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EDUCATION

Spring 2019 (expected completion)
Ph.D. in Theology, University of Notre Dame

Dissertation: “Augustine and the Christology of the Gospel of John: A study of the *In Iohannis Evangelium Tractatus CXXIV*”

Director: John C. Cavadini

Augustine’s *Tractates on the Gospel of John* illuminate the irreducibly biblical character of his mature Christology. This series of sermons delivered between 406–420 reveals his sophistication as a scriptural exegete. It demonstrates conclusively that his understanding of Christ is essentially shaped by his desire to proclaim Scripture. Augustine’s scriptural Christology is shaped by the framework of John’s Gospel and its proclamation that the co-eternal Word and Son has “become flesh” (Jn 1:14) in time and taken on the full reality of human life. The homiletic structure of his exegesis reveals a fundamental concern for generating an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ as the central mystery of Christian faith. This dissertation seeks to elucidate the sophistication of Augustine’s exegesis of the Gospel as a Christological pedagogy which leads his listeners to encounter anew the mystery of the person of Jesus Christ.

2013 – Master of Theological Studies, Boston College

Thesis: “The Soteriology of Origen’s *On First Principles*”
Director: Khaled Anatolios

2011 – Bachelor of Architecture, University of Notre Dame

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Catechetical Theology and Evangelization, Christology/Soteriology, U.S. Latino Theology and Catechesis, Patristic Theology, Augustine of Hippo, Origen of Alexandria, The Medieval Reception of Patristic Theology, *Ressourcement* in 20th Century Catholic Thought, The Theology of Benedict XVI/Joseph Ratzinger, Marian Theology/Mariology

- PUBLICATIONS** *Three Pseudo-Bernardine Works*. Edited by Ann Astell and Joseph Wawrykow. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2018. [As Member of the *Catena Scholarium* translating team at the University of Notre Dame.]
- Aelred of Rievaulx, The Liturgical Sermons: The Durham and Lincoln Collections, Sermons 47–83*. Translated by Kathryn Krug, Lewis White, and the *Catena Scholarium*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2018. [As Member of the *Catena Scholarium* translating team at the University of Notre Dame.]
- CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** “An Inculturated *Introduction*: Reintroducing Christianity in the Context of U.S. Hispanic Catholicism.” [Accepted for presentation at “Ratzinger's Introduction to Christianity at 50” conference, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN November 4–6, 2018
- “Preaching the Fourfold Gospel: Augustine's Exegetical Method in the *Sermones ad populum*.” Presented at the annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL May 25, 2018
- “Augustine's Influence on the Developing Theology of the Gifts and Beatitudes: A Medieval Reception History.” Presented at the Pinckaers Symposium, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN May 7, 2018
- “*De humilitate Christi loquor*’: Augustine’s Preaching on the Union of Natures in his *In Iohannis Evangelium Tractatus*.” Presented at the annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL May 27, 2017.
- “Augustine and Aquinas on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.” Presented at the 52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI May 13, 2017
- TEACHING INTERESTS** Catechetical Theology and Evangelization, Hispanic Faith Formation and Catechesis, U.S. Latino Theology, The Development of Christological Doctrine, Patristic and Medieval Exegesis, Early Christian Soteriology, Modern Catholic Systematic Theology, Marian Theology/Mariology

**COURSES
TAUGHT**

University of Notre Dame

Fall 2018 – Foundations of Theology (THEO 10001)

Spring 2018 – Foundations of Theology (THEO 10001)

Instructor for first introductory course in Theology.

Designed course, syllabus, and readings to introduce the theological sophistication and coherence of the Old Testament, New Testament, and early Christian history. Provided focused discussion of key theological doctrines such as God, Creation, Incarnation, Redemption, and the Church. Worked with students to develop a comprehensive sense of Theology as an academic discipline defined as “faith seeking understanding.”

Holy Cross College (Notre Dame, IN)

Fall 2018 – Creation, Covenant, and Christ (THEO 140 Honors)

Instructor for first introductory course in Theology.

Designed course, syllabus, and readings to introduce the theological sophistication and coherence of the Old Testament, New Testament, and early Christian history. Provided focused discussion of the key theological themes of Creation, Covenant, Christ, and Church that structure the course as a whole. Worked with students to develop a comprehensive sense of Theology as an academic discipline defined as “faith seeking understanding.”

**OTHER
TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Summer 2016 – Christian Doctrine for Catechists (THEO 60222)

Summer 2015 – Christian Doctrine for Catechists (THEO 60222)

Prof. John C. Cavadini

Worked with instructor in the revision of course syllabus for class presenting a synthetic overview of Christian Doctrine. Primary course material consisted in a close exposition of the first two pillars of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Creed and Sacraments) for those preparing for teaching and parish ministry. Provided feedback and grades for students on daily writing assignments focused on the re-articulation of Christian doctrine for specific audiences. Met with students outside of class hours to discuss particular issues at greater depth and assist them in presenting the coherence of Christian faith.

