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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Fr. William J. Ferree Chair of Social Justice, 2019
Sustainability Scholar, Hanley Sustainability Institute, 2019
Associate Professor, Religious Studies, 2009
Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, 2002

EDUCATION

PhD, Duke University, 2001
Theological Ethics
Supporting Areas of Emphasis: History of Economic Thought
Dissertation Title: *Beggars and Stewards: The Contest of Humility in Christian Economic Ethics*

MA, University of Notre Dame, with distinction, 1987
Liturgical Studies

BA, University of Notre Dame, *summa cum laude*, 1986
Theology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

College Theology Society
2015 - Present

Society of Christian Ethics
2003 – Present

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Editor, with Charles R. Pinches and Charles M. Collier. *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas's 70th Birthday*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2010.

The Fear of Beggars: Stewardship and Poverty in Christian Ethics. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 2007.

Book Chapters

“Justice and Peace” in *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Catholicism, Second Edition*, edited by Frederick C. Bauerschmidt, James J. Buckley, Jennifer Newsome Martin, and Trent Pomplun. West Sussex, UK: John Wiley and Sons, forthcoming.

“Narrating Property: Natural Goods, Human Flourishing, and Story of Salvation,” in Szalay, M. (Ed.), *Beyond Secular Faith: Philosophy, Economics, Politics, and Literature*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2023.

“‘There is no life on this side of the fire’: conflict and penitential memory on the path of encounter”, in Cavanaugh, W. et al (Eds.), *Fratelli Tutti: A Global Commentary*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, forthcoming.

“Building a New Society within the Shell of the Old.” In *Street Homelessness and Catholic Theological Ethics*, edited by J. Keenan and M. McGreevy, 157-165. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2019.

“Aren't Humans Stewards of God's Creation? On the Moral Importance of Naming Ourselves in Relation to the Land.” In *A Faith Encompassing All Creation*, edited by Tripp York and Andy Alexis-Baker, 78-88. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2014.

“Worshiping in Spirit and Truth.” In *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas's 70th Birthday*, edited by Charles R. Pinches, Kelly S. Johnson, and Charles M. Collier, 300-314. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2010.

“God Does Not Hurry.” In *God Does Not...*, edited by D. Brent Laytham, 63-81. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 2009.

“Justice and Peace.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, edited by J. J. Buckley, 490-504. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2007.

“Catholic Social Teaching.” In *Gathered for the Journey: Moral Theology in Catholic Perspective*, edited by D. M. McCarthy and M. Therese Lysaught, 225-240. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 2007.

“Economic Beatitude: Or How I Learned to Stop Being Miserable and Love Economic Ethics.” In *New Wine, New Wineskins: A Next Generation Reflects on Key Issues in Catholic Moral Theology*, edited by William C. Mattison, III, 165-180. Latham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005.

"Praying: Poverty." In *Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics*, edited by Stanley Hauerwas and Samuel Wells, 225-236. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2004.

Journal Articles

"What Catholic Social Teaching Says about Property Rights" *America Magazine* (August 4, 2020). <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/08/04/catholic-social-teaching-property-rights-pompeo-commission>. Adapted from "Our Response to the Draft Report of the Commission on Unalienable Rights" in *Draft Report of the Commission on Unalienable Rights: Public Comment* (July 30, 2020). <https://2017-2021.state.gov/draft-report-of-the-commission-on-unalienable-rights-public-comment/index.html>, also available at <https://udayton.edu/blogs/udhumanrights/2020/20-08-03-commission-unalienable-rights.php> (August 3, 2020).

"Hurry and the Willingness to Be Creatures." *Christian Reflection: Attentive Patience* (January 2016): 11-18. <https://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/256795.pdf>.

"Blessings, Curses, and the Cross." *Ex Auditu* 27 (2011): 82-99.

"Whose Economics? Which Religion? Comments on Brad Bateman's 'In a Space of Questions.'" *History of Political Economy* 43/2 (Summer 2011): 417-422. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-1257532>

"The Body Politic of the Body of Christ." *Reflections: A Magazine of Theological and Ethical Inquiry* 97/2 (Fall 2010): 55-57.

"Facing Suffering: Human Rights Tragedies and the Divine Comedy." *The Other Journal* 16 (2009): <https://theotherjournal.com/2009/12/17/facing-suffering-human-rights-tragedies-and-the-divine-comedy/>

"Security and Francis of Assisi." *The Sign of Peace, Journal of the Catholic Peace Fellowship* 2.4 (All Saints, 2003).

Book Reviews

The Forgotten Radical Peter Maurin: Easy Essays from the Catholic Worker, edited by Lincoln Rice (New York: Fordham University Press, 2020) in *Modern Theology*, 38/1 (January 2022): 174-178. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/14680025/2022/38/1>

Polarization in the US Catholic Church: Naming the Wounds, Beginning to Heal edited by Mary Ellen Konieczny, Charles C. Camosy, and Tricia C. Bruce (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2016) in *Horizons* 44/2 (December 2017): 493-94.

Our Only Hope: More than We Can Ask or Imagine by Margaret B. Adam (Cambridge, UK: James Clarke & Co: 2014) in *Pro Ecclesia* 24/2 (Spring 2015): 248-252.

"Theology at the Service of Humanity," a review of *Occupy Religion: Theology of the Multitude* by Joerg Rieger and Kwok Pui-lan (Lanham, UK: Rowman & Littlefield, 2012) in *Syndicate: A New Forum for Theology* 1/3 (September/October 2014).

