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Education

2025 (ant.)	MA, Philosophy Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, Illinois)
2008	PhD, Biblical Studies (Emphasis in New Testament) Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.) Dissertata

Courses Taught

(2005 – Present; over 160 sections across three modalities: in person, online, and hybrid)

Undergraduate:

- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Introduction to Biblical Interpretation
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Hebrew Prophets
- Life and Teachings of Jesus
- Life and Letters of Paul
- History of the Bible in English
- Applied Hermeneutics
- Jesus in Film
- Jesus Through Time
- The Meaning of Jesus: A Reception History
- Jesus in Contemporary Culture (team taught)
- Race and Religion in America

Reviews: Currents in Theology and Missiology 51.2 (2024): 126 (John Rollefson); [Review of Biblical Literature](#) (July 2022) (Chris Blumhofer); Reviews in Religion and Theology 9.1-2 (2022): 82-84 (Andrew Bowden); Theologische Literaturzeitung 147 (2022): 737-4 (Stefan Paas); Interpretation 76.1 (2022): 69 (Michael Barram); Bulletin for Biblical Research 31.3 (2021): 445-3 (Joshua Heavin); Catholic Library World 32.1 (2021): 41 (John Leonard Berg); New Testament Abstracts 65.1 (2021): 148; [The Bible Today](#) 59.4 (2021): 279-80 (Donald Senior); [Heart and Minds: Book Notes](#) (Byron Borger)

Johannine Ethics: The Moral World of the Gospel and Epistles of John (edited with Sherri Brown; Minneapolis: Fortress, 2017).

Reviews: Biblical Theology Bulletin 49.2 (2019): 1-15 (Tyler Smith); Journal of Moral Theology 9.2 (2019): 141-43 (Jeffrey L. Morrow); Religious Studies Review 44.4 (2018): 472 (Jacob N. Cerrone); Journal for the Study of the New Testament 40.5 (2018): 53-54 (Alan LeGrys); Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society 61.3 (2018): 652-55 (Karen Jobes); [Christian Century](#) (Joshua Jipp); [Review of Biblical Literature](#) (Peter J. Judge); [Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies](#) (July 2018); Matt N. Williams)

Reading John (Cascade Companions; Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015).

Reviews: Journal for the Study of the New Testament 38.1 (2016): 60 (Pieter J. Lalleman); Catholic Biblical Quarterly 78 (2016): 79-93 (Kendra Haloviak Valentine); Interpretation 70.4 (2016): 516; [Review of Biblical Literature](#) (Chang Seon An); America, Biannual Literary Review, (April 17, 2017): 35; see also [here](#); Catholic Biblical Quarterly 80 (2018): 346-7 (Scott M. Lewis, SJ); [New Testament Perspectives Blog](#) (Matthew Montonini) ; [Spoiled Milks Blog](#)

“Misunderstanding, Christology, and Johannine Characterization: Reading John’s Characters through the Lens of the Prologue,” in *Characters and Characterization in the Gospel of John* (ed. Christopher W. Skinner; LNTS 461; London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2013), 109-25.

“Characters and Characterization in the Fourth Gospel: Reflections on the Status Quaestionis,” in *Characters and Characterization in the Gospel of John* (ed. Christopher W. Skinner; LNTS 461; London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2013), xvii -xxxii.

“Recent Trends in Gospel of Thomas Research (1989 – 2009): Part II: Genre, Theology and Relationship to the Gospel of John,” (with Nicholas Perrin) *Currents in Biblical Research* 11 (2012): 65-86.

“Virtue in the New Testament: The Legacies of Paul and John in Comparative Perspective,” in *Unity and Diversity in the Gospels and Paul: Essays in Honor of Frank J. Matera* (ed. Christopher W. Skinner and Kelly R. Iverson; SBLECL 7; Atlanta & Leiden: Society of Biblical Literature & Brill, 2012), 301-24.

“Telling the Story: The Appearance and Impact of Mark as Story,” in *Mark as Story: Retrospect and Prospect* (ed. Kelly R. Iverson and Christopher W. Skinner; SBLRBS; Atlanta & Leiden: Society of Biblical Literature & Brill, 2011), 1-16.

“The Gospel of Thomas’s Rejection of Paul’s Theological Ideas,” in *Paul and the Gospels: Christologies, Conflicts and Convergences* (ed. Michael F. Bird and Joel Willitts; LNTS 411; London: T & T Clark, 2011), 220-41.

