

John A. Monaco

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Curriculum vitae as of June 2020

EDUCATION

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, (2020–present)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Research: Ecclesiology, Liturgy, Theological Anthropology

Boston College, Brighton, MA (2018–2019)

MASTER OF THEOLOGY (TH.M.) HISTORICAL-SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY, May 2019

Thesis: *Christus Exemplar: A Bonaventuran Eucharistic Theology*

Director: Rev. John F. Baldovin, S.J.

Boston College, Brighton, MA (2016–2018)

MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.DIV.) THEOLOGY, May 2018

High-Pass on Synthesis Exams (January 2018)

Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT (2011–2014)

BACHELOR OF ARTS, HONORS PROGRAM (B.A., HONS)

SUMMA CUM LAUDE, PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION, May 2014

Thesis: *A Response to Love's Call: Jean-Luc Marion's Philosophy of the Divine as Icon and Gift*

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

McGill University, Montréal, QC, (2019–2020)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Concentration: Christian Thought & History

Advisor: Dr. Douglas B. Farrow

Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (2017, 2019)

Summer Language Program

ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN (2017)

FRENCH (2019)

Saint John's Seminary, Brighton, MA (2014–2016)

Priestly Formation

THEOLOGY & PASTORAL CARE

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN (2011)

Graduate Seminar (audited)

SACRED MUSIC

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA (2010–2011)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Latin: Classical, Medieval, & Ecclesial (advanced reading; elementary writing)
- Spanish (advanced reading, writing, & speaking)
- French (advanced reading; elementary writing & speaking)
- Italian (intermediate reading; elementary writing & speaking)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Systematic theology and Christian doctrine, philosophical theology in the Dominican and Franciscan traditions; sacramental and liturgical theology; ecclesiology, theological anthropology, mystical theology, twentieth-century Orthodox theology, *Nouvelle Théologie* and Vatican II

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Greek philosophy (esp. Aristotle, Plato, and Plotinus); medieval philosophy and theology (esp. Augustine, Anselm, Bonaventure, Thomas Aquinas, and Duns Scotus); Renaissance philosophical theology (esp. Nicholas of Cusa), early modern philosophy (esp. Descartes and Spinoza); Western Christian mysticism (esp. Julian of Norwich, Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Margaret Mary Alacoque) fundamental dogmatic theology and fundamental moral theology; continental philosophy (esp. Martin Buber, Emmanuel Levinas, Gabriel Marcel, and Jean-Luc Marion); history of Western music

MINISTRY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ministry Experience

- Seminarian for the Archdiocese of Hartford (October 2009–May 2016)
 - o Parish Ministry Full-time summers; part-time academic year (2010–2016)
 - o Assistant Chaplain – Waterbury Hospital, Waterbury, CT (2012-2014)
 - o Prison Chaplain – Massachusetts DOC, Connecticut DOC (2014 – 2016)
 - o Volunteer Chaplain/Activity Director’s Assistant – Jeanne Jugan Residence (2015)
 - o Pax Christi: Founder and President of St. John’s Seminary local chapter, 2016
- Liturgical Ministry (2010 – present)
 - o Schola Cantorum, Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church, Waterbury, CT (2010)
 - o Altar Server (2010–2016)
 - o Cantor: Our Lady of Lourdes/St. Lucy Churches; St. Columbkille (Brighton), St. Charles Borromeo (Woburn), St. Monica (South Boston), other churches in the Archdiocese of Boston (2010 - 2019)
- Religious Education (2012–2018)
 - o Parish Religious Education Instructor (2012-2014)
 - o Parish Baptismal Preparation Team (2012-2014)
 - o Director of RCIA—St. Leonard’s Parish, Boston, MA (2016-2017)

- Faith Formation Director (Grade 10), St. Cecilia Parish, Boston, MA (Externship, 2017-2018)
- Miscellaneous
 - Assumptionist Center Resident Program Co-Coordinator, Brighton, MA (2016-Present)
 - Pax Christi, State Board member, Massachusetts (2016-present)

Professional Experience

- Proctor at The Connors Family Learning Center, Boston College (2016–2017)
- Freelance musician (voice & trumpet), Boston, MA
- Teaching Assistant (RELG 271, Sexual Ethics) at McGill University (Winter 2020)

PUBLICATIONS

- “Judging Shepherd of Thy Sheep”: Christ and the Role of Mercy in the ‘Dies Irae.’ *Lumen et Vita*, the Graduate Academic Journal of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Vol 7, No 2 (2017)
- “Sacramentum Pacis”: The Eucharist as the Sacrament of Peace.” *Lumen et Vita*, the Graduate Academic Journal of the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Vol 8, No 1 (2017)
- “Shattering the Idols: Postmodernism and the Liturgical Self as Homo Adorans.” *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal*, vol. 22 no. 1, 2018, pp. 38-58.

