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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Theology, Creighton University, 2016 – present

FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, Spring and Fall 2020

Affiliated Fellow, F.A. Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, George Mason University, 2016 – 2021

Faculty Associate, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, 2016 – present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, University of Virginia, 2016

M.A.R. in Ethics, Yale Divinity School, *summa cum laude*, 2008

B.A. in Religion, History, Pepperdine University, *magna cum laude*, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Heterodox Economics, Social Ethics, and Inequality: New Tools for Thinking Critically about Markets and Economic Injustices,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 47.2 (2019): 232-258.

“*Riba* and Usury: A Comparison of Two Arguments about Moral Finance,” *Journal of Religion and Society* Supplement 16 (2018).

(with Stephen Macekura et al.; second author) “The Relationship of Morals and Markets Today: A Review of Recent Scholarship on the Culture of Economic Life,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 99.2 (May 2016): 136-170.

“Adam Smith, Ethicist: A Case for Reading Political Economy as Moral Anthropology,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43.4 (December 2015): 674-696.

Essays in Edited Volumes

“Property, Capitalism, and Economics,” in *T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Ethics*, edited by Tobias Winright. Bloomsbury (under contract).

“Modes of Interpretation (Christianity),” in *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, Volume II, edited by William Schweiker, Maria Antonaccio, Elizabeth Bucar, and David Clairmont. Wiley-Blackwell (forthcoming).

“Business and War in Christian Ethics,” in *The Business of War: Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Military-Industrial Complex*, edited by Justin Barringer, James McCarty, and Matt Tapie. Cascade Books, Wipf and Stock (forthcoming).

“Property and Ownership,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Economic Theology*, edited by Stefan Schwarzkopf. Routledge (2020).

Review Essays and Other Essays

“Did the Roman Catholic Church Change its Mind on Usury? Yes, and No: A Brief Historical Overview.” Faith and Order Commission, World Council of Churches (forthcoming).

“Is Capitalism Compatible with Christianity?” on Kathryn Tanner’s *Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism*, in *Marginalia: Los Angeles Review of Books* (November 2019).

“How Do We Talk about Problems in The Market when There is No ‘The Market’?” on Harvey Cox’s *The Market as God*, Syndicate Theology symposium (June 2018).

“Rethinking Moral Agency in Markets: A Book Discussion on Behavioral Economics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44.1 (March 2016): 195-226.

“The Emptiness of Modern Economics: Why the Dismal Science Needs a Richer Moral Anthropology,” *The Hedgehog Review* 16.3 (Fall 2014): 120-129.

Essays on Blogs

“In Defense of Economic Knowledge,” (on Jean Tirole’s *Economics for the Common Good*), blog of the Project on Religion and Its Publics, University of Virginia (June 2018).

(with Charles Mathewes) “Human Freedom and the Art of Nudging,” *The Hedgehog Review* blog (January 2014).

(with Charles Mathewes) “A Response to the Responses; or, A Note of Clarification about Nudges, Paternalism, and Agency,” *Political Theology Today* blog (March 2014).

Book Reviews

Brent Waters, *Just Capitalism: A Christian Ethic of Economic Globalization*, in *Theology* 122.2 (2019).

Kenneth Surin, *Freedom Not Yet: Liberation and the Next World Order*, in *The Other Journal* 22 (2013).

William Storrar, Peter Casarella, and Paul Louis Metzger, editors, *A World for All? Global Civil Society in Political Theory and Trinitarian Theology*, in *The Other Journal* 21 (2012).

Laura M. Hartman, *The Christian Consumer: Living Faithfully in a Fragile World*, in *Anglican Theological Review* 24.2 (Spring 2012).

