

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary  
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## EDUCATION

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### REGENT UNIVERSITY

Ph.D., Renewal Theology, 2017

Dissertation: "From a Band of Immigrants to a Global Movement: A Century of Italian American Pentecostalism, 1906–2006." ProQuest.

Committee: Kimberly Ervin Alexander (chair), Mark J. Cartledge, Michael J. McClymond

M.A., Christian Doctrine and History, 2009

Thesis: "Baptism: The Origin of Sacramental Terminology in Early Patristic Literature." ProQuest.

Advisor: Peter J. Gräbe

### WHEATON COLLEGE (IL)

B.A., Biblical and Theological Studies, 2003

Additional graduate coursework:

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY, Italian Studies, 2013

TRINITY SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY, Missiology, 2005–06

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, Educational Psychology, 2004

WHEATON COLLEGE (IL), New Testament Theology, 2003

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

*SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary, El Dorado Hills, CA*

2021–pres.

Teach online undergraduate and graduate courses, including *Interpreting and Understanding the Bible*, *Corinthian Correspondence*, *The New Testament and Its Theology*, and *Advanced Biblical Interpretation: Romans*. Teaching methods include lecture, discussion facilitation, and online instructional technology (e.g., dialogue forums and Zoom live classroom). Develop course content. Filmed 40-lesson course at SUM studios. Design exams and exam study guides.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

2019–pres.

*Regent University School of Divinity, Virginia Beach, VA*

Teach on campus and online masters and doctoral courses, including *Contemporary Pentecostal & Charismatic Theology*, *History of Renewal Movements*, *Early Modern Church History*, *Church History 1*, and *Church History 2*. Methods include lecture, discussion facilitation, and online instructional technology (e.g., dialogue forums, Blackboard Collaborate, Zoom, and Panopto recordings). Develop course content and design rubrics. Write academic and professional recommendations.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

2015–pres.

*Regent University College of Arts & Sciences, Virginia Beach, VA*

Teach on campus, online, and hybrid courses for the Biblical Studies & Christian Ministry and General Education departments. Courses taught include *Principles of Theology*, *Apologetics*, *Systematic Theology 1*, *Systematic Theology 2*, *Theological Writing & Research*, *Principles of Hermeneutics & Theological Thinking*, *The Pentateuch*, *Church History 1*, *Church History 2*, *Pauline Literature*, *Introduction to Christian History & Thought*, *The Gospels*, *Christian Doctrine*, *The True, Good, & Beautiful*, and *The Making of the Christian Mind*. Methods include lecture, discussion facilitation, and online instructional technology (e.g., dialogue forums, Blackboard Collaborate, and Panopto recordings). Develop course content and design rubrics and exam study guides. Write academic and professional recommendations.

PARTNER CORRESPONDENT II

2015–16

*Christian Broadcasting Network, Virginia Beach, VA*

Communicated with established and prospective CBN partners to encourage financial support. Managed partner requests and feedback for Superbook Children's Ministry International and 700 Club feature stories, book promos, and program guests. Hosted CBN-wide chapel.

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

2010–15

*Regent University School of Divinity, Virginia Beach, VA*

Assisted with and co-taught on campus and online graduate courses, including *History of the Interpretation of Paul*, *Pauline Theology*, *New Testament Theology*, *Biblical Kingdom Living*, *The Power of God in the New Testament*, *Biblical Hermeneutics*, and *Jesus and the Gospels*. Methods included lecture and online instructional technology (e.g., Blackboard and Wimba Classroom). Designed exams.

- PARTNER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE 2013–15  
*Christian Broadcasting Network, Virginia Beach, VA*  
 Communicated with established and prospective CBN partners to encourage financial support for network ministries. Hosted CBN-wide chapel.
- STUDENT MINISTRIES FELLOW 2005–06  
*Galilee Church, Virginia Beach, VA*  
 Led youth service and facilitated outreach events. Participated in the development of educational and discipleship programs.
- TEACHING ASSISTANT, Special Education 2004–05  
*Jamesville DeWitt Middle School, Jamesville, NY*  
 Taught students with physical, emotional, and learning disabilities. Subjects taught included math, science, social studies, and reading. Designed study guides and exams.
- RESIDENT ADVISOR 2001–02  
*Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL*  
 Managed dormitory floor of forty students. Counseled students and organized floor events.
- COLLEGE MINISTRIES INTERN 2001  
*Eastern Hills Bible Church, Manlius, NY*  
 Developed curriculum for and facilitated weekly college service. Led worship and organized outreach events. Assisted pastoral staff at funeral services and hospital and home visitations.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **BOOKS**

*Grassroots Pentecostalism in Brazil and the United States: Migrations, Missions, and Mobility.* Christianity and Renewal – Interdisciplinary Studies series. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.

