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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020- **Baylor Collaborative on Hunger & Poverty (BCHP)**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- 2019-2020 **Baylor University**
Temporary Full-Time Lecturer
- 2017-2019 **University of St. Andrews**
St. Andrews Research Fellow in Theology & Science
Hosted by Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- 2015-2017 **Baylor University**
Lecturer, Department of Religion

EDUCATION

- 2009-2016 **Duke University**, PhD in Christian Theological Studies
- 2006-2008 **Duke Divinity School**, MTS in Theology & Ethics, *summa cum laude*
- 2004-2006 **Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center)**
Master of Science (MSc) in Agroecology (all instruction in Spanish)
- 1996-2000 **University of Virginia**, BA in Religion & English, *summa cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Blood in the Fields: Óscar Romero, Catholic Social Teaching, and Land Reform. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2020.

The Grammar of Creation: A Theological Engagement with Agroecology (in progress, three of six chapters drafted)

Poverty, Luxury, and Art (with Natalie Carnes, in progress, three chapters complete)

Romero and the New Migration (with Victor Hinojosa, in progress, drafting first chapter)

TRANSLATIONS

Artur Mrówczyński-Van Allen, *Between the Icon and the Idol: The Human Person and the Modern State in Russian Thought and Literature—Chaadayev, Soloviev, Grossman*, trans. Matthew Philipp Whelan. Eugene, OR: Cascade Press, 2013.

EDITED VOLUMES

Alessandro Rovati and Matthew Philipp Whelan, eds. “New Wine New Wineskins: Perspectives of Young Moral Theologians.” Special issue, *Journal of Moral Theology* (forthcoming, 2021).

Conor Hill, Kent Lasnoski, Matthew Sherman, John Sikorski, and Matthew Philipp Whelan, eds. “New Wine New Wineskins: Perspectives of Young Moral Theologians.” Special issue, *Journal of Moral Theology* 6, no. 2 (2017).

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“‘A Shadowy Sort of Right’: The *ius Necessitatis* and Catholic Moral Theology.” *Journal of Moral Theology* (forthcoming 2021).

Natalie Carnes and Matthew Whelan. “Towards a Topography of the Visual.” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (forthcoming 2021).

“Agroecology, Biological Control, and Catholic Social Teaching.” *Modern Theology* 37, no. 2 (2021).

“Agroecology and Natural Law.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 40, no. 1 Spring/Summer 2020).

“To Till and Keep It’: Catholic Social Doctrine and Agroecology.” *Communio* 46, no. 3-4 (Fall-Winter 2019).

“‘You Possess the Land that Belongs to All Salvadorans’: Archbishop Óscar Romero and Ordinary Violence.” *Modern Theology* 35, no. 4 (2019).

“‘Jesus is Our Jubilee’: A Theological Reflection on the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace’s *Toward a Better Distribution of Land: The Challenge of Agrarian Reform*.” *Journal of Moral Theology* 6, no. 2 (2017).

Leigh A. Winowiecki, Matthew Philipp Whelan, et al. “Local Soil Knowledge and its Use in Crop Allocation: Implications for Landscape-Scale Agricultural Production and Conservation Efforts in Talamanca, Costa Rica.” *Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries* 3, no. 2 (2014).

“Land, Economy, and the Measure of Christ: The Catholic Agrarianism of Vincent McNabb, O.P.” *Nova et Vetera* 10, no. 1 (Winter 2012).

“Prefiguring the Salvation of the World: The Eucharist and Agriculture,” in *God, Grace, and Creation*, edited by Philip J. Rossi. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009.

“Medios de vida y dinámica del uso del suelo en los Territorios Indígenas Bribri y Cabécar de Talamanca, Costa Rica.” *Agroforestería en las Américas* 46 (2008).

R.M. Dahlquist, Matthew Philipp Whelan, et al., “Incorporating Livelihoods in Biodiversity Conservation: A Case Study of Cacao Agroforestry Systems in Talamanca, Costa Rica.” *Biodiversity and Conservation* 16, no. 8 (2007).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Romero among the Liberationists.” In *Romero: Memory*. Leuven, Belgium: Leuven University Press (forthcoming, 2021).

“The Business of War in Latin America.” In *The Business of War: Theological-Ethical Reflections on the Military-Industrial Complex*, edited by Justin Barringer, Jimmy McCarty, and Matthew Tapie. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2020.

“The Promise and Perils of Agriculture: An Agroecological Reading of *Laudato Si’*.” In *Integral Ecology for a More Sustainable World: Dialogues with Laudato Si’*, edited by Matthew Eaton, Dennis Patrick O’Hara, and Michael Ross. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019.

