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International Institute for Method in Theology

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The International Institute for Method in Theology was launched at a colloquium held at Marquette University in March of 2017. The Institute is sponsored by the Marquette Lonergan Project, the Lonergan Research Institute of Regis College in the University of Toronto, and the Faculty of Theology at the Gregorian University, Rome. Representatives of all three institutions were present at the colloquium: Robert M. Doran, S.J., from Marquette, Eric Mabry, Interim Director of the Lonergan Research Institute, and Gerard Whelan, S.J., Professor of Theology at the Gregorian University.

In the lecture that he presented at the colloquium, Robert Doran, Emmett Doerr Chair in Catholic Systematic Theology and Director of the Marquette Lonergan Project, narrated how the founding of the Institute is the long-term result of a suggestion that he had made to a Canadian Jesuit Provincial, Reverend William Addley, S.J., in 1984. Doran was living in Toronto at the time, teaching and writing at Regis College in the University of Toronto. The suggestion led to the establishment by Fr Addley of the Lonergan Research Institute. Recent research in the Frederick Crowe Archives at the LRI reveals how this new project of an Institute for Method in Theology was a part of the original vision of the LRI when it was founded. It was put on hold because the principal efforts of the LRI from its inception centered around the publication of Lonergan's Collected Works with University of Toronto Press and the cataloguing and preservation of Lonergan's archival papers. But now that these tasks are well underway, with the collaboration since 2006 of Marquette University and its Lonergan Project, and especially now that the Collected Works are almost complete, the time is right for the complement that was also contained in the original vision. Doran's lecture, 'The International Institute for Method in Theology: A Vision,' may be found on the website www.lonerganresource.com, under Events/Lectures.

The Institute at its inception is comprised of five research teams, but there is no limit placed on the number of research groups that may be formed. Marquette's Center for the Advancement of the Humanities has embraced the Institute as a functioning unit of the Center, and Marquette University Press has agreed to be the publisher of the books that are assembled by the research teams. A dedicated

column will probably be placed soon on the website www.lonerganresource.com, while plans unfold for a more thorough presence via electronic means.

The five teams are: Philosophy, coordinated by Brian Bajzek; Systematic Theology, coordinated by Darren Dias; Economics for Humane Globalization, coordinated by Joseph Ogbonnaya; Ecological Culture, coordinated by Lucas Briola; and Critical-realist Hermeneutics, coordinated by Joseph Gordon.

The annual spring Lonergan colloquium at Marquette will now be dedicated each year to the work of one of the teams. In March of 2018, the team that is working on Economics conducted the colloquium. The Critical-realist Hermeneutics group will sponsor the next colloquium, on March 28-29, 2019. The colloquium in the spring of 2020 will be conducted by the Ecology group, that in 2021 by the Philosophy team, and the gathering in 2022 by the Systematic Theology section.

The first book project of the Institute is nearing completion and has been accepted for publication by Marquette University Press. It is a joint project of the Economics and Ecology groups, edited by Joseph Ogbonnaya and Lucas Briola: *'Everything is Interconnected': Towards Globalization with A Human Face and An Integral Ecology*.

Lucas Briola sends the following update on the activities of the Ecology group:

After an initial phase of recruitment and consideration of its mission, the “ecological culture” section of the Institute has begun to take a more active approach. In particular, beginning last year, our group has been collaborating with the “Economics and Globalization” section of the Institute on a collection of essays ... [mentioned above]. Eight of the group’s members are contributing to the volume. There has been also been some preliminary discussion regarding a possible future volume on the dialogue between science, philosophy, and theology in the key of *Laudato si’* and Bernard Lonergan. A few members are considering the possibility of a panel at the College Theology Society on new developments in what human evolution means for contemporary theology, specifically theological anthropology. Besides these various group collaborations, many individuals in the group have continued to publish and present on Lonergan’s potential contributions to the aims of *Laudato si’* and its call for an “ecological culture.” The group is always seeking new and willing members.

And Joe Gordon sends the following update on the Critical-realist Hermeneutics group:

After initial recruiting and discussion about the general aims of our work together, the Critical Realism group is gearing up for a big year. This Spring (2019), some of our members of the group will deliver papers at the second annual “Not Numerous Center” colloquium at Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo, NY (Feb 22-23), those papers, combined with the products of the Marquette Colloquium, which is devoted to the work of our group (March 28-29), and hopefully others presented at the West Coast Methods Institute at Loyola Marymount (April 25-27) will be brought together as an edited collection we hope to publish with Marquette University Press. We are also soliciting contributions from some senior New Testament scholars who have drawn upon the work of Ben F. Meyer, whose *Aims of Jesus* (1979), *Critical Realism and the New Testament* (1989) and *Reality and Illusion in New Testament Scholarship* (1994) are all hitting major milestone anniversaries next calendar year.

Similar updates will be recruited on a regular basis from the other groups.

We have received short biographical statements from our current Institute members. The remainder of this long Newsletter contains these valuable bits of information on the first contingent of people working together in this Institute.

Here are the bios for the members of the Ecology group:

Lucas Briola, Coordinator

Doctoral Candidate at The Catholic University of America, Lecturer at St. Vincent College

Lucas Briola is a doctoral candidate at The Catholic University of America and teaches at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. He is writing a dissertation entitled “Integral Ecology, Eucharist, and the Scale of Values: A Contribution of Bernard Lonergan.” Lucas most recently published “Sustainable Communities and Eucharistic Communities: *Laudato si’*, Northern Appalachia, and Redemptive Recovery,” which appeared in the *Journal of Moral Theology*, and “The Integral Ecology of *Laudato Si’* and a Seamless Garment: The Sartorial Usefulness of Lonergan and Doran’s Turn to Culture,” which is about to appear in *Lonergan Review*. His articles have also appeared in *Downside Review*, and he has contributed to dailytheology.org, catholicmoraltheology.com, the *Church Life*

Journal, and *America*. With Joseph Ogbonnaya, he is editor of *'Everything is Interconnected': Towards a Globalization with a Human Face and a Truly Integral Ecology*. For that volume, he is currently penning an article reflecting on the place of the “cry of the earth” within Lonergan’s scale of values (as developed by Robert Doran). After that article, he plans to reflect on what light the *Rule of St. Benedict* might shed on the meaning of an integral ecology. Lucas is especially interested in considerations of ecclesial mission, particularly in light of *Laudato si'* (the functional specialty of “communications”). He pursues this project through the aid of Lonergan and Doran’s theology of history as well as with a particular focus on the place of the Eucharist in this mission.

Mark Doorley, Ph.D.

Director of the Ethics Program at Villanova University

Director of the [Ethics Program](#) in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at Villanova University, Mark earned his M.Div. (1988) from the Washington Theological Union in Washington, DC and a Ph.D. (1994) in Philosophy from Boston College. He wrote a dissertation, now book, on the role of feelings in Lonergan’s ethics, under the direction of Professors Patrick Byrne and Fred Lawrence. He was a founder of the non-profit, [The Center for Environmental Transformation](#), in Camden, NJ, serving as President of the board and executive director from 2009-2016. While administration has severely impacted his scholarly output, his research interests focus on environmental ethics, particularly exploring the psychic and emotional conditions necessary to re-orient human consciousness toward an integral ecology, suggested by Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*. The last several years have been occupied with trying to understand the relationship between judgments of value, beliefs, and scientific knowledge generation. Insofar as science is a communal endeavor, beliefs function as central carriers of meaning for the scientists themselves as well as for the larger community of knowers. However, beliefs rest on judgments of value about the authority of the one making the claim about which the belief is concerned. We are at a crisis today because judgments of value about authority are no longer providing the grounding necessary for the larger community to build on the accumulated knowledge of the scientific community. What makes this even more interesting is that there is a differentiated response to the scientific community, dependent on whether or not the pronouncements of science accord with an already existing and desirable narrative. This situation ramifies through so much of our communal structures; understanding how it functions and is nurtured is critical.