<https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/occupy-religion/#kelly-johnson>

The End of Work: Theological Critiques of Capitalism by John Hughes (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2007) in *Modern Theology* 25/3 (July 2009): 521-523.

He Became Poor: The Poverty of Christ and Aquinas's Economic Teachings by Christopher Franks (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2009) in *Ekklesia Project Newsletter* (June 2009).

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs018/1101439140354/archive/1102576109884.html>

The Eschatological Economy: Time and the Hospitality of God by Douglas H. Knight (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2006) in *Modern Theology* 24/1 (Jan 2008): 144-146.

Unfettered Hope: A Call to Faithful Living in an Affluent Society by Marva J. Dawn (Louisville, KY: John Knox, 2003) in *Theology Today* 61/2 (July 2004): 238-240.

The End of Time: Religion, Ritual, and the Forging of the Soul by Richard Fenn (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1997) in *Theology Today* 55/1 (April 1998): 126-129.

Blogposts

"Liturgy/Ethics: A Coronavirus Contribution from Canada." catholicmoraltheology.com, May 21, 2020, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/liturgy-ethics-a-coronavirus-contribution-from-canada/>

"Lay Down Your Shame; Pick Up Your Palms." catholicmoraltheology.com, March 31, 2020, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/lay-down-your-shame-pick-up-your-palms/>

"Pandemic and the Common Good." catholicmoraltheology.com, March 17, 2020, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/pandemic-and-the-common-good/>

"Who Will We Be?" catholicmoraltheology.com, February 12, 2020, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/who-will-we-be/>

"'There Is Conflict-- God Be Blessed': Romero and the Unity of the Church." catholicmoraltheology.com, November 14, 2019, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/there-is-conflict-god-be-blessed-romero-and-the-unity-of-the-church/>

- “This Is a Good Time to Be Alive.” catholicmoraltheology.com, Sept. 9, 2019, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/this-is-a-good-time-to-be-alive/>
- “What Is the "Culture of Death"? Demanding Everyone Stand on Their Own Two Feet.” catholicmoraltheology.com., August 14, 2019, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/what-is-the-culture-of-death-demanding-everyone-stand-on-their-own-two-feet/>
- “Better That Millstones Be Tied around Our Necks.” catholicmoraltheology.com, July 23, 2019, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/better-that-millstones-be-tied-around-our-necks/>
- “*On Christus Vivit*: It's Not Going to Be That Easy.” catholicmoraltheology.com, April 5, 2019, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/christus-vivit-its-not-going-to-be-that-easy/>
- “A Very Small Defense of Romance.” catholicmoraltheology.com, February 14, 2019, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/a-very-small-defense-of-romance/>
- “The Sullivan Game: New (and Old) American Gods.” catholicmoraltheology.com, December 13, 2018, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/the-sullivan-game-new-and-old-american-gods/>
- “Overcoming the Fear of Beggars.” catholicmoraltheology.com, October 29, 2018, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/overcoming-the-fear-of-beggars/>
- “What Wisdom Sees.” catholicmoraltheology.com, September 19, 2018, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/twenty-fifth-sunday-in-ordinary-time-what-wisdom-sees/>
- “The Queen of Heaven, the Queen of Soul, and Sex Abuse.” catholicmoraltheology.com, August 17, 2018, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/the-queen-of-heaven-the-queen-of-soul-and-sex-abuse/>
- “How Can We Pray over Meals Truthfully?” catholicmoraltheology.com, July 9, 2018, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/can-we-pray-over-meals-truthfully/>
- “A Biblical Defense of Traumatizing Children.” catholicmoraltheology.com, June 15, 2018, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/a-biblical-defense-for-traumatizing-children/>
- “Good News and the News Cycle: The Sermon that Shook the Internet.” catholicmoraltheology.com, May 21, 2018, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/good-news-and-the-news-cycle-a-moment-to-renew-preaching/>
- “Wealth and Poverty in America: Truthfulness, Exclusion, and the Church.” respectfulconversation.net, April 2, 2018, <http://www.respectfulconversation.net/rpd-conversation/2018/4/2/truthfulness-exclusion-and-the-church.html>

“A Harsh and Dreadful Love.” Ekklesia Project Lectionary Reflections, September 5, 2017, <http://www.ekklesiaproject.org/blog/2017/09/harsh-dreadful-love/>

“With Us to the End of the Age.” Ekklesia Project Lectionary Reflections , June 6, 2017, <http://www.ekklesiaproject.org/blog/2017/06/us-end-age/>

“Securing Our Place.” Ekklesia Project Lectionary Reflections, March 8, 2017, <http://www.ekklesiaproject.org/blog/2017/03/securing-our-place/>

“Don't Panic (The End is Good News).” Ekklesia Project Lectionary Reflections, November 8, 2016, <http://www.ekklesiaproject.org/blog/2016/11/end-good-news/>

“Slavery and the Cost of Discipleship.” Ekklesia Project Lectionary Reflections, August 31, 2016, <http://www.ekklesiaproject.org/blog/2016/08/slavery-cost-discipleship/>

“Faithful Citizenship Fridays: A Time to Fast.” catholicmoraltheology.com, May 25, 2012, <https://catholicmoraltheology.com/faithful-citizenship-fridays-a-time-to-fast/>

Catechetical Materials

"A Bigger Faith," *Breaking Open the Sin of Racism* video. Cincinnati, OH: Catholic Social Action Office, Archdiocese of Cincinnati. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa7U4YcTaweHcifBjLRVhkT6cPGQlowbv>

"*Vibing with the Venerables: Dorothy Day, Part 2*" YouTube video of talk. Immaculate Conception Church, Ite Missa Est: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aeH7-B636BQ>

"*Vibing with the Venerables: Dorothy Day, part 1*" YouTube video of talk. Immaculate Conception Church, Ite Missa Est: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiZM1dSiW3I>

"Casting Down and Raising Up in Luke's Parables." *Catechist* 47/5 (February 2014): 46-48.

