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Education

- Ph.D. in systematic theology from Boston College (1997–2003)
- Theological study at University of Fribourg, Switzerland (2002–03)
- Theological and philosophical study at University of Tübingen, Germany (1996–97)
- B.A. (theology, history) from Boston College (1992–96)

Professional Experience

- Professor of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University (2018–)
- Steber Chair in Theological Studies (rotating appointment), Saint Louis University (2018–2022)
- Associate Professor of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University (2011–2018)
- Assistant Professor of Theological Studies, Saint Louis University (2007–2011)
- Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Loyola University, New Orleans (2003–2007)

Research Fellowships/Awards (excluding minor internal grants and travel grants)

- National Institute of Newman Studies, Experienced Scholar Grant, two weeks (2018, 2023)
- Saint Louis University, Beaumont Research Award (2022–23)
- Humboldt Foundation, Renewed Research Stay, three months (Berlin, summer 2019)
- Saint Louis University, Summer Research Award, two months (2017)
- Humboldt Foundation, Experienced Researcher Grant, eleven months (Mainz, 2015–2016)
- Thiel Foundation, Monograph Grant, one-semester course release (2012)
- University of Fribourg, Dissertation Scholarship, Fribourg, Switzerland, ten months (2002–03)
- DAAD, Summer Research Grant, three months (Tübingen, 2000)
- Fulbright Foundation, Research Grant, eleven months (Tübingen, 1996–97)

Summer Teaching Invitations

- “Understanding Faith in a Secular Age: The Thought of René Girard,” Lumen Christi Summer Seminar for Undergraduate Students. July 2021, 2023, 2024; June 2025. Los Angeles and Palo Alto, California
- “The Thought of René Girard,” Lumen Christi Summer Seminar for Graduate Students. July 2019. Avignon, France

Publications

Books

1. *Answering the Enlightenment: The Catholic Recovery of Historical Revelation* (Crossroad/Herder, 2006).
2. *Faithfully Seeking Understanding: The Selected Writings of Johannes Kuhn*, edited and translated by Grant Kaplan (Catholic University of America Press, 2009).
3. *René Girard, Unlikely Apologist: Mimetic Theory and Fundamental Theology* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2016; 2022 in paperback).

4. *Faith and Reason through Christian History: A Theological Essay* (Catholic University of America Press, 2022).
5. *Oxford History of Modern German Theology, Volume 1: 1781–1848*, edited by Grant Kaplan and Kevin Vander Schel (Oxford University Press, 2023).
6. Johann Adam Möhler's *New Considerations of the Doctrinal Differences between Catholics and Protestants*, translated by Grant Kaplan (Catholic University of America Press, est. 2026).
7. Johann Sebastian Drey's *On the Spirit and Essence of Catholicism*, co-translated with Jordan Daniel Wood (University of Notre Dame Press, est. 2026).

Journal Articles

1. "What Has Ethics to Do with Rhetoric? Prolegomena to Any Future Just War Theory," in *Political Theology* 6:1 (2005): 31–49.
2. "Diagnosing Modernity: Eric Voegelin's Impact on the Worldview of Walker Percy," in *Religion and the Arts* 15 (Summer 2011): 338–68.
3. "Getting History into Religion? Appropriating Nostra Aetate for the 21st Century," in *Heythrop Journal* 52 (Fall 2011): 802–21.
4. "Widening the Dialectic: Secularity and Christianity in Conversation," in *Lonergan Workshop Journal* 24 (2013): 133–68.
5. "New Paths for a Girard/Lonergan Conversation: An Essay in Light of Robert Doran's *The Trinity in History*," in *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies* 4:1 (2013): 23–38.
6. "Vatican II as a Constitutional Text of Faith," in *Horizons* 41:1 (June 2014): 1–21.
7. "Between Rome and Tübingen: Rethinking Johann Adam Möhler's Political Theology," in *Journal of Church and State* 58:2 (Spring 2016): 234–60.
8. "Retrieval and Renewal: Chenu, the Tübingen School, and the Renewal of Theological Method in *Optatam Totius*," in *Theological Studies* 77:3 (September 2016): 567–92.
9. "What Has Prussia to Do with Tübingen? The Political-Ecclesial Context of Möhler's *Symbolik*," in *Pro Ecclesia* 27:1 (2018): 81–112.
10. "Did Schelling Live on in Catholic Theology? An Examination of his Influence on Catholic Tübingen," in *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* 80:1 (2019): 57–70.
11. "Locating Newman: Faith and Reason in Newman and the Johannes Kuhn," in *Newman Studies Journal* 16:2 (2019): 5–27.
12. "Revisiting Johannes Eck: The Leipzig Debate as the Beginning of the Reformation," in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 24:2 (March 2021): 73–97.
13. "Resurrecting Tradition: The Challenge From and Towards Kelly Brown Douglas's *Resurrecting Hope*," in *Black Theology Papers Project*, 8:1 (2022): 1–4
<https://journals.library.columbia.edu/index.php/btpp/article/view/12516/6192>.
14. "Escalation to Academic Extremes? Revisiting Academic Rivalry in the Möhler/Baur Debate," in *Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture* 30 (Spring 2023): 163–82.
15. "Enhancing Ressourcement: Johann Adam Möhler's Retrieval of Anselm," in *Theological Studies* 84:2 (2023): 312–36.
16. "Catholic Theology and Catholic Higher Education in the United States: Looking Backward and Forward," in *Concilium: International Journal for Theology* (2023:5): 36–45.
17. "Newman's Theology of Tradition Then and Now: A Historiographic Overview," in *Newman Studies Journal* 21:2 (Winter 2024): 26–49.
18. "The Sensus Fidelium and the Sense of Tradition: Newman and the Present Moment," accepted for publication in *Newman Studies Journal* 22:2 (2025):

