

Kathryn (Kathy) Lilla Cox
Visiting Research Associate in Theology
University of San Diego, CA
klillacox@sandiego.edu

Education

Fordham University, Bronx, NY

Ph.D., Theology, February 2007

Concentration: Contemporary Systematics, Moral Theology

M.A., Theology, February 1999

University of Detroit, Detroit, MI

Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, May 1989

Major: Biology; Minor: Chemistry

Michigan Teaching Certification, May 1990

DISSERTATION: Successfully defended, November 2006

Karl Rahner's Theology of Concupiscence and the Role of Affect in Normative Theory: A Contemporary Dialogue

Areas of Concentration and Research Interests:

Fundamental Moral Theology, Contemporary Systematic Theology, Feminist Theology, Science and Theology, Reproductive Technology Ethics, Marriage and Infertility

Professional Experience

University of San Diego, CA

Research Associate, Visiting Scholar of Theology, August 2018 to Present

College of St. Benedict/Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN

St. John's University School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, MN

Assistant Professor of Theology, August 2007-Spring 2013

Associate Professor of Theology, 2013 to May, 2018

Undergraduate Courses taught: *The Biblical Tradition; Moral Theology; Thinking Theologically;*

Theology, Biomedical & Healthcare Ethics,

Discernment and Christian Decision Making

Graduate Courses taught: *Fundamental Moral Theology; Special Topics in Moral Theology;*

Pneumatology; Ethics in a Global Church

Fordham University, Bronx, NY

Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, September 2006-November 2006

Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, November 2006- May 2007

Courses taught: *Faith and Critical Reason*

Graduate Teaching Associate, Fall 2004 and Spring 2001

Courses taught: *Faith and Critical Reason with a service component, Faith and Critical Reason*

Related Professional Experience

St. Agnes Boys High School – Science Teacher, 1992-1996

Office of Pastoral Formation, Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY

Instructor in Pastoral Formation Program, November 2000 to January 2001, November 2001 to January 2002

Helped develop curriculum for and taught the moral theology course: “Living the Christian Life.”

Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip, NY

Co-Instructor with Father Michael Vetrano, October 2001

Taught five-session liturgy course: “From Last Supper to Last Sunday: Why We Pray the Way We Do.”

Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church, Melville, NY

Instructor, October 1999 and May 2000

Taught two five-session courses in the parish’s adult formation program; the first course covered liturgical reforms since Vatican II and the connection between Eucharistic liturgy and daily living. The second course covered how to live life more fully in God’s presence through different devotions and forms of prayer.

Academic Publications

Monograph:

Water Shaping Stone: Faith, Relationships, and Conscience Formation. Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier imprint, Liturgical Press, 2015. Catholic Press Association 2016 First Place Winner in the Category Faithful Citizenship/Religious Freedom

Peer Reviewed Articles:

“Toward a Theology of Infertility and the Role of *Donum Vitae*” *Horizons Journal of the College Theology Society* 40, no. 1 (June 2013): 28-52.

Invited Book Chapters:

“Christian Ethics and Reason” in *T&T Clark Handbook to Christian Ethics*, edited by Tobias Winright, (London: T & T Clark) anticipated publication date 2020.

“Infertility: A Lens for Discerning Parenthood in Marriage,” in *Love, Sex, and Families: Catholic Perspectives*, edited by Julie Hanlon Rubio and Jason King, (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press Academic, 2020): 47-57.

“Beyond ‘Cannot Be Resolved’: Considering Ways Forward for Frozen Embryos.” In *Putting God on the Map: Theology and Conceptual Mapping*, Erin S. Kidd and Jakob Karl Rinderknecht eds. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2018): 213-238.

“Green Solidarity: Liberation Theology, the Ecological Crisis, and the Poor.” In *Green Discipleship*, edited by Tobias Winright, (Winona, MN: St. Mary’s Press, 2011): 266-284.

