

CHRISTOPHER E. GRODECKI, S.J.

Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
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HIGHER EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
NOTRE DAME, IN 46556

Ph.D. in Systematic Theology (January 2026)

Dissertation: “Wedding in the Cross”: Erich Przywara’s Analogical Anthropology”

Advisor: John R. Betz

Committee Members: Cyril O’Regan, Ulrich L. Lehner

Passed dissertation defense (18 November 2025)

Candidacy Exams: Passed with High Honors (March 2023)

Major: Systematic Theology

Minor: History of Christianity

REGIS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
TORONTO, ON, M5S 2Z5 CANADA

Th.M., S.T.L. in Systematic Theology, *summa cum laude* (November 2020)

Thesis: “Die Unvordenlichkeit der Liebe”: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Dionysian Response to German Phenomenology”

Advisor: Gill K. Goulding, C.J.

REGIS COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
M.Div., S.T.B., *summa cum laude* (November 2018)

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
CHICAGO, IL 60660

M.A. in Philosophy (May 2014)

Thesis: “New Sources of Restlessness: Art as a Response to the Existential Call of Beauty in the Phenomenology of Jean-Louis Chrétien”

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20057
M.A. in German (May 2006)
Comprehensive Examination: High Pass

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
A.B., double major: English, German Literature and Literary History, *magna cum laude* (May 2005)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, Berkeley, Calif. (January 2026–present)

Visiting Instructor of Philosophy, Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, Pa. (August 2014–May 2016)

PUBLICATIONS

Assistant Editor, *The Oxford Handbook of Apophatic Theology*. Eds. John R. Betz and Rik Van Nieuwenhove. Oxford: Oxford University Press [in press].

“Ratzinger, Romanticism, and Revelation in History.” *The New Ressourcement* 2, no. 2 (2025): 498–514.

Review of *The Roman School*, eds. Justin M. Anderson, Matthew Levering and Aaron Pidel, *Jesuit Studies* vol. 43 (Leiden: Brill, 2024). In *Archivum Historicum SI* xciii.ii (2024): 607–610.

Review of *Nature and Naturalism in Classical German Philosophy*, eds. Luca Corti and Johannes-Georg Schülein, Routledge Studies in Nineteenth-Century Philosophy (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2023). In *Heythrop Journal* 64.4 (2023): 854–855.

“Natural Law Thinking: An Experiential Approach,” in *Priests, Lawyers, and Scholars: Essays in Honor of Robert J. Aranjo, S.J.*, ed. S. Hendrianto (Steubenville: Franciscan University Press, 2017), 1–10.

In Preparation for Publication:

- “Przywara and Catholic German Romanticism: Roots and Cross-Purposes”

TRANSLATIONS

Major Jesuit Thinkers. Eds. Janez Percic and Johannes Herzgsell. Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2019.

Moreau (le Jeune), Jean-Michel. *Typus Religionis. Estampe, du tableau trouvé dans l'église, des...Jésuites de Billom en Auvergne*, LUMA Exhibition: *Crossings and Dwellings*, Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, Ill., July 19–October 19, 2014.

Bürgler, Bernhard. “Calmness and silence in Vienna.” *Jesuits: Yearbook of the Society of Jesus* (September 2010): 114–115. With Georg Schmidt and Mark Mossa.

Rutishauser, C.M. “The House of Encounter.” *Jesuits: Yearbook of the Society of Jesus* (September 2010): 105–108. With Georg Schmidt and Mark Mossa.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

“Tradition and Traditions: Revisiting Congar’s Distinction,” de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference: That Which I Also Received: Living Tradition, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind. 14 November 2025.

“Przywara and Catholic German Romanticism: Roots and Cross-Purposes,” Erich Przywara: Exemplar of Jesuit Ressourcement Conference. University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Ill. 29 March 2025 (invited).

“Ratzinger, Romanticism, and Revelation in History,” Theology of History Conference. Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wis., 27 April 2024.

“Humans Stretched Over an Abyss, But Which One?: Erich Przywara on the Radical Humanisms of Ignatius of Loyola and Friedrich Nietzsche,” Jesuit Scholarship in a Secular Age Conference. Loyola University Chicago, Ill., 1 September 2023.

“Mystical Union is not Ontological Identity: Reason’s Humbling of Affect and Spurring of Desire in Ruusbroec’s Mystical Theology,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference. Villanova University, Villanova, Pa., 16 October 2021.