David de la Fuente

Doctoral Student at Fordham University

David is a third-year doctoral student in systematic theology at Fordham University. He is pursuing a dissertation project on a phenomenological approach to the event of Pentecost that draws on the work of Jean-Luc Marion and Jean-Louis Chretien to articulate a 'Pentecostal' ecclesiology. Other research interests include medicine and religion and theological responses to racism.

David is pursuing publication of a paper entitled "Transforming the Gaze: Jesus' Parables and Ecological Conversion." In response to *Laudato Si's* emphasis on the gaze of Jesus, he offers a phenomenological reading of select parables to argue that Jesus has a green gaze. He also just delivered a paper entitled "The Spirit of Racial Justice: Toward a 'Pentecostal' Pneumatology of Racial Reconciliation" at a consultation on religion and racial justice in Soweto, South Africa. This was cosponsored by Fordham University, the Jesuit Institute of South Africa, and the University of Pretoria's Centre for Contextual Ministry. Finally, an essay on "The Holy Spirit and Reenchanting Medicine" has been accepted for publication in *Christian Bioethics*, date TBD.

Edward Dunar

Doctoral Candidate at Fordham University

Edward Dunar is a doctoral candidate in Systematic Theology at Fordham University in New York City. He received his Master of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School. His research focuses on the possibilities for dialogue between pneumatological ecclesiology and political movements related to new urbanism. In particular, he is interested in how local churches can draw on their theological traditions to promote well-being and democratic decision-making in their neighborhoods and cities.

Ben Hohman

Doctoral candidate at Boston College

Ben is currently working on his dissertation proposal, which is intended to elaborate the general and special categories in a more evolutionary/ecological theology of grace; to that end, the project centers on foundations. It involves a synthetic reading of the notion of emergence elaborated variously by a number of contemporary philosophers of science in dialogue with Lonergan's notion of emergent probability. Drawing from recent work in evolutionary and eco-theology,

he also attempts to expand the account of grace in Lonergan's theology to talk about the unfolding of non-human creation, consummation, and redemption. Overall, this project is aimed at providing a resource for a more thoughtful account of divine action in the world in the unfolding of what has come to be called “big history.”

Ben’s prior research and publications have focused on applying Lonergan's epistemology and metaphysics to the supposed tensions between theology and diverse forms of knowing in academic, ecclesial, and commonsense realms of inquiry. In particular, he has focused on the relationship between theology and science and theology and gender studies. Some of his other research has focused on examining Lonergan’s Trinitarian theology as a resource for promoting dialogue with Orthodox Christians and, separately, for applying a Lonerganian hermeneutics of conversion as a way of better understanding Augustine’s *Confessions*.

Thomas Hughson, S.J.

Emeritus Professor at Marquette University

At present, as Emeritus in Theology from Marquette University, Tom combines some pastoral work in the area of spiritual accompaniment with theological research and writing. A book he edited, *The Holy Spirit and the Church: Ecumenical Reflections with a Pastoral Perspective*, came out in 2016 from Ashgate/Routledge with his chapter, “The Paraclete and Social Mission.” Editing the Proceedings of the July 2017 International Conference of Jesuit Ecumenists figures in the mix too. A chapter on Catholic pastoral theology for an Anglican handbook of pastoral theology is somewhere in the publication process.

A paper, “Receptive Ecumenism: A Lutheran Proposal for Eco-Reformation,” was given at Leuven Encounters with Systematic Theology XI in October 2017 and then revised as “Receptive Ecumenism: Initiative, Identity, Method, Difference,” submitted for publication. At the November 4th International Conference on Receptive Ecumenism in Canberra, Australia, Tom presented “Lutheran Reception of *Laudato si*’: Receptive Ecumenism?” A chapter, “The Holy Spirit and Ecumenism: From Hope to Charity,” appeared in the 2017 *Hope in the Ecumenical Future* edited by Mark Chapman from Palgrave/Macmillan.

Writing this summer focused on a paper for the international NeanderArt2018 conference at the University of Turin from August 22–26th. Tom has been reading in paleoanthropology for a couple of years and did enough on Neandertals that the conference organizers accepted the proposal, “Neandertal Symbolism: Neandertal Religion?” Then there’s the almost finished chapter, “What Does It Mean to Be Human? Interpretation and Reception of *Laudato si*’,” for the book Lucas Briola and Joseph Ogbonnaya are editing.

Theological reflections of the sort listed above that draw systematic themes into contextual concerns fit well into the functional specialty of communications outlined in Chapter 14 of *Method*. That's where Tom hangs his Lonergan hat.

Christopher Krall, S.J.

Doctoral Student at Marquette University

Christopher Krall, S.J., is currently a Jesuit Priest scholastic engaged in doctoral studies at Marquette University. The area of studies is an interdisciplinary degree in Catholic Systematic Theology and Neuroscience with Fr. Robert Doran, S.J., as an advisor.

Research interests include the study of conscience formation through the disciplined practices of habitual virtue and how these practices allow for heightened conscious awareness and human flourishing. Such a study necessitates the dialogue between the recent advancements of neuroscience in neuroplasticity with the theological studies of pure desire to know truth and to strive for the good as articulated by Bernard Lonergan. This study is based in a theological anthropology while having implications in the philosophical, ethical, ecological, and ecclesiological realms.

Christopher has interdisciplinary Master's degrees from Oxford University, Boston College, and the University of Toronto.

Tom McAuley, Ph.D.

Professional Water Resources Engineer, Ph.D. from St. Paul University, Ottawa

A professional water resources engineer, Tom recently completed a PhD in theology and ethics at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. He worked for several decades in the Great Lakes region as an engineer with Fisheries and Oceans Canada in the bi-national Sea Lamprey Control program, and later, for 12 years, as senior engineering advisor with the International Joint Commission (IJC) of Canada and the United States. There, he held responsibility for nine watersheds, boards, and studies between the Columbia River basin in the west and the St. Croix River in the east. The IJC prevents and resolves disputes and manages shared waters along the 8,800 km long border. Tom was awarded the Joseph-Armand Bombardier scholarship by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada for his doctoral thesis work in which he used the method and thought of Bernard Lonergan to assist in the newly developing field of water ethics. Tom has a degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Toronto and an MSc in Civil Engineering - Water Resources from the University of Manitoba. Though semi-retired, he actively follows global water, environmental and climate

developments and continues to research, write, and give occasional lectures on water and ethics.

