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*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. History of Christianity, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2008  
Dissertation: "Augustine on Action, Contemplation, and Their Meeting Point in Christ"  
Candidacy Exam Areas: Patristic and Medieval Theology, Comparative Theology
- M.Div. Pastoral Ministry, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 1995
- B.A. History, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, 1989

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2016-present Associate Professor of Church History, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- 2012-2016 Assistant Professor of Church History, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- 2008-2012 Assistant Professor of Theology, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania
- Spring 2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2005-2007 Graduate Instructor of Record, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 1998-2001 Religion Teacher, Assumption High School, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1996-1998 Dean of Student Life and Instructor, Saint Catharine College, St. Catharine, Kentucky
- 1990-1992 Journeyman Missionary for Southern Baptist Convention, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters**

- "Augustine of Hippo, Conversion, and the Restless Human Heart." *Journal for the Liberal Arts and Sciences* (forthcoming).
- "Basil and Augustine: Preaching on Care for the Poor." In *Studia Patristica XCV: Papers Presented at the Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015*, vol. 21, edited by Markus Vinzent, 251-259. Leuven: Peeters, 2017.
- "'The Mystery Meaning You': Augustine's Mystagogical Preaching on the Church as the Body of Christ." In *Prisms of Faith: Perspectives on Religious Education and the Cultivation of Catholic Identity*, edited by Robert E. Alvis and Ryan LaMothe, 33-51. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2016.
- "Proclaiming a Dynamic Understanding of Grace: The Spiritual Foundation for Sacramental and Liturgical Catechesis." *Worship* 89, no. 6 (November 2015): 506-525.
- "*Transfiguravit in se: sacramentalidad de la doctrina agustiniana del totus Christus.*" *Augustinus* 65 (2015): 559-567.

- “*Transfiguravit in se: The Sacramentality of Augustine’s Doctrine of the Totus Christus.*” In *Studia Patristica LXX. Papers Presented at the Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2011*, vol. 18, edited by Markus Vinzent, 559-567. Leuven: Peeters, 2013.
- “Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*: Reflecting on the Church as Sacrament of Unity.” *Horizons* 37, no. 1 (Spring 2010): 7-24.
- “Hebrews 11--The Promise of Faith.” *Review and Expositor* 94, no. 3 (Summer 1997): 439-445.
- “The Great Honesty: Remembering Thomas Merton. An Interview with Abbot Timothy Kelly.” Conducted by George A. Kilcourse, Jr. Edited by Kimberly F. Baker. *The Merton Annual* 9 (1996): 193-220.

### **Pastoral Articles**

- “‘I hope women will continue to speak the truth’: A conversation with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin.” *America Magazine* 218, no. 2 (January 22, 2018): 40-41.
- “Young people are key to life and mission of the Church, Archbishop Thompson says.” *The Criterion* 58, no. 35 (June 15, 2018): 1, 8.
- “An Interview with Kimberly Baker: ‘Women of the Church’ Conference.” *Church Life* (February 9, 2017).

### **Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries**

- Book review of *Saint Augustine on the Resurrection of Christ: Teaching, Rhetoric, and Reception*, by Gerald O’Collins. *Augustiniana* (forthcoming).
- “Bowman, Thea,” “Davis, Cyprian,” “Hustad, Donald Paul,” “Riepp, Benedicta,” “Wimmer, Boniface,” and “Wolff, M. Madeleva.” In the *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark Lamport and George Thomas Kurian. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.
- Book review of *Tales of Grace: Reflections on the Joyful Mysteries*, by Luigi Santucci, trans. Demetrio S. Yocum, *Spiritus* 15, no. 2 (Fall 2015): 250-252.
- Book note on *Language in the Confessions of Augustine*, by Philip Burton. *Religious Studies Review* 35, no. 4 (December 2009): 277.
- Book note on *Homilies on the First Epistle of John*, by Augustine, trans. Boniface Ramsey. *Religious Studies Review* 35, no. 4 (December 2009): 277-278.

### **CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP**

- “Women of the Church: Strength of the Past. Hope for Tomorrow. A Catholic Leadership Conference.” Ferdinand, Indiana, October 2016. Co-chair of the inaugural conference. This national conference received a letter of blessing from Pope Francis.

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

- “Looking for God in All the Right Places: Augustine on the Present Life,” The Annual Bishop Simon Bruté Lecture, Marian University, April 2018.
- “From Exegetical Dilemma to Theological Conviction: The Roots of Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois, May 26, 2017.

- “Basil and Augustine: Preaching on Care for the Poor,” paper presentation, 17<sup>th</sup> International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford, August 2015.
- “Christ Spread Throughout the World: Augustine’s Sacramental Theology of Church,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, May 2014.
- “Augustine of Hippo, Conversion, and the Restless Human Heart,” Spring Lecture, Chapman Seminary, Oakland City University, Oakland City, Indiana, April 2014.
- “A Heart Transformed: Augustine on Christian Conversion,” paper presentation, Catholic Theological Society of America, June 2013.
- “Augustine on the Value of the Present Life,” Patricia H. Imbesi St. Augustine Fellow lecture, Villanova University, March 2013.
- “Augustine’s Preaching on the Church as the Body of Christ,” a two-part seminar for graduate students and faculty in Humanities, Villanova University, Spring 2013.
- “*Transfiguravit in se*: The Sacramentality of Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*,” paper presentation, 16<sup>th</sup> International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford, August 2011.
- “Graced Action: Augustine on Christ’s Way of Love,” paper presentation, College Theology Society, May 2009.
- “Moving Beyond Ourselves: Augustine on Living as the Body of Christ,” paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, November 2004.
- “Engaging in ‘Journey Business’: Augustine’s Preaching on the Here and Now,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, May 2004.
- “Contemplation of God Through a Life of Service: The Christian Life in the Writings of Augustine,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, May 2002.

