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EDUCATION

- Yale University, New Haven CT – PhD in Religious Studies Aug 2025 – Present
EMWAR Concentration – Focusing on Early and Medieval Christianity
- University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN – Master of Theological Studies (MTS) May 2023
Majors: History of Christianity and Liturgical Studies
Minors: Biblical Studies, Byzantine Studies, Medieval Studies
- St. Athanasius and St. Cyril Theological School (ACTS), CA – Master of Theological Studies (MTS) Dec 2019
Relevant Course Work:
- Bohairic Coptic - Liturgics - New Testament - Early Church History
- Patristics - Dogmatics - NT Greek - Old Testament
- University of Trier, Trier, Germany – Summer School Jun 2022
Relevant Course Work: The Bible in the Liturgy, German Language Training
- Institute of Ecumenical Research, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania – Summer School Jul 2021
Relevant Course Work: Sahidic Coptic, Ancient Greek, Biblical Hebrew
- Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN – Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering May 2013
Relevant Course Work: Biblical Hebrew, Classical Greek

PUBLISHED WORK

Journal Articles

- “μετοχή θεότητος: Partakers of Divinity in Origen’s *Contra Celsum*.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies (JECS)* 32.3 (2024): 315–340. <https://doi.org/10.1353/earl.2024.a936757>
- “Moment or Process? Eucharistic Consecration and Epiclesis in Egyptian Thought: A Survey of Liturgical, Patristic, and Medieval Sources,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 75.2 (2024): 430-462. DOI: [10.1093/jts/flac049](https://doi.org/10.1093/jts/flac049)
- “Deification in the Medieval Copto-Arabic Writing of ibn Sabbā” *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia (CCO)* 22 (2025): 125–139. <https://journals.uco.es/cco/article/view/17538/16404>
- “‘We exalt you Mother of the True Light,’ Coptic Hymn or Creed; and the Date of Origin.” *Collectanea Christiana Orientalia (CCO)* 20 (2023): 191–249. DOI: [10.21071/cco.v20i.15721](https://doi.org/10.21071/cco.v20i.15721)
- “*Imago Dei* in Early Christian Anaphoras.” *Studia Liturgica* 53.1 (2023, Online 2022): 24–36. DOI: [10.1177/00393207221144062](https://doi.org/10.1177/00393207221144062)
- “Support for the Biblical Liturgy of Revelation in the Coptic Tradition.” *Doxology* 33.4 (2022): 6–23. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.8060812](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8060812). <https://oslpublications.org/periodicalsarchive.html>.
- “One Person in Two Natures: Presumed Chalcedonian Formulation within the Christology of Gregory Nazianzen” *Studia Patristica* XIX (2026) – (Forthcoming).
- “Pauline *Pistis Christou* in Coptic Translation and Reception” *Journal of Biblical Literature* – Under Review

Book Reviews

- “*Guides to the Eucharist in Medieval Egypt: Three Arabic Commentaries on the Coptic Liturgy*. Edited and Translated by Arsenius Mikhail,” *Journal of Theological Studies* (2023). DOI: [10.1093/jts/flad046](https://doi.org/10.1093/jts/flad046)

- “John Chrysostom: Theologian of the Eucharist. By Kenneth J. Howell.” *Journal of Theological Studies* (2024). DOI: [10.1093/jts/flae066](https://doi.org/10.1093/jts/flae066)

Book Chapters

- “The Eucharist and Friendship Among Men,” *Friendship and Eucharist*, edited by Kenneth J. Howell and Thomas Kronholz. (Forthcoming)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Ethiopian Support For Understanding the Coptic Maria Lactans” – Society of Biblical Literature Nov 2025
- “The Nicene Prostration Canon in Egypt” – Nicaea Conference at 1700, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, MI Oct 2025
- “The Word Died in His Flesh: Simplicity in Cyril’s Christology Amid Post-Chalcedonian Complexity” – North American Patristic Societ (NAPS) Conference, Chicago, IL May 2025
- “The Council of Nicaea and Coptic Worship” – Nicaea Today (ACTS North American Theological Conference), Titusville, FL May 2025
- “Modern Mathematics and East Syriac Christology” – Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance (PMR), Villanova PA Nov 2024
- “One Person in Two Natures: Presumed Chalcedonian Formulation within the Christology of Gregory Nazianzen” – Oxford Patristic Conference, Oxford UK Aug 2024
- “Roots of Galaktotrophusa Iconography in Coptic Literature and Scripture” – North American Patristic Societ (NAPS) Conference, Chicago, IL May 2024
- “Chalcedonian Polemics in the Translation and Understanding of Gregory Nazianzen’s Christology” – Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance (PMR) conference, Villanova PA Oct 2023
- “Deification in the Copto-Arabic writing of ibn Sabba” – Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance (PMR), Villanova PA Oct 2022
- “*Imago Dei* in Early Christian Anaphoras” – MTS Colloquium, Notre Dame, IN April 2022

PROJECTS

- Patristic Project – Panarion Center for Patristic Heritage <https://panarion.org/en/home-english/> Jan 2023 – Present
- Eucharistic Texts Project – Pontifical Studies Foundation - <https://eucharistproject.org/> Oct 2021 – Present
- Bishop Makarios Collection Translation – Parthenos Press - <https://theparthenospress.com/> June 2023 – Present

BOOKS

- Clement of Alexandria. *المُتَفَرِّقَاتِ āl-motafriqāt [Stromata]*. Translated by Ben Zakhary (from Greek to Arabic). Cairo: Panarion Center for Patristic Heritage (Forthcoming).
- Zakhary, Ben. *TEN*. Indianapolis: G Bernardone Publishing, 2020. (ISBN 9781735917009)
- Zakhary, Ben. *AGPEYA: in Native Languages*. Monee, IL: Barnes and Noble Press, 2020. (ISBN 9781663534569)

LANGUAGE SKILLS (In Order of Proficiency)

- English, Arabic (Modern, Classical, Qur’anic), Greek (Biblical, Patristic, Liturgical), Bohairic Coptic, Biblical Hebrew, Sahidic Coptic, Spanish, Syriac, Ge’ez, and Armenian.
- Basic Graduate Reading Proficiency in French, German, and Latin.

CERTIFICATES, TRAINING, AND STUDY ABROAD

Dumbarton Oaks/HMML Armenian Intensive Program at St. John’s Abbey, MN	July 2025
Dumbarton Oaks/HMML Ge’ez (Ethiopic) Intensive Program at St. John’s Abbey, MN	July 2024
HMML Advanced Arabic Manuscripts Course	June 2024
- Trained in Arabic Paleography	
- Cataloged Garshuni Liturgical Manuscript (OLM 02710) – HMML	June 2024
Dumbarton Oaks/HMML Intermediate Syriac Intensive Program at St. John’s Abbey, MN	July 2023
“How to Get Published” Course – Sage Publications	June 2023
Publishing Boot Camp – Notre Dame Press	Aug 2022
Archeological Excavations – Azekah, Israel	July 2022
Archeological Excavations and Exploration Tours – Tantur, Israel	July 2022
Study Abroad: “Understanding the Bible from the Liturgy” – Trier, Germany	May – June 2022
German Language Training – Trier, Germany	May – June 2022
French Graduate Reading – Notre Dame	July – Aug 2021
Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition –Purdue University, Rome & Florence, Italy	May 2012 – June 2012
Certified Green Belt in Lean Design for Six Sigma (DFSS) – Aveta Business Institute	Oct 2013