



BOSTON COLLEGE

Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences



GRADUATE PROGRAM

# Theology

# WELCOME TO GRADUATE THEOLOGY

**B**oston College offers exceptional resources for Catholic and ecumenical study of all fields of theology. The Theology Department provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary for reasoned reflection on their own values, faith and tradition, as well as on the religious forces that shape our world. Boston College offers exceptional resources for Catholic and ecumenical study in all areas of theology.

Not only is the Theology Department considered one of the foremost such departments in the country, but the city of Boston is also one of the richest environments in the world for the study of theology. Boston College is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> among universities worldwide in Theology, Divinity, and Religious Studies in the prestigious 2024 QS World University Rankings. The Theology, Divinity, and Religious Studies ranking, which reflects the joint contributions of the Department of Theology, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, and the Clough School of Theology and Ministry, is based on academic and employer reputation, faculty citations, and global research impact, among other factors.

The Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium (BTIC), a consortium of theology faculties primarily in the Boston-Newton-Cambridge area, has as its constituent members the following institutions: Boston College Theology Department, Boston Islamic Seminary, Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry, Boston University Graduate Program in Religion, Boston University School of Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, Harvard Divinity School, Hebrew College, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and St. John's Seminary and Theological Institute. This consortium offers complete cross-registration in several hundred courses, the use of library facilities in the 11 schools, joint seminars and programs, and faculty exchange programs ([bostontheological.org](http://bostontheological.org)).

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## Ph.D. Program

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The goal of the doctoral program in theology is the formation of theologians who excel intellectually in the church, the academy, and society. It is confessional in nature and envisions theology as “faith seeking understanding.” Accordingly, the program aims at nourishing a community of faith, scholarly conversation, and research and teaching centered in the study of Christian life and thought, past and present, in ways that contribute to this goal. It recognizes that creative theological discussion and specialized research require serious and in-depth appropriation of the great philosophical and theological traditions of the past, as well as ecumenical, interdisciplinary, inter-religious, and cross-cultural cooperation.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- ❖ Students are expected to acquire a rigorous mastery of the Christian tradition, enabling them to critically probe the foundations of various theological positions.
- ❖ Students are expected to command the tools and techniques of research particular to their field and to organize and integrate their knowledge in such a way as to make an original contribution to the academic study of theology.
- ❖ Students are expected to engage in ecumenical, inter-religious, interdisciplinary, and cross-cultural academic conversation as appropriate to their discipline.
- ❖ Students are expected to acquire the skills and competencies necessary to present papers at appropriate academic conferences and to publish the results of their research in respected peer-reviewed journals.
- ❖ Students are expected to acquire the skills and competencies necessary to succeed not only as active scholars, but also as effective teachers.

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Students in the doctoral program focus their studies in one of five major areas: Historical Theology/History of Christianity, Systematic Theology, Biblical Studies, Theological Ethics or Comparative Theology. Students also minor in a secondary area. Interested students may also complete an S.T.L. at the Clough School of Theology and Ministry while in residence.

The *Historical Theology/History of Christianity* area studies past theological reflection on the faith and practice of the church. The HT/HC area strives to appreciate these theological expressions both within their immediate historical contexts (social, cultural, institutional) and within the broader trajectories of theological development in the Christian tradition.

*Systematic Theology* is the contemporary intellectual reflection on the content of divine revelation as an interrelated whole. The program fosters the capacity to treat theological material systematically, constructively, and contextually, according to methods that attend to the coherence and interconnectedness of the elements of the Christian tradition, take responsibility for the tradition's ongoing development, and address diverse cultural situations. Special attention is given to the historical development of Christian thought and doctrine, its intellectual cogency, its role and significance within different cultural contexts, its contemporary expressions from different theological perspectives, and newly emergent questions.

The *Biblical Studies* area focuses on the canonical books of the Bible, both within their historical and cultural worlds and in relation to their reception within the Christian and Jewish traditions. All students acquire a thorough competency in both the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and the New Testament, including competency in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. Students may learn other ancient languages and literatures as their research requires. The comprehensive exams cover the whole Bible, with emphasis on either the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible or the New Testament, and include a specialized exam in an area of study pertinent to the student's dissertation.

*Theological Ethics* includes the ecumenical study of major Christian ethicists and attends to the biblical foundations, philosophical contributions, socio-political contexts, and theological interpretations of ethics. The program encompasses the historical development of traditions in Christian ethics, including the natural law and virtue ethics. It also includes a strong social ethics component as well as offerings in applied ethics.

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The exploration of contemporary ethics is set in a critical, historical perspective and encourages attention to the global, multicultural, and public character of the Christian community. Within its Ph.D. program in Theological Ethics, the Boston College Theology Department offers the possibility of focus on Catholic health care. The purpose of the track is to integrate the comprehensive theological training that characterizes the Ph.D. program in Theological Ethics with two focused internships in Catholic health care facilities.

*Comparative Theology* involves faith seeking understanding in constructive dialogue with another religious tradition. Students are expected to acquire significant expertise in a religion other than their own, as well as minor in another specific area of theology. Equipped with the methodological tools of the comparative study of religion, as well as a critical self-awareness of theology of religions, students will reflect on a particular theological question or problem in their own religious tradition through constructive engagement with analogous ideas or practices in the other tradition. This will prepare them to teach courses in Christian theology and in their non-Christian religious tradition, as well as in interreligious dialogue and comparative theology more generally.

## ADDITIONAL STUDY POSSIBILITIES

### Ph.D. in Theology–S.T.L. Dual Degree

Students currently enrolled in the Ph.D. in Theology through the Graduate School of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences can apply to the Sacred Theology Licentiate (S.T.L.) program at the ecclesiastical faculty of Boston College's Clough School of Theology and Ministry. This additional credential allows students to teach in Roman Catholic seminaries and on ecclesiastical faculties in the U.S. and abroad and to serve in some administrative and advisory positions.

### Certificate in Digital Humanities

The Graduate Certificate in Digital Humanities, completed alongside existing degree requirements, combines interdisciplinary methodological training with discipline-specific coursework and a project-based approach to provide students with training and institutional recognition in this fast-growing field.

### Certificate Program of the Center for Human Rights and International Justice

This program certifies that the student has: 1) followed a curriculum within his or her graduate studies that emphasized human rights and international justice issues; 2) widened his or her interdisciplinary understanding of these issues by completing one or more courses designated by the Center for Human Rights and International Justice in other academic departments; and 3) completed the center's Seminar in Human Rights with a research project component.

### M.A. Joint Program in Philosophy and Theology

Drawing on the resources of major departments and distinguished authorities in each field, and situated at the heart of a prominent Jesuit, Catholic university, this program is structured around distinct concentrations that address major areas of common concern to the two fields, and explores their historical, systematic, and disciplinary relations. Students develop a program of study in discussion with an academic advisor and take courses in the standard graduate programs offered by the Philosophy and Theology departments.

Concentrations include: Faith, Science and Philosophy; Foundations in Philosophy and Theology; Medieval Philosophy and Theology; and Philosophy and Religions.

This program is designed to address the various interests of students who wish to augment graduate study of philosophy with greater exposure to theology or graduate study of theology with greater exposure to philosophy; plan to teach or are currently teaching in private secondary schools; or simply seek intellectual enrichment.

