the purpose of purposelessness’

*Theology in a Postmodern Context Research Group, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium, 4 December 2015*

‘The negation of negation as a political theological movement: Rethinking negative theology’

*The Afternoon of Christianity: Church and Theology for a Post-Secular Age, A Templeton Colloquium at the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 15-17 November 2015*

‘The negation of negation as theological paradigm’

*Panel on ‘Van Gogh with Jaspers, Heidegger, Bataille, and Derrida’, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, 27-8 February 2014*

Response to Kevin M. Richards, ‘*Mal pointure* or if the shoe doesn’t fit...’

*The British School of Brussels, Brussels, Belgium, 12 June 2013*

‘What Is the Role of God in a Post-modern Society?’

*Doctoral Student Colloquium, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium, 5 June 2013*

‘Publishing your research in today’s academic context: Formulating your own strategies and best practices’

*Theology in a Postmodern Context Research Group, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium, 3 June 2013*

‘The Three Faces of the O/other: Negotiating the Self, the Other and Other Possible Sites of Revelation’

*Workshop on the writing of Peter Fenves, Workshop on the writing of Peter Fenves, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, 15 November 2012*

Response to Peter Fenves, *The Messianic Reduction*

*Derrida Today Conference, Irvine, California, 11-13 July 2012*

Moderator and respondent to a panel session on 'Derrida, Freud, and the Logic of the "As If"' with Stella Gaon, Karyn Ball and Bettino Bergo

*Faculty of Theology, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 24 November 2011*

'On the relationship between Agamben's early and more recent theological work'

*Symposium on Giorgio Agamben, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, 9 March 2011*

'The philosophy still to come: Benjamin and Agamben on the future of philosophy and theology'

### **Presentations at international conferences, symposia and colloquia**

*International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy, 7-9 May 2023*

'Revolution and Resonance: Herbert Marcuse and Hartmut Rosa on the Uncontrollability of Desire'

*International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy, 16-18 May 2022*

'From occult to cult: The circular logics of personality, the self and authority in Adorno's writings on astrology and authoritarianism'

*Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Leuven, Belgium, 20 October 2021*

'Capitalism as Religion: Uncovering the Metaphysics of the Sovereignty of Money'

*Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Leuven, Belgium, 25 October 2019*

'Mystical Theology without Sovereignty: Toward and Apophatic Political Theology'

*Catholic Imagination Conference, Loyola University Chicago, 21 September 2019*

'Moving Beyond Girard: Negativity, Nihilism and a Philosophy of Love'

*Catholic Conversion Narratives in Modernist Aesthetics, Loyola University Chicago, 16-17 April 2018*

'Reframing the scope of autobiographical theology in dialogue with French philosophical thought'

*Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Leuven, Belgium, 11-14 October 2017*

'Negative ecclesiology: Moving beyond polemics in contemporary accounts of liberalism and ecclesiology'

*International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy, 10-13 May 2017*

'The Necessary Fetish? Adorno and Lacan on the necessity of das Ding/the Thing'

*Society for Ricoeur Studies Annual Conference, De Paul University, Chicago 6-9 October 2016*

'From history to geography: Paul Ricoeur and René Girard on sacred sites and other monuments'

*Catholic Theological Society of America, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 8-12 June 2016*

'The Permanent Tension of Justice and Mercy: Putting Theological Aesthetics at the Center of Theological Discourse'

*Colloquium on the Theme of Religion and Violence, Loyola University Chicago, 18-19 April 2016*

'Reform or revolution? On the historical and practical role of violence in ecclesiastical structures'

*The Poetry and Poetic Life of Denise Levertov, Loyola University Chicago, 23-25 October 2015*

'On poetic self-creation and the sacramental imagination: Denise Levertov's formulation of a distinctive spirituality'

*Colloquium on Violence and Religion, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri, 8-12 July 2015*

‘Girard and Foucault on developing an archaeology of the sacred’

*International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy, 7-9 May 2015*

‘Adorno, aesthetic judgment and the tensions between law and grace’

*Midwest Region Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, Bourbonnais, Illinois, 6-8 February 2015*

