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**Education**

Marquette University; Milwaukee, WI

Doctor of Philosophy, expected graduation 2029

David J. Laurance Scholar of Systematic Theology & Ethics/Theology & Society

Yale University; New Haven, CT

Master of Divinity, 2020 – Porter Prize nominee, Field Prize nominee

Henry Hallem Tweedy Scholar of Divinity, William F. Buckley Jr. Fellow

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; Stevens Point, WI [San Juan (2011); London (2012); Havana (2013); Florence (2014)]

Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, Honors Intern, 2013 – Truman Scholar nominee, John E. Anderson Award

Mark Cates and Richard Face Scholar of Political Science & History; University Scholar of Strength & Conditioning

**Professional History and Skills**

Research Associate – Maħpíya Lúta – January 2025 to Present

* Utilize the Marquette University Archives on behalf of the Pine Ridge Reservation to engage with and expand the knowledge those on the reservation and working in the school have of their history

Copy Editor – Syndicate – January 2025 to Present

Program Manager – Bradley Impact Fund – April 2023 to December 2024

* Assisted in operations, development, programming, and administration of the donor-advised fund in support of its fundraising and grantmaking efforts to educate, empower, and inspire a donor community
* Directed day-to-day execution of grants administration through due diligence research, document preparation, processing of awards, and account holder/grantee communication
* Coordinated program and development teams to ensure exceptional customer service and organizational operations
* Managed communication and administration among philanthropic advisors and executive leaders to build capacity towards $100M+ annual donor goals
* Collaborated with events team to plan and facilitate events ranging from small gatherings to multi-day conferences
* Cultivated working relationship with the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation to maintain donor service, grantee financial systems, philanthropic priorities, and grantmaking philosophy

Senior Ministry Staff – Athletes in Action – April 2014 to November 2022

Local Team Leader – Milwaukee Metro Area – August 2020 to November 2022

* Recruited and managed a team of ministry partners to serve college and professional athletes in Milwaukee
* Consulted on strategies for considering the nature of sport/athletics in religious service
* Cultivated development base of 2000+ potential/~300 active financial partners

Campus Staff/Chaplain – Yale University – August 2017 to July 2020

* Conceptualized and implemented a team focused multiplying structure for training student leadership

Local Team Leader pro tem – University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point – April 2014 to July 2017

* Established/directed a sustainable, volunteer led athletic ministry movement
* Assisted in the management of $250k annual team budget
* Presented nationally on launching multiplying ministry movements
* Led and developed missional opportunities concerning faith, sport, civic life, urban living, race, ethnicity, and culture

**Notable Experiences**

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Chorus member

15 years of research publication and presentation related to previous fields of religion, human performance, history, policy

Board experience assisting Directors transition Overseas Ministries Study Center to Princeton Theological Seminary

Ivy League Champion Coach (2017, 2019); Former NFL Long Snapper; Two sport collegiate athlete

2014 NCAA Division III Women’s Basketball Final Four planning and hosting team

Campaigner/caseworker for U.K. Shadow Cabinet members Emily Thornberry and Jeremy Corbyn

Implemented Differential Tuition, established Student-Peer Academic Advising at UWSP

**Publications, Presentations, Conferences**

*Our Lady of the Sioux: Marian Devotion, Maternal Authority, and Theological/Cultural Synthesis in Lakȟota Catholicism (2025, June).* Voices of the Matriarchs and Women in Community; North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Study Annual Symposium on Indigenous Theology and Mission; Tyndale University, Toronto, ON.

*Lacrosse as Medicine: Haudenosaunee Resilience, Matriarchal Authority, and Theologies of Play (2025, April).* Accessing the Divine: Religious Sources of Resilience in an Age of Political Turmoil; Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College, Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium.

*Exploring Liberative and Relational Theologies of Creation: A Comparative Reading of Genesis 1-2 and Native American Creation Stories (2025, March).* Catholic Bible Association Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies – Student Religious Studies Conference; Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN.