# FACULTY PROFILES

## AMEY VICTORIA ADKINS JONES

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Duke University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mariology; theological anthropology; iconography and visual theory; womanist theology and Black feminist thought; human trafficking; prison industrial complex

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- ❖ "Aesthetics of Resistance: Black Theology and the Visual Culture of The Shrine of the Black Madonna #9." *Africana Studies Review* 7(1) (2021): 62-86.
- ❖ "A Theological Anthropology of Racism." In *T&T Clark Handbook for Theological Anthropology* (T&T Clark, 2021).
- ❖ "How Will This Be? Advent 4B." *Living by the Word Lectionary Commentary, The Christian Century* 137(25) (Dec. 2, 2020).
- ❖ "Who Are You?: Advent 3B." *Living by the Word Lectionary Commentary, The Christian Century* 137(25) (Dec. 2, 2020).
- ❖ "Through A Glass Darkly: Theological [Re]Visioning with All the Boys." In *Carrie Mae Weems: Strategies of Engagement* (McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, 2018).

## LIAM BERGIN

Professor of the Practice

S.T.D. Gregorian University, Rome

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sacramental theology; sacraments of initiation; sacraments and art; sacraments and ethical formation

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Saving Water." *Worship* 94 (2022): 106-23.
- ❖ "From Breaking Jars to Breaking Bread: Eucharist as Prophetic Act." *Worship* 89 (2015): 331-50.
- ❖ "Anticipating the Future: Christian Life and Worship in Memory of the Eschatological Lord." *Doctrine and Life* 64(10) (2014): 3-15.
- ❖ "O Sacrum Lavacrum": *Baptism as Symbolic Act of Eschatological Salvation* (Analecta Gregoriana, 1999).

## LISA SOWLE CAHILL

J. Donald Monan Professor

Ph.D., University of Chicago

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

History of Christian ethics; Christology and ethics; Catholic social teaching and globalization; gender equality; bioethics; war and peacebuilding

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-editor, *Trans Life and The Catholic Church Today* (T&T Clark, 2024).
- ❖ *Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Pacifism, Just War, and Peacebuilding* (Georgetown University Press, 2019).

- ❖ *Theology and Praxis of Gender Equality* (Dharmaram Press, 2018).
- ❖ "Catholic Social Teaching as Political Theology." In *The Cambridge Companion to Political Theology*, eds. E. Phillips and C. Hovey (Cambridge University Press, 2016).
- ❖ "Renegotiating Aquinas: Catholic Feminist Ethics, Postmodernism, Realism, and Faith." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43 (2015): 193-217.
- ❖ *Global Justice, Christology, and Christian Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 2013).

## JEFFREY L. COOLEY

Associate Professor; Undergraduate Program Director

Ph.D., Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Hebrew Bible and its ancient Near Eastern context; the intersection of ancient scholarship and literature; intellectual history of ancient Israel and Mesopotamia; divination in the ancient Near East

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed., *Jehu's Tribute: What Can Biblical Studies Offer Assyriology?* (Explorations in Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations) (Eisenbrauns, forthcoming).
- ❖ "On the Name Book: Listing and Exegeting Monarchs, Scribes, and Elites in VR 44." *Orientalia* 91 (2022): 222-64.
- ❖ "The תורה in רות: Notes on Judean Literary Onomastics." *Hebrew Union College Annual* 91 (2022).
- ❖ "Exegeting Enoch: Re-inscribing a Mesopotamian Figure in the Yahwist Narrative." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 80 (2021): 59-71.

## BOYD TAYLOR COOLMAN

Professor

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medieval Catholicism; Victorine and early Franciscan traditions; emergence of scholastic theology; medieval mystical theologies

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "'Love Enters In': Apophatic Theology in the Medieval Victorine Tradition." In *The Oxford Handbook of Apophatic Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2024).
- ❖ "The Cistercians and Victorines." In *The Oxford Handbook of Deification*, eds. P. Gavriluk, A. Hofer, and M. Levering (Oxford University Press, 2024).
- ❖ Co-author, "Love Saturated God-Consciousness in Thomas Gallus and Bernard Lonergan." *Angelicum* 99(2) (2022): 97-163.
- ❖ "Spiritual and Sensuous: Spiritual Perception, Eschatologically Considered." In *Perceiving Things Divine: Towards a Constructive Account of Spiritual Perception*, eds. F.D. Aquino and P.L. Gavriluk (Oxford University Press, 2022).

# FACULTY PROFILES

- ❖ “Masters, Mystics, and Ministers in the Medieval City.” In *Omnium expetendorum prima est sapientia. Studies on Victorine Thought and Influence*, eds. D. Poirel, M. J. Janecki, W. Bajor, and M. Buraczewski (Bibliotheca Victorina, 2021).
- ❖ “‘To weep with those who weep and to rejoice with those who rejoice.’ Signature Divine Affectivity Humanly Expressed in Hugh of St. Victor.” *The Center is Jesus Christ Himself: Essays on Revelation, Salvation, and Evangelization in Honor of Robert P. Imbelli* (Catholic University of America Press, 2021).
- ❖ “The Pneumatic Finality of Goodness in the *Summa Halensis*.” In *Friar, Teacher, Minister, Bishop: A Celebration of the Eighth Centenary of His Birth*, eds. T. Johnson, K. Wrisley-Shelby, and M.K. Zamora (Franciscan Institute Publications, 2021).
- ❖ *Knowledge, Love and Ecstasy in Thomas Gallus* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

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## CATHERINE CORNILLE

Newton College Alumnae Chair in Western Culture

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Ph.D., Catholic University of Leuven

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative theology; theology of religions; interreligious dialogue; religious hybridity; concrete questions in the Hindu-Christian and Buddhist-Christian dialogues

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Religious Hybridity and Comparative Theology: Challenges and Opportunities.” In *Christian Theology in a Pluralistic Age*, ed. D. Jensen (Wipf and Stock, 2024).
- ❖ “Comparing the Tertium Comparationis in Comparative Religion and Comparative Theology.” *Zeitschrift für Religionswissenschaft* 31(2) (2023): 207-19.
- ❖ “Resisting Relativism in Comparative Theology.” In *A Companion to Comparative Theology* (Festschrift in honor of Francis Clooney), eds. A. Takacs and J. Kimmel (Wiley, 2023).
- ❖ “Interreligious Empathy and Linguistic Plurality.” In *Beyond Babel: Religions and Linguistic Pluralism*, ed. A. Vestrucci (Springer, 2022).
- ❖ Ed., *Atonement and Comparative Theology. The Cross in Dialogue with Other Religions* (Fordham University Press, 2021).
- ❖ “Comparative Theology: More than Comparing Theologies.” In *A Companion to Comparative Theology*, ed. W. Valkenberg (Brill, 2022).
- ❖ “The Added Value of a Home in Comparative Theology.” *Toronto Journal of Theology* (2023): 1-9.
- ❖ *Meaning and Method in Comparative Theology* (Wiley, 2019).
- ❖ “The Problem of Choice in Comparative Theology.” In *How to do Comparative Theology*, eds. F. Clooney and K. von Stosch (Fordham University Press, 2018).

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## JOHN DARR

Associate Professor

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Ph.D., Vanderbilt University

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

New Testament, specifically, the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles; literary criticism and theory; biblical characters and characterization; synoptic relations; eco-theology; biblical ethics

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Reading Luke-Acts as Scriptural History and Philosophical Biography: A Pragmatic Approach to Lukan Intertextuality and Genre.” In *Modern and Ancient Literary Criticism of the Gospels: Continuing the Debate on Gospel Genre(s)*, eds. R.M. Calhoun et al. (Mohr Siebeck, 2020).
- ❖ “Murmuring Sophists: Extratextual Elements in Luke’s Portrayal of Pharisees.” In *Anatomies of the Gospels and Beyond: Essays in Honor of R. Alan Culpepper*, eds. M.C. Parsons et al. (Brill, 2018).
- ❖ “Levi’s Banquet (Luke 5:29-39) and Lukan Discipleship: Group Characters and Christian Identity Formation.” In *Characters and Characterization in Luke-Acts*, eds. F.E. Dicken and J.A. Snyder (T&T Clark, 2016).
- ❖ “Narrative Therapy: Treating Audience Anxiety through Psychagogy in Luke.” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 39(4) (2012): 335-48.
- ❖ “‘Be Not Anxious’: Reading Martha and Mary (Lk. 10:38-42) Within Luke’s Overall Discourse on Anxiety.” In *Reading Ideologies: Essays on the Bible and Interpretation in Honor of Mary Ann Tolbert* (Bible in the Modern World, 40), ed. T. Liew (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2011).