"Jesus Today and the Church: 'I Call You Friends.'" *Catechist* 38/6 (March 2005): 48-51.

Having and Sharing: A 12-session Study on the Economic Practices of the Church. Chicago, IL: Congregational Formation Initiative (a Lilly Foundation project), 2007.

“When the Walls Go Tumbling Up.” *U.S. Catholic* 64/11 (November 1999): 46-48.

“God’n Plenty.” (Originally titled, “The Cost of Goods”) *U.S. Catholic* 64/2 (February 1999): 40-41.

Pamphlets

Thanking God for Conflict: Lessons from Oscar Romero on Faithfulness in a Polarized Society.
Eugene, OR: The Ekklesia Project/ Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2020.

Embodying Care: The Works of Mercy and Care of Creation. With Nadia Stefko, Brent Laytham, Jeffrey Reed, Kyle Childress, Joel Shuman, and Rafan Sutterfield. Eugene, OR: The Ekklesia Project/ Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2015.

Blessings, Curses, and the Cross: A Scriptural View of Wealth. Eugene, OR: The Ekklesia Project/ Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2013.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited and Conferences

“Peace, Order, and Private Property: On Unlearning ‘Stewardship’”
Justice Sown in Peace: Celebrating 60 Years Since *Pacem in Terris*
Catholic Social Tradition Conference
Center for Social Concerns
University of Notre Dame, March 24, 2023

“Welcoming Guests into a Place that Never Was Mine: On the Convenient Forgetfulness of Stewardship”
John D. Stratton Conference: Welcoming the Stranger
Ashland University, Feb. 25, 2023

"Discipleship in a Technological Age"
Ekklesia Project Gathering (Virtual), July 2021
Interviewer for keynote addresses:
“A Conversation with Katherine Schmidt on ‘Mediation is the Message: A New Media Account of the Church,’”
“A Conversation with L.M. Sacasas on 'Resisting the Spirit of Babel: Technology, Control, and Grace’”
“A conversation with John Dyer on 'The Place of Technology in the Story of God.’”

"Living Simply"
"Living Love This Lent" Series
Providence College, Providence, RI, March 18, 2021

"Against Christian Principles"
Your Vote. Your Conscience. Panel (Virtual)
St. Louis University (St. Louis, MO), October 22, 2020

"On Holy Vulnerability: A response to Barry Harvey's Baptists and the Catholic Tradition: Reimagining the Church's Witness in the Modern World, 2nd Edition"
College Theology Society Annual Convention (Virtual), May 29, 2020

"The Church as Politics: Who We Are, Who We Are Becoming"
Ekklesia Project Gathering (Chicago, IL), July 2019.
<http://www.ekklesiaproject.org/the-gathering/2019-church-politics/>

"Presente: Liturgical Protest and Practical Reason" Respondent
Liturgy and Ethics Interest Group
Society of Christian Ethics (Louisville, KY), January 4, 2019

"Natalie Carnes on Beauty, Suffering, and the Cross" Respondent
Ekklesia Project Annual Gathering (Chicago, IL), July 14, 2018

"Touching the Wounds: The Economy, Memory, and the Cross"
Beyond Secular Faith: The Economy of Desire
International Summer School and Conference (Granada, Spain), June 23, 2018

"Easy Essays on Michael J. Budde," a tribute to the founder
Ekklesia Project Annual Gathering (Northpark, IL), July 7, 2016

"Changing the Subject" and "Stewardship and the Church"
Keynote Addresses
Ecumenical Stewardship Center Leadership Seminar (New Orleans, LA), December 2, 2015

"Rooting Protest in Truthfulness"
Pursuing the Spiritual Roots of Protest, 1964-2014
The Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine University (Lexington, KY), October 25, 2014

"Peace in Our Neighborhoods"
Ekklesia Project Annual Gathering (Chicago, IL), July 12, 2013

"Integral Human Development, Toward What?"
Scholars in Global Solidarity
Catholic Relief Services (Baltimore, MD), June 25, 2012

"Responses to David O'Brien and John Haughey on Catholic Tradition and Business Education"
Renewing Mission and Identity in Catholic Business Education
John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought
University of Dayton (Dayton, OH), June 19, 2012