Chapters in Edited Books

1. "Saint vs. Hero: René Girard's Undoing of Romantic Hagiology," in *Postmodern Saints of France*, ed. Colby Dickinson (T&T Clark/Continuum, 2013): 153–67.

2. "Freiheit in der Dogmengeschichte? Das Verständnis kirchlicher Freiheit in der Tübinger Schule im Gespräch mit Raymund Schwagers Lehre von der Dogmenentwicklung," in *Das Drama der Freiheit im Disput: Das Kerngedanken der Theologie Raymund Schwagers*, ed. Jozef Niewiadomski (Herder Verlag, 2017): 213–29.
3. "The New Atheism: Dawkins, Harris, Hitchens," in *The Palgrave Handbook of Mimetic Theory and Religion*, eds. Wolfgang Palaver and James Alison (Palgrave MacMillan, 2017): 423–30.
4. (with Holly Taylor Coolman) "The Development of Doctrine: The Tübingen School and John Henry Newman" in *Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology*, eds. Lewis Ayres and Medi Volpe (Oxford University Press, 2019): 612–29.
5. "Theology as *Wissenschaft* in the Catholic Tübingen School: J.S. Drey and J. Kuhn," in *Theology, History, and the Modern University*, eds. Michael DeJonge and Kevin Vander Schel (Mohr Siebeck, 2021), 115–34.
6. "René Girard," in *The New Apologetics: Defending the Faith in a Post-Christian Era*, ed. Matthew Nelson (Park Ridge, IL: Word on Fire, 2022), 101–5.
7. "The Catholic Tübingen School in its First Generation," in *Oxford History of Modern German Theology. Volume 1: 1781–1848*, eds. Grant Kaplan and Kevin Vander Schel (Oxford University Press, 2023), 422–38.
8. (with Kevin Vander Schel) "Volume Introduction," in *Oxford History of Modern German Theology. Volume 1: 1781–1848*, eds. Grant Kaplan and Kevin Vander Schel (Oxford University Press, 2023), 6–12.
9. "Schleiermacher's Influence on Roman Catholic Theology," in *Oxford Handbook of Friedrich Schleiermacher*, eds. Dole, Poe, and Vander Schel (Oxford University Press, 2023), 557–74.
10. "Modernity and Postmodernity," in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, 2nd edition, eds. Bauerschmidt, Buckley, Martin, and Pomplun (Wiley-Blackwell, 2024), 87–100.
11. "Does the Neckar Flow into the Tiber? Walter Kasper's and the Roman School's Theology of Tradition," in *The Roman School: Nineteenth-Century Jesuit Theology and Its Achievements*, eds. Levering, Pidel, and Anderson (Leiden: Brill, 2024): 261–83.
12. "All Desire is a Desire for Lila? Imitation, Desire, and Novelistic Conversion in Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan Quartet" in *Analogy, Desire, and Imitation*, ed. Philip Gonzales (Wipf & Stock, est. 2025).
13. "Johann Adam Möhler," in *T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*, eds. Philip Ziegler and David Nelson (T&T Clark, 2025).
14. "Roman Catholic Perspectives: The Nineteenth Century," in *Oxford Handbook of the Reception of Christian Theology*, eds. Sarah Coakley and Richard Cross (est. 2026).
15. "Reception of the Catholic Tübingen School," in *Oxford History of Modern German Theology. Volume 3*, ed. Michael DeJonge (Oxford University Press, est. 2027).
16. "Mimesis, Inter-dividuality, and the Threat of Religious Violence in the Thought of René Girard," in *Individuality and Personhood in Ancient and Modern Thought*, eds. Lydia Schumacher and Christoph Marksches (De Gruyter, est. 2027).