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## NATANA DELONG-BAS

Professor of the Practice

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Ph.D., Georgetown University

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative theology (Islam and Christianity); comparative scripture (Bible and Qur’an); comparative environmental ethics (Islam and Christianity); women and gender; Islamic law; contemporary Islamic thought and practice (18<sup>th</sup> century-present); Arabian gulf countries

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Modern Re-readings of the Classical Legal Literature on Women.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Islam and Women* (Oxford University Press, 2023).
- ❖ Ed., *Islam, Revival, and Reform: Redefining Tradition for the Twenty-First Century* (Syracuse University Press, 2022).
- ❖ “The Qur’an: Ritual, Practice, Embodiment and Culture.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Islamic Ritual and Practice*, ed. O. Leaman (Routledge, 2022).
- ❖ “Wahhabism and Salafism in Global Perspective.” In *Wahhabism in the World: Understanding Saudi Arabia’s Global Influence on Religion*, ed. P. Mandaville (Oxford University Press, 2022).

- ❖ Co-author with J. Esposito, *Shariah: What Everyone Needs to Know* (Oxford University Press, 2018).
- ❖ *Islam: A Living Faith* (Anselm Academic, 2018).
- ❖ Editor-in-Chief, *Oxford Bibliographies Online – Islamic Studies* (Oxford University Press, since 2019).

## JASON DONNELLY

Professor of the Practice

Ph.D., Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Kierkegaard; the Hermeneutics of tradition; Ignatian spirituality

## YONDER GILLIHAN

Associate Professor

Ph.D., University of Chicago

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Dead Sea Scrolls; Matthew and Paul; apocalypticism; Christian origins within the context of Jewish sectarianism in the late Second Temple period

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Associations,” “Meals,” “Oaths and Vows” and “Sectarianism.” In *The T&T Clark Companion to Second Temple Judaism*, eds. L. Stuckenbruck and D. Gurtner (Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2019).
- ❖ “Apocalyptic Themes in Hasmonean Propaganda: 1 Maccabees, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Struggle for Political Legitimacy.” In *The Seleucid and Hasmonean Periods and the Apocalyptic Worldview*, eds. L. Grabbe et al. (T&T Clark, 2016).
- ❖ “Havurah, Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Vol. 11), eds. D. Allison et al. (De Gruyter, 2015).
- ❖ “Civic Ideology, Organization, and Law in the Rule Scrolls: A Comparative Study of the Covenanters’ Sect and Contemporary Voluntary Associations in Political Context.” In *Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah*, ed. F.G. Martínez (Brill, 2012).

## KRISTIN HEYER

Professor

Ph.D., Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Catholic social thought; migration ethics; conscience and moral agency

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-ed., *The Moral Vision of Pope Francis: The Distinctive Contribution of the First Jesuit Pope* (Georgetown University Press, 2024).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Building Bridges in Sarajevo: The Plenary Papers From CTEWC 2018* (Orbis Books, 2019).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Public Theology and the Global Common Good: The Contribution of David Hollenbach, SJ* (Orbis Books, 2016).

- ❖ Co-ed., *Conscience and Catholicism: Rights, Responsibilities and Institutional Responses* (Orbis Books, 2015).
- ❖ *Kinship Across Borders: A Christian Ethic of Immigration* (Moral Traditions series) (Georgetown University Press, 2012).

## DAVID G. HUNTER

Margaret O’Brien Flatley Chair of Catholic Theology

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Patristics; history of Christian ethics; history of biblical interpretation; marriage, divorce, and celibacy in ancient Christianity; Augustine and his contemporaries; synods and canons of the early church

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Disputed Questions on the Canons of the Council of Nicaea I (325).” *Annales Historiae Conciliorum* (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Adultery,” “Ambrosiaster,” “Celibacy, of Clergy.” In *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, eds. D.G. Hunter, B.J. Lietaert Peerbolte, and P. van Geest (Brill, 2024).
- ❖ “Vidua, viduitas” and “Virgo, virginitas.” In *Augustinus Lexikon* (vol. 5, fasc. 5/6), eds. R. Dodaro, C. Mayer, and C. Müller. (Verlag Schwabe, 2023).
- ❖ “Marriage and Martyrdom in Roman North Africa: Augustine and Crispina of Tebessa.” In *Death and Rebirth in Late Antiquity*, ed. L.M. Jefferson (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2022).
- ❖ “Early Christian Marriage Liturgy and the Reception of the Bible.” In *Liturgical Reception of the Bible: Dimensions and Perspectives for Interdisciplinary Research*, eds. H. Buchinger and C. Leonhard (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2022).
- ❖ “Books 21 & 22: The End of the Body, Heaven and Hell in the City of God.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Augustine’s City of God*, ed. D.V. Meconi, S.J. (Cambridge University Press, 2021).
- ❖ “From Rigor to Reconciliation: Cyprian of Carthage on Changing Penitential Practice.” In *Changing the Church: Transformations of Christian Belief, Practice, and Life*, eds. M.D. Chapman and V. Latinovic (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).
- ❖ “Historical Theology and the Problem of Divorce and Remarriage Today.” *Journal of Moral Theology* 10 (2021): 34-59.
- ❖ “‘Neither Poverty Nor Riches’: Ambrosiaster and the Problem of Clerical Compensation.” *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum* 25 (2021): 93-107.
- ❖ “Priestly Celibacy: An Apostolic Tradition? The Theological Stakes of a Historical Argument.” In *Married Priests in the Catholic Church*, ed. A.A.J. DeVille (Notre Dame University Press, 2021), 3-20.
- ❖ “Sexus.” In *Augustinus Lexikon*, eds. R. Dodaro, C. Mayer, and C. Müller (Verlag Schwabe, 2021).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Augustine and Tradition: Influences, Contexts, Legacies* (Eerdmans, 2021).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity: Authors, Texts, and Ideas* (Brill, multi-volume reference work; online publication began in November 2018; print edition forthcoming).



# FACULTY PROFILES

## DANIEL JOSLYN-SIEMIATKOSKI

Kraft Family Professor of Jewish-Christian Relations

Ph.D., Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Jewish-Christian relations; comparative theology; race and antisemitism; Christian theologies of Judaism; Anglican theologies of religion

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Talking About Jews: Principles, Problems, and Proposals for Prayer Book Revision." *Anglican and Episcopal History* 92(2) (2023): 245-66
- ❖ "Advancing the Liturgical Turn in Comparative Theology: Good Friday as a Case Study." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Comparative Theology*, eds. J. Kimmel and A.M. Oaks Takacs (Wiley-Blackwell, 2023).
- ❖ "Mediation and Revelation: The Nature of Torah and the Nature of Jesus Christ." In *A Companion to Comparative Theology*, ed. W. Valkenberg (Brill, 2022).
- ❖ "Towards an Anti-Supersessionist Theology: Race, Whiteness, and Covenant." *Religions* 13(2) (2022): 129.
- ❖ *The More Torah, The More Life: A Christian Commentary on Mishnah Avot* (Peeters Press, 2018).