#### **PUBLIC PREACHING, LECTURES, AND WORKSHOPS**

- “The Trinity” and “Trinitarian Spirituality,” workshops for the Parish Catechetical Leadership Institute, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, July 2014, July 2015, July 2016, July 2017, July 2018.
- “Transforming Love,” women’s morning of reflection, St. Bernadette Parish, Louisville, Kentucky, June 2018.
- “Transforming Love,” Lenten parish mission (three sessions), St. Nicholas Church, Santa Claus, Indiana, February 2018.
- “Intercultural Friendships: The Story of a Well in Togo,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, October 2017.
- “Sacramentality and My Encounter with God in India,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, September 2016.
- “Cross-Cultural Ministry Experiences: Lessons of Faith from Cross-Cultural Service,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, April 2016.
- “Women in the Church Yesterday and Today,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, January 2016.
- “History of Celibacy,” January-term workshop (three sessions), Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, 2013-2016.
- Stewardship Reflection, Saint Francis of Assisi parish, Dale, Indiana, October 25, 2015.
- “A Journey of Discernment,” retreat talk for the Faculty/Staff Fellows of “The Little Way Learning Community,” Bellarmine University, held at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House, October 2014.

Presentation on the Life and Art of Johann Schmitt, Heritage Day Mass and Celebration, St. Boniface Parish, Louisville, Kentucky, October 2013.

“The Trinity,” workshop for the Catechetical Leadership Institute, Diocese of Evansville, July 2013.

“Augustine on the Transforming Union of the Body of Christ,” Lenten speaker Series, Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, March 13, 2012.

“The Church: St. Augustine and the *Totus Christus*,” Lenten speaker series, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, February 28, 2012.

“Living Attentively,” Breakfast with Benedict series, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, January 23, 2012.

“Living as the Body of Christ,” Day of Recollection for the Parish Pastoral Council and Staff of St. Peter Parish of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, held at St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, January 7, 2012.

“Biblical Stories and Our Stories,” Aging and Spirituality lecture series, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, April 27, 2011.

“The Gift of Scripture: Generation to Generation,” Fall speaker series, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, October 19, 2010.

#### **AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS**

Adrian Fuerst Faculty Research and Development Grant, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, for travel to the Oxford Patristics Conference, Summer 2015.

Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellowship, Augustinian Institute of Villanova University, for semester research leave, Spring 2013.

Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for best theological essay by a new scholar, The Catholic Theological Society of America, June 2011.

James L. and Josephine S. Baggott Outstanding Senior Award, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 1995.

Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, May 1995.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT**

##### **Graduate**

Patristics  
Early Church History  
Medieval Church History  
Augustine the Preacher  
Theology of Augustine  
Christian Martyrdom: Witness of Faith  
*Caritas* and Wealth: Patristic Perspectives

##### **Undergraduate**

First Theology  
Systematics II  
Christian Spirituality  
Christian Martyrdom  
Theology of Augustine  
Ministry Field Experience  
Exploring Religious Meaning  
Theology of Early Christianity  
Foundations of Theology: Biblical/Historical  
World Religions  
New Testament  
College Life and Beyond

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology**

Personnel Committee, 2013-2015, 2017-2019, co-chair 2014-2015.  
Academic Committee, 2015-2017.  
Committee for Strategic Question on Governance, 2014-2015.  
Co-leader of Fall Formation Day, "Parish Twinning in Haiti," 2014.  
Liturgical/Sacramental Theology Faculty Search Committee, 2013.  
Committee for Strategic Question on Faculty Involvement in Formation, 2013-2014.  
Environmental Stewardship Committee, 2012-2013.

**Saint Vincent College**

Faculty Advisor for Theology Internships and Theology Majors, 2010-2012.  
Co-leader of Calcutta service trip, May 2011, May 2012.  
Retention Intervention Committee, 2009-2012.  
Employee Grievance Board, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, alternate 2010-2011.  
Co-leader of campus-wide celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2009-2012.  
Convener of panel discussion on Haiti, Spring 2010.  
Convener of panel discussion, "Saint Vincent College Women in Theology," Spring 2009.

**University of Notre Dame**

Faculty Co-leader, M.Div. Immersion Trip to Haiti, May 2007.  
Graduate Theology Society, coordinator for Brown Bag Lunch speaker series, 2003-2004.  
Representative to the Student Liaison Group of the American Academy of Religion, 2003-2004.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

North American Patristics Society  
Catholic Theological Society of America  
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality  
National Association for Lay Ministry  
College Theology Society

**RECENT CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Theology Curriculum Committee, advisor, Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, 2017-2018.  
Water and Latrine Project for Datcha, Togo, project coordinator, Rich in Mercy Institute, 2017-2018.  
Lector, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Dale, Indiana, 2015-present.  
ESL Teacher, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Dale, Indiana, 2014-2018, substitute teacher, 2018-present.  
Communion Minister, parish liturgies and nursing home ministry, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, 2009-2012.