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## **EXPERIENCE**

- 2021** Senior Research Fellow in Human Dignity,  
Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford
- 2018-20** Director of the Human Dignity Project,  
Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford
- 2006-18** Lecturer in Religion and Peacebuilding,  
Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool
- 2006** Temporary Lecturer in Politics,  
Department of Politics, University of Liverpool
- 2005** ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellow,  
Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool
- 2004-5** Temporary Lecturer in Modern Irish History,  
Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool
- 2003-4** ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellow,  
Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool

## **EDUCATION**

- 2003** PhD,  
Royal Holloway, University of London
- 2002** PG Dip Teaching in Higher Education  
Royal Holloway, University of London
- 1998** MA with Distinction in Modern History,  
Royal Holloway, University of London,
- 1997** BA (Hons) Medieval and Modern History,  
Royal Holloway, University of London

## **RESEARCH**

### **Awards and Honours**

- 2020** Research Associate,  
Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence, Bristol Baptist College
- 2019** Senior Research Fellow,  
William Temple Foundation

- 2019** Holland Visiting Fellow,  
University of Durham
- 2017** Fellow,  
Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society, St Mary's University
- 2017** Election to the Catholic Theological Association
- 2010** Elected Fellow, Royal Historical Society

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

- 2022** *Catholicism, Nonviolence and JustPeace: Papal Diplomacy and Peacemaking, 1867-2019* (with Christopher Hrynkow), (Abingdon: Routledge)
- 2020** *Catholic Social Teaching and Theologies of Peace in Northern Ireland: Cardinal Cahal Daly and the Pursuit of the Peaceable Kingdom*, (Abingdon: Routledge)
- 2007** *From Ecumenism to Community Relations: Inter-Church Relations in Northern Ireland 1980-2005*, (Dublin: Irish Academic Press)

### Edited Collections

- 2023** *Catholic Lay Societies in Twentieth Century Britain*, edited with Dr Jonathan Bush, (under contract to the Catholic Records Society/ Boydell and Brewer)
- 2022** *Violence and Peace in Sacred Texts: Interfaith Perspectives*, edited with Rev. Dr Helen Paynter, (London: Palgrave Macmillan)
- 2011** *Building Peace in Northern Ireland*, (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press)

### Articles and Book Chapters

- 2023** 'The Practice of Catholicism in Britain and Ireland' in Frederick J Bauerschmid, James J Buckley, Jennifer Newsome Martin, and Trent Pomplum (eds.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, (Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell)
- 'Suicide or Martyrdom: The Catholic Church debates the 1981 Northern Irish Hunger Strikes' in Maria Antonia Paiano (ed),
- 'Putting Catholic Social Teaching into Action: The Catholic Institute for International Relations and the Promotion of the Progressive Church in South