Invited Journal Articles:

“A Clouded View: How Language Shapes Moral Perception” *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 63:1 & 2 (2011): 84-96. This article can be accessed [online](#).

Essays and Other Work

“The Duty of White Christians to Dismantle the Idolatry of Racism,” National Catholic Reporter, [online July 3, 2020](#)

Reflection on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2020. Online at www.catholicwomenpreach.org

“Insignificantly Significant,” *Human Development*, Vol. 40, no. 1 (Fall, 2019): 6-17.

Book Reviews

Hansen, Danielle Tumminio. *Conceiving Family: A Practical Theology of Surrogacy and Self*. Baylor University Press, Waco, TX: 2019. *Journal of Moral Theology*, Vol. 9, no. 2 (June, 2020): 198-200.

DiLeo, Daniel R., ed. *All Creation Is Connected: Voices in Response to Pope Francis’s Encyclical on Ecology*. Anselm Academic: Winona, MN, 2018. *Journal of Moral Theology*, Vol. 8, no. 2 (June, 2019): 148-150.

Allen, R.S.M., Sister Prudence. *The Concept of Woman: Volume III, The Search for the Communion of Persons, 1500–2015*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2016. *Theological Studies*, Vol. 79, no. 3 (September, 2018): 691-692.

Wroblewski, Jessica. *The Limits of Hospitality*. Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier imprint, Liturgical Press, 2012. *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* 36, no. 2 (Fall-Winter 2016): 215-217.

Vasko, Elisabeth T. *Beyond Apathy: A theology for Bystanders*. Fortress Press, MN: 2015. *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* 36, no. 2 (Fall-Winter 2016): 215-217.

Magill, Gerard. *Religious Morality in John Henry Newman: Hermeneutics of the Imagination*. New York, London: Springer International Publishing, 2015. *Horizons* 43, no. 1 (June 2016): 228-229.

Eifler, Karen E. and Thomas M. Landy, eds. *Becoming Beholders: Cultivating Sacramental Imagination and Actions in College Classrooms*. (Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier imprint, Liturgical Press, 2014. *Worship* 90, no. 1 (January 2016): 76-78.

Curran, Charles E. and Lisa A. Fullam, eds. *Ethics and Spirituality: Readings in Moral Theology No. 17*. New York: Paulist Press, 2014. *Horizons* 42 no. 1 (June 2015): 197-198.

Harwood, Karey. *The Infertility Treadmill: Feminist ethics, Personal choice, and the use of reproductive technologies*. Chapel Hill, NC: The University of North Carolina Press, 2007.
Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics 33, no. 2 (September 1, 2013): 209-210.

Hoose, Bernard, Julie Clague, and Gerard Mannion, eds. *Moral Theology for the 21st Century: Essays in Celebration of Kevin Kelly*. New York, London: T & T Clark, 2008. *Worship* 83, no. 4 (July 2009): 373-375.

McCarthy, David Matzko and M. Therese Lysaught, eds. *Gathered for the Journey: An Introduction to Catholic Moral Theology*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2007.
Worship 82, no. 5 (September 2008): 470-471.

Academic Conference Presentations (Peer Reviewed)

“Beyond Laboring: Fostering the Love of Learning and the Desire for God in Theological Education” accepted for the Catholic Theological Society of America Conference forthcoming June 2020 in Baltimore, MD. – *Postponed to June 2021 due to COVID-19*.

“Graced Sinfulness: Ecclesial Culture and Conscience Formation”, The Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY, January 3 to 6, 2019 on January 5, 2019.

“Engaging Various Sciences in Service of Theological Ethics” Poster Presentation at the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, Sarajevo Bosnia-Herzegovina, July 26 to July 29, 2018.
 “Important precursors to action: Thoughts in Psychology, Cognitive Linguistics, and Theology” at the European Society for the Study of Science and Theology, Lodz Poland, April 26 to May 1 2016.

