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Education

- Boston College - Ph.D., Theological Ethics 2015
Dissertation: “Service and Justice, Peace and Solidarity: Theology and Ethics for Work and Leisure” – Committee: James F. Keenan (*director*), Lisa Sowle Cahill, Kenneth R. Himes
- University of Notre Dame - M.T.S., Moral Theology 2010
- University of Notre Dame – B.A., History and Theology, *summa cum laude* 2008
Honors Thesis: “‘Unable to Arrive at Any Consensus’: US Constitutional Law, Theology, and the Person.”

Academic Positions

- Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Marquette University 2015 –

Publications

Books

The Fullness of Free Time: A Theological Account of Leisure and Recreation in the Moral Life (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2020) (*forthcoming*)

Co-editor (with Kenneth R. Himes), *Poverty: Responding Like Jesus* (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2018).

Peer Reviewed Articles

“From Quandary Cases to Ordinary Life: New Opportunities to Connect Social Ethics and Health Care Ethics in a Lasting Way,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 41, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2021) (*forthcoming*)

“A Crisis of Mistaken Identity: The Ethical Insufficiency of the Corporate University Model,” *Journal of Moral Theology* (*forthcoming*).

“Everyday Solidarity: A Framework for Integrating Theological Ethics and Ordinary Life,” *Theological Studies* 81, no. 2 (June 2020): 414–437.

“The Necessity of the Humanities at a Catholic University: A Theological Defense,” *Journal of Catholic Higher Education* 38, no. 1 (Winter 2019): 37–54.

- “The Nature and Operation of Structural Sin: Additional Insights from Theology and Moral Psychology,” *Theological Studies* 80, no. 2 (June 2019): 293–327.
- “Grace at the End of Life: Rethinking Ordinary and Extraordinary Means in a Global Context,” *Journal of Moral Theology* 8, no. 1 (January 2019): 89–113.
- “On Pediatric Vaccines and Catholic Social Teaching,” *Horizons* 45, no. 2 (December 2018): 287–316.
- (with Christopher D. Jones) “Sloth: America’s Ironic Structural Vice,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 37, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 2017): 117–134.
- “The Role of the Moral Theologian in the Church: A Proposal in Light of *Amoris Laetitia*,” *Theological Studies* 77, no. 4 (December 2016): 922–948.
- “Campaign Finance and Collective Egotism: What Niebuhr Offers a Stultified Debate,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 99, no. 3 (2016): 291–320.
- “The Family as a Structure of Virtue: Reexamining *Gaudium et Spes*’s Call for the Family Fifty Years Later,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 13, no. 2 (Summer 2016): 175–196.
- “Depth in an Age of Digital Distraction: The Value of a Catholic College in Today’s World,” *Journal of Catholic Higher Education* 34, no. 2 (Summer 2015): 113–133.
- “The Anonymous Theology of *Modern Family*,” *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 26, no. 3 (Fall 2014): 338–352.
- “Sexism in Practice: Feminist Ethics Evaluating the Hookup Culture,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28, no. 2 (Fall 2012): 27–48.
- Abridged Version Reprinted in: *Readings in Moral Philosophy*, ed. Jonathan Wolff (New York: W. W. Norton, 2017), 316–328.

Book Chapters

- “The Imperative Connection between Scripture and Ethics in a Catholic Context,” in *Bridging Scripture and Moral Theology: Essays in Dialogue with Yiu Sing Lúcas Chan, SJ*, ed. Joshua Burns, Michael Cover, and John Thiede (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019), 119–132.
- “The Structural Problem of Working Poverty,” in *Poverty: Responding Like Jesus*, ed. Kenneth R. Himes and Conor M. Kelly (Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2018), 63–71.
- “Christology and the Essence of Catholic Health Care,” in *Incarnate Grace: Perspectives on the Ministry of Catholic Health Care*, ed. Charlie Bouchard (Saint Louis: CHA USA, 2017), 38–54.

“Capabilities Theory and the Virtuous Manager,” in *Handbook of Virtue Ethics in Business and Management*, ed. Alejo José G. Sison, Gregory R. Beabout, and Ignacio Ferrero (Netherlands: Springer, 2017), 355–366.

