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Education

- PhD UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO Renaissance Literature 2018
DISSERTATION The Italian Verse of Milton
COMMITTEE James Mardock (chair), Eric Rasmussen, Lynda Olman,
Donald Hardy, Jaime Leños, Francesco Manca
- ThM HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL Biblical Studies 2007
THESIS Messianism and the Suffering Servant
ADVISORS Paul Hanson, Paul Gavrilyuk
- MA DARTMOUTH COLLEGE Comparative Literature 2005
THESIS The Liturgical Intertext of *Inferno* XXXIV
ADVISOR Eleonora Stoppino
- STB PONTIFICAL SERAPHICUM Theology 1993
- BA POMONA COLLEGE Philosophy 1988

Professional Experience

- 2025–present Chaplain – Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paul CA
- 2023 Summer Confessor – Patriarchal Basilica of Saint Peter, Rome IT
- 2018–2019 Director of Admissions – Zaytuna College, Berkeley CA
- 2017–2025 Assistant Professor – Zaytuna College, Berkeley CA
- 2017 Spring Adjunct Instructor – Zaytuna College, Berkeley CA
- 2014–2022 Promoter – Franciscan Vietnam Mission, Conventual Franciscans of CA
- 2010–2015 Rector – Saint Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, Reno NV
- 2007–2015 Founder and Director – Franciscan Spirit and Life Institute
- 2006–2010 Postulant Director – Holy Family Friary, Castro Valley CA
- 2006–2010 Sacramental Ministry in San Francisco, Oakland, San José
- 2004–2005 Teaching Fellow – Dartmouth College, Hanover NH
- 2003–2006 Admissions Officer – Phillips Academy, Andover MA
- 2003–2006 Instructor in English – Phillips Academy, Andover MA
- 2003–2006 Chaplain – Phillips Academy, Andover MA
- 2001–2003 Advancement – National Shrine of Saint Francis, San Francisco CA
- 1993–2001 Sacramental Ministry – Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- 1993–1999 Instructor in English – Bishop Montgomery High School, Torrance CA

1992–1998	Translator and Interpreter – Franciscan General Chapters
1992–1993	Deacon – Parrocchia San Marco Evangelista in Agro-Laurentino, Roma IT
1991–1993	Theologate – Pontifical Seraphicum, Rome IT
1990–1991	Internship – St George Parish, Stockton CA
1990 Spring-Summer	Theologate – Instituto Teológico de América Central, San José CR
1988–1989	Theologate – Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley CA
1985–1988	Scholasticate – St Anthony of Padua Friary, Glendora CA
1984–1985	Novitiate – St Joseph of Cupertino Friary, Arroyo Grande CA
1984–present	Franciscan Friar – Saint Joseph Cupertino Province of California

Post-Doctoral Professional Formation

2024	Illinois NAGPRA Office – Intensive NAGPRA Summer Training and Education Program, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2022	The Folger Institute – Making Meaning: English Paleography and Book Production, Folger Shakespeare Library and Texas A&M University
2022	Medici Archive Project – Italian Paleography and Archival Studies, Palazzo Alberti, Florence
2019	Rhetoric Society of America project – Power, Place, and Publics: Rhetorical Cartographies of the University of Nevada Reno Campus Master Plan, <i>Precarious Economies</i> research group, University of Nevada Reno

Scholarly Interests

Anglo-Italian Renaissance Studies, Medieval and Renaissance Literatures, Classical and Renaissance Rhetoric, Rhetoric of Science, Rapa Nui Ethnohistory, Easter Island Studies, Catholic Studies, Biblical Studies (Old Testament)