Neil Ormerod

Australian Catholic University

Neil is currently professor of theology at Australian Catholic University but in January 2019 will be taking up a part-time appointment in the research office of the Sydney College of Divinity. He is widely published with 14 books covering topics such as ecclesiology, Trinity, Christian anthropology, natural theology and foundational theology; and over 110 refereed articles and book chapters, many in leading international journals such as *Theological Studies*, *Irish Theological Quarterly*, *Heythrop Journal* and *Louvain Studies*. His special areas of interest are historical ecclesiology and the doctrine of the Trinity, and more recently he has been turning his attention to Christology. He is currently working on a major book on the Trinity tentatively entitled *The One Triune Creator God*. With his wife Thea he is involved in promoting the work of Pope Francis and his encyclical *Laudato Si'* and has written a major article with Cristina Vanin on ecological conversion, "Ecological conversion: what does it mean?" *Theological Studies*, 77 (2016): 328-352.

Michael Petrany

Doctoral and Medical Student at the University of Cincinnati/Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Michael Petrany is a student in the Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD) at the University of Cincinnati/Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Prior to this, he studied philosophy and biology at Xavier University. His current research focuses on molecular and developmental biology, specifically on the role of adult muscle stem cells in neuromuscular disease and tissue regeneration. Broader interests include genetic and neurological disease, the neurological basis of substance and behavioral addiction, and research and clinical ethics. Related to the work of the Institute, he is particularly interested in studying Lonergan's account of modern science as a means of understanding contemporary approaches in molecular biology and biomedical research.

Jame Schaefer, Ph.D.

Associate Professor at Marquette University

Because the new semester has just begun, Jame is currently working to teach two sections of a new second-level undergraduate course at Marquette University – Religion, Science, and Ethics. She will be returning shortly to her current book project in which she is proffering a more inclusive category than ‘social’ for magisterial teachings and expanding eight principles of Catholic social teachings informed by pertinent disciplines to qualify for “Catholic Planetary Teaching”. Interfacing theology with other disciplines, especially the natural sciences and technology, remains her primary research interest with the goal of providing more comprehensive understandings of usually complex issues and faith-based motivation for addressing them. One example that has consumed a considerable amount of her time over the past three years is working with members of the Society for Conservation Biology to develop guidelines aimed at facilitating their collaboration with leaders and members of faith-based communities on research and practice projects. This summer required leading interactive sessions at regional SCB congresses in Finland, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, and Kyrgyzstan to familiarize members with the guidelines (<http://conbio.informz.net/CONBIO/data/images/1%20RCBWG%20BP%20Guidelines%202-2018.pdf>), encourage their use, and ask them to prepare case studies for possible inclusion in a symposium at the 2019 International Congress for Conservation Biology in Malaysia. Penetrating scientists’ biases against and discomfort with religion and “faith” continues to be challenging but essential.

In the midst of the above endeavors, Jame is delighted to have had an opportunity to contribute a chapter to the anthology that Luke Briola and Joseph Ogbonnaya are editing on behalf of the Ecological Culture Research Team of the International Institute for Method in Theology. Her chapter focus is educating for ecological responsibility featuring insights from Lonergan and Pope Francis that are demonstrated in a local approach to addressing the global reality of human-forced climate change.

Cristina Vanin

Associate Professor at St. Jerome’s University

Cristina Vanin is an associate professor of theology, associate dean, and director of the Master of Catholic Thought theology program, at St. Jerome’s University in Waterloo, Ontario. She received her BA from St. Jerome’s University, her MDiv

from St. Michael's College, Toronto, and her PhD in theology from Boston College.

Her major research interests are focused on the role that theology can have in helping us respond adequately to the ecological crisis. In this she has been influenced by the thought of Passionist priest Thomas Berry and Canadian Jesuit Bernard Lonergan.

She has had the privilege of being involved at Ignatius Jesuit Centre in Guelph, Ontario, working in particular with Jim Profit, SJ, who had responsibility for the Canadian Jesuits work on ecological issues. She has worked with the Jesuits of Canada on its Mission and Ecology Committee, and helped to prepare a guidebook on *Laudato Si'* for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Recent publications include: "Ecological Conversion: What Does It Mean?" in *Theological Studies* 2016, Vol. 77 (2): 328-352, co-written with Neil Ormerod; "Care and Compassion: The Need for an Integral Ecology," in *Ecotheology and Nonhuman Ethics in Society: A Community of Compassion*, edited by Melissa J. Brotton, Lexington Books (2017) 179-195; "The Significance of Lonergan's Method for Ecological Conversion," in *Lonergan's Anthropology Revisited: The next fifty years of Vatican II*, edited by Gerard Whelan, S.J. Gregorian Biblical Press, 2015; "Understanding the Universe as Sacred: The Challenge for Contemporary Christianity," in *The Intellectual Journey of Thomas Berry: Imagining the Earth Community*, edited by Heather Eaton. Lexington Books, 2014.

Gerard Whelan, S.J.

Professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University

Gerard Whelan is an Irish Jesuit and Professor of Fundamental Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He is author of *Redeeming History: Social Concern in the Thought of Bernard Lonergan and Robert Doran* (2013) and *A Discerning Church: Pope Francis, Bernard Lonergan and Theological Method in Changing Times* (to be published by Paulist Press, 2018).

Next, here are the bios from the Economics group:

Joseph Ogbonnaya (Ph.D., University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, 2011), coordinator

Marquette University

Joseph is Assistant Professor of Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. His current research interest is in Theology, Modernity and Postmodernity,

African philosophy and Theology, World Christianity. His articles have appeared in *Association of Catholic Universities and Higher Institutes of Africa and Madagascar [ACUHIAM Journal]*, *International Journal of African Catholicism*, *Irish Theological Quarterly*, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, *The Ecumenist: A Journal of Theology, Culture and Society*, *HTS Theologiese Studies/Theological Studies*, *Australian EJournal of Theology*, *Journal of Inculturation Theology* and chapters in edited books. He has previously published these books: *African Perspectives on Culture and World Christianity* (2017), *Lonergan, Social Transformation and Sustainable Human Development* (2013), *African Catholicism and Hermeneutics of Culture* (2014). He coedited *Christianity and Culture Collision* (2016) and *The Church as Salt and Light* (2011). His current research interest is in Robert M. Doran's theology especially in bridging the cultural divide of Western and African theology.

Nicolas Baumgartner

Durham University

Nicolas is finishing a PhD in Theology and Religion at Durham University (UK). His thesis develops a theological method to engage with empirical economics, using the phenomenon of trust as an example. More broadly and as a long-term interest, he is keen to explore theological approaches to behavioral ethics, and how these could be applied to finance, economics, and politics as well as human and machine learning.

Nicolas is also an impact investment professional, with experience directing and investing capital for social and economic development both in the UK and in Africa. He holds a BA in Economics from the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) and an MA in Theology and Religion from Durham University. He is based in Zürich, Switzerland. He is currently located in the Ethics Centre of the University of Zürich.

Nicholas Olkovich

St. Mark's College, Vancouver

Nick is Assistant Professor and Marie Anne Blondin Chair in Catholic Theology at St. Mark's College in Vancouver, Canada. From 2015-2017 he was the Director of Field Education and Pastoral Formation in the Faculty of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto. Nick teaches foundational, systematic and pastoral theology at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He is the co-editor of a recent volume of essays entitled *The Promise of Renewal: Dominicans and Vatican II* (ATF Press, 2016) and has published articles

in *Political Theology*, *The Heythrop Journal*, *Pacifica: Australasian Theological Studies*, and *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies*.

