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Curriculum vitae

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# EDUCATION

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| Georgetown University | Ph.D. Theological and Religious Studies  (Advisor: Dr. Peter C. Phan) | 2018 |
| Yale University | M.Div. Theology  ELM Certificate in School Ministry and Chaplaincy | 2013 |
| Washington U in St. Louis | B.A. Religious Studies and English Literature | 2010 |

# PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT

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| Villanova University | Assistant Prof, Theology & Religious Studies | 2022-Present |
| Valparaiso University | Assistant Professor, Theology | 2019-2022 |

# ****ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS****

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| **(ORCID 0000-0003-4354-5070)** | |
| Book |  |
| Under contract | *Making Catholicism Chinese: The Catholic Church in a Modernizing China* (under contract with Oxford University Press, expected 2025) |
| Articles & Chapters |  |
| 2025 | (Forthcoming) “Celebration and Solidarity: Can Chinese Catholics Aid in Decolonizing North American Chinatowns?” *Journal of Political Theology,* 2025. |
| 2025 | “Christian-Confucian Comparative Theology Today” *Concilium: International Journal for Theology (00105236).* No. 4 (2025): 65-75. |
| 2024 | “Re-Reading Jesus and Photini: Dialogic Encounter in Openness to the Future,” *Acta Pro Dialogo,* 71-85. Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue. Proceedings from the international conference “Women Building a Culture of Encounter Interreligiously,” Vatican City, January 24-27, 2023. |
| 2024 | “Ch. 6 Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue.” In *Essential Vatican II: The Council for Tomorrow’s Church,* 64-80*.* Edited by Christopher Bellitto, Paulist Press, 2024. |
| 2023 | (co-authored with Alexander Chow) “Chinese Christian Theology.” St. Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology, 2023.  https://www.saet.ac.uk/Christianity/ChineseChristianTheology |
| 2023 | “Yu Bin and Vincent Lebbe’s Theology of Resistance: Catholic Participation in the Chinese War Effort Against Japan.” In *Modern Chinese Theologies Volume 1: Heritage and Prospect,* 109-130*.* Edited by Chloe Starr. Fortress Press, 2023, https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv2xkjnjt.10. |
| 2023 | “Roman Catholicism: Painting, Printing and Selling Morality in Modern China.” In *Visions of Salvation: Chinese Christian Posters in an Age of Revolution,* 185-200. Edited by Daryl Ireland. Baylor U. Press, 2023. |
| 2022 | “*Fratelli Tutti:* Seeking the Good in Religious Time.” *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 32.1 (2022): 11-20, <https://doi.org/10.2143/SID.32.1.3290941>. |
| 2022 | “Comparative Theology: Present Experience, Remembered Pasts, Imagined Futures” (co-written with Reid Locklin and Mara Brecht). In *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Plenary Sessions, 76* (2022): 42-66. |
| 2022 | “Dialogue in a Multi-Religious and Political Ecosystem: Understanding Catholic Relations with Other Religions in Mainland China.” In *Theology Without Borders,* 157-173*.* Edited by Leo Lefebure, Georgetown U. Press, 2022. |
| 2021 | “Catholics and Cultures: A Panoramic View in Search of Greater Understanding.” *Journal of Global Catholicism* 5.1 (Wint. 2021): 94-103, <http://dx.doi.org/10.32436/2475-6423.1089>. |
| 2021 | “Cultivating Mission as Witness: Confucian Insights for a Catholic Church in Crisis and Conflict.” In *Confucianism and Christianity: Interreligious Dialogue on the Theology of Mission,* pp. 154-170.Edited by Edmund Kee-Fook Chia. Abingdon, UK: Routledge Press, 2021. |
| 2019 | “Manna in Film.” *Encycl. of the Bible & its Reception.* Vol. 19. DeGruyter, 2019 |
| 2018 | “The Mind’s Dynamism in Chinese Catholic Theology: A Comparative Study of Metaphysics and Knowledge in the Thought of Wang Yangming and Joseph Maréchal.” *Journal of World Christianity* 8.2 (2018): 109-134, <https://doi.org/10.5325/jworlchri.8.2.0109>. |
| 2018 | “Religious Boundaries in Chinese Christianity.” *Ching Feng: A Journal on Christianity and Chinese Religion and Culture* 17 (2018): 67-77. |
| 2016 | “Ecclesiology from Below: Urbanizing Catholicism in an Urbanizing China.” *Ching Feng: A Journal on Christianity and Chinese Religion and Culture* 15.1-2 (2016): 25-46. |
| 2016 | “A Society Apart: Rural Chinese Catholics and the Historiography of ‘Otherness.” *Studies in World Christianity* 22.2 (2016): 86-104, <https://doi.org/10.3366/swc.2016.0144>. |
| 2011 | “Innate Correspondences: The Natural Torah in Rabbinic Midrash.” Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa 35.1 (2011) 51-62. (Undergraduate) |
| Book Reviews |  |
| 2025 | (co-written with Reid Locklin) Review of *The Brill Companion to Comparative Theology,* edited by Pim Valkenberg, in *Journal of Interreligious Studies* (forthcoming). |
| 2025 | Review of *Asian Pacific Catholicism and Globalization: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges,* edited by José Casanova and Peter Phan, *Theological Studies* 86.2 (2025): 349, <https://doi-org.ezp1.villanova.edu/10.1177/00405639251337527j> |
| 2024 | Review of *The Faiths of Others: A History of Interreligious Dialogue* by Albert Howard, *Horizons* 51.1 (June 2024): 213-215, <https://doi.org/10.1017/hor.2024.21>. |