“The Grammar of Creation: Agriculture in the Thought of Pope Benedict XVI.” In *Environmental Justice and Climate Change: Assessing Pope Benedict’s Ecological Vision for the Catholic Church in the United States*, edited by Jame Schaefer and Tobias Winright. Lanham, MD, Lexington Books, 2013.

NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

Conor Hill, Kent Lasnoski, Matthew Sherman, John Sikorski, and Matthew Whelan. “Is New Wine, New Wineskins Still New? Reflecting on Wineskins after Seventeen Years.” *Journal of Moral Theology* 6, no. 2 (June 2017).

“‘Have You Seen What They Do to Valuable Natural Resources?’ Agriculture, Language, and Wendell Berry.” *The Other Journal* 15 (2011).

“The Responsible Body: A Eucharistic Community.” *Crosscurrents*: 51, no. 3 (2001).

BOOK REVIEWS

Gerald Schlabach, *A Pilgrim People: Becoming a Catholic Peace Church*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2019. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (forthcoming 2021).

Edgardo Colón-Emeric. *Óscar Romero’s Theological Vision: Liberation and the Transfiguration of the Poor*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2018. *Syndicate*. Symposium convener (forthcoming 2021).

Daniel Castillo, *An Ecological Theology of Liberation: Salvation and Political Ecology*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2019. *Theological Studies* 81, no. 2 (2020).

Joseph Wiebe. *The Place of Imagination: Wendell Berry and the Poetics of Community, Affection, and Identity*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2017. *Syndicate* (December 2019).

Michael Lee. *Revolutionary Saint: The Theological Legacy of Óscar Romero*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2017. *Reading Religion* (May 2018).

CONFERENCE PAPERS & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Romero and Land Reform,” *Romero Days 2020*, Sponsored by Kellogg Institute for International Studies & Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), University of Notre Dame, March 2020.

Guest Lecture on Óscar Romero, *Politics in Latin America: The Deaths of Óscar Romero* (for Kevin Coleman), University of Toronto, February 2020.

“Óscar Romero and the Politics of Common Use,” *Romero: Memory*, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, November 4-10, 2019.

“John Clare’s Eco-Theological Critique of Enclosure,” *Ecology and Religion in 19th Century Studies Conference*, Baylor University, September 2019.

“Agroecology, Natural Law, and Catholic Social Teaching,” *New Wine New Wineskins Symposium*, University of Notre Dame, July 2019.

Natalie Carnes and Matthew Whelan, “Why this Waste? Art and Excess in a World of Need,” *Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts (ITIA)*, University of St Andrews, March 8, 2019.

Guest Lecture on the Ethics of Food, *Christian Ethics and Contemporary Society* (for John Perry), University of St Andrews, February 2019.

“Agroecology and Natural Law,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Lexington, KY, January 2018.

Guest Lecture on Óscar Romero, *Christian Texts and Traditions III* (for Jenny Howell), George W. Truett Seminary, Baylor University, Fall 2018.

“To Till It and to Keep It’: A Theological Engagement with Agroecology,” *Stewardship of Creation*, Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University, October 2018.

“Agrarian Reform and Human Rights,” *Romero Days 2018—Memorializing Martyrdom: Romero’s Beatification and Our Task Today*, Kellogg Institute for International Studies & Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), University of Notre Dame, March 2018.

“Nature’s Grammar and Agricultural Practice: Perspectives from Catholic Social Teaching and the Science of Agroecology,” *College Theological Society*, Newport, Rhode Island, June 2017.

“‘Like an Antechamber of Our Hope’: Agrarian Reform and Eschatology in the Thought of Archbishop Óscar Romero,” *Óscar Romero: Defender of the Poor* (for Edgardo Colon-Emeric), Duke Divinity School, Duke University, March 2017.

Speaker & Panelist, *Guatemala Mission Research Initiative*, Honors College, Baylor University, January & April 2017.

“Archbishop Óscar Romero and Ordinary Violence,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, New Orleans, January 2017.

Speaker & Panelist, *Holy Journeys, Holy Destinations*, Sponsored by the Ethics Research Initiative and Religion Department, Baylor University, October 2016.

“*Ius necessitatis* in Catholic Social Teaching,” *New Wine New Wineskins Conference*, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., July 2016.

“God Matters for El Salvador: The Witness of Archbishop Óscar Romero,” *Honors College Formation Series*, Baylor University, October 2015.

“Violence in Catholic Social Teaching,” *Annual Conference of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain*, St. Mary’s University, London, September 2014.

