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Present position

2017 – to present Lecturer in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
(fixed term position)

Education

- 2023 Master in Philosophy (LM) – Università degli studi di Roma Tor Vergata (Rome)
Summa cum laude (110/110 e lode)
- 2017 PhD in Theology (STD) – Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome)
Summa cum laude (10/10)
- 2010 Master in Theology (STL) – Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome)
Summa cum laude (9,9/10)
- 2006 Bachelor in Theology (STB) – Facoltà Teologica dell'Italia Centrale
(Florence – Italy)
- 1998 Classical A level, Siena (Italy)

Research Interests

My research focuses on various aspects of Theology and History of Theology of the 19th century with particular attention to the *Roman School*, Carlo Passaglia, Clemens Schrader, Vatican I and Vatican II. Furthermore, I am deeply interested in political theology, paying particular attention to both the relationship between Church and State and the questions of sovereignty, authority and power.

Keywords

- Ecclesiology
- Mariology

- History of Theology of the 19th century
- The *Roman School*, especially Carlo Passaglia and Clemens Schrader
- Vatican I
- Vatican II

Academic experiences

Jan – Jun 2017 Visiting Scholar at St Benet's Hall – University of Oxford

Teaching experiences

- 2022-2023 Thematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Introduzione al metodo teologico (Parte I)* – Pontifical Gregorian University
 Thematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Introduzione al metodo teologico (Parte II)* – Pontifical Gregorian University
 Graduate Course (24 hours per term): *Le radici patristiche dell'ecclesiologia della Scuola Roma*
- 2021-2022 Thematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Introduzione al metodo teologico (Parte I)* – Pontifical Gregorian University
 Thematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Introduzione al metodo teologico (Parte II)* – Pontifical Gregorian University
- 2020-2021 Thematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Introduzione al metodo teologico (Parte I)* – Pontifical Gregorian University
 Thematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Introduzione al metodo teologico (Parte II)* – Pontifical Gregorian University
 Graduate Seminar (24 hours per term): *Ripensare l'ecclesiologia del Vaticano I alla luce del contributo teologico della Scuola Romana* – Pontifical Gregorian University
 Graduate Course (24 hours per term): *La Scuola Romana di teologia: storia e sviluppi* – Pontifical Gregorian University
- 2019-2020 Thematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Temi di Teologia Fondamentale a partire dal XIX secolo: protagonisti sviluppo e prospettive* – Pontifical Gregorian University
 Systematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Ecclesiologia Trinitaria e Antropologia Mariana: una proposta sistematica* – Pontifical Gregorian University
- 2018-2019 Systematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Ecclesiologia Trinitaria e Antropologia Mariana: una teologia sacramentale nel XIX secolo* – Pontifical Gregorian University

Tutorial Seminar (24 hours per term): *BA Thesis supervision* – Pontifical Gregorian University

2017-2018 Systematic Seminar (24 hours per term): *Ecclesiologia Trinitaria e Antropologia Mariana: una teologia sacramentale nel XIX secolo* – Pontifical Gregorian University.
Tutorial Seminar (24 hours per term): *BA Thesis supervision* – Pontifical Gregorian University.

Association Membership

Associazione Teologica Italiana
European Academy of Religion

Editorial Activities

Peer Review Activities

2020 Eikón Imago Journal (Complutense University of Madrid)

Editorial Board Membership

2020 Maria: A Journal of Marian Studies

Awards and Fellowships

Apr – Jun 2022 Holland visiting Fellowship – Durham University

Publications

Single Authored monographs

Carlo Passaglia on Church and Virgin: New Perspectives in Systematic Theology in the light of 19th century Catholic Renewal, Brill Series in Catholic Theology 8, Brill, Leiden – Boston 2020. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004432512>

La Chiesa, Maria e il cristiano: un'antropologia mariana a partire da un'ecclesiologia trinitaria. Percorso attraverso il De Ecclesia Christi e il De Immaculato Deiparae semper Virginis Conceptu di Carlo Passaglia, Studi e ricerche – Teologica, Assisi 2017.

In preparation

L'enciclica Aeterni Patris di Leone XIII e la rinascita del tomismo

Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

Giovanni Marchetti e Mauro Cappellari: due modelli ecclesiologici a confronto. In Giovanna Capitelli, Ilaria Fiumi Sermattei e Roberto Regoli (eds.), *Dinamiche e politiche culturali nell'età di Leone XII*, Quaderni del Consiglio Regionale delle Marche, Ancona 2021, 175-190.

