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### Curriculum vitae

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### EDUCATION

2015	Ph.D., Religious Studies Boston University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
2003	STM, Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics Boston University School of Theology
2001	MA, Theology Bangor Theological Seminary
1999	BA, Psychology University of Maine

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024-present	Senior Lecturer and Chair of Philosophy, University of Maine
2019-present	Coordinator of Religious and Judaic Studies, University of Maine
2018-2024	Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Maine
2015-2018	Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Maine
2012-2017	Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Southern Maine

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Maine** (2015-present)  
Contemporary Moral Problems  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Methods of Reasoning

Existentialism and Literature  
Introduction to Religious Studies  
Ethics  
Buddhist Philosophy/Classical Indian Philosophy  
The Abrahamic Religions: Faith and Reason in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam  
Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy  
History of Modern Philosophy  
Responsible Conduct of Research

**University of Southern Maine (2012-2017)**

Introduction to Philosophy: Why do Philosophy?  
Introduction to Philosophy: World Philosophy  
Philosophy of Religion  
Humanity's Spiritual Heritage  
Eastern Philosophy  
History of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

**Middlesex Community College (2011-2013)**

Ethics & Society  
Introduction to Philosophy

**Boston University School of Theology, Teaching Assistant**

History of Christian Theology  
Christian Doctrine  
The Confucian Way  
Theologies of Dialogue (Interreligious Dialogue and Comparative Theology)

**Thomas College**

20th Century Humanities (Summer 2002)

**SERVICE**

2023-2024	Faculty Liaison for Women's and Men's Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, University of Maine.
2022-present	General Education Stewardship Committee, University of Maine.  Academic Council, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine.  Peer review for the <i>Journal of Modern Philosophy</i> (ISSN: 2644-0652).
2021-present	Peer review for Oxford University Press.

2020-present	Steering Committee Member, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, American Academy of Religion.  Member University of Maine Faculty Senate. Academic Affairs Committee.  Peer review for the journal <i>Religions</i> (ISSN: 2077-1444).
2019-present	Coordinator of Judaic and Religious Studies Interdisciplinary Minors, University of Maine.
2019-2025	Poster and exhibit judge, UMaine Student Symposium.
2018	Review of reappointment procedures for lecturers in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine, 3 October 2018.  Scoring student learning outcomes for the Western Cultural Tradition general education requirement, Office of Assessment, University of Maine, 16 May 2018.  External assessor for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.  Reviewer for Austrian Science Fund (FWF).
2016-present	Peer review for Routledge.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

2017	<i>Reason Turned into Sense: John Smith on Spiritual Sensation</i> , Studies in Philosophical Theology 62, Leuven: Peeters, 2017. ISBN: 978-90-429-3482-5 Review: J. Douglas Ousley, <i>Anglican and Episcopal History</i> 87, no. 3 (September 2018): 342-344.
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### Journal Edited

2023	“New Voices in Philosophical Theology,” Guest Editor, Special Issue, <i>Religions</i> , <a href="https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/philo_theology">https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/philo_theology</a> , 25 August 2023.
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### Articles & Chapters

In Progress	“The Indiscernibility of Immanent and Imposed Order”  “Against Divine Personhood: Why all Personal Deities are Finite Beings”
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“Philosophical Intuition and Theological Sense”

- 2023 “Wesley’s Metaphysics,” in *The Routledge Companion to John Wesley*, edited by Joe Cunningham and Clive Murray Norris. 189-199. Routledge. August 2023. ISBN: 9780367471675. DOI: 10.4324/9781003037972-20.
- 2021 “Christian Platonism in Early Modernity,” in *Christian Platonism: A History*, edited by Alexander J. B. Hampton and John P. Kenney. 280-302. Cambridge University Press. 2021. ISBN: 9781108741408. DOI: 10.1017/9781108590341.014.
- 2020 “The Multidimensional Unity of Life, Theology, Ecology, and COVID-19,” in *Pandemic, Ecology and Theology: Perspectives on COVID-19*, edited by Alexander J. B. Hampton. 66-77. Routledge. 2020. ISBN: 9780367615826.
- 2019 “The Legacy of a ‘Living Library’: The Transatlantic Reception of John Smith,” in *Revisiting Cambridge Platonism*, The International Archives of the History of Ideas, 222, edited by Douglas Hedley and David Leech. 241-257. Springer. 2019. ISBN: 9783030221997. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-22200-0\_14.
- “Varieties of Spiritual Sense: Cusanus and John Smith,” in *Nicholas of Cusa and the Making of the Early Modern World*, Studies in the History of Christian Traditions, vol. 190, edited by Simon Burton, Joshua Hollmann, and Eric Parker. 285-306. Brill. 2019. ISBN: 9789004385689. DOI: 10.1163/9789004385689\_012
- “John Smith on the Immortality of the Soul,” in *Plotinus’ Legacy: The Transformation of Platonism from the Renaissance to the Modern Era*, edited by Stephen Gersh. 160-179. Cambridge University Press. 2019. ISBN: 9781108415286. DOI: 10.1017/9781108233019.011.
- 2011 “The Patristic Roots of John Smith’s ‘True Way or Method of Attaining to Divine Knowledge,’” in *Perceiving the Divine through the Human Body: Mystical Sensuality*, edited by Thomas Cattoi and June McDaniel. 141-158. Palgrave Macmillan. 2011.
- 2008 “Toward an Adequate Model for the Theology of Religions,” *Engaging Particularities*, Chestnut Hill, MA: Boston College eScholarship. [http://escholarship.bc.edu/engaging\\_cp/20](http://escholarship.bc.edu/engaging_cp/20)
- 2005 “Health as a Metaphor for the Created Condition,” *Bulletin of the North American Paul Tillich Society* 31, no. 2 (Spring 2005): 28-44. <http://pantheon.yale.edu/~kjb27/napts/assets/newsletters/NL312.pdf>