- Africa, 1965-1994' in Maria Power and Jonathan Bush (eds.), *Catholic Lay Societies in Twentieth Century Britain*
- 2022** 'Religion and Peacebuilding' in Gladys Ganiel and Andrew Holmes (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Religion in Modern Ireland*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- 'The Essential Recovery of the Bible in Catholic Teachings on War and Peace' in Maria Power and Helen Paynter (eds.), *Violence and Peace in Sacred Texts*, (London: Palgrave Macmillan)
- 'Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations' in Alana Harris (ed.), *The Oxford History of Catholicism in Britain and Ireland, Volume V*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- 2021** 'The Catholic Church and Human Rights: A Case Study of 1980s South Africa,' *Catholic Archives*
- 'Creating a Social Covenant: Fratelli Tutti as a Roadmap for Overcoming Structural Violence in Northern Ireland,' *Journal of Social Encounters*, vol. 5, no. 1, [https://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/social\\_encounters/](https://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/social_encounters/)
- 2020** 'The Politics of Dissent: Catholic Public Theology in Northern Ireland', *Modern Believing*, vol. 61, no. 2, pp. 127-140
- 'Qualified Advocacy for Just Peace: The Pope's World Day of Peace Messages (1968-2020) in Historical and Ethical Perspective', *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace History*, vol. 45, no. 3, pp. 339-368 with Christopher Hrynkow
- 2019** 'Are Popes Leaving Behind Just War and Embracing Just Peace?', *Peace Review*, vol. 31, no. 2, pp. 238-246 with Christopher Hrynkow
- 2018** 'Alternative Possible Futures: Unearthing a Catholic Public Theology for Northern Ireland' in Christopher Baker and Elaine Graham (eds.), *Theology for Changing Times: John Atherton and the Future of Public Theology*, (London: SCM Press), pp. 158-174
- 'Ghosts in the Machine: Beliefs, Values and Worldviews in the Workplace,' *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, vol. 39, no. 4, pp 474-489 with Christopher Baker
- 'Transforming the Centre: Popes on Inter-Religious Dialogue as a Path to Multi-Track Peacebuilding', *International Journal for Peace Studies*, vol. 23, no. 2, pp. 33-47 with Christopher Hrynkow
- 2017** 'A Serious Moral Question to be Properly Understood: The Catholic Church and Human Rights' in Timothy White (ed.), *Northern Ireland and International Relations*, (Manchester: Manchester University Press), pp. 131-143

- ‘Fostering Cultures of Encounter: Framing Papal Teaching on Dialogue as Multi-Track Peacebuilding,’ *Journal of Social Encounters*, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 24-36
- 2016** Reconciling State and Society: The Practice of the Common Good in the Sheppard-Worlock Partnership,’ *Journal of Religious History*, vol. 40, no. 4, pp. 545-564
- 2014** ‘In Pursuit of the Common Good: Derek Worlock and David Sheppard, and the Ecumenical Response to the 1981 Toxteth Riots,’ *Crucible: The Christian Journal of Social Ethics*, July-Sept, pp. 26-33
- 2013** ‘Cardinal Cahal Daly’, *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, online edition
- 2011** ‘Preparing Protestants for Peace: The Work of the Evangelical Contribution on Northern Ireland,’ *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, vol. 26, no. 1, pp. 57-72
- ‘Building Peace in Northern Ireland’ in Maria Power (ed.), *Building Peace in Northern Ireland*, (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press), pp. 1-17.
- ‘Providing a Prophetic Voice? Church Leaders and Faith-Based Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland,’ in Maria Power (ed.), *Building Peace in Northern Ireland*, (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press), pp. 73-92
- 2010** “‘A Republican Who Wants to Further Women’s Rights’’: Women, Provisional Republicanism, Feminism and the Conflict in Northern Ireland, 1972-1998,’ in Diane Urquhart and Gillian McIntosh (eds.), *Irish Women at War: The Twentieth Century*, (Dublin: Irish Academic Press), pp. 153-170
- 2008** ‘Of Some Symbolic Importance but Not Much Else: The Irish Inter-Church Meeting and Ecumenical Dialogue in Northern Ireland since 1980,’ *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, vol. 43, no. 1, pp. 111-123
- 2007** ‘Getting to Know the Other: Inter-Church Groups in Belfast and the Peace Process,’ in Marianne Elliott (ed.), *The Long Road to Peace in Northern Ireland*, (second edition, Liverpool: Liverpool University Press), pp. 192-206
- 2005** ‘Building Communities in a Post-Conflict Society: Churches and Peacebuilding Initiatives in Northern Ireland since 1994,’ *The European Legacy*, vol. 10, no. 1, pp. 55-68
- 2003** ‘Developing a Theology of Reconciliation for Northern Ireland? The Irish Inter-Church Meeting,’ *Search*, vol. 26, no. 1, pp. 21-29
- 2002** ‘From Ecumenism to Community Relations: National Level Inter-Church Dialogue in Ireland since 1980’ in Karen Vandavelde (ed.), *New Voices in Irish Criticism 3*, (Dublin: Four Courts Press), pp. 151-15

