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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2014
M.A. Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2003
B.A. Classics, University of Oklahoma, 2000
B.A. Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, 2000
B.S. Recording Industry Management, Middle Tennessee State University, 1996

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022–Present Associate Professor, Brescia University
2017–2022 Assistant Professor, Brescia University
2015–2017 Assistant Professor, Kazakh-British Technical University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Philosophy (Ancient and Medieval)
Metaphysics
Logic

AUTHORED BOOK

Proposal Under Review *The Logic and Metaphysics of the Trinity in St. Gregory of Nyssa*
(Routledge: *Routledge Studies in Analytic and Systematic Theology*.
Thomas McCall, James Turner, and Jordan Wessling, eds.)

EDITED BOOK

2020 [*Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*](#) (2020) Rebus (funded by the
Hewlett Foundation)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Under contract “God and His Word and His Spirit are One God,” in *One God, Three Persons, Four Views: A Theological and Philosophical Dialogue*. Wipf and Stock. Chad McIntosh, ed. (Book co-authors: William Lane Craig, William Hasker, and Dale Tuggy.)
- 2022 [“Gregory of Nyssa on the Individuation of Actions and Events,”](#) in *Eastern Christian Approaches to Philosophy*. Palgrave-Macmillan. James Siemens, Joshua Matthan Brown, eds.
- 2022 [“One God, the Father: The Neglected Doctrine of the Monarchy of the Father and Its Implications for the Analytic Debate about the Trinity.”](#) *TheoLogica Vol. 6, No. 2*.
- 2020 [“The Intertwining of Philosophy and Religion in the Western Tradition,”](#) in *Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*. Rebus (funded by the Hewlett Foundation). Beau Branson, ed.
- 2019 [“No New Solutions to the Logical Problem of the Trinity,”](#) *Journal of Applied Logic, Vol. 6, No. 6*, pp. 1051-1091
- 2018 [“Ahistoricity in Analytic Theology,”](#) *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly Vol. 92, No. 2*, pp. 195-224

EDITED JOURNAL (GUEST EDITOR)

- 2020 [*TheoLogica, Vol. 4, No. 2. Special Issue on “Conciliar Trinitarianism,”*](#) Beau Branson, Joseph Jedwab, Scott Williams, guest editors.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

(* = Invited † = Paper Accepted, Conference Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

“The Church as a Singular, Persisting Institution” (With Jordan Wessling)

2022 Tyndale-Fellowship Study Group in Philosophy of Religion, Cambridge, UK, June 22-24

2022 Carolina Analytic Theology Workshop, Anderson, South Carolina, May 20-21

~~† 2022 Los Angeles Theology Conference 2022, Los Angeles, CA, March 17-18~~

“Social Ontology and Ecclesiology”

2021 *Social Ontology 2021* (via Zoom), August 9-21

“The Argument From the Theophanies”

2021 *Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America* (via Zoom), February 12-13

“On the Impossibility of a Single Perfect Person”

- 2021 *Tyndale-Fellowship Study Group in Philosophy of Religion*, Cambridge, UK, June 23-24
† 2020 *Tyndale-Fellowship Study Group in Philosophy of Religion*, Cambridge, UK, June 29-July 1
† 2020 71st *Annual Meeting of the New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society*, Waco, TX, April 3-4
2020 *Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America*, Kendalia, Texas, February 6-9

“Must God Have a Son?”

- 2019 *Illinois Philosophical Association Conference*, Normal, Illinois, November 8-9
2019 *Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*, Edmond, Oklahoma, October 11-13
2019 *Virginia Philosophical Association Conference*, Virginia Beach, Virginia, October 25-26

“An Ontological Argument for a Binity”

- 2019 *Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS)*, Chicago, Illinois, March 29-30
2019 *Kentucky Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*, Lexington, Kentucky, March 22-23
2019 *South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Columbia, South Carolina, March 8-9

“One God, the Father: On the Neglected Doctrine of the Monarchy of the Father and Its Implications for the Analytic Debate About the Trinity”

- *2018 *Analytic Theology and the Tri-Personal God: the Trinitarian Renewal in Analytic Tradition*, Universite Catholique de Louvain, Louvain, Belgium, Sept. 12-14
2018 *Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society*, Rock Hill, South Carolina, March 23-24

“Gregory of Nyssa’s Solutions to the Logical Problem of the Trinity”

- 2017 *9th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, Munich, Germany, August 21-26
2017 *North American Workshop in Platonic Philosophy*, Saint Paul, Minnesota, August 8-10
2016 *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, May 26-28

“How to Solve the Logical Problem of the Trinity”

- 2017 *Tyndale-Fellowship Study Group in Philosophy of Religion*, Cambridge, UK, June 26-28
2017 *2nd World Congress on Logic and Religion*, Warsaw, Poland, June 18-22

“Scriptural Arguments in Philosophical Theology”

- 2015 *Long Island Philosophical Society*, Jamaica, New York, April 18
2015 *South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Spartanburg, South Carolina, March 27

“Great Apostasy Theories in Philosophical Theology”

- 2015 *Southeast Philosophy Congress*, Marrow, Georgia, February 20
2015 *Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America*, Kendalia, Texas, February 13

“Laws of Nature”

- 2004 *National Post-Graduate Analytic Philosophy Conference (Plenary Session)*, Magdalen College, Cambridge University, UK, July 2

“The Necessity for the Church Fathers in Christian Philosophy”

2004 *National Faculty Leadership Conference*, Washington, D.C. June 25

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Presented “Gregory of Nyssa on the Individuation of Actions and Events” at Marietta College’s event *Exploring the Divine*, Marietta Ohio. October 27, 2022.

