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EDUCATION

Boston College, Ph.D. in Ethics (Dept. of Theology), 2010. *Dissertation: "The Future of Global Governance: Towards a Catholic Contribution Regarding the Idea of State Sovereignty."*
Committee: Rev. David Hollenbach, S.J. (Director); Rev. Kenneth R. Himes O.F.M.; Stephen J. Pope.

Weston Jesuit School of Theology (Boston College), M.T.S. (with distinction), 2004.

Emory University, M.A. in Religion, 1996.

Edinburgh University (Edinburgh, Scotland), M.A. (Honors) in Mental Philosophy, 1984.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor (Instructor prior to Fall 2010; Assistant Professor prior to Fall 2014),
Department of Theology, Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL.

Graduate level classes:

Religion and International Politics. Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2014.
Religion and International Politics (online). Fall 2017.
Catholic Social Thought. Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2013.
Catholic Social Thought (online). Spring 2017, Spring 2021.
Christian Social Ethics: War and Peace (online/hybrid). Fall 2015, Fall 2016.
Christian Social Ethics: Contemporary Issues. Spring 2008.
Foundations of Christian Ethics. Fall 2007, Spring 2012.
Foundations of Christian Ethics (online). Spring 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2021.

Undergraduate level classes:

Religion and Race. Spring, 2021.
Genocide and Faith. Fall 2020.
Islam and Politics. Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2019.
Israel and Palestine. Spring 2020 (senior seminar).
Migration and Nationalism. Spring 2020.
The Ethics of Climate Change: Christian Ethics in the Anthropocene. Spring 2018.
The Ethics of War and Peace. Fall 2012 (senior seminar), Fall 2015.
The Good Life: An Introduction to Christian Ethics. Fall 2010-Spring 2021.
Religion and International Politics. Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019.
Religion and International Politics: Peace and Reconciliation in the Balkans. Spring Hill College, Italy Center, Bologna, Italy, incorporating "social justice" tour to the Balkans (Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina), Summer 2015, Summer 2018.

Religion and Human Rights. Fall 2011 (senior seminar), Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2016.

World Religions. Spring Hill College, Italy Center, Bologna, Italy, Summer 2011.

Human Sexuality and Marriage. Fall 2009.

Catholicism. 2007-2008.

Introduction to Christian Theology. 2008-2010.

Interdisciplinary Seminar: Protest-The Arab Spring (undergraduate). Spring 2016.

Interdisciplinary Seminar: Globalizing Migration (undergraduate). Spring 2013.

Interdisciplinary Seminar: Global Warming (undergraduate). Spring 2009.

Graduate level Summer Institute of Spirituality classes (Mobile and Atlanta):

Spirituality of Inter-Religious Dialogue: Christianity and Islam. 2019.

Spirituality and Global Politics: Suffering and Justice in Shi'i Islam. 2017.

Laudato Si: Environmental Ethics. 2016.

Pope Francis' The Joy of the Gospel: The Social Dimension of Evangelization. 2014.

Church/State, Church/World: The Social and Political Vision of Vatican II. 2013.

Ethics and Holiness: African Ethics. 2012.

The Spirituality of Peacemaking. 2010.

Ethics and Holiness. 2009.

Forgiveness, Peace, and Reconciliation. 2008.

Teaching Fellow. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. *Exploring Catholicism*. 2005-2006.

Instructor. (1) Rivier College, Nashua, NH. *Bioethics*. Summer 2004.

(2) Emory University, Atlanta, GA. *Modern Catholicism*. Spring 1993, Fall 1994.

Teaching Assistant. (1) Boston College. *Christ, Ethics, and Society*. Spring 2005.

Catholic Social Teaching. Fall 2004. *Exploring Catholicism*. 2003-2004.

(2) Emory University: *Introduction to Philosophy*. Fall 1985, Spring 1986.

Introduction to Ethics (focusing on Medical Ethics and Legal Ethics). Fall 1986.

