Curriculum Vitae (2026)

JOHN PAUL L. ARCENO

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- **Doctor of Philosophy** (PhD candidate) in Systematic Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX (2022-current)
    - Target date for graduation is May 2027
    - Dissertation writing stage – current
    - Dissertation Prospectus approved on August 31, 2026
    - Comprehensive Exam passed and completed on January 16, 2026
    - Coursework and research language completed as of Fall 2025
- **Master of Theology** (ThM), The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY (2020).
- **Master of Divinity**, Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio, Philippines (2017).
- **Bachelor of Secondary Education**, Oxfordian Colleges, Cavite, Philippines (2014).
- Diploma in Information Systems Technology and Management, SEED Academy, Southville International School and Colleges, Las Piñas City, Philippines (2011 & 2012)

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

- Lead Pastor, Union Community Bible Church, New Jersey, USA (2021-current)
- Pastor, Faith in Christ Fellowship-Scout Barrio, Baguio, Philippines (2016-2019)
- Pastoral Internship, Ikthus Bacolod, Philippines (Summer 2016)
- Youth Pastor, Pildera 2 Southern Baptist Church, Pasay, Philippines (2013-2016)

ACADEMIC/ TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Philippine Christian University (Adjunct Faculty), Institute of Philosophy and Religious Studies – Digital Theology, Church Management, Living in the IT Era, theological and historical studies, and professional education classes (since 2021).
- International Graduate School of Leadership, Foundations for Christian Leadership (Guest Lecturer) – Digital Theology and Digital Strategies in November 2021; and Technology and Theology in February 2023.
- Hsaw Htit Karen Baptist Bible School in Myanmar (Guest Lecturer) – Church History (June—August 2021); and Baptist History (January—February 2023); all online only.
- Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Education by Extension (Facilitator and Guest Lecturer) – Baptist Studies, Church History, and Christian Theology (2017—2021).
- Southville International School and Colleges – SEED and SSLC Campuses (IT Lecturer), Operating Systems, System Analysis and Design, Programming Language, IT Fundamentals, Computer Hardware and Software (June to October 2015).

BOOK CHAPTERS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Digitality as Kapwa: A Filipino Digital Spirituality," in *(Dis)Connected Digital Theology in and between Contexts*, eds., Frida Mannerfelt and Florian Höhne (NY: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2026)

- "Artificial Intelligence as a Companion in Theological Education," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, AI and Theology, 69, no. 1 (Fall 2026).
- "Orality and Digitality: Extending and Limiting Human Communication," *Orality Talks Journal*, Orality, Digitality, Theology, and Arts, 3 no. 2 (2026): 32-39.
- "Visio Dei, Vision Pro: Beatific Vision and Technological Singularity," *Liberty Theological Review* Vol. 9, no. 1 (August 2025):144-166.
- "Baptist Apocalypticism in the Philippines: Narratives and Theologies (1900-2020s)," *TALA Kasaysayan: An Online Journal of History* 7, no. 2 (December 2024): 37-55.
- "Utopian Virtual Reality in Ready Player One: Responding with Real Hope and the Christian Teleos," in *Film, Philosophy and Religion,* ed. William Anderson (Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, January 2022), 69-88.
- "A Virtual Mission: Exploring the Validity of Digital Preaching," in *Missions Interlink*, Bulletin 21:12 (December 2021), 3-5.
- "A Southern Baptist Story in the Philippines: The Life and Ministry of Henry P. Silbor, 1938-2010," *TALA Kasaysayan*: *An Online Journal of History* 4, no. 1 (June 2021): 46-77.
- "Is Virtual Baptism a 'Real' Baptism?" in *Technology and Theology*, ed. William Anderson (Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, October 2020), 149-167.

PAPER CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2026

- "55 Years of Filipino Southern Baptist Work in the United States of America from 1971 to 2026: A Historical Sketch," at the *Filipino Southern Baptist Fellowship of North America*, Southern Baptist Convention 2026 Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, June 8, 2026.
- "Towards Filipinization of the Southern Baptists in the Philippines: Surveyed and Considered," at *The Baptist History and Heritage Society*, Smoke Rise Baptist Church, Tucker, GA, May 18-20, 2026.
- "The Christ of God: John Bunyan's Christology," at the *Particular Baptist Theological Society*, International Reformed Baptist Seminary, Mansfield, TX, May 15, 2026. (accepted)
- "Beatific Vision and Technological Singularity," at *Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Region*, Lancaster Bible College, PA, April 10-11, 2026.
- "Beatific Vision and Technological Singularity," at *Northeast Evangelical Theological Society*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Massachusetts, March 21, 2026.
- "Holistic Dualism and Shared Self: Doing Theological Anthropology in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Virtual Reality," at *Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture,* Technology and the Human Person in the Age of AI, at Baylor University, February 26-28, 2026.
- "A Filipino Baptist Pastor Theologian: Dr. Henry P. Silbor," at the *Center for Pastor Theologians*, St. Irenaeus Fellowship 2026 Symposium, at Calvary Memorial Church, Oak Park, IL, February 9-11.

2025

- "The Christ of God: John Bunyan's Christology," at *Evangelical Theological Society* 2025, Boston, MA, November 18-20, 2025.
- "AI in Theological Education: A Filipino Digital Theologian Perspective," at *Samahan ng Teolohikal na Edukasyon sa Pilipinas*, Davao, Philippines, July 30, 2025.