His ongoing work focuses on the relationship between ethics, politics and religion and on human rights theory and practice in particular. He is especially interested in bringing Lonergan's work into dialogue with contemporary political philosophy and theology. He is currently researching a number of interrelated topics, including: diverse interpretations of John Courtney Murray's legacy; arguments for and against Basic Income; and Giorgio Agamben's critique of human rights discourse.

John Dadosky, Ph.D., S.T.D.
Regis College, University of Toronto

John is professor of theology and philosophy at Regis College/University of Toronto. He is author of *The Structure of Religious Knowing* (SUNY Press, 2004), *The Eclipse and Recovery of Beauty* (University of Toronto Press, 2014), and co-editor of four volumes of the Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan, including *Method in Theology* (2017). He is currently working on the final archival volume. He recently published *Image to Insight: The Art of William Hart McNichols* (2018). His most recent article appeared in the *Toronto Journal of Theology* on Hildegard of Bingen as Theological Resource.

His interests include philosophical theology, systematic theology, interreligious dialogue with Buddhism and intercultural theology. He is also currently the treasurer on the board of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the American Theological Society.

Paul St. Amour
Saint Joseph's University

Paul received his B.A./M.A. in philosophy from Boston College, and his Ph.D. from Fordham University. He is currently an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Saint Joseph's University, in Philadelphia. Scholarly and teaching interests include Philosophy of Religion, Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Aquinas, Contemporary Thomism, Kierkegaard, Ethics, and Philosophy of Economics. He has written numerous articles applying the thought of Bernard Lonergan to a wide range of philosophical issues. Recent research has focused on Bernard Lonergan's macroeconomic theory. Articles appear in *The Thomist*, *Analecta Hermeneutica: International Institute for Hermeneutics*, *Lonergan Workshop*, *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies*, *The Lonergan Review*, *Theoforum*, *Contemporary Philosophy*, and *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*.

Gerard Whelan is on the Economics team as well as the Ecology team. His biographical statement can be found above with the rest of the Ecology statements.

Kate Ward

Marquette University

Kate is Assistant Professor of Theology at Marquette University, conducting research on economic ethics, virtue ethics, and ethical method. She has published articles on wealth, virtue, and economic inequality in journals including *Theological Studies*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Heythrop Journal*, and *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, and presented a plenary talk for an international audience of ethicists at Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church in Sarajevo in 2018. She is completing a monograph exploring the impact of wealth, poverty, and inequality on the pursuit of virtue.

Dr. Ward earned a Ph.D. in Theological Ethics from Boston College, an M.Div with concentration in Bible from Catholic Theological Union, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Harvard College. Before beginning her Ph.D. studies, she worked at AFSCME Council 31, a labor union organizing workers in Catholic health care settings.

Dr. Cyril Orji

University of Dayton

Cyril is Professor of Systematic Theology and Core Integrated Study at the University of Dayton, OH. He specializes in systematic and fundamental theology with particular emphases on the theology and philosophy of Bernard Lonergan, which he brings into conversation with the works of the American pragmatist and semiotician Charles Sanders Peirce and the Lutheran theologian Wolfhart Pannenberg. Dr. Orji also collaborates in inter-religious dialogue and the intersection of religion and culture – inculturation, post-colonial critical theory, and Black and African theologies – and engages in communal practices of communicative theology in the development of local/contextual theologies. He has published numerous articles in reputable peer-reviewed journals. His books include *A Semiotic Approach to the Theology of Inculturation* (2015), *An Introduction to Religious and Theological Studies* (2015), *The Catholic University and the Search for Truth* (2013) and *Ethnic and Religious Conflicts in Africa: An Analysis of Bias and Conversion Based on the Work of Bernard Lonergan* (2008). He has a forthcoming book on SCIENCE-THEOLOGY RAPPROCHEMENT that engages the works of Lonergan, Peirce, and Pannenberg.

And here are the bios from the Critical-realist Hermeneutics group:

Joseph Gordon, Coordinator

Johnson University

Joe Gordon completed a BA in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministry at Johnson University and an M. Div. in Contemporary Theology at Lincoln Christian University. At Lincoln, through the influence of Steve Cone (among others), he encountered Lonergan's work and the work of Henri de Lubac. He completed his Ph.D. in Systematics at Marquette University, where he wrote under Bob Doran and D. Stephen Long. His dissertation is a systematic theology of Christian scripture, and a substantially modified version of that work is forthcoming with the University of Notre Dame Press as *Divine Scripture in Human Understanding: A Systematic Theology of the Christian Bible*; it will appear in print next spring (2019). He is currently Associate Professor of Theology at Johnson University Florida (where he has taught since 2015).

He has written two other articles relevant to the work of the group: "Scripture as Truth: Lonergan's Contributions & Challenges to Protestants Seeking to Understand Scripture." *Method: Journal of Lonergan Studies* 6, no. 2 (2015): 35–55; and "Ressourcement Anti-Semitism?: Addressing An Obstacle to Henri de Lubac's Proposed Renewal of Premodern Christian Spiritual Exegesis," *Theological Studies* 78, no. 3 (2017): 614–633. The first examines one of Lonergan's seldom studied essays on different ideals of exegesis. The second indirectly treats issues in the relationship between moral conversion and Christian scriptural interpretation. He also has a forthcoming article in the *Lonergan Review* on the (relative) authenticity of the Theological Interpretation of Scripture "movement," and is currently writing the Cascade Companion to Lonergan.

Adam Bean

Emmanuel Christian Seminary

After completing the B.A. in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministry at Johnson University, Tennessee, Adam completed the M.Div. at Emmanuel Christian Seminary. There he dove deeply into study of the Old Testament, Semitic languages, and the ancient Near East. He continued those interests in a Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies (Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitics) at Johns Hopkins University. His dissertation, *Local Cults and National Gods: Divine Identity in Levantine Religion*, examines complexities in the use and interpretation of divine names and titles in Iron Age religion with an emphasis on semiotics and social

theories of identity. He is especially interested in the intellectual history of ancient Israelite religion and its neighbors, as well as philological studies of the biblical text and Northwest Semitic inscriptions. He also currently teaches seminary classes at Emmanuel, including biblical theology and history of interpretation classes that have stretched his competencies in uncomfortable but positive ways.

Adam's interest in Lonergan and Critical Realism has grown out of many conversations with Joe Gordon about how to read scripture with intellectual honesty regarding its ancient contexts and significances as well as sympathy for the heritage of Christian theological interpretation. He has been initially impressed by the example of Sean McEvenue's *Interpreting the Pentateuch*, which combines insights from source criticism of the Pentateuch with Lonerganian methodology in seeking to identify "elemental meanings"/"foundational stances" of the different voices in the text. However, beyond this one brief work, intersections between Lonergan and critical Old Testament scholarship appear to be few and far between. Adam is therefore eager to further explore the potential value of Lonergan's work for his field and for self-reflection on methodology. Additionally, at a personal level, he has grown weary of the common lack of mutual understanding and charity between some of our respective academic fields, e.g., between someone like him trained in the Near Eastern contextual and historical-critical study of the Hebrew Bible and those in theological fields. In joining this group he hopes to better understand our respective methodologies and epistemologies, and to be able to talk to one another more meaningfully.

