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## EDUCATION

- PhD, Systematic Theology** 2019  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Dissertation: *Reimagining Catholicity: An Interstitial Perspective*
- M.Div., History of Christianity** 2012  
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
- B.A., Psychology and Religious Studies (Honors)**  
**Pre-Medicine Concentration and Leadership Studies Minor** 2009  
Austin College, Sherman, TX  
*Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Theology and Religious Studies Department** 2018 - present  
Seattle University, Seattle, WA
- Teaching Fellow, Theology Department** 2016-2017  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Struggle for Identity Among Syro-Malabar Catholics*, Eastern Christian Publications, 2009.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- “The Decentered Vision of Diaspora Space: Theological Ethnography, Migration, and the Pilgrim Church,” *Practical Matters*, vol. 11, (2018): *forthcoming*.
- “Of Equal Dignity: An Interpretation of *Orientalium Ecclesiarum*,” *Asian Horizons* vol. 8, no.1 (2014): 35-47.

### Book Chapters

- “Neither Resignation nor Rebellion: When Writing Becomes a Path to Holiness,” in *Who Do We Say We Are? Holy Writing by the People of God*, ed. Susan Abraham (Los Angeles, CA: Marymount Institute Press), *forthcoming*.
- “Syriac in Worship, Hindu in Culture, Christian in Religion: The Hybridity of Thomas Christian Identity” in *Asian Churches Crossing Boundaries*, eds. Michael Amaladoss and Pascal Bazzelle (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press), *forthcoming*
- “One Long Labor: Towards an Indian American Interreligious Consciousness,” in *The T&T Clark Handbook to Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics*, co-authored with Khyati Y. Joshi, eds. Seung Ai Yang and Uriah Kim (London: T&T Clark), *forthcoming*.
- “Negotiations In-Between: Indian Catholics in Diaspora” in *Scattered and Gathered: Catholics in*

*Diaspora*, ed. Michael Budde (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books), 2017.  
“In-Beyond the Margins: A Second-Generation Immigrant Christian Experience” in “*For Just Such a Time as This*”: *Young Adults and the Future of the Church*, ed. Kathryn Lohre (Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press), 2014.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of “The Participation of Non-Catholic Christian Observers, Guests and Fraternal Delegates at the Second Vatican Council and The Synods of Bishops: A Theological Analysis” by Christopher Thomas Washington, *Theological Studies* 78.1 (2017): 24-25.

### **Web-Based Publications**

“No Longer Bearing the Cross Alone: Shame and Sexual Violence among South Asian Christians,” Political Theology Network Symposium, 2018  
“Multiplicity of Encounters, Unity of Faith.” C21 Resources, 2013.  
“Eastern and Western Christianities Share Sacred Space and Questions About the Future,” State of Formation, 2011

### **Other Publications**

*Charter of the Diocesan Youth Apostolate*, co-authored with Abin Kuriakose (Cochin: Bullshark Media), 2016  
*Needing Space: Case B*, The Pluralism Project at Harvard University, 2016.  
*Needing Space: A Case Study*, The Pluralism Project at Harvard University, 2011.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Louisville Fellow, Louisville Institute	2018-2020
Scholar in Residence, Collegeville Institute	2017-2018
Kilian McDonnell Faith and Culture Fellowship, Collegeville Institute	2017-2018
Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship	2017-2018
USCCB Convocation of Catholic Leaders, Diocesan Delegate	2017
Boston College Presidential Scholarship	2012-2017
Harvard University Presidential Scholarship	2009-2012
Posey Leadership Institute	2005-2009
Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Morris Austin College Presidential Scholarship	2005-2009
The North Hills School Valedictorian	2005

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Seattle University Courses**

Liberating Catholicism  
Social Justice & Christian Ethics

### **Boston College Courses**

Introduction to Christian Theology (instructor of record)  
Religious Quest (TA for Dr. H. John McDargh)  
Introduction to Christian Theology (TA for Dr. Brian Robinette)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Religion and Its Publics Emerging Scholars Workshop, University of Virginia	2018
Wabash Center Teaching Seminar for Doctoral Students, Wabash Center	2018
Diversity and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate, ESSEC Business School	2017
Asian Summer Theological Institute Scholar The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia	2017
Apprenticeship in College Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College	2017
Academic Presentations, Speaking with Confidence and Impact, Presence Training, Boston College	2017
Institutional Review Board Certification, Boston College	2015

## INVITED TALKS

St. John's University, Collegeville, MN "The Migrant's Double Vision: Understanding Pope Francis' Culture of Encounter"	2018
World Religions World Church Inaugural Conference, Notre Dame, IN "Ornamental or Integral Beauty?"	2015
World Catholicism Week 2014, Depaul University, Chicago IL "Negotiations of the Existential In-Between: SyroMalabar Catholics in Diaspora"	2014
Voice of the Faithful, Ipswich, MA "Eastern Catholic Churches: Unity and Collaboration"	2014
Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA "The Thomas Christians"	2013
World Catholicism Week 2011, Depaul University, Chicago IL "The <i>New Catholicity</i> from an Eastern Catholic Perspective"	2011

