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Curriculum Vitae

Associate 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, S.J.; St. Francis de Sales.

Education

Boston College Ph.D. Systematic and Comparative Theology	2009
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

Associate (formerly Assistant) Professor, University of Scranton Christ & Qur'an (designed) Development of Christian Thought until 1100 Introduction to Christian Theology (standard, SJLA) Islam (designed) Love & Knowledge (designed) Salesian Spirituality (designed) Salvation Outside the Church? (graduate, designed) Spiritual Classics (re-designed)	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, Arabic.

Honors and Awards

Intersession Research Grant, University of Scranton	2012
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

Books

The Theology of Louis Massignon: Islam, Christ, and the Church. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2017 (est).

Accepted/Published Articles and Book Chapters

"The Darkness Is Not Death: Toward a Christian-Muslim Comparative Theological Study of the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus," *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 17.1 (2017).

"Interreligious Friendship: The Church and Islam," *Grace and Friendship: Theological Essays in Honor of Frederick Lawrence*. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2016: 52-64.

"Louis Massignon: Vatican II and Beyond," *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 55.3-4 (2014): 433-450.

"Teaching Comparative Theology from a Jesuit Perspective," *Teaching Theology and Religion* 17:4 (2014): 376-379.

"Pray for Syria and for Fr. Paolo," *Catholic Worker* 80.7 (Dec. 2013): 5.

"Louis Massignon's Secret of History Read in the Light of Bernard Lonergan's Law of the Cross" *Lonergan Workshop Journal* 24 (2013): 203-226.

"Divine Embodiment in Christian-Muslim Perspective," *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 22:2 (2012): 158-169.

"Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism in Louis Massignon's Appropriation of Gandhi as Modern Saint," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 47:4 (Fall 2012): 525-540.

"St. John of the Cross and Interreligious Dialogue," *New Voices in Catholic Theology*. Moreland, Anna Bonta and Joseph Curran, eds. New York: Crossroad (2012): 85-100.

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

"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

Renewing Islam By Service: A Christian View of Fetullah Gülen and the Hizmet Movement. Valkenberg, Pim. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2015. *Theological Studies* 77.3 (September 2016): 752-754.

Muslim and Catholic Pilgrimage Practices: Explorations Through Java. Laksana, Albertus Bagus. Ashgate Studies in Pilgrimage. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2014. *Theological Studies* 77.1 (March 2016): 226-227.

Your God, My God, Our God: Rethinking Christian Theology for Religious Plurality. Ariarajah, S. Wesley. Geneva: WCC Publications, 2012 and *Stepping Stones to Other Religions: A Christian Theology of Interreligious Dialogue*. Lane, Dermot A. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2011 and *Christian Theology and Religious Pluralism: A Critical Evaluation of John Hick*. Nah, David S. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2012. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 49:2 (Spring 2014): 351.

The Catholic Church and the World Religions: A Theological and Phenomenological Account. D'Costa, Gavin, ed. London: T & T Clark, 2011 and *Christianity, Islam, and the West*. Burns, Robert A. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2011. *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 48:3 (Summer 2013): 430-431.

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 of Ecumenical Studies* 47:4 (Fall 2012): 615-616.

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 of Ecumenical Studies* 46:1 (2011): 124-125.

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): 146-149.

Invited Academic Papers/Lectures

“Was Louis Massignon a Theologian?” *The Life and Thought of Louis Massignon within a wider Ecumenical and Dialogical Perspective*, Heythrop College (London, U.K.) (November 2016).

“Christ as Mercy: Insights from Islam,” Rosemont College (September, 2016).

“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).

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).

Conference Papers (since 2007)

“Vive Jesus! Reflections on Salesian Soteriology,” *Salesian Scholars Seminar* at Stella Niagara, NY (October, 2016).

“Christ as Mercy: Insights from Islam,” *Catholic Theological Society of America* (Christology Session) at San Juan, Puerto Rico (June 2016).

“Vive Jesus! Reflections on the Concrete Process of Redemption,” *Salesian Scholars Seminar* at Stella Niagara, NY (October, 2014).

“The Church and Islam,” *Lonergan Workshop* at Boston College (June 2013).

“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).

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

Other Talks

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).

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

Symposia, Responses, and other Academic Service (since 2007)

Moderator, “A Comparative Theological Discussion of *The Cosmic Common Good*,” *Catholic Theological Society of America* (Comparative Theology Topic Session) at Albuquerque, NM (June 2017).

Convener, Comparative Theology Topic Session, *Catholic Theological Society of America* (2016-17).

Steering committee, Comparative Theology Topic Session, *Catholic Theological Society of America* (2014-17).

Co-chair, Comparative Theology Section, *College Theology Society* (2012-15).

Moderator, “Cultivating Conscience: Responses to Ignatius of Loyola,” *College Theology Society* (Comparative Theology Section) at St. Vincent College (June 2014).

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

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

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).

Response, J.Lampsey, 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).

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.