Spring 2016 – The Catholic Faith (THEO 20251)

Prof. John C. Cavadini

Supervised lecture course of 150 undergraduate students focused on presenting the coherence of the Catholic faith through an exposition of the Apostles' Creed. Oversaw the work of 4 co-teaching assistants and guided weekly grading of student assignments focused on re-articulating the essential elements of Christian dogma. Met with students outside of class to discuss particular questions and facilitate their understanding of the interconnection of the doctrines of the Catholic faith.

Fall 2015 – The Christian Tradition I (THEO 40201)

Prof. John C. Cavadini

Assisted instructor in course covering the major theologians and theological developments from the end of the New Testament to the 14th century. Lectured occasionally on topics in early and medieval Christian history. Met with students outside of class in order to facilitate their understanding of core theological concepts and the development of Christian doctrines.

Fall 2014 – U.S. Latino Spirituality (THEO 20206)

Spring 2015 – U.S. Latino Spirituality (THEO 20206)

Prof. Timothy Matovina, Daniel Groody, and Virgil Elizondo

Assisted instructors with course covering the character and identity of U.S. Latino Christianity. Primary course material consisted in readings elucidating the roots of Latino cultural, religious, and philosophical traditions; the intersection of Mexican and American culture and religious identity; and the importance of *mestizaje* (or cultural mixing) for the interpretation of the Gospel and its inculturation. Provided feedback and grades for students on assignments dealing with the intersection of cultural identity and Christian faith. Met with students outside of class in order to facilitate their understanding of core theological concepts.

**OTHER
ACADEMIC
EMPLOYMENT**

Assisted in Revision and Final Editing of Manuscripts for:

Saving Fear: The Charged Dynamic of Fear and Love in Christian Spirituality. Edited by Ann W. Astell. In Production (University of Notre Dame Press).

Mary on the Eve of the Second Vatican Council. Edited by John C. Cavadini and Danielle M. Peters. Notre Dame, IN : University of Notre Dame Press, 2017.

Assisted in Revision and Final Editing of Articles and Book Chapters for:

John C. Cavadini. "The Mystery of St. Joseph in the Memory of the Church: A Father Rich in Mercy." In *An Apocalypse of Love: Essays in Honor of Cyril J. O'Regan*. Edited by Anthony C. Scigliano and Jennifer Newsome Martin. New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2018. 13–31.

John C. Cavadini. "Winning Converts: John A. O'Brien and the Renewal of Lay Leadership in the Church." In *Pope Francis and the Event of Encounter*. Edited by John C. Cavadini and Donald Wallenfang. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2018. 261–278.

John C. Cavadini. "The Kingdom of Irony: Augustine, Sin, and Dante's *Inferno*." In *Dante, Mercy, and the Beauty of the Human Person*. Edited by Leonard J. DeLorenzo and Vittorio Montemaggi. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2017. 29–44.

**SERVICE TO
THE CHURCH**

2013–2016 – Adult Faith Formation Catechist (RCIA)
St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, IN

Helped accompany adults through the process of Christian Initiation in the periods of Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification and Enlightenment, and Mystagogy. Presented on theological topics for various catechetical sessions, retreats, and discernment sessions. Helped prepare candidates and catechumens for the Rites of Acceptance and Welcome, Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, and the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation.

2013–2015 – Confirmation Preparation Catechist
St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, IN

Worked with team to prepare adolescents to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Presented on the history of Confirmation, the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, the witness of the Saints, and the universal call to holiness.

2014–2015 – First Communion and First Reconciliation Catechist
St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, IN

Co-taught weekly sessions for non-traditional students (varying ages, reading levels, and levels of catechesis) preparing for the reception of First Communion and First Reconciliation.

2014–2017 – Member of Liturgy Commission
St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, IN

Contributed to parish preparation for various liturgical seasons and feasts. Helped plan major liturgies and events (Christmas, Palm Sunday, Triduum, Lenten Parish Mission). Provided support and formation for liturgical ministers. Participated in commission to select new parish hymnal. Led commission in catechetical reflections on liturgical documents and theological texts.

2017–Present – High School Youth Group Volunteer
St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Parishes, South Bend, IN

Presented on the nature of masculinity and the Theology of the Body for high school youth group. Support youth group team members in preparing session themes.

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

2015–2017 – Representative of the Graduate Theological Society to the Graduate Student Union

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2013–2018 – Full Tuition Scholarship and Stipend for Ph.D. in Theology (University of Notre Dame)
2016 – High Honors (Highest Departmental Honors), Ph.D. Comprehensive Examinations (University of Notre Dame)
2011–2013 – Full Tuition Scholarship and Stipend for MTS program (Boston College)

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, German (Reading), French (Reading)

REFERENCES

Provided with application materials.