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**Employment University of St. Thomas** ▪ St. Paul, MN ▪ September 2013-present

- Associate Professor (Fall 2019-present)
- Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2017-Spring 2020)
- Department of Catholic Studies
- Undergrad Courses Taught: The Catholic Vision, The Pursuit of Happiness, Woman and Man (both online and in person), Suffering Saints (Honors seminar), and Mary, Mother of God
- Grad Courses Taught: Augustine’s *Confessions* (both online and in person), Happiness, and Mary, Mother of God

**Villanova University** ▪ Villanova, PA ▪ Fall 2005-Spring 2008

- Philosophy Teacher and Teaching Assistant
- Department of Philosophy
- Undergrad Courses Taught: Intro to Philosophy, Ethics (incl. Catholic Social Teaching), and The Problem of Evil

**Research Areas Areas of Specialization**

- Augustine and the Augustinian tradition
- Wittgenstein (including his sense of confessional philosophy)

**Areas of Competence**

- Ancient Greek philosophy
- Late antique and medieval philosophy
- Modern philosophy and religious thought

**Education Villanova University** ▪ Villanova, Pennsylvania ▪ August 2004-May 2014

- Dissertation title: “Verbum et Vita: A Reading of Augustine’s *De magistro*”
- Committee: Dr. James Wetzel, Dr. William Desmond, Dr. John Carvalho
- Focused on Augustine, late antique philosophy, and Wittgenstein

**Baylor University** ▪ Waco, Texas ▪ August 2001-May 2004

- Graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A., University Scholars major
- Studied philosophy, great texts, Latin, German, Greek

**Augustine College** ▪ Ottawa, Ontario ▪ September 2000-April 2001

- Graduated *cum laude* from this one-year great books program
- Studied philosophy, theology, history of science, history of math, literature, art history, music, Latin

**Articles “Book IV: Fugitive Beauty”**

In *Augustine’s Confessions and Contemporary Culture*, edited by Fr. David Meconi, S.J.. St. Paul, MN: Saint Paul Seminary Press, 2022.

**“Grief, Memory, and the Order of Love”**

In *Studia Patristica* CXVI, Vol. 13 (2021): 19-25.

**“In the Beginning: Wittgenstein Reads Augustine”**

In *Augustine and Wittgenstein*, edited by John Doody, Alexander Eodice, and Kim Paffenroth, 37-56. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2018.

**“Parting Words: Augustine on Language and Loss”**

Address given at the University of Dallas Braniff Conference on the Liberal Arts, revised and published in *Ramify* 6.1 (2017): 59-83.

**“The Drama of *De Magistro*”**

*Studia Patristica* XCVIII, Vol. 24 (2017): 133-139.

**“Two-Part Invention: Voices from Augustine of Hippo's *De magistro* and Samuel Beckett's *Endgame*”**

*Philosophy and Literature* 40 (2016): 480-94.

**“Making Sense of Virgil in *De magistro*”**

*Augustinian Studies* 46 (2015): 211-224.

**Presentations and Invited Lectures/Seminars** **“All in the Family: Learning and Laughter in Augustine's *De magistro*”**

- American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting
- St. Louis University, November 20, 2021

**“The Vagaries of Heart-Sight: A Conversation After Augustine”**

- Panel discussion for Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference
- Villanova University, October 16, 2021

**“Medicine, Loss, and Christian Love”**

- Invited lecture for Portsmouth Institute for Faith and Culture Summer Virtual Conference
- Zoom, June 17, 2021

**“Love Comes to Grief: Scenes from Augustine's *Confessions*”**

- Invited plenary address for “Friendship, Love and Happiness” conference
- Scala Foundation, Princeton Theological Seminary, February 15, 2020

**“Grief, Memory, and the Order of Love”**

- XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies
- Oxford, England, August 19-24, 2019

**“Fugitive Beauties”**

- Invited lecture for Augustine's *Confessions* and Contemporary Culture workshop
- University of St. Thomas, June 18-20, 2019

**“In the Beginning: Wittgenstein Reads Augustine”**

- Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference
- Villanova University, October 4, 2018

**“What Child Is This? How Augustine Learns to Speak”**

- The North American Patristics Society
- Chicago, IL, May 24, 2018

**“Loving and Losing: An Augustinian Meditation”**

- Invited talk at Anselm House at the University of Minnesota, March 6, 2018
- Revised version of this talk also delivered for the CSMA Annual Thought and Culture Lecture at the University of St. Thomas, March 25, 2019

**“Getting Started with Augustine”**

- Invited workshop with Anselm House Fellows at the University of Minnesota
- Minneapolis, MN, March 6, 2018

