

# JAISSY A. JOSEPH

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Theology and Religious Studies Department** 2022  
Villanova University, Villanova, PA
- Assistant Professor, Theology and Religious Studies Department** 2018  
Seattle University, Seattle, WA
- Teaching Fellow, Theology Department** 2016  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

## EDUCATION

- PhD, Systematic Theology** 2019  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- M.Div., History of Christianity** 2012  
Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
- B.A., Psychology and Religious Studies (Honors)  
Pre-Medicine Concentration and Leadership Studies Minor** 2009  
Austin College, Sherman, TX  
*Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Struggle for Identity Among Syro-Malabar Catholics*, Eastern Christian Publications, 2014

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- “Responding to Shame with Solidarity: The Sex Abuse Crisis in the Indian Catholic Church,” *Asian Horizons*, vol 14, no.2 (2020): 381-392.
- “Naming our World through Freirean Lenses,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, vol 36.1 (2020), 161-166.
- “The Decentered Vision of Diaspora Space: Theological Ethnography, Migration, and the Pilgrim Church,” *Practical Matters*, vol. 11, (2018): 88-102.
- “Of Equal Dignity: An Interpretation of *Orientalium Ecclesiarum*,” *Asian Horizons* vol. 8, no.1 (2014): 35-47.

### Book Chapters

- “Synodality, Conciliarity, and *Yogams*: Catholic Ecclesial Structures of Decision-Making and the Future of Christianity,” eds Aristotle Papanikolaou and George Demacopoulos (New York, NY: Fordham University Press), *forthcoming*.
- “Marked by 2020: Disorientation and Reorientation in a Pandemic Age,” eds. Michael Trice and Patricia O’Connell Killen (Washington D.C.: Georgetown University Press), 2023.
- “One Long Labor: Towards an Indian American Interreligious Consciousness,” in *The*

- T&T Clark Handbook to Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics*, co-authored with Khyati Y. Joshi, eds. Seung Ai Yang and Uriah Kim (London: T&T Clark), 2019.
- “Negotiations In-Between: Indian Catholics in Diaspora” in *Scattered and Gathered: Catholics in Diaspora*, ed. Michael Budde (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books), 2017.
- “In-Beyond the Margins: A Second-Generation Immigrant Christian Experience” in “*For Just Such a Time as This*”: *Young Adults and the Future of the Church*, ed. Kathryn Lohre (Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press), 2014.

### Book Reviews

- Review of “St. Thomas and India: Recent Research,” edited by K. S. Mathew, Joseph Chacko Chennattuserry, and Antony Bungalowparambil, *International Bulletin for Mission Research*, (2022): 452-453.
- Review of “Enfleshing Theology: Embodiment, Discipleship, and Politics in the Work of M. Shawn Copeland,” edited by Robert J. Rivera and Michele Saracino, *Horizons* 47.2 (2020): 409-411.
- Review of “Christianity in India: The Anti-Colonial Turn” by Clara A. B. Joseph, *South Asian Review* 41.2 (2020): 212-214.
- Review of “The Participation of Non-Catholic Christian Observers, Guests and Fraternal Delegates at the Second Vatican Council and The Synods of Bishops: A Theological Analysis” by Christopher Thomas Washington, *Theological Studies* 78.1 (2017): 24-25.

### Web-Based Publications

- “Exploring Embodied Pedagogy: Racial Trauma Theory in the Classroom,” *Wabash 2022*
- “Encountering our Wounds: Looking at Race and Reality with James Baldwin,” *Traces*, 2020
- “No Longer Bearing the Cross Alone: Shame and Sexual Violence among South Asian Christians,” Political Theology Network Symposium, 2018

### Other Publications

- “New Scholars: Jaisy A. Joseph,” *Asian Horizons*, vol 14, no.1 (2020): 263-268.
- Charter of the Diocesan Youth Apostolate, co-authored with Abin Kuriakose (Cochin: Bullshark Media), 2016

## AWARDS AND HONORS

|   |           |
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| Provost’s Pilot Initiative on Anti-Racist Education Summer Grant      | 2020-2021 |
| Institute of Catholic Thought and Culture Research Fellowship         | 2020-2021 |
| Louisville Fellow, Louisville Institute                               | 2018-2020 |
| Scholar in Residence, Collegeville Institute                          | 2017-2018 |
| Kilian McDonnell Faith and Culture Fellowship, Collegeville Institute | 2017-2018 |
| Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship                          | 2017-2018 |

