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### Education

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1999, Ph.D. in Philosophical Theology, University of Virginia  
1996-97, Fulbright Scholar in Systematic Theology, University of Tübingen  
1991-1992, Coursework in Systematic Theology, University of Tübingen  
1991, B.A. in Philosophy (with Honors) and German Literature, Wake Forest University  
1988-89, Coursework in Philosophy and German Literature, Freie Universität Berlin

### Select Scholarships and Grants

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Notre Dame Institute For Advanced Study Fellow, Spring 2017  
Humboldt Foundation Grant for Experienced Researchers, Munich, Germany (2011)  
Fulbright Scholarship for Dissertation Research in Tübingen, Germany (1996-97)

### Teaching Areas

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Systematic Theology, Philosophical Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Christian Spirituality, History of Philosophy, History of Christianity, Comparative Ethics: Ancient, Modern, Christian

### Books

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*After Enlightenment: The Post-Secular Vision of J. G. Hamann* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009).

*Toward a Christological Metaphysics: The Intellectual Path of Erich Przywara, SJ* (manuscript in preparation; proposal solicited from OUP).

*Christ the Logos of Creation: Essays in Analogical Metaphysics* (contracted manuscript in preparation for Emmaus Academic).

*Analogy and the Transcendentals: Studies in Modern, Postmodern, and Christian Discourse* (manuscript in preparation)

### Book Translation

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Critical English Edition of Erich Przywara, SJ, *Analogia Entis. Metaphysics: Original Structure and Universal Rhythm*, with an introduction by John R. Betz, in collaboration with David B. Hart (Grand Rapids and Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2014); reviewed in the *Times Literary Supplement*, December 5, 2014

### Journal Articles in English (and German)

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“Between East and West: An Essay in Analogical Metaphysics” (in preparation for *Modern Theology*)

“From Phenomenology to Metaphysics: Toward a Trinitarian Metaphysics of Nature and Consciousness” (in preparation for *Modern Theology*)

“A Radically Orthodox Reformer: J. G. Hamann as a Metacritic of Enlightenment and Secularization” (forthcoming *Modern Theology*).

“Overcoming the Forgetfulness of Metaphysics: The More Original Philosophy of William Desmond,” in *William Desmond and Contemporary Theology* (forthcoming University of Notre Dame Press)

“Erich Przywara and the *Analogia Entis*: A Genealogical Diagnosis and Metaphysical Critique of Modernity,” in *Christian Wisdom Engages Modernity* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2016)

“Metaphysics and Theology: An Introduction to Erich Przywara’s *Analogia Entis*,” in Erich Przywara, *Analogia Entis: Metaphysics* (January 2014), pp. 1-115.

“J. G. Hamann” in De Gruyter Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception (2013)

“‘Reading Sibylline Leaves’: J. G. Hamann in the History of Ideas,” in *Hamann and the Tradition*, ed. Lisa Marie Anderson (Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 2012), pp. 5-32.

“Glory(ing) in the Humility of the Word: The Kenotic Form of Revelation in J. G. Hamann,” in *Letter and Spirit* 6 (2010), pp. 141-179.

“Erich Przywara and Karl Barth: On the *Analogia Entis* as a Formal Principle of Catholic Theology,” in *The Analogy of Being: Invention of the Anti-Christ or the Wisdom of God*, ed. Thomas Joseph White, O.P. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010), pp. 35-87.

“‘Reading Sibylline Leaves’: J. G. Hamann in the History of Ideas,” *Journal of the History of Ideas* 70 (January 2009), pp. 93-118.

“The Beauty of the Metaphysical Imagination,” in *Belief and Metaphysics*, ed. Conor Cunningham and Peter Candler (Canterbury: SCM Press, 2007), pp. 41-65.

“Hamann before Kierkegaard: A Systematic Theological Oversight,” *Pro Ecclesia* 16 No. 3 (Fall 2007), pp. 65-98.

“Beyond the Sublime: The Aesthetics of the Analogy of Being (Part Two),” *Modern Theology* 22 (January 2006), pp. 1-50.

J. G. Hamann. *The Literary Encyclopedia*. Ed. Robert Clark, Emory Elliott and Janet Todd. 02/04/2001. London: The Literary Dictionary Company. <<http://www.litencyc.com>

“Beyond the Sublime: The Aesthetics of the Analogy of Being (Part One),” *Modern Theology* 21 (July 2005), pp. 367-411.

“Hamann’s London Writings: The Hermeneutics of Trinitarian Condescension,” *Pro Ecclesia* 14 (Spring 2005), pp. 191-234.

“Schelling in Rosenzweigs *Stern der Erlösung*,” *Neue Zeitschrift für systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* 45 (2003), pp. 208-226.

### **Review Essays (English and German)**

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Löser, Werner. *Geschenkte Freiheit. Annäherungen an das Werk Hans Urs von Balthasars*. Forthcoming in *Theologische Revue* (in German).