PRESENTATIONS

“Judging Shepherd of Thy Sheep”: Christ and the Role of Mercy in the ‘Dies Irae.’ Presented at the *Lumen et Vita* Graduate Student Conference, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Brighton, MA. January, 2017.

“Shattering the Idols”: Postmodernism & the Liturgical Self as ‘Homo Adorans.’ Presented at the Society for Catholic Liturgy’s Conference “The Liturgy and Post-Modernity”, The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, Philadelphia, PA. September 28-30, 2017.

“Sacramentum Pacis”: The Eucharist as the Sacrament of Peace.” Presented at the *Lumen et Vita* Graduate Student Symposium, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Brighton, MA. November 9, 2017.

“Grace & Glory”: Theosis and the Eucharist in Aquinas”. Presented at the “Thomas Aquinas and the Greek Fathers Conference”, Co-sponsored by the Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal and the Thomistic Institute, Ave Maria University, FL. January 26-27, 2018

“The Scandal of Contemplation: Romano Guardini on the ‘Playful Purposelessness’ of the Sacred Liturgy.” Presented at the Society for Catholic Liturgy’s Conference, “Centenary of the Publication of *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Romano Guardini”, The Cathedral of St. Mary, Miami, FL. September 27-29, 2018.

“To Love and to Make Love Known: Aquinas on the Christian Vocation.” Presented at Mundelein Seminary’s Graduate Student Conference, “The Theology of Thomas Aquinas: Sources, Insights, Influences,” sponsored by the Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine, Mundelein, IL, October 3, 2018.

“Laudato Si, Mi Signore”: The Liturgical-Ecological Vocation of the Human Person.” Presented at Fordham Theology Graduate Conference, “Life in the Anthropocene: Theology and the Environment,” sponsored by Fordham’s Theology Graduate Student Association, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, April 12, 2019.

“King and Victim: Comparing the Christology of the Armenian Badarak and the Roman Rite.” Presented at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary Symposium, “East, West, and Beyond: Enriching One Another’s Liturgical Traditions,” Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA, May 22, 2019.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Archdiocese of Hartford Seminarian Scholarship, 2010 – 2016
- Weston Jesuit School of Theology Scholarship, 2016 – 2018
- Boston College School of Theology & Ministry Ecclesial Faculty Scholarship, 2018 – 2019
- McGill University School of Religious Studies Graduate Excellence Award, 2019 – 2020

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2019 – 2020: Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University
- 2017 – 2018: Individual Conference Grant, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Student Forum
- 2017 – 2018: Individual Conference Grant, Boston College School of Theology & Ministry, Dean’s Office
- 2011 – 2014: Albertus Magnus College Honors Program
- All Semesters: Dean’s List, Albertus Magnus College

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Cusanus Society (2018 – present)
- American Catholic Philosophical Association (2018 – present)
- Society for Catholic Liturgy (2019 – present)
- American Academy of Religion (2020 – present)

REFERENCES

Rev. André Brouillette, S.J., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Systematic and Spiritual Theology
Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
Simboli Hall 302B, 9 Lake Street, Brighton, MA 02135

Rev. Fr. John F. Baldwin, S.J., Ph.D
Professor of Historical and Liturgical Theology
Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
Simboli Hall 218, 9 Lake Street, Brighton, MA 02135

Angela Kim Harkins, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of New Testament
Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
Simboli Hall 323, 9 Lake Street, Brighton, MA 02135

PERSONAL

Born September 9, 1992, in Waterbury, Connecticut; grew up in Naugatuck, CT; graduated 3rd in high school class; entered formation for the Roman Catholic diocesan priesthood in October 2009; began undergraduate studies in Philadelphia (St. Charles Borromeo Seminary) before transferring to Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut; continued seminary graduate studies in Brighton, MA (Saint John's Seminary) before transferring to Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. In 2019, accepted an offer to pursue doctorate at McGill University in Montreal, QC (2019-2020). In spring of 2020, needing to return to the United States, transferred to Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.

In addition to my academic research, I have written for popular publications such as *America Magazine*, *Catholic Herald*, *One Peter Five*, *Student Voices*, *Vision Vocation Network*, and other publications. Among my many interests, I am an accomplished vocal soloist, cantoring for dozens of churches and singing in a number of choirs; I studied voice privately with Mr. Roy Mazzacane (New Haven, CT) and later, Professor Ryan Turner at Longy School of Music of Bard College in Cambridge, MA. I also play trumpet and have performed in jazz ensembles across New England, USA.