“No Ecology without an Adequate Anthropology: Insights on Developing a ‘Human Ecology’ from Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’* in Dialogue with Hans Urs von Balthasar,” 2nd International Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry. Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y., 23 February 2019.

“A Necessary Polyphony: Jean-Louis Chrétien on our Finite Responses to the Call of the Infinite,” Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry: Expanding a ‘Not Numerous Center’. Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, N.Y., 24 February 2018.

Invited Presentations and Lectures

“Erich Przywara’s Analogy of Being: Thinking Relationally and Remembering our Creatureliness,” Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, Berkeley, Calif., 5 May 2025.

“Rescuing Newman? Henri Brémont, Erich Przywara, and the Relationship between Creator and Creature,” Regis College, Toronto, Ont., 10 February 2025.

“Erich Przywara’s Anthropological Metaphysics: In and Beyond *Analicia Entis*,” History of Philosophy Forum. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., 11 December 2024.

“Mystical-Metaphysical Anthropology in a Przywaran Key,” Systematic Theology Colloquium: “Christ: the Logos of Creation”. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., 22 March 2024.

“Erich Przywara’s *Analicia Entis*: God and the World,” Crossroads of Theology Lecture Series. Regis College, Toronto, Ont., 28 October 2019.

“Philosophy and the Love of God,” Jesuit First Studies Formation Program. Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Ill., 7 September 2012.

Selected Presentations and Invited Talks for General Audiences

Three-evening Lenten Parish Mission: “Christ our Hope,” Mary Undoer of Knots Parish, Chicago, Ill., 24–26 March 2025

“Celebrating the Whole Christ at Christmas,” *Advent Morning of Recollection*. Mary Undoer of Knots Parish, Chicago, Ill., 14 December 2024.

“Preparing for Easter Spiritually: The Origins and Meaning of Traditional Lenten Cultural Customs,” *Lenten Morning of Recollection*. Mary Undoer of Knots Parish, Chicago, Ill., 11 March 2023.

“Ignatian Spirituality for Lent: Erich Przywara on the Gospel of John,” *Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Lenten Day of Recollection for Clergy*. St. Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse, Ind., 9 March 2022.

“Jesus, the Divine Physician,” *Lenten Morning of Recollection*. St. Constance Parish, Chicago, Ill., 22 March 2014.

“Ignatian Contemplation,” *Ignatian Values Day*. St. Ignatius College Prep, Chicago, Ill., 5 November 2013.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

College Theology Society

AREAS OF GENERAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

- 19th and 20th century Catholic Systematic Theology
- Fundamental Theology
- Theological and Philosophical Anthropology
- Theology of Mysticism, Spirituality and Metaphysics
- German Catholic Theology
- Philosophical Theology, Theology and Philosophy
- Theological Aesthetics
- Theology of History
- Theology of Tradition
- Theology and Literary Culture

ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Spring 2023

Graduate Assistant to Dr. John R. Betz, Department of Theology, Systematic Theology

Tasks: research assistant; manuscript copyeditor

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Fall 2022

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Ulrich L. Lehner, Department of Theology, History of Christianity

Courses assisted: 1) THEO 13002, Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical, Honors section

Guest lecture: “Beauty as a Way to God”

2) THEO 40223, Visions of the Kingdom: The Church between Trent and the Present

Guest lecture: “Robert Bellarmine’s Ignatian Ecclesiology”

Tasks: Grading of weekly student essays; writing tutor

YAP CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Summer 2015

YAP, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

High School Teacher

Classes taught: 1) Senior English; SAT Prep; College Composition

2) Sophomore Reading

3) Director of Summer Drama Program

WASHINGTON JESUIT ACADEMY

Spring 2011

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20017

Co-Teacher for 7th Grade Religion (Christianity)

Substitute Teacher and **Tutor** for all grades

BISHOP LUDDEN JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Fall 2010

SYRACUSE, N.Y. 13219

Teaching assistant, Religion and Language Departments

Classes assisted: 1) Philosophy; 2) Catholic Social Teaching; 3) Latin I

ACADEMIC AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

- Department of Theology Doctoral tuition fellowship, University of Notre Dame (Fall 2020—Fall 2025).
- Notre Dame Alumni Association scholarship, University of Notre Dame (\$10,000) (2024, declined).
- Summer seminar + travel grant (Merton College, Oxford, UK), Lumen Christi Institute (2022).
- Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society, Loyola University Chicago (2013).
- Department of German Graduate Studies Scholarship, Georgetown University (2005).