GRANTS, AWARDS, and FELLOWSHIPS

Magis Core Curriculum Course Development Grant, Creighton University, for “Gender, Race, and Morality,” 2018

Magis Core Curriculum Course Development Grant, Creighton University, for “Theories of Justice” (with Diana Thomas, Economics), 2018

Project Grant, Olsson Center for Applied Ethics, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, for “Markets and Morals: An Interdisciplinary Symposium,” 2016

Adam Smith Fellow in Political Economy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, 2015 - 2016

Young Scholar Initiative Project Grant, Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), for “Markets and Morals: An Interdisciplinary Symposium” (with Brent Cebul, Stephen Macekura, and Julia Ticona), 2015

Dissertation Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2014 – 2016

Research Travel Fellowship, Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life, 2014

Robert J. Huskey Travel Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2014

Skinner Scholar, St. Paul’s Memorial Church, 2012 – 2016

Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2012 - 2014

Regional Development Grant, American Academy of Religion, for Virginia Graduate Colloquium: “Democratic Piety? Theology and Ethics in a Post-Secular Age” (with Charles Mathewes, Kristopher Norris, and Philip Lorish), 2012

Bioethics Intern, University of Virginia Hospital HIV/AIDS Clinic, 2012

Associate Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2011 – 2012

Presidential Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2010 – 2014

Merit Scholarship, Yale University, Divinity School, 2006 – 2008

Honor Graduate in Religion, Pepperdine University, 2006

Regents’ Scholar, Pepperdine University, 2002 – 2006

INVITED LECTURES AND PAPERS

Paper on Catholicism and economic inequality. Duquesne University: “Catholicism and the Common Good” symposium. Pittsburgh, PA. April, 2020.

“A Theological Argument for Viewing Markets as Public, Political, and Moral Contexts.” The College of William & Mary, Center for the Study of Law and Markets, with University of Virginia, Forum on Democracy and Religion: “Democracy, Religion, and the Marketplace.” Charlottesville, VA. May 2-3, 2019.

“Three Problems with Asking Whether ‘Christianity’ and ‘The Free Market’ are Compatible.” Calvin College, Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics: “Faith and Democracy in America.” Grand Rapids, MI. December 6-7, 2018.

“Markets and Moral Formation: Theological Reflections on Behavioral Economics.” (Keynote) Sterling College: Theology and Ministry Department Fall Conference. Sterling, KS. October 25, 2018.

“Adam Smith on Commercial Society as a Moral Context.” Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, What Good Markets are Good For Project: “The Theological Sources of Adam Smith.” Amsterdam, the Netherlands. May 28-30, 2018.

“The Roman Catholic Church and Usury: A Historical Overview.” World Council of Churches, Faith and Order Commission, Moral Discernment Study Group. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (given via Skype). March 23, 2018.

“Christian Theological Anthropology, Markets, and Public Policy.” George Mason University: Workshop for Mercatus MA Fellowship graduate students in economics. Arlington, VA. March 6, 2018.

“The Economic Theology of Property and Ownership.” Copenhagen Business School: “Markets, Money, and the Sacred: International Perspectives on Economic Theology.” Copenhagen, Denmark. July 8-10, 2017.

“*Riba*, Usury, and Coping with Capitalist Markets: A Comparison of Two Arguments.” Creighton University, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society: “Religion in Global Context.” Omaha, NE. February 16-17, 2017.

“The Complicity of Economic Knowledge.” Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion: “Faith and Work in the New Economy: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Religion and Work.” Princeton, NJ. June 5-6, 2015.

“*Theory of Moral Sentiments*, We Hardly Knew Ye: Some Thoughts on Living in Post-Smithian Disciplines.” University of California Los Angeles, Center for the Liberal Arts and Free Institutions, The Commercial Republic Project: “Adam Smith and the Moral Economy of Market Society.” Los Angeles, CA. May 14-15, 2015.

“Adam Smith, Ethicist: Why We Need to Read Political Economy as Moral Anthropology.” Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture: Spring Fellows Colloquium. Charlottesville, VA. April 24-25, 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Markets as Moral Architectures.” Society of Christian Ethics: Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. January 2020.