# INVITED LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | “And You Will Be Protected (Job 11:18): A Chinese Critique of Security." World Catholicism Week Conference: “Is Idolatry Dead? Disenchantment and Misenchantment in the Contemporary World.” DePaul University, Chicago, IL, April 12-13, 2024. |
| 2024 | “Maximizing the Common Good: A Moist Response to *Cathanomics.*”  Nasr Book Multifaith Symposium, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, Feb. 15, 2024. |
| 2023 | “Ethics of Hospitality: Responsiveness in Personal and Institutional Encounters.”  Symposium on “Hospitality and the Impossible,” Villanova Fides Quarens Philosophy and Theology Working Group, April 21-22, 2023. |
| 2023 | “Understanding the Divine from an East Asian Perspective.”  Bartlett Lecture (featuring Stephanie Wong, Peng Yin, and Haruka Umetsu Cho), Yale Divinity School, New Haven CT, March 6, 2023. |
| 2023 | “Interreligious Encounter: Insights from the Dialogue of the Samaritan Woman and Jesus in John 4.”  International Conference on “Women Building a Culture of Encounter Interreligiously,” Holy See [Dicastery of Interreligious Dialogue and the World Union of Catholic Women’s Organizations], Pontificia Unviersità Urbaniana, Vatican City, Rome, Jan. 23-28, 2023. |
| 2022 | Keynote Plenary (with Reid Locklin and Mara Brecht), “Comparative Theology; Present Experience, Remembered Pasts, Imagined Futures.”  Catholic Theological Society of America, Atlanta, June 9-12, 2022. |
| 2021 | “Religion and Regulation in China.”  St. Thomas More Chapel and Center at Yale University |
| 2020 | Panelist in “Writing Between Cultures: Exploring the Catholicism of Shusaku Endo, Graham Greene, Claude McKay, and Su Xuelin.”  Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture at U. Pennsylvania |

# CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2024 | “Distanced Deference: Ancestor Veneration Ceremonies in Chinese Catholic Diaspora Communities.”  Conference: New Directions in Research on Global Catholicism: Mobilities, Migrations, and Circulations, January 25, 2023. | | |
| 2023 | “Respondent: Comparative Ideologies and Materialities in Chinese Christianities”  American Academy of Religion (Chinese Christianities Unit), San Antonio, Nov. 18-21, 2023. | | |
| 2022 | “Selling Catholic Morality in Republican Era China”  American Academy of Religion (Joint session of Chinese Christianities and World Christianity Units), Denver, Nov. 18-23, 2022. | | |
| 2021 | “The ‘True Spirit’ of China: Celso Costantini and Adelbert Gresnigt's Theology of Cultural Genius and Inspiration”  Sino-Christian Architecture Symposium, Whitworth U. Zoom, April 19-21, 2021. | | |
| 2021 | “National Church, Transnational Church”  China Christianity Studies Group (CCSG), Zoom, March 26, 2021. | | |
| 2020 | “Chinese Catholic Action”  Catholic Theological Society of America, Baltimore, June 11-14, 2020(postponed to June 2021 due to COVID-19). | | |
| 2020 | “Vincent Lebbe’s Theology of Resistance”  State of Chinese Theology Conference, Yale University, June 1-2, 2020 (moved online due to COVID-19). | | |
| 2019 | “Opposing Integralism: Chinese Catholicism and the Circumscription of ‘Religion’ in the Beiyang Era”  American Academy of Religion Conference, San Diego, Nov. 23-26, 2019. | | |
| 2019 | “Global Catholicism.”  Catholics and Cultures Pedagogy Seminar, sponsored by the College of the Holy Cross McFarland S.J. Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture, Chicago O’Hare Hilton, Nov. 8, 2019. | | |
| 2019 | “The Chinese Episcopacy: Race and Citizenship in the Catholic Church”  Global History & Catholicism: An International Conference Sponsored by the CUSHWA Center for American Catholicism, U. of Notre Dame, April 4-6, 2019. | | |
| 2017 | “Responding: Chinese Christianities”  American Academy of Religion Conference, Boston, Nov. 18-21, 2017. | | |
| 2017 | “Interreligious Dialogue in China.”  U.S. China Catholic Bureau Conference, New York, Aug. 11-13, 2017. | | |
| 2016 | “The Gate of Heaven Has Been Opened”  An International Conference on Confucianism and Catholicism: Reinvigorating the Dialogue, Georgetown University, Washington DC, March 4-5, 2016. | | |
| 2015 | “A Response to Anna Sun’s Confucianism as a World Religion” (Confucianism Unit) and “Urbanizing Catholicism in an Urbanizing China” (Chinese Christianities Seminar)  American Academy of Religion Conference, Atlanta, Nov. 19-22, 2015. | |
| 2015 | “The Exercise of Translation: Confucianism, Christianity and the Communication of Concepts”  Engaging Particularities Conference, Boston College, March 26-27, 2015. | |
| 2014 | “Chinese Confucian and Catholic Moral Cultivation”  Christianity in Asia Conference, U. of Munster, Germany, Sept. 14-27, 2014. | |
| 2014 | “Becoming Better than Before: A Comparative Study of Matteo Ricci and Mengzi on the Question of Human Potential”  Engaging Particularities Conference, Boston College, March 20-21, 2014. | |
| **AWARDS** | | | |
| Funded Fellowships and Seminars | | | |
| 2024-2025 | Seminar Fellowship: New Directions in Research on Global Catholicism: Mobilities, Migrations, Circulations | St. Louis University, Center for Research on Global Catholicism | |
| 2022-2023 | Wabash Summer Fellowship Grant: "In the City of Brotherly Love: From Anxiety to Understanding in Interreligious Encounter." | Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology and Religion | |
| 2022 | Faculty Fellowship Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies 2022-23 (declined) | U. of Notre Dame | |
| 2022 | University Research Professorship Award 2022-23 (declined) | Valparaiso University | |
| 2021-2022 | Wabash Center Early Career 2021-22 Workshop for Religion Faculty Teaching Undergrads | Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology and Religion | |
| 2020 | Wente Faculty Seminar on Faith and Teaching | Valparaiso University | |
| 2016 | Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace  (Middlebury Chinese School) | Middlebury College | |
| 2014 | Asian Theological Summer Institute | Lutheran Theol. Seminary | |
| 2014 | Fulbright-Hayes Language Scholarship | Hamilton College/Minzu U. | |
| 2013 | Yale-CUHK Workshop, Sociology of Religion | Yale, Chinese U. Hong Kong | |
| 2011 | Yale China Travel Seminar | Yale Divinity School | |
| 2010-2013 | Marquand Fellowship, Full Tuition | Yale Divinity School | |
| 2009 | Phi Beta Kappa National Honors Society | Phi Beta Kappa | |
| 2006-2010 | Annika Rodriguez Scholarship, Full Tuition | Washington U. in St. Louis | |
| One-Time Grants and Prizes | | | |
| 2023 | University Conference Travel Grant, Villanova Institute for Research and Scholarship | Villanova University | |
| 2020 | Delores L. Christie Convention Scholarship | Catholic Theo. Society of Am. | |
| 2018 | Travel Grant, Grad School of Arts & Sciences | Georgetown University | |
| 2015 | 1st Place – Christianity in E. Asia Writing Competition | Cambridge Center for Christianity Worldwide | |
| 2012 | Harriet Jackson Ely Prize for Excellence and Promise in Theology | Yale Divinity School | |
| 2010 | 1st Place – TAK National Graduate Fellowship Award | Theta Alpha Kappa National Honors Society in Rel. Studies | |
| 2010 | 3rd Place – Elie Weisel Prize for Ethics | Elie Wiesel Foundation | |
| 2010 | Undergraduate Achievement Award in Theology and Religious Studies | Theta Alpha Kappa, Washington University Chapter | |
| 2010 | Chancellor’s Shepley Award for Student Leadership | Washington U. in St. Louis | |
| 2010 | Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman Prize in Ecumenical Leadership | Washington U. in St. Louis | |
| 2010 | Harriet Switzer Leadership Award | Washington U. in St. Louis | |

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Villanova University

Early Chinese Political and Religious Thought (Undergraduate)

Mahayana Buddhism (Undergraduate)

The Buddha and The Christ (Undergraduate)

Global Religious Experience (Undergraduate)

Salvation in Comparative Theological Perspective (Doctoral)

Identity and Interreligious Relations (Doctoral)

Comparative Confucian-Christian Political Ethics (Doctoral)

Buddhist-Christian Dialogue (Masters)

Valparaiso University

Christian Traditions

Global Christianity

East Asian Christianity

Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion and Theology

Religions of China and Japan

(Freshman Program) The Human Experience: Empathy (Fall) and Justice (Spring)

# PARTICIPATION and SERVICE IN THE ACADEMY

Memberships:

* American Academy of Religion (AAR)
  + Co-Chair, Chinese Christianities Unit, AAR (2021-Present)
* Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)
  + Administrative Team for Comparative Theology topic group (2021-24, Chair 2023-24)
  + Administrative Team for the Asian Consultation (2021-24, Chair 2023-24)
  + Admin Team for CUERG (2021-24, Chair 2023-24)
* Society for the Study of Chinese Religions (SSCR) (2020-Present)
* Association of Asian Studies (AAS) (2022-Present)
  + Co-Chair, China Christianity Studies Group (2022-Present)
* Yale-Edinburgh Group on World Christianity and the History of Mission

Editing/Advising:

* Co-Editor, *Journal of World Christianity*
* Advisory Editorial Advisory Board, *Global Story of Christianity* series, Cascade Press
* Confucian-Catholic Dialogue, Holy See, Dicastery of Interreligious Dialogue