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative Conference, Claremont, CA "Neither Resignation nor Rebellion: When Writing Becomes a Path to Holiness"	2018
American Academy of Religion, Ecclesiological Investigations & World Christianity, Boston, MA "Re-Imagining Catholicity: Robert Schreier & The Interruption of Universalizing Tendencies"	2017
Catholic Theological Society of America, Albuquerque, NM <i>Panel Organized:</i> "Permeable Boundaries: The Role of Ethnography in Attending to Integral Human Ecology" <i>Paper Presented:</i> "Local Churches, Local Ecologies: Catholicity Through the Lens of the Empirical"	2017
American Academy of Religion, Vatican II Studies Group, San Antonio TX "Catholicity Challenged: Orientalism and Uniatism at Vatican II"	2016
Religion and Movement, University of Chicago, Chicago IL	2016

“The Domestication of Difference” Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Brussels, Belgium	2015
“After Fifty Years: The Letter and the Spirit of <i>Orientalium Ecclesiarum</i> ” Ecclesiological Investigations Conference, Washington D.C.	2015
“The Synod of Diamper: A Dangerous Memory for the Catholic Communion” Ecclesiological Investigations Conference, Belgrade, Serbia	2013
“The Apophatic Rage within the Western Super-Nova: An Eastern Christian Interruption” North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University, Durham, NC	2011
“Clash of Worldviews on the Malabar Coast” Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative Conference, Chicago, IL	2010
“Daughters of the Malayalee Diaspora: Syrian Christian Nurses from Kerala, India”	

### INVITED MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS

St. Thomas SyroMalabar Catholic Diocese Pastoral Council, Chicago, IL Keynote Address - “Faith in Action: Going to the Peripheries <i>as</i> SyroMalabar Catholics”	2018
Boston University Young Adult Catholics Group, Boston, MA “Raising Consciousness & Forming Consciences: Karol Wojtyla & Edith Stein”	2017
TORCH, Southern Regional Youth Conference, Waxahachie, TX Keynote Address – “I am the vine...”	2015
MARGAM, National Youth Leaders Conference, Garfield, NJ “Community and Leadership”	2015
Midwest Regional SyroMalabar Youth Conference, Rockford, IL “Emerging as Ourselves: SyroMalabar Identity Today”	2014
St. Ann’s Roman Catholic Church, Frisdale, MA “Becoming Mutual Nourishment: Introduction to the SyroMalabar Liturgy”	2014
Syro-Study, Rockland, NY “Liturgy According to the Second Vatican Council”	2013
Northeast Regional Coordinators’ Retreat “The Soul of the Diocesan Youth Apostolate”	2013
Southeastern Regional SyroMalabar Youth Conference, Tampa, FL “Syro-Malabar: Why Here? Why Now?”	2013
Mid-Atlantic Regional SyroMalabar Youth Conference, Hagerstown, MD “We Love Because He First Loved Us”	2013
National Syro-Malabar Catholic Youth Leaders Gathering, Chicago, IL “The Soul of the Diocesan Youth Apostolate”	2012
Syro-Study, Chicago, IL “Communion of Churches”	2012
National Syro-Malankara Catholic Convention, Kerhonkson, NY “Eastern Catholic Spirituality: Its Importance for our Growth”	2012
National Syro-Malabar Catholic Convention, Atlanta, GA “Syro-Malabar: Why Bother?”	2012
Major Archbishop Mar George Alencherry US Episcopal Visit, Chicago IL “To Be the Hope of the Syro Malabar Church in North America”	2011
Northeast Syro-Malabar Regional Youth Conference, Kearny, NJ “The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church: A History of Encounters” (Part I & II)	2011

Syro-Study, Chicago, IL	2011
“Needing Space: A Case Study”	
Syro-Malabar Youth Gathering, Garfield, NJ	2010
“We are the Future of the Church”	
National Syro-Malabar Catholic Youth Leaders Gathering, Chicago, IL	2010
“The Relevance of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Identity in North America”	

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Fieldwork in Theology Interest Group, Co-founder, CTSA	2020-2022
Committee for Underrepresented Ethnic and Racial Groups Committee, CTSA	2017-present
Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology Steering Committee, CTSA	2017-present
Coordinator of Transformative Pedagogies Dialogue Series	2017
Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College	

## **SERVICE TO THE CHURCH**

Diocesan Theology Seminar	2018 - present
Syro Study, Co-Founder	2011- 2018
Diocesan Pastoral Council	2012-2018
Syro Malabar Catholic Youth Apostolate, National Coordinator	2011-2014
Diocesan Youth Apostolate Newsletter, General Editor	2012-2013

## **LANGUAGES**

German (reading with dictionary)  
 French (reading with dictionary)  
 Syriac (reading with dictionary)  
 Malayalam (conversational)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Catholic Theological Society of America	2016 - present
College Theology Society	2012 - present
American Academy of Religion	2010 - present

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

*Interviewed for* “Jaisy Joseph on Reimagining Catholicity.” By Susan Sink. Bearings Online, 23 Mar. 2018.

<https://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/joseph-reimagining-catholicity/>

*Interviewed for* "Products of The Soil: Identity Crisis in An Indian Catholic Church." By Teresa Mathew. NPR, 13 Nov. 2016.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2016/11/13/501710006/products-of-the-soil-identity-crisis-in-an-indian-catholic-church>