Public-Facing Scholarship

1. "The Legacy of John Paul II," in *New Orleans Times-Picayune* and *Dallas-Fort Star Telegram*. April 2005 editorial.
2. "Remembering Boston," in *Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education* 27 (Spring 2005): 48–51.
3. "Review" of John Jay Hughes, *No Ordinary Fool* in *St. Louis Review* (29 August, 2008)
4. "Interview with René Girard" in *First Things online*
<https://www.firstthings.com/webexclusives/2008/11/an-interview-with-rene-girard>. (6 November, 2008).
5. "Privileged Childhood," in *Commonweal* (8 October, 2010): 31.
6. "A Brief Primer on Christian Forgiveness," in *University News* (16 April, 2013).

7. "Celibacy as Political Resistance," in *First Things* 239 (January, 2014): 49–54.
8. "Renewing the Tradition: The Theological Project of James Alison," in *America Magazine* 210 (19 May, 2014): 25–27.
9. "René Girard and the Peculiar Nature of Human Desiring," in *America Magazine online* <http://www.americamagazine.org/issue/rene-girard-and-peculiar-nature-human-desiring> (6 November, 2015).
10. "From Tübingen to the Tiber: An Interview with Peter Hünemann," in *Commonweal* 143 (7 October, 2016): 25–29.
11. "A Castle of Thought," in *First Things online* <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2017/07/a-castle-of-thought> (11 July, 2017).
12. "Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Theology's Oldest Journal," in *Church Life Journal* <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/celebrating-200-years-of-catholic-theologys-oldest-journal/> (4 March, 2019).
13. (with Anna Bonta Moreland) "Kindling the Desire to Find All Things in God," in *Church Life Journal* <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/kindling-the-desire-to-find-god-in-all-things/> (15 August, 2019)
14. "What 19th-Century German anti-Catholicism Can Teach Us about Our Own Church," in *America Magazine* 221:7 (30 September, 2019): 36–39.
15. "Secularism as Sexism," in *First Things* (August/September, 2020): 59–61.
16. "Reflections on the Coronavirus Pandemic: Scapegoating in St. Louis, Missouri," in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion* 64 (May 2020): <https://violenceandreligion.com/bulletin-64-may-2020/-STLMO>
17. "Sed Contra: How to Deal with Theologians Tweeting Badly," in *Political Theology Network* <https://politicaltheology.com/sed-contra-how-to-deal-with-theologians-tweeting-badly/> (21 July, 2020)
18. "René Girard: The Last Nietzschean," in *Church Life Journal* <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/rene-girard-the-last-nietzschean/> (23 December, 2020)
19. "Girard, Scapegoating, and the Antidote to Annihilation" Interview in *Word on Fire Blog* <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/kaplan-interview-part-i-girard-scapegoating-and-the-antidote-to-annihilation/30627/> (22 April, 2021)
20. "Our Victim is Better than your Victim" Interview in *Word on Fire Blog* <https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/kaplan-interview-part-ii-our-victim-is-a-better-victim-than-your-victim/30490/> (26 April, 2021)
21. "A Crisis in Catholic Theology" in *America Magazine* 224:7 (June 2021), 20–25.
22. "Interview: Cesar Chavez's Lawyer on the Faith and Nonviolence That Led to the Best Labor Law in the Country" *America Magazine Online* <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2021/09/06/cesar-chavez-jerry-cohen-united-farm-workers-labor-241341> (September 2021).
23. "From Religion to Politics: *The Religious Revolution*, by Dominic Green," in *First Things* 336 (November 2023): 62–64.
24. "Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, and the Communion of Saints," in *America Magazine Online* <https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2025/02/07/kaplan-dylan-guthrie-thoughts-woody-249845> (7 February, 2025).
25. "The Quest for the Catholic Beethoven," in *Compact*: <https://www.compactmag.com/article/the-quest-for-the-catholic-beethoven/> (28 March, 2025).