- "Stewardship and Reconciliation"
 Christian Scholars Conference
 Lipscomb University (Nashville, TN), June 7, 2012
- "Blessings, Curses, and the Cross"
 Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture
 North Park Theological Seminar (Chicago, IL), September 29, 2011
- "How to Cope with Hunger: Reality, Courage, and Stuffing Ourselves"
 LaSalle University (Philadelphia, PA), March 31, 2011
- "Panel Discussion of *Unsettling Arguments*"
 Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), January 8, 2011
- "Whose Economics? Which Religion?"
The Uses of Economics, Past and Future, History of Political Economy
 Duke University (Durham, NC), March 27, 2010
- "Communion at Friendship Park"
 Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting (San Jose, CA), January 9, 2010
- "Consumerism and Stewardship: Techniques of Forgetfulness"
Through the Consuming Fire: Economic Faithfulness in an Age of Consumerism
 Englewood Christian Church (Indianapolis, IN), November 13, 2009
- "Facing Suffering: Human Rights Tragedies and the Divine Economy"
Faith, Film, and Justice
 Seattle School of Theology and Psychology (Seattle, WA), October 15, 2009
- "Racism as an Ecclesial Vice"
 Ekklesia Project Annual Gathering (Chicago, IL), July 8, 2008
- "Lost in Translation... Or Cultural Differences?" with M.S. Donahue.
Business Education at Catholic Universities
 University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN), June 12, 2008
- "Gendered Identities, Christian Households"
 Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA), January 4, 2008
- "Why Rich People Should Love Francis of Assisi"
 Loyola College in Maryland (Baltimore, MD), October 6, 2003
- "Almsgiving and *Koinonia*"
 Ekklesia Project Annual Gathering (Chicago, IL), July 31, 2003

“Economic Comedy, or How I Learned to Stop Being Miserable and Love Economic Ethics”
New Wineskins Symposium
University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN), July 17, 2002

“Stewardship: Whatever Happened to Filthy Lucre?”
Ekklesia Project Annual Gathering, (Techny, IL), June 13-15, 2002

Christian Critics: Religion and the Impasse in Modern American Social Thought Discussion Panel
College Theology Society Annual Convention
University of Portland, (Portland, OR), May 31-June 3, 2001

“Pushed to the Limit: Beggars as Fanatics and Manipulators in Classical Economic Thought”
History of Economic Thought Seminar
Duke University, (Durham, NC), October 4, 2000

“Thomistic Virtues in the Twentieth Century: Peter Maurin and Dorothy Day on Being Made Adequate for Friendship with God”
Duke Divinity School (Durham, NC), October 2-3, 2000

“The Face of God: Christian Reflections on Service.”
Christian Vocations retreat
University of Indianapolis (Indianapolis, IN), March 31-April 1, 2000

“A Teacher’s Response to ‘Christo-formity, Recapitulation, and Public Theology’”
Duke-UVA Colloquium on Teaching Christian Doctrine
Duke University (Durham, NC), February 19, 2000

“Adam Smith and the Society of Mirrors”
History of Economic Thought Seminar
Duke University (Durham, NC), February 18, 2000

“A Modest Proposal for a Proof of God’s Existence” (a satire concerning globalization)
Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, February 1999

“Begging: The Gift of Economic Chaos”
Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, February 1998

“On the Eschatology of Soup Kitchens and the Deconstruction of Gender: Toward a Constructive Christian Theology of Gender”
Society of Christian Ethics (Atlanta, GA), January 9-11, 1998

Campus

“Educate for Formation in Faith”

Panel Presentation with Endowed Chairs in Religious Studies
Board of Trustees formation session, May 18, 2023.

“Sponsorship: Opening Our Doors for Asylum Seekers”

Panel presentation with Jan Futrell and Kerri Shaw
Imagining Community Symposium, February 16, 2023

“Introducing the Father William J. Ferree Chair of Social Justice”

Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, January 25, 2023.

“Teaching Hope in the Face of Wicked Problems: Staying with the Trouble”

Learning Teaching Forum, January 4, 2023.

“Systemic Injustices and Reproduction”

Panel Member

The Dobbs Decision: Contexts, Controversies, Consequences Teach-In
Human Rights Center, September 19, 2022

“Catholic Social Tradition and the Death Penalty”

Guest lecturer in CJS 316: Criminal Justice Ethics, February 10, 2022

"The Rights of Children and Families: Local Initiatives in the Miami Valley"

Session Chair

Social Practice of Human Rights, Human Rights Center, December 3, 2021

"Catholicism and Racism"

Comments with Q/A

Human Rights Center Executive Advisory Council Meeting and Dinner, December 1, 2021

“Reflection on the Ministry of St. Oscar Romero”

Oscar Romero Award Symposium, Environmental Justice
Human Rights Center, April 7, 2021

"Food Apartheid and Racial Justice"

Panel Participant

Campus Unity Meeting, Student Government Association, February 3, 2021

Johnson, K. S., podcast episode, Sacred Stories, University of Dayton Campus Ministry,
"Owning the House", Presenter/Lecturer, Non-Academic, Local, Published elsewhere,
Invited. (January 11, 2021).

