

Curriculum Vitae (July 2023)
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Comparative Religion, Historical and Cultural Studies of Religion, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley CA, 2023, GPA 4.00

Dissertation: *Who Do You Say That You Are? A Psycho-Theological and Sociological Comparison of the Identities of American Catholic Sisters and Vajrayāna Buddhist Monastics*

Certificate in Sōtō Zen Studies, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Berkeley CA, 2019

M.A. Interreligious Studies, Graduate Theological Union, 2017, GPA 3.95

Thesis: *Human Flourishing – A Comparison of Aquinas on Charity and Dōgen on Practice-Realization*

M.S. Civil Engineering, University of California at Berkeley, 1996

B.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California at Berkeley, 1991

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow: Exploring Interreligious Spaces, Graduate Theological Union, 2019.

Teaching Assistant: Doctoral Seminar on Interdisciplinarity, Graduate Theological Union, 2020.

Teaching and Research Assistant: for Sandra M. Schneiders, two graduate courses on the Gospel of John. Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley CA, 2018-2019.

Guest Lecturer: for undergraduate classes on Catholic Thought in the Modern World, American Religious History, Prayer, Mysticism, World Religions, Catholic Social Teaching. Dominican University of California, San Rafael CA, 2014-2017.

Review Course Instructor: Professional Civil Engineer Exam, Transportation Engineering section, University of California at Berkeley Extension, 2001.

Research Assistant: for Adolf D. May, Traffic Simulation on Rural Roads, Department of Civil Engineering, University of California at Berkeley, 1995-1996.

PUBLICATIONS

“A Comparison of Aquinas and Dōgen’s Views on Religious Life.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Buddhist-Christian Studies*, edited by Carol Anderson and Thomas Cattoi. Oxon and New York: Routledge, 2022: 189-200.

“An Evaluation and Comparison of American Buddhist and Catholic Racial Projects Through the Lens of Critical Race Theory.” *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 41 (2021): 207-220.

Review of *A Christology of Religions* by Gerald O’Collins. *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology* 6 (2020).

“Analyzing Thomas Aquinas Using Dōgen’s Non-Metaphysical Approach to Dualism and Nondualism.” *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, no. 25, Special Issue on Figures and Reconfiguring: A New Direction for Comparative Theology, 2019.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Borsh-Rast Dissertation Award 2021-22, Graduate Theological Union, \$4,000.

Asian Theological Summer Institute 2021, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia PA.

Newhall Teaching Fellow, 2019-20 and 2020-21, Graduate Theological Union, \$4,000 per year.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2018 “Christian Thought Through the Lens of Buddhist Dualism and Nondualism: Analyzing Thomas Aquinas Using Dōgen’s Non-Metaphysical Approach.” Engaging Particularities XVI at Boston College (April 8-9).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Doctoral Council, elected student representative. Graduate Theological Union, 2019-2021.

Spirituality Faculty Search Committee, invited student representative. Jesuit School of Theology, 2020.

Buddy Program for Incoming PhD and MA Students, student buddy. Graduate Theological Union, 2014-2018.

Academic Council and Rules and Statues Committee, appointed MA student representative. Jesuit School of Theology, 2016-2017.

Co-Curricular Assessment Committee, appointed staff member. Dominican University of California, 2015-2016.

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Pastoral experience: college campus ministry (2014-2016); parish ministries, leading day retreats, service to religious congregation and women’s religious life, 2008-.

Professional experience in transportation planning and traffic engineering in private and public sectors, from journey-level to executive management, 1991-1995, 1996-2012.

LANGUAGES

American English, native/bilingual – Tagalog, native/bilingual – Spanish and French, can read with dictionary

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies, member since 2016

American Academy of Religion, member since 2021