## M. CATHLEEN KAVENY

Darald and Juliet Libby Professor

J.D., Ph.D., Yale University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Relationship of law, religion and ethics; public theology, mercy and justice; complicity; religion and rhetoric

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Abortion and the Law in the United States: From *Roe* to *Dobbs* and Beyond." *Theological Studies* 84(1) (2023): 134-56.
- ❖ "Michael Perry's Integrative Political Vision." 71 *Emory Law Journal* 1549 (2022): 1549-82.
- ❖ "Anger, Lamentation, and Common Ground." *Theological Studies* 82(4) (2021): 663-85.
- ❖ "The Ironies of the New Religious Liberty Litigation." *Daedalus* 149(3) (2020): 72-86.
- ❖ "Catholic Social Thought and the Gig Economy: Engaging Labor Law and the Desert Fathers." *Studies* 108(432) (2019): 399-410.
- ❖ *Ethics at the Edges of Law: Christian Moralists and American Legal Thought* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

## JAMES F. KEENAN, S.J.

Vice Provost for Global Engagement

Canisius Professor; Director of Jesuit Institute

S.T.D., Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Virtue ethics; Thomas Aquinas; history of theological ethics; public health ethics

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *The Moral Life: Eight Lectures* (Georgetown University Press, 2023).
- ❖ "Social Trust, Populism, and Synodality." *Theological Studies* 84 (1) (2023): 110-34.
- ❖ *A History of Catholic Theological Ethics* (Paulist Press, 2022).
- ❖ "The Color Line, Race and Caste: Structures of Domination and the Ethics of Recognition." *Theological Studies* 82(1) (2021): 69-94.

## MATTHEW C. KRUGER

Associate Professor of the Practice

Director of Undergraduate Studies (Spring 2025)

Ph.D., Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Continental philosophy; Kyoto School; nihilism; nothingness; spirituality; formation; technology

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *Marion, Love, and Nihilism: A Dialogue with Nietzsche, Heidegger, and Nishitani* (Lexington Books, forthcoming).
- ❖ "Nietzsche, Nishitani, and Laruelle on the Apostle Paul: Tradition and the Affirmation of Life." *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* (2024): 1-13.
- ❖ "Aquinas and Zhuangzi on Simultaneous Emotions." *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy* 22(3) (2023): 413-36.
- ❖ "Double Consciousness and Despair: Exploring a Connection Between Søren Kierkegaard and W.E.B. Du Bois." *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook* 25(1) (2020): 265-83.
- ❖ *The Gospel and Nothingness* (Chisokudo, 2019).

## RUTH LANGER

Professor and Graduate Program Director

Associate Director, Center for Christian-Jewish Learning

Ph.D., Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Jewish liturgy and Christian-Jewish relations

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Continuity and Change: The Past Half-Century of Jewish Liturgical Life." *Liturgy* (special issue: *Renewals in Retrospect: Fifty Years of Worship Scholarship Amidst the Changing Worlds of Worship*) 37(4) (2022): 47-51.
- ❖ "Turning to Jerusalem from the Exile: Jewish Liturgy's Engagement with the Diaspora." In *The Oxford Handbook of the Jewish Diaspora*, ed. H. Diner (Oxford University Press, 2021).



- ❖ “Rabbis, Nonrabbis and Synagogues in Roman Palestine: Theory and Reality.” In *Synagogues in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods: Archaeological Finds, New Methods, New Theories*, eds. L. Doering and A.R. Krause in co-operation with H. Löhr. (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020).
- ❖ “Jewish Liturgy During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Vignettes from Boston Suburbs.” In *Gottesdienst auf eigene Gefahr: Die Feier der Liturgie in der Zeit von Covid-19, Worship at Your Own Risk?*, ed. H.-J. Feulner (Schendorff-Verlag, 2020; also, *Contemporary Jewry* 41(1) (2021): 23-37).
- ❖ “Israel in Jewish Theologies: A Schematic Overview.” In *Enabling Dialogue About the Land: A Resource Book for Jews and Christians*, ed. P. Cunningham, R. Langer and J. Svartvik (Stimulus/Paulist Press, 2020).
- ❖ “Jewish Universalism?: The Nations in the Rosh Hashanah Liturgy.” *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations* 15(1) (2020).
- ❖ Co-author, “Re-Examining the Early Evidence for Rabbinic Liturgy: How Fixed Were Its Prayer Texts?” In *On Wings of Prayer: Sources of Jewish Worship: Essays in Honor of Professor Stefan C. Reif on the Occasion of his Seventy-fifth Birthday*, eds. N. Calduch-Benages, M.W. Duggan, and D. Marx. *Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies* 44 (DeGruyter, 2019).

## MICHAEL C. MAGREE, S.J.

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ascetical theology; Early Christian scriptural exegesis; theological interpretation of scripture; history of Christological and Trinitarian doctrine; 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>-century western monastic theology; Byzantine theology of the Hesychast controversy

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *The Interpretation of Kenosis from Origen to Cyril of Alexandria: Dimensions of Self-Emptying in the Reception of Philippians 2:7*. Oxford Early Christian Studies. (Oxford University Press, 2024).
- ❖ “The Nonviolent Christ at the Apocalyptic Center of Origen’s Homilies on Joshua.” *Theological Studies* 84( 3) (2023): 501-23.
- ❖ “Surpassing Mere Logomachy: Cyril and Theodoret on the Third and Fourth Anathemas.” In *Studia Patristica CXXIX*, eds. M. Vinzent and T.A. Pino (Peeters, 2021).

## MARK MASSA, S.J.

Professor

Th.D., Harvard University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

19<sup>th</sup>- and 20<sup>th</sup>-century Catholic thought and practice; the tradition of anti-Catholicism in North American public culture; the effects of Vatican II on American Catholic practice and belief; the history of Catholic theological battles in moral theology after Humanae Vitae

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- ❖ *The Structure of Theological Revolutions: How Debates Over Birth Control Changed American Catholic Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2018).
- ❖ *The American Catholic Revolution: How the Sixties Changed the Church Forever* (Oxford University Press, 2010).
- ❖ *American Catholic History: A Documentary Reader* (New York University Press, 2008).
- ❖ *Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice?* (Crossroad Press, 2003).
- ❖ *Catholics and American Culture: Fulton Sheen, Dorothy Day, and the Notre Dame Football Team*. (Crossroad Press, 1999). [Winner of the ACJU/Alpha Sigma Nu Award for Outstanding Work in Theology for 1999–2001].

## CARLOS MENDOZA-ÁLVAREZ, OP

Professor

Ph.D., Fribourg University, Switzerland

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Fundamental theology; postmodernity; mimetic and queer theories; decolonial thinking

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *La resurrección como anticipación mesiánica* (Iberoamericana University Press, 2020; Portuguese version, Petrópolis, 2020).
- ❖ *Deus ineffabilis. Una teología posmoderna de la revelación del fin de los tiempos* (Herder, 2015; Portuguese version, Petrópolis, 2015).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Où est la vérité? La théologie aux défis de la Radical Orthodoxy et la Déconstruction* (Labor et Fides, 2012).
- ❖ *Deus absconditus. Désir, mémoire et imagination eschatologique* (Éditions du Cerf, 2011).
- ❖ *Deus Liberans. La revelación cristiana en diálogo con la modernidad* (Fribourg University Press, 1996).

