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Education

- 2025 Ph.D., Humanities (Concentration: History), Faulkner University
Dissertation: *Russell Kirk: Redeeming the Time Through Liberal Education*
Director: Jason E. Jewell
Committee: Benjamin G. Lockerd, Robert M. Woods, Bradley J. Birzer
- 2020 M.A., Philosophy, *Summa cum Laude*, Mount Angel Seminary, College of Liberal Arts
Thesis: *Dante Praises Philosophy: Explaining the Presence of Siger of Brabant in the Paradiso*
Advisor: Andrew Cummings
- 2017 B.A., History, *Summa cum Laude*, The College of Idaho, Department of History
Minors: Religious Studies & Political Economy
Thesis: *Imagination Rules the World: Russell Kirk and Modern Age*
Advisor: Steve Maughan
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Professional & Academic Interests

Christian humanism; liberal arts and humanities education; the relationship between Christianity and culture; Dante's poetry and its philosophical and theological dimensions; the history of Anglo-American conservative thought

Teaching & Academic Experience

Higher Education

- 2023-present The Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal, Academic Program Officer
- Designing a Graduate Certificate in Conservative Thought
 - Designs curriculum for new courses and seminars
 - Assists with the Center's publishing initiatives: *Mecosta House* (book imprint), *The University Bookman* (book review journal), and *Permanent Things* (newsletter)
 - Directs the residential writing fellowship for visiting students and scholars
 - Leads in-house seminars, mentors visiting students, and coordinates residential program schedule.

Selected Seminars Designed

- "Conservative Thought from Edmund Burke to T.S. Eliot" (graduate seminar)
- "The Moral Imagination in Literature and the Arts" (graduate seminar)
- "Edmund Burke's *Reflections on the Revolution in France*" (continuing education)
- "Flannery O'Connor and the Ethical Life" (continuing education)
- "The Moral Imagination of Jane Austen" (continuing education)

- 2025 Faulkner University, Online Adjunct Instructor in the Department of Humanities
- HU 2315: "Western Tradition I" (twice taught)

K-12 Education

- 2020-2023 Upper School Administrator and Humanities Teacher
- Belmont Classical Academy, Curriculum Coordinator & Teacher
 - John Paul II High School, Dean of Students & Integrated Humanities Teacher
 - Bishop Machebeuf High School, Integrated Humanities Teacher
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Editorial Experience

- 2024-present Humanities Editor, *The University Bookman*
— the book review journal of the Russell Kirk Center
- 2025 [“What We’re Reading: Summer 2025.”](#)
2024 [“What We’re Reading: Summer 2024.”](#)
- 2022-present Assistant Editor, *VoegelinView*
— the arts and humanities journal of the Eric Voegelin Society
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Conference Presentations and Intellectual Engagements

Academic Sessions Chaired and Moderated

- 2026 Moderator, “Virtue Education in the Classroom: A Roundtable Discussion on David Hein’s *Teaching the Virtues*.” *The Ciceronian Society* Annual Conference. March 12 – 14 (upcoming).
- 2025 Moderator, “An Evening with Christopher Dawson: Introducing a Historian of Culture.” Online Public Lecture by Joseph T. Stuart. *The Russell Kirk Center*. September 2, 2025.
- 2025 Moderator, “Liberal Education and the Conservative Disposition.” A Panel on Education and Intellectual Conservatism with Lee Trepanier and Ryan Streeter. *The Russell Kirk Center*. June 22, 2025.
- 2024 Panel Chair, “The Aesthetics of the Ideal and the Real.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 6 – 8, 2024.

Conference Presentations

- 2025 Panelist, “The Role of Education in Society: Reflections on Buckley and Kirk.” *William F. Buckley Jr. at 100 Conference*, co-sponsored by the Russell Kirk Center, National Review Institute, Acton Institute, Otto von Habsburg Foundation, and Ford Presidential Foundation. Grand Rapids, MI. October 23, 2025. [[listen here](#)]
- 2025 Panelist, “Russell Kirk’s Vision of Liberal Education.” *International Conference on the Anglo-American Conservative Intellectual Tradition*, co-sponsored by the Ford Presidential Foundation, the Russell Kirk Center, and Ludovika University of Public Service in Budapest, Hungary. Grand Rapids, MI. June 27 – 28, 2025.

- 2025 Panelist, “Flannery O’Connor and the Problem of Ideology.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 5-7, 2025.
- 2025 Panelist, “Christian Humanism and Liberal Education.” *The Ciceronian Society* Annual Conference. March 13-15, 2025. [[listen here](#)]
- 2024 Panelist, “In Defense of the Humanities: Irving Babbitt and Educational Renewal.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 6 – 8, 2024.
- 2024 Panelist, “The Need for Roots: Russell Kirk, History, and the Problem of Order.” Panel on “Russell Kirk’s *The Roots of American Order* at 50.” *Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics* at Calvin University. April 4 – 6, 2024.
- 2024 Panelist, “A Philosophical Habit of Mind: John Henry Newman, Russell Kirk, and Liberal Education.” *The Ciceronian Society* Annual Conference. February 28 – March 2, 2024.
- 2023 Panelist, “Education and the Permanent Things: Russell Kirk on the Renewal of American Schools.” *The Academy of Philosophy and Letters* Annual Conference. June 1 – 3, 2023.