## Pamphlets and Tracts

- 2021**      *Fratelli Tutti: A Guide to its Use in a British Context*, (London: Temple Tracts)
- 2021**      *Dialogue at the Margins: The Lessons of Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland for Deeply Fractured Societies*, (London: Temple Tracts)
- 2015**      *Strengthening Democracy in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland*, (Nottingham: Five Leaves Press)

## Volume Entries

- 2019**      ‘Northern Ireland’ in Timothy Demy and Jeffrey Shaw (eds.), *Religion and Contemporary Politics*, (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2019), 1500 words
- ‘Ireland’ in Timothy Demy and Jeffrey Shaw (eds.), *Religion and Contemporary Politics*, (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio), 1500 words
- 2017**      ‘Northern Ireland and Religious Conflict’ in Timothy Demy and Jeffrey Shaw (eds.), *Wars of Religion: An Encyclopaedia of Faith and Conflict*, (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio), pp. 610-613
- ‘Easter Rising 1916’ in Timothy Demy and Jeffrey Shaw (eds.), *Wars of Religion: An Encyclopaedia of Faith and Conflict*, (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio), pp. 249-251

## Review Articles

- 2022**      ‘Scripture and Violence,’ *Journal for the Study of Bible and Violence*, (forthcoming)
- ‘Religion without Violence: The Practice and Philosophy of Scriptural Reasoning,’ *Journal for the Study of Bible and Violence*, (forthcoming)
- 2021**      ‘The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland Troubles, 1968-1998’, *English Historical Review*, (forthcoming)
- ‘A Just Peace Ethic Primer: Building Sustainable Peace and Breaking Cycles of Violence,’ *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace History*, (forthcoming)
- ‘Counsels of Imperfection: Thinking through Catholic Social Teaching,’ *Journal of Social Encounters*, (forthcoming)
- ‘The Role of Religion in Peacebuilding: Crossing the Boundaries of Prejudice and Mistrust,’ *Modern Believing*, (forthcoming)
- ‘The Ethics of Encounter: Christian Neighbour Love as a Practice of Solidarity,’ William Temple Foundation Blog (forthcoming)

‘Work: Theological Foundations and Practical Implications,’ *Reading Religion*, (forthcoming)

‘Street Homelessness and Catholic Theological Ethics,’ William Temple Foundation Blog, (forthcoming)

‘Peacebuilding and Catholic Social Teaching,’ *Irish Theological Quarterly*, (forthcoming)

‘Coming Home: A Theology of Housing.’ William Temple Foundation Blog, (forthcoming)

‘Love’s Betrayal: The Decline of Catholicism and Rise of New Religions in Ireland,’ *Irish Studies Review*,  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09670882.2021.1875547>

**2020** ‘Ireland and the reception of the Bible: Social and Cultural Perspectives,’ *Irish Studies Review*, vol. 28, no. 3, 394-396.

‘Love in Action,’ William Temple Foundation Blog,  
<https://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/blog-review-love-in-action/>

**2019** ‘Zucked: Waking up to the Facebook Catastrophe,’ William Temple Foundation Blog, <https://williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/blog-zucked/>

**2017** ‘Vatican I and Vatican II: Councils in the Living Tradition,’ *Reading Religion*,  
<https://readingreligion.org/books/vatican-i-and-vatican-ii>

**2016** ‘Together for the Common Good: Towards a National Conversation,’ *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, vol. 23, no. 2

‘The Catholic Church in Ireland Today,’ *Irish Studies Review*, vol. 24, no. 2, 240-241.

