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Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor of Theology
University of Scranton
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Areas of Specialization:

Comparative theology (Catholic-Muslim); Louis Massignon; Interreligious dialogue; Mystical theology; Bernard Lonergan; Francis de Sales; Catholic systematic theology.

Education

Boston College Ph.D. Systematic and Comparative Theology	2009
Harvard University Summer program, Elementary Arabic	2007
Boston College M.A. Theology <i>with distinction</i>	2003
Lafayette College A.B. Religion <i>cum laude</i> ; B.S. Civil Engineering	1997

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, University of Scranton Introduction to Christian Theology (standard, SJLA) Christ & Qur'an Development of Christian Thought until 1100 Theology of Religions (graduate) Islam Salesian Spirituality	2009-
Teaching Fellow, Boston College Introduction to Christian Theology	2008-2009
Teaching Assistant, Boston College: Introduction to Christian Theology (Dr. Paul Da Ponte) Perspectives I (Dr. Stephen Brown)	2006-2008

Languages

Reading knowledge of French, German, Latin, some Arabic.

Honors and Awards

University of Scranton Intersession Research Grant	2011
Diversity Initiatives Grant, University of Scranton	2010
Education for Justice Grant, University of Scranton	2010
Carnegie Corporation Grant for Teaching about Islam and Middle Eastern Culture	2010
Ernest Fortin Memorial Research Grant, Boston College	2007, 2008
Bradley Fellowship, Institute of Medieval Philosophy and Theology, Boston College	2007
Merit based tuition remission scholarship for M.A. theology, Boston College	2001
David Fowler Atkins Jr. Prize in religion, Lafayette College	1997
Sigma Xi, Lafayette College	1997
Lyman Coleman Prize in religion, Lafayette College	1996
Jeffrey B. Havens Memorial Award, Lafayette College	1996

Accepted/Published Articles and Book Chapters

“Divine Embodiment in Christian-Muslim Perspective,” *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* (forthcoming).

“The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus: Toward a Christian-Muslim comparative theological reading,” *Identity and Exclusion: Interreligious Dialogue in Postmodernity*. Upjohn Light, Aimee, ed. Palgrave-Macmillan (forthcoming).

“Interreligious Friendship: The Church and Islam,” *Grace and Friendship*. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press (2013, est).

“Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism in Louis Massignon's Appropriation of Gandhi as Modern Saint,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 48:1 (Winter 2013).

“St. John of the Cross and Interreligious Dialogue,” *Sacra Doctrina: Insights from Young Theologians*. Moreland, Anna Bonta and Joseph Curran, eds. New York: Crossroad C21 Series (2012).

“Louis Massignon’s influence on the teaching of Vatican II on Muslims and Islam,” *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 23:3 (2012): 329-345.

“Louis Massignon’s Secret of History Read in the Light of Bernard Lonergan’s Law of the Cross” *Lonergan Workshop Journal* 24 (2010): 203-226.

“The Seven,” *Commonweal* 136/1 (2009): 31.

“Jesus’ Expression of Sorrow, Fear, Doubt, and Abandonment in the Passion Narrative of Mark (14:33-36; 15:34) according to Modern Catholic Exegesis and Thomas Aquinas’ *Summa Theologiae*: Pastoral and Doctrinal Concerns,” *Angelicum* 85 (2008): 675-696.

Book Reviews

Tradition and Pluralism: Essays in Honor of William M. Shea. Parker, Kenneth, and Huff, Peter, and Pahls, Michael, eds. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2009 and *Journeys into Justice: Religious Collaboratives Working for Social Transformation*. Harper, Nile, and associates. Minneapolis, MN: Bascom Hill Publishing Group, 2009. *Journal for Ecumenical Studies* (forthcoming).

Adaptations and Innovations: Studies on the Interaction between Jewish and Islamic Thought and Literature from the Early Middle Ages to the Late Twentieth Century. Langermann Y. Tzvi and Josef Stern, eds. Peeters: Louvain, 2007. *Journal for Ecumenical Studies* 46:1 (2011).

Unity in Diversity: Interfaith Dialogue in the Middle East by Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Amal Khoury, and Emily Welty. *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies* 20:2 (2010).

Conference Papers

“Engaging classic Islamic critiques of the Christian doctrine of redemption,” *Catholic Theological Society of America* (Christian Theologies Responsive to Islam Consultation) at Miami, FL (June 2013).

“Massignon’s Indirect Influence on *Lumen Gentium* and *Nostra Aetate*,” *Lonergan Workshop* at Boston College (June 2012).

“Deir Mar Musa al-Habashi: A contemporary example of Christian-Muslim encounter,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting* (Middle Eastern Christianity Consultation) at San Francisco, CA (November, 2011).

“Divine Embodiment in Christian-Muslim Perspective,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting* (Comparative Theology Group) at San Francisco, CA (November, 2011).

“Reading al-Hallaj and John of the Cross to understand union with God and the work of Christ,” *Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Meeting* (Comparative Theology Group) at San Jose, CA (June, 2011).

“Recovering the Work of Louis Massignon, Jean-Mohammed Abd-el-Jalil, and Georges Anawati for a Contemporary Roman Catholic Understanding of Islam’s Significance for the Church,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting* (Roman Catholic Studies Group) at Atlanta, GA (November, 2010).

“Louis Massignon: Unacknowledged Pioneer of Comparative Theology,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting* (Comparative Theology Group) at Atlanta, GA (November, 2010).