2003 "Reflections on Ecology, Theology and Ethics," *Quodlibet Journal* 5, no. 4 (October 2003). <http://www.quodlibet.net/michaud-ecology.shtml>

## Reviews

2019 "Proofs of God in Early Modern Europe: An Anthology, Lloyd Strickland, Baylor University Press, 2018," *Reading Religion*, November 14, 2019, <http://readingreligion.org/books/proofs-god-early-modern-europe>.

2017 "*Preparation for Natural Theology: With Kant's Notes and the Danzig Rational Theology Transcript*, Johann August Eberhard, trans., Courtney D. Fugate and John Hymers, Kant's Sources in Translation, Bloomsbury Academic, 2016," *Reading Religion*, February 24, 2017, <http://readingreligion.org/books/preparation-natural-theology>.

"*Returning to Reality: Christian Platonism for our Times*, Paul Tyson, Cambridge: Lutterworth, 2015," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 24, no. 3 (July 2017): 586-8.

2015 "*Philosophical Religions from Plato to Spinoza*, Carlos Fraenkel, Cambridge University Press, 2012," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 22, no. 3 (July 2015): 233-5. DOI: 10.1111/irt.12514

2013 "*Personal Identity: How do we Survive Our Death?*" [Georg Gasser, ed., (Ashgate, 2010)] *The Heythrop Journal*, 54, no. 2 (March 2013): 330-1. DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-2265.2012.00784\_1009.x

2011 "*Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*," [Diarmuid MacCulloch, (Viking, 2010)] *Symposia*, 3 (June 2011). <http://symposia.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/symposia/article/view/14564/11570>

2004 "*A Theology of Engagement*," [Ian Markham, (Blackwell, 2003)] *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 6, no. 1 (2004): 139-45. <http://www.jcrt.org/archives/06.1/michaud.pdf>

2003 "Chaos and Tehomophobia," [Catherine Keller's *The Face of the Deep* (Routledge, 2002)] *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 4, no. 3 (August 2003): 115-7. <http://www.jcrt.org/archives/04.3/michaud.pdf>

## Other

2019 "What Values or Norms Define Excellent Philosophy of Religion?" *Philosophy of Religion*, 24 April 2019, <http://philosophyofreligion.org/?p=525378>.

- 2019-present Editor, "Plotinus," PhilPapers.org, <https://philpapers.org/browse/plotinus/>
- 2014-present Editor, "Cambridge Platonism," PhilPapers.org, <http://philpapers.org/browse/cambridge-platonism/>
- 2013-2017 Contributor, *Cambridge Platonist Research Group*, <https://cambridgeplatonists.org/>
- 2010-present Editor, *Cambridge Platonism*, <http://cambridgeplatonism.wordpress.com>
- 2008-2010 Assistant Editor, *Boston Collaborative Encyclopedia of Western Theology*, <http://people.bu.edu/wwildman/bce/index.htm>
- 2008-2010 Contributing Editor, *Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion*, <http://www.ibcsr.org>; continued as *Science on Religion*, <http://www.scienceonreligion.org/>.

#### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2025 "John Smith (1618-1652) on Deification and the Vision of God," Paper, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, Annual Meeting, Boston, November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2024 "Platonism, Neoplatonism and Participatory Metaphysics," Panel Presider, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, Online June Sessions of the Annual Meeting, 27 June 2024.
- 2023 "Panpsychism: The Soul of Nature," Panel Presider, American Academy of Religion's Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and SBL's Mysticism, Esotericism and Gnosticism in Antiquity Unit joint session, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 20 November 2023.
- 2021 "Christian Platonism," Panelist, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2021.
- 2020 "Eros and Ascent," Panel Presider, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, Annual Meeting, 2 December 2020.
- 2018 "What part of *Fides Quaerens* don't you *Intellectum*? On the Persistent Philosophical Misunderstanding of Anselm's Ontological Argument," Paper, Maine Philosophical Institute 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, University of Maine, 28 April 2018.