## PHEME PERKINS

Joseph Professor of Catholic Spirituality

Ph.D., Harvard University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Greco-Roman cultural setting of early Christianity, particularly Hellenistic philosophy and Christian theology in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries (Gnosticism, Nag Hammadi, Irenaeus); Pauline epistles; Johannine writings; Resurrection and early Christian eschatology

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author, *1 Peter. 1-2 Peter and Jude. Wisdom Commentary* (Liturgical Press, 2022).
- ❖ *1 Corinthians* (Baker Academic, 2012).
- ❖ *Reading the New Testament* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Paulist Press, 2012).
- ❖ *Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels* (Eerdmans, 2007).
- ❖ *Peter: Apostle for the Whole Church* (Fortress Press, 1994, 2000).
- ❖ Associate ed., *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> eds., Oxford University Press, 2001, 2010, 2018).

# FACULTY PROFILES

## STEPHEN J. POPE

Professor

Ph.D., University of Chicago

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Love and justice, reconciliation and restorative justice, virtue ethics, Catholic social teaching, the relevance of science to theological ethics

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *A Step Along the Way: Models of Christian Service* (Orbis Books, 2015).
- ❖ Ed., *Solidarity and Hope: Jon Sobrino's Challenge to the Christian Theology* (Orbis Books, 2008).
- ❖ *Human Evolution and Christian Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

## BRIAN D. ROBINETTE

Associate Professor

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phenomenology; hermeneutics; mimetic theory; mystical theology; contemplative studies; theology of creation; doctrine of God

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *The Difference Nothing Makes: Creation, Christ, Contemplation* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2023).
- ❖ Co-author, "Aesthetic and Spiritual Exercises, In and Beyond the Classroom." In *Curriculum by Design: Innovation and the Liberal Arts Core*, ed. M. Crane et al. (Fordham University Press, 2023).
- ❖ "Reading the Phenomenon of the Resurrection." *Japan Mission Journal* 75(1) (2021): 35-46.
- ❖ "Theology After the Death of God." In *The T&T Clark Companion to Political Theology*, ed. R.R. Rodríguez (Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2020).
- ❖ "Contemplative Practice and the Therapy of Mimetic Desire." *Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture* 24 (2017): 73-100.

## DIETER T. ROTH

Associate Professor

Ph.D., University of Edinburgh

Habil. theol., Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

The Gospels in the second century; Marcion's Gospel; textual criticism of the New Testament; the Synoptic Gospels; Q and the Synoptic problem

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "The Testimony for Marcion's Gospel in NA28: Revisiting the Apparatus in the Light of Recent Research." *New Testament Studies* 68 (2022): 52-60.
- ❖ "Raising the Bar: An Overlooked Element for Identifying a Staurogram within Nomina Sacra." *Novum Testamentum* 63 (2021): 112-27.
- ❖ "The Use of Jewish Writings and Their Collections in the New Testament Gospels." In *Authoritative Writings in Early Judaism and Early Christianity: Their Origin, Collection and Meaning* (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 441), eds. T. Nicklas and J. Schröter (Mohr Siebeck, 2020).
- ❖ "Die Parabeln in der Logienquelle: 'Alte' Probleme und 'Neue' Ansätze." In *Built on Rock or Sand? Q Studies: Retrospects, Introspects and Prospects* (Biblical Tools and Studies, 34), eds. C. Heil, G. Harb and D. Smith (Peeters, 2018).
- ❖ *The Parables in Q* (The Library of New Testament Studies, 582) (T&T Clark, 2018).
- ❖ *The Text of Marcion's Gospel* (New Testament Tools, Studies, and Documents, 49) (Brill, 2015).

## LIGITA RYLIŠKYTĖ, SJE

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Christology; soteriology; theological method; Bernard J.F. Lonergan; theology of history; biblical theology

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *Why the Cross? Divine Friendship and the Power of Justice* (Cambridge University Press, 2023).
- ❖ "Critical Realism: Tearing Down the Impenetrable Wall." In *Critical Realism and the Christian Scriptures: Foundations and Readings*, ed. J.K. Gordon (Marquette University Press, 2023).
- ❖ "The New Creation in Christ as the Foundation of an Integral Ecology." In *The Foundations of Integral Ecology*, ed. P. Conversi and J. Azitop (Gregorian and Biblical Press, 2022).
- ❖ "The Promise of the Pandemic and the (Becoming) Totus Christus." *Theological Studies* 82(3) (2021): 464-86.
- ❖ "Conversion: Falling into Friendship Like No Other." *Theological Studies* 81(2) (2020): 370-93.
- ❖ "God's Mercy: The Key Thematic Undercurrent of Paul's Letter to the Romans." *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81(1) (2019): 85-105

## MARGARET A. SCHATKIN

Associate Professor

Ph.D., Fordham University; Th.D., Princeton Theological Seminary

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Critical edition of works of Chrysostom; patristic bibliography; patristic theology

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew* (new translation, forthcoming).
- ❖ Johannes Chrysostomus, *Libri iii adversus oppugnatores eorum qui ad monasticam vitam inducunt* (CPG 4307), editio critica, in preparation for Sources Chr tiennes.
- ❖ Review of: Bernadette McNary-Zak, *Humble Aspiration: Constructing an Early Christian Ideal* (Liturgical Press, 2020; in preparation for *Review for Religious*, CUA Press).

## HENRY J. SHEA, S.J.

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., University of Oxford

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theologies of grace; theologies of Karl Rahner, Hans Urs von Balthasar and Erich Przywara; prayer and Ignatian spirituality; liturgy and eschatology

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *An Analogy of Grace* (University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming).
- ❖ "Parallel Tensions: On the Relation Between Theologies of Grace and the Ignatian Exercises." *The Way* 63(2) (2024): 23-33.
- ❖ "Contemplatives and Apostles: The Paradoxical Harmony of the Carthusian and Jesuit Charisms." *Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits* 55(1) (2023): 1-33.
- ❖ "Eternal Folds in Time: The Liturgical Realization of the Kingdom." *Worship* 96 (2022): 222-39.
- ❖ "Internal Difficulties in the Theology of Karl Rahner." *Modern Theology* 37(3) (2021) 637-61.
- ❖ "Reality in Symbol: Rahner and Schmemmann in Dialogue." *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 61(1) (2017): 61-90.

## JOSHUA SNYDER

Assistant Professor of the Practice

Ph.D., Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transitional justice and Catholic peacebuilding; medical and bioethics

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Cultivating Civic Virtue and Educating for Peace: Insights from Transitional Justice." *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (forthcoming).

- ❖ "Ethical Accompaniment and End of Life Care." *Christian Bioethics* (forthcoming).

- ❖ "Catholic Social Teaching and Global Public Health: Insights for COVID-19." *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 19 (2) (2022): 299-319.

- ❖ "Peacebuilding, not Just War, is how to respond to the Ukrainian Crisis." *SACRU International Document on Ukraine In Light of the Holy Father's Appeal for Peace* (February 25, 2022).

- ❖ "The Role of Truth, Memory & Forgiveness in Reconciling a Divided Society: Lessons from Guatemala and El Salvador." In *Remembrance and Forgiveness: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Genocide and Mass Violence*, eds. A. Karamelic-Muratovic and L. Kromj k (Routledge Press, 2020).

- ❖ "Should Transitional Justice Promote Forgiveness? Insights from Guatemala's Recovery of Historical Memory." *Journal of Peace and Justice Studies* 20(1) (2020): 3-24.