*Embracing Our Roots: Rediscovering the Value of Faith, Family, and Tradition.* Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2021.

*Italian American Pentecostalism and the Struggle for Religious Identity.* Routledge Studies in Religion series. London: Routledge, 2020.

### **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Italian Pentecostalism in North America.” In vol. 2 of the *Global History of Italian Protestantism*, edited by Mark Hutchinson. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

“Tosetto: l’uomo, l’fondatore.” *Risveglio Pentecostale*, December 2019, 18–20.

“Between Abstention and Moderation: The Example of the Jerusalem Council and the Italian Pentecostal Holiness Ethic.” *Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association* 39, no. 1 (2019): 14–24.

“Luigi Francescon,” “Caterina Gardella,” “Giuseppe Petrelli,” and “Giuseppina Zollo,” among other contributions, in *Explorations in Italian Protestantism*, edited by Mark P. Hutchinson, 2019. <https://sites.google.com/view/explorations-in-italian-prototes/home>.

“New Faith, New Family: Contadini, Pentecostalism, and the Struggle for Social Identity in the New World.” *PentecoStudies* 17, no. 2 (2018): 116–33.

“Baptized in Jesus’ Name: Oneness and Trinitarian Pentecostal Readings of Acts 2:38.” *Cyberjournal for Pentecostal-Charismatic Research* 25 (April 2018). <http://www.pctii.org/cyberj/cyberj25/palma.html>.

“The Second Blessing of Spirit Baptism: British Reformation Roots of the Pentecostal Tradition.” *The Pneuma Review* (January 26, 2018). <http://pneumareview.com>.

“Christian Church of North America.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, 471–72. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.

“Italian-American Pentecostal Movement.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, 1220–22. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.

“Luigi Francescon.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, 911–12. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.

“Maximillian Tosetto.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, 2318–19. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.

“Peter Ottolini.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, 1725–26. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.

“The Emergence of Italian Pentecostalism: Affectivity and Aesthetic Worship Practices.” *The Pneuma Review* (July 27, 2014). <http://pneumareview.com>.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Beef, Bible and Bullets: Brazil in the Age of Bolsonaro*, by Richard Lapper. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*: forthcoming.

Review of *Australian Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements: Arguments from the Margins*, edited by Cristina Rocha, Mark P. Hutchinson, and Kathleen Openshaw. *Journal of Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity* 42, no. 1 (2022): 86–89.

Review of *With Water and Spirit: A History of African American Apostolic Denominations in the U.S.*, by James C. Richardson. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*: forthcoming.

Review of *Understanding Spiritual Gifts: A Comprehensive Guide*, by Sam Storms. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 28, no. 4 (October 2021): 405–7.

Review of *The Oxford History of Protestant Dissenting Traditions, Volume V: The Twentieth Century: Themes and Variations in a Global Context*, edited by Mark P. Hutchinson. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 28, no. 4 (October 2021): 382–84.

Review of *Brazilian Evangelicalism in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Eric Miller and Ronald J. Morgan. *Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association* 41, no. 2 (2021): 171–72.

Review of *The Devil's Redemption: A New History and Interpretation of Christian Universalism*, 2 vols., by Michael J. McClymond. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 41, no. 2 (2019): 339–41.

Review of *Witness to World Christianity: The International Association for Mission Studies, 1972–2012*, by Gerald H. Anderson. *Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies* 21, no. 2 (August 2018): 82–83.

Review of *The Dialogical Spirit: Christian Reason and Theological Method in the Third Millennium*, by Amos Yong. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 24, no. 2 (April 2017): 394–97.

Review of *Revelation*, edited by John Christopher Thomas and Frank D. Macchia. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 24, no. 1 (January 2017): 194–97.

Review of *Black Fire Reader: A Documentary Resource on African American Pentecostalism*, by Estrela Y. Alexander. *The Pneuma Review* (November 23, 2016). <http://pneumareview.com/estrela-alexander-black-fire-reader>.

Review of *Early Interracial Oneness Pentecostalism: G. T. Haywood and the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World (1901–31)*, by Talmadge L. French. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 23, no. 4 (October 2016): 486–88.

