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## Curriculum Vitae

### **Education:**

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano  
Ph.D., Philosophy, March 2015  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano  
M.A., Philosophy, September 2011  
Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano  
B.A., Philosophy, December 2009  
Istituto Sacro Cuore di Milano  
Diploma in Classical Studies, July 2006

### **Academic Positions:**

Department Chair of Theology  
August 2019 – Present  
Assistant Professor of Theology  
August 2019 – Present  
Interim Department Chair of Theology  
August 2018 – July 2019  
Full Time Lecturer in Theology  
January 2018 – July 2019  
Adjunct Professor, Departments of Theology and Political Philosophy, Belmont Abbey College, NC  
January 2015 – December 2017

### **Honors, Fellowships, Grants, and Scholarships:**

2018 CTEWC Convention Scholarship, July 2018  
2017 CTSA Convention Scholarship, June 2017  
2016 CTSA Convention Scholarship, June 2016  
2015 ACPA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, October 2015  
Ph.D. Fellowship, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, January 2012 – December 2014  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, December 2011  
International Thesis Scholarship, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, February – May 2011  
Graduated With Summa Cum Laude, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, December 2009

## Research Experience:

- Visiting Scholar with Professor Stanley Hauerwas, Doctoral Thesis Co-Tutorship,  
Duke Divinity School, January 2012 – December 2014  
Dissertation: “Liberalism, Neutrality of the State, and the Politics of the Church: Moral Philosophy and Political Theology in the Work of Stanley Hauerwas”
- Visiting Scholar with Professor Stanley Hauerwas, Duke Divinity School, February 2011 – May 2011  
Dissertation: “The Contribution of Alasdair MacIntyre to the Debate on Natural Law”
- B.A. Thesis, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, September 2009 – December 2009  
Dissertation: “After Virtue, New Perspectives for Morality”

## Books:

- Learning the Gaze of Christ: A Theological Engagement with Pope Francis*, Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press. (drafting the manuscript in response to a Letter of Interest from the publisher)
- Putting Hauerwas in His Place*, Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications. (completing the final manuscript)

## Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Seeking the Welfare of the City Where I Have Sent You: The Church and Community Organizing,” in *Journal of Moral Theology*. (forthcoming)
- “War Is America’s Altar: Violence in the American Imagination,” in *Cultural Violence and Peace*, ed. Fuat Gursozlu, Boston, MA: Brill. (2018)
- “Mercy Is a Person: Pope Francis and the Christological Turn in Moral Theology,” in *Journal of Moral Theology* 6, no. 2 (July 2017).
- “The Beauty that Pierces the Heart: Joseph Ratzinger’s Christological Understanding of Beauty,” *Selected Papers on Beauty & Aesthetics, Quaestiones Disputatae* 6, no. 2 (Spring 2016).
- “Interview with Stanley Hauerwas,” *Philosophical News: Rivista di Filosofia* 4 (2012).

## Book Reviews:

- “Review of Thomas G. Guarino’s *The Disputed Teachings of Vatican II: Continuity and Reversal in Catholic Doctrine*,” in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*. (forthcoming)
- “Review of Daniel Finn’s *Empirical Foundations of the Common Good: What Theology Can Learn from Social Science*,” in *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. (forthcoming)
- “Review of Massimo Borghesi’s *The Mind of Pope Francis: Jorge Mario Bergoglio’s Intellectual Journey*,” in *Catholic Books Review: An On-Line Journal*, June 13, 2019.
- “Review of Alexander Lucie-Smith’s *Narrative Theology and Moral Theology: The Infinite Horizon*,” in the *Journal of Moral Theology* 8, no. 2 (June 2019).
- “Review of Alberto Savorana’s *The Life of Luigi Giussani*,” in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, July 11, 2018.
- “Review of Julian Carron’s *Disarming Beauty: Essays on Faith, Truth, and Freedom*,” in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, October 3, 2017.
- “Review of Luke Bretherton’s *Resurrecting Democracy: Faith, Citizenship, and the Politics of a Common Life*,” in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, October 15, 2016.

