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Education

**Boston College:** PhD in Systematic Theology, anticipated May 2021.

**Boston College School of Theology and Ministry:** Master of Theology, May 2016.

**Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary:** Master of Divinity (*Cum Laude*),May 2015.

**Houghton College:** Bachelor of Arts. Majors in Bible and Humanities, Minor in Political Science, May 2012 (*Summa Cum Laude*)with Honors in Humanities.

Professional Experience

**Teaching Assistant at Boston College:**

“Exploring Catholicism,” Dr. Mary Ann Hinsdale. 2018-2019.

“Ethics, Religion and International Politics,” Dr. Mara Willard. Fall 2018.

“Introduction to Christian Theology,” Rev. Michael J. Himes. 2017-2018.

**Student Assistant:** *New Testament Abstracts*. Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Fall 2015-Spring 2016.

**Theology Teaching Fellow:** Semlink (online education). Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Fall 2013-Fall 2014.

**Intern:** The Balkan Institute for Faith and Culture. Skopje, The Republic of Macedonia. Summer 2014.

**Teaching Assistant (“Byington Scholar”) at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary:** Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Assistant to Fr. Dean Borgman (Professor of Youth Ministry and Social Ethics), Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Assistant to Dr. Gwenfair Adams (Professor of Church History). Fall 2013- Spring 2014

**World Vision Fellow:** World Vision Fellowship at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Fall 2014-Spring 2015.

**Teaching Assistant at Houghton College**: “East Meets West” Honors Program. Houghton College. Fall 2010-Spring 2012.

Selected Research

**Symposium Participant:** Collegium Institute Genealogies of Modernity III Symposium (University of Pennsylvania). June 2019.

**“What does a Demon Look Like? Early Christian Mysticism and Demonic Imaginations.”** Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Mystical Theology Network. Boston, MA. March 2019.

**“Who our Highways Have Taught us to Love: Space, Liturgy, and Racialization in the North American City.”** Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. November 2019.

**“The Mystical Body and the Black Christ.”** Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Mystical Theology Network. Leuven, Belgium. June 2018.

**“Karl Barth, James Baldwin, and the Demonic.”** Presentation at Religion and Difference: Annual Brown University Graduate Conference in Religious Studies. Providence, RI. March 2018.

**“ ‘Trapped in a History Which They Do Not Understand:’ Reading James Baldwin with Thomas Merton, Toward a Spiritual-Theological Interpretation of Mass Incarceration.”** Presentation for panel on mass incarceration, featuring Michelle Alexander and Walter Fluker, for Black Theology section at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November, 2017.

**“Liberation and Askesis: Dorothee Sölle, Sergei Bulgakov, and the Role of Asceticism in Mystical Liberation Theology.”** Presentation for the Mysticism & Politics section of the College Theology Society Annual Meeting. Kansas City, MO. June, 2016.

 **“The Askesis of Peace: Peace, Conflict, and Spiritual Pedagogy in Basil of Caesarea’s Commentary on the Psalms.”**ThM Thesis. Director: Fr. Brian Dunkle, Second Reader: Francine Cardman. Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Defended May 2016.

Publications

“Exorcisms Have Been Part of Christianity for Decades.” The Conversation. <https://theconversation.com/exorcisms-have-been-part-of-christianity-for-centuries-107932>

**Review:** *Divinations: Theopolitics in an Age of Terror* by Daniel Bell, Jr. RedaingReligion.org. Summer 2018.

**Review:** *God in Captivity: The Rise of Faith-Based Prison Ministries in the Age of Mass Incarceration* by Tanya Erzen. ReadingReligion.org. Spring 2017.

Awards and Honors

**Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award:** Awarded by Boston College Center for Teaching Excellence for TA service 2018-2019.

**Graduate Fellow at the Clough Center for Constitutional Democracy:**  Boston College. 2018-2019

**Robert C. Cooley Scholar in Early Christianity:** Awarded by Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. April 2016.

**Lilly Graduate Fellow:** Member of the 2016-2019 cohort of the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program.

**Honors in Humanities:** Houghton College. Thesis, “The Old Testament and the Development of Early Byzantine Political Tendencies.” Awarded Honors in Humanities, May 2012. Committee: Dr. Meic Pearse (Director), Dr. Peter Meilaender, and Dr. Terence Paige.

Languages

**Reading:** Greek, Hebrew, German, French.

Research Interests

Spirituality/Mystical theology, early Christian spirituality, demonology, theology & politics, American Christianity (esp. American Christian political thought, race and evangelical Christianity), theology & racism, East-West Christian dialogue.