Review of *Trinity and Revelation*, by Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 23, no. 4 (October 2016): 527–30.

Review of *To the Ends of the Earth: Pentecostalism and the Transformation of World Christianity*, by Allan Heaton Anderson. *The Pneuma Review* (November 14, 2015). <http://pneumareview.com/allan-anderson-to-the-ends-of-the-earth>.

Review of *Global Pentecostalism: Encounters with Other Religious Traditions*, by David Westerlund. *Encounter: Journal for Pentecostal Ministry* 12 (Fall 2015). <http://legacy.agts.edu/encounter/issues/2015fall.html>.

Review of *Pentecostalism: A Guide for the Perplexed*, by Wolfgang Vondey. *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 36, no. 2 (2014): 330–32.

Review of *Justified in the Spirit: Creation, Redemption, and the Triune God*, by Frank D. Macchia. *Australasian Pentecostal Studies* 16 (January 2014). <https://aps-journal.com/index.php/APS/article/view/144>.

Review of *The Pentecostal Principle: Ethical Methodology in New Spirit*, by Nimi Wariboko. *The Pneuma Review* (December 27, 2013). <http://pneumareview.com/nimi-wariboko-pentecostal-principle>.

Review of *The Spirit in the World: Emerging Pentecostal Theologies in Global Contexts*, by Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. *Encounter: Journal for Pentecostal Ministry* 10 (Fall 2013). <http://legacy.agts.edu/encounter/issues/2013fall.html>.

Review of *Who Is the Holy Spirit? A Walk with the Apostles*, by Amos Yong. *The Pneuma Review* 16, no. 4 (2013): 80–81.

Review of *Global Awakening: How 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Revivals Triggered a Christian Revolution*, by Mark Shaw. *The Pneuma Review* 16, no. 3 (2013): 85–88.

Review of *Global Voices: Reading the Bible in the Majority World*, edited by Craig Keener and M. Daniel Carroll R. *Asian Journal of Pentecostal Studies* 16, no. 2 (August 2013): 199–200.

Review of *In the Days of Caesar: Pentecostalism and Political Theology*, by Amos Yong. *Renewal Dynamics*, June 28, 2011. <http://renewaldynamics.com/category/book-reviews>.

## **INTERVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Palma, Paul J. “The Legacy of Massimiliano Tosetto: Italian American Pentecostal Pioneer.” *Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center* (blog), January 22, 2020. <https://ifphc.wordpress.com/2020/01/22/the-legacy-of-massimiliano-tosetto-italian-american-pentecostal-pioneer>.

“The Global Reach and Lasting Legacy of Italian Pentecostalism: An Interview with Paul Palma.” *The Pneuma Review* (December 2, 2019). <http://pneumareview.com/the-global-reach-and-lasting-legacy-of-italian-pentecostalism-an-interview-with-paul-palma/2>.

A seven-piece contribution on the attributes of God, including “The Awesome Power of Our Omnipotent God” and “The All-Surpassing Knowledge of Our Omniscient God.” CBN.com, 2016–21. <https://www1.cbn.com/profiles/palma-paul-j>.

“The Race of Faith,” “When Life Throws You a Curve,” “Your Trial, Your Trophy,” among other reflections. CBN.com, 2014–20. <https://www1.cbn.com/profiles/palma-paul-j>.

## **SCHOLARLY PAPERS PRESENTED**

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“Reconstructing the Corinthian Correspondence: Paul’s Ephesus Ministry and Response to a Community in Disarray.” Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Region Annual Meeting, Virginia Beach, VA, April 2022.

“Dress Codes, Ministry, and the Order of Creation in Trans-American Classical Pentecostalism.” Paper presented at the Southeastern Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Religions in America Group, virtual, March 2022.

“Bottom-up Christianity: Grassroots Pentecostalism and the Christian Congregation in Brazil and North America.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Group, Boston, MA, December 2020.

“Continuity and Rapid Change: Assessing Religious Cultural Transformation Among Italian American Pentecostals.” Paper presented at the Southeastern Regional Conference for the American Academy of Religion, History of Christianity Group, Athens, GA, February 2020.

“‘Made to Drink of One Spirit’”: Pentecostal, Catholic, and Orthodox Interpretations of 1 Corinthians 12:13.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Ecumenical Studies Interest Group, College Park, MD, February 2019.

“The Flame of Pentecost: Italian Spirituality in the High Middle Ages.” Paper presented at the Spring Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, Mount St. Mary’s University, MD, April 2018.