Philosophy of Religion. Spring 1987.

Introduction to Religion (focusing on Judaism and Hinduism). Fall 1991.

(3) Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

History of Christian Thought: Origins to the Middle Ages. Fall 1988.

History of Christian Thought: Reformation to the Present. Spring 1989.

Systematic Theology. Fall 1989.

Teacher. St. Michael's Academy, Austin, TX.

Junior Theology: *Peace and Justice*, and *World Religions*. 1996-1999.

Senior Theology: *Introduction to Philosophy*, and *Religion and Culture*. 1997-1999.

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Primary: Christian Ethics; Catholic Social Teaching; Religion and International Politics; Religion and Human Rights; Ethics of War and Peace; Islam and Politics.

Secondary: Catholicism; Introductory Catholic Theology.

AWARDS

Spring Hill College, Edward B. Moody, S.J., Teacher of the Year Award, 2013-2014.
Boston College, University Fellowship, 2001-2006.
Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Grant and Fortier Scholarship, 1999-2001.
Aquinas Center of Theology, Emory University, Thomas Aquinas Fellowship 1993-1995.
Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion, Graduate Fellowship, 1988-1989.
Emory University, Department of Philosophy, Graduate Fellowship, 1985-1988.
Omicron Delta Kappa, National Honor Leadership Society.
National Residence Hall Honorary.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Another Path: The Contribution of Luigi Sturzo and Christian Smith to a Reconciliation of Faith and Social Science” at the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Conference: *Challenges and Opportunities for the Catholic University in the 21st Century*, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT, October 29-31, 2020.

“Fostering Unity and Justice: Catholic and Muslim Approaches to Democracy” at the *Nostra Aetate* (In Our Time), The Second Vatican Council’s Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions Conference at Villanova University, November 7-9, 2019.

“The Right to Religious Freedom and its Political Significance: Catholic and Islamic Approaches” at The Social Practice of Human Rights: Going Against the Grain Conference, University of Dayton Human Rights Center, October 1-4, 2019.

“The Dignity of the Human Person: Catholic and Islamic approaches to Human Rights” at The Social Practice of Human Rights: Charting the Frontiers of Research and Advocacy Conference, University of Dayton Human Rights Center, November 8-10, 2017.

“When Persons Fail to Flourish: Christian Smith and Luigi Sturzo on the Personal and Social-Structural Roots of the Evil of War” (“Giving an Account of Evil,” Societas Ethica’s 54th annual conference, Volos, Greece, August 24-27, 2017).

“Another Vision of Integral Development: Luigi Sturzo on Human Personality, the International Community and a Pluralistic World ” (Soul of Development: 50th Anniversary of *Populorum Progressio*, Catholic Social Tradition Conference, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, March 23-25, 2017).

“The East” meets “The West”: the Intellectual Solidarity of Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im, Naser Ghobadzadeh, and David Hollenbach on Religion and the State (International Conference on Ethics and Law, Societas Ethica’s 53rd annual conference, Evangelische Akademie Bad Boll, Germany, 18-21 August, 2016).

“Catholicism and Cosmopolitanism: the Symmetry of Three Catholic Scholars and the Cosmopolitan Democrats Regarding Nation-State Sovereignty” (“Globalisation and Global Justice,” Societas Ethica’s 52nd annual conference, Linköping, Sweden, August 20-23, 2015).

“A Bruised, Hurting, and Dirty Church out on the Streets: the Symmetry of *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Gaudium et Spes*” (Fiftieth Anniversary of *Gaudium et Spes*, Joy and Hope, Catholic Social Tradition Conference, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, March 22-24, 2015).

“The Question of Universal History: Human Personality and the Development of the International Community in the Thought of Luigi Sturzo” (2015 Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference: Universal History, Philosophical History, and the Fate of Humanity, The *Telos-Paul Piccone* Institute, New York City, February 13-15, 2015).

