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Education

Ph. D. (2003). Dissertation: "The Healing Light": An Introduction to the Political Philosophizing of Pierre Manent" Fordham University, Bronx, NY

Teaching

2005-current St. Mary's Seminary & University Richard and Barbara Fisher
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Publications

Translations

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