Jonathan Bernier

Lonergan Research Institute, Regis College, University of Toronto

Jonathan Bernier is the Executive Director of the Lonergan Research Institute and Assistant Professor at Regis College. He completed undergraduate studies in anthropology at the University of Western Ontario, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in religious studies at McMaster University. His doctoral work focused upon the intersection of historical Jesus, the Gospel of John, and synagogue studies (*Aposynagōgos and the Historical Jesus in John: Re-thinking the Historicity of the Johannine Expulsion Passages*, Brill, 2013). His second book addressed matters of historical method, engaging specifically with the thought of Bernard Lonergan and Ben F. Meyer (*The Quest for the Historical Jesus after the Demise of Authenticity: Toward a Critical Realist Philosophy of History in Jesus Studies*, T & T Clark, 2016). He is currently working on a monograph that aims to evaluate the dates at which the twenty-seven books of the New Testament were written. When published, this will be the second monograph-length critical study on the dates of

the New Testament books completed since the nineteenth-century. Once this work is complete, he intends to focus more fully upon the work of Lonergan and Meyer as they relate to the development of early Christianity within its Second Temple Jewish milieu.

Anne Carpenter

St. Mary's College of California, Moraga

Anne M. Carpenter is an Assistant Professor of theology at Saint Mary's College of California. She graduated from Marquette University with a PhD in systematic theology. Her work involves metaphysics, language, Christology, and the nature of tradition. The book *Theo-Poetics: Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Risk of Art and Being*, was published with the University of Notre Dame Press in 2015. Her most recent work has emphasized both scholars in the Thomist tradition like Gustav Siewerth and Bernard Lonergan, and French philosophers and thinkers like Maurice Blondel and Charles Péguy.

Much of Anne's work focuses on the intersection between the symbolic worlds of art, especially poetry, and the rigors of philosophy, especially Thomistic metaphysics and Blondelian analysis. Other areas of interest include monasticism, as in the history and theology of the Benedictines; the nature and purpose of church tradition; the relationship between language and meaning; Trinitarian theology and its relationship to history, time, and freedom. She has also done work on liberal arts tradition and its possibilities in both scholarship and in college education.

Steve Cone

Lincoln Christian University

Steve Cone is Professor of Theology at Lincoln Christian University. He completed his Ph.D. at Boston College, and has since published, among other things, *Authentic Cosmopolitanism: Love, Sin, and Grace in the Christian University* (with R. J. Snell; Pickwick, 2013); *An Ocean Vast of Blessing: A Theology of Grace* (Cascade, 2014); and *Theology from the Great Tradition* (T & T Clark, 2018).

Michael Cover

Marquette University

Michael Cover (A.B. Harvard University; M.St. Oxon.; M.Div. Yale Divinity School; Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, 2013) is Assistant Professor of Theology at Marquette University. He specializes in New Testament and early Judaism, particularly the Pauline letters, Philo of Alexandria, and their reception in early Christianity. His articles appear (or are forthcoming) in the *Harvard Theological Review*, the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, and the *Studia Philonica Annual*. His first book, *Lifting the Veil: 2 Cor 3:7-18 in Light of Jewish Homiletic and Commentary Traditions* (De Gruyter, 2015), examines Paul's biblical interpretation in the Corinthian Correspondence. Current research interests include the study of echoes of classical tragedy and comedy in the New Testament. He is also working on a book-length commentary on Philo of Alexandria's allegorical treatise, *De mutatione nominum*, for the Brill *Philo of Alexandria Commentary Series* (PACS). Michael has been a Lilly Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities and was awarded the 2017 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship. He is a priest in the Episcopal Church and a member of the current round of Anglican-Roman Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue in the United States (ARC-USA). He was recently awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship and will spend the 2018-2019 academic year in Münster, Germany.

Ryan Hemmer

Marquette University

Ryan Hemmer earned a BA in biblical studies from Central Christian College and an M.Div at Lincoln Christian Seminary. He is currently a Ph.D. Candidate in systematic theology at Marquette University, under the supervision of Bob Doran and Danielle Nussberger. His research focuses on theological method, trinitarian theology, and Catholic systematics in a post-classicist context. At the moment, he is a full-time stay at home dad and a part-time scholar. Though his research program is squarely within the functional specialty systematics, he has an ongoing interest in the reciprocal relationship between philosophical and speculative differentiations of consciousness and engagements with religious texts and religious cultures. In other words, he's interested in the textual and cultural elements of what David Burrell calls "interreligious philosophical theology."

Christopher McMahon

St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

Christopher McMahon is currently Associate Professor of Theology at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, PA. He wrote his dissertation on historical Jesus research at CUA. He was particularly enamored with John Meier's performance while at the same time being appalled at his apparent lack of critical/hermeneutical

self-awareness. Volumes one and two of *A Marginal Jew* had come out just as he began his graduate work at CUA (where Meier was still working), and the faculty at CUA (as well as members of the seminar group on the historical Jesus at the CBA) had expressed reservations about these hermeneutical issues even as Meier remained steadfast in his commitment to the project as he conceived it. In conversations with Bill Loewe and Joseph Komonchak, McMahan developed a critical appreciation for Meier's work along with the work of Ben Meyer and Tom Wright, though he still finds the performances of both of the latter less than adequate in comparison with Meier. McMahan remains convinced that in most respects Meier's practice of historical research (and historical critical method in general) remains valuable even as his methodological statements continue to be inadequate. Some of McMahan's writing that deals with these issues is available at: <https://stvincent.academia.edu/ChristopherMcMahon>

Jordan Ryan

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

Jordan Ryan holds the position of Assistant Professor of New Testament at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Prior to that, he was Visiting Assistant Professor of New Testament and Archaeology at Wheaton College. He recently completed his PhD at McMaster University. His MA was completed at the Toronto School of Theology, and his BA is from the University of Toronto.

Jordan's general areas of research are in the historical Jesus and the archaeology of early Judaism and Christianity in Israel-Palestine, particularly ancient synagogues and churches. He has also been a researcher for the excavation project at Magdala in Galilee since 2012. His first book, *The Role of the Synagogue in the Aims of Jesus*, is the first book-length treatment of Jesus and synagogues. Its title directly alludes to Ben F. Meyer's *Aims of Jesus*. Due to being written at a time when historical Jesus research has been undergoing a major methodological shift, the book contains an extended discussion of the epistemology, hermeneutics, and the philosophy of history that he employed in the project in its appendices.

He hopes to continue to develop his thought on how to approach the study of the past from a critical realist perspective. In particular, he would like to explore some of the ways in which Lonerganian thought can be applied to archaeology.

Ligita Ryliskyte

Boston College

Ligita Ryliskyte completed her undergrad studies and Master's degree at Vilnius University, Lithuania. In 2012, she completed a post-masters summer program at Boston College where Prof. M. Shawn Copeland introduced her to Bernard J. F. Lonergan. She is currently a doctoral candidate in Systematic Theology at Boston College, working under the supervision of Prof. Jeremy D. Wilkins. Her other mentors and the members of her dissertation committee are Frederick Lawrence, Shawn Copeland, and Dominic Doyle. Besides her major area, Systematics, she is minoring in biblical studies. Her main mentor in this area is Prof. PHEME PERKINS; in the past, she has also worked with Richard Clifford and Thomas Stegman.