“Ordinary Violence,” *New Wine New Wineskins Conference*, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, July 2014.

“Hope and the Catholic Imagination,” *Climate Change and the Common Good*, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, April, 2013.

“Agriculture in the Thought of Pope Benedict XVI,” *A Catholic Consultation on Environmental Justice and Climate Change: Assessing Pope Benedict XVI’s Ecological Vision for the Catholic Church in the United States*, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, November 2012.

“Agrarian Reform and Moral Theology,” *New Wine New Wineskins Conference*, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, July 2012.

Guest Lecture on Liberation Theology, *Christian Theology* (for Natalie Carnes), Baylor University, Spring 2012.

Guest Lecture on Catholic Agrarianism, *Food and Faith* (for Norman Wirzba), Duke Divinity School, Spring 2011.

“Agriculture and the Grammar of Creation,” *World Catholicism Week*, DePaul University, Chicago, April 2010.

“St. Thomas Aquinas and Catholic Agrarianism,” *Renewing the Face of the Earth: The Church in the Order of Creation*, Saint Thomas University, Minneapolis-St. Paul, October 2009.

“Prefiguring the Salvation of the World: The Eucharist and Agriculture,” *God, Grace, and Creation*, Annual Conference of the College Theological Society, Notre Dame, May 2009.

Guest Lecture on Food in the Christian Tradition, *Feasting, Fasting and Faith: Food in Jewish and Christian Traditions* (Vanessa Ochs), University of Virginia, Fall 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At **Baylor University**, Waco, Texas

Undergraduate: Christian Scripture; Christian Heritage; Environmental Ethics
Graduate: Contemporary Engagements with the Doctrine of Creation; Poverty, Luxury, and Art; Ecological Theology; Liberation Theology

At **Duke Divinity Course of Study**, Ahuachapán, El Salvador (Spanish instruction)

Theological Ethics; Church & Land

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

INVITED PARTICIPANT

- 2020 *Natural Law and Public Justice Working Group*
- 2020 *Romero and Catholic Social Teaching*, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 *Romero: Memory*, Catholic University of Louvain, November 4-10, Belgium
- 2016 *Problems in the Study of Religion*, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, May 31-June 17, University of Virginia
- 2011 *Catholic Social Thought: A Critical Investigation*, Lumen Christi Institute Graduate Summer Seminar, August 8-14, Portsmouth Abbey, Rhode Island

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 BCHP Research Fellowship
- 2017-9 St Andrews Fellowship in Theology & Science
- 2015 Dissertation Travel Award, Duke Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2014 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2012 Kearns Fellowship, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University
- 2009 James B. Duke Scholar, Duke Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2006 Ray C. Petry Scholarship (full scholarship), Duke Divinity School

- 2006 Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program Fellow
- 2005 Organization of American States Scholar (full scholarship)
- 2004 Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholar (full scholarship)

OTHER AWARDS

- 2008 Goodwin Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing, Theological Horizons
- 2003 Tropical Agroecology Award (highest GPA of graduating class), CATIE
- 2000 Edgar Shannon Award (awarded to one outstanding graduate of each school), UVA
- 2000 *Phi Beta Kappa*
- 1999 UVA Alumni Association Scholarship
- 1998 Catherine Underwood Memorial Scholarship (Dean's Scholarship), UVA
- 1998 Wagenheim Scholarship (departmental scholarship of the English Department), UVA
- 1997 Echols Scholar, UVA

ACADEMIC SERVICE

BOARDS

- 2019- Global Ethics steering committee for Baylor's Ethics Research Initiative
- 2016- Board Member, New Wine New Wineskins
- 2012- International Committee, World Hunger Relief Farm
- 2010-1 Co-coordinator, Conceptualizing Justice Working Group, Duke University
- 2008-9 Head Tutor, Center for Theology, Writing & Media, Duke Divinity School
- 2008 Co-coordinator, Duke-UVA Colloquium, "Practices of Reading"

ADVISING/THESIS COMMITTEES

- 2020 Michaela Scott (B.A.), *Ecclesial Responses to Central American Migration*
- 2019 Robert Martinez (M.Div.), George W. Truett Theological Seminary Mentorship Program
- 2018 Ben Haworth (M.Div.), George W. Truett Theological Seminary Mentorship Program
- 2018 Rebecca Voth (B.A.), *Balancing Justice with Mercy: Two Approaches to Transitional Justice in Latin America*
- 2016 Lauren Lee (B.A.), *Becoming the Church in the Face of State Violence: Lessons from Latin America*