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Pedagogy and Course Preparation for Teaching Theology, University of Notre Dame Department of Theology Workshops (Fall 2023)
- Lumen Christi Institute Seminar: The Thought of John Henry Newman, Merton College, Oxford, UK (July 2022)
- Theology and Race, University of Notre Dame Department of Theology Workshop (Spring 2021)
- Intensive language coursework: Classical Greek, King's College London, UK, (Summer 2016)
- Intensive language coursework: Latin, King's College London, UK, (Summer 2012)
- Intensive language coursework: Spanish, Instituto de Idiomas Maryknoll, Cochabamba, Bolivia, (Summer 2010)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

REGIS COLLEGE, TORONTO

- Student Council Co-President (2018–2019)
- College Academic Council (2018–2019)
- College Appointment and Rank Committee (2018–2019)
- Student Council Member (Fall 2019)
- College Liturgy Committee (2017–2018)
- College Communications Committee (2017–2018)

TORONTO SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- Student Representative, Basic Degree Council (Fall 2016—Spring 2018)
- Student Representative, Academic Council Working Committee on Grading Policy Review (Fall 2017)

SAINT JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY

- Director of Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Program, Campus Ministry (Fall 2014—Spring 2016)
- Faculty group leader, Philadelphia Service Immersion Program (PSIP) for First-Year Students (Fall 2015).
- Dorm chaplaincy orientation speaker on Jesuit education for first-year students (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

WASHINGTON JESUIT ACADEMY

- Ignatian Identity Assistant (Spring 2011)

LANGUAGES

German: Fluent reading, writing, speaking
Spanish: Reading, intermediate speaking

French: Reading
Latin: Reading
Greek (Attic): Reading

SELECTED MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

- Annual 8-Day Retreat Director for women religious, Sisters of Life (2023–present)
- Spiritual Director (2013—present)
- Seasonal sacramental ministry (summer and Christmas), Prince of Peace Parish, Taylors, S.C. (2022–present)
- Chaplain, St. Thomas More Academy, South Bend, Ind. (2021–2025)
- Chaplain for liturgies in German, Donauschwaben Society of Chicago, Ill. (2020–2025)
- Priestly supply ministry, Diocese of Fort Wayne—South Bend (various parishes and South Bend Catholic Worker) (2020—2025)
- Assistant Pastor/co-coordinator of liturgical livestreaming/ pastoral coordinator and editor of parish communications during COVID crisis, St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish, New York, N.Y. (Jan.–Jul. 2020)
- Priestly supply ministry, St. Basil's Catholic Parish at the University of St. Michael's College and University of Toronto Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy and Parish, Toronto, Ont. (Fall 2019)
- Diaconal university parish ministry, Newman Centre Catholic Chaplaincy and Parish, Toronto, Ont. (2018–2019)
- Diaconal ministry, St. Anthony's Parish, Oceanside, N.Y. (Summer 2018)
- Retreat Direction Internship, Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos, Calif. (Summer 2017)
- Head Catechist, English RCIA Program, St. Procopius Parish, Chicago, Ill. (2013–2014)
- Chaplain to the Women's Soccer Team, Loyola University Chicago, Ill. (2013–2014)
- “Spiritual Direction in the Ignatian Tradition” Internship, Loyola University Institute for Pastoral Studies, Chicago, Ill. (2013–2014)
- Helper Catechist for SPRED (Special Religious Education) Program for developmentally disabled adults, Queen of Angels Parish, Chicago, Ill. (2011–2014)
- MAGIS Week Group Leader (Olinda, PB, Brazil) and Team Leader/Staff Member at World Youth Day English Language Welcome Center, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Jesuit Conference of the United States (Summer 2013)
- Speaker/Media Assistant/Small Group Leader for Summer “Hearts on Fire” Young Adult Weekend Retreats, Apostleship of Prayer (Summer 2013)
- Staff Member and Service Trip Coordinator, Appalachian Institute, Wheeling Jesuit University, W.Va. (Feb.–Apr. 2010)
- Young Adults Spiritual Committee Chair, Parish Faith Formation Committee Member, Volunteer ESL Teacher, Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington, D.C. (2006–2009).

REFERENCES

References upon request.