“Theology without Metaphysics?” A Reply to Kevin Hector,” *Modern Theology* 31 (2015), pp. 488-500.

Hütter and Griffiths, eds. *Reason and the Reasons of Faith*, in *Pro Ecclesia* 16 (Spring 2007), pp. 218-230.

Oswald Bayer, *Living by Faith: Justification and Sanctification*, *Pro Ecclesia* 14 (Winter 2005), pp. 102-107.

“Enlightenment Revisited: Hamann as the First and Best Critic of Kant’s Philosophy.” Review of Oswald Bayer, *Vernunft ist Sprache: Hamanns Metakritik Kants*, in *Modern Theology* 20 (April 2004), pp. 291-301.

### **Reviews**

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Schmidt, Timo. *Theologie in Bewegung. Glaube und Skepsis in kritischer Aufnahme von Johann Georg Hamann*. Forthcoming in *Theologische Literaturzeitung*.

Vincelette, Alan. *Recent Catholic Philosophy, The Nineteenth Century*, in *Catholic Historical Review* 97 (April 2011), pp. 378-379.

O'Connor, Timothy. *Theism and Ultimate Explanation: The Necessary Shape of Contingency*, in *Review of Metaphysics* (March 2011), pp. 648-51.

Laughland, John. *Schelling versus Hegel. From German Idealism to Christian Metaphysics*, in *Modern Theology* 26 (July 2010), pp. 480-483.

Knutzen, Martin, *Philosophischer Beweiss von der Wahrheit der christlichen Religion* (1747), ed. Ulrich Lehner in *Theological Studies* 68 (2007), pp. 471-472.

Hemming, Laurence. *Postmodernity's Transcending God: Devaluing God*, in *Modern Theology* 23 (July 2007), pp. 488-492.

Cunningham, Conor. *Genealogy of Nihilism: Philosophies of Nothing and the Difference of Theology*, in *Modern Theology* 21 (April 2005), pp. 334-338.

O'Regan, Cyril. *Gnostic Apocalypse: Jacob Boehme's Haunted Narrative*, *Modern Theology* 19 (April 2003), pp. 297-300.

### **Articles Translated into English**

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Oswald Bayer, "The Plurality of the One God and the Plurality of the Gods," in *Pro Ecclesia* 15 (Summer 2006), pp. 338-354.

Martin Hengel, "Early Christianity as a Jewish-Messianic and Universalistic Movement" (lecture delivered to the faculty of the University of Tel Aviv, 1997).

Oswald Bayer, "The Word of the Cross," *Lutheran Quarterly* (Spring 1995).

### **Articles Translated into German**

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John Milbank, "Hamann und Jacobi als Propheten radikaler Orthodoxie," in *Der hellste Kopf seiner Zeit*, ed. Oswald Bayer (Tübingen: Attempto Verlag, 1998), pp. 217-241.

### **Magazine Essay**

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James C. O'Flaherty *In Memoriam*, *Wake Forest Magazine* (December, 2002).

### **Select Lectures**

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"Theology in the Constructive Study of Religion," Talk at University of Chicago (May 25 2017)

March 17, “Analogy and Theo-Foundational Epistemology: The Problem, Possibility, and Reality of Theological Knowledge” (Invited Lecture to the Department of Philosophy, Wake Forest University)

September 24, 2016, “The Unfinished Reformation: J. G. Hamann as a Radical Reformer” (University of Heidelberg)

March 14, 2016: “From Phenomenology to Metaphysics: Toward a Trinitarian Metaphysics of Nature and Consciousness” (“Mind Soul, World: Consciousness in Nature” conference, University of Notre Dame)

December 13, 2013: “Diagnosing Modernity: Erich Przywara and the *analogia entis*,” given at international “Christian Wisdom Engages Modernity” conference, held at Notre Dame, December 12-14.

December 2012: Introduction to Augustine (at event sponsored by the Notre Dame Institute for Church Life)

June 2011: “Life as Analogy: Between Essentialism and Existentialism” (“What is Life” Conference, Krakow, Poland).

March 2010: “From Metaphysics to Christology: The Path of Erich Przywara, S.J.” (at University of Notre Dame)

March 2009: “‘Reading Sibylline Leaves’: J. G. Hamann in the History of Ideas,” plenary address at “Hamann and the Tradition” conference, Hunter College, CUNY.

November 2008: “Metaphysics and Theology,” lecture given at 2008 AAR session titled: “The Return of Metaphysics: A dialogue on the occasion of the publication of *Belief and Metaphysics*” – together with Sarah Coakley, David Hart, Paul DeHart and John Milbank.

April 2008: “The *Analogia Entis* as a Formal Principle of Catholic Theology,” plenary address at a theological symposium on the analogy of being in Washington D.C.

### **International Conference Organizer**

“Doctor Universalis”: The Legacy of Erich Przywara  
(Pending Conference)