**“Praying in the Bedchambers of the Heart: Augustine on Prayer and Intimacy”**

- North American Patristics Society
- Chicago, IL, May 24, 2017

**“Parting Words: Augustine on Language and Loss”**

- Invited plenary address at the Braniff Conference on the Liberal Arts, University of Dallas, January 27, 2017
- Substantially revised version of this lecture delivered for the Patricia H. Imbesi Augustine Fellow public lecture, Villanova University, April 20, 2017

**“How to Talk to Your Father: Some Augustinian Counsel”**

- Invited lecture at Eastern University, March 24, 2017
- Lecture also delivered at Villanova University, as part of the Patricia H. Imbesi Augustine Fellowship, March 28, 2017

**“Conversions (*Confessions VIII*)”**

- Invited to co-lead seminar (with Dr. Phil Cary) for the Collegium Institute’s Paideia Series on “Enchantment and Disenchantment in the Modern World”
- Eastern University, March 24, 2017

**“Teaching *The Teacher*: Augustine’s Dialogue in the Classroom” and “*De magistro*”**

- Invited to lead seminars on Augustine’s dialogue *De magistro*
- Seminar for the faculty of the Departments of Philosophy and Theology focused on pedagogical matters related to teaching the text to undergraduates, Villanova University, February 14, 2017
- Seminar for the faculty of the Department of the Humanities focused on several interpretative issues in the text, Villanova University, March 24, 2017

**“Rationality and Recognition”**

- Invited panel response
- “Thinking Humanly, Acting Wisely: A Symposium on Thomas Pfau’s *Minding the Modern*”
- University of St. Thomas, February 11, 2016

**“The Drama of *De magistro*”**

- XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies
- Oxford, England, August 11, 2015

**“Words, Afterwards”**

- Invited Lecture at Le Moyne Department of Philosophy
- Syracuse, NY, April 15, 2015

**“Augustine’s *De magistro* and Beckett’s *Endgame*: A Theological Fugue”**

- Philosophy Unbound: Lehigh Philosophy Department Annual Philosophy Conference
- Bethlehem, PA, October 23, 2014

**“The Meaning of Virgil’s Words in Augustine’s *De magistro*”**

- The North American Patristics Society
- Chicago, IL, May 23, 2014

**“Augustine’s Voice in Wittgenstein’s *Philosophical Investigations*”**

- Stakes of Speech: A Summer Seminar on Wittgenstein in the Spirit of Cavell and Rhees
- Lehigh University, July 12, 2012

**“Verbum et Vita: Augustine’s *De magistro* and the Annunciation”**

- Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Conference
- Villanova University, October 23, 2010

**Popular  
Media**

**“How Mary’s Yes Offers Hope in the Darkness of Advent”**

“How They Love Mary” podcast, December 13, 2021

<https://howtheylovelomary.fireside.fm/drerikakidd>

**“Considering Online Education Through Newman’s Principles”**

In *The Newman Review* (not peer reviewed). February 24, 2021. Originally published in *Lumen* (Winter 2020).

**“Augustine on Love and Loss”**

“The Curious Catholic” podcast, April 2020

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/5rzmw6eXc1Xw13P4ad6D4v>

**Selected  
Awards and  
Fellowships**

**Faculty Development Internal Research Grant**

- Awarded to support work on a translation of one of Augustine’s early dialogues.
- Spring 2018

**Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellowship at Villanova University**

- Awarded by the Augustinian Institute to a scholar working on Augustine/the Augustinian tradition
- This award was a one-semester research fellowship. My research and writing centered on Augustine’s discussions of grief and prayer in the *Confessions* and several earlier works.
- Spring 2017

**LuAnn Dummer Women’s Center Curriculum Development Grant**

- Awarded to support development of an interdisciplinary course on Mary, Mother of God
- Fall 2015

**Villanova University Summer Research Fellowship Recipient**

- Awarded to support the writing of a dissertation chapter and a conference paper
- June-August 2010

**Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participant**

- “Belief After Reason: Hegel, Heidegger, Derrida,” Citta di Castella, Italy, July 14-August 1, 2008
- Selected to attend this competitive program for advanced grad students and prominent faculty
- Awarded travel funds by Villanova University

**Graduate Assistantship Recipient**

- Awarded full stipend and tuition remission by Villanova University Philosophy Department
- August 2004-May 2008

## References

### **Dr. William Desmond**

- Professor of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and National University of Ireland, and David Cook Chair in Philosophy, Villanova University
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### **Dr. Robert Kennedy**

- Professor of Catholic Studies, University of St. Thomas (MN)
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### **Dr. John Peter Kenney**

- Professor of Religious Studies, Saint Michael's College
- [jkenney@smcvt.edu](mailto:jkenney@smcvt.edu) ▪ 802-654-2525

### **Dr. Jim Wetzel**

- Director of the Augustinian Institute, Augustinian Chair in the Thought of St. Augustine, and Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University
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