"Catholic Social Tradition"

Guest lecturer in REL 363: Faith and Justice, October 6, 2020

"Neo-Liberalism and Theological Anthropology: The Hidden Formation of Student Loans and Dating Apps" Respondent

Department of Religious Studies Colloquy, September 14, 2020

"Wrongful Conviction and the Death Penalty" film and discussion
Program in Criminal Justice, July 14, 2020

"War and the Problem of "Pro-Life""

"Pro-Life: More Than Just Abortion" Panel

Campus Ministry, February 20, 2020

"Sustainability and Stewardship"

Sustainability Scholars, Hanley Sustainability Institute, February 17, 2020

"Community as an Institutional Learning Goal"

Second Year Faculty Retreat, January 6, 2020

"Boldness as Holiness"

Marianist Educational Associates, November 22, 2019

"The Mastery Delusion: Toward a Christological Property Ethic"

Department of Religious Studies Colloquy, November 1, 2019

"Discussion of the White Paper on Community"

Common Good Reading Group, October 11, 2019

"Challenges of Religious and Secular Literacy" Panel

Social Practice of Human Rights Conference

Human Rights Center, October 2, 2019

"Dialogue and Community"

The Dialogue Zone, September 24, 2019

"The Sustainability Delusion" Panel

Hanley Sustainability Institute, September 10, 2019

"Blessed Beginnings"

Campus Ministry, August 19, 2019

Published at catholicmoraltheology.com

"The Temptation of 'Tragedy'"

Talk-back following *The Library*
Theater, Dance, and Performance Technology Department, April 26, 2019

"Working with Faith Communities on Human Rights Issues"
Guest lecturer in HRS 492: Human Rights Studies Capstone
Human Rights Studies Program, October 23-25, 2018

"Faith and Social Justice"
Agape Latte, February 5, 2018

"Community: Beyond Holding Doors" Workshop
Forum on Learning and Teaching Co-chair, January 8, 2018

"Toward a Theology of Conflict"
Archbishop Oscar Romero Human Rights Award
Human Rights Center, March 28, 2017

"Niebuhr and King"
Martin Luther King Teach-In, January 18, 2017

"Syrian Refugee Crisis: Finding Our Humanity amidst Fear"
Refugees in Catholic Social Teaching Teach-in
Human Rights Studies, December 9, 2015

"A response to Mark Ryan: 'What is the 'common good'?'"
Department of Religious Studies, October 30, 2015

"Catholic Social Teaching"
REAL Dayton immersion leaders program, September 15, 2015

"Homosexuality and Gay Marriage: Understanding the Terms of Catholic Teaching"
Perspectives Series
Campus Ministry, November 13, 2014

"Vocation of a Student"
Program for Christian Leadership, July 20, 2014

"Religion and Human Rights" Session Moderator
Social Practice of Human Rights Conference
Human Rights Center, October 4, 2013.

"Catholic Teaching Regarding Homosexuality"
Guest lecturer in PHL 381: Sexual Ethics, October 3, 2013

"Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching"

Guest lecturer in PHL 313: Business Ethics (2 sections), October 2, 2013

"Intentional Community Life"

Panel presentation and discussion about life in Catholic Worker communities

Panel Presentation, Campus Ministry, April 2, 2013

"Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching"

Guest lecturer in PHL 313: Business Ethics (2 sections), February 15, 2013

"The Real Question about Christianity and Homelessness"

Homelessness Teach-in

Student Government, November 14, 2012

"Teaching *Rerum novarum*"

English Department Faculty Development, November 1, 2012

"Teaching *Rerum novarum*"

Humanities Commons Pilot Workshop, August 16, 2012

"Discipleship Unplugged"

Campus Ministry annual retreat, August 8, 2012

"Making Sense of *Humanae vitae*"

Campus, April 10, 2012

"Catholics and Voting"

Campus Ministry, October 18, 2011

"*Rerum novarum* and the Rights of Workers"

October 4, 2011

"Immigration in Catholic Thought and Action"

Introducing the Catholic Social Tradition Humanities Commons pilot courses workshop

Part 1, September 6, 2011

Part 2, September 8, 2011

"Against Romanticism: Response to John Corvino"

Student Government Association, October 26, 2010

"Faithful Citizenship"

Department of Political Science, October 30, 2008

"Faith and The Immigration Debate"
Gilvary Symposium, Law School, February 27, 2008

"Catholic Teaching on Homosexuality"
Perspectives on Faith and Life lecture and discussion, November 15, 2007

"Just War Theory: A Crash Course"
Interdisciplinary Teach-in, April 2, 2003

Community Partnerships

"Vibing with the Venerables: Dorothy Day"
Immaculate Conception Parish. Dayton, OH, Sept 24 and Oct 1, 2021.

"Social Justice"
RCIA session
Holy Trinity Parish, Dayton, OH, February 28, 2021

"The Good News and Our Fragility"
Social, Economic, Psychological Implications of COVID19 on Vulnerable Populations Panel
(Virtual)
Society of St. Vincent de Paul, October 16, 2020

"Shopping and Christian Desire" Recorded Short Talk
Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office of Social Action Catholic Social Action
Fair Trade Sale, November 28, 2020

"Abrahamic Traditions in Dialogue" Panel
Christ Methodist Church Women's Group (Kettering, OH), October 19, 2019

"The Trinity"
Women's Interfaith Discussions (Dayton, OH), October 17, 2019

"Disciples: Sacraments of Peace"
Annual Retreat
Immaculate Conception Church (Dayton, OH), September 10, 2016

"Still Sowing: Dorothy Day's Spirituality"
Social Action Commission meeting
Archdiocese of Cincinnati (Monroe, OH), February 18, 2016

"Beyond Stewardship: Laudato Si' and Who We Are"
Marianist Environmental Education Center (Dayton, OH), October 24, 2015

