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Education

2020 anticipated	Ph.D., Theology University of Dayton Dayton, OH <i>Dissertation: A Social Grace: U.S. Catholic Social Movements in the Twentieth Century</i> Committee: Vincent J. Miller (director), Kevin Ahern (outside reader), Neomi De Anda, Dennis Doyle, Sandra Yocum Candidacy Exam passed, August 2018
Comprehensive Exams	Biblical Studies Historical Theology Systematic Theology Moral Theology Christian Ethics
2014	First State Examination (equivalent to a M.Ed.), Theology, English, History University of Duisburg-Essen Essen, Germany
2012	Completion of “Grundstudium” (equivalent to B.A.), Theology, English, History University of Duisburg-Essen Essen, Germany
Other Coursework	Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA (2011)

Teaching Experience

Fall 2020	Adjunct Faculty THL 105: Introduction to Theological Studies St. Joseph’s College of Marian University Indianapolis, IN
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Spring 2020 **Instructor**
REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological Studies
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH

Adjunct Faculty
PHL 130: Philosophy of Human Nature and Person
St. Joseph's College of Marian University
Indianapolis, IN

Fall 2019 **Instructor**
REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological Studies
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH

Spring 2019 **Instructor**
REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological Studies
REL 266: Faith Traditions: Moral Reasoning
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH

Fall 2018 **Instructor**
REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological Studies
REL 266: Faith Traditions: Moral Reasoning
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH

Spring 2018 **Instructor**
2 Sections of REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological
Studies
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH

Fall 2017 **Instructor**
2 Sections of REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological
Studies
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH

Spring 2017 **Instructor**
REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological Studies
University of Dayton
Dayton, OH

Fall 2016 **Instructor**
REL 103: Introduction to Religion and Theological Studies
University of Dayton

Dayton, OH

- 2012 **Religion and English as a Second Language Teacher**
“Burggymnasium” High School
Essen, Germany
- 2010 **History and Religion Teacher**
Alfred-Krupp High School
Essen, Germany

Research and Teaching Interests

Catholic Social Teaching
Christian Ethics
Moral Theology
American Catholicism
Systematic Theology
Ecclesiology
Religion and American Culture

Publications

- 2020 “The Power of #Hashtags: Envisioning Solidarity in the Digital Sphere,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 17, no. 2 (2020): 195-218.
- In progress “César Chávez, Dolores Huerta, and the United Farm Worker: Forming an Egalitarian Earth Ethic,” Submitted for review in September 2020.

Book Reviews

- 2020 McDonald, Arthur. *A Progressive Voice in the Catholic Church: Association of Pittsburgh Priests, 1966-2019*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2019. *Journal of Moral Theology* 9, no. 2 (2020): 208-209.
- Brady, Bernard. *Essential Catholic Social Thought*. 2nd Edition. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2017. *Horizons* 47, no. 1 (June 2020): 144-145.

Academic Presentations

- 2020
- “Saints and Sinners? The Catonsville Nine and Cultural Change in the United States.” Stander Symposium, Dayton, OH, April 2020.
- “‘A House of Hostility!’ The Catholic Worker, Pacifism, and the Doctrine of the Mystical Body.” Annual Fordham Theological Graduate Student Association Conference, New York City, NY, April 2020.
- 2019
- “Response to Kelly Johnson’s Paper ‘The Mastery Delusion: Toward a Christological Property Ethic.’” Religious Studies Department Colloquy, Dayton, OH, November 2019.
- “Solidarity 2.0.: Twitter, The Digital Age, and Catholic Social Activism.” The University of Dayton Ph.D. in Theology Twentieth Anniversary, 1999-2019: After Culture, After New Evangelization, Where Do We Go from Here?, Dayton, OH, September 2019.
- “The Power of #Hashtags: The Praxis of Solidarity in the Digital Sphere.” 65th Annual Convention of the College Theology Society (CTS), South Bend, IN, May 2019.
- “Hashtags as Liberating Praxis: Twitter, Social Movements, and Solidarity.” Annual Conference of the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Muncie, IN, March 2019.
- 2018
- “A Great Divide? The Catonsville Nine as a Source for the Recent Left-Right Debate in Catholicism.” 2018 Spring Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA), Emmitsburg, MD, April 2018.
- “Cesar Chavez and Social Activism through the Lens of Ecojustice.” Annual Conference of the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Muncie, IN, March 2018.
- “Christian Hospitality and ‘The Wall’: A Response to Recent Immigration Legislature.” Panel on Religious Concepts of Hospitality, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH, February 2018.
- 2017
- “Catholic Environmental Movements and Structural Change in the 21st Century: Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers, and Social Movement Theory.” 63rd Annual Convention of the College Theology Society (CTS), Newport, RI, June 2017.
- “Joseph Cardijn and Catholic Social Teaching: An Interdisciplinary Approach.” Stander Symposium, Dayton, OH, March 2017.

“Christian Hospitality and Immigration: Toward a Renewed Theology of Hospitality in the Light of Current US Politics.” Annual Conference of the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Muncie, IN, February 2017.

2016 “Response to William Portier’s forthcoming Monograph *Catholicism in America*.” Religious Studies Department Colloquy, Dayton, OH, September 2016.

Fellowships and Awards

2019 Graduate Student Summer Fellowship

2019 CTSA Dolores L. Christie Convention Scholarship

2018 Graduate Student Summer Fellowship

2016 Graduate Student Summer Fellowship

2011 PROMOS Travel Award to aid with travel expenses for individually designed research projects

Academic and Professional Service

2020 - Present Member, Steering Committee, Catholic Social Thought Topic Session Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)

2017 – 2019 Elected Graduate Student Representative for the Department of Religious Studies
University of Dayton

2016 – 2018 Member of the Library Committee for the Department of Religious Studies
University of Dayton

2017 Volunteer
Catholic Charities Indianapolis Refugee & Immigrant Services
Indianapolis, IN

2016 Ruhlman Award Committee Member
University of Dayton

2013 Planning Team
1st Symposium of the “Days of Religious Orientation”

Essen, Germany

Team Member

Workshop for Employees for the Implementation of the Diocese's
New Visionary Guidelines for the Future.

Essen, Germany

2012

Project group

Implementation of a "new" honorary office

Convent of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Essen

Essen, Germany

2011 – 2014

Member of the Convent of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Essen

Essen, Germany

Professional Experience

2010-2014

Youth Minister

St. Altfried Parish

Essen, Germany

Ecclesial and Professional Presentations

2013

"Interdisciplinary Experimental Approaches to Enhance Learning
within Catechetical Structures."

Day of Catechesis

"Religious Educative Approaches for the Collaboration with Schools
for Mentally and Physically Disabled Students."

1st Symposium of the "Days of Religious Orientation"

Essen, Germany

2012

"Developmental Psychology and the Experience of Faith."

Day of Catechesis

Cologne, Germany

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

American Academy of Religion

Catholic Theological Society of America

American Catholic Historical Association

College Theology Society

Society of Christian Ethics

Languages

German
Native language

French
Proficiency in reading

Latin
Proficiency in reading

Biblical Hebrew
Proficiency in reading