Encyclopedia Articles

1. "Johann Adam Möhler," and "Catholic Tübingen School," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, edited by George Kurian (Oxford: Wiley/Blackwell, 2012).
2. "Johannes Kuhn," in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception. Volume 15*, edited by Sebastian Fuhrmann (De Gruyter, 2017), 490–91.

Book Reviews

1. Sic et Non: Encountering Dominus Iesus, eds. Stephen Pope and Charles Hefling, in *Heythrop Journal* 44:4 (Fall 2003): 521–23.
2. Frederick Beiser, German Idealism: The Struggle Against Subjectivism in *Review of Metaphysics* 57 (December 2003): 385–87.
3. David B Hart, The Beauty of the Infinite in *Nova et Vetera* 2 (Fall 2004): 538–42.
4. Robert Miner, Truth in the Making in *The Thomist* 69 (January 2005): 165–69.
5. Jerry Day, Voegelin, Schelling, and the Philosophy of Historical Existence in *Nova et Vetera* 3 (Fall 2005): 859–62.
6. Lawrence Cunningham, A Brief History of Saints in *Religious Studies Review* 32 (January 2006): 48–49.
7. Michael Buckley, Denying and Disclosing God. The Ambiguous Progress of Modern Atheism in *Nova et Vetera* 4 (Winter 2006): 205–8.
8. Julian Young, Nietzsche's Philosophy of Religion in *Review of Metaphysics* 61 (September 2007): 171–72.
9. Johann Adam Möhler, The Spirit of Celibacy, eds. Dieter Hattrup and Rev. Emery de Gaal in *Nova et Vetera* 7:2 (Spring 2009): 529–32.
10. William Cavanaugh, The Myth of Religious Violence. Secular Ideology and the Roots of Modern Conflict in *Theological Studies* 71 (June 2010): 479–81.
11. Michael Printy, Enlightenment and the Creation of German Catholicism in *Theological Studies* 71 (June 2010): 468–70.
12. John J. Ranieri, Disturbing Revelation: Leo Strauss, Eric Voegelin, and the Bible in *Review of Politics* 72:3 (2010): 555–57.
13. David G. Schultenover, S.J. ed., The Reception of Pragmatism in France & the Rise of Roman Catholic Modernism, 1890–1914 in *Catholic Historical Review* 96:4 (2010): 745–47.
14. Miriam Pawel, The Union of Their Dreams. Power, Hope, and Struggle in Cesar Chavez's Farm Worker Movement in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion* 37 (October 2010): 20–22.
15. Jonathan Israel, A Revolution of the Mind: Radical Enlightenment and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Democracy in *Christian Century* 128:2 (25 January, 2011): 36–37.
16. Hubert Wolf, Pope and Devil. The Vatican's Archives and the Third Reich in *Review of Politics* 73:3 (2011): 502–3.
17. Robert Daly, Sacrifice Unveiled. The True Meaning of Christian Sacrifice in *Political Theology* 13:2 (Spring 2012): 267–69.
18. Michael Legaspi, The Death of Scripture and the Rise of Biblical Studies in *Theological Studies* 73 (September 2012): 694–96.
19. Ulrich Lehner, Enlightened Monks: The German Benedictines 1740–1803 in *Pro Ecclesia* (2013): 230–34.
20. Scott Cowdell, René Girard and Secular Modernity: Christ, Culture, and Crisis in *Theological Studies* 75:1 (2014): 178–79.
21. Gideon Freudenthal, No Religion Without Idolatry: Mendelssohn's Jewish Enlightenment in *Review of Metaphysics* 68:1 (September 2014): 161–63.
22. Mathias Moosbrugger, Die Rehabilitierung des Opfers. Zum Dialog zwischen René Girard und Raymund Schwager um die Angemessenheit der Rede vom Opfer im christlichen Kontext in *Theological Studies* 76:1 (2015): 192–93.
23. Christine Helmer, Theology and the End of Doctrine in *Theological Studies* 76:4 (2015): 862–63.
24. René Girard and Raymund Schwager: Correspondence 1974–1991 in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion* 50 (December 2016).
25. Ulrich Lehner, The Catholic Enlightenment: The Forgotten History of a Global Movement in *Modern Theology* 33:3 (July 2017): 488–490.