“Medicine, Bioethics, and Health Care,” for *T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Ethics*, ed. Tobias Winwright (in press)

(submitted to editor) “From John Paul II to Francis: The Widening Pastoral Trajectory of the Catholic Theology of Family,” for *Families after Francis*, ed. Miguel Almeida.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Religion: Roman Catholicism,” in *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Families, Marriages, and Intimate Relationships: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, ed. James J. Ponzetti Jr. (New York: Macmillan Reference, forthcoming), 751–753.

Book Reviews

George Griener and James F. Keenan, eds., *A Lúcas Chan Reader: Pioneering Essays on Biblical and Asian Theological Ethics* (Bengaluru: Dharmaram Publications, 2017), in *New Theology Review* 30, no. 2 (March 2018): 77–78.

Servais Pinckaers, *Passions and Virtue*, trans. Benedict M. Guevin (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2015), in *Horizons* 44, no. 1 (June 2017): 236–238.

Edward Langerak, *Civil Disagreement: Personal Integrity in a Pluralistic Society* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2014), in *Theological Studies* 76, no. 2 (June 2015): 396–397.

C. Melissa Snarr, *All You That Labor: Religion and Ethics in the Living Wage Movement* (New York: NYU Press, 2011), in *Political Theology* 15, no. 3 (May 2014): 285–286.

General Audience Publications

“Thou Shalt Not Be Apathetic,” *Sojourners* 49, no. 3 (March 2020): 15.

“Stay of Execution,” *The Tablet* (March 21, 2015): 11–12.

Assistant Editor, *C21 Resources Fall 2015, Our Faith, Our Stories*

Assistant Editor, *C21 Resources Spring 2015, Catholic Families: Carrying Faith Forward*

Assistant Editor, *C21 Resources Fall 2014, The Poor: What Did Jesus Preach, What Does the Church Teach?*

Blog Posts

Regular contributor to *Catholic Moral Theology Dot Com*

“A Split Between Moral Theology and Family Ethics?” *Vatican II and the Future Church*, December 2015.

“Millennials at Work: A New Hope for Catholic Social Teaching,” *Daily Theology* (guest post) June 30, 2014.

Works in Progress

(book manuscript) *Corporal Works of Justice*

Presentations

Conference Presentations

“Navigating the Storm: Justice, Reconciliation, Healing, and Freedom in light of Clergy Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church; Theological Implications,” AJCU Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Georgetown University, June 3–6, 2020. [Rescheduled 2021]

“From Quandary Cases to Ordinary Life: New Opportunities to Connect Social Ethics and Health Care Ethics in a Lasting Way,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 9–12, 2020.

“The End of Life and the Work of Grace: Ordinary and Extraordinary Means in a Global Context,” Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention (Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session), Indianapolis, June 7–10, 2018.

“The Necessity of the Humanities at a Catholic University: A Theological Defense,” *The Idea of a Catholic University in the 21st Century*, Academy of Catholic Thought and Imagination, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, March 14–15, 2018.

“How is *Amoris Laetitia* Being Received throughout the Church?,” Episcopal Program regarding *Amoris Laetitia* (for US Catholic Bishops), Boston College, February 19, 2018; University of Notre Dame, February 21, 2018; Santa Clara University, February 23, 2018.

(with Christopher D. Jones) “Sloth: America’s Ironic Structural Vice,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 5-8, 2017.

“Integrating Catholic Social Thought into the Year of Mercy – Corporal Works of Justice,” Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention (Catholic Social Thought Topic Session), San Juan (PR) June 9-12, 2016.

“The Imperative Connection between Scripture and Ethics in a Catholic Context,” Biblical Ethics in the 21st Century, Marquette University, April 8-9, 2016.

“Pharmaceutical Development and Structural Sin: Diagnosing and Confronting Global Healthcare Disparities,” Catholic Theological Society of American Annual Convention (Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session), Milwaukee, June 11-14, 2015.

“*Citizens United* in Collective Egotism: A Theological Critique of Campaign Finance Law,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, January 8-11, 2015.

“Mindfulness in an Age of Digital Distraction: The Value of Catholic Values in Higher Education Today,” The Idea of a Catholic College, McGowan Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility, King’s College, Wilkes-Barre (PA) September 19-20, 2014.

