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Academic Appointments:

2021 – present Loyola University Chicago
Assistant Professor, Sociology

Education:

2021 New School for Social Research
Ph.D. in Sociology

2017 New School for Social Research
M.A. in Sociology

2013 Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University
M.Div. in Theology

2007 Loyola University Chicago
M.A. in Philosophy

2002 Creighton University
B.A. in Philosophy

Areas of Expertise:

- Sociology of Religion
- Secularism and the Secular
- Religion in the Public Sphere
- Social Theory
- Practice Theory

Publications:

1. Gilger, Patrick. 2022. “Habits of Belonging: The Church in a Secular Age”, in *Roots: Catholic Youth Evangelization in a Postmodern World*. John C. Cavadini and Donald Wallenfang, eds. Book chapter completed and submitted. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications.
2. Gilger, Patrick. 2018. “Performing Secularity: Toward the Construction of a Concept”, *Religion and Secularism*, Patrick Murray and Ronald A. Simkins eds., *Journal of Religion & Society*, Supplement 17: 54-69

3. Gilger, Patrick. July 2016. “Disabilities in Parishes Across the United States: How Parishes in the United States Accommodate and Serve People with Disabilities” with Thomas P. Gaunt and Jonathan Holland. Washington, DC: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

Teaching and Research:

2021 – present	Loyola University Chicago <i>SOC 145: Religion and Society</i> (Fall 2021) <i>SOC 205: Sociological Thought</i> (Fall 2021)
2018 – 2021	New School for Social Research Research Assistant for Jeffrey Goldfarb, Ph.D., Michael Gellert Professor of Sociology
Spring 2018	New School for Social Research Teaching Assistant – <i>ULEC 2022: Women and Men Dark Times</i> .
Summer 2016	Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University, Research Internship
Spring 2015	Creighton University, Dept. of Cultural and Social Studies Lecturer – <i>SOC 310: Religion and Contemporary American Society</i>
Fall 2012	Santa Clara University, Dept. of Religious Studies Teaching Assistant – <i>SCTR 130/GPPM 213: Sacred Politics; Christian Texts in the Public Sphere</i>

Conferences (Presentations and Coordination):

1. “Practiced Religion: Toward a Post-Secular Methodology”. Paper presented at the *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Conference, August 2019
2. “Performing Secularity”. Paper presented at the *Religion and Secularism Symposium* at Creighton University, October 2017
3. “Fragile Publics and Positive Liberty”. Paper presented at the *Crowds, Mobs, Masses, Publics* conference, New School for Social Research, Spring 2017
4. Conference Co-coordinator, *Crowds, Mobs, Masses, Publics*, New School for Social Research, Spring 2017
5. “Gaps in Formal Organizations: Locating Sites of Culture Production in the Roman Catholic Mass”. Paper presented at the *Association for the Sociology of Religion* Conference, August 2016

Grants, Fellowships, and Honors:

- Public Seminar Fellow, New School for Social Research, 2017 – 2021

- Outstanding Master of Arts Graduate Award: Sociology, NSSR, 2017
- Social Science Research Council “Anxieties of Democracy” Seminar with SSRC Fellow Charles Taylor, October 2016

Invited Lectures and Presentations:

1. “COVID-19, Religion, & Humanity: Dispatches from the Frontlines” with Anand Gopal, Ph.D. Invited lecturer and discussant, Arizona State University’s Center for Religion and Conflict, April 2020
2. “Unity, Friendship, Desire: Constructing Religious Selves in a Secular Age”. Invited lecture, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, February 2020
3. Host and interviewer for launch of *On the Road with Saint Augustine: A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts* by James K. A. Smith, New York, NY, October 1, 2019
4. “Falling in Love and Staying in Love (or, What Sophomore Year is Really About)”. Keynote lecture for launch of Haddix Ignatian Advising Program, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, September 2018
5. “Cultivating Memory and Narrativity” with Brett T. Robinson, Ph.D. Invited lecture for *Cultures of Formation Conference*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, March 2018
6. “Building Bridges in a Secular Age”. Invited lecture for the *Building Bridges Colloquium* in honor of *Living City Magazine*’s 50th anniversary, Fordham University, New York, NY, October 2017
7. “A Justice That Does Faith”. Presentation with Daniel P. Justin at the *Justice in Jesuit Higher Education Conference*, August 2017
8. “Reclaiming Belonging: A Catholic Response to Social Fragmentation”. Invited lecture for the *Jesuit Speaker Series*, Boise State University, Boise, ID, March 2017
9. “Calligraphers of the Ineffable”. Invited lecture, *Ignite Lecture Series*, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, August 2015
10. “What is Sacred about Sacred Texts?” Invited panelist for *The Word and Words III: Sacred Texts and Jesuit Mission*, Bannan Institute of Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, March 2012