- "Delight and Asceticism: Environmentalists Saying Grace"
Marianist Environmental Education Center (Dayton, OH), October 24, 2015
- "Evangelizing, Nonviolence, and Joy"
Church of the Servant King (Eugene, OR), May 27, 2015
- "Living Truthfully in a Climate of Denial"
Church of the Servant King (Eugene, OR), May 25, 2015
- "Visions, Dreams, and the Spirit of Truth"
Church of the Servant King (Eugene, OR), May 24, 2015
- "I Will Build a House for You"
Lenten reflection, Holy Trinity Parish (Dayton, OH), April 9, 2014
- "Good News to the Poor: Wealth and Poverty in the Gospel of Luke"
Ite Missa Est, Immaculate Conception Church (Dayton, OH), January 18, 2012
- "Innocence and the Cross"
Church of the Sojourner (San Francisco, CA), November 20, 2011
- "Love Your Enemies: Peacemaking and Just War"
Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, August 4, 2011
- "Faith and Enduring Community Life"
Church of the Servant King (Eugene, OR), March 20, 2011
- "Prudence and Grace, or How to Love the Woods without Burning Them Down"
Church of the Servant King (Eugene, OR), March 19, 2011
- "The Scandal of Joy"
Church of the Servant King (Eugene, OR), March 17, 2011
- "Realism and the Saints"
Ohio Wesleyan Campus Ministry (Maria Stein, OH), October 14, 2010
- "Catholic Social Teaching, Health Care, and Immigration"
Immaculate Conception Parish (Dayton, OH), September 16, 2009
- "Church across Borders: Catholic social teaching and immigration"
Theology on Tap, Oregon District (Dayton, OH), October 2, 2008
- "Beggars and Peter Maurin"
South Bend Catholic Worker (South Bend, IN), April 4, 2008

“War and Justice: A Christian Perspective” Panel
Mt. Enon Baptist Church (Dayton, OH), November 9, 2003

“Just War Theory and Iraq”
St. Mary’s Church (Dayton, OH), March 12, 2003

“Medieval Church: Liturgy, Authority, and the Shape of the World”
Deanery Adult Education Program (Chattanooga, TN), February 10-11, 2003

“Catholic Teaching on War” Panel
St. Albert’s Church (Kettering, OH), January 23, 2003

“*Evangelium Vitae* and *Wingardium Leviosa*: Harry Potter and the Culture of Life”
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Chattanooga, TN), April 8, 2002

“Just War Theory and Afghanistan”
Public forum on Christianity and War
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (Chattanooga, TN), November 15, 2001

“O’Connor’s ‘Revelation’ and 2 Corinthians 5: Unsavory Ambassadors of Reconciliation.”
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (Chattanooga, TN), March 10, 2001

“Strong and Free: The Body of Christ and the Cult of Health.”
Duluth Catholic Worker (Duluth, MN), April 9, 2000

“Lay Women in Ministry: Theological Issues.”
Mundelein Seminary (Chicago, IL), January 31, 2000

“Truth, Hope, and Eucharist.”
Sacred Heart Cathedral RCIA (Knoxville, TN), March 1999

“The Virtues and Moral Decision-Making.”
Sacred Heart Cathedral RCIA (Knoxville, TN), February 1999

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Interview for Practicing Gospel podcast
"Ekklesia Project Interview" <https://practicing-gospel.blubrry.net/2020/10/12/ekkleisia-project-interview-pge-23/> ,October 12, 2020

Interview by Thomas Columbus

Published as "Let's Talk" in University of Dayton Magazine (Spring 2018): 38-40.

https://www.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=481531&p=6#{%22page%22:38,%22issue_id%22:481531}

Interview by Kurt Jensen

Published as "Theologians Suggest Imagining a Closer Relationship with God When Picturing Heaven" in *The Dialog* (July 20, 2017). <http://thedialog.org/uncategorized/theologians-suggest-imagining-a-closer-relationship-with-god-when-picturing-heaven/>

FR. FERREE CHAIR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES

Sponsored Research

"Catholic and Anti-Racist?: A Summer Faculty Cohort to Produce Materials for Faculty Formation at the University of Dayton"

Lilly Fellows National Network: \$3,000.00, August 2020 - September 2021

Matching funds provided by the Dean's Fund for Excellence

Presentations

"Being Where We Are: The Land, Catholic Scholarship, and Anti-Racism"

Annual Fr. Ferree Lecture

University of Dayton, September 24, 2021

"Thinking Together in a Time of Fear"

Annual Ferree Lecture

University of Dayton Endowed Chairs Installation, October 24, 2019

Programming

Everything for Everyone: The Radical Tradition that is Shaping the Next Economy by Nathan Schneider, Reading Group

Four discussions on the chapters of Schneider's book

July 2023

Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism by Jonathan Tran, Reading Group

Six discussions on the chapters of Tran's book

May-June, 2023

Subversive Habits: Black Catholic Nuns in the Long African American Freedom Struggle by Shannen Dee Williams, Reading Group

Eight discussion sessions on the chapters of Williams' book
January-May 2021

"The Common Good in a Divided City: Racism, the Church, and the Challenge of Regional Solidarity"

Conference in honor of Bro. Raymond Fitz, S.M., Ph.D.
University of Dayton, April 1-3, 2022.