“Francois de Sales and Louis Massignon on Visitation: A Comparison,” *Salesian Scholars Seminar* at Stella Niagara (October, 2010).

“Examining Louis Massignon’s Secret of History in the Light of Bernard Lonergan’s Law of the Cross,” *Lonergan Workshop* at Boston College (June, 2010).

“Christ, Islam, and Substitute Mysticism in Louis Massignon's (1883-1962) Badaliya Sodality,” *College Theology Society Annual Meeting* (World Religions and Christian Spirituality Groups) at Portland, OR (June 2010).

“Spiritual Friendship in the Salesian Tradition Read in the Light of Bernard Lonergan’s Notion of Vertical Finality,” *Salesian Scholars Seminar* at Stella Niagara, NY (October, 2008).

“Toward a Catholic Understanding of Mysticism: Insights from the Catholic Tübingen School,” *College Theology Society Annual Meeting* at Newport, RI (June, 2008).

“History, Method, and Co-orientation in the Catholic and Islamic Spirituality of Louis Massignon,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting* (Christian Spirituality Group) at San Diego, CA (November, 2007).

“Theological Context for the Shared Veneration of the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus in Christianity and Islam,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting* (Eastern Orthodox Studies Group) at San Diego, CA (November, 2007).

“Louis Massignon: Pioneer of Catholic-Muslim Dialogue,” *Salesian Scholars Seminar* at Stella Niagara, NY (October, 2006).

“Bernard Lonergan (1904-1984) on Religion as a Transcultural Reality: Witness Given and Questions Raised by the Life and Work of Louis Massignon (1883-1962),” *Engaging Particularities IV: Comparative theology conference* at Boston College (March, 2006).

“Inter-religious Dialogue for Mission,” *Mission Congress 2005: Annual conference of the United States Catholic Missionaries Association* at Tuscon, AZ (October, 2005).

“The Effects of Manichaeism Upon the Life and Conversion of St. Augustine,” *National Conference of Undergraduate Research* at the University of Texas at Austin (April, 1997).

“Problems of Religious Pluralism: A Comparison of John Hick and Swami Vivekenanda,” *National Conference of Undergraduate Research* at Union College (Schenectady, NY) (April, 1994).

Invited Academic Papers

“Louis Massignon and Vatican II,” *The Life and Thought of Louis Massignon (1883-1962): Comparative political and theological perspectives*: Heythrop College (London, U.K.) (November, 2012).

“Jesus in Islam” for Dr. Thomas Cattoi’s *Christology* course at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University (Berkeley, CA) (November, 2011).

Keynote Address, “Louis Massignon’s Secret of History and Bernard Lonergan’s Law of the Cross,” *Engaging Particularities IX: Comparative theology conference* at Boston College (March, 2010).

Symposia, Responses, and other Presentations

Co-chair, Comparative Theology Section (former World Religions Section), *College Theology Society* (2012-).

Moderator, “Teaching Comparative Theology from an Institution’s Spirituality and Mission,” *American Academy of Religion* (Comparative Theology Group) at Chicago, IL (November 2012).

Lecture, “Louis Massignon the Roman Catholic,” *Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Death of Louis Massignon* at St. Paul’s Parish (Cambridge, MA) (October, 2012).

Keynote Address, “Spiritual Democracy for the 21st century: Nurturing Humane Love, Respect, and Compassion,” *10th Annual Intercultural Dialogue and Friendship Ramadan Dinner* at Lehigh Dialogue Center (Allentown, PA) (August, 2012).

Participant, *Religious Life of Turkey* (tour of significant Christian and Muslim religious sites), *Turkish Cultural Center of Scranton* (June 2012).

Moderator, “Doctrine of God,” *Catholic Theological Society of America* (Christian Theologies in Response to Islam Interest Group) at St. Louis, MO (June 2012)

Organizer, *A Catholic Priest among Muslims: What I Have Learned*, by Fr. Thomas Michel, S.J., Ph.D., University of Scranton (March 2012).

Organizer and Moderator, *Abrahamic Faiths in Dialogue*, University of Scranton (February, 2011).

Organizer, *Believing in Jesus, in Love with Islam*, by Fr. Paolo Dall’Oglio, S.J., Ph.D., University of Scranton (February, 2011).

Participant, *Teaching about Islam and Middle Eastern Culture*, American Center for Oriental Research at Amman, Jordan (January 2010)

Participant, *Boston College Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue* (September, 2008).

Participant, *Boston College Colloquium in Comparative Theology: Buddhism* (2008-2009).

Response, J.Lampzey, E.Seamon, A.Tran, M.Walsh (Georgetown University): “Rahner and Other Religions,” *Engaging Particularities VI: Comparative theology conference* at Boston College (March, 2008).

“The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus and Muslim-Christian Dialogue,” *Comparative Theology Lunch Series* at Boston College (November 2007).

Response, Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, President of Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, “What the Church has learnt from Inter-religious Dialogue,” at Boston College (March, 2006).

Response, Professor Paul Knitter (Xavier University), “Is the Pluralist Model a Western Imposition?” at Boston College (April, 2005).

Response, Ann Michaud (Fordham University): “Toward a Comparative Theological Approach to Islam,” *Engaging Particularities III: Comparative theology conference* at Boston College (March, 2005).

Steering committee of *Engaging Particularities*, Boston College's Conference on Comparative Theology.

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion
Association des Amis de Louis Massignon
Catholic Theological Society of America
College Theology Society
Salesian Scholars Seminar

References

Available upon request