- 2017 “John Smith’s Plotinian Rational Theology,” Paper, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual International Society for Neoplatonic Studies Conference, Olomouc, Czech Republic, 14-17 June 2017.
- “Reimagining Revelation, Tradition, and the Development of Doctrine,” Paper, American Academy of Religion, Christian Systematic Theology Unit, Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2017.
- 2016 “John Smith on ‘The Great Principles of Religion’: The Natural Theology of a Cambridge Platonist,” Paper, Maine Philosophical Institute 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, University of Maine, 30 April 2016.
- 2013 “John Smith’s Lasting Influence: The Transatlantic Reception of a ‘Living Library,’” invited paper, Revisioning Cambridge Platonism: Workshop 3: Reception and Influence, Clare College, Cambridge University, 1 June 2013.
- 2011 “St. Bonaventure on Divine Unity and the Inner Life of the One,” Paper, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2011.
- 2009 “Sacrifice, Bodies, and the Image of God,” response paper on the panel, “Sacrifice, Bodies, and the Image of God: An Interdisciplinary Conversation about the Roles and Relevance of Christian Theologies in Changing Times,” with Marla Marcum and Sean Delmore of Boston University School of Theology, at Bodies in Motion: Graduate Student Conference, University of Rhode Island, 28 March 2009.
- “The Cambridge Platonist John Smith’s debt to Origen for an Early Modern Doctrine of the Spiritual Senses,” invited paper, Boston Colloquy of Historical Theology, Boston College, 30 July 2009. Respondent: Mark McInroy (Harvard).
- 2008 “In Search of a Theology of Religions,” Engaging Particularities Conference, Boston College, March 2008.
- “The Patristic Roots of John Smith’s ‘True Way or Method of Attaining to Divine Knowledge,’” at the “Eastern Orthodoxy and the Spiritual Senses,” joint session of the Mysticism and Eastern Orthodox Studies Groups, the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 3 November 2008.
- 2004 “Health as a Metaphor for the Created Condition,” at the annual meeting of the North American Paul Tillich Society in San Antonio Texas, 19 November 2004.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2026 "Perspectives on the Land: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Understandings," Camden Conference Community Event, York Public Library, York, Maine, January 22, 2026, via ZOOM and Blue Hill Public Library, Blue Hill, Maine, January 28, 2026.
- 2021 "Diversifying Understandings of Religion," UMaine Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Lunch and Learn, 1 December 2021.
- 2020 "'Most Wonderful Time of the Year': Religious Holidays in December," UMaine Alumni Association Webinar Series, 16 December 2020, <https://vimeo.com/492067887>.
- 2018 "John Smith's use of Simplicius on Epictetus and Proclus on the Timaeus," invited seminar paper, *Metaphysics of Conversion from Late Antiquity to Early Modernity*, Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism and the Early Modern Conversions Research Partnership. McGill University, Montréal, 1 August 2018.
- "Contingent/Adjunct Faculty as an Economic Justice Issue," Socialist and Marxist Studies Series, University of Maine, 27 September 2018.
- 2017 "What does it mean to be human?" invited panelist, Exploring Human Origins, Bangor Public Library, 22 March 2017.
- 2013 "Toward an Adequate Response to Religious Pluralism," University of Southern Maine Philosophy Lecture Series, 27 February 2013.
- 2010 "Martin Luther: Faith and Reason in the Early Modern World," guest lecture, Boston University School of Theology, Theology I: History of Christian Theology, 23 March 2010.
- 2001 "The Community Beyond Unity (College)," invited lecture in the "Flying Fish" series at Unity College on the socioeconomic situation of the greater Unity area, Unity, Maine, 30 November 2001.
- "The Centrality of the Doctrine of Creation in the Theological Anthropology of Paul Tillich and Paramahansa Yogananda," Bangor Theological Seminary, April 2001.

## LANGUAGES

Native/Fluent	English
Reading/Research	French, German, Greek, Latin

### **AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2018	Research Fellow and Participant in the international summer research seminar, <i>Metaphysics of Conversion from Late Antiquity to Early Modernity</i> , Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism and the Early Modern Conversions Research Partnership. McGill University, Montréal, 30 July – 22 August 2018.
2008-2010	Doctoral Fellow, Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion.
2009	Travel Grant (\$2,500) from Boston University School of Theology for research at Cambridge University.
2008 & 2009	Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (\$8,000) from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Humanities Foundation, Boston University, for research at Cambridge University.
2007-2008	John F. Richardson Fellowship from Boston University School of Theology.
2004	Promising Scholar of 2004 “whose work merits the support of the wider church,” The Education Committee of the Episcopal Church Foundation, February 2004.
2003-2005	Frank D. and Bertha Howard Fellowship from Boston University School of Theology, 2003-4 & 2004-5 academic years.
2001	Graduated “With Honors” and received the Seminary Prize for Highest Overall Academic Achievement (“Summa Cum Laude”) from Bangor Theological Seminary, May 2001.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

2021-present	International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
2018-present	ΦΣΤ (Phi Sigma Tau)
2012-present	American Philosophical Association
2010-present	International Society for Neoplatonic Studies

2000-present

American Academy of Religion