“Building the Universal Common Good: The Moral Roots of the Catholic Vision of Global Governance” (International Conference: Bounds of Ethics in a Globalized World, Christ University, Bangalore, India, January 06-09, 2014).

“Love Your Enemies: the Church, the Nation, and the Lives of Others” (Peace Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Celebrating 50 Years Since *Pacem in Terris*, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, March 21-23, 2013).

“The Future of Global Governance: Towards a Catholic Contribution Regarding the Idea of State Sovereignty” (The 2013 *Telos* Conference: Religion and Politics in a Post-Secular World, The *Telos* Institute, New York City, February 15-17, 2013).

“Catholic Social Teaching and Global Governance: Some Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI’s Insistence on the “urgent need of a true world political authority”” (Dear Brothers and Sisters: Celebrating 120 Years Since *Rerum Novarum*, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, March 24-26, 2011).

“Luigi Sturzo and the Future of Global Governance” (Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, Trento, Italy, July 24-27, 2010).

“A Catholic Foreign Policy and the War on Terror: The Case for Murray” (American Academy of Religion Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, November 2007).

“A Catholic Foreign Policy and the War on Terror: The Virtue of Murray” (New Wine, New Wineskins Sixth Annual Symposium, University of Notre Dame, July 2007).

“Subsidiarity: Catholic Theory and American Practice” (Federalism and Subsidiarity Conference, University of Florence, Italy, December 2001).

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Fostering Human Dignity and Freedom: A Shared Vision for Catholic-Muslim Dialogue about Democracy,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* – 18:1, 2021, 1-29.

“Another Vision of Integral Human Development: Luigi Sturzo and Christian Smith on Human Personality and Global Politics,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* – 17:2, 2020, 219-40.

“Dialogic Universalism Today: the Intellectual Solidarity of David Hollenbach, Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na’im, and Naser Ghobadzadeh regarding the Political Role of Religion,” in *Public Theology and the Global Common Good: Essays in Honor of David Hollenbach* (Orbis Books, Fall, 2016). **Catholic Press Association, 2017 Book Awards: First Place.**

“Catholicism and Cosmopolitanism: the Confluence of Three Catholic Scholars and the Cosmopolitan Democrats Regarding State Sovereignty,” *De Ethica: A Journal of Philosophical, Theological, and Applied Ethics* 2016 3(2) 37-52 (DOI: 10.3384/de-ethica.2001-8819.1632).

Online article: “The Question of Universal History: Human Personality and the Development of the International Community in the Thought of Luigi Sturzo,” *Teloscope* (February 26, 2016). Posted on the website of the journal *Telos*,

<http://www.telospress.com/the-development-of-the-international-community-human-personality-and-the-question-of-universal-history-in-the-thought-of-luigi-sturzo/>

Paper Abstract: “Catholicism and Cosmopolitanism: the Symmetry of Three Catholic Scholars and the Cosmopolitan Democrats Regarding Nation-State Sovereignty,” Conference proceedings from Societas Ethica’s Annual Conference, 2015: *Globalisation and Global Justice*, August 20-23, Linköping, Sweden. Editor, Goran Collste (2015). Posted online at: http://www.ep.liu.se/wcc_home/default.aspx?issue=006 (11/28/2015)

Online article: “The Positive Potential of Religion for Democracy,” *Teloscope* (May 5, 2014). Posted on the website of the journal *Telos*,

<http://www.telospress.com/the-positive-potential-of-religion-for-democracy/>

"Subsidiarity: Catholic Theory and American Practice" in *Global Justice*, edited by Jean-Christophe Merle (Stuttgart, Germany: Frommann-Holzboog, 2005).

Book review: *Subsidiarity Governance: Theoretical and Empirical Models*, edited by Alessandro Colombo (Palgrave Macmillan, 2012) in *Theological Studies*, Summer 2013.

Book review: *The Deaths of Others: The Fate of Civilians in America’s Wars*, John Tirman (Oxford University Press, 2011) in *Theological Studies*, Spring 2013.