‘Bible as Autobiography’

*American Academy of Religion annual conference, San Diego, California, 22-25 November 2014*

‘A brief history of the fetish-object: Locating a ‘transhuman’ sexuality within modern, colonial accounts of both fetishes and sacraments’

*Symposium on ‘Becoming the Body of Christ: Towards Eucharistic Communion’, Marymatha Major Seminary, Trichur, India, 11-12 July 2014*

‘The Real-ity of fetish-objects and sacramental presences’

*Society of Biblical Literature/European Association of Biblical Studies, Vienna, Austria, 6-10 July 2014*

‘Recovering both scripture and sacrament together: Post-Reformation theologies of a polyvocal and hybrid nature’

*International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy, 8-10 May 2014*

‘From the immanence of the object to transcendence and metaphysics: Making profitable connections between Theodor Adorno and Maurice Blondel’

*Sacred Places – Sacred Texts Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 21 November 2013*

‘On Scripture, Relics, Sacraments, and Fetishes: Establishing the Contours of a Sacred Geography’

*Critical Ethnic Studies Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 19-21 September 2013*

‘Sacrament or fetish?: Toward a postcolonial reappropriation of the fetish-object’

*International Critical Theory Conference, John Felice Rome Center, Rome, Italy, 6-8 May 2013*

‘Benjamin’s many fascinations: The ambiguities of the fetish-object in Benjamin’s work and its theological potential’

*‘Subverting the Norm II’, Drury University, Springfield, Missouri, 5-6 April 2013*

‘How do Christians form self-critical perspectives in today’s church? Four interrelated responses’

*2<sup>nd</sup> International McCormick Ethics Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, 18 March 2013*

‘Longing for enchantment: Theology as a fetishistic exercise’

*Society for Textual Scholarship, 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Chicago, Illinois, 6-8 March 2013*

‘Transforming scripture into a fetish-object: Late modern reflections on cultural and religious canonical texts’

*Derrida Today Conference, Irvine, California, 11-13 July 2012*

Moderator and Respondent to a panel session on ‘Derrida, Freud, and the Logic of the “As If” with Stella Gaon, Karyn Ball and Bettino Bergo; Also presented: ‘Suspended dialectics: Searching for a middle ground between Marx and Benjamin’ in a separate session

*Catholic Theological Society of America, Saint Louis, Missouri, 7-10 June 2012*

‘Sacrament as Fetish? The Irreducible Singularity of Sacramental Presence from a Postcolonial Perspective’



*Dutch Association of Aesthetics, Leuven, Belgium, 2-3 March 2012*

‘Aesthetics among the metaphysical ruins: A consideration of the fragmentary nature of modern thought in the works of Paul Celan and Fernando Pessoa’

*Latin American Congress on Paul Ricoeur’s Thought, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 28-30 November 2011*

‘The Levinasian core: On an ethical affinity between Judith Butler and Paul Ricoeur’

*Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, California, 9-12 June 2011*

Convened special session on ‘The Postmodern Saints of France’, presented paper, ‘Jean Genet versus *Saint Genet*: Seeking redemption on the edges’ in the same session

*Mysticism without Bounds conference, Dharmaram College/Christ University, Bangalore, India, 5-8 January 2011*

‘Confronting God “As Such”’: Between poetry and phenomenology in the “mysticism” of Jacques Derrida’

*Freud After Derrida: An International Interdisciplinary Conference, Winnipeg, Canada, 6-9 October 2010*

‘Beyond the Archive, Toward the Canon: The unstated debt to Derrida in the work of Giorgio Agamben’

*Derrida Today Conference, London, England, 19-21 July 2010*

‘Deconstruction as a “thwarted messianism”’: Giorgio Agamben’s reading of Jacques Derrida’

*Colloquium on Violence and Religion, Notre Dame, Indiana, 30 June - 4 July 2010*

‘The end of representation: The figure of the *homo sacer* in Giorgio Agamben and its affinity with the work of René Girard’

*Catholic Theological Society of America, Cleveland, USA, 10-13 June 2010*

‘Biopolitics and the theological body: Examining Giorgio Agamben’s anthropological claims’