## Conference Papers:

- “Building Bridges Through Community Organizing,” Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Global Conference, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 26-30, 2018.
- “The Church of Joy: Ecclesiology and Mission in Paul VI and Francis,” Pope Francis Conference, Institute for Catholic Social Thought, Villanova University, April 13-15, 2018. (Selected)
- “Pope Francis’ 2017 World Day of Peace Message: Toward a Pacifist Church?,” Concerned Philosophers for Peace 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, November 16-18, 2017. (Selected)
- “*Populorum Progressio*, the Church, and Community Organizing,” New Wine, New Wineskins: Young Catholic Moral Theologians 13th Annual Symposium, University of Notre Dame, July 27-30, 2017.
- “‘Seek the Welfare of the City Where I Have Sent You:’ The Church and Community Organizing,” 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 8-11, 2017.
- “Artisans of Their Own Destiny:” *Populorum Progressio* and Grassroots Democracy,” 2017 Notre Dame Catholic Social Tradition Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 23-25, 2017.
- “‘Come and Follow Me:’ The Christology of the Second Vatican Council and Francis’ Contribution to Moral Theology,” Symposium on Pope Francis’s Vision for the Renewal of the Church, Franciscan University of Steubenville, November 10-12, 2016.
- “Learning the Gaze of Christ: *Amoris Laetitia*, Mercy, and Moral Theology,” New Wine, New Wineskins: Young Catholic Moral Theologians 12th Annual Symposium, Catholic University of America, July 28-31, 2016.
- “Mercy Is a Person: Pope Francis and the Christological Turn in Moral Theology,” 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Caribe Hilton Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 9-12, 2016.
- “Sustainable Humanity, Sustainable Nature: The Integral Ecology of Pope Francis,” 2016 Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 4-6, 2016.
- “Killing for the Telephone Company: War and Peace in the American Imaginary,” 28th Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference, Loyola University, Maryland, October 22-24, 2015.
- “Language Communities and Moral Concepts: The Moral Life as a Life of Vision,” 2015 Annual American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Massachusetts, October 8-11, 2015.
- “‘Peter, Do You Love Me?’: The Christological Turn in Catholic Moral Theology,” New Wine, New Wineskins: Young Catholic Moral Theologians 12th Annual Symposium, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, July 30-August 2, 2015.
- “Is MacIntyre a Radical Democrat?,” 9th Annual Meeting of the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry, Saint Louis University, Missouri, July 22-25, 2015.
- “Joseph Ratzinger’s Christological Understanding of Beauty,” The Power of Beauty Conference, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, 24-25 October 2014.
- “MacIntyre and Natural Law: An Alternative Narrative of Well-Being,” 6th Annual Meeting of the International Society of MacIntyrean Enquiry, Nottingham, United Kingdom, July 2012.
- “Alasdair MacIntyre and the ‘After Virtue Project’: A Narrative of Practical Rationality,” Conference of the University of Nottingham Centre of Theology and Philosophy, Krakow, Poland, June 2011.

## Invited Lectures:

- “Encountering Christ: The Gospels and Christian Morality,” 2019 Knights of Malta Defense of Faith Forum, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, June 13, 2019.
- 2019 Faculty Lecture Series, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, February 20, 2019.

“Education to Wonder: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd,” Festival of Friendship, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, September 29, 2018.

“A Conversation on Savorana’s *The Life of Luigi Giussani*,” Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, June 16, 2018.

“Christianity and the Challenges of the Present,” Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, April 17, 2018.

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 6, 2018.

“The Second Vatican Council,” Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 3, 2018.

“The Church and Community Organizing,” 2018 Faculty Lecture Series, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, February 7, 2018.

Pittsburg Diocese Teachers’ Conference, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, August 25, 2017.

Breakfast with Benedict, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, March 22, 2017.

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 8, 2017.

“The Church,” Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, March 5, 2017.

“Pope Francis’ Vision of Catholic Education,” Charleston Diocese Teachers’ Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, March 3, 2017.

“What Do I Want Out of Life?,” Mount St. Mary’s University, Maryland, February 7, 2017.

“Ratzinger and Beauty,” 2017 Faculty Lecture Series, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, January 30, 2017.

Saint Mark Catholic Church, Huntersville, North Carolina, November 13, 2016.

Adult Speaker Series, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, Virginia, October 23, 2016.

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, September 20, 2016.

“Building a Culture of Encounter: Politics and Mercy in the Election Season,” Charlotte Diocese Faith Formation Enrichment Workshop, Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, September 17, 2016.

“Faithful Citizenship,” Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, High Point, North Carolina, September 14, 2016.

Church of the Ascension, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Thursday, June 2, 2016.

Holy Rosary Church, Richmond, Virginia, Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, Hickory, North Carolina, April 22, 2016.

“The Name of God Is Mercy: Reflections on the Holy Year of Mercy,” Charlotte Diocese Education Vicariate In-Service, Catholic Conference Center, Hickory, North Carolina, March 3, 2016.

“Christology and Moral Theology,” 2016 Faculty Lecture Series, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, February 24, 2016.

“Merciful Like the Father,” Charlotte Diocese Faith Formation Enrichment Workshop, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, High Point, North Carolina, February 6, 2016.

“Mercy Is a Person,” Faculty Lecture Series, St. Pius X Catholic Church, Greensboro, North Carolina, January 16, 2016.

### **Online Publications:**

“Interview with Crux,” Crux: Taking the Catholic Pulse, March 30, 2019.