Book review: *Religion and Human Rights: An Introduction*. Edited by John Witte, Jr. and M. Christian Green (Oxford University Press, 2011) in *Theological Studies*, Winter 2012.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

I plan on submitting a short article entitled “Sovereign Obligation Then and Now: Richard Haass and the Catholic Tradition on the Morality of Global Governance” to *Foreign Affairs* in response to a recent article by Richard Haass in that same journal entitled “World Order 2.0: the Case for Sovereign Obligation.”

I hope to present a paper on Luigi Sturzo’s understanding of nationalism from a Catholic perspective at the 2021 *Societas Ethica* Annual Conference next summer in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Catholic social ethics, with particular reference to international affairs; the relationship between the Catholic and Islamic ethical traditions on democracy, human rights, justice, and war and peace; the role of religion in social and political life.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of the American Academy of Religion.
Member of Societas Ethica.
Member of the Telos-Paul Piccone Institute.

PUBLIC LECTURES

“The Theology of Luigi Sturzo: Christian Faith and Global Politics” (Christus Theological Institute Lecture, Spring Hill College, March, 2017).
“Jesuit, Catholic, Christian Liberal Arts Education: What’s It For?” (Honors Convocation Address, Spring Hill College, April 2014).
“Religious Faith and the Politics of Peacemaking” (Christus Theological Institute Lecture, Spring Hill College, October, 2011).
“The Meaning of Justice in the Catholic Moral Tradition: A Response to the Bishop of Birmingham” (Spring Hill College Summer Institute of Spirituality Colloquium, 2009).

CHURCH PRESENTATIONS

“Pope Francis on Social Evangelization: Chapter Four of *Joy of the Gospel*,” Our Savior, Mobile, AL, Fall 2014.
“Catholic Social Teaching” for the “Timely Topics” series comprising part of the Adult Education Program, St. Richard’s Church, Jackson, MS, Spring 2013.
“The Social and Political Vision of Vatican II: *Gaudium et Spes* and *Dignitatis Humanae*,” St. Richard’s Church, Jackson, MS, Spring 2013.
Dignitatis Humanae for the fall lecture series celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, St. Dominic’s Church, Mobile, AL, Fall 2012.
“Religion and International Politics” for the Adult Education Program at St. Dominic’s Church, Mobile, AL, Fall 2011.
“Religion and International Politics I,” St. Richard’s Church, Jackson, MS, April 11, 2010.
“Religion and International Politics II,” St. Richard’s Church, Jackson, MS, April 18, 2010.
“Catholic Social Teaching,” St. Dominic’s Church, Mobile, AL, Fall 2010.
“Religion and International Politics” for the Adult Education Program at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Birmingham, AL, January 25, 2009.
“Catholic Social Teaching,” St. Richard’s Church, Jackson, MS, Spring 2008.

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of French, Spanish and Latin. I am currently learning Arabic.

OTHER RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Fellow, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College, 2006-2007; Graduate Research Assistant, Emory Religion Review Committee, 1992; Academic Counselor, Emory College Office, 1989-1991; Residence Hall Director, Emory, 1987-1996.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

I was received into the Roman Catholic Church during the 1989 Easter Vigil at Christ the King Cathedral in Atlanta.

REFERENCES

Rev. Dr. David Hollenbach, S.J., Pedro Arrupe Distinguished Research Professor/Senior Fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs (David.Hollenbach@georgetown.edu; 202-687-8546; Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs, 3307 M St NW, Suite 200, Washington D.C. 20007).

Dr. Timothy R. Carmody, Professor, Director of Graduate Programs in Theology (carmody@shc.edu; 251-380-4665; Theology Department, Spring Hill College, 4000 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36608-1791).

Dr. Todd Waller, Director of the Spring Hill College Italy Center (twaller@shc.edu; +39 347 9853249; Via G. Sacco 12, Bologna, Italia 40127).