“‘Whom He Also Named Apostles’: A Textual Problem in Mark 3:14,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 161 (2004): 322-29.

“Another Look at the ‘Lamb of God,’” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 16D 7 >>BDC -0.009 Tc 0.002 Tw 32.044 -1(ark 0223)- T

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- Review of Chris Keith, *The Gospel as Manuscript: An Early History of the Jesus Tradition as Material Artifact* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020) in *Journal of Theological Studies* 72.1 (2021): 389-91.
- Review of Tyler Smith, *The Fourth Gospel and the Manufacture of Minds in Ancient Historiography, Biography, Romance, and Drama* (S 173; Leiden: Brill, 2019) in *Religious Studies Review* 47.2 (2021): 231.
- Review of Sookgoo Shin, *Ethics in the Gospel of John: Discipleship as Moral Progress* (Biblical Interpretation Series 168; Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2019) in *Journal of Theological Studies* 70.2 (2019): 786-88.
- Review of Johnson Thomaskutty, *Saint Thomas the Apostle: New Testament, Apocrypha, and Historical Traditions* (Jewish and Christian Texts 25; London: T & T Clark, 2018) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81.4 (2019): 750-51.
- Review of Eric M. Vanden Eykel, "But Their Faces Were All Looking Up": Author and Reader in the Protoevangelium of James (The Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries 1; London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2016) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81.1 (2019): 15-52.
- Review of Judith Lieu and Martinus C. de Boer, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Johannine Studies* (Oxford Handbooks; Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018) in *Religio* (i)8.4m(1.4 (j)ho772 (es))TJ /Ts

Review of J. R. Daniel Kirk, *Jesus Have I Loved, but Paul? A Narrative Approach to the Problem of Pauline Christianity* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011) in *Interpretation* 68 (2014): 219-20.

Review of N. T. Wright, *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels* (San Francisco: HarperOne, 2012) in *Interpretation* 68 (2014): 216-17.

Review of Beth M. Sheppard, *The Craft of History and the Study of the New Testament* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012) in

Review of John E. McKinley, *Tempted for Us: Theological Models and the Practical Relevance of Christ's Impeccability and Temptation* (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2009) in *Trinity Journal* 31 (Spring 2010): 157-58.

Review of Lawrence Iwuamadi, "He Called Unto Him The Twelve And Began To Send Them Forth": The Continuation of Jesus' Mission According to the Gospel of Mark (Rome: Editrice Pontificia Universita Gregoriana, 2008) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 40 (2010): 173-74.

Review of Jan van der Watt, *An Introduction to the Johannine Gospel and Letters* (Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 2008) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 40 (2010): 114.

Review of Jonathan T. Pennington, *Heaven and Earth in the Gospel of Matthew* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2007) in *Religion* 38 (2008): 709-710. (doi:10.1017/S0022282X08003131) (http://www.jstor.org/stable/4320091) (2008) 38(4): 709-10