Her dissertation-related research focuses on Lonergan's soteriology, which is explored in the light of the historical transpositions of the notion of "justice over power" originating with St. Augustine. By selectively tracing and evaluating the key transpositions of this notion, her dissertation aims at providing a critical retrieval of Lonergan's Law of the Cross for a secular culture. At the WCMI conference this spring, she presented a paper based on the first chapter of her dissertation, "A Theological Response to a Secular Age and Lonergan's Law of the Cross."

Besides her dissertation-related work, several of her recent publications have some bearing on the work of the Critical Realist Retrieval group. In "Metaphor and Analogy in Theology: A Choice between Lions and Witches, and Wardrobes?" she explores some facets of Lonergan's appropriation of Aquinas' approach to analogy and metaphor (*Theological Studies* 78:3 [2017]: 696–717). Her essay "Non-Communitarian Trinitarian Ecclesiology: Furthering Neil Ormerod's Account" discusses Neil Ormerod's retrieval of Lonergan's four-point hypothesis. The dialectical part of this essay proceeds in the light of Aquinas' Trinitarian doctrine and the proto-trinitarian grammar of the NT (*Irish Theological Quarterly* 83:2 [2018]). Her forthcoming article in the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (January 2019) on divine mercy in Paul's Letter to the Romans is the fruit of her engagement with biblical soteriology and attempts a kind of 'comprehensive view' on Romans.

Stefania de Vito

Gregorian University

Stefania de Vito is a married laywoman, from Avellino, a little town in southern Italy. After obtaining a degree in linguistics at a State University in Naples in 2000

she studied theology at the Pontifical University of Naples, run by the Jesuits. In 2010, she reached the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where she studied Biblical Theology. In 2016, her doctoral dissertation, which concerned the letter to the Romans, in particular Romans 6:15-23, was completed and published. She currently teaches in the Department of Fundamental Theology at the Gregorian University. In her dissertation she offers a reading of Romans 6:15-23, and the whole letter, with the tools of pragmalinguistics. This approach considers language not only as a tool that communicates ideas, but as an instrument that puts in relation the writer and the reader, shaping the cognitive and ethical horizon of the reader. She employed Lonergan's epistemology to support and expand upon this pragmalinguistic approach.

Next, the biographical statements from the Philosophy team:

Brian Bajzek, Coordinator

Christ the King Seminary (East Aurora, NY, USA)

Brian Bajzek is Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and Co-Director of Pre-Theology at Christ the King Seminary (East Aurora, NY). He is also a Ph.D. candidate in Theological Studies at Regis College at the University of Toronto. He received his B.A. in Theology (2012) and his M.A. in Theology with a focus in Systematic Theology (2014) from Marquette University. He is the author of "Intersubjectivity, Illeity, and Being-in-Love: Lonergan and Levinas on Self-Transcendence" in *The Heythrop Journal*, "Alterity, Similarity, and Dialectic: Methodological Reflections on the Turn to the Other" in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, and the forthcoming "Cruciform Encounter in a Time of Crisis: Enfleshing an Ethics of Alterity" in *Theological Studies*. His dissertation, successfully defended Sept. 10, 2018, draws from Bernard Lonergan, Emmanuel Levinas, and René Girard to examine intersubjectivity's pre-thematic, sensitive-psychic impact upon progress, decline, and humanity's graced cooperation in the Trinitarian redemption of human relationality. His ongoing work incorporates contemporary Continental ethics of alterity and relationality into theological anthropology, focusing on the ways meaning informs ecclesiological responses to those marginalized on the basis of race, sex, gender, and/or sexuality. He is the organizer of the Philosophy Component of the International Institute for Method in Theology, and a participant in the Systematics Component.

Héctor Acero Ferrer

Institute for Christian Studies (Toronto, ON, Canada)

Originally from Bogotá, Colombia, Héctor Acero Ferrer is Associate Director of the *Centre for Philosophy, Religion and Social Ethics* (CPRSE) at the Institute for Christian Studies. Through his involvement at the CPRSE, Héctor has contributed to two multi-year research projects exploring the relation of faith and society. The outcomes of the first of these projects can be found in “Just Faith? A National Survey Connecting Faith and Justice within the Christian Reformed Church,” in *Review of Religious Research*, an article co-authored by Héctor. For the second of these projects, entitled “Faith and Settlement Partnerships: Setting Immigrants and Canada up for Success,” Héctor led two case-studies, conducted a webinar series, and co-authored a [Facilitator’s Guide](#).

Héctor is the founding director of the *Msgr. John Mary Fraser Centre for Practical Theology* at *Regis College*, an organization mandated to bolster research and scholarship in the field of inter-religious dialogue and cooperation. In 2016, building on his interest in understanding how diverse religious narratives mobilize young people to social action, Héctor joined the *Martin Luther University College* at *Wilfrid Laurier University* as an Adjunct Faculty, where he currently teaches a course on youth engagement, social action, and inter-religious dialogue.

Héctor holds a B.A. in philosophy from the *University of Toronto* (2010), an M.Div. from the *Toronto School of Theology* (2013), an S.T.B. from *Regis College* (2013), and an M.A. in philosophy from the *Institute for Christian Studies* (2016). Now pursuing a PhD in philosophy from the *Institute for Christian Studies/Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam*, Héctor is attempting to outline Liberation Theology’s contribution to the development of a distinctive understanding of the concepts of “justice” and “reconciliation” in the post-colonial context of Latin America. His research focuses on the ways in which religious memorial and narrational processes, guided by Liberationist discourses, have assisted civic movements in the pursuit of social transformation for oppressed communities in the region.

Matthew Eaton

King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, USA)

Matthew Eaton earned his doctorate in Systematic Theology in 2017 from the University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto, with a dissertation entitled “Enfleshing Cosmos and Earth: An Ecological Theology of Divine Incarnation.” Dr. Eaton’s research focuses on religion and ecology in conversation with continental philosophy and ethics. He has published several articles on posthumanist ecologies, environmental theologies, and animal ethics. Engaging the

ideas of Emmanuel Levinas, Jacques Derrida, Hélène Cixous, Maurice Merleau Ponty, and Bruno Latour, he explores the matrices in which divinity and materiality meet and the ethics that result from such encounters. He is co-editor of a collected volume, *Encountering Earth: Thinking Theologically with a More Than Human World*, and is currently developing a monograph on ecological Christology entitled *Incarnate Earth: A Materialist Christology*. Dr. Eaton is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Theology at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Stephen Ferguson

Fordham University (New York, NY, USA)

Stephen Ferguson is a Ph.D. student in Philosophy at Fordham University. He received his B.A. in Philosophy (Perspectives on Western Culture), with a minor in Economics, from Boston College in 2015, where he also received his M.A. in Philosophy in 2017 and where he was introduced to Lonergan through Fred Lawrence and Patrick Byrne. During his Master's degree program, he was a Lonergan M.A. Fellow at the Lonergan Center at Boston College, where he helped to prepare *The Divine Initiative* (Stebbins) for re-printing. Externally, he is a member of the tenth cohort of the Lilly Graduate Fellows Program. He has presented at *Lonergan on the Edge*, *West Coast Methods Institute*, and *Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology and Ministry* on topics including Lonergan, Hegel, and Levinas. He wrote a review of *Creator God, Evolving World* (Crysdale & Ormerod) in *The Lonergan Review*. He is interested in the political-theological dialectic of Athens and Jerusalem and its intersection with cognitional theory. This gives him an interest in the history of (political) philosophy and aim of restoring politics as *conversatio civilis*. He hopes to bring Lonergan into further dialogue with Continental philosophy, especially hermeneutics and philosophy of religion. In this light, he is shaping his doctoral reading list around the notions of practical wisdom and *verbum* in the tradition. More concretely, he thinks this will bring out the practical dimension of Lonergan's thought, captured in the "remote criterion" of judgment, and will address contemporary Continental concerns for both the concrete particular and the hermeneutic issue of differing horizons.