## MEGAN LOUMAGNE ULISHNEY

Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology

D.Phil, University of Oxford; M.Div, Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminist theology; gender; science-engaged theology; spirituality; Edward Schillebeeckx; ecological aesthetics

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ "Restoration of Abundance: Feyerabend, Mysticism, and Science-Engaged Theology." *Theology and Science* (forthcoming).
- ❖ "Theological Anthropology After Darwin." In *The Oxford Handbook of Theological Anthropology*, eds. A. Moyse and J. Zimmermann (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- ❖ *Original Sin and the Evolution of Sexual Difference* (Oxford University Press, 2023).
- ❖ "Creaturely Agency in Evolution and Theology." In *God and the Book of Nature: Experiments in Theology of Science*, ed. M. Harris (Routledge Science and Religion Series, 2023).
- ❖ "Gender as Context in Science and Religion: 'Natural' Sexual Difference as a Case Study." *Philosophy, Theology, and the Sciences* 9(2) (2022): 151-72.
- ❖ "The Evolution of Homo Ludens: Sexual Selection and a Theology of Play." *Zygon* 57(3) (2022): 564-75.
- ❖ "Unity in the Massa Peccati: Original Sin and the Extended Evolutionary Synthesis." In *Emerging Voices in Science and Theology: Contributions from Young Women*, eds. A. McGrath and B. Sollereeder (Routledge Science and Religion Series, 2022).
- ❖ "Augustine and the Gendered Self in Time." In *Augustine and Time*, eds. S. Hannan, K. Paffenroth, and J. Doody (Rowman and Littlefield, 2021).



# FACULTY PROFILES

- ❖ “Visiting Iniquity Upon the Generations: Epigenetics, Systems Biology, and Theologies of Inherited Sin.” *Philosophy, Theology, and the Sciences* 7(2) (2020): 205-26.
- ❖ “Teresa of Avila on Theology and Shame.” *New Blackfriars* 99(1081) (2018): 388-402.
- ❖ “A Theologian Standing with God in the World: Developments in Schillebeeckx’s Epistemology and Implications for Feminist Theology.” In *Salvation in the World: The Crossroads of Public Theology*, eds. S. van Erp, C. Alpers, and C. Cimorelli (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017).
- ❖ “The Rise of Fundamentalisms and the Concept of Sin.” *Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* 105(422) (2017).
- ❖ “Created Sick, Commanded to Be Sound: Augustine on Original Sin After Darwin.” *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* (55) (2015).

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## MATTHEW VALE

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Indian and Tibetan Buddhism; comparative theology; Christian systematic theology; contemplative practice; historical Hindu-Buddhist exchange; philosophies of consciousness

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Eriugena’s Theology of Mind: The Hidden Body of Nature.” *Modern Theology* (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Knowing the Real: Nonduality and Idealism in Dignāga, Dharmakīrti, and Lonergan.” *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 42 (2022): 217-36.
- ❖ “Eckhart’s Systematics: Christ the God-Human Ground.” *Modern Theology* 38(4) (2022): 754-76.
- ❖ “Dharmakīrti and the Theologians: Pratyabhijñā Śaivism and Christian Theological Reading.” *Cithara* 60(1) (2020): 6-27.

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## DAVID VANDERHOOF

Associate Professor

Ph.D., Harvard University

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Hebrew Scriptures, especially the Former and Latter Prophets; historical, cultural, theological, and comparative analyses of ancient Israel’s literature; the relationship between Israel and the ancient empires of Assyria and Babylonia

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Eshtaʾol and Divination en route to Dan in Judges 18.” In *Menschsein in Weisheit und Freiheit. Festschrift für Thomas Krüger*, eds. V. Bachmann, A. Schellenberg, and F. Ueberschäer (Peeters, 2022).
- ❖ Co-author, “A Bulla of ‘ʾĀdōnīyāhū, ‘the One Who Is Over the House,’ from beneath Robinson’s Arch in Jerusalem.” *Tel Aviv* 49(1) (2022): 54-66.

- ❖ “Aramaic, Paleo-Hebrew, and ‘Jewish’ Scripts in the Ptolemaic Period.” In *Times of Transition: Judah in the Early Hellenistic Period* (Series: Mosaics: Studies on Ancient Israel), eds. S. Honigman, O. Lipschits, and C. Nihan (Penn State University Press, 2021).
- ❖ “Babylon as Cosmopolis in Israelite Texts and Achaemenid Architecture.” *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel* 9(1) (2020): 41-61.
- ❖ “ʾAhābāh: Philological Observations on ʾāhēb/ ʾahābāh in the Hebrew Bible.” In *Ahavah. Die “Liebe Gottes” im Alten Testament: Ursprünge, Transformationen und Wirkungen* (Arbeiten Zur Bibel Und Ihrer Geschichte), ed. M. Oeming (Evangelischer Verlagsanstalt, 2018).

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## ANDREA VICINI, S.J.

Department Chairperson, Michael P. Walsh Professor of Bioethics

M.D., University of Bologna; Ph.D., Boston College; S.T.D., Pontifical Faculty of Theology of Southern Italy

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theological bioethics; global public health; environmental issues; biotechnologies; end of life issues; medical ethics; genetics; fundamental moral theology

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author, *Encountering Artificial Intelligence: Ethical and Anthropological Explorations* (Wipf and Stock, 2024).
- ❖ “A Discerning Bioethics: Francis’s Threefold Approach.” In *The Moral Vision of Pope Francis: Expanding the US Reception of the First Jesuit Pope* (Series: Moral Traditions), eds. C.M. Kelly and K.E. Heyer (Georgetown University Press, 2024).
- ❖ Co-author, “Indicators of the Dimensions of Trust (and Mistrust) in Early Primary Care Practice: A Qualitative Study.” *BMC Primary Care* 24 (2023): 150.
- ❖ Co-author, “‘Don’t Worry, You Can Trust Me’: Indicators of the Role of Trust in Residents’ Reflective Writing.” *Patient Education and Counseling* 109 (supplement) (2023): 54.
- ❖ Co-author, “The Minderoo-Monaco Commission on Plastics and Human Health.” *Annals of Global Health* 89(1) (2023): 23.
- ❖ “An Incarnated Bioethics.” In *Tony Mifsud: Vida Plena y Compromiso*, eds. J. de la Torre Díaz and C. Montero Orphanopoulos (Dykinson, 2023).
- ❖ “The Legacy of Paul Farmer for Theological Ethics.” In *A Prophet to the Peoples: Paul Farmer’s Witness and Theological Ethics*, eds. J. Weiss Block, M.T. Lysaught, and A.A. Martins. *Global Theological Ethics* 3 (Wipf and Stock, 2023).
- ❖ Co-ed., *The Rising Global Cancer Pandemic: Health, Ethics, and Social Justice* (Wipf and Stock, 2022).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Ethics of Global Public Health: Climate Change, Pollution, and the Health of the Poor* (Wipf and Stock, 2021).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill’s Contributions to Christian Ethics* (Orbis Books, 2020).

## NELLY WAMAITHA

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Emory University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political theology, postcolonial theology, economic justice and international development, human rights, law and society, critical theory

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “The False Promises of Progress: Human Rights and the Legitimization of Inequality.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 41(2) (2021): 297-314.
- ❖ Co-author, “What is the role of the church when a national government has internal healthcare policies that fail its own citizens?” *Ethics & Medicine* 32(3) (2016): 143-52.

## JAMES M. WEISS

Associate Professor

Ph.D., The University of Chicago

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Work and career as forms of calling; sexuality and spirituality; capstone programs in higher education; history of the papacy; Renaissance and Reformation church history

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Co-author, “The Boston College Capstone Program: Formation and Function of A Holistic General Education Cumulative Experience.” *Journal of General Education: A Curricular Commons of the Humanities and Sciences* 70(1-2) (2022).
- ❖ Co-author, “Capstone Experience Purposes: An International, Multidisciplinary Study.” *Teaching & Learning Inquiry* 9(2) (2021): 1-21.
- ❖ “Too Much a Prince to be But a Cardinal: The College of Cardinals in the Age of the Baroque.” In *The Pamphilj and the Arts: Patronage and Consumption in Baroque Rome*, ed. S. Leone (University of Chicago Press, 2011).
- ❖ *Humanist Biography in Renaissance Italy and Reformation Germany: Friendship and Rhetoric* (Ashgate, 2010).