Publications

2027 forthcoming	“Introduction” and “Ibn Khaldun Case Study,” in <i>Teaching the Global Renaissance Across Borders</i> , Nicholas Terpstra, Ifeoluwa Aboluwade, and Francisco Nahoe, eds. (Abingdon-on-Thames: Routledge, 2027), forthcoming.
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- 2024 "Urbino Englished: Castiglione in Unfamiliar Clime," in *Moralising the Italian Marvellous*, Beatrice Fuga and Alessandra Petrina, vol. eds. Anglo-Italian Renaissance Studies, Michele Marrapodi, series ed. (Abingdon-on-Thames: Routledge Press, 2024).
- 2023 "Where Voyaging Ends: Social Cosmology on Rapa Nui," in *Global Rhetorics of Science*, Lynda C. Olman, vol. ed., Miles Kimball and Charles Sides, series eds. (Albany NY: SUNY Press, 2023).
- 2021 Review of *Milton and Catholicism*, Ronald Corthell and Thomas N. Corns, eds. (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2017) in *Renaissance Quarterly*, vol 73.3 (Apr 2021), 1133-1135. DOI:10.1017/rqx.2020.213

Conference Papers, Panels and Invited Lectures

- 2026 Society for American Archaeology conference in San Francisco: Rapa Nui Repatriation Indiana Case Study
- 2026 Hoover Institution at Stanford, Alliance for Civics in the Academy: Building Civic Unity in a Religiously Diverse Democracy
- 2026 Indiana University Global in Mexico City, *Bridges Across Borders: Cultural Heritage Repatriation in the Americas* Workshop: The Sectors of Rapa Nui Repatriation Activity
- 2025 Thomas More Law School, Australian Catholic University (Fitzroy), Symposium on Decolonizing Law Curricula: Rapa Nui Repatriation Efforts and the Ethos of UNDRIP
- 2025 Native American and Indigenous Studies Association conference in Oklahoma City: Rapa Nui Repatriation: Asserting Indigenous Sovereignty
- 2025 Renaissance Society of America/Shakespeare Association of America joint conference in Boston: The Virtue that Turns to Vice: Court and Convent in the Italian *Comune*
- 2024 Zaytuna College Canon Lecture: Vergilian Katabasis and the Problem with Archetypes
- 2024 Facultad de Letras de la Universidad de Costa Rica in San José, *IV Congreso Internacional de literatura comparada: La heteroglosia italiana de Quevedo y Milton*

2024	Rhetoric Society of America biennial conference in Denver: Decolonizing Rapa Nui Ethnography
2024	Renaissance Society of America conference in Chicago: Popular Religiosity and Epic Imagination: the <i>Madonna delle Milizie</i>
2023	Centre for Renaissance and Reformation Studies in Toronto, <i>Worlds of Conflict: Violence in the Early Modern Period</i> , Violence and Sacred Hunger: Niobid Rhetoric in Spenser
2023	Thirteenth International Milton Symposium in Toronto: Reforming Petrarch: Milton's Italian Verse
2023	South Central Renaissance Conference in Berkeley: Popular Mariology and Epic Poetry at Scicli
2023	Renaissance Society of America conference in San Juan: Almost White: Polynesian Voyaging as Rhetoric of Science
2022	Renaissance Society of America virtual conference: The Figure of Niobe in Spenser's <i>Faerie Queene</i>
2022	Nova Forum at USC invited lecture: Typological Exegesis in the Catholic Tradition
2022	Renaissance Society of America conference in Dublin: Dionysian <i>Imitatio</i> and Milton's Italian Style
2022	Baylor University Honors College <i>100 Days of Dante</i> invited video lecture: <i>Paradiso XI</i>
2019	Zaytuna College Canon Lecture: Sophocles' <i>Oedipus</i> and the Grammar of Human Identity
2019	South Central Renaissance Conference in Lubbock TX: Tasso at Tilbury: Machiavellian <i>virtù</i> in Elizabethan Mythography

Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards

2025–present	Senior Fellow, Albertus Magnus Institute
2022 (2020)	Kinney Grant-in-Aid Award, Folger Shakespeare Library
2019–2020	Velde Research Fellow, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana
2015–2016	Nevada Regents Education Award, University of Nevada
2003–2004	Graduate Fellow in Comparative Literature, Dartmouth College