Round-table discussion on the Trinity for a course taught by Khalil Andani at Augustana College on *Islam and Christianity*. October 13, 2022.

Debate with Carlos Xavier, “Is the Nicene Creed Incompatible With Scripture?” on *Focus on the Kingdom* YouTube channel. August 19, 2022.

YouTube discussion with Dr. Khalil Andani (PhD, Islamic Studies) about our recent debates with Jake Brancatella (“The Muslim Metaphysician”). July 16, 2022.

Interview on May 22 debate with Jake Brancatella on *Orthodox Shahada*. July 5, 2022.

(Cancelled) Debate with Jake Brancatella (“The Muslim Metaphysician”) on *Thought Adventure Podcast* YouTube channel. July 2022. “Does God Have a Son?”

Interviewed by David Erhard on YouTube channel. July 1, 2022.

Interviewed by Chris Valanidas on *Steadfast Godcast* YouTube channel. June 29, 2022.

Debate with Jake Brancatella (“The Muslim Metaphysician”) on *Thought Adventure Podcast* YouTube channel. May 22, 2022. “Is it impossible to have the divine nature without aseity?”

Interviewed by Vartan Manoukian on *Full Armor Apologetics* YouTube channel. March 4, 2022

Round-Table on proof-texts against the divinity of Christ in the New Testament with Fr. Stephen de Young and Seraphim Hamilton on *Orthodox Shahadah* YouTube channel. November 13, 2021

Interviewed by Vartan Manoukian on *Full Armor Apologetics* YouTube channel. September 18, 2021

Interviewed by Jake Brancatella on *The Muslim Metaphysician* YouTube channel. August 29, 2021

Joint discussion with Isaiah Burrige and Sam Tideman, released as podcast on *Depends on How You Look At It* podcast and on *Transfigured* YouTube channel. August 20, 2021

Interview by Isaiah Burrige on *Depends on How You Look At It* podcast. August 6, 2021

Interviewed by Jake Brancatella (“The Muslim Metaphysician”) on *The Muslim Metaphysician* YouTube channel. June 27, 2021

Debate with Jake Brancatella (“The Muslim Metaphysician”) on *Orthodox Shahada* YouTube channel. October 29, 2020

Round-table discussion on the Trinity for a course taught by Khalil Andani at Augustana College on *Islam and Christianity*. October 21, 2020

Podcast with Skylar McManus on Dale Tuggy’s account of the development of the doctrine of the Trinity. September 21, 2020

Interviewed with Skylar McManus on the *London Lyceum Podcast*. September 17, 2020

Interviewed on *Bob the Builder SOCO Films* YouTube channel. September 7, 2020

Appeared on *Orthodox Shahada* YouTube channel discussing the Trinity in the Greek fathers. September 6, 2020

Appeared on *Orthodox Shahada* YouTube channel reviewing the debate between Joshua Sijuwade and Mohammed Hijab. August 27, 2020

Appeared with Skylar McManus on *Transfigured* YouTube channel with Sam Tideman discussing our screencasts on the Trinity. July 29, 2020

Appeared on *Orthodox Shahada* YouTube channel for a third discussion on the Trinity and Muslim apologetics. July 17, 2020

Appeared on *Orthodox Shahada* YouTube channel for a second discussion on the Trinity and Muslim apologetics. July 7, 2020

Appeared on *Orthodox Shahada* YouTube channel for a discussion on the Trinity and Muslim apologetics. July 5, 2020

Appeared on *Jay’s Analysis* YouTube channel for a discussion with Jay Dyer and Unitarian Carlos Xavier on Trinitarianism and Unitarianism. July 1, 2020

Appeared on *Jay’s Analysis* discussing the Trinity, previous podcasts / screencasts, and recap of Jay Dyer’s debate with Muslim scholar Dr. Ally Shabir. June 11, 2020

Released 4-hour screencast series, *The Unfinished Business of Unitarian Theorizing* with Skylar McManus. June 2020. URL: <http://beaubranson.com/monarchyofthefather>.
(Reposted on *Jay’s Analysis* and *Orthodox Shahada*)

Appeared on a follow-up episode of *Transfigured* with Sam Tideman discussing the Trinity and Analytic Theology. March 6, 2020

Appeared on *Transfigured* with Sam Tideman discussing the Trinity and Analytic Theology. December 13, 2019

Gave public lecture, “One God the Father, or One God the Trinity?” Brescia University, November 13, 2018

Released 6.5 hour podcast / screencast series *One God, the Father: the Neglected Monarchy of the Father, and the Analytic debate about the Trinity*. (Available at <http://beaubranson.com/monarchyofthefather>)