## JASON WELLE

Assistant Professor

Ph.D., Georgetown University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Islamic mysticism; Muslim-Christian relations; medieval studies; Franciscan intellectual tradition; virtue ethics; eco-theology

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ *Companionship and Virtue in Classical Sufism: The Contribution of al-Sulamī* (I.B. Tauris, 2024).

- ❖ “A Christian Reading of the Qur’ān.” In *Christian Perspectives on Transforming Interreligious Encounter*, eds. P. Phan and A. Tran (Lexington Books, 2024).
- ❖ Co-ed., “Special Issue: 800th Anniversary of the Encounter between Francis of Assisi and Sultan al-Malik al-Kāmil.” *The Muslim World* 109(1-2) (2019).
- ❖ Co-ed., *Vatican II: Remembering the Future — Ecumenical, Interfaith and Secular Explorations of the Council’s Legacy and Promise. Volume I: Catholicism Opening its Doors: Engaging the World and Other Confessions. Volume II: Catholicism Opening to Other Faiths* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).
- ❖ “Cristo e cristiani nell’opera letteraria del maestro sūfī al-Sulamī.” *Islamochristiana* 48 (2022): 229-44.
- ❖ Amici tutti? Pope Francis and the Rhetoric of Interreligious Friendship.” *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 32(2) (2022): 155-74.
- ❖ “Mind the Gap: The Spiritual Progress of Early Sūfī Women.” In *Les enjeux de l’écriture mystique*, eds. N. Khalfallah and A. El Aloui (Editions des archives contemporaines, 2020).
- ❖ “Arabic Sources for the Encounter between the Saint and the Sultan: Fakhr al-Fārisī’s Famous Adventure with Francis, or Lack Thereof.” *Collectanea (Studia Orientalia Christiana)* 48-49 (2015-2016): 7-75.

## JEREMY D. WILKINS

Associate Professor

Ph.D., Boston College

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Foundations and method of theology; Trinitarian theology; Christology and soteriology; divine missions and the order of grace; Bernard Lonergan; Thomas Aquinas

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “El realismo de Bernard Lonergan y los officios de la filosofía.” In *Entre Realismos*, ed. F.V. Galán Vélez (Ediciones de la Universidad Iboamericana, 2023).
- ❖ “Reflections on the Notion of Implicit Faith.” *Science et Esprit* 73(1) (2023): 79-94.
- ❖ “Thomism as a Tradition of Understanding.” *The Thomist* 85(2)(2021): 247-93.
- ❖ “Political Responsibility in Time of Civil War.” *The Lonergan Review* 13 (2020): 13-35.
- ❖ “Aquinas and His Interpreters on the Spiration of Love in God.” *The Thomist* 83(4) (2019): 357-405.

# COURSES

The combined and varied interests of the faculty, as indicated in the faculty profiles, ensure that the department offers a wide range of graduate course electives. While the number and content of the graduate electives vary from year to year, the following courses are illustrative of the range offered.

## FALL 2024

Antisemitism, Racism, and Christian Nationalism	Joslyn-Siemiatkoski
Biblical Studies II (Seminar)	Vanderhooft
Biotechnologies, Health, and Theological Ethics	Vicini
Christian Ethics and Gender Justice	Cahill
Communities of Knowledge: Explorations in Theology and Philosophy of Science	Ulishney
The Eucharist in Christian Tradition	Coolman
From Nile to Niger: African Christianity	Schatkin
Global Politics, Political Theology, and Ethics	Wamaita Wambui
Graeca	Perkins
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I	Cooley
Jewish Liturgy; History and Theology	Langer
Mayana Buddhism: Thought and Practice	Vale
Mariology	Adkins-Jones
Moral Agency	Heyer
New Testament Textual Criticism	Roth
Parables of Jesus	Darr
Patristic Greek I	Schatkin
Reading Romans in Early Church	Hunter
Sacraments and Art	Bergin
Sexualities and Spiritualities	Weiss
Theology, Ethics and Politics	Cahill
Theologies of Love in the Middle Ages	Coolman
Theology and the Mystical Turn	Robinette
Theology of Religions/Comparative Theology	Cornille
Why the Cross	Ryliskyte

# OUTCOMES

## Recent Dissertations

### 2023–2024

**Domenik Ackermann**, “Prayer and Memory: What Christian Theology Can Learn from Jewish Practice”

**Dunstan Enzor, O.S.B.**, “The Law is a Shadow: The Anti-Marcionite Tradition of Reading Psalm 118”

**Peter K. Fay**, “A Roman Catholic Account of the Flourishing and Virtuous Agency of People with Schizophrenia in the United States”

**Nicholas Hayes-Mota**, “Practicing the Common Good: Catholic Tradition, Community Organizing, and the Virtues of Democratic Politics”

**Laurel Marshall Potter**, “Que esta misa nos haga soñar”: In(ter) culturación litúrgica y la recepción nustramericana de Sacrosanctum Concilium”

**Nozomi (Sophia) Miurarscj**, “A Journey Aound the Comma Johanneum – Transmission History and Interpretation of 1 John 5:6-8”

**Katie Mylroie**, “Cultivating Insight through Comparing Cycles: How Comparison with the Hindu Kali Tradition can Enrich the Christian Understanding of Life, Death, and Resurrection”

**Chanelle Robinson**, “Entangled Poetics: Decolonial and Womanist Expansions of the Imago Dei”

**Byron Wratee**, “Howard Thurman’s Theological Anthropology: A Mystical Political Response to Anti-Black Violence”

### 2022–2023

**Sara Bernard-Hoverstad**, “From Religious Cosmology too Environmental Praxis: Empowering Agency for Sustainable Social Change”

**John E. Carter**, “The Communitarian Conscience: A Theological Response to Legal Debates about Religious Freedom”



**Joseph Collins**, “The Love of Truth & The Truth of Love: Retrieving Saints Augustine & Thomas Aquinas on the Relationship of Understanding & Love”

**John Kern**, “Charismatic Christ, Charismatic Church: The Development of the Gratia Gratis Data in Thomas Aquinas’s Theology in Light of the Summa Halensis”

**Lindsay Marcellus**, “Perfecting Ecological Rationality: Acknowledging Sin & The Cardinal Virtue of Humility”

**Emma McDonald**, “Forming Families, Forming Agents: Proactive Agency in the Context of Procreation”

**Bethany Slater**, “Becoming Wholehearted: Constructing a Jewish Liturgical Asceticism”

**Stephen Surh**, “Dante and the Self-Emptying God: Mariology and Theophany in the Commedia”

**Nathan D. Wood-House**, “Toward an Anti-Racist Political Theology: Reading Johann Baptist Metz and James H. Cone Against American Anti-Black Necropolitics”

## 2021–2022

**Andrew Gertner Belfield**, “Foundations of Scholastic Christology in The Summa Halensis”

**Jonathan Cahill**, “Emotions, Moral Formation, and Christian Politics: Rereading Karl Barth”

**Eduardo Gonzalez**, “Neighboring the Invisible: Liberation Theologies, The Exodus Narrative, and The Specter of Canaan”

**Brian Jonathan Himes**, “Max Scheler on Love and Human Dignity: The Wertkern as Resolving the Aporia of Dialogical and Metaphysical Personalism on the Knowledge of Persons”