*Conference on Continental Metaphysics, Dundee, Scotland, 27-28 March 2010*

‘Materialism as pantheistic animality: Giorgio Agamben and the silence of transcendence’

*Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Leuven, Belgium, 28-31 October 2009*

‘The canon as a working model of creation: Benjamin and Derrida on the possibility of justice in history’

*International Conference, International Walter Benjamin Association, Antwerp, Belgium, 14-17 September 2009*

‘The relationship of messianicity and canonicity: Benjamin’s contribution to a theory of monotheistic canon’

*Continental Philosophy of Religion Conference, Liverpool, England, 26-28 June 2009*

‘Canon as an act of creation: Giorgio Agamben and the extended logic of the messianic’

*UK-Ireland Society for Ricoeur Studies Conference, Canterbury, England, 23-24 June 2009*

‘The tensions of representation: Ricoeur on the theopolitical dimensions of hermeneutics’

*European Feminist Research Conference, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 4-7 June 2009*

‘Recognizing masculine domination in the Catholic Church: Engaging a contemporary cultural understanding of the self’ and ‘The position of the Centre for Women’s Studies Theology ad intra and ad extra’

*American Academy of Religion annual conference, Chicago, USA, 1-3 November 2008*

‘How Theological Remains the ‘Psycho-politico-theological’?: A Christian response to Jewish thought in the works of Eric L. Santner and Judith Butler’

*Paul Ricoeur: Poetics and Religion, Leuven, Belgium, 28-31 October 2008*

‘The Absent Notion of Canonicity in Paul Ricoeur’s *Memory, History, Forgetting*’

### **General and Informal Presentations**

*Revantage Corporate Services, Chicago, 28 June 2023*

‘This Talk Will Likely Be a Failure: The Creative Truth of Emptiness’

*Aquarius Collective Summit, Chicago, 13 June 2023*

‘Synchronicity’

*Theology Tertulia, Theology Department, Loyola University Chicago, 24 February 2023*

‘William Desmond, Jean-Luc Marion, Redoubling and the Enduring (Mis)Readings of Hegel’

*Professional Development Panel, Loyola University Chicago/Marquette University Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago, 21 January 2023*

‘A How-To Regarding Conference Mechanics’

*Thursday Night Catholic Studies Talk Series, Ignatius House, Loyola University Chicago, 10 November 2022*

‘Living Goodness, Truth and Beauty: Theology as a Way of Life’

*First United Methodist Church, Mattoon, Illinois, 18 May 2021*

‘Introduction to Roman Catholicism’

*Second First Church, Rockford, Illinois, 7 February 2021*

‘Practicing Theology as Autobiography’

*Theology Department Colloquium on the Future of Theology, Loyola University Chicago, 21 March 2018*

‘What Is the Future of Theology?’

*Roundtable Discussion on Political Theology, Loyola University Chicago, 22 February 2018*

‘Exploring the Pasts and Futures of Political Theology’, with Adam Kotsko, Stephanie Frank and Florian Klug

*Transforming Encounters and Critical Reflection Research Group Workshop, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 16 August 2017*

‘Comparative Cosmopolitan Philosophy as the End of (Western) Philosophy: On decolonizing the curriculum’

*Panel on Queer Theology, Theta Alpha Kappa event, Loyola University Chicago, 10 April 2017*

‘Queering our imagination: Iconoclastic images of Jesus and Mary’

*Panel on Political Theology, Loyola University Chicago, 22 March 2017*

‘What Is Political Theology?’