Select Interventions in the Popular Press:

Edited book:

1. *The Jesuit Post*, Orbis Press, Maryknoll, NY: 2014
Awarded 1st place by the Catholic Press Association for popular presentation of the Catholic Faith

Select essays and book reviews:

1. “Review: Why Americans should brush up on their Catholic history”, *America Magazine*, June 26, 2020
2. “Litany for a Pandemic”, *America Magazine*, April 2, 2020
Translated into Italian and published as “Pandemia Blues” in *La Civiltà Cattolica*, May 2, 2020, Volume 4077: 256-68
3. “Review: 13 ‘misfits’ who spoke truth to power”, *America Magazine*, July 26, 2019

4. “Review: Remaining faithful to fragile gifts”, *America Magazine*, February 22, 2019
5. “James K. A. Smith’s Theological Journey”, *America Magazine*, October 18, 2018
6. “I’m a Catholic priest. I’m ashamed at this abuse crisis”, *Vox*, August 31, 2018
7. Review – “James Martin: Essential Writings, written by James T. Keane”, *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, 2018, Volume 5 (1): 183-85
8. “Building Bridges in a Secular Age”, *Living City Magazine*, February 2018 issue
9. “Is the Benedict Option based on Christian principles – or white middle-class ones?”, *America Magazine*, January 26, 2018
10. “Review: Seeking the Spirit in a secular age”, *America Magazine*, October 27, 2017
11. “An Interview with Khary Lazarre-White”, *Public Seminar*, October 11, 2017
12. “Navigating the Benedict Option”, *America Magazine*, April 17, 2017
13. “The Politics of Small Things and Positive Liberty”, *Public Seminar*, December 13, 2016
14. “So what’s the Benedict Option really about, retreat or re-engagement?”, *America Magazine*, December 6, 2016
15. “A Deweyan Response to Hyperdemocracy”, *Public Seminar*, October 2, 2016
16. “Re-enchanting the World”, *America Magazine*, August 16, 2016
17. “Pope Francis Sends His Regrets”, *Zocalo Public Square*, June 8, 2014
18. “What Martyrdom Means”, *America Magazine*, May 12, 2014 issue
Awarded honorable mention by the Catholic Press Association for best personality profile
19. “*Eloquentia Perfecta* in a Digital Age”, *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*, Fall 2013, Volume 44
20. “The Sinner Pope”, *On Faith – Washington Post*, September 13, 2013
21. “The Long Black Line”, *America Magazine*, January 2, 2012
Awarded 3rd place by the Catholic Press Association for best coverage of vocations to priesthood-religious life or diaconate
22. “A Response to the 2009 CARA study on Religious Vocations”, *Horizon*, Volume 35.5, Fall 2010: 11-15

Interviews and hosting:

1. Interviewed by *L’Osservatore Romano*. Published as “Parlare della verità con amore: conversazione con il filosofo e giornalista gesuita Patrick Gilger”, May 8, 2020
2. Interviewed by *Cracks in Postmodernity*. Published as “When Quarantined, Give Your Heart Generously: A Conversation with Paddy Gilger, S.J.”, April 4, 2020
3. Interviewed by *Center for Religion and Culture*, Fordham University, March 24, 2020
4. Interviewed on the *AMDG* podcast, March 12, 2020
5. Co-host of “Jesuit Autocomplete”, produced by America Media, May 2019 – July 2020
6. Co-host of “America This Week”, an America Media radio show, Spring 2018 – Fall 2019

Select Professional and Ministerial Experience:

1. Contributing Editor for Arts and Culture, America Media, 2016 – present
2. Editor, Public Seminar, 2016 – 2020
3. Pastor, St. John’s Parish at Creighton University, Omaha, NE, 2013 – 2015
4. Founding Editor-in-Chief, The Jesuit Post, 2012 – 2014

5. Coordinator, Red Cloud Volunteer Program, Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, SD, 2008 – 2010
6. English, Philosophy/History Teacher, Red Cloud High School, Pine Ridge, SD, 2007 – 2010

Languages:

- English (native)
- Italian (speak/read, intermediate)
- Latin (read, basic)

Memberships and Professional Affiliations:

- Association for the Sociology of Religion
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- National Steering Committee on Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, 2013-19
- *Alpha Sigma Nu* – National Jesuit Honors Society
- *Phi Sigma Tau* – National Honor Society for Philosophy
- *Theta Alpha Kappa* – National Honor Society for Theology

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