**2014** ‘Northern Ireland: The Reluctant Peace?’ *Critical Studies in Terrorism*, vol. 7, no. 1, 182-183

**2007** ‘Evangelical Women in Belfast: Imprisoned or Empowered?’ *Women’s History Review*, vol. 16, no. 2, 245-246.

### **Invitations to Speak (Academic)**

**2019** Modern Religious History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London, ‘Theology in Context: New Perspectives on the Catholic Church and the Conflict in Northern Ireland’

Modern Church Conference Keynote Speaker: Theology in the Public Square ‘The Politics of Dissent’

Trinity Ethical Futures Group, William Temple Foundation, Oxford  
'Dog Whistle Politics and the Perils of Facebook'

**2018** Von Hugel Institute, University of Cambridge,  
'Refining Trust: Theologies of Peacebuilding in Northern Ireland and Palestine'

**2017** Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon  
'Ghosts in the Machine: Beliefs, Values and Worldviews at Work'

University of Saskatchewan Annual Social Justice Lecture  
'Reconciliation on the Peacelines: Ecumenical Communities in Belfast'

St Thomas More College, Saskatoon, Religion and Culture Seminar  
'Faith in Work'

**2015** Evangelii Gaudium Conference, University of Cambridge  
'The Sheppard Worlock Partnership and the Joy of the Gospel'

Modern Religious History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London  
'A New Model of Ecumenism: The Practice of the Common Good in the Partnership of Bishop David Sheppard and Archbishop Derek Worlock'

**2014** Leeds Trinity University  
'The Impact Agenda and the Arts and Humanities'

### **Research Grants**

**2021** Porticus UK  
Using Catholic Social Teaching's concepts of peacebuilding to strengthen the social contract between citizen and state in post-conflict Northern Ireland  
£33000

**2019** Catholic Record Society  
The Catholic Women's League: CST in Action  
£793.00

The Spalding Trust  
Beliefs, Values and Worldviews at Work  
£1400

**2018** British Academy  
Beliefs, Values and Worldviews at Work  
£10000

**2017** Santander Award  
Beliefs, Values and Worldviews at Work  
£500

- 2016** University of Liverpool Knowledge Exchange Voucher  
Faith in Work Pilot  
£6700
- 2014** The Scouloudi Trust  
Catholics, the Catholic Church and Politics, 1962-2012  
£950
- M B Reckitt Trust  
Common Good Conversation on Housing  
£6758
- Royal Historical Society  
Irish Women, Religion and Diaspora Symposium  
£200
- 2013** English Catholic Historical Association  
Catholics, the Catholic Church and Politics, 1962-2012
- 2010** Catholic Records Society  
Irish Catholic Chaplains in the British Army  
£712
- 2006** ESRC  
Reconciliation in Northern Ireland  
£41514
- 2004** Royal Historical Society  
ACIS Conference  
£200
- 2003** ESRC  
Irish Inter-Church Relations 1980-1999  
£26986

### **Symposia Organised**

- 2021** Fratelli Tutti and Its Implications for British Society  
Las Casas Institute for Social Justice, Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford
- 2019** Conscience  
Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford
- 2014** Good Relations  
Conflict Research Society
- Irish Women, Religion and the Diaspora  
The Women on Ireland Research Network



## Completed PhD Supervision

- 2011-2015** Stephen Bellis  
'Catholic Chaplains in the British Army 1914-1918'  
AHRC funded (full time), Joint Supervision, Primary Supervisor
- 2009-2017** David Shaw  
'Irish Political Activism in Britain 1960-1998'  
Joint Supervision, Second Supervisor
- 2007-2014** Patrick Hoey  
'Irish Republicanism's Media Strategy'  
Joint Supervision, Second Supervisor

## Editorial Roles

- 2021** Member of Editorial Board  
*Journal of Social Encounters*
- Content Advisor  
Ethics Finder, Australian Catholic University
- 2020** Book Reviews Editor  
*Journal for the Study of Bible and Violence*

**2003 onwards:** Peer Reviewer for Manchester University Press; University of Wisconsin Press; Irish Academic Press; *Journal of Religious History*; *British Catholic History*; *Irish Studies Review*; *the London Journal*; *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace History*; *Irish Political Studies*; *Signs*; *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*.

