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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Duquesne University

Pittsburgh, PA.

Dissertation: *Jean-Luc Marion and Gianni Vattimo's Contributions for the Postmodern Faith*

Director: Marie L. Baird, Ph.D.; Committee: Sebastian Madathummuriyil, Ph.D. & George Worgul, Ph.D.

M.A. Villanova University, Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies

Villanova, PA.

B.A. Gannon University, Bachelor of Arts in Theology with Minors in History and Philosophy,

Magna Cum Laude

Erie, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

FALL 2019 - PRESENT

Religious Studies

Elms College, Chicopee, MA

- REL 2063: Religion and Sci-Fi (Spring 2021)
- Independent Study: Contemporary Issues in Christology (Fall 2020)
- Independent Study: Liberation Theology (Fall 2020)
- IDS 1001-02: First Year Seminar (Fall 2020)
- REL 2001:01: Faith and Revelation (Fall 2020)
- REL 2105-BDE:01-02: World Religions: Eastern Traditions (Summer II 2020, Fall II 2020, Spring I 2021)
- Independent Study: Introduction to the Bible (Spring 2020)
- REL 2104: 01-02: World Religions: Eastern Traditions (Spring 2020, Spring 2021)
- REL 2004: 01: Contemporary Christian Ethics (Spring 2020)
- REL 6303: 01: Society, Church, and Ethics (Spring 2020)
- REL 2105: 02-04: World Religions: Western Traditions (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
- REL 1001: 01: Contemporary Catholicism (Fall 2019)

INSTRUCTOR

FALL 2011, FALL 2012, AND FALL 2016 - SPRING 2019

Department of Theology

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

- UCOR 141: Biblical and Historical Perspectives (Fall 2018 and Spring 2019)
- UCOR 143: Global and Cultural Perspectives – World Religions (Spring 2018, Fall 2018, and Spring 2019)
- UCOR 152: Theological Ethics (Fall 2016, Spring and Fall 2017, and Spring 2018)
- THEO 280: Faith and Reason (Fall 2011 and Fall 2012)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2009 – 2013

Department of Theology

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

- Editorial Work: Drs. Bogdan Bucur (Duquesne) and Dragoş Andrei Giulea. Spring 2013
Outcome: Giulea, *Pre-Nicene Christology in Paschal Contexts: The Case of the Divine Noetic Anthropos* (Brill, 2013)
- IHP 145: Honor's Theology: Postcolonial Theologies – Dr. Gerald Boodoo Spring 2013
Assisted with attendance, weekly quizzes, multimedia presentations, and writing assignments as required.
- UCOR 254: Health Care Ethics: Philosophy – Dr. Aaron Mackler Spring 2013
Research regarding posthumanism, transhumanism, eugenics, and bio-genics research for a forthcoming publication.

- THEO 230: The Church – Dr. Maureen O’Brien Spring 2012
Special lectures on Gerard Mannion’s, *Ecclesiology and Postmodernity: Questions for the Church in Our Time* in conjunction with the Assisi 2012 Conference, “Where we Dwell in Common: Pathways for Dialogue in the 21st Century”
- UCOR 152: Theological Ethics - Dr. James Bailey Spring 2010 and 2011
Special lectures on “The Affordable Care Act of 2009,” “Feminism and Martha Nussbaum’s *Sex and Social Justice*,” and “Slavery, Racism, and the Civil Rights Movement in America.”
- UCOR 253: Health Care Ethics – Dr. James Bailey & Elizabeth Agnew Cochran Fall 2009 and 2010
Assisted with the daily routine of class, conducted examinations, and guest lectured as needed.

TEACHER**2005 – 2009**

Department of Religious Studies

St. Joseph’s Preparatory School, Philadelphia, PA

- Sophomore Curriculum: Contemporary New Testament Studies and Roman Catholic Sacraments; included discussions of the summer book study: Herman Hesse’s, *Siddhartha*.
- Freshmen Curriculum: World Religions, Contemporary Old Testament Studies, and Human Sexual Ethics; included discussions of the summer book study: Chaim Potok’s, *The Chosen*.

POSITIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**GRADUATE ASSISTANT****JULY – AUGUST 2016****The Center for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and the CORE Curriculum****Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA**

- Served as a liaison and schedule coordinator for the Director’s many projects (*Religious Studies Review*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, the CORE Curriculum, Middle States Working Group 1, etc.)
- Analyzed and collated information relating to Core Curriculum projects from seventeen different public and private institutions in the United States as part of the CORE Director’s systematic review of Duquesne’s program
- Updated and maintained the relevant University CORE Curriculum web pages, handbook, and course proposal documents
- Designed the CORE Curriculum infographic and information documents
- Maintained a working list of authors and distributed materials and books for *Religious Studies Review*, ethics section

UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTIONAL CONSULTANT**JULY 2015 – JULY 2016****INSTRUCTIONAL CONSULTANT FOR TAS****JULY 2013 - JULY 2015****Center for Teaching Excellence, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA**

- Consulted with and provided resources for Teaching Assistants across campus
- Organized, planned, and facilitated orientation sessions for new TAs and adjunct instructors, including the new 2015 Online Orientation for Adjunct Faculty (cteorientation.wordpress.com)
- Led the Certificate of University Teaching programs
- Partnered with the Associate Director of CTE, English as a Second Language (ESL), and the Director of International Programs to support International Teaching Assistants and Graduate Students
- Facilitated and revised CTE’s annual workshop offerings for Teaching Assistants
- Developed, facilitated, and collaborated on workshops and book studies for instructors across the university

PEER REVIEWED ACADEMIC PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- “I’m Sorry, You Teach What?: A Discussion of Theology at our Colleges and Universities;” The Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Challenges and Opportunities for the Catholic University in the 21st Century, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (Virtual Conference)

