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Current Work  
August 2023

- Research fellow

- Forthcoming: “*I Promessi Sposi* The Theology of Pope Francis’s Favorite Italian Novel”  
Invited 2024 Jesuit Heritage Lecture, Spring Hill College, Spring Hill, March 7, 2024
- “Spiritual Formation and Focusing Attention Through Literature” – September 1, 2023  
Paper given at “Jesuit Scholarship in a Secular Age” conference, Loyola University Chicago
- “Nature Abhors a Vacuum: Overcoming Domesticity in *Housekeeping*”  
Georgetown University’s Bent but Beautiful World Majors, May 16, 2023
- “Nicholas of Cusa and Doxological Intentionality in Community”  
Campion Seminar in Theology, hosted at Campion Hall, Oxford, 2021
- “Mediating Verticality in Community – the Phenomenological Vision of Nicholas of Cusa”  
The Phenomenology of Religion as Philosophical Anthropology Conference, Oxford Centre  
for Hindu Studies (OCHS) 10/2021, invited for journal publication (see below)
- “The Unvoiced Fundamental Note: Atheistic Literature and Divine Resonances”  
Power of the Word VI Conference hosted by the Loyola Institute, Trinity College, 7/2021,  
invited book chapter publication (see below)
- Response Paper to “Mystery and Nothingness: The Christian Conception of Call in the  
Perspective of Jean Paul Sartre”  
Modern Theology Research Seminar hosted by Faculty of Theology & Religion, Oxford, 5/2021