"The Gift of Blackness and the Dignity of Life"

Gloria Purvis lecture and discussion host
(Virtual) March 9, 2021

The Christian Imagination by Willie James Jennings, Reading Group

Seven discussions on the chapters of Jennings' book
(Virtual) January-May 2021

Anti-Racism and Catholicism Reading Groups

Four nine-week conversation groups
Participants read and discussed recent short publications related to Catholicism and racism
(Virtual) October 12-December 17, 2020

"Is This the Apocalypse?: Catholics and Politics in the 2020 Election"

Lecture by Dr. Michael J. Baxter of Regis University (Virtual), September 17, 2020

"Catholic Nonviolence and Racial Justice"

Panel featuring Marie Dennis, Teresa Wamuyu Wachira, Eliane Lakam, and Johnny Zokovitch of the DC Peace Team (Virtual), September 15, 2020

"Active Nonviolence for Racial Justice"

Panel featuring Dave Ragland (Truth Telling Project), Tabatha Thompson (U.S. Institute of Peace), and Eli McCarthy (DC Peace Team) (Virtual), August 18, 2020

"The Two Popes"

Film and discussion for students and faculty (Virtual), June 18, 2020

"Race and Christianity"

Video and discussion for students (Virtual), June 12, 2020

"If God Knows What Everyone Needs, Then Why Do People Pray?"

Department of Religious Studies, June 3, 2020

“COVID 19 and the Common Good”

Teach-In in collaboration with the Human Rights Center
National and UD faculty speakers from various disciplines (Virtual), April 3, 8, 17, and 24,
2020

“White Supremacy: What Can We Learn from History?”

University-Community Dinner Discussion
McKinley United Methodist Church, March 10, 2020

“Talking Across Divides: Classroom Discussion during an Election Cycle”

Dialogue Zone Program, March 6, 2020

“The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Common Good” Research Guide

Roesch Library, March 2020

<https://libguides.udayton.edu/c.php?g=1015009&p=7351644>

“Faith and Politics”

Lunch Discussion with Dr. Jennifer Copeland (North Carolina Council of Methodist
Churches), February 13, 2020

“Peacemaking in the Middle East: A Conversation with a Palestinian Christian”

Lecture by Jonathan Kuttab (International Human Rights Attorney), January 30, 2020

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National Boards

Ekklesia Project

Board, July 2016- present

Prayer Coordinator, September 202 – May 2021

Planning Committee for Annual Meeting, July 2008-2009, July 2017-2019

Executive Committee, September 2003-July 2009

Steering Committee, August 1999-May 2000

Pamphlet Project, August 1999-May 2000

Congregational Formation Initiative, September 19, 2012- September 8, 2013

Lantz Center for Christian Vocations, University of Indianapolis

Advisory Board Member, September 1998- September 2000

Editorial Boards

Horizons

Reviewer, September 2016-Present

The Other Journal

Editorial Board, January 2015-2022

Journal of Moral Theology

Editorial Board, January 2010 – Present

Reviewer, Fall 2014 - Present

The Sign of Peace Journal

Editorial Board, August 2002-2010

SERVICE

Campus: Graduate and Doctoral Programs

Advisor for MA Practicum

Sr. Emily Sandoval, FMI, 2023

Trevor Gundlach, 2016

Kate Hutson, 2015

Michelle Khawam, 2014

Katrina Hamilton, 2013

Director for MA Theses

Maura Donahue, *Moving Beyond the Corporation: Recovering an Ontology of Participation to Envision New Forms of Business*, 2011

Adam Sheridan, *Kalon and the "Symphony of Lament": The Integration of Cosmology and Social Ethics in Cappadocian Thought*, 2011

Jordan Fannin, *Beyond Engaging and Resisting: Reclaiming the City's Moral Vision and Reimagining the Church's Politics*, 2010

Michael Hebbeler, *The Sister Karamazov: Dorothy Day's Encounter with Dostoevsky's Novel*, 2009

Reader for MA Theses and Comprehensive Projects

Andrew M. Courter, *The Ecological Christology of Joseph Sittler*, 2019

Jessica Peek, *Hawai'i Pilgrimage*, 2018

Tyler Benjamin DeLong, *Eucharistic Unity, Fragmented Body: Christian Social Practice and the Market Economy*, 2015

Mike Bennett, *The Urban Catholic Church – Implementing a Preferential Option for the Poor on a Parish Level*, 2012

Nick Mayrand, *The Body of Christ and Alzheimer's Disease: A Theological Account of the Church's Capability and Responsibility to Respond Well to Alzheimer's Disease*, 2012

David Weickert, *The Virtue of Detachment in the Christian Tradition: A Study of St. John of the Cross and Thomas Merton*, 2012

Justus H. Hunter, *The Influence of Stanley Cavell on Fergus Kerr's Wittgensteinian Theology*, 2011

Alyssa R. Pasternak Post, *"Dare to Speak": This Land Is Home to Me from Idea to Promulgation (May 1973 - February 1975) and Beyond*, 2011

Tim Gabrielli, *Confirmation and Being Catholic in the United States: The Development of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Twentieth Century*, 2010

Maria Morrow, *Pornography and Penance*, 2008

Daniel Sarell, *The Catholic Worker and Focolare-A Search for Models of Lay Ecclesial Identity in the Lay Apostolate*, 2006

Daniel Engle, *An Evaluation of How John Paul II's Critics Engage the Arguments that He Uses to Support Natural Family Planning and to Oppose the Use of Artificial Birth Control*, 2004

Katherine Lassiter, *Returning Home: A Christian Ethic of Housing for Persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities*, 2004

Director for PhD Dissertation

Jason Heron, *The Analogia Communitatis: Leo XIII and the Modern Quest for Fraternity*, 2016

Reader for PhD Dissertations

Adam Sheridan, *'This Place of Exile': The Lockean Problem and Theology of Labor in Rerum Novarum*, 2022.