- Review of Rosalind Selby, *The Comical Doctrine: An Epistemology of New Testament Hermeneutics* (Paternoster Biblical Monographs; Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2006) in *Trinity Journal* 29 (Spring 2008): 163-65.
- Review of David L. Turner, *Matthew* (BECNT; Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008), Ben Witherington III, *Matthew* (Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary; Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2006) , and R. T. France, *The Gospel of Matthew* (NICNT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007) in *Religious Studies Review* 34.4 (2008): 296-7.
- Review of John S. Kloppenborg, *The Tenants in the Vineyard: Ideology, Economics, and Agrarian Conflict in Jewish Palestine* (WUNT 195; Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2006) in *Religious Studies Review* 34.2 (2008): 100-1.
- Review of Glenna S. Jackson, 'Have Mercy on Me': The Story of the Canaanite Woman in Matthew 15:21-28 (JSNTSup 228; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2002) in *Religious Studies Review* 33.1 (2007): 65.
- Review of Warren Carter, *John: Storyteller, Interpreter, Evangelist* (Seabody: MA, Hendrickson, 2006) in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 51 (2007): 623-25.
- Review of William R. Herzog II, *Prophet and Teacher: An Introduction to the Historical Jesus* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005) in *Word and World* 27 (Summer 2007): 346-48.
- Review of Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, *In the Company of Jesus: Characters in Mark's Gospel* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2000) in *Review and Expositor* 103.3 (Summer 2006): 627-29.
- Review of Richard Longenecker, ed., *Contours of Christology in the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005) in *Trinity Journal* 27 (Fall 2006): 314-13.
- Review of Colin G. Kruse, *John: An Introduction and Commentary* (TNTC 4; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003) in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 46 (2005): 387-89.
- Review of Dorothy Lee, *Flesh and Glory: Symbolism, Gender and Theology in the Gospel of John* (New York: Crossroad, 2002) in *Review of Biblical Literature* (January 2005) (http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4264_4228.pdf).
- Review of Charles W. Hedrick, *Many Things in Parables: Jesus and His Modern Critics* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2004) in *Review of Biblical Literature* (January 2005) (http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4261_4215.pdf).
- Review of Bonnie Bowman Thurston, *Preaching Mark* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2002) in *Review and Expositor* 102.4 (Fall 2005): 745-46.
- Review of Luke Timothy Johnson, *The First and Second Letters to Timothy* (AB 35A; Garden City: Doubleday, 2001) in *Review and Expositor* 102.1 (Winter 2005): 156-.
- Review of Stan Harstine, *Moses as a Character in the Fourth Gospel: A Study of Ancient Reading Techniques* (JSNTSup 229; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2002) in *Review of Biblical Literature* 6 (2004): 477-4 (http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/3032_3296.pdf).
- Review of Edwin K. Broadhead, *Mark* (Readings; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001) in *Review and Expositor* 100.4 (Fall 2003): 719-20.
- Review of Rudolf Schnackenburg, *The Gospel of Matthew* (trans. Robert R. Barr; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002) in *Review and Expositor* 100.1 (Winter 2003): 132-33.

Conference Papers and Academic Presentations

- "Can a Literary Approach to John 18-19 Address Accusations of the Fourth Gospel's Supersessionism and Anti-Semitism?" Invited paper at Annual Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research (November 2024).

“Messiah and Son of God: A Kaleidoscopic Vision of Mark’s Christology.” Simultaneous Session,
Annual General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association (August 2024).

“‘Lamb of God’ and ‘God’s Chosen One’ (John 1:29, 34, 36): Examining the Baptist4tsP70.870.9 (Me)0 182.4 6
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“The Relationship of the Gospel of John to the Gospel of Thomas: An Evaluation of the Community - Conflict Hypothesis.” National meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Washington, D.C. (November 2005).

“Did John the Baptist Call Jesus the Lamb of God,

I appeared on the podcast, "Data Over Dogma," where I discussed the Gospel of Thomas (September 2024).

I appeared on the podcast, "[Heretic Happy Hour](#)"

From September 2009 to January 2014, I maintained an academic blog entitled, PEJE IESOUS (<http://christopherwskinner.wordpress.com> ; now deactivated). During that period, I wrote 274 posts on issues related to the Gospels, historical Jesus, and early Christianity. I was interviewed about my book, John and Thomas: Gospels in Conflict, by Andrew Bernhard on the blog Gospels.net (<http://www.gospels.net>), which was followed by a guided discussion on the Gospel of Thomas e-list (September 2009).

Graduate and Upper-Level Undergraduate Supervision

Paul Adaja, "The Genre of the Meal: The Prototypical Instantiation of the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34." Loyola University Chicago (May 2021).
Chris Seglenieks, "In Order that You Might Believe': Reshaping Devotion to the Gods for John's Graeco-Roman Readers." Australian College of Theology, Sydney, Australia (August 2019).
Najeeb T. Haddad, "Paul and the Language of Politics." Loyola University Chicago (April 2018).
Paul C.J. Riley, "Jesus as Kyrios in the Gospel of John: A Narrative, Text-Critical and Semantic Study." Flinders University , Adelaide, Australia (September 2017).