26. Thomas Albert Howard, The Pope and the Professor: Pius IX, Ignaz von Döllinger, and the Quandary of the Modern Age in *First Things* 278 (December, 2017): 56–57.
27. Raymund Schwager, Gesammelte Schriften Band 2: Brauchen wir einen Sündenbock? Gewalt und Erlösung in den biblischen Schriften, eds. Mathias Moosbrugger and Karin Peter in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion* 55 (February 2018).
28. Ferdinand Christian Baur and the History of Early Christianity, eds. Bauspiess, Landmesser, and Lincicum, trans. Brown and Hodgson in *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 20:3 (2018): 443–47.
29. Ferdinand Christian Baur, Church and Theology in the Nineteenth Century, ed. Peter Hodgson in *Reading Religion* (AAR online reviews) September, 2018:
<http://readingreligion.org/books/church-and-theology-nineteenth-century>
30. Neil Ormerod, Faith and Reason. The Possibility of a Christian Philosophy in *Horizons* 45:2 (December 2018): 494–95.
31. Cynthia Haven, Evolution of Desire: A Life of René Girard in *Pro Ecclesia* 28:2 (May 2019): 214–17.
32. Zachary Purvis, Theology and the University in Nineteenth-Century Germany in *Journal of Modern History* 91:2 (June 2019): 466–68.
33. Johann Sebastian Drey, Sur l'Esprit et l'Essence du Catholicisme (1819) in *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique* 115/1-2 (2020): 396–99.
34. Trevor Cribben Merrill, Minor Indignities in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion* (December, 2020).
35. Aidan Nichols, Romance and System. The Theological Synthesis of Matthias Joseph Scheeben in *Scottish Journal of Theology* 75 (2022), 191–92.
36. Reinhard Hütter, John Henry Newman on Truth & its Counterfeits in *Modern Theology* 39 (2023): 349–52.
37. Michael Seewald, Theories of Doctrinal Development in the Catholic Church in *Theological Studies* 84/4 (2023): 731–32.
38. Brian Robinette, The Difference Nothing Makes: Creation, Christ, Contemplation in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion* 79 (February 2024): <https://violenceandreligion.com/bulletin-79-february-2024/>.
39. Andreas Holzem, Christianity in Germany 1550–1850: Confessionalization – Enlightenment – Pluralization *Church History* 93/3 (2024): 679–81.
40. Chelsea Jordan King, Reclaiming Sacrifice. Integrating Girardian and Feminist Insights on the Cross in *Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion* (2025)
41. René Girard, All Desire is a Desire for Being. Essential Writings Selected by Cynthia Haven in *Dappled Things: a quarterly of ideas, art, & faith* 20/3 (2025): 79–82.

Translations

1. *What Big Ears You Have? The Theologians' Red Riding Hood* by Otto Hermann Pesch. Liturgical Press, 2000.
2. “Gender Difference: Critical Questions concerning Gender Studies,” by Hanna-Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz, in *Women in Christ: Toward a New Feminism*, edited by Michele Schumacher. Eerdmans, 2004, 3–16.
3. “Happiness,” by Georg Wieland in *The Ethics of Aquinas*. Edited by Stephen J. Pope. Georgetown University Press, 2004, 57–68.
4. “Grace,” by Theobald Kobusch in *The Ethics of Aquinas*, 207–22.
5. “The Theological Virtue of Charity,” by Eberhard Schockenhoff in *The Ethics of Aquinas*, 244–58.
6. “Josef Pieper and the Spiritual Foundations of Totalitarianism,” by Franz Töpfer. In *A Cosmopolitan Hermit: Modernity and Tradition in the Philosophy of Josef Pieper*. Edited by Bernard Schumacher. Catholic University of America Press, 2009, 63–87.

