

# NATHAN GARCIA, PH.D.

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## EDUCATION

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- PhD** **Oblate School of Theology**, Christian Spirituality 2022  
Dissertation: "Creating A Soulful Anthropology: Extending Thomas Moore's Spirituality Using Charles S. Peirce's Categories and Modes of Inference"  
Committee: Fr. Ron Rolheiser (chair), Dr. Paniel Reyes Cárdenas, Fr. Dale Schlitt
- MTS** **Boston College School of Theology and Ministry**, Systematics 2010  
Thesis: "On The Personality of Jesus in Ernst Troeltsch's *Glaubenslehre*"
- BA** **Saint Mary's College of California**, Philosophy 2008  
Minored in History and Theology

## TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Saint Edward's University**, Austin, TX 2022 - Current  
*Visiting Professor*, Department of Religious and Theological Studies
- Teaching 4/4 course load, helping to craft 5-year goals for my department, writing grants, working on interdepartmental committees, etc.
- University of the Incarnate Word**, San Antonio, TX 2020 - 2022  
*Adjunct Professor*, Department of Theology
- Oblate School of Theology**, San Antonio, TX 2020 - 2021  
*Adjunct Professor*, M.A. programs in Spirituality and Divinity
- Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States** 2020 - 2021  
*Intern*
- Managed the Latinxbibliography.org website and all ACHTUS social media accounts, assisted the President and ACHTUS officers with various tasks, contacted current and former members, helped organized the 2021 ACHTUS Colloquium
- Catholic-Muslim Youth Dialogue Initiative** 2016 - 2018  
*Project Director*
- Planned and organized events to facilitate interfaith dialogue among Catholic and Muslim students across San Antonio by working with churches, mosques, schools, and community leaders

**Central Catholic High School**, San Antonio, TX  
*Religion Teacher*, Department of Religion

2010 - 2016

- Introduction to Catholicism, Old Testament, New Testament, Catholic Morality, Church History, Catholic Social Justice
- Developed syllabi and lesson plans, constructed lessons and class projects, organized spiritual retreats, communicated with parents, served on NHS committee, served as Moderator/ Coach of the Debate Team, served as Coach of the Chess Team

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Academic Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)*

“Becoming a Prayer for Others: The Spiritual Horizons of ETTY HILLESUM.” *Offerings* vol. 17 no. 2 (to appear in Fall 2022)

“A Case for Soul in the Desert Fathers According to Hillman’s Interpretation of Psyche in his Work *A Blue Fire*.” *Spiritus* vol. 20 no. 2 (2020): 149-171.

### *Book Chapters*

“Rediscovering the Sith and the Jedi: A Spiritual Analogy in Renaissance Humanism and Desert Asceticism” in *Theology and the Star Wars Universe*, ed. Benjamin Espinoza (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic Press 2022), 49-61.

### *Book Reviews*

*Revelation in Aztlán: Scriptures, Utopias, and the Chicano Movement* by Jacqueline M. Hidalgo. *Journal of Hispanic/ Latino Theology* vol. 22 no. 2 (2020): 204-208.

*Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefulness, and Gentle Discipleship* by John Swinton. *Kronoscope* vol. 19 no. 2 (2019): 235-239.

*Secular Beats Spiritual: The Westernization of the Easternization of the West* by Steve Bruce. *Spiritus* vol. 18 no. 2 (2018): 274-276.

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

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“Christian Sentiments of Time: A Pragmatic Reimagining of Theological Time”  
**American Academy of Religion Annual Conference**  
Denver, CO (Upcoming)

“A Dynamic Political Anthropology: Reframing Thomas Moore’s Spirituality”  
**Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion, and Philosophy**  
Tokyo, Japan March 29, 2022 (presented virtually)

“Categorizing Howard Gardner’s Intelligences: Intelligences as Secondness in the Thought of Charles S. Peirce”

**American Academy of Religion Annual Conference**

San Antonio, TX November 21, 2021

“Toward A Modern and Comprehensive Epistemology: Synthesizing Peirce’s Logic and Gardner’s Intelligences”

**Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion, and Philosophy**

Tokyo, Japan March 28, 2021 (presented virtually)

“Drawing Wisdom to Combat Global Crisis: Two Spiritual Responses to Climate Change”

**Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion, and Philosophy**

Tokyo, Japan March 28, 2020 (presented virtually)

“The Religious Case for Soul in Hillman’s Psychology: A Desert Paradigm for Contemporary Healing”

**International Conference on Spirituality and Psychology**

Bangkok, Thailand March 14, 2019

“Toward a Theological Consciousness of Health Care in the Catholic Faithful”

**Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Conference**

Dallas, TX March 10, 2019

“The Mysticism of Thomas Moore”

**Spiritual Wisdom from the Deep Well of Christian Mysticism International Retreat**

San Antonio, TX February 13, 2019

“Psychology as the New Frontier to Rejuvenate the Field of Christian Theological Anthropology”

**Association of Interdisciplinary Studies Annual Conference**

Detroit, MI October 13, 2018

“The Case for Christian Spirituality in Reframing Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences to Articulate a Spiritual Anthropology”

**College Theology Society Annual Conference**

St. Paul, MN June 1, 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Academy of Religion,  
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality  
Hispanic Theological Initiative  
Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States  
International Society for the Study of Time

College Theology Society

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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<b>The HTI/ Lilly Fellowship Dissertation Grant</b> \$25,000	2021- 2022
<b>The Lloyd Whitley Scholarship</b> \$5,000 per year	2016- current

## **TEACHING COMPETENCIES**

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Latinx Spiritualities  
Catholic Systematic Theology  
Theological Anthropology  
Christian Spirituality  
Theological Method  
Psycho-spirituality/ Archetypal Psychology  
American Pragmatism  
Renaissance Humanism  
Desert Asceticism  
Enlightenment & Modern Thought  
Catholic Modernity  
Introduction to Catholicism  
Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Contemporary Spiritualities  
Political Anthropology  
Personality Theory  
Peircean Semeiotics & Logic  
Gender Theologies  
Latinx Theologies

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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<b>Santa Cruz Catholic Church</b> Buda, TX High School Confirmation Teacher	2022- Present
<b>Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church</b> , Helotes, TX Young Adult Bible Study Teacher	2016- 2018

## **LANGUAGES**

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Nathan Garcia

**English:** Native Language

**Spanish:** Intermediate Listening, Reading and Writing