Gregory Floyd

Seton Hall University (South Orange, NJ, USA)

Gregory Floyd is a faculty member at Seton Hall University. He specializes in 19th and 20th century European philosophy and his scholarship focuses on the history

and methodology of phenomenology and hermeneutics, as well as the thought of Bernard Lonergan. He is the associate editor of *The Lonergan Review* .

His recent publications include, “Bursting the Bounds of Reason? Topologies of Immanence and Transcendence in Kant, Husserl, and Heidegger” in *Diakrisis Yearbook of Theology and Philosophy* and “Proclamation of the Words: Heidegger’s Retrieval of the Pauline Language of Factual Life” in *AD FONTES. Studien zur frühen Phänomenologie*. (Nordhausen: Bautz) as well as "Mediating Meaning" in *The Lonergan Review*, Vol. 9 (Seton Hall).

Joshua Harris

King’s University (Edmonton, AB, Canada)

Joshua Harris is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at The King’s University in Edmonton, and a Ph.D. Candidate in the conjoint Philosophy Ph.D. program run by the Institute for Christian Studies (Toronto) and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. His research covers topics in metaphysics, medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, and the philosophy of social science. At the moment, Joshua’s work focuses on commitments at the level of general metaphysics that inform the ways in which institutions are understood and theorized in the social sciences. For more about Joshua’s work—including a list of publications—see his [personal website](#).

Jonathan Heaps

Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI, USA)

Jonathan Heaps is a Ph.D. Candidate in Religious Studies at Marquette University. He has an M.A. in philosophy from Boston College (2010) and an S.T.M. from the Boston University School of Theology (2012). He is the author of “Insight Is a Body-Feeling: Experiencing Our Understanding” in *The Heythrop Journal*, “Traversing Forgiveness: Elucidating ‘Height’ and ‘Depth’ in the Epilogue to *Memory, History, Forgetting*” in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, and co-author (with Neil Ormerod) of the forthcoming “Statistically Ordered: Gender, Sexual Identity, and the Metaphysics of ‘Normal’” in *Theological Studies*. His dissertation, “The Ambiguity of Being: Medieval and Modern Cooperation on the Problems of the Supernatural,” addresses the contemporary controversy over the supernatural to show that there are in fact two problems of the supernatural, one medieval and one modern, and that the latter is irreducible to the former. Projects waiting in the wings after the dissertation include a series of articles extending his philosophy of embodied understanding to Thomas’s position on the *verbum mentis* and the question of Christ’s beatific vision and resurrected,

glorified bodies, as well as a follow-up to the above *Theological Studies* article that uses Lonergan's "theorem of the supernatural" to make explicit the relationship between the statistical heteronormativity of the body and the cultural forms in which the statistical residues of the former are fulfilled. Eventually he wants to take the categories at the heart of his dissertation and write a monograph developing secularity as a positive, explicitly *theological* category. Jonathan lives in Austin, TX, with his wife and two small children, adjuncting for St Edwards University in Austin and the Mexican American Catholic College in San Antonio.

Pierre Edward Luc, S.J.

Instituto Superior Pedro Francisco Bonó, Dominican Republic

Pierre Edward Luc, S.J., was born in the small village of Chardonnette, Haiti. He graduated in 2002 from Lycée Horatius Laventure in Port-au-Prince. He studied philosophy at the Institut de Philosophie de Saint François de Sales, while he was in the Vincentian seminary. During this time, he met the Jesuit novices who worked in the Vincentian's Parish in Tabarre. When he started to know the Ignatian spirituality, he was moved by its depth and the achievement of that spirituality through the humility, the teaching and the commitment to social justice of the Jesuits. He entered the novitiate in 2006. After taking his first vows in 2008, he was missioned to Bogotá, Colombia, where he earned a Licentiate in Philosophy from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. He went back to Haiti after the earthquake to do his regency at the Jesuit Refugee Service, in 2011. The first year, he was helping the people living in the refugee camps in Port-au-Prince, and in the second year, he went to Fonds-Parisien to serve the migrants coming from the Dominican Republic. From 2013-2017, he studied at Regis College at the University of Toronto, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 5, 2017, in Port-au-Prince. After that, he was sent to the Dominican Republic to teach philosophy at the Instituto Superior Pedro Francisco Bonó in the Dominican Republic. He is finishing his thesis to earn the Master degree and the Licentiate in Sacred Theology from Regis College and the University of Toronto. His thesis is about "Emmanuel Lévinas' transcendental ethics as a support for liberation theologians in the promotion of solidarity with the poor." For his doctoral studies, he might focus more on ethics, continental philosophy, and social justice.

Jay Martin

University of Notre Dame

Jay Martin is a doctoral candidate in Systematic Theology at the University of Notre Dame. His dissertation focuses on the intersection of psychoanalysis, German Idealism and French philosophy, Marxism, and Christian theology in the thought of Slavoj Žižek. In addition, he is the Academic Advisor to the Science & Religion Initiative at the University of Notre Dame, which was recently given the 2018 Expanded Reason Award in Teaching by the Joseph Ratzinger Foundation and the Universidad Francisco de Vitoria.

Matthew Peters

Seattle University (Seattle, Washington, USA)

Matthew Peters is a Philosophy Instructor at Seattle University. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Marquette University (Dissertation Title: “Hegel and the Problem of the Multiplicity of Conflicting Philosophies,” 2017), his M.A. in Philosophy from Loyola Marymount University (2007), and his B.A. in English and Comparative History of Ideas from University of Washington (2004). His publications include “The Self-sublation of Empirical Consciousness: Developing and Refining McDowell’s Heterodox Interpretation of Hegel’s Lord/Bondsman Dialectic” in *Review of Contemporary Philosophy*, and the forthcoming “What Is a Fact? Notes on a Fraught Word in a Polarized Age” in *The Lonergan Review*. He is presently working on essays on Hegel in which he effectively tries to demonstrate in a variety of ways the manner in which Hegel was aware of the fact that the polymorphism of consciousness is the one and only key to philosophy. Going forward, he plans to develop a much greater understanding of Lonergan’s philosophy of science in order to bring it into dialogue with other contemporary philosophies of science. In particular, he is interested in using Lonergan to compare and contrast the nature and history of philosophical versus scientific disputes and how disputes in each domain are (or are not) overcome.

And the bios from the systematic theology group:

Darren Dias, Coordinator

University of St. Michael’s College, Toronto School of Theology

Darren Dias is Associate Professor of Theology at the University of St. Michael’s College in the Toronto School of Theology. He is coordinator of the systematic theology group in the Institute. His main area of interest is the intersection of Trinitarian theology and pneumatology with historical movements and contemporary questions, for example, religious diversity.