- "Virtual Jesus and Iconography: A Pixelated Christology in Today's Digital Age," at *Global Network for Digital Theology Conference* 2025, (Co-)Created, Creativity, and the Created, June 3-5, 2025
- "Digitality as *Kapwa*: A Filipino Digital Spirituality," at *Northeast Region of the American Academy of Religion*, Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, May 2, 2025.
- "A Pixelated Christology in Today's Digital Age," at *Northeast Evangelical Theological Society*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Massachusetts, March 15, 2025.

2022 to 2024

- "Towards Filipinization: A Southern Baptist Story in the Philippines (1898-2024)," at *Evangelical Theological Society*, San Diego, California, November 20-22, 2024.
- "Filipino Digital Contextual Theology," at *Global Network for Digital Theology Conference* 2024, After Babel: Digital Theology and Contextualities, June 13-15, 2024.
- "Doing Theological Anthropology in the Digital World: Faith, Man, and Cyberspace," at *Evangelical Theological Society*, San Antonio, Texas, November 14-16, 2023.
- "Digital Theological Anthropology: Pornography, Digital Self, and Embodiment" at *Queens College and Memorial University*, Radical Im/Possibilities: Theology, Religion, and AI, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, September 8-9, 2023.
- "Digital Theology in Asian Context: A Case Study in the Philippines," at *Asian Practical Theology International Conference* 2023, Doing Practical Theology with Asian Resources: Retrospect and Prospect, Hong Kong, June 2-3, 2023.
- "Theology of Virtual Realism: Metaverse, VR Church, and Real Experience" at *Global Network for Digital Theology Conference* 2022, How Theology and Faith Practices Shape Digital Culture, July 7-9, 2022.
- "Virtual Reality and Christianity: The Duty to Proclaim the Gospel in the Virtual World," 500 Years of Christianity: Revisiting the Faith to Move Forward, *International Conference on Catechesis and Religious Education*, Metro Manila, June 25-26, 2021.

Keynote Speaker, Conferences, and Seminars

- Session Presenter at Asia Global Insight Forum, *Haggai International*, Chiang Mai, Thailand, October 14-18, 2025, https://globalinsightcollab.org/asia-global-insight-forum-2025/
- Session Speaker, "Realities of Witness: Digital Missions x Technology," Global Insight Forum Virtual, *Haggai International*, June 18, 2024.
- Lecturer, "Introduction to Baptist Faith and Message 2000," *Luzon Convention of Southern Baptist Churches*, Home Mission Division Forum, Metro Manila, Philippines, February 2, 2024.
- Facilitator and Lecturer, "Preventing Online Exploitation in the Digital World*" Indigitous Global with World Freedom Network and Set Free Movement* on September 7-28, 2023.
- Speaker, "Theology and Technology: Metaverse, AI, and Media," Missions x Tech Meetup *Indigitous Philippines* at Village Baptist Church, Muntinlupa on February 25, 2023.
- Session Speaker, "Tech rEvolutions: Missions in Our Digital Future" in Our Missions Future, *World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission* Global Consultation, Chiang Mai, Thailand, January 31 to February 3, 2023.

- Session Speaker, "Digital Realities," *World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission*, Online Conference 2022, April 6-8.
- Facilitator, "Digital Missions Launchpad" using [discipleship.space], *Indigitous Global*.
    - 2022 March 10-31 with 40+ enrolled digital catalysts from the Philippines; 2022 September 8-29 with 60+ potential digital missionaries from Malaysia, Taiwan, Ethiopia, Indonesia, USA, Cambodia, and the Philippines; March 2023: trained 90+ digital missionaries and practitioners.
- Thesis External Examiner for April Kenneth Baldo, "The Experiences of the Selected Children in the Northern Philippine Conference of the Free Methodist Churches in Light of their Social Media Apps Usage" (MA in Christian Communication Thesis, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, Taytay, Rizal, April 25, 2021).

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP, MEMBERSHIPS, AND SOCIETIES

- St. Irenaeus Fellow at the Center for Pastor Theologians since August 2025
- Full Member/Fellow at the Evangelical Theological Society since March 2021
- World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission, Synergist for Tech since December 2021
- International John Bunyan Society since November 2022
- Indigitous Philippines by Cru since 2017

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensure Examination for Teachers (PRC Professional Teacher) passer in 2015
- Arrow Leadership, Bacolod, Philippines, 2016 and 2019
- Clinical Pastoral Education (2 units), Vanderpol Center for Leadership and Pastoral Formation, Ortigas, Philippines, 2019
- Microsoft Certified Professional/ MCTS, SQL Server 2008, in 2012
- TM and NC3 TESDA Bookkeeping in 2019

PODCAST/ SOCIAL MEDIA/ BLOGS

- Personal: www.johnpaularceno.com (100+ blog posts, reviews, and short essays)
- With Asia Pacific Media PH, "AI and Church" on Media Ministry Forum and Asia Pacific Media (April 24, 2023).
- With Home of Praise Philippines, "Theology and Technology" on Native Tongues episode 58 (December 9, 2022).
- With Henrik and Aaron, "Pastoring as a Young Millennial and Digital Theology" on Filipino American Ministry Podcast Episode 8 (September 6, 2022).
- With Dr. Bethel Bumanglag-Webb, "Starting a Healthy Digital Lifestyle" on Grow Deep Podcast Episode 163 (July 1, 2022).

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Married to Ivy Echano-Arceno on July 8, 2023; one daughter, Hesed Hiraya, born September 1, 2025.
- Ordained Minister under the Southern Baptist Convention (USA) through the Filipino Southern Baptist Fellowship of North America, 2021.
- Languages: Filipino (Tagalog), and English; Research: Greek, Hebrew, German, and French.