## COURSES TAUGHT

### Villanova University Courses

#### Graduate Courses

- Ecclesiology and Theology of Ministry After Vatican II
- Asian Feminist Theologies

#### Undergraduate Courses

Race, Ethnicity, and the US Catholic Church  
God's Preferential Option

### Seattle University Courses

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

Major Themes and Thinkers: Theological Anthropology  
Religion, Desire, Nonviolence (Honors Course)  
Race, Ethnicity, and the US Catholic Church  
Liberating Catholicism  
Social Justice & Christian Ethics

### Boston College Courses

Introduction to Christian Theology (instructor of record)  
Religious Quest (TA for Dr. H. John McDargh)  
Introduction to Christian Theology (TA for Dr. Brian Robinette)

## INVITED TALKS

- New Directions in Ecclesiology: The Contributions of Richard Gaillardetz, 2022  
Boston College,  
“The Mimetic Insights of Richard Gaillardetz’ Noncompetitive Ecclesiology”
- Patterson Conference on Christian Unity, Fordham University 2022  
“Synodality, Conciliarity, and *Yogams*: Catholic Ecclesial Structures of Decision-Making  
and the Future of Christianity,”
- Lightening Talks Series, Seattle University Anti-Racist Pedagogy Cohort 2022  
“Exploring Embodied Pedagogy: Racial Trauma Theory in the Classroom”
- American Academy of Religion, Theology and Ethnography Workshop, Boston, MA 2021  
“Ethnography as Storytelling”
- Catholic Intellectual Tradition Seminar, ICTC (Seattle University) 2020  
“Catholicism & Culture”
- St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN 2018  
“The Migrant’s Double Vision: Understanding Pope Francis’ Culture  
of Encounter”
- World Religions World Church Inaugural Conference, Notre Dame, IN 2015  
“Ornamental or Integral Beauty?”

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Catholic Theological Society of America, Church/Ecumenism Session, Milwaukee 2023  
“From Humiliation to Healing: A Mimetic Account of Finding Freedom through  
the Forgiving Victim”
- American Academy of Religion, The Colloquium on Violence and Religion, 2022  
*Panel Organized:* “Theologies of Mercy and Black Liberation: American Christianity  
Through the Lens of Mimetic Theory”  
*Paper Presented:* “Metabolizing Racial Trauma: A Eucharistic Examination of Conscience”
- Catholic Theological Society of America, Fieldwork in Theology, Atlanta GA 2022  
“Encountering the Other as Religious Minority: Eastern Catholics in  
Predominantly Muslim and Hindu Contexts”
- American Academy of Religion, The Colloquium on Violence and Religion,  
San Antonio, TX 2021

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| “Racism, Casteism, and Mimetic Ecclesiology”<br>American Academy of Religion, Liberation Theologies, San Diego, CA   | 2019 |
| “Teaching Theology in Times of Crisis: Practices and Promises of Liberative Pedagogies”<br>Catholic Theological Society of America, Church/Ecumenism Session, Pittsburg, PA  | 2019 |
| “One Long Epiclesis: The Eucharistic Table as Diaspora Space”<br>Catholic Theological Society of America, Catholicity & Mission Session, Pittsburg, PA   | 2019 |
| “The Church as Leaven and Pilgrim: A Postcolonial Turn to the Interstices”<br>Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative Conference, Claremont, CA   | 2018 |
| “Neither Resignation nor Rebellion: When Writing Becomes a Path to Holiness”<br>American Academy of Religion, Ecclesiological Investigations & World Christianity,<br>Boston, MA   | 2017 |
| “Re-Imagining Catholicity: Robert Schreier and the Interruption of Universalizing<br>Tendencies”<br>Catholic Theological Society of America, Albuquerque, NM   | 2017 |
| <i>Panel Organized:</i> “Permeable Boundaries: The Role of Ethnography in Attending<br>to Integral Human Ecology”<br><i>Paper Presented:</i> “Local Churches, Local Ecologies: Catholicity Through the Lens<br>of the Empirical”<br>American Academy of Religion, Vatican II Studies Group, San Antonio TX | 2016 |
| “Catholicity Challenged: Orientalism and Uniatism at Vatican II”   |      |

