

# Simon Zachary Zahaykevitz

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## Education

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**Ph.D., English**, Baylor University—Waco, TX—2024–Present

- Areas of interest: Late Medieval Studies, Ecocriticism, and Chaucer’s satirical reception of Dante in *The House of Fame*.

**BA, Liberal Arts**, Wyoming Catholic College—Lander, WY— *Graduated May 2020*

- Thesis: “‘To Gain Experience of the World and Learn about Man’s Vices, and His Virtue’: The Common Essence of Great Sinners and Great Saints in Dante’s *Divina Commedia*”
- Oration: “‘Sin and Sin Boldly’: The Essence of Sin in Dante’s *Inferno*”

**Spirituality and Philosophy**, Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary—Denton, NE—2013–14, 2016–17

## Publications

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“T. S. Eliot Bibliography 2024.” *The T. S. Eliot Studies Annual*, vol. 7 (forthcoming, 2025).

## Experience

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**Schola Director**, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church—Winchester, NH—2021–Present

Instructed, chanted, and directed Gregorian chant in the Solesmes style for Sundays and major feast days.

**Middle School Teacher**, St. Paul’s Catholic School—Nampa, ID—2020

Developed and taught the eighth grade curricula for English, history, mathematics, and religion.

**Latin Teacher**, St. Paul’s Catholic School—Nampa, ID—2020

Developed and implemented the founding curriculum for the school’s fifth and sixth grade immersive Latin classes, focusing on spoken Latin for daily use.

**Latin Tutor**, Wyoming Catholic College—Lander, WY—2019–20

Facilitated Latin immersion events, proctored exams, and helped struggling Latin I and II students to recognize and resolve problems in both written and spoken Latin.

**Admissions Assistant**, Wyoming Catholic College—Lander, WY—2018–19

Worked on the logistical planning and execution of the Founder’s Scholarship Competitions, called and emailed prospective students, and assisted with visitors to the college.

**Catechism Teacher**, St. Stephen’s Indian Mission—Wind River Indian Reservation, WY—2015–16, 2018–19

Taught a racially and economically diverse group of pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade students the Catholic Catechism through discussions, lectures, and games.

**Assistant Latin Instructor**, St. Joseph’s College Seminary—Charlotte, NC—*August 2016*  
Using the Rassias Method, helped Dr. Nancy Llewellyn (founder of SALVI and the Veterum Sapientiae Institute) to teach an intensive, ten-day Latin immersion “Jump Start” course that successfully brought students with no previous Latin experience to basic conversational fluency.

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## Awards

**St. Leo the Great Award**—*May 15, 2020*

Granted by Wyoming Catholic College in recognition for excellence in Latinity.

**Dean’s List**—*Spring 2014–15, Spring 2015–16, Fall 2019–20, Spring 2019–20*

Granted by Wyoming Catholic College.

**Honor’s List**—*Fall 2014–15*

Granted by Wyoming Catholic College.

**SRM 21 Day Leadership Course**—*August 2014*

Completed through Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries in Lander, WY.

**Rank of Eagle Scout**—*August 2013*

Completed through BSA Troop 775, Boy Scouts of America.

**National Youth Leadership Training Course**—*August 2011*

Completed through Daniel Webster Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## Languages

**English** (native)

**Ecclesiastical Latin** - spoken and written

## Personal Bio

I was born in Springfield, Massachusetts in 1995, but my family moved seven times before settling down in rural New Hampshire in 2011. I spent most of my youth surrounded by nature, and my personal and aesthetic roots remain deep in the soil. After graduating high school, I felt called to the Catholic priesthood, and I entered a life of prayer and study at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. My first year concluded, I was sent for a period of two years to Wyoming Catholic College for academic and personal growth. Having accomplished my goals, I returned to the silence of seminary studies in 2016, but left the following year after much prayer, counsel, and discernment. I returned to Wyoming in 2018 to complete my BA in Liberal Arts, where I met my wife, Madison (née Michieli). In 2024 we moved to Baylor University with our two charming daughters, Anichka Rose and Gemma Irene, and our “sunshine boy,” Bruno Angelico.