## Research Council Peer Review College Memberships

- 2014** Economic and Social Research Council
- 2009** Arts and Humanities Research Council (regular panel member)

## External Examining Appointments

- 2019** PhD in History, Boston University
- 2018** PhD in Peace Studies, University of Manitoba
- 2013-2016** MA and MRes in History, Goldsmiths, University of London

## **Professional Memberships**

Society of Biblical Literature

American Academy of Religion

Society for the Study of Christian Ethics

Catholic Records Society

Catholic Theological Association

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

### **Board Membership**

- 2019-21** Chair of Trustees, Good Works UK
- 2017-20** Trustee, William Temple Foundation
- 2017** Trustee, St Antony's Centre for Industrial Mission
- 2014-16** Steering Group Member, Together for the Common Good
- 2013-15** Good Relations Network Development Group Member, Talk for a Change and International Alert
- 2012** Associate, Catholic Association for Racial Justice

### **Invitations to Speak**

- 2019** Network Rail Faith Engagement Group  
'Bring Your Whole Self to Work'
- 2018** Mount House School, London  
'Living Your Faith Everyday'
- 2017** St Thomas More College Just Youth Group, Canada  
'If You Want Peace, Support Women Peacebuilders'
- Royal Society of Arts  
'Beliefs, Values and Worldviews at Work'
- Caritas, London  
'Faith at Work: Forming Staff and Volunteers in Mission'
- Catholic Worker House, New York  
'Emphasis Added: The Popes and Peace 1967-2017'

- 2014** Five Leaves Bookshop, Nottingham  
‘Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland’
- Churches Together in Britain and Ireland  
‘Ireland in Europe’
- 2013** Understand to Prevent Workshop, Ministry of Defence  
‘Conflict Prevention in Northern Ireland: lessons for the future’
- Irish World Heritage Centre, Manchester  
‘The Catholic Church and the Conflict in Northern Ireland 1968-1998’
- Time to Reflect, Boarbank Hall, Cumbria  
‘Catholic Social Teaching on Peace’
- 2012** Catholic Association for Racial Justice  
‘CST and Racial Justice in 20<sup>th</sup> C Britain’

### **Broadcast and Print Media Interviews**

TRT World; Monocle24; *North Jersey*; *New Republic*; *America*; *Engaged Scholar Journal*; *Catholic Herald*.

### **Print Media**

- 2021** ‘King’s Nonviolent Resistance was Way of Life,’ *Good Faith Media*, 14 January
- 2020** ‘Fratelli Tutti: Pope Francis delivers new teaching aimed at healing divisions in the face of coronavirus,’ *The Conversation*, 5 October
- 2017** ‘Best Kept Secret,’ *Catholic Worker (New York)*, August to September
- 2016** ‘Pope Francis, the Superstars of Radical Nonviolence, and a Bold Move to Change the Politics of Peace,’ *The Conversation*, 15 December
- ‘Suicide or Self-Sacrifice: Catholics Debate the Hunger Strikes,’ *Irish Times*, 6 July
- ‘Pope Francis Pens 300-Page Love Letter that Will Disappoint Some Catholics,’ *The Conversation*, 8 April
- 2015** ‘Second Class Republicans? Sinn Féin, Feminism, and the Women’s Hunger Strikes,’ *Irish Times*, 18 December
- 2013** ‘Northern Ireland: A Work in Progress,’ *World Irish*, May
- 2005** ‘Church-Based Peacebuilding,’ *Lion and Lamb*, Spring

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Undergraduate Year One</b>	<b>Undergraduate Year Two</b>	<b>Undergraduate Year Three</b>	<b>Postgraduate Taught</b>
Peace Activism in Northern Ireland	Religion, Conflict and Reconciliation	Social Justice in a Post-Secular Society	Research Methods
The Northern Ireland Troubles	The Politics of Religion and Peace	Comparative Peace Processes	The Theory and Practice of Conflict and Peace
	The Transformation of Ireland 1923-2000	Religion and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding	

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Departmental Director of Postgraduate Research
- Faculty Representative to the University Research Ethics Committee
- Faculty Director of Research
- Director of MA Programmes
- Library and Learning Resources Co-Ordinator