#### **INVITED MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS**

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| American Cusanus Society, the Nova Forum, and the Lumen Christi Institute<br>“Synodality from an Eastern Catholic Perspective”  | 2022 |
| St. Thomas SyroMalabar Catholic Diocesan Youth Apostolate, USA<br>“Are We Wandering Apart or Journeying Together: An Introduction to Synodality”                          | 2022 |
| Seattle University Campus Ministry<br>“Ecclesiology and the Reign of God”   | 2022 |
| SyroMalabar Youth Movement, Canada<br>“The Cross and the Lynching Tree: Why Black Lives Matter”   | 2020 |
| St. Thomas SyroMalabar Catholic Diocesan Youth Apostolate, USA<br>“Colorism within Catholicism: A Collective Examination of Conscience for<br>SyroMalabar Catholics”      | 2020 |
| St. Thomas SyroMalabar Catholic Diocese National Convention, Houston, TX<br>“Who are We? What Is Our Purpose?”<br>“The Struggle Continues: Reflections on the Future”     | 2019 |
| St. Thomas SyroMalabar Catholic Diocese Pastoral Council, Chicago, IL<br>Keynote Address - “Faith in Action: Going to the Peripheries <i>as</i> SyroMalabar<br>Catholics” | 2018 |

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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| Digital Fellowship Program for Early Career Workshop Participants<br>Wabash Center | 2022 |
| Early Career Religion Faculty Teaching Undergraduates,<br>Wabash Center            | 2021 |
| CDLI Winter Course Design Program,<br>Seattle University                           | 2021 |
| CDLI Summer Training Modules,  | 2020 |

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| Seattle University<br>Arrupe Seminar,  | 2020 |
| Seattle University<br>ATSI Teaching and Learning Workshop,<br>Wabash Center    | 2019 |
| Mental Health First Aid Certification<br>Seattle University                    | 2019 |
| Religion and Its Publics Emerging Scholars Workshop,<br>University of Virginia | 2018 |

### **SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY**

|   |      |
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| Faculty Representative at Majors Fair   | 2022 |
| Villanova's Center for Faith and Learning Scholars Program, Mentor                      | 2022 |
| Provost's School of Theology and Ministry Committee                                     | 2021 |
| Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSI) on Religious Pluralism Grant,<br>Associate Director | 2021 |
| M. Shawn Copeland Reading Group Facilitator   | 2021 |
| ICTC Fellowship Selection Committee   | 2021 |
| Departmental Honors Project   | 2021 |
| Student Outreach Coordinator, THRS Department   | 2020 |
| Department Chair Selection Committee, Chair   | 2020 |
| <i>Seeking Wisdom Series</i> Video, Center of Religious Wisdom and World Affairs        | 2020 |
| Theology Faculty Consultant, ICTC New Course Development                                | 2020 |
| Internship Program, Department Liaison  | 2020 |
| Departmental Search Committee for position in Islamic Studies                           | 2019 |
| Program Review Committee  | 2019 |
| Faculty Representative at Fall Preview Day  | 2019 |

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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| CTSA Centennial Committee   | 2022-2025 |
| AAR Vatican II Studies Unit, Steering Committee   | 2022-2025 |
| The Women Shaping Theology Workshop, Steering Committee                                   | 2021-2023 |
| World Forum on Theology and Liberation, International Advisory Committee                  | 2021-2023 |
| CTSA Representative to the World Forum on Theology and Liberation                         | 2021-2023 |
| CTSA Interest Group, Fieldwork in Theology, Co-Organizer                                  | 2021-2023 |
| Pluralism Project, Harvard University, Advisor  | 2020-2023 |
| Association of Asian North American Theological Educators (AANATE),<br>Steering Committee | 2019-2021 |
| Women's Consultation on Constructive Theology Steering Committee, CTSA                    | 2017-2020 |

### **SERVICE TO THE CHURCH**

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| Catholic Speakers of Color                               | 2021- present |
| Pastoral Council, Archdiocese of Seattle                 | 2020-2022     |
| James Baldwin Exhibit Co-Facilitator, New York Encounter | 2019-2020     |

## LANGUAGES

German (reading with dictionary)  
French (reading with dictionary)  
Syriac (reading with dictionary)  
Malayalam (conversational)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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|--|----------------|
| Catholic Theological Society of America              | 2016 – present |
| Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative | 2010 - present |
| American Academy of Religion                         | 2010 – present |

## MEDIA COVERAGE

*Interviewed for* “Jaisy Joseph on Reimagining Catholicity.” By Susan Sink. Bearings Online, 23 Mar. 2018. <https://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/joseph-reimagining-catholicity/>

*Interviewed for* "Products of The Soil: Identity Crisis in An Indian Catholic Church."

By Teresa Mathew. NPR, 13 Nov. 2016.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2016/11/13/501710006/products-of-the-soil-identity-crisis-in-an-indian-catholic-church>