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EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, College of Law , DeKalb, Illinois JD, <i>Juris Doctor Candidate</i>	Expected May 2027
University of Bristol , Bristol, England PhD in <i>Theology</i> , Department of Religion and Theology (focus on ancient rhetoric)	November 2015
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign , Champaign, Illinois MS in <i>Journalism</i> , College of Media	May 2008
University of Chicago , Chicago, Illinois BA (with honors) in <i>Fundamentals: Issues and Texts</i>	June 2004

WORK EXPERIENCE

Northern Illinois University, College of Law , DeKalb, Illinois <i>Graduate Assistant to the Dean of the Law School</i> (Dean Cassandra Hill)	August 2025 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">special projects as assigned by the Dean (e.g., assisting in organizing faculty academic conferences)Teaching Assistant for undergraduate political science class (e.g., teaching, grading papers)support in the Office of Admissions or other Deans' offices as needed	
Cook County Circuit Court , Chicago, Illinois <i>Judicial Extern in Domestic Relations Division</i> (Hon. Bernadette Barrett, Hon. Mitchell B. Goldberg)	May 2025 – August 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">research, drafting opinions and ordersparticipated in non-competitive Mock Trial hosted by the Domestic Relations Division	
Charles Simeon Trust , Chicago, Illinois <i>Director of Ministries</i>	February 2005 – June 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">oversaw execution of vision, devised strategy, advised Board of Directorssupervised 30+ employees (hiring/firing, performance reviews, authorizing employee work, management)managed relationships and annually traveled to work with international institutional partners (40+ countries)teaching/lecturing at national and international workshops and through online educational platformdesigned and implemented communications strategies (website development, print media, marketing)	
Christ Church (Church of England, Diocese in Europe) , Vienna, Austria <i>Priest with License and Permission to Officiate</i> (served under Ven. Patrick Curran)	February 2016 – June 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">officiated and preached at services, served on Church Counciloversaw or helped lead various ministries, including Youth and Education, Communications, Pastoral Careprovided educational mentoring for interns on behalf of the Diocese in Europefounded Christ Church Quintet (jazz ensemble)	

SELECTED LAW SCHOOL AWARDS AND HONORS

- NIU Law Review*: Vol. 46 Staff Editor (Awarded Highest Write-On Score), Vol. 47 Lead Articles Editor.
- NIU Moot Court*: Semifinalist and Award for Best Brief (Spring 2026).
- NIU Trial Advocacy*: Winner of 1L Closing Argument Competition (Winter 2025); Master of Bench (2026-2027).
- Dean's List*: Autumn 2024, Spring 2025, Autumn 2025.
- Book Prizes*: Constitutional Law II, Legal Writing II, Lawyering Skills, and International Civil Rights.
- Hope Moller Scholarship* for Torts in Kenneth C. Chessick Civil Justice Endowed Scholarship Program (Spring 2026).
- APPLE Outreach Assistantship* Award for Judicial Externship in Cook County (Summer 2025).
- Francis Mays Memorial Scholarship* for Criminal Law (Autumn 2024).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- “Liberty, Order, and Law: The Constitutional Implications of Firearm Seizures in Domestic Violence Orders of Protection,” *Northern Illinois University Law Review*, Vol. 47, 2026-2027. [forthcoming]
- *Hellenistic Dimensions of the Gospel of Matthew: Background and Rhetoric (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament II)*, Mohr Siebeck (2016) [published doctoral dissertation].
- “No Greater Love: A Christian Approach to Friendship & Race,” *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology*, Vol. 9.1, 2022, 21-47.
- “Worship and Preaching: Responding to the Word” (2018 COBIME Conference in Havana, Cuba) [invited paper].
- “Teaching Philemon,” *Bible Study Magazine*, April 22, 2020.
- “Revelation 16: Libations of God’s Wrath” in *Credo Magazine*, December 21, 2018.
- “Hellenistic Influence in the Gospel of Matthew,” *1892 Club* at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, April 26, 2017 [invited paper].
- “The Council of Jamnia,” “The Destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar,” “Paul’s First Mission Trip to Cyprus,” “Ulrich Zwingli’s Leadership of the Protestant Reformation in Switzerland,” and “Yehuda Halevi’s Journey to Jerusalem” in *Great Events in Religion: An Encyclopedia of Pivotal Events in Religious History* (ed. Andrew Holt and Florin Curta), ABC-CLIO, 2016.
- “Homeric Resonances in the Gospel of Matthew” (31st *British New Testament Conference*, King’s College in London, England, 2012) [conference paper].
- Mitarbeiter to Clare K. Rothschild and Trevor W. Thompson, *Christian Body, Christian Self: Concepts of Early Christian Personhood (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament)*, Mohr Siebeck (2012).
- “Matthew and Plato: A Greek Philosophical Context for the Sermon on the Mount” (2009 *SBL International Meeting*, Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy) [conference paper].

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- (Founding) Board Member of *Assist Churches* 2025 – Present
- *Christian Legal Society* (NIU Chapter), President 2024 – Present
- *Christian Legal Society* (National), Law School Fellow (national program) 2025 – 2026
- Board Member of the *CST Africa* (South Africa) 2022 – 2024
- Credentialing Team member, *ACNA Diocese of the Rocky Mountains* 2019 – 2025
- Licensed in the *Church of England, Diocese in Europe* 2019 – 2024
- Archbishop of Canterbury’s Permission to Officiate in the *Church of England, Diocese in Europe* 2018 – 2024
- *Center for Pastor Theologians*, Fellow 2018 – 2024
- Board Member of *Prédica Fiel* (Cuba) 2013 – 2024
- Board Member of the *Charles Simeon Trust* (Canada) 2015 – 2022
- Ordination as Priest in *Province de Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda* by Bishop Ken Ross May 31, 2016
- Ordination as Deacon in *Province de Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda* by Bishop Laurent Mbanda February 11, 2014

CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Federal Bar Association (student membership) 2025 – Present
- American Bar Association (student membership) 2025 – Present
- Illinois State Bar Association (student membership) 2025 – Present
- DuPage County Bar Association (student membership) 2025 – Present
- Kane County Bar Association (student membership) 2025 – Present
- Christian Legal Society (CLS) 2024 – Present
- Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) 2008 – Present
- North American Patristics Society (NAPS) 2008 – Present
- Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) 2008 – Present
- Society for Classical Studies (SCS) 2008 – Present

Contact information for references is available upon request.