“Insufficient Alone: Combining Niebuhr and Ramsey for an Improved Augustinian Realism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Augustine and Augustinianisms Section), Baltimore, November 23-26, 2013.

“Ways of Knowing Right and Wrong: Structures of Sin, Socialization, and Conscience Formation,” Ways of Knowing Graduate Conference on Religion, Harvard Divinity School, October 25-26, 2013.

“A Sixth Sense? The Science of Moral Intuitions and its Implications for Moral Formation,” Mid-Atlantic Region of the AAR Regional Meeting, Baltimore, March 13-15, 2013.

Campus Presentations

“The Fullness of Free Time: Leisure and Recreation in the Moral Life,” Marquette Humanities Research Colloquium, December 4, 2019.

“Faith and Science Together: Exploring Truth,” Ignite Talk, Marquette Campus Ministry, September 11, 2019.

“The Strange World of Bioethics in the United States,” US Health Care from a Global Perspective – International Partnership Marquette and São Camilo, July 24, 2019.

Panelist, “Holding Truth, Engaging Faith: Exploring Clergy Sexual Abuse in the Church from the Inside Out – Session III,” Office of Mission and Ministry, October 30, 2018.

Panelist, “When Does Human Life Begin?” Sponsored by Center for Gender and Sexualities Studies and Campus Ministry, March 6, 2018.

“The Political Theology of the USCCB,” Department of Theology’s Political Theology Seminar, March 8, 2017.

General Audience Presentations

“Relationality and Justice: Sexual Ethics in a Contentious Age,” St. John’s on the Lake, Milwaukee (WI), October 24, 2018.

“Poverty: Responding Like Jesus,” Church in the 21st Century Center luncheon, Boston College, September 25, 2018.

“Pope Francis’s *Amoris Laetitia*,” Church of the Gesu, Milwaukee (WI), March 4, 2018.

“Christian Ethics and Physician Assisted Suicide,” Christ Church Episcopal Adult Faith Formation, Whitefish Bay (WI), February 22, 2017.

Honors, Grants, and Awards

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University, 2019

Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Small Research Grant, 2018

Humanities Connections Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer 2018,
(planning committee member)

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University 2016

Graduate Fellowship and research grant, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College, 2013–2014; reappointed 2014–2015.

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award (*Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*) 2012

Flatley Fellowship for tuition and annual stipend awarded for PhD program, Boston College, 2010–2015.

Full-tuition scholarships and second year stipend awarded for MTS program, University of Notre Dame 2008–2010.

Phi Alpha Theta (History Honor Society) 2008.

Phi Beta Kappa 2008.

Service

Department

Director of Undergraduate Studies	2019 –
Undergraduate Committee	2017 –
Director, Team Taught Theology 1001	2019 – 2020
	2017 – 2018
Faculty Advisor, Political Theology Seminar	2016 – 2018
Faculty Meeting Minutes	2016 – 2017
Faculty Search Committee	2015 – 2017
Social Committee	2015 – 2017

College

Premajor Advisor	2016 – 2018
Selection Committee, Bioethics Internship (ARSC 3896)	2016 – 2017

University

Director, Marquette Core Curriculum	2020 – 2023
University Board of Undergraduate Studies (<i>ex officio</i>)	2020 – 2023
University Assessment Committee (<i>ex officio</i>)	2020 – 2023
Honors Peer Mentoring Program	Fall 2020

Marquette Core Curriculum Committee	2018 – 2020
<i>(ex officio)</i>	2020 – 2023
Career Diversity Taskforce, Center for the Advancement of the Humanities	2019 – 2020
Marquette Mission Priority Examen Steering Committee	2019 – 2020
Honors Action Research Team	2019 – 2020
Core Curriculum Implementation Committee	2017 – 2018
Conversation Facilitator, Campus Ministry, Ignatian Leadership Retreat	Aug. 2017
Core Proposal Modification Review Committee	Spring 2017
Core Curriculum Revision Culminating Experience Task Force	Fall 2016
Core Curriculum Revision Working Group	Spring 2016