“The Paradoxes of Doing Moral Theology in “The World”: Balancing Confidence in Reason with Epistemic Humility.” Moral Theology Topic Session. Catholic Theological Society of America: Annual Convention. Pittsburgh, PA. June 6-9, 2019.

“The Quasi-religious Cult of “FIRE”: An Analysis of an Attempt to Transcend Work and Class.” Class, Religion, and Theology Unit. American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 17-20, 2018.

“Can Markets Mediate Grace? An Argument Based on Behavioral Economics.” Theology and Science Topic Session. Catholic Theological Society of America: Annual Convention. Indianapolis, IN. June 9-12, 2018.

“Natural Law and the Intelligibility of Christian Ethics,” on the panel “Between Christian Ethics and Religious Ethics.” Society of Christian Ethics: Annual Meeting. Portland, OR. January 7-10, 2018.

“Social Analysis in an Age of “Post-Truth” Economics: What (and How) Should Religious Ethicists Critique?” Ethics Unit. American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November 18-21, 2017.

“How Feminist Economics Can Improve Both the Study of Religion and Religious Reflection.” Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group. American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. November 19-22, 2016.

“Do We Need Justice or Mercy in International Pharmaceutical Markets?” Bioethics and Healthcare Topic Session. Catholic Theological Society of America: Annual Convention. San Juan, Puerto Rico. June 9-12, 2016.

“Capitalism, Economics, and the Need for Adaptation in Christian Ethics.” Society of Christian Ethics: Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. January 7-10, 2016.

“Aquinas on (Intellectual) Property: A Natural Law Argument Concerning Pharmaceutical Patents for HIV Medications.” Bioethics and Religion Group. American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 21-24, 2015.

“Consuming Generously: A Case for Political Consumerism as a Practice of ‘Generous Solidarity.’” Ecclesiological Investigations Group. American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 21-24, 2014.

“What Do We *Mean* by ‘Capitalism’? Using Feminist Economics to Make Sense of Ethics in Capitalism.” New England Anglican Studies Conference at Harvard Divinity School: “Christianity and Capitalism.” Cambridge, MA. April 11-12, 2014.

“Wishing for the Simplicity of Science: The Advance of the Autonomous Actor in Early Modern Political Economy (And the Retreat of the Complex Religious Subject).” Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School: “Ways of Knowing.” Cambridge, MA. October 25-26, 2013.

“Should Political Economy be within the Bounds of “Tradition”? A Case for Reclaiming Adam Smith as a Theological Interlocutor.” Graduate Conference on Theology at Duke Divinity School: “Tradition and Traditions.” Durham, NC. October 4-5, 2013.

“Divine Economics? Exploring Suffering, Giving, and Grace in the Trinitarian Theo-Economic Visions of M. Douglas Meeks and Kathryn Tanner.” Ethics, Religion, and Society Group. American Academy of Religion: Southeastern Regional Meeting. Atlanta, GA. March 2-4, 2012.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Member, “Imagination and Immersion”: Interdisciplinary Faculty Travel Seminar on CST. Creighton University. 2019-2020.

Invited attendee, symposium on political theology and democracy. Duke University Divinity School. Durham, NC. November 1-2, 2019.

Invited participant/poster presenter, Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Global Conference: “A Critical Time for Bridge-Building: Catholic Theological Ethics Today.” Sarajevo, Bosnia. July 2018.

Invited participant, various Liberty Fund and George Mason weekend seminars on themes and figures in political economy and the history of economics. George Mason University, Arlington, VA. 2016—present.

Invited discussant, “New Directions in Protestant Social Ethics.” Roundtable discussion. American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

Invited participant, “Capitalism and Ethics” roundtable, Virginia Theological Seminary. Alexandria, VA. May 2015.

