

Gerard Ryan, S.J.  
CURRICULUM VITAE

## I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### PERSONAL

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### EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, 2020, University of Oxford,  
'Theological Exploration of the Recognition of Another'.

Co-Supervisors: Professor Werner G. Jeanrond & Professor Graham Ward

Master of Theology, 2014, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto  
'A Hermeneutic of Solidarity as both Ecclesial and Secular in Karl Rahner's Theology of Grace'.

Supervisor: Professor Thomas E. Reynolds.

Licentiate in Sacred Theology, 2014, Regis College, Toronto

Master of Divinity, 2012, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto

Bachelor of Sacred Theology, 2012, Regis College, Toronto.

Spiritual Direction Training Certification, Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph, ON,  
Canada (2012)

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature and Christianity and Culture, 2007 University of Toronto

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Political Theology, Regis College (2020-)

Appointment to GCTS:

Basic Degree Director, Regis College (2020-)

Editorial Board for the Toronto Journal of Theology

## **PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS**

Visiting Research Fellow, The School of Religion, Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin, 2018-2020.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

The Society of Christian Ethics

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

English

Irish (Fluent)

French (Reading Knowledge)

## **II. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK**

### **RESEARCH ENDEAVOURS**

- Recognition theories and theology
- Theologies of accompaniment
- Narrative and vulnerability studies
- Secularism and religion
- Participation and pastoral theologies
- Theology as a relational discipline
- Transcendence and transformation

### **CURRENT RESEARCH FUNDED PROJECT**

Science of Loneliness and Religion

### **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

#### **MONOGRAPHS/ BOOKS:**

*Mutual Accompaniment as Faith-filled Living: Recognition of the Vulnerable Other* (New York: Palgrave, 2022).

#### **Articles in academic journals:**

“Charles Taylor and the Political Recognition of Difference as a Resource for Theological Reflection on Religious Recognition,” *Open Theology* 2, no.1 (2016): 907-23. (R)

## **Work in Progress**

*Ecological Accompaniment: From Connectivity to Closeness in an Age of Loneliness* (Requested for submission for peer-review for *Issues in Science and Theology*, Springer Press, and presently a work in progress). Under peer-review.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Responding Theologically to Populism,” Panel participant for the *Virtual Forum Series: Doing Theology During Epochal Shifts*, Toronto School of Theology, September 23, 2020.

“Judith Butler and the Positive Power of Dependency,” Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo (2019)

“Recognition and the Social Ontology of Vulnerability,” Faculty of Theology, University of Gothenburg (2018)

“From Narrative to Recognition: Religious Identity for Today,” Faculty of Theology, University of Munich (2017)

“The Narrative of Disrespect to Respect: The Recognition of Another,” Conference: Engaging Particularities XV, Boston College, 2016.

“From Political Recognition to Religious Recognition: The Theology of Johann Baptist Metz,” Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki (2014).

## **Conference Papers**

“Ecological Accompaniment: From Connectivity to Closeness in an Age of Loneliness,” European Society for the Study of Science and Religion (ESSSAT), Ålesund, Norway, 4 - 8 May 2022.

“Science of Loneliness and Religion,” Twelfth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, University of Cordoba, Spain, June 2022.

“Narrative Meaning Making and Retroactive Recognition of the Other,” Loyola Institute Inaugural Conference, Dublin, Ireland, 2016.

“Ecology of Daily Life: City Life as a Model of Social Relations,” Conference: Connecting Ecologies: Rehabilitating our Common Home, University of Oxford, 2017.

## **PUBLIC LECTURE, CREATOR AND ORGANIZER**

Recognition and Vulnerability Webinar , with guest speaker Prof. James Keenan, S.J. Boston College, April 28, 2021.

## **GRANTS**

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Seed Grant for Seminaries (\$15,000), 2021-2022.

Co-leader for this grant.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Teacher and Chaplain, St Bonaventure's College, St John's NL, 2007-2009

Teacher, Religion and English, Loyola Secondary School, Montreal, Quebec, 2003.

L'Arche Daybreak, House Assistant, House Leader, 1999-2002.

## **III. TEACHING & SUPERVISORY ACTIVITY**

### **TEACHING**

RGT1101HF Foundations of Theology

RGT3645H/ 6645HS Religious Meaning in a Secular World

RGT1101HF Foundations of Theology

RGP1621HS Ignatian Foundations for Mission and Ministry

### **SUPERVISION**

#### **M. Div Comprehensive examinations:**

2020-2021:

Sarah Rudolph, IBVM, *Ecclesial Renewal Through Recognition Theory: Pastoral Accompaniment of the Child in Response to the Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church*

2021-2022:

Curtis McKenzie, *A Comparison of the traditions, doctrines, and challenges between the Roman and Ukrainian Catholic Churches in North America in Four Doctrinal Areas, Ecumenism and Ethics.*

Ashely Tran, *The Provocation of Loneliness: Recovery of Spiritual Identity, Agency, and Resilience: An Exploration of Loneliness, Prayer, and Spiritual Accompaniment for 21st Century Theological Anthropology*

### **ThM. STL Supervision**

Gerard Paul, SJ, *From a Complex to a Constructive Dialogue: Haitian Voodoo and Christianity* (expected, August 2022).

Nabine Djore, SJ, *Eschatological Hope as Christian Witness in the Context of the Togolese Church* (expected, August 2021).

### **ThM./ STL Committees**

Mario Tawadrous, SJ, *Egyptian Revolution January 2011, A Sign of Hope: Reading of the Revolution through a Hermeneutics of Liberation Theology* (June 2021).

### **Ph.D. Committees**

Yifei Zhou, Trinity College (2021-)

### **Ph.D. co-supervision**

Hannah Ferguson, Regis College (2021-)

Karl Rahner's Foundations of Theology with Dr. James Hanvey, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, (Trinity Term, 2017).

Charles Taylor and the Positive Force of Language for Theological Discourse, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, (Michaelmas term 2016).

## **IV. SERVICE**

### **College committee service**

- Advisory Committee for the Federation Regis-St. Michael's (2021)
- Chairing the BD Committee at Regis (2020-)

TST committee service:

- Faculty Assembly (2021-22)
- Faculty Executive Committee (2021-22)
- Basic Degree Council (2020-)
- The Forum (2021-)
- Editorial Board of the Toronto Journal of Theology (2022-)

Organization Committee for Connecting Ecologies Conference (2017), Campion Hall, University of Oxford.

Weekend and occasional Ministry, Archdiocese of Toronto, 2010-2014.

Chair, Mission and Ecology Commission, English Canada Jesuits, 2013 – 2014.

Board member, St. Bonaventure's College, St. John's, NL, Canada, 2010 – 2014

Council member, Ecclesial degrees, Regis College, Toronto, 2010 – 2014

Vice-chair, Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice, English Canada Jesuits, 2008 – 2014

Board Member, L' Arche Daybreak council for inter- faith dialogue.

Member, Consultation body for the Jesuit community of Regis College. 2012-present.

Spiritual Director of the Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Augustine's Seminary, TST  
(2012-2013)