“The Role of Women Professors in Priestly Formation Fifty Years after Vatican II” at the “Still Strangers in our own house?” conference held in Chicago November 7, 2015 (Co-presented paper with Angela Senander, PhD)

“Putting on the Mind of Christ: Conversion of Thoughts” the Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami, June 2013

“Nourishing Moral Theology at the Scriptural Table,” New Wine, New Wineskins Symposium, Notre Dame, July 26-29, 2012 on July 28.

“A Mosaic Approach to Moral Action Theory: Psychological, Biological, and Theological Contributions” presented at The Society of Christian Ethics, New Orleans, January 7, 2011

“Moral Action’s Missing link – A Community’s Emotional Geography” at the Second Conference of Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, Trento Italy, July 24-27, 2010

“*Donum Vitae*: Moral Edict or Counter-Cultural Anthropological Statement?” at The Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, January 9, 2009

"Vocation and the Fundamental Option: Frameworks for a Transcendental analysis of Moral Action" at New Wine, New Wineskins Conference, Notre Dame, July 31-August 3, 2008

“Opening our Moral Imagination: Metaphor and Feminist Ethics” at The Society of Christian Ethics, Miami, January 2005

Invited Scholarly Presentations

“Living into Collaboratively Carrying Forth Benedictine Practices and Wisdom” at Benedictine Education Network Conference, Sydney Australia, September 30 to October 4, 2019. Keynote delivered October 1.

“Living the Mission Well in Daily Life: Hope from Dynamic Engagement with the Moral Tradition” at The Mission Integration Institute, University of San Diego, San Diego CA. June 11-15, delivered June 14, 2018; invited again for June 10-14, 2019 and delivered June 13, 2019.

“Transcending Women’s States of Life: Insights into our Giftedness from Scripture, the Rule of Benedict, and Infertility” at Women of the Church Conference, Ferdinand IN, October 7-9, 2016.

“Catholic Social Teaching” for Collegium held St. John’s University, Collegeville MN, June 24, 2015

Invited Workshops

“Presence and Absence: Benedictine Practices in my/our work,” at Benedictine Education Network Conference, Sydney Australia, September 30 to October 4, 2019. Workshop delivered October 1 and 3.

“Conscience and Conscience Formation” and “God’s Tenderness and Mercy” at St. John’s Abbey, Collegeville, MN September 22-23, 2017 for the Young Adult Retreat from the Basilica of Saint Mary

“Seasons of the Moral Life” Theology Day for St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, MN. Presentations on March 20, 2015 (SJU), March 26, 2015 (Anaheim, CA), April 17, 2015 (Maple Grove, MN)

“Moral Agency and Conscience Formation” – Three session Workshop to St. John’s Abbey, Collegeville, MN, January 7 and 8, 2013. Session Titles: Conscience in the Tradition: An Intellectual Inquiry; Moral Deliberation as a Communal Responsibility; Disagreement: Dissent or a form of Fidelity.

“Faith and Reason: Developing a Formed Conscience” - Theology Day for St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, MN September 28, 2012, November 2, 2012 and Church of St. Mary Alexandria, MN, October 11, 2012

Two-Part Workshop and a third Question and Answer Session on Conscience Formation to St. Benedict Monastery, St. Joseph, MN, February 25, March 17, and June 16, 2012

“Emotions and Moral Decision Making” In-Service for Spiritual Directors, Evin Hall St. Benedict’s Monastery, St. Joseph, MN January 22, 2011

“How Do We Make Moral Decisions?” – Theology Day for St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, MN (November 6 and 20, 2009) and Basilica of St. Mary Minneapolis, MN (December 1, 2009)

“Pastoral Care at the End of Life” workshop given at St. John's Abbey Guest House, Collegeville, MN, January 28 – January 29, 2008

Public and Pastoral presentations

“Emotions and Moral Decision Making” at St. Gertrude Monastery, Cottonwood, ID, September 5, 2018