‘Ecclesiam esse corpus Christi mysticum’: Supremi Pastoris, *Clemens Schrader and the Ecclesiology of the Mystical Body*. In Dries Bosschaert and Peter De Mey (eds.), *Vatican I, Infallible or Neglectable? Historical and Theological Approaches to the Event and Reception of the First Vatican Council*, Bibliothèque de la Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique series, Brepols, Turnhout. (Forthcoming)

Articles in Peer Review Journals

“Giovanni Perrone’s (1794-1876) ecclesiology and the struggle for the church’s identity”, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (Submitted)

“*Clavis Ecclesiae* alla luce dell’ecclesiologia della Scuola Romana. Influenze e prospettive”, *Gregorianum* (Submitted)

“Giovanni Fortunato Zamboni (1756-1850) and the unpublished manuscript of the *Riflessioni*. A secret plan to re-establish the *societas Christiana*”, *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique* 118 (2023) 145-167. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.1484/J.RHE.5.130684>

“The Mysterious Case of the Preface to Carlo Passaglia’s *De Ecclesia* (1853-56). Beyond Heribert Schaaf and Walter Kasper”, *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 96 (2020) 681-698. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2143/ETL.96.4.3288795>

“Carlo Passaglia and Pius IX. An ecclesiological conflict”, *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 71 (2020) 579-595. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046919002379>

“Carlo Passaglia’s *De Ecclesia Christi*. A Trinitarian ecclesiology at the heart of the nineteenth century”, *Irish Theological Quarterly* 83 (2018) 329-346. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0021140018795750>

In preparation

From Bellarmine to Gramsci. The *Inventio* of the *Potestas Indirecta* and the Dream of the ‘Cultural Hegemony’

Reviews

Martin Baumeister, Andrea Ciampani, François Jankowiak, Roberto Regoli (eds.), *Il Concilio Vaticano I e la modernità*, Miscellanea Historiae Pontificiae 72, Roma:

Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2020, in *Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique*, 116 (2021) 1041-1043. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1484/J.RHE.5.128065>

Thomas Arentzen, *The Virgin in Song: Mary and the Poetry of Romanos the Melodist*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017, in *Reviews in Religion & Theology*, 25 (2018) 19-21. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/rirt.13127>

Conference presentations

“*Clavis Ecclesiae* alla luce dell’ecclesiologia della Scuola Romana. Influenze e nuove prospettive”, Keynote Speaker at the international conference *Chiesa, Riconciliazione e Sacramento*, Pontifical Gregorian University, 22 November 2022.

“The ecclesiological development of Giovanni Perrone (1794-1876)”, Keynote speaker at the international conference *The Roman School*, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein – Chicago (IL), 24-26 March 2022.

“Leone XIII e la ‘rinascita’ della filosofia scolastica”, Invited Lecture, Facoltà di Filosofia, Università di Roma “Tor Vergata”, 20 December 2021.

“The Schema *Supremi Pastoris*. Rethinking the ecclesiology of Vatican I”, Keynote speaker at the international conference *A Suspended Tradition? – 150 Years Vatican I*, Leuven 7-8 May 2020.

“Christological Political Theology: a possible model of Political Theology”, LEST XII – Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology. *Theos and Polis: Political Theology as Discernment*, Leuven 25 October 2019.

“Church and State in a changing world. Reconsidering a Relationship through the Lens of Carlo Passaglia’s Political Theology”, Research Seminar, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies – KU Leuven, 14 May 2019.

“Carlo Passaglia’s Excommunication and Conflict with the Roman Catholic Church”, Panel *Catholics in Conflicts: Theology and Politics of Resistance*, European Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Bologna 4 March 2019.

“Carlo Passaglia: life and theology”, Invited Lecture, Pontifical Gregorian University, 6 December 2018.

“The ecclesiology of Carlo Passaglia: Insights and perspectives”, Study day in Catholic Theology and Catholic Studies, Durham University, 2 June 2017.

Languages

Italian	(native speaker)
English	(proficient)
German	(good)
Spanish	(working knowledge)
French	(working knowledge)
Latin	(proficient)
Greek	(intermediate)