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*Employment*

**Hope College**, Holland, MI
*Assistant Professor of Religion*, 2012-Present

**Saint Benedict Institute**, Holland, MI
*Executive Director and Co-Founder*, 2013-Present

**Catholic Distance University**, Hamilton, VA
*Adjunct Professor*, 2013-2014

**Augustine Institute**, Denver, CO
*Adjunct Professor*, 2012-2013

*Education*

**The Catholic University of America**, Washington, D.C.
*Doctor of Philosophy in Historical Theology*, 2012

**The Catholic University of America**, Washington, D.C.
*Master of Arts in Historical and Systematic Theology*, 2009

**St. John's College**, Annapolis, MD
*Master of Arts in Liberal Arts*, 2005

**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
*Bachelor of Arts in Fundamentals: Issues and Texts*, 2000

*Publications*

*You Made Us for Yourself: Creation in St. Augustine's Confessions* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016).

"Deification in the Latin Fathers." In *Called to Be the Children of God: The Catholic Theology of Human Deification*, edited by Fr. David Meconi, S.J. and Carl E. Olson (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2016).

"The Deep Grammar of Augustine's Conversion," *Studia Patristica* 70 (2013).

"Creation in the *Confessions*." In St. Augustine, *The Confessions: Ignatius Critical Editions*, edited by David Vincent Meconi (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2012).

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*Edited Volumes*

*Deification in the Latin Patristic Tradition* (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, Proposed).

*Book Reviews*

Review of *Memory in Augustine's Theological Anthropology*, Paige Hochschild. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, in *Nova et Vetera* (forthcoming).

Review of *Augustine: Conversions to Confessions*, Robin Lane Fox. New York: Basic Books, 2015, in *Catholic World Report*, June 10, 2016.

Review of *Divinization: Becoming Icons of Christ through the Liturgy*, edited by Andrew Hofer. Chicago: Hillenbrand Books, 2015, in *Catholic World Report*, July 8, 2015.

Review of *The Theology of Augustine: An Introductory Guide to His Most Important Works*, Matthew Levering. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013, in *Catholic World Report*, June 4, 2013.

*Selected Presentations*

1. "'Our Frailty is Made Eternal: Deification in the Latin Sacramentaries." Presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 25, 2016.

2. "'Who is this that rises up all in white?': Deification in the Latin Liturgy." Presented at the International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 11, 2015.

3. "Deification in Latin Patristic Thought." Presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 23, 2014.

4. "Turning Worshipers into Gods: The Christian Understanding of Salvation." Presented at the Aquinas College Catholic Studies Colloquium, Grand Rapids, March 26, 2014.

5. "Rethinking Augustine's Reception of the Platonists." Presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 25, 2013.

6. "The Relationship between Creation and the Church in Augustine's *Confessions*." Presented at The Second Annual Symposium in Honor of Fr. Florovsky: The Body of the Living Christ: The Patristic Doctrine of the Church, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February 10-11, 2012.

7. "The Unknowing Augustine: Creation, History, and the Knowledge of God." Presented at the American Society of Church History Conference, Chicago, January 6-8, 2012.

8. "'You Will Be Changed into Me' (*conf*. 7.10.16): What Creation Teaches Augustine." Presented at the Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 21-22, 2011.

9. "Creation, Imitation, and Conversion in Book Eight of Augustine's *Confessions*." Presented at the International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, August 10, 2011.

10. "*Fecisti Nos*: Creation in the *Confessions* of Augustine." Presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 28, 2010.

*Teaching*

**Hope College** (Undergraduate)
REL 100 The Mystery of the Incarnation
IDS 100 Holiness and the Intellectual Life
REL 241 History of Christianity: From the Annunciation to the Reformation
REL 267 Introduction to Catholic Christianity
REL 349 The Faith of the Early Church
REL 369 Reading Scripture Theologically
REL 440 Religion Capstone Seminar

**Augustine Institute** (Graduate, Online)
HIST 521 History of the Ancient World and the Formation of Christian Culture
HIST 524 The Dividing of Christendom and the Renewal of Christian Culture
CATE 601 Augustine and the Renewal of Catechesis

**Catholic Distance University** (Undergraduate, Online)
SCRPT 310 Reading Scripture Theologically

*Research*

**Field of Interest:** Patristic Theology, especially Saint Augustine

**Research Agenda:** My current scholarship focuses on the Latin Patristic understanding of deification.

*Associations*

North American Patristic Society, 2009-Present

American Society of Church History, 2011-2013

*Awards*

*Towsley Research Scholar Fellowship*, Hope College 2015-2018

*Jacob E. Nyenhuis Student/Faculty Cooperative Research Grant*, Hope College, 2014

*Mellon-Helis Fellowship for Studies in Early Christianity*, The Center for the Study of Early Christianity at the Catholic University of America, 2010-2012

*Johannes Quasten Scholarship*, The Catholic University of America, 2006-2010

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*Popular Talks*

- "Becoming God: A Catholic Understanding of the Sacraments"
- "Christianity and the Liberal Arts: Is Scholarship Antithetical to the Christian Life?"
- "Kneel, sit, stand, kneel…Understanding the Catholic Mass"
- "The Meaning of the Triduum"
- "How to Read Scripture from the Heart of the Church"
- "A Pope for All Christians?"
- "Mary, the Mother of God: A Scriptural Reflection"
- "The Big Picture: Salvation History from Creation to the End Times and Where You Fit Into It (in 45 Minutes or Less)"
- "What Does it Mean to be Pro-Life? A Discussion of Human Dignity"
- "Sex and the Meaning of Life"
- "Becoming Gods: The Christian Understanding of Salvation"
- "The Mystery of Creation"
- "The Mystery of the Incarnation"
- "Why Catholics Drink Beer: On the Incarnation"

*Related Experience*

**St. Jerome Academy,** Hyattsville, MD
*Volunteer Chair of Curriculum Committee*, 2010 – 2013
Curriculum available at www.stjeromes.org/stjeromeschool/classical_education.htm

**The Catholic University of America**, Washington, D.C.
*Teaching Assistant*, 2008 – 2009

**The Catholic University of America,** Washington, D.C.
*Research Assistant*, 2006 – 2008

**Touchstones Discussion Project,** Annapolis, MD
*Project Assistant*, 2003 – 2005
Edited and authored *Remember My Chains: Readings on Prisons, Prisoners, and God*, written as work for hire

**St. Ann's Academy,** Washington, D.C.
*Latin Teacher*, 2006 – 2009

**Lighthouse Christian Academy,** Stevensville, MD
*Latin and Great Books Teacher*, 2005 – 2006

**St. Ignatius College Preparatory School**, Chicago, IL
*Great Books Teacher*, Summers 2002, 2003

**Inner-City Teaching Corps,** Chicago, IL
*Teacher*, 2000 – 2002

*****References Upon Request*****