Justin Yanketch, *Subsidiarity in America: The Legacy of Bishop Bernard James Sheil*, 2021

Scott McDaniels, *Of Mountain Flesh: Space, Religion, and the Creatureliness of Appalachia*, 2018

Wes Arblaster, *A Semblance of Things Unseen: Damaged Experience and Aesthetic Recovery in Theodor Adorno and Hans Urs Von Balthasar*, 2017

Phyllis Scholp, *The Personal is the Theological: Rosemary Radford Ruether's Practical Theology as Social Critique*, 2017

Michael Cox, *Grammar and Glory: Eastern Orthodoxy, the "Resolute" Wittgenstein, and the Theology of Rowan Williams*, 2015

Susanna Cantu-Gregory, *Associates of Iowa Cistercians and Presentation Associate Partners 1987 -- 2012: An Ecclesiological Investigation*, 2014

Coleman Fannin, *From Churches in Cultural Captivity to the Church Incarnate in a Culture: Ecclesial Mediation after the Dissolution of the Southern Baptist Subculture*, 2014

Damien Costello, *Honor and Caritas: Bartolomé De Las Casas, Soldiers of Fortune, and the Conquest of the Americas*, 2013

Maria Morrow, *The Virtue of Penance in the United States, 1955-1975*, 2013

Derek Hatch, *E.Y. Mullins, George W. Truett, and a Baptist Theology of Nature and Grace*, 2011

Ben Peters, *John Hugo and an American Catholic Theology of Nature and Grace*, 2011

Aaron James, *Analogous Uses of Language, Eucharistic Identity, and the Baptist Vision*, 2010

Matt Shadle, *A New Catholic Approach to Understand the Origins of War*, 2007

Campus: Department

Undergraduate Committee, May 2020-Present
CAP Subcommittee Head

CAP Revision Ad Hoc Committee (REL 250), August 23-December 12, 2019
Assessment Committee Chair, July 2017-May 2019

Executive Committee, August 2008-2011, August 2013 – 2016
Undergraduate Committee, August 2010 – May 2016

Ad hoc Committee on Assessment, February - April 2016
Advised chair on standards and examined samples of student work.

Doctoral Committee, August 2003-May 2004, September 2015 - December 2015

MA Committee, August 2004-May 2007, August 2013- December 2013

Campus: Other

Visioning Workshop, March 23, 2018
Attended discussions on community engaged learning, degree programs in autonomous systems, and diversity

Gender Identity Working Group
Consultation, January 26, 2018
Provided theological expertise to discussions about the university's policies toward transgender students.

Local: Other

Dinner in the Desert, December 12, 2021

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Social Action Commission
Member, December 2021-Present
Catholic Campaign for Human Development Committee, January 2023-Present

Women's Interfaith Discussion
Organizer, August 2019-Present
Member, October 2016-Present

West Dayton Catholic Collaborative

Monthly meetings to coordinate efforts to better connect Catholics across the river in Dayton, September 2019 – Present

Consultation on Catholic Climate Covenant

Meeting with representatives of REL, HSI, and Archdiocese to develop plans for advancing awareness of climate change, November 20, 2019 - Present

Bible Study Leader

Holy Trinity Parish (Dayton, OH), September 2014-May 2019

RCIA Team

Holy Trinity Parish (Dayton, OH), September 2013-2018

COURSES TAUGHT

At the University of Dayton

REL 103 Introduction to Religious Studies and Theology

ASI 110 The Roots and Development of Western Culture in a Global Context

ASI 120 The Development of Western Culture in a Global Context

ASI 150 Introduction to the University Experience for REL majors

REL 250 Race, Resistance, and Encounter: Christianity and Colonialism in the Americas

REL 261 Faith Traditions: Human Rights

REL 266 Faith Traditions: Moral Reasoning

REL 357 Peacebuilding

REL 358 Liberation Theology

REL 360 Introduction to Christian Ethics

REL 363 Faith and Justice (regular, honors, Core, and Ireland)

REL 399 Readings in Religious Studies

ASI 375 Professional Ethics in Global Society (Globalization and World Church)

REL 490 Capstone Seminar: Monasticism and the New Monasticism

REL 492 Catholic Social Tradition and Human Rights

REL 500D Foundations of Systematic and Moral Theology

REL 563 Theology of Christian Discipleship (campus and online, previously REL 547)

REL 592 Contemporary Issues: Economic Ethics

REL 660 Ethics, Practice, and Contemporary Society: Postmodern Theology

REL 660 Ethics, Practice, and Contemporary Society: Freedom and Truth

REL 660 Ethics, Practice, and Contemporary Society: Habits of Peace and Reconciliation

REL 675 Special Topics in Ethics and Moral Reasoning: Catholic Radicalism

REL 697 Directed Readings: Economic Ethics

At the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN

Western Humanities to 1600: Honor, Disguise, Hell and the Gods

At the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

Introduction to the Christian Tradition.

Theology and Film (selected lectures)

At Brescia College, Owensboro, KY

Introduction to Liturgical Studies