(Also released in an edited 4-hour version on trinities.org as podcast episodes 239-242, with responses by Dale Tuggy in episodes 243-246. August, 2018)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brescia University

Applied Logic (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

Business Ethics (Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2022)

Ethics & Morality (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)

Ethics of Healthcare (Fall 2017)

History of Ancient Philosophy (Spring 2019, Fall 2021)

History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2022)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2017 – Fall 2022: 11 semesters, 2 sections/semester)

Metaphysics (Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)

Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2018, Spring 2022)

Kazakh-British Technical University

Philosophy of Social Science (Fall 2016)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016)

Introduction to World Religions (Fall 2015)

University of Notre Dame

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2007 – Spring 2011: 8 semesters)

List by Subject (Syllabi Available on Request)

Business Ethics

Ethics & Morality

Ethics of Healthcare

History of Ancient Philosophy

History of Modern Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy

Introduction to World Religions

Logic and Critical Thinking / Applied Logic
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Religion
Philosophy of Social Science

SERVICE

Professional

President, *Kentucky Philosophical Association* 2022-present
Vice President, *Kentucky Philosophical Association* 2019-2022
Editor, *Introduction to Philosophy of Religion* (Rebus)
Guest Editor, *TheoLogica* special issue on “Conciliar Trinitarianism”
Referee, *Disputatio*
Referee, *Faith and Philosophy*
Referee, *Forum Philosophicum*
Referee, *Journal of Analytic Theology*
Referee, *Journal of Applied Logic*
Referee, *Modern Theology*
Referee, *Religious Studies*
Referee, *Sophia*
Referee, *TheoLogica*

University

General Education Revitalization Task Force, Brescia University (Fall 2021 to present)
Search Committee Member, Brescia University, Chem Lab Coordinator (Fall 2021)
Search Committee Member, Brescia University, Chem Lab Coordinator (Spring 2021)
Educational Outcomes and Assessment Committee, Brescia University (2021 to present)
Search Committee Member, Brescia University, Chem Lab Coordinator (Fall 2020)
General Education Assistant Area Coordinator, Brescia University (2020 to present)
Executive Committee Representative for Humanities and Vice Chair, Brescia University (Spring 2020 to present)
Search Committee Member, Brescia University, English (Spring 2020)
Search Committee Chair, Brescia University, Philosophy Adjunct (Spring 2019)
Student Retention and Success Committee, Brescia University (Fall 2018 to present)
QEP Implementation Committee, Brescia University (2018 to 2019)

Search Committee Member, Brescia University, Computer Science (Fall 2018)

Search Committee Member, Brescia University, Chem Lab Coordinator (Fall 2018)

Release-time Contributor, Quality Enhancement Program Committee on Critical Thinking, Brescia University (Spring 2018)

Honors College Committee, Brescia University (2017 to present)

QEP Development Committee, Brescia University (2017 to 2018)

Author, "Academic Honesty Policy," Kazakh-British Technical University (2016)

Designer, Online Academic Honesty Management System, Kazakh-British Technical University (Reduced per-assignment plagiarism rate from 35% to 3%) (2016)

Departmental

Academic Advisor for General Education Area, Brescia (2020 to present)

Academic Advisor for Integrated Studies Majors, Brescia University (2017 to 2020)

Academic Advisor for Philosophy Minors, Brescia University (2017 to present)

Integrated Studies Area Coordinator, Brescia (2017 to 2020)

Philosophy Area Coordinator, Brescia (2017 to present)

Chair, Academic Honesty Committee, General Education Faculty, KBTU (2016)

HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES

Organized and led two-day Honors College trip for Honors Philosophy of Religion (Cathedral of the Assumption and Archdiocesan History Center; Thomas Merton Memorial; Frazier History Museum; Muhammed Ali Center; Museum Row, Bardstown; Abbey of Gethsemani), Brescia University, Fall 2018.

Public lecture, "One God the Father, or One God the Trinity?" Brescia University, November 13, 2018

Presentation "Must God Have a Son?" at *A Bite of Research*, Brescia University, February 22, 2019

LANGUAGES

Ancient Greek (Proficient)
Latin (Translation with dictionary)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA), 2014
American Philosophical Association (APA), 2010
Ancient Philosophy Society (APS), 2017
Hellenistic Philosophy Society (HPS), 2017
International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA), 2018
Kentucky Philosophical Association, 2019
North American Patristics Society (NAPS), 2015
Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), 2010
Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America (SOPHIA), 2010

REFERENCES

Richard Cross, Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Philosophy
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Peter van Inwagen, John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus
University of Notre Dame
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Notre Dame, IN 46556

Fr. Brian Daley, SJ, Catherine F. Huisking Professor of Theology
University of Notre Dame
346 Malloy Hall
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David O'Connor, Professor of Philosophy (Teaching Reference)
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332 Malloy Hall
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St. John's Seminary
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Rossen Roussev, Associate Professor in Contemporary Philosophy
Veliko Tarnovo University "St. Cyril and St. Methodius"
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Veliko Tarnovo 5000 Bulgaria, EU

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Almaty Management University
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