Comprehensive Examinations

MA comps director: Brennan Dour, SJ (Spring 2024), Ian Bremar, OFM Conv (Spring 2024), Dominic Chai, SJ (Fall 2020), Sarah Buntin (Spring 2019)
MA comps reader: Hunter D'Armond SJ (Spring 2022), Michael Pannarralla (Fall 2020), Justin Grosnick, SJ (Spring 2018)
PhD comps director: Megan Wines (Fall 2021), Eric Zito (Fall 2020), Joseph Mukuna (Fall 2020), Zach Eberhart (Fall 2019), Scott Harris (Fall 2019), Scott Brevard (Fall 2018)
PhD comps reader: Paul Adaja (Fall 2018), Jonathan Hatter (Fall 2017), Jonathan Bryant (Fall 2017)

Other Graduate Student Supervision

Faculty mentor to MA student Sarah Buntin, who was awarded the REM Fellowship (Spring 2018) and whose presentation, "Characterization in Greco-Roman Biographies: A Comparison with New Testament Gospels" won Best Paper in the theoretical section of the 1st Annual Graduate School Interdisciplinary Research Symposium at Loyola University Chicago.

BA Senior Research Project/Thesis Supervision (Mount Olive College)

Pierre McClain, "Gregory of Nyssa" (2012-2013)
Marquia Rivera, "Saint Bonaventure" (2012-2013)
Jannis Scales, "Julian of Norwich" (2012-2013)
Dwight Sessoms, "Brother Lawrence" (2012-2013)
Dayton Wilson, "C. S. Lewis" (2012-2013)

Research and Teaching Interests

Gospel of Mark
Johannine Literature (Gospel of John, Epistles of John)
Gospel of Thomas
Historical Jesus Studies
New Testament Christology
Narrative Criticism & Literary Hermeneutics
NT Ethics
Media and Religion
Jesus in Film

Professional Memberships

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (2018– Present)
Chicago Society for Biblical Research (2016 –Present)
North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature (2016 –Present)
Catholic Biblical Association (2006 –Present)
Society of Biblical Literature (2003 –Present)

Awards and Honors

Research Grant (\$15,000) from the Catholic Biblical Association of America for work toward my Anchor Yale Commentary on the Gospel of Thomas (2024-2025)
Nominee for the St. Ignatius of Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching at Loyola University Chicago (2018–2019)
Alpha Delta Pi Outstanding Faculty Recognition , Loyola University Chicago (Spring 2017)
Professor of the Year, Mount Olive College (2013-2014)
Dunning Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship , St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Maryland (2007–2008)
Faculty Research Grant (\$500) St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Maryland (Summer 2007)

Service to the Profession

Service within Academic Societies:

Society of Biblical Literature: Johannine Literature Steering Committee (2019 – Present; Chair, 2021 –Present)

Catholic Biblical Association: Emerging Scholars Fellowship Evaluator (2023)

Catholic Biblical Association: Regional Meeting Committee (2022 –Present)

External Affiliate, Centre for the Study of Judaism and Christianity in Antiquity (formerly the Centre for the Social-Scientific Study of the Bible), St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London (2013 –2022)

Editorial Board Service:

Catholic Biblical Quarterly (2015 –2022)

Bulletin for Biblical Research (2020 –Present)

Peer reviewer (journals):

Currents in Biblical Research (2023, 2020), Journal for the Study of the New Testament (2022), Studies in Christian Ethics (2022), Biblical Interpretation (2021), Journal of the Jesus Movement in Its Jewish Setting (2021), Theological Studies (2020), Journal of Biblical Literature (2023, 2021, 2018 multiple submissions), Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses (2014), Journal of Early Christian Studies (2013, 202)

Peer reviewer (monographs/book proposals):

Baker Academic (2023) Zondervan Academic (2023), Catholic University of America Press (2023), Routledge Publishing (2022), Baylor University Press (2022), Bloomsbury/ T & T Clark (2016–2020 multiple manuscripts), Eerdmans Publishing Company (2016), Cambridge University Press (2014)

References

Dr. Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B., Emeritus Professor of New Testament, The Catholic University of America, & Professor Emeritus, Australian Catholic University, Victoria, Australia. Email: fmoloney@salesians.org.au

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Dr. Michael J. Gorman, Raymond E. Brown Chair in Biblical Studies and Theology, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Maryland. Email: mgorman@stmarys.edu

Dr. Rafael Rodriguez, Professor of New Testament, Johnson University, Knoxville, Tennessee. Email: rrodriguez@johnsonu.edu

Dr. Frank J. Matera, Andrews-Kelly-Ryan Emeritus Professor of Biblical Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Email: matera@cua.edu

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