Invited Lectures and Colloquies

- 2025 Speaker, “Cultivating the Moral Imagination Through the Humanities.” Invited to lead a breakout session at the *Southeastern Consortium of Classical Educators*, in partnership with Kepler Education, Belmont Abbey College, the CiRCE Institute, and Thales College. August 1 – 2, 2025.
- 2025 Speaker, “John Senior’s *The Restoration of Christian Culture*.” Invited to lead a colloquy at the *Circe Institute National Conference*. July 16 – 19, 2025.
- 2024 Speaker, “Russell Kirk’s *Enemies of the Permanent Things*.” Invited to lead a colloquy at the *Circe Institute National Conference*. July 17 – 20, 2024.
- 2023 Discussion Co-Leader, “Russell Kirk’s *The Roots of American Order*.” Michigan Legislators Seminar, *The Russell Kirk Center*. November 20 – 21, 2023.

Publications

Books

- TBD *Guardian of the Word: Russell Kirk and the Renewal of Liberal Education* (in progress) — peer-reviewed monograph
- TBD *Not From the Academy* (in progress) — edited collection of Russell Kirk essays, with introduction by George H. Nash

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

2026 “In Defense of the Humanities: Irving Babbitt, Russell Kirk, and the Humane Tradition.” *Humanitas* (upcoming)

2023 “[Russell Kirk on the Moral Imagination and Literary Studies.](#)” *Pietas: A Journal of Tradition, Place, and Things Divine* 2, no. 1 (Spring 2023), 51-74.

Book Reviews

2025 “[The Education of the Poet Dante: A Review of Dante’s Education](#) (Oxford University Press, 2024).” *VoegelinView* (March 2).

2025 “[How Should Christians Interact with the Arts and Humanities? A Review of Paul Krause’s Muses of a Fire](#) (Stone Tower Press, 2024).” *VoegelinView* (February 9).

2025 “[Transmitting Civilization Through Education: A Review of Tracy Lee Simmons’ On Being Civilized](#) (Memoria College Press, 2023).” *The University Bookman* (February 2).

2023 “[Why We Need the Liberal Arts: A Review of The Liberating Arts](#) (Plough Publishing House, 2023).” *VoegelinView* (October 8).

2023 “[In Defense of the Classics: A Review of Paul Krause’s Finding Arcadia](#) (Academica Press, 2023).” *VoegelinView* (September 3).

2022 “[Civilization is Slow Hard Work: A Review of Lee Oser’s Old Enemies](#) (Senex Press, 2022).” *VoegelinView* (November 13).

Essays and Articles

2024 “[Irving Babbitt’s Defense of the Humanities.](#)” *The University Bookman* (December 29).

2023 “[Russell Kirk’s The Conservative Mind for the Rising Generation.](#)” *The Imaginative Conservative* (November 24).

2023 “[Rediscovering Theodor Haecker: Virgil, Father of the West.](#)” *VoegelinView* (February 3).

2021 “[Dante’s Transformed Love: The Poet’s Love for Beatrice.](#)” *The Imaginative Conservative* (September 6).

- This essay was [translated](#) from English into Greek by Michalis Theodosiadis for *ResPublica*, a Greek-language arts and humanities magazine.
- This essay was [translated](#) from English into Portuguese by Gabriel Marvin for *Helkein*, a philosophy resource for Brazil.

2021 “[Flannery O’Connor on Sin and Political Reform.](#)” *The Imaginative Conservative* (August 15).

- 2021 [“Taking a Walk with Fr. James Schall, S.J.”](#) *Catholic World Report* (July 25).
- 2021 [“Dante and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition on Faith and Reason.”](#) *The Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (July 15).
- 2021 [“Russell Kirk and Flannery O’Connor on the Spiritual Foundation of Political Reform.”](#) *VoegelinView* (June 28).
- 2020 [“Follow the Gaze: Beatrice’s Eyes and Beauty in the *Divine Comedy*.”](#) *VoegelinView* (December 22).
- This article was [translated](#) from English into Romanian by Iarina Albu and Andrei Moga for *The Syntopic*, a website aimed at humanistic renewal in Romania.
- 2020 [“Ideas Still Have Consequences: Richard Weaver on Nominalism and Relativism.”](#) *The Imaginative Conservative* (December 6).
- 2020 [“The Way of Beauty in Dante.”](#) Dappled Things. *Deep Down Things* (September 15).
- 2020 [“Overcoming Lust with Dante’s *Divine Comedy*.”](#) *The Imaginative Conservative* (September 5).
- 2017 [“Who Reads Robert Nisbet Anymore?”](#) *The Imaginative Conservative* (August 15).

Fellowships and Awards

Professional

2025-26 *Law & Liberty Fellowship*. Invited to attend a two-part seminar series hosted by Liberty Fund. Seminars bring together scholars and participants to discuss the relationship between freedom and virtue in the American tradition. Indianapolis, IN, September 24-27, 2025; Savannah, GA, March 25-28, 2026.

Graduate

2023-24 *Richard M. Weaver Fellowship*. Graduate fellowship and scholarship awarded by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute for students in the humanities or social sciences. August 12, 2023 – May 31, 2024.

2023 *Wilbur Fellowship*. Residential research and writing fellowship at the Russell Kirk Center for Cultural Renewal in Mecosta, Michigan. June 4 – July 23.

2020 *St. Anselm Award*. Academic Excellence in the College of Liberal Arts at Mount Angel Seminary

Undergraduate

- 2017 *Academic Scarab Award*. Academic Excellence as a student at the College of Idaho
- 2016 Inducted into *Phi Alpha Theta History Society*
- 2015 & 2016 *Frank Specht Award*. Academic Excellence in History Department as an undergraduate at the College of Idaho (twice awarded)

Professional Affiliations

Member, The Academy of Philosophy and Letters

Member, The Ciceronian Society

Member, Catholic Literary Society of Grand Rapids