Academy

Convener, “Medicine as Just War? The Legacy of James Childress in Christian Ethics,” SCE Annual Meeting, Portland, OR	Jan. 2018
Invited Moderator, “The Challenges of <i>Amoris Laetitia</i> to Theologians and Pastors,” <i>Amoris Laetitia: A New Momentum for Moral Formation and Pastoral Practice</i> , Boston College	Oct. 2017
Moderator, “Moral Hermeneutics” Breakout Session <i>Biblical Ethics in the 21st Century</i> , Marquette University	Apr. 2016
Moderator, “Catholic Social Thought Topic Session” CTSA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA	Jun. 2014
Panelist, Teaching Assistant Orientation, Boston College	Aug. 2013
Peer Reviewer <i>Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics</i> <i>New Theology Review</i> <i>Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society</i> <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> <i>Journal of Culture, Society & Masculinities</i>	
Facilitator, Breakfast with an Author Discussion C. Melissa Snarr, <i>All You That Labor</i> (SCE Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL)	Jan. 2013

Courses Taught

Marquette University

Undergraduate

CORE 1929 Methods of Inquiry: Quality of Work Life
HOPR 1953 Theology, Ethics, and Campaign 2016
HOPR 1953 Why(,) College?
HOPR 2953 Depth of Meaning in a Superficial Age
THEO 1001 Introduction to Theology: God, Faith, the Good Life
THEO 1001 Team Taught Introduction to Theology: God Beyond Boundaries/God, Christ, and Human Transformation/Finding God in All Things
THEO 2400 Christian Discipleship (service-learning)
THEO 2400H Honors Christian Discipleship (service-learning)
THEO 4450/5450 Medical Ethics

Master's

THEO 6410 Introduction to Theological Ethics

Doctoral

THEO 8650 Special Questions in Moral Theology: Freedom, Sin, and Conscience

THEO 8711 Teaching Theology at the College Level

THEO 8995 Independent Study: Religious Pluralism, Migration, and Theological Ethics

THEO 8995 Independent Study: Theological Bioethics

THEO 8995 Independent Study: Gender, Anthropology, and Sexuality in Theological Ethics

Boston College

Undergraduate

THEO 1023 Exploring Catholicism I

THEO 1024 Exploring Catholicism II

THEO 1088 & PHIL 1088 Person and Social Responsibility I (teaching assistant)

THEO 1089 & PHIL 1089 Person and Social Responsibility II (teaching assistant)

Student Advising

Dissertation Committees

Caroline Redick (co-director)

Chris Krall, SJ

Stephen Calme

Kyle Potter

Wesley Sutermeister – Spring 2020

PhD Doctoral Qualifying Examination Committees

Chris Krall, SJ – May 2019 (chair)

Caroline Redick – Feb. 2018 (chair)

Sara Hulse – Dec. 2017 (chair)

Kyle Potter – Apr. 2017

Jason Hitchcock – Dec. 2016

Wesley Sutermeister – Nov. 2016

Matthew S. C. Olver – Apr. 2016

MA Degree Papers

Jacquie Fankell (supervisor) – 2017

Aaron T. McCoy (second reader) – 2016

Mitchell Owens (second reader) – 2016

MACD Degree Papers

Dianne Marshall (director) – 2018

Professional Development

Jesuit Education and Ignatian Pedagogy Faculty Seminar, Marquette

Spring 2016

Apprenticeship in College Teaching, Boston College Certificate

2012–2013

Teaching and Research Interests

Areas of Course Development:

Christian Ethics
Fundamental Moral Theology
Sexual Ethics
Contemporary Catholic Theology

Virtue Ethics
Healthcare Ethics
Theology and Higher Education
Theology and Everyday Life

Areas of Ongoing Research

Theology of Work
Theology of Leisure
Structural Sin
Theology and Contemporary Culture

Sexual Ethics
Social Ethics
Healthcare Ethics
Ethics for Ordinary Life

Languages

French: Passed Graduate Reading Exam
German: Passed Graduate Reading Exam
Italian: Basic reading proficiency
Latin: Basic reading proficiency

Activities

7 Time Marathon Finisher (including two Boston Marathons)
Summited Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania (August 2008)

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