“Looking With Fresh Eyes to the Gifts We Have Received,” Communion and Liberation, August 3, 2018.

“Learning the Gaze of Christ: Three Reflections on ‘Amoris Laetitia,’” Catholic Moral Theology, June 28, 2016.

“Mercy Is God’s Identity Card: Reflections on Francis’ ‘The Name of God Is Mercy,’” Vox Nova, February 2, 2016.

“Everything Is a Caress of God: Faith and the Environment in Pope Francis’ ‘Laudato Si,’” Catholic Moral Theology, August 13, 2015.

“Mercy Is a Person: Reflections on the Papal Bull ‘Misericordiae Vultus,’” Millennial Journal, April 20, 2015.

### **Public Talks:**

“Lent,” United By Praise, Belmont Abbey College, March 26, 2019.

“Morality Is Born Out of the Encounter with Christ,” Saint Michael Catholic Church, Gastonia, North Carolina, October 14, 2018.

“Discipleship,” Fr. Felix Hintemeyer Catholic Leadership Program Retreat, Catholic Conference Center, Hickory, North Carolina, August 15, 2018.

Theology on Tap, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, February 9, 2018.

Mission and Mimosas, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, April 29, 2017.

Theology on Tap, Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina, April 5, 2017.

“After the Year of Mercy: What’s Next?” St. Michael’s Holy Happy Hour, Gastonia, North Carolina, April 1, 2017.

2016 Charlotte Diocesan Youth Conference, Black Mountain, North Carolina, April 29-May 1, 2016.

“Encountering Mercy: A Meditation on the Holy Year of Mercy,” Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina, March 16, 2016.

“Mercy Is a Person: Reflections on the Jubilee of Mercy,” St. Michael’s Holy Happy Hour, Gastonia, North Carolina, July 11, 2015.

“Life as Vocation: Discerning God’s Truth in Our Lives,” 2015 Charlotte Diocesan Youth Conference, Black Mountain, North Carolina, April 24-26, 2015.

“‘Come, Follow Me:’ The Journey of Faith,” 2014 Charlotte Diocesan Youth Conference, Black Mountain, North Carolina, May 29-31, 2014.

### **Membership in Professional Societies:**

New Wine, New Wineskins: Young Catholic Moral Theologians

*Member of the Board of Directors, 2018-2022*

*Convener*

Society of Christian Ethics

Catholic Theological Society of America

*Member of the Moral Theology Topic Session Administrative Team, 2017 – 2020*

*2020 Convention Moral Theology Session I Convener*

*2020 Convention Moral Theology Session II Convener*

*2019 Convention Moral Theology Session II Moderator*

*2018 Convention Moral Theology Session II Moderator*

*2017 Convention Selected Session Co-Convener – “The Church and Community Organizing: Exploring the Work of Luke Bretherton and Bradford Hinze”*

Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church

American Academy of Religion

International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry

### **Service to the Academy and Professional Activities:**

Belmont Abbey College Chair of Theology, August 2019 – Present

Belmont Abbey College Director of Study Abroad, January 2018 – Present

Belmont Abbey College Study Abroad Committee Chair, November 2018 – Present

Belmont Abbey College Men's Soccer Team Academic Advisor, August 2018 – Present  
Belmont Abbey College Interim Chair of Theology, August 2018 – July 2019  
Study Abroad Program Launch Manager, September 2017 – December 2017  
Thesis Director  
Student Advisor  
Manuscripts' Referee for Brill Publishers

### **Course Portfolio:**

#### Courses Designed at Belmont

##### Abbey College:

TH 105 Introduction to Scripture	TH 450 Senior Theology Seminar	HO450 Honors Theology Seminar
TH 205 Introduction to Theology	HO 301 Biblical Texts I	PO 212 Classic Texts of Political
TH 311 Jesus and Salvation	HO 302 Augustine and Aquinas I	Philosophy II

### **Other Work Experience:**

Educator, La Casa di Sam, Milano, Italy

September 2007 – September 2011

Assisted children in social distress at a community service organization by organizing recreational activities and tutoring students.

Educator, Associazione di Volontariato e Solidarietà Familiare "l'Immagine," Milano, Italy

October 2008 – June 2010

Designed, planned, and created a musical play with Italian and immigrant children in social distress.

Educator, Associazione Portofranco Milano ONLUS, Milano, Italy

September 2005 – July 2006

Tutored students with learning disabilities or special needs, especially recently immigrated students with language difficulties.

### **Languages and Other Skills:**

Full Professional Proficiency in English

Native Italian Speaker

Trained in Greek and Latin Classics

Proficient in Microsoft Office

Theatrical and Performance Skills

Event Coordination Experience