



## ● ABOUT ME

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I am a Ph.D. Candidate in History of Christianity and Church History at the Catholic University of America, specializing in the medieval and early modern reception of Bonaventure and the Franciscan tradition. My dissertation investigates these topics in the context of a small early modern manuscript miscellany held at St. Bonaventure University in New York. I completed my M.A. in Medieval and Byzantine Studies at Catholic University of America, and I have worked as a Volunteer Intern with the Rare Books and Special Collections Division at the Library of Congress since the summer of 2024, where I have had experience processing new collections and identifying manuscript fragments in incunabula.

## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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### RARE BOOK AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS – WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES VOLUNTEER INTERN – 5 MAY 2024 – CURRENT

- Processing incoming collections of historical documents
- Creating finding aids
- Identifying manuscript fragments in incunabula

### ANGELUS PRESS – ST. MARYS, KANSAS, UNITED STATES ASSISTANT EDITOR – 22 DEC 2020 – CURRENT

- Managing periodical production (soliciting articles, editing, design, author communications, surveys, marketing)
- Acquisitions research and communications
- Content- and copy-editing

### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA – WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES TEACHING FELLOW – 20 AUG 2025 – CURRENT

- Teaching TRS 201: Scripture and Jesus Christ (a required foundational theology course) to incoming freshmen

### CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA – WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT – 20 AUG 2020 – CURRENT

- 2025-present. Volunteer Research Assistant, Dr. Joshua Benson: updated census of Bonaventure manuscripts.
- 2025, spring. Teaching Assistant, Dr. Maria Cecelia Ulrickson, TRS 325, "American Catholicism."
- 2024, fall. Teaching Assistant, Dr. David Bosworth, TRS504A, "Introduction to the Old Testament."
- 2024, spring. Teaching Assistant, Dr. Thomas Clemmons, TRS 202, "Foundations of Theology II: The Church and the Human Person."
- 2023, fall. Teaching Assistant, Dr. Joshua Benson, HSTR 101, "God's Word in Human Words."
- 2023, June. Research Assistant, Dr. Joshua Benson, at the Franciscan Institute Collections at St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, New York: archival work with Franciscan manuscripts and Robert Lax.
- 2022, fall. Research Assistant, Dr. Maria Cecelia Ulrickson: Catholicism in the Latin Americas from the 17th to the 20th century.
- 2021-2022. Teaching Assistant, Dr. Heather Turnbow, CLAS 211: "Greek & Roman Mythology."
- 2021, spring. Teaching Assistant, Dr. Carol Anderson, HSHU 102: "Charlemagne to Chaucer."
- 2020, fall. Teaching Assistant, Dr. Jennifer Paxton, HIST 330B: "The Crusades: Holy War & Jihad."

### SPECULUM: THE JOURNAL OF THE MEDIEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA – WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES EDITORIAL ASSISTANT – 1 JUN 2024 – 1 JUL 2025

- Compiled all varia (Books Received & Brief Notices)
- Fact-checked all articles and book reviews
- Communicated with book review authors to ensure timely submission

- Uploaded articles and book reviews to Editorial Manager database and checked for plagiarism
- Assisted with editorial team decisions such as front-cover images

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** – WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT: REORGANIZATION INITIATIVE AT CUA** – 4 MAR 2024 – 1 MAY 2024

- Compared university structures within similar brackets (endowment, student population)
- Created datasets and visual aids for presentations by the university administration
- Met with administrators to discuss their concerns and needs in the university reorganization

**GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** – WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES

**VICE PRESIDENT** – 1 MAY 2023 – 10 MAR 2024

- Liaising with university administration on behalf of the graduate student population
- Processing all conference reimbursement requests
- Processing all research and professional development reimbursement requests
- Hosting committees and focus groups to improve student life

**TEAGLE KNOWLEDGE FOR FREEDOM INITIATIVE AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA** – WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES

**ASSISTANT DIRECTOR** – 15 SEP 2022 – 1 MAY 2023

- Development of a summer program, according to a grant given by the Teagle Foundation, for local Washington, D.C. high school students at Catholic University of America

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

20 AUG 2022 – CURRENT Washington, D.C., United States

**PH.D. IN HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY AND CHURCH HISTORY** Catholic University of America

Website <https://trs.catholic.edu/academics/graduate/church-history/phd/index.html>

20 AUG 2022 – 17 MAY 2025 Washington, D.C., United States

**M.PHIL. IN THEOLOGY** Catholic University of America

20 AUG 2020 – 15 MAY 2022 Washington, D.C., United States

**M.A. IN MEDIEVAL AND BYZANTINE STUDIES** Catholic University of America

Website <https://www.catholic.edu/academic-programs/arts-and-sciences/medieval-byzantine-studies-ma>

20 AUG 2016 – 15 MAY 2020 Merrimack, New Hampshire, United States

**B.A. IN LIBERAL ARTS** The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

Website <https://thomasmorecollege.edu/>

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ENGLISH**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>GERMAN</b>	A2	B2	A1	A1	A1
<b>FRENCH</b>	A1	B2	A1	A1	A1
<b>LATIN</b>	A2	B2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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11 MAY 2023 – 13 MAY 2023 International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan

### **Gerard of Abbeville and Bonaventure on Contemplation**

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Presented on the similarities and differences in Gerard of Abbeville's corpus as compared to St. Bonaventure's, on the topic of contemplation.

## ● **PUBLICATIONS**

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2026

### **The Tree of Life by St. Bonaventure**

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A new edition of Bonaventure's translated *Tree of Life*, with manuscript images, updated references, and a new introduction, forthcoming in March 2026.

**Authors:** Joshua Benson, Esther Jermann | **Publisher:** Paulist Press