Participant, Economics and Philosophy Summer School: “Agency, Policy, and the Future of Macroeconomics,” University of the Basque Country, with Durham University, the Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society, and International Network for Economic Method. San Sebastian, Spain. July 2014.

Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute: “The History of Political Economy,” Center for the History of Political Economy at Duke University. Durham, NC. June-July 2013.

Invited panelist, “How to Lead a Graduate Student Conference.” Student Roundtable Series. American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 2012.

Invited panelist, “Planning and Hosting Grad Student Conferences.” American Academy of Religion: Southeastern Regional Meeting. Atlanta, GA. March 2012.

SERVICE

Academy

Editorial board, *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, 2018 – present

Manuscript reviewer, Georgetown University Press, 2018 – present

Referee, *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*, 2018 – present

Referee, *Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*, 2018 – present

Referee, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 2017 – present

Manuscript reviewer, Rowman & Littlefield, 2017 – present

Referee, *Critical Research on Religion*, 2017 – present

Referee, *Journal of Religion and Society*, 2017 – present

Referee, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2016 – present

Creighton University

Faculty presenter, “Economic Life,” Creighton Faculty and Staff Formation Series, “Catholic Social Teaching: Lunchtime Introductions.” 2019 spring, 2020 spring

Weekly student reading group leader, “Prudent Charity,” Heider School of Business, culminating in travel for weekend seminar at Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO. Organized and co-led with economics faculty. 2018 spring

Invited lectures, “Morality and Conscience Formation,” St John’s Church RCIA class. 2018 spring; 2019 spring

Institute colleague, Business, Faith and the Common Good Institute, Heider School of Business. 2017 – present

Member, Theology VAP Search Committee. 2017 spring

Secondary senior undergraduate thesis reader. 2017 fall

Weekly student reading group leader, “Labor and the Vocation of Work,” Heider School of Business, culminating in weekend seminar at Creighton University. Organized and co-led with business faculty. 2017 spring

Invited talk, “Profits and the Common Good: How Much is Enough?” Heider School of Business, Institute for Economic Inquiry student lecture series: “Food for Thought.” 2016 fall

University of Virginia

Coordinator, “Markets and Morals Symposium,” 2016

Coordinator and respondent, manuscript workshop of Kathryn Tanner’s “Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism,” 2015

Coordinator, Virginia Graduate Colloquium on Theology, Ethics and Culture: “Center or Vanishing Point? Perspectives on Religion and Theology,” 2015

Coordinator and respondent, manuscript workshop of Luke Bretherton’s *Resurrecting Democracy: Faith, Citizenship and the Politics of a Common Life*, 2013

Coordinator, Virginia Graduate Colloquium on Theology, Ethics and Culture: “Democratic Piety? Theology and Ethics in a Post-Secular Age,” 2012

Coordinator and respondent, manuscript workshop of Willis Jenkins’ *The Future of Ethics: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Religious Creativity*, 2012

Coordinator and respondent, manuscript workshop of Kathryn Tanner's "Grace and Gambling," 2011

COURSES TAUGHT

Creighton University

The Christian Tradition: Then and Now

Gender, Race, and Morality

Markets and Justice (co-taught with Diana Thomas, economics; to be taught after 2020 research leave)

Theological Ethics: Applying Moral Principles

Theological Ethics: Applying Moral Principles in the Marketplace

Ratio Studiorum (freshman advising seminar)

University of Virginia

Business, Ethics, and Society

Elements of Christian Thought (TA)

Theology, Ethics, and Medicine (TA)

Religious Ethics and Moral Problems (TA)

City of Boston Mayor's Office

IRS Volunteer Income Tax Preparer Certification Courses

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion

Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church

Catholic Theological Society of America

Society of Christian Ethics

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Coordinator, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site, Charlottesville (Thomas Jefferson Area) United Way, 2011

AmeriCorps*VISTA and VITA Site Coordinator, City of Boston, Mayor's Office, Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition, 2008 – 2010