“Unmasking the Messianic Jesus: An Analysis of Albert Schweitzer’s Genetic Approach to History.” Paper presented at the Annual Duke Graduate Conference in Theology, Duke Divinity School, NC, September 2017.

“Italian Pentecostals and Counter-Culturalism: The Holiness Code of Ethics.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, History Interest Group, St. Louis, MO, March 2017.

“The Theological Trajectories of Italian Pentecostalism: Reflections on an Ethnic Charismatic Movement.” Public lecture delivered at the Residency Research Seminars, Regent University School of Divinity, VA, November 2015.

“A New Faith, a New Family: Pentecostalism and the Social-Psychology of the Italian Peasantry During the Mass Migration.” Paper presented at the Southeast Regional Conference for the American Academy of Religion, History of Christianity Group, Atlanta, GA, March 2014.

“Affectivity and Aesthetic Practices in the Emergence of Italian Pentecostalism.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Center for Renewal Studies, European Pentecostal Perspectives Group, Regent University, VA, March 2013.

“The Italian Evangelicals of Chicago: Jerusalem of the Italian Pentecostal Movement.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Group, Chicago, IL, November 2012.

“Baptized in the Name of Jesus: Oneness and Trinitarian Pentecostal Readings of Acts 2:38.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Ecumenical Studies Group, Virginia Beach, VA, March 2012.

“Baptism as Seal and Mystery: A New Testament Foundation for Sacramental Theology.” Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, Epistles Section, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2010.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Academy of Religion, 2012–14, 2019–22  
Society for Pentecostal Studies, 2012–13, 2017–20  
Evangelical Theological Society, 2021–22  
American Society of Church History, 2020–21  
American Catholic Historical Association, 2018–19  
Society of Biblical Literature, 2010–11

## **AWARDS**

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FOUNDATIONS FOR TEACHING SUCCESS CERTIFICATE <i>Regent University, Center for Teaching and Learning</i>	2018
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK GRANT <i>Regent University, School of Divinity</i>	2015–16
DEAN’S LEADERSHIP AWARD <i>Regent University, School of Divinity</i>	2011–12



WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES <i>Regent University</i>	2010
BLACKBOARD CERTIFICATION <i>Regent University, Center for Teaching and Learning</i>	2010
DIVINITY AWARD <i>Regent University, School of Divinity</i>	2009–10
CHARLES HOLMAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES <i>Regent University, School of Divinity</i>	2009
MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP AWARD <i>Regent University, School of Divinity</i>	2008–09
MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP AWARD <i>Regent University, School of Divinity</i>	2007–08

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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CREDENTIALLED MINISTER <i>International Fellowship of Christian Assemblies, Transfer, PA</i> Participate in Southern district planning and outreach. Regularly preach/teach.	2021–pres.
EDITOR AND CONTRIBUTOR FOR THEOLOGY BLOG <i>Renewing Faith, Rejuvenating Family, <a href="https://pjpalma.net/">https://pjpalma.net/</a></i> Design and edit blog on topics of faith and family from a theological perspective. Principal blog contributor.	2020–pres.
CANDIDACY FOR CERTIFICATION AS A LAY SPEAKER <i>First United Methodist Church of Foxhill, Hampton, VA</i> Responsibilities included preaching, leading corporate prayer and liturgy, worship team guitarist, and hospital and home visitations.	2018–2000
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE <i>Regent University School of Divinity, Virginia Beach, VA</i> Collaborated with administrative and faculty representatives to develop school curriculum. Assessed student concerns via survey and open forum.	2009–10
VOLUNTEER LEADER <i>Young Life Capernaum, Virginia Beach, VA</i> Facilitated community building activities for students with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.	2005–06

MISSIONS TEAM MEMBER 2001  
*Amazon Medical Missions, Gainesville, GA*  
Conducted outreach among village communities in Iquitos, Peru. Counseled families of the sick, disabled, and elderly.

CHAPLAIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2000–02  
*Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL*  
Coordinated with college Chaplain, Chaplain Office staff, and student representatives to implement chapel program improvement strategies.

## **LANGUAGES**

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Reading knowledge of German, Italian, Portuguese, and Greek (Koiné).

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Global pentecostal and charismatic movements  
Modern Christianity  
Italian American religious history  
The life and thought of the Apostle Paul  
The development of the biblical canon in patristic literature  
Ecumenical studies

## **REFERENCES**

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I am happy to supply a list of references upon request.