“The Gospel, Elections & Our Conscience” at Christ our Light, Princeton, MN, November 2, 2016

“The Gospel, National Elections, and the Vote of Conscience,” St. Joseph, MN, October 17, 2016

“The Sacrament of Marriage – A Historical Perspective,” part of a “Day of Reflection and Conversation on Marriage: Why has it Changed So Much?” with Vincent Smiles at Christ Our Light Parish, Princeton/Zimmerman, MN March 25, 2012

“Christian Morality” presented at the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, MN for their RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) class, January 31, 2012

“Developments in Church Teaching on Nutrition and Hydration” for Sundays at the Abbey Series, St. John’s Abbey, Collegeville, MN March 27, 2011

“Catholic Healthcare, Approaches to the End of Life, and Developments in Church Teaching on Nutrition and Hydration” presented at Healthcare East Hospice, St. Paul, MN, February 9, 2011.

“Ethical Issues and the Church’s Approach to the End of Life” presented at St. Therese Church, Deephaven, MN, October 12, 2010

“Moral Theology: Historical and Contemporary Insights” Presentation to St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary Board Members and Friends, Plymouth, MN, July 13, 2010

“If and When to Pull the Plug: Ethical Issues and the Church’s Approach to the End of Life”, St. Paul’s Monastery, St. Paul, MN, April 5, 2010

“*Donum Vitae*: Moral Edict or a Challenge to the Culture?” Presentation for the School of Theology and Seminary Board of Overseers, Collegeville, MN, March 11, 2009

“Ethical Issues in Catholic Healthcare: An Overview” presented at Cabrini Medical Center, Manhattan, NY, August 2006

“Praying the Rosary” for Our Lady of Lourdes - Rosary Christian Mothers Society, West Islip, NY, May 2002

“Advent Time for Preparation, Christmas Time for Celebration” presented at St. Elizabeth Spiritual Life Center in Melville, NY, December 2000

Professional Membership

Society of Christian Ethics, Catholic Theological Society of America, College Theology Society, American Academy of Religion

Professional Service

Society of Christian Ethics – session convener (2005, 2009-2011, 2018)

Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics – paper referee (2008-2011, 2014-2015, 2017, 2018, 2020)

Editorial Board Member- *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* –January 2015 to January 2018

Blind peer reviewer for: *Horizons, Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, Journal of Moral Theology*

Catholic Theological Society of America –

Theology of Migration Topic Session moderator (2009)

Theology of Migration Interest Group moderator (2010-2012)

Women’s Consultation in Constructive Theology (Catholic Theological Society of America)

Co-Convener (2018- present)

Steering Committee (2015- 2018)

Community Service

Fordham University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Leadership Committee (2018-present)

Home Owners Association Roof Committee – January 2020 to Present

Franciscan Community Volunteers St. Cloud, MN Board Member, three year term (2011-2013)

University, Departmental, and School of Theology and Seminary Service

University Service: College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University (CSB/SJU) –

Graduate Theological Studies Committee - (2010- 2013, 2014-spring 2017)

Moral Theology Lecture Series Committee - (2009-2012)

Enhancing the Inclusivity of our Campus Climate Task Force (SJU only) - Fall 2011

Intercultural Directions Council Task Force Looking at the Ethics of Difference - 2011-2012

School of Theology Faculty Senate Representative (1 year replacement term 2009-2010, fall 2017)

Catholic Benedictine Tradition Academic Integration Committee (2016- fall 2017)

St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary Service–

Coordinator for the Association of Theological Schools Self-study for Reaccreditation (spring 2016 to Fall 2017)

Faculty advisor for students and for graduate papers

Comprehensive exam board member

Th.M. Thesis advisor, second reader for MA thesis (See listing under Service to students)

Mid-degree Assessment committee for ministry students - (spring 2012 to fall 2017)