Teaching

2017-2025	Zaytuna College, Berkeley CA: Composition, Rhetoric, Poetics, Ethics, Political Philosophy, and History
2003-2004	Dartmouth College, Hanover NH: Medieval History and Italian
2003-2006	Phillips Academy, Andover MA: English Literature
1993-2001	Bishop Montgomery High School, Torrance CA: World Religions and AP English

Seminars Taught

Trivium Seminar in Grammar (seven times)
Trivium Seminar in Rhetoric (eight times)
Principles of Democracy (five times)
Politics (four times)
Ethics (twice)
US History to 1865 (once)

Preceptorials Taught

Aphthonius *Progymnasmata*
Aristotle *De Anima*
Aristotle *Nicomachean Ethics* (twice)
Augustine *De Doctrina Christiana* Book IV
Beginning Latin
Beginning Greek
Cicero *Topica*
English Renaissance Poetry
Evagrius Ponticus *Praktikos*
French Reading
Old English
Dante *Inferno*
Dante *Purgatorio*
Dante *Paradiso*
Plato *Republic* (twice)
Plato *Symposium*
Plato Shorter Ethical Dialogues
Plutarch *Greek Lives*
Postmodernism and Critical Theory
Vergil *Aeneid*

Professional Service

2024-2025	Zaytuna College – Undergraduate Writing Assessment Redactor
2022–present	Renaissance Society of America – Teaching Committee Chair
2019-2021	Zaytuna College – Student Life Committee Member
2017-2021	Zaytuna College – Academic Standards Committee Member
2017-2022	Zaytuna College – Undergraduate Admissions Committee Member

Professional and Scholarly Affiliations

2025–present	Albertus Magnus Institute
2025–present	Alliance for Civics in the Academy (Hoover Institution at Stanford)
2025–present	International Repatriation Network
2025–present	American Society for Ethnohistory
2024–present	Catholic Biblical Association
2023–present	International Society for the History of Rhetoric
2023–present	Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
2022–present	Medici Archive Project
2021–present	Albertus Magnus Institute
2019–present	Rhetoric Society of America
2019–present	Renaissance Society of America
1997-2004	Easter Island Foundation

Community Service and Volunteer Activitiy

2024–present	International Repatriation Network – Member
2024–present	Via Nova Fellowship – Pilgrimage Chaplain and Retreat Director
2023–present	Te Mau Hatu (Easter Island Council of Elders) – Honorary member and delegate for recovery and repatriation of Rapa Nui ancestral remains
2022–present	Harvard Admissions – Harvard Alumni Interviewer
2021–present	St Ann Foundation for Catholic Liturgy – Board of Directors
2018–present	Rongorongo Partners – Board of Directors
2011-2016	Libertas Nevada – Board of Directors
2006-2013	Saint Anthony of Padua Institute – Board of Directors

2004 Spring Franciscan University of Steubenville — Medical Mission Chaplain
1997–2002 Easter Island Foundation — Board of Directors and liaison to the
 Museo Antropológico Padre Sebastián Englert on Rapa Nui
1991–2003 Phillips Academy — Andover Alumni Interviewer

Current Research Projects

Teaching the Renaissance Across Borders; Reforming Petrarch: Milton's Italian Verse; Milton's Multilingual Rhetoric; Milton's Christology; La heteroglosia italiana de Quevedo y Milton; Milton and Catholicism; Rapa Nui Catholicism; Rapa Nui Repatriation; Rhetoric and Rapa Nui: Tropes of Easter Island Studies; Rapa Nui Ethnography and Ethnohistory; Racial Craniology and Polynesia

Classical and Medieval Languages

Latin	advanced
Greek	intermediate
Hebrew	advanced
Aramaic	basic
Old Occitan	basic
Old English	advanced
Old Norse	advanced

Modern Languages

Italian	advanced (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
Spanish	advanced (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
French	advanced (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
Polish	basic (reading, writing, listening and speaking)
Portuguese	basic (writing and listening) intermediate (speaking) advanced (reading)
Tahitian	basic (writing and listening) intermediate (reading and speaking)
Rapa Nui	intermediate (reading, writing, listening and speaking)

Professional References

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