Papers Given (Panel Participation, Convening, and Local Institution not Listed)

Conferences and Workshops (external to home institution)

1. "Living Tradition and Historical Revelation in the Thought of Johannes Kuhn," Catholic Theological Society of America. Miami, FL. June, 1999.
2. "Between Revelation and Idealism—Friedrich Schelling's Biblical Hermeneutics," College Theology Society. Portland, OR. June, 2001.
3. "After Scandal: What the Catholic Church Can Learn from Radical Islam," International Society for Universal Dialogue. Olympia, Greece. May, 2003.
4. "Johann Adam Möhler as Church Historian," American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA, November, 2003.
5. "Both/And? Towards a Pluralistic Evangelization," College Theology Society. Mobile, AL. June, 2005.
6. "The Suicide of Thought: Reflections on Voegelin and Walker Percy," American Political Science Association/Eric Voegelin Society. Washington, D.C. September, 2005.
7. "Bernard Lonergan's Philosophy of Revelation," Third International Lonergan Workshop. Mainz, Germany. January, 2007.
8. "New Perspectives in Enlightenment Research: The Catholic Tübingen School," American Catholic Historical Association. New York. January, 2009.
9. "Genealogies of Modernity and Post-Secular Space: Bridging Girard and Taylor" Mater Dei Institute. Dublin. June, 2009.
10. "Enlightenment and the Religious Turn," Baylor University Conference on Secularization and Revival. Waco, TX. October, 2009.
11. "Widening the Dialectic: Secularity and Christianity in Conversation," Lonergan Workshop. Boston, MA. June, 2010.
12. "Girard Behind Bars: Teaching Mimetic Theory to Convicts," Colloquium on Violence & Religion. University of Notre Dame. July, 2010.
13. "Overcoming Romantic Pelagianism: Mimetic Theory's Contribution to Hagiography," Catholic Theological Society of America. San Jose, CA. June, 2011.
14. "Apocalypse and Unveiling: A Girardian Account of Revelation," College Theology Society. San Antonio, TX. June, 2012.
15. "Beyond Continuity vs. Rupture: Vatican II as a Constitutional Text of Faith," American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL. November, 2012.
16. "*Dialektiker* of Enlightenment? Johann Adam Möhler as Political Theologian," Academy of Catholic Theology. Washington, D.C. May, 2013.
17. "Apologies Worth Apologizing For: Imagining a Girardian Ecclesiology," Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Cedar Falls, IA. July, 2013.
18. "Between Rome and Tübingen: The Political Theology of Johann Adam Möhler," American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, MD. November, 2013.
19. "For and Against Nietzsche: Assessing Girard's Interpretation," Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Freising, Germany. July, 2014.
20. "Scott Cowdell's *René Girard and Secular Modernity: Christ, Culture, and Crisis*. A Reflection," American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November, 2014.
21. "18th- and 19th-Century Challenges to Catholic Theology," Academy of Catholic Theology. Washington, D.C. May, 2015.
22. "The Impact of Möhler on French Theology of Renewal and the Transformation of Theological Education," Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology X. Leuven, Belgium. October, 2015.

23. "Freiheit in der Dogmengeschichte? Johann Adam Möhlers Verstehen der kirchlichen Freiheit im Horizont seiner Engagement mit der Kirchenväter," Symposium zum 80. Geburtstag Raymund Schwager, S.J. Innsbruck, Austria. December, 2015.
24. "Johann Adam Möhler's Phenomenology of Protestantism," Symposium on Rethinking the Reformation. Edinburgh, United Kingdom. January, 2016.
25. "Did Schelling Live on in Catholic Theology? An Examination of his Influence on the Catholic Tübingen School," Schelling's Afterlives Workshop. Münster, Germany. March, 2016.
26. "The Apologetic Legacy of René Girard," American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. November, 2016.
27. "The Theological Project of Frederick Lawrence," American Academy of Religion, pre-session. Boston, MA. November, 2017.
28. "Re-sourcing the Nature-Grace Debate: Johannes Kuhn and the Nature-Grace Debate of the 1860s," Catholic Theological Society of America. Indianapolis, IN. June, 2018.
29. "The Hermeneutics of Revelation: Girard and Marion in Conversation," Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Denver, CO. July, 2018.
30. "Reception of the Catholic Tübingen School," Oxford History of Modern German Theology, Pre-Session, American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November, 2019.
31. "*James Alison and a Girardian Theology: Conversion, Theological Reflection, and Induction* by John P. Edwards: An Assessment," Colloquium on Violence & Religion, Virtual Meeting. July, 2021.
32. "Brothers or Enemies? Revisiting Academic Rivalry in the Möhler/Baur Debate," American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. November, 2021.
33. "A Tainted Tradition? A Conversation with Hart and Jennings," Catholic Theological Society of America. Atlanta, GA. June, 2022.
34. "Resurrecting Tradition: The Challenge from and towards Kelly Brown Douglas's *Resurrecting Hope*," American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO. November, 2022.
35. "The Freedom of a Catholic? Johann Adam Möhler's Political-Theological Turn," Catholic Theological Society of America. Milwaukee, WI. June, 2023.
36. "The Representation of Desire in the Neapolitan Quartet of Elena Ferrante," Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Mexico City. June, 2024.
37. "Mimetic Themes in the Literature of Michel Houellebecq," American Academy of Religion. Boston. November, 2025.