October 2020
- “The Frenchman and the Torinese: Foucault and Vattimo in the Aftermath of 1968,” College Theology Society: Sixty-Fourth Annual Convention (“‘You Say You Want a Revolution?’ 1968-2018 in Theological Perspective”), St. Catherine’s University, St. Paul, MN

1 June 2018
- “Gianni Vattimo and the Possibility of Religious Pluralism in Postmodern Christianity,” College Theology Society: Sixty-Third Annual Convention (“American Catholicism in the 21st Century: Crossroads, Crisis, or Renewal?”), Salve Regina University

2 June 2017
- “Complement Student Learning with Mobile Tech,” 2015 Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA

23 November 2015
- “Augustine’s Approval and Vattimo’s Concern: Authority in Postmodernism,” 2014 Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University

2 May 2014
- “Reconciliation in Northern Ireland,” College Theology Society: 57th Annual Convention (“They Shall Be Called Children of God: Violence, Transformation, and the Sacred”), Iona College

3 June 2011
- “The Roman Catholic Church in Post-World War II Europe: The principle of subsidiarity and Pius XII,” 2011 Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University

6 May 2011
- Colloquium Presentation: “Catholic Social Teaching, the Common Good, and Access to Health Care,” 2010 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University

28 October 2010

Invited Guest Lectures

- “On Buddhism,” for Dan Chelotti and Ray Curran’s course on ‘Nothing.’

19 November 2019

Book Reviews

- “*Building Bridges in Sarajevo: The Plenary Papers from CTEWC 2018*. Kristen E. Heyer, James F. Keenan, Andrea Vicini, eds. New York, NY, Orbis Books (2019).” Catholic Books Review, <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2021/heyer.html> (2021).

January 2021
- “*If Nuns Ruled the World: Ten Sisters on a Mission*. Jo Piazza. New York, NY, Open Road Media (2014).” *Religious Studies Review*, 43, no. 1 (2017).

March 2017
- “*Beyond Church and State: Democracy, Secularism, and Conversion*. Matthew Scherer. New York, NY, Cambridge University Press, 2013.” *Political Theology*, 17, no. 3 (2016): 210-11.

April 2016
- “*Bonhoeffer, Christ and Culture*. Keith L. Johnson and Timothy Larson, eds. Downers Grove, IL, IVP Academic, 2013.” *Political Theology*, 17, no. 1 (2016): 107-8.

March 2016
- “*Against Dogmatism: Dwelling in Faith and Doubt*. Madhuri M. Yadlapati. Urbana, IL, University of Illinois Press, 2013. \$20.00,” *Religious Studies Review*, 41, no. 3 (2015): 101.

September 2015
- “*Faith in the Face of Empire: The Bible Through Palestinian Eyes*. Mitri Raheb. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2014. \$24.00,” *Religious Studies Review*, 41, no. 2 (2015): 63-4.

June 2015

Duquesne University's Center for Teaching Excellence – Blog Contributions

- “Reflective Learning: Asking Students to ‘Live the Fourth,’” 12 January 2017
<https://flourishingacademic.wordpress.com/2015/01/12/reflective-learning/>
- “Happy Thanksgiving,” 24 November 2014
<https://flourishingacademic.wordpress.com/2014/11/24/happy-thanksgiving/>
- “Who Are You? Pitching to your Students,” 15 September 2014
<https://flourishingacademic.wordpress.com/2014/09/15/who-are-you-pitching-to-your-students/>

INTERDISCIPLINARY PRESENTATIONS

- Office of International Programs, Interdisciplinary Orientation
Duquesne University August 2015
- Mylan School of Pharmacy and Bayer School of Natural and Environmental
Sciences, University Orientation August 2013, 2014, & 2015
- “Sandwich Your Student Learning,” 2014 Mylan Pharmacy School Faculty
Retreat, Oglebay Resort, Wheeling, WV January 2014

SERVICE TO THE ELMS AND THE FIELD OF THEOLOGY

- Collaborative Projects, Elms Campus Ministry. Programs include a
forthcoming discussion on *water* in religious traditions, interfaith prayer
services, and retreat planning. Spring - Summer 2020
- ITPS Certificate Proposal and Presentation, Diocese of Springfield, MA October 2019 - February 2020
- Co-Convener, Philosophy of Religion Section, College Theology Society
(CTS) 2019 - 2021

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Career development and academic teaching support via the management of
www.duq.edu/cte, Duquesne University's Center for Teaching Excellence
website July 2013 – July 2016
- Evaluation Committee for the Graduate Student Award for Excellence in
Teaching, Duquesne University 2013 - 2016
Spring 2014 and Spring 2015 as a non-voting advisor to the committee
Spring 2013 as a voting member of the committee
- Contributing Editor and Writer: Duquesne University's Center for Teaching
Excellence's *The Flourishing Academic*, flourishingacademic.wordpress.com August 2014 – August 2015
- Acknowledgement for editing work, Dragoş Andrei Giulea, *Pre-Nicene
Christology in Paschal Contexts: The Case of the Divine Anthropos* (Boston: Brill,
2013). 2013

AWARDS

- Faculty Development Grant Recipient November 2019
Elms College, Chicopee, MA
- Nominee – The 2018 K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award 2018
Association of American Colleges & Universities; Washington, D.C.
- Department of Theology, Teaching Assistantship 2016 - 2017
Duquesne University; Pittsburgh, PA
- University Provost's Award, Tuition Remission 2015 - 2016
Duquesne University; Pittsburgh, PA
- Department of Theology, Teaching Assistantship and Tuition Remission 2009 - 2013
Duquesne University; Pittsburgh, PA