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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017-Present **ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY**
Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology
- 2016-Present **AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY**
Adjunct Professor of Theology

EDUCATION

- 2013-2017 **AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY**
Ph.D., Systematic Theology
- Dissertation: "We Have Beheld His Glory, Glory as an Only-Begotten of the
Father": Mission and Personhood in Hans Urs von Balthasar
Director: Michael Maria Waldstein
- 2011-2013 **PONTIFICAL JOHN PAUL II INSTITUTE (LATERAN, ROME)**
Washington, DC Session
M.T.S., Sacred Theology (*magna cum laude*)
- 2006-2010 **DESALES UNIVERSITY**
B.A., Theology (*magna cum laude*)
B.A., Philosophy (*magna cum laude*)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- Marriage and Sexuality (especially John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*)
- Christology
- Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar

AREAS OF COMPETENCY

- Moral Theology
- 20th Century Catholic Theology
- Theology of Thomas Aquinas
- Gospel of John

COURSES TAUGHT

St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

- Catechesis and the New Evangelization: Content, Method, and Challenges
- The Gospel of Life: Life Issues and Contemporary Challenges

Ave Maria University

- Sacred Scripture (Undergraduate)
- Christian Marriage: Theology of the Body (Online, Undergraduate and Graduate)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2017 "The 'Aspects of Christ' (Epinoiia Christou) in Origen's *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans*," *Harvard Theological Review* 110:2, 195-216.
- 2017 "Ignatius of Antioch's Letter to the Ephesians 19:1 and the Hidden Mysteries: A Trajectory of Interpretation from Origen to Thomas Aquinas," *Journal of Theological Studies* 68:1, 93-120.
- 2016 "The Lesser Light is Not Dimmed: On the Significance of Thomas Aquinas's Treatise on the Incarnation for the Relationship between Nature and Grace," *Angelicum* 93:4, 751-783.
- 2016 "A Luminous and Splendid Truth: On the Mystery of Predestination in Matthias Scheeben," *The Heythrop Journal* 57:5 [available online - awaiting print publication].
- 2016 "Catholic Ecclesiology and Hans Urs von Balthasar: The Unity-in-Difference of the Marian and Petrine Principles of the Church," *Princeton Theological Review* 19:1, 21-37.
- 2010 "Heaven Held Back: On the Reductions of Secularism and the Fulfillment Found in Trinitarian Love." *On the Wings of Truth: The Online Journal of the Salesian Center for Faith and Culture at DeSales University*. Published on-line: <http://web1.desales.edu/assets/salesian/PDF/HP2010-Kuhner.pdf>. [Senior Thesis for the Faith and Reason Honors Program; advised by Dr. Rodney Howsare]

Book Reviews

- 2017 Lyra Pitstick: *Christ's Descent into Hell: John Paul II, Joseph Ratzinger, and Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Theology of Holy Saturday* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2016), forthcoming in *The Journal of Jesuit Studies*.
- 2017 Matthew Lewis Sutton, *Heaven Opens: The Trinitarian Mysticism of Adrienne von Speyr* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2014), *Nova et Vetera* 15:2, 692-696.
- 2016 Aidan Nichols, O.P., *Figuring Out the Church: Her Marks and Her Masters* (San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2013), *Pro Ecclesia* 25 (Spring), 243-246.
- 2016 Spencer Cole, *Cicero and the Rise of Deification at Rome* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), *The Heythrop Journal* 57 (January), 221.
- 2016 Michael Koortbojian, *The Divinization of Caesar and Augustus: Precedents, Consequences, Implications* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013), *The Heythrop Journal* 57 (January), 222.
- 2015 J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex* (Wilmington, DE: ISI Books, 2014), published in *Humanum Review: Issues in Family, Culture, & Science* (Issue Three). Co-authored with Michelle Kuhner.
- 2014 *The Ethics of Organ Transplantation*, ed. Steven J. Jensen (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2011), published in *Humanum Review: Issues in Family, Culture, & Science* (Issue One). Co-authored with Michelle Kuhner.

Manuscripts in Progress

- “Reading *Veritatis Splendor* §78 with Servais Pinckaers, O.P.: Thomistic Action Theory and ‘The Perspective of the Acting Person,’” submitting to *Modern Theology*.
- “*The Sacrament of Love: Paul Evdokimov & Contraception*,” submitting to *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*.
- Review of Michele M. Schumacher, *A Trinitarian Anthropology: Adrienne von Speyr and Hans Urs von Balthasar in Dialogue with Thomas Aquinas*, submitting to *The Heythrop Journal*.
- Review of Jennifer Newsome Martin, *Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Critical Appropriation of Russian Thought*, submitting to *The Heythrop Journal*.
- Review of Anne M. Carpenter, *Theo-Poetics: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Risk of Art and Being*, submitting to *The Heythrop Journal*.