Invitations (excluding ecclesial settings)

1. "Can Doctrine Develop? Reflections on the German Contribution," Yamauchi Lecture, presented at Loyola University, New Orleans. March, 2004.
2. "Catechesis and Mystery: Learning to Sit with the Question," Hofinger Conference. New Orleans, LA. January, 2008.
3. "Mimetic Theory and the Doctrine of Revelation," Loyola, Maryland: Catholic Studies Lecture. February, 2012.
4. "Faith and Reason in the Tübingen School," Religion and Science Before Darwin. University of Notre Dame. March, 2014.
5. Participant at Dulles Colloquium. New York City. September, 2014.
6. "The Wire and Narrative Theology," Ringvorlesung, Romanistik Seminar. Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz. November, 2015.
7. "Fließt der Neckar in den Rhein? Ein Plädoyer zum Wesen der Katholische Tübinger Schule," Dies Academicus Kurzvorlesung. Johannes Gutenberg University, Department of Catholic Theology. November, 2015.
8. "Reversing the Optic: An Attempt at Re-examining 20th-century Theology through 19th-century Lenses," Plenary Lecture, Lonergan On the Edge, Marquette University. September, 2016.

9. "The Apologetic Legacy of René Girard," Lecture for School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America. Washington, D.C. February, 2017.
10. "Where Truth Resides: Johannes Kuhn and the Catholic Response to the Left-Wing Hegelianism of D.F. Strauss," for "Multiple Reformations? The Heidelberg-Notre Dame Colloquia on the Legacies of the Reformation." Notre Dame, Indiana. March, 2017
11. "Catholic and Protestant Relations: The Long View." Annual Newman Symposium. Fontbonne University. October, 2017.
12. "Channeling Johannes Eck: A Catholic Defense of Authority, and the Impossibility of Sola Scriptura." 42nd Annual Symposium. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. January, 2019.
13. "On Teaching in Catholic Perspective, Past and Present: Augustine, Ong, and Girard in Conversation." The Sacrifice of Education Symposium. University of Scranton, PA. March, 2019.
14. "Religion nach der Neuzeit: Elemente einer fundamentaltheologischen Religionstheorie." Probevorlesung for Catholic Faculty of Theology, Ludwig-Maximilian Universität, Munich, Germany. July, 2019.
15. "René Girard and the Present Moment," Lumen Christi Institute, Zoom Panel. May, 2021.
16. "Möhler the Medievalist: Examining Möhler's Franciscan Retrieval." Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology. August, 2021.
17. "Does the Neckar Flow into the Tiber? Walter Kasper's Reading of the Roman School." The Roman School Conference. Mundelein Seminary. March, 2022.
18. "Dei Verbum, the Battle over Tradition, and the Enduring Challenge of Handing on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition," Plenary Lecture at Vatican 2 and Catholic Higher Education. Sacred Heart University, CT. October, 2022.
19. "All Desire is a Desire for Lila? Imitation, Desire, and Novelistic Conversion in the Neapolitan Novels of Elena Ferrante," Widening Horizons Workshop. St. Patrick's Pontifical University. Maynooth, Ireland. April, 2023.
20. "The Sensus Fidelium and the Sense of Tradition: Newman and the Present Moment," Keynote Lecture for Fall Symposium at National Institute of Newman Studies. Pittsburgh, PA. October, 2023.
21. "Between a Strong Grip and a Tangled Mess: A Proposed Theology of Tradition," at University of Notre Dame (January 2024), Harvard Divinity School (February 2024) and Boston College Theology Department (February 2024).
22. "Theology Amidst the Rubble: Johann Sebastian Drey's 1819 Restructuring of Theology in the New German University," Thinking the Trinity in Christ, at Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon (May, 2024).
23. "The Art of Retrieval and the Science of History, or How to Think *Ressourcement* Historically," New Ressourcement Conference. Rochester, MN (November, 2024).
24. "De Lubac and Social Salvation; or The Limits of Solidarity," Catholicities Workshop. Rome, Italy (February, 2025).