*Theology Department Graduate Caucus, Loyola University Chicago, 15 March 2017*

‘Publishing and Scholarly Writing in Today’s Academy’

- Gannon Scholar University 101 Research Course, 13 March 2017*  
 ‘Keys to Successful Undergraduate Research in the Humanities’
- St. Nicholas Parish, Evanston, IL 20 November 2016*  
 ‘The Problems and Politics of Suffering and Evil’
- Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, IL, 10 May 2016*  
 ‘Finding Healing in a Time of Political and Religious Violence’
- Focus on Teaching and Learning, Loyola University Chicago, 13 August 2015*  
 ‘Approaching the Bridge: Service and Justice in the Context of Diversity’, with Jon Schmidt, April Gutierrez and Megan Barry
- Modernism’s Legacies: (Post)Postmodernism, Loyola University Chicago, 11 April 2015*  
 Roundtable discussion participant
- Great Plains Undergraduate Theology Conference, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, Iowa, 27 March 2015*  
 ‘Finding a place for virtue today: A theological account of the need for putting proper things in their proper place’
- Chicago Archdiocese Gay and Lesbian Outreach (AGLO), Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Chicago, 15 February 2015*  
 ‘Queer? Theology?: An Introduction to Queer Theologies’
- Newman Lecture, Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago, 10 February 2015*  
 ‘Life in Dialogue with Faith: The Subtle Complexities of an Ongoing Conversion’
- Peace & Justice Faculty Research Series, Loyola University Chicago, 4 February 2015*  
 ‘The seeds of nonviolence lie in a self-critical theology’
- Little Flower Seminary, Aluva, India, 12 July 2014*  
 ‘On Faith and America’
- Kolbe Franciscan Asbram, Aluva, India, 15 July 2014*  
 ‘Conversion and Vocation’
- Senior Summer School, Loyola University Chicago Water Tower Campus, 3 July 2014*  
 ‘What is the real challenge of atheism today? Finding faith and reason in our modern world’
- Senior Summer School, Loyola University Chicago Water Tower Campus, 25 June 2014*  
 ‘Trying to understand the relationship between politics and faith: Looking to history for more than just answers, and finding that it often reframes the questions’
- Panel on Queer Theology, Theta Alpha Kappa event, Loyola University Chicago, 26 March 2014*  
 ‘Theology? Queer? A Short History of the Challenge of Queer Theology’
- Advocate Student Group, Loyola University Chicago, 30 January 2014*  
 ‘An Introduction to Queer Theology’
- Theology Department Graduate Caucus, Loyola University Chicago, 13 November 2013*  
 ‘The Spirituality of Writing’
- Majors/Minors in Theology and Religious Studies, Loyola University Chicago, 4 September 2013*

‘Discussing Graduate School Options’

*Phenomenology Research Group, Loyola University Chicago, 16 March 2013*

‘Queering phenomenology: Recent engagements with phenomenological methods’

*Marquette University-Loyola University Chicago Graduate Theological Colloquium, Marquette University, 16 February 2013*

‘The Future of Christian Theology’

*Majors/Minors in Theology and Religious Studies, Loyola University Chicago, 24 October 2012*

‘Ghosts, Holy or Otherwise’

*Theology Department Graduate Caucus, Loyola University Chicago, 15 October 2012*

‘Strategies and suggestions for effective guest lecturing in a classroom setting’

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- Editorial Board member for *Ephata: Revista Portuguesa de Teologia*, 2022-present
- Editorial Board member for *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*, 2017-2020
- Editorial Board member for *Indian Journal of Philosophy and Religion*, 2018-present
- Editorial Board member for *Transformation in Higher Education*, 2018-2022
- Editorial Council member for *Reflexão*, 2018-present
- International Advisory Board member for *Louvain Studies*, 2014-present
- Scientific committee member for the *Anais do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ciências da Religião da PUC-Campinas*, 2020-present
- Member of the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) *Review College*, 2021-2026
- Member of the European Science Foundation’s *College of Expert Reviewers*, 2020-present
- International Advisory Board member for the Centre of Theology, Philosophy and Media Theory, Katholická Teologická Fakulta, Univerzita Karlova, Prague, 2017-2019
- Served as an article reviewer for the following journals:
  - *Modern Theology*
  - *Journal of Religion*
  - *Critical Research on Religion*
  - *Political Theology*
  - *Louvain Studies*
  - *Religions*
  - *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology*
  - *International Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*
  - *Comparative Literature & Culture*
  - *Acta Academica*
  - *Arc: The Journal of the School of Religious Studies*
  - *Open Theology*
  - *Theology and Sexuality*
  - *Mosaic*
  - *Modern Believing*
  - *Studies in Christian Ethics*
  - *Horizons*
  - *The Journal of European Studies*
  - *Studia Phaenomenologica*
  - *Contagion*
  - *Literature and Theology*
  - *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*
  - *St. Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology*
  - *Open Philosophy*
- Served as an external reviewer for monographs with Fordham University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, Edinburgh University Press, Bloomsbury Publishing, SUNY Press and University of Notre Dame Press.