*Indigenizing Creation Theology: What Might Native American Creation Narratives Offer Judeo-Christian Texts? (2025, February).* Graduate Theology Colloquium; Loyola University Chicago.

Writer – Plough Magazine Young Writers Workshop *(June 2024)*. The Mount Academy, Esopus, NY.

Observer – Vatican Dicastery for Education and Culture *Sport at the Service of Humanity* Conference *(November 2023).*

*Playful Sabbath and its Implications for Pastoring/Chaplaincy in Athletics (2022, August).* 3rd Global Congress on Sport and Christianity; Ridley Hall, Cambridge University.

*Exploring Sport as a Subject for Critique, and Potential Places for Constructive Thinking in Theological Inquiry (2022, February).* African Congress on Christianity and Sports International Conference; Makanjoula Hall, Lagos State University

*From Work to Play: The Potential of Playful Sabbath for the College Student Athlete (2020, May).* Society of Vineyard Scholars, Chicago, IL.

Overseas Ministries Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary Representative – Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity, *Diversity and Difference in Custom, Belief, and Practice in the History of Missions and World Christianity (June 2019).*

*Power, Privilege, and Robert Kraft (2019, March).* Article written for Athletes in Action – *Under Review*

**Guided and Collaborative Research:**

Surveyed college athletics performance training and barriers to coaching staff partnership

Compiled interdisciplinary historiography of performance enhancing drug use in athletics

Earned award for documenting effects of local fraternity activity on college campus policy change

Utilized rare materials in Library of Congress to gather data on the illegal slave trade in 19th century America

Categorized the global relationships between national/international politics and sport

Published on history of 20th century U.S. foreign affairs

**Professional and Community Memberships**

College Theology Society; 2025

Catholic Bible Association; 2025

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association; 2025

Young Nonprofit Professionals Network – Greater Milwaukee Chapter; 2024

Catholic Theological Society of America, prospective; 2023

American Academy of Religion; 2022

Merrill Park Neighborhood Association; 2021

Society of Vineyard Scholars; 2020

**Teaching Experience**

Teaching and Research Assistant – Marquette University – Department of Theology – August 2024 to Present

Alexandre A. Martins

* Fall 2024 to Spring 2025
  + “Virtue and Grace: Rethinking a Graced Ethics in Thomas Aquinas”
  + “Beyond the Conventional: New Epistemologies for Bioethics in Global Health”
  + “Global Health and Global Poverty: Ethical Challenges from Liberation and Decolonial Perspectives”
  + “Catholic Ethos, Theology, and the Liberation of the Mind”
  + “Bioethical Foundation for Health Promotion: Health Care and the Art of Care”
  + “Theological Bioethics and Public Health from the Margins: Epistemology and Latin American Liberation Theology in Bioethics”
  + “Primordial Care as Compassion for Trust in Health Care: Insights from Weil’s Anthropology and Stein’s Concept of Empathy”

Teaching Assistant – Campus Crusade for Christ International – Institute of Biblical Studies – June 2020 to July 2020

Mark Johnson

* Introduction to Christian Theology – Summer 2020

Program Facilitator – Overseas Ministries Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary – August 2018 to August 2019

* + Culture, Values, and Worldview: Anthropology for Mission Practice – Darrell Whiteman
  + Christian Mission and Adivasi People in India – Atola Longkumer
  + Powers, Principalities, and the Spirit: Biblical Realism in Africa and the West – Esther Acolatse
  + Intercultural Theology – Volker Kuster
  + Music and Mission – James Krabill
  + The Gospel of Peace in Dynamic Engagement with the World of Islam – David Shenk
  + World Christianity in Indo-Myanmar Mountains of Northeast India – Atola Longkumer
  + Integrating. Spirituality and Mission – Bo Karen Lee
  + Global Mission After Christendom – Darrell Guder
  + African Christianity in the Americas and in Africa – Andrew Walls
  + Silence and Beauty: The Future of Missiology – Makoto Fujimura