Professional Service

Board Membership

- Colloquium on Violence & Religion (2014–23)
- Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture (2021–)
- Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie (2022–)

Organizer

- Annual Meeting of the Colloquium on Violence & Religion (8–12 July, 2015)
- Liaison for Colloquium on Violence & Religion at the American Academy of Religion (2017–2023)
- Oxford History of Modern German Theology, Pre-Session Workshop at American Academy of Religion (November 2019).
- Hegel Colloquy, Saint Louis University (15–17 June, 2022)

Reviewer / Evaluator

- (presses): Oxford University, Cambridge University, Crossroad/Herder, T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, Lexington/Fortress, Catholic University of America, University of Notre Dame, Michigan State University, University of Toronto
- (journals): Modern Theology, Theological Studies, Journal of Religion, Irish Theological Quarterly, Heythrop Journal, Nova et Vetera, Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture, Newman Studies Journal, College Theology Society, Toronto Journal of Theology, Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie, Church History, Franciscan Studies, International Journal of Systematic Theology, English Language Notes, New Ressourcement, New Blackfriars, Journal for the History of Modern Theology
- (tenure and promotion): Loyola University, Chicago (2016), Marquette University (2018, 2022), University of Dallas (2020), Gonzaga University (2021), Georgetown (2023), Catholic University of America (2025)
- (grants & fellowships): Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies (2017), University Scholars Grant, University of Saint Thomas (2023) Beaumont Awards (SLU), Scholarly Works Awards (SLU)
- 2023 Departmental Review, Marquette University

Participant

- International Lutheran Confederation—Roman Catholic Dialogue. Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, International Dialogue (2015–2018)

Doctoral Mentoring

Dissertations Directed:

1. Stephen Lawson, “Overcoming the Abyss: Erik Peterson’s Eschatological Ecclesiology against Historicist and Anti-Historical Theology” (2021)
2. Deepan Rajaratnam, “Sensus Fidelium and the Francis Effect” (2025)
3. Caleb Mundle, “Augustinian Political Theology after Liberalism?” (est. 2029)

Dissertations Read:

1. Charles Michael Shea, “Newman’s Early Legacy. Giovanni Perrone and Roman Readings of the *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* 1845–54” (2013)
2. Michael Pahls, “School of the Prophets: John Henry Newman’s Anglican Schola and the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian” (2015)
3. Ryan Marr, “‘To Be Perfect Is to Have Changed Often’: The Development of John Henry Newman’s Ecclesiological Vision, 1845–77” (2015)
4. Erick Moser, “‘Combat for Culture’: The Formation of Jean Daniélou’s Vision for the Church in Secular France, 1925–50” (2015)
5. Jonathan King, “Theology under another form: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Formation and Writings as a Germanist,” (2016)
6. Matthew Muller, “The Inspired Bible in the Anglican Career of John Henry Newman” (2017)
7. James Lee, “Johannes von Hoffman and Nineteenth-Century German Theological Wissenschaft” (2018)
8. Andrew Hamilton, “The Anti-Hegelian Trinitarian Theology of Dorner and Staudenmaier” (2021; external at Southern Methodist University)
9. Benjamin MacDonald, “Self-Empty Churches: A Three-fold Typology of Kenotic Theology in the Post-War Period,” (external, University of Toronto, 2023)

10. Ethan Tyler Graham, "Theology of Mimesis and Freedom in Catholic High School Teaching" (external, Pontifex University, 2023).
11. Anthony Crescio, "Presencing the Divine: Augustine the Eucharist and the Ethics of Exemplarity" (current)
12. John D. Steichen, "Looking for Salvation in a Secular Age: Fundamental Theology and the Absence of God," (external, Boston College, current)
13. Daniel Cox, "Disrupting Immanence: Encountering Atheism in Desmond and Hart," (external, Boston College, current)

Organizations

- 2000- American Academy of Religion
- 2005- Catholic Theological Society of America
- 2009- Colloquium on Violence & Religion