- Served as an external referee for postdoctoral funding applications for the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) (Flemish Research Foundation), the European Science Foundation and the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB).
- Served as an external referee for professional research grants for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

### ***ACADEMIC AWARDS AND GRANTS***

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- Grants (2) for Manuscript Publication Assistance, Office of Research Services, Loyola University, Chicago, 2023
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- Faculty mentor to undergraduate Social Justice Research Fellowship scholar Isabella Cook, Loyola Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (LUROP), Loyola University Chicago, 2022-2024
- Recipient of a Loyola University Summer Research Stipend for the project 'Positive and Negative Redoubling as a New Perspective on Metaphysics', Chicago, 2021
- Recipient of a Loyola University semester Research Leave for the project 'Critique of Christianity and Atheism: Continental Philosophy's Contributions to Dispelling the Christian/Atheist Divide', 2021
- Recipient of a Loyola University Summer Research Stipend for the project 'Roman Pilgrimage in a Contemporary Context', Chicago, 2019
- Recipient of a Loyola University Summer Research Stipend for the project '*The Form-of-Life Lived Beyond the Law: An Introduction to Giorgio Agamben's Homo Sacer Series*', Chicago, 2018
- Recipient of a Loyola University Summer Research Stipend for the project 'Moving Beyond Dualistic Theologies: Charting the Future Course of Theology as a Complex and Comparative Endeavor', Chicago, 2017
- Faculty mentor to undergraduate research award winner Lex Podell, Johnson Scholarship Fund, Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, Loyola University Chicago, 2016-2018
- Grants (3) for Manuscript Publication Assistance, Office of Research Services, Loyola University, Chicago, 2015
- Recipient of a Loyola University Summer Research Stipend for the project 'Theology as Autobiography: Exploring the Significance of Spiritual Memoir as a Model for the Practice of Theology', Chicago, 2015
- Recipient of Sujack 'Master Researcher' Award, Loyola University Chicago, 16 April 2014
- Faculty mentor to undergraduate research award winner Elizabeth Sextro, Johnson Scholarship Fund, Gannon Center for Women and Leadership, Loyola University Chicago, 2014-2016
- Recipient of a Loyola University Summer Research Stipend for the project 'The immanent transcendence of fetish-objects: Re-thinking political theology from a postcolonial perspective', Chicago, 2014
- Supplemental Travel Request funding for SBL conference in Vienna, Austria from the College of Arts & Sciences, Loyola University, Chicago, 2014
- Grant from Office of Research Services for Visiting Fellowship to K.U. Leuven, 2013
- Grants (2) for Manuscript Publication Assistance, Office of Research Services, Loyola University, Chicago, 2012
- Scholarship of the Research Council (DBOF), K.U. Leuven, 2008-2012
- Travel grant by the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) Research Foundation, Flanders for the Catholic Theological Society of America, annual conference, Saint Louis, Missouri, 2012

- Travel grant by the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) Research Foundation, Flanders for the conference ‘Mysticism without Bounds’, Bangalore, India, *2011*
- Travel grant by the Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO) Research Foundation, Flanders the ‘Latin American Congress on Paul Ricoeur’s Thought’, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, *2011*
- Travel grant by Academische Stichting Leuven for the ‘Latin American Congress on Paul Ricoeur’s Thought’, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, *2011*
- Travel grant by the Catholic Theological Society of America, annual conference, San Jose, California, *2011*
- Travel grant by the ‘Colloquium on Violence and Religion’, Notre Dame, Indiana, *2010*
- Travel grant by the ‘Freud After Derrida: An International Interdisciplinary Conference’, Winnipeg, Canada, *2010*
- Awarded ‘Duke Scholar’, Duke University, *1998- 2000*