Darren is no stranger to collaborative projects. Currently he is working on a Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada research grant on the reception of the

Second Vatican Council in Canada, with colleagues Michael Attridge (St Michael's) and Gilles Routhier (Laval). The research will compare 4 dioceses, 2 in French-speaking Canada and 2 in English-speaking Canada. The comparison will look at three levels: catechetical-pastoral; ecumenical and interreligious; social-political.

Some recent publications include, "Sanctifying Liberalism: The Canadian Dominican Province 1873-1960"; "Can We Still Speak of a Psychological Analogy After Vatican II?" and "Fifty Years and Learning: Developments in the Roman Catholic Church's Encounter with Religions."

Andrew Vink

Boston College

Andrew Vink is a Ph.D. Student at Boston College in Systematic Theology with a minor in Theological Ethics. After growing up in Baltimore, MD, he received a B.A. in Philosophy with minors in Theology and Music from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. He earned Masters' Degrees in Philosophy (Concentration: History of Philosophy) and Theology (Concentration: Systematic Theology and Ethics) from Marquette University.

Andrew's areas of research interest include liberation theology, political theology, soteriology, theological anthropology, philosophy of religion, continental philosophy, and the thought of Bernard Lonergan. He published "In the Midst of Our Sorrows: An Existential-Phenomenological Analysis of Evil" in *The Heythrop Journal* 56.1 (January 2015) and "History from the View of the Cross: An Exploration of Lonergan and Latin American Theologies of Liberation," in *Irish Theological Quarterly* 82.3 (August 2017). He has also published essays in various pop culture and philosophy collections. His dissertation will be a study of the soteriologies of Bernard Lonergan and Ignacio Ellacuría and how they offer a way to understand the malaise of neoliberal capitalist culture.

Andrew's understanding of systematic theology is rooted in Lonergan's emphasis on the relationship between religion and culture and the significance of historical mindedness. If one takes these two elements seriously, then political and liberation theologies must be seen as necessary considerations alongside traditional theological loci. For Andrew, the project of the International Institute for Method in Theology opens the door to the kind of conversations necessary for theological reflection to make an impact in today's world.

Jeremy Blackwood

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI

Jeremy Blackwood is Assistant Professor of Systematic Studies at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI. He teaches in the areas of Dogmatic and Systematic Theology and Philosophy, especially Trinity and Anthropology, with the aim of helping form priests and lay ministers adequate to the culture of today. The author of several articles and a monograph on the development of Lonergan's understanding of love, he is a frequent presenter at Lonergan conferences.

Blackwood's areas of research and interest include Lonergan's understandings of love, interpersonal relations, and history; political theology; and contextual theology, especially black Catholic theology. His current research is exploring the possibility of a renewed theology of the mystical body as a way to link conscious-intentional subjectivity, interpersonal relations, political order, and racial justice.

Michael Attridge

University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology

Michael Attridge is an Associate Professor of Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. His areas of teaching are systematic and historical theology, including ecclesiology, Christology, 19th and 20th Century Catholic movements and theologians, and the Second Vatican Council. He actively researches the intersection of Vatican II and Canadian Church and society, studying the pre-conciliar influences that shaped the Canadian participation at the Council and in turn the reception of the Council in Canada. He is the Director of the Institute for Research on the Second Vatican Council in Canada located at St. Michael's College and a member of the Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue in Canada, appointed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is in the second year of a four-year, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) funded project comparing the different forms of Catholicism in Ontario and Quebec from 1965 – 1985. Some recent publications include the edited collection, *Vatican II: Expériences Canadiennes/Canadian Experiences* and articles on Bishop Emmett Carter and his implementation of Vatican II in the Diocese of London.

Randall S. Rosenberg

Saint Louis University

Randall S. Rosenberg is associate professor of systematic theology at Saint Louis University. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses at SLU and is the author of *The Givenness of Desire: Concrete Subjectivity and the Natural Desire to See God* (University of Toronto Press) and *The Vision of Saint John XXIII* (Paulist Press). He also edited, along with Kevin Vander Schel, essays of Frederick Lawrence, *The Fragility of Consciousness: Faith, Reason, and the Human Good* (University of Toronto Press).

Eric Mabry

Christ the King Seminary

Eric Mabry is Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology and co-director of pre-Theology at Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology and his master's degree in philosophy from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, TX. He received his PhD from the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto, ON. His historical research focuses on 12th and 13th century Christology, especially the theological synthesis of Thomas Aquinas. His systematic research uses the work of Bernard Lonergan and Michel Henry to explore questions regarding Christ's human consciousness, the salvific efficacy of Christ's human life, sacramental participation, and Eucharistic presence.

Joseph Mudd

Gonzaga University

Joseph Mudd is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Gonzaga University. Joe holds a Ph.D. from Boston College and a Masters of Divinity from Harvard University. A native of Montana, he received a B.A. in Religious Studies from The University of Montana. Joe teaches undergraduate and graduate courses on liturgy, ecclesiology, and the problem of God and evil. He is the author of *Eucharist as Meaning: Critical Metaphysics and Contemporary Eucharistic Theology* (Liturgical Press, 2014). His current research brings Bernard Lonergan's Latin theology into a methodical theology of the sacraments in general. Other areas of research include theological method, ecclesiology, political and liberation theologies, Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, and Christian spirituality. In addition to teaching, Joe directs the Catholic Studies program and the Francis Youth Institute, a high school youth theology institute supported by Lilly Endowment, Inc. Joe and his wife Vanessa have three boys.

Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer

Australian Catholic University

Christiaan Jacobs-Vandegeer teaches systematic theology and is the Director of Stakeholder Relations for the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy at Australian Catholic University, where he is a member of the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry and a chief investigator in a major research project led by Denys Turner: “Atheism and Christianity: Moving Past Polemic.” He is co-author with Neil Ormerod of *Foundational Theology: A New Approach to Catholic Fundamental Theology* (Fortress, 2015) and is currently co-editing with Jean-Luc Marion a volume on revelation and hermeneutics for Springer’s *Contributions to Hermeneutics* series.

Others in the systematic theology group whose bios appear elsewhere above with other teams: Anne Carpenter, Joseph Ogbonnaya, Neil Ormerod, Lucas Briola, and Nicholas Olkovich.

Finally, the administrative team:

Greg Lauzon

Marquette Lonergan Project

Greg is under contract to Marquette University to provide all kinds of technical computer assistance to Bob Doran. Greg has contributed all of the audio recordings that appear on the websites www.bernardlonergan.com and www.lonerganresource.com. He records many current Lonergan-related gatherings and makes the recordings available online. He is currently working on a documentary on Bernard Lonergan, interviewing people who knew Lonergan during his lifetime. Greg has spoken at numerous meetings: Lonergan on the Edge, the Lonergan Workshop, and the West Coast Methods Institute.

Robert M. Doran

Marquette University

Robert M. Doran, S.J., holds the Emmett Doerr Chair in Catholic Systematic Theology at Marquette University and is the Director of the Marquette Lonergan Project and General Editor of *Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan* (University of Toronto Press). He is the author of *Theology and the Dialectics of History*, *What Is Systematic Theology?* and *The Trinity in History: A Theology of the Divine Missions*, vol. 1: *Missions and Processions*, all with University of Toronto Press, as well as *Subject and Psyche* and *Psychic Conversion and Theological Foundations*,

with Marquette University Press. The second volume of *The Trinity in History*, subtitled *Missions, Relations, and Persons*, has been accepted by University of Toronto Press.