- Review of Angel Perez-Lopez, *Procreation and the Spousal Meaning of the Body: A Thomistic Argument Grounded in Vatican II*, submitting to *Nova et Vetera*.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “The ‘Theological Existence’ of St. Teresa of Calcutta: On the Significance of Her Life and Work for the Discipline of Theology,” *Mother Teresa and the Mystics: Toward a Renewal of Spiritual Theology*, The Aquinas Center, February 10-11.
- 2016 “A Luminous and Splendid Truth: On the Mystery of Predestination in Matthias Scheeben,” *Thomism and Predestination: A Theological Symposium*, The Aquinas Center and The Thomistic Institute, January 25-27.
- 2015 “The Joy that Burns and Consumes: Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Relationship Between Joy and Suffering in the Life of the Church,” *4th Annual Symposium on Advancing the New Evangelization*, Benedictine College Institute for Missionary Activity, March 27-28.
- 2015 “Ignatius of Antioch’s Letter to the Ephesians 19:1 and the Hidden Mysteries: A Trajectory of Interpretation from Origen to Thomas Aquinas,” *Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies, Historical Theology, and History of Christianity in Late Antiquity*, Pappas Patristic Institute, March 5-7.
- 2014 “The ‘Aspects of Christ’ (Epinoiai Christou) in Origen’s *Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans*,” *Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies, Historical Theology, and History of Christianity in Late Antiquity*, Pappas Patristic Institute, March 6-8.
- 2013 “*Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and the Meaning of ‘Proper Autonomy,’” *Graduate Student Seminar, Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) Annual Meeting*, February 4. Co-presented with Sara Hulse.

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 “The Power of Presence,” *St. Patrick’s Parish Magazine* (Fall), 20-22.

NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “The Paradox of Missionary Discipleship” (keynote), *Fall Days: Annual Gathering of Catechetical Leaders*, Diocese of Rochester, September 14.
- 2017 “Renewing our Minds in Christ: Reflections on the Importance of Intellectual Formation” (keynote), *St. Stephen’s Diaconal Community Association Gathering*, Diocese of Rochester, September 9.

- 2017 “Beyond Left and Right: The Appalling Strangeness of Catholic Moral Teaching,” *Theology on Tap*, Diocese of Rochester, August 7.
- 2017 “Catechesis at the Service of Encounter,” *Gathering of the Ministerium*, Diocese of Rochester, April 18.
- 2012 “‘Taking Every Thought Captive to Christ’ - On the Importance of Renewing our Minds in Christ Jesus,” *Fraternal Dinner Address*, Knights of Columbus Council #13242 at George Washington University, September 20.

HONORS, AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS

- McGivney Scholarship at the John Paul II Institute (2011-2012 and 2012-2013).
- Recipient of the “Award for Excellence in Philosophical Studies,” presented annually by the Philosophy and Theology Department of DeSales University (2010).
- Papal Medal awarded by Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli (President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications) for “best student essay” of the Heritage Essay Contest hosted by the Salesian Center for Faith and Culture at DeSales University (2009). Found online: “Communicating Love: Friendship in the Technological Age,” <http://www.desales.edu/assets/salesian/PDF/AnnualEssayKuhner2009.pdf>.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer/Referee for *Modern Theology*.
- Managing Editor for *Thomistica.net*, a website dedicated to the academic study of Thomas Aquinas (2016-Present).
- Conference Assistant for *Thomism and Predestination: A Theological Symposium*, sponsored by *The Aquinas Center* and *The Thomistic Institute* and held at Ave Maria University, January 25-27, 2016.
- Member of the Ad Hoc Committees on Cultivating Excellence in Student Papers and on Best Pedagogical Practices at Ave Maria University (Fall 2016).

LANGUAGES

- Reading proficiency in German, Latin, and Greek; beginner's knowledge of Italian.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Catholic Theological Society of America
- American Academy of Religion
- Fellowship of Catholic Scholars

REFERENCES

- Dr. Michael Maria Waldstein, Max Seckler Professor of Theology, Department of Theology, Ave Maria University, tel. 239-280-2594. E-mail: michael.waldstein@avemaria.edu.
- Rev. Matthew Lamb, Cardinal Maida Professor of Theology, Department of Theology, Ave Maria University, tel. 239-280-1681. E-mail: fr.matthew.lamb@avemaria.edu.
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