Chair and Organizer Changing Faces Lecture and Workshop - (2011-2012)
Admissions Committee - (2008-2010)
Search Committee for the Director of Admissions position - (2008-09)
Member ATS Self-Study Committee on Admissions and Student Services (2007-08)

Department of Theology Service CSB/SJU–

Upper Division Theology Assessment Committee (2009 – 2013)
Program Review Sub-Committee on Curricular Relationships and Resources Reports, Chair
(2011 – 2013)
Faculty advisor to theology majors/minors
Capstone Course Committee (2007-09)
Upper Division Theology Requirement Committee (2007-09)

Joint Department of Theology (CSBS/SJU) and St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary Service

Pursuit of Wisdom co-coordinator (2014 – 2016)
Search committee for Systematic term position (2010-11)
Search committee for Liturgy tenure track position (2008-09)

Service to Students and the University Community

“Reflections on Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Sarajevo Conference Building Bridges,” for University of San Diego Theology and Religious Studies Department Colloquium, September 13, 2018.

Lessons from Charlottesville: Free Speech v. Hate Speech Panelist, CSB/SJU September 20, 2017

“Common Ground,” presentation to St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary incoming students, August 24, 2017

Panelist discussing play “Mercy Killers”, Stephen B. Humphrey Theater, SJU, November 10 and 11, 2016

Catholic Principles and voting one’s conscience in the 2016 Election panelist, CSB/SJU, October 13, 2016

“Shaped by Faith: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement” presentation as part of MLK Teach-In, January 18, 2016

“Conscience and the Voting Booth” session four of a four-part series, "Examining the complexity and nuance of the proposed Minnesota Marriage Amendment" looking at the proposed Minnesota Marriage Amendment through different lenses, October 8, 2012

Conversation about ethical issues in medicine with Pre-Med club, May 2, 2012

Co-facilitator for Companions on a Journey group, Fall 2009 to Spring 2013

Member of Panel Discussion of “No Taxpayer Funding Abortion Act” March, 4, 2011

Member of Panel Discussion sponsored by Cultural Affairs Panel, “Homosexuality and Catholicism”
October 27, 2010

Independent study advisor for two students (2009 -2010, spring 2011)

Service to Students regarding their Scholarship

Graduate Students:

Director for Henry Omeike, C.Ss.R, Th.M. Thesis titled *A Theological Retrieval of Communal Parenting as a Moral Response to Baby Stealing and Childlessness in Nigeria* (defended Spring 2017)

Director for Mary Ann Kish’s, MD, Th.M Thesis, titled *An End to HIV/AIDS?: Examining Several Moral Questions Raised by Two New Methods of Preventing HIV Infection* (defended Spring 2013)

Director for Elizabeth Cunneen’s Th.M Thesis, titled *Living both in Heaven and on Earth: Adrienne von Speyr’s Paradoxical Life and Theological Insights in Conversation with Systematic Theology* (defended Spring 2013)

Second Reader for Adam Fitzpatrick’s M.A. Thesis, titled *Interaction and Mystery in Relationships and the Self* (defended Fall 2012).

Second Reader for Kelly Prosen’s M.A. Thesis titled *From Terror into Beauty: Christology and Its Impact on Theological Aesthetics in the Work of Hans Urs von Balthasar and Elizabeth Johnson* (defended Fall 2010).

Undergraduate Students:

Second Reader for Laura Hey & Kate Nowakowski’s Joint Honors Undergraduate Thesis *Understanding the Vocation of Health Professionals* (2012-2013 Academic Year)

Faculty Sponsor for undergraduate Alyssa Brown’s essay submission to the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics Essay Contest 2013. Essay submitted in December 2012, notification 2013.
Essay title: *Različítost Obogačuje (Our Differences Make Us Richer)*

Second Reader for Maria Sausen’s Honors Undergraduate Thesis *An Introduction To Stem Cells With A Focus On Those Found In Umbilical Cord Blood* (defended spring 2009)