**Spencer Kyle Johnson**, “Discernment at The Periphery: Race, Coloniality, and the Demonic”

**Jennifer Lamson-Scribner**, “Disorder and Distortion: A Theological Approach to Addiction”

**Christopher McLaughlin**, “The Pneumatology of Marius Victorinus: A Rhetorical, Philosophical, and Theological Commentary on Adversus Arium Iii”

**Xavier M. Montecel**, “Communion in Hope: Liturgy and Ethics in the Key of Virtue”

**Michael VanZandt Collins**, “Climate Change, Virtue, and Moral Agency: An Essay in Muslim-Christian Comparative Theological Ethics”

**Andrew T. Vink**, “Ellacuría’s Tripartite Salvation: A Historical-Soteriological Response to The Crisis of Neoliberalism”

## Recent Placements

Our recent students’ placements include:

Assumption College

Augustana University

Benedictine College

Boston Interreligious Consortium

Catholic Theological Union

College of the Holy Cross

College of St. Benedict/  
St. John

Creighton University

Denison University

Duquesne University

East Carolina University

Emmanuel College

Emory University

Fairfield University

Georgetown University

Gonzaga University

Hekima University, Kenya

Heythrop College

Holy Cross

Humboldt State University

Laboure College

Loras College

Loyola Marymount

Loyola University

Manhattan College

Marquette University

Marymount University

Merrimack College

Misericordia University

Mount Angel Seminary

Mount Mary University

Oblate School of Theology

University of Notre Dame

University of Paderborn,  
Germany

University of Portland

Pepperdine University

Providence College

Rivier College

Sacred Heart University

Saint Anselm College

St. Bonaventure University

Saint Gregory University

Saint John’s University

Saint Joseph College

Saint Joseph University

Saint Leo University

Saint Mary College, Moraga

Saint Mary’s University,  
San Antonio

Saint Norbert’s College

St. Paul’s Institute of  
Theology, Tamil Nadu, India

St. Thomas University  
(Florida)

Santa Clara University,

Santa Clara University, JST

University of San Diego

University of San Francisco

Seattle University

University of St. Thomas

University of Scranton

University of Virginia

Villanova University

Wake Forest University

Wellesley College

Xavier University

Yale Divinity School

# MORRISSEY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The oldest and largest of the University's eight schools and colleges, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences offers graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, and Master of Science. In addition, numerous dual-degree options are offered in cooperation with the Carroll School of Management, the Boston College Law School, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development and the School of Social Work.

With approximately 900 graduate students and more than 500 full-time faculty, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences is small enough to know you as a person, but large enough to serve you and prepare you for a rewarding life and satisfying career.

## Academic Resources

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### THE BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Boston College's Clough School of Theology and Ministry (CSTM) offers its students opportunities for comprehensive graduate theological education and spiritual formation for ministry. The School of Theology and Ministry offers an array of academic, theological, spiritual, and pastoral courses for ministry, academic specialization, and continuing education in faith.

### CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN-JEWISH LEARNING

The Center for Christian-Jewish Learning is devoted to the multifaceted development and implementation of new relationships between Christians and Jews that are based not merely on toleration, but also on full respect and mutual enrichment. The building of new, positive relationships between Christians and Jews requires sustained collaborative research. Under the center's auspices, scholars and thinkers representing diverse Christian and Jewish perspectives engage in intense and ongoing study of all aspects of our related yet distinct traditions of faith and culture.

### THE LONERGAN CENTER

The Lonergan Center at Boston College fosters studies related to the work of the Jesuit theologian and philosopher Bernard Lonergan (1904–1984). Inaugurated in 1986, the center houses a growing collection of Lonergan's published and unpublished writings, as well as secondary materials and reference works; it also serves as a seminar and meeting room. The center is located in Bapst Library. Boston College sponsors an annual Lonergan Workshop, which provides resources, lectures, and workshops. For more information, call 617-552-8095 or visit [bclonergan.org](http://bclonergan.org).

### THE BOSTON THEOLOGICAL INTERRELIGIOUS CONSORTIUM

The Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium (BTI) allows graduate students to cross-register at Boston Islamic Seminary, Boston University Department of Religion, Boston University School of Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, Harvard Divinity School, Hebrew College, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and St. John's Seminary and Theological Institute.

### BOSTON AREA CONSORTIUM

The Boston Area Consortium allows graduate students to cross-register for courses at Boston University, Brandeis University and Tufts University.

### BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The University is home to eight libraries, containing nearly 3 million volumes; more than 700 manuscript collections, including music, photos, art, and artifacts; 625,000 e-books; and more than 600 electronic databases. O'Neill Library, Boston College's main library, offers subject-specialist librarians to help with research, to set up alerts to publications in areas of interest and to answer any research- and library-related questions.

### THE BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Boston Library Consortium allows Boston College students access to millions of volumes and other services at 19 area institutions in addition to the world-class resources available through the Boston College Library System.

# STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

**B**oston College is located on the edge of one of the world's most vibrant cities. Just six miles from downtown Boston—an exciting and dynamic place to live and learn—Boston College is an easy car or “T” ride away from a booming center for trade, finance, research, and education.

Home to some of New England's most prestigious cultural landmarks, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Symphony Hall, and the Freedom Trail, Boston provides a rich environment for those passionate about art, music and history. For sports fans, Boston hosts a number of the country's greatest sports teams: the Celtics, Patriots, Bruins, and, of course, Fenway Park's beloved Red Sox. Found within a short drive from Boston are some of New England's best recreational sites, from the excellent skiing in New Hampshire to the pristine beaches of Cape Cod.

Boston also offers a wide range of family friendly attractions, including the Children's Museum, New England Aquarium, Franklin Park Zoo, and the Museum of Science. There are roughly 50 universities located in the Boston area, and the large student population adds to the city's intellectually rich and diverse community. Events, lectures, and reading groups hosted by world-renowned scholars abound on area campuses, providing abundant opportunities to meet and network with other graduate students and faculty throughout the Boston area.

## The University

Boston College is a Jesuit university with 15,000 students, 880 full-time faculty, and more than 190,000 active alumni. Since its founding in 1863, the University has known extraordinary growth and change. From its beginnings as a small Jesuit college intended to provide higher education for Boston's largely immigrant Catholic population, Boston College has grown into a national institution of higher learning that is consistently ranked among the top universities in the nation. Boston College is ranked 36<sup>th</sup> among national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Today, Boston College attracts scholars from all 50 states and over 80 countries, and confers approximately 4,300 degrees annually in more than 50 fields through its eight schools and colleges. Its faculty members are committed to both teaching and research and have set new marks for research grants in each of the last 10 years. The University is committed to academic excellence. As part of its most recent strategic plan, Boston College is in the process of adding 100 new faculty positions, expanding faculty and graduate research, increasing student financial aid, and widening opportunities in key undergraduate and graduate programs.

The University is comprised of the following colleges and schools: Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College Law School, School of Social Work, and Clough School of Theology and Ministry.

## General Resources

### HOUSING

While on-campus housing is not available for graduate students, most choose to live in nearby apartments. The Office of Residential Life maintains an extensive database with available rental listings, roommates, and helpful local real estate agents. The best time to look for fall semester housing is June through the end of August. For spring semester housing, the best time to look is late November through the beginning of the second semester. Additionally, some graduate students may live on campus as resident assistants. Interested students should contact the Office of Residential Life.



# STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

## JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY, S.J., GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

One of only a handful of graduate student centers around the country, the Murray Graduate Student Center is dedicated to the support and enrichment of graduate student life at Boston College. Its primary purpose is to build a sense of community among the entire graduate student population and cultivate a sense of belonging to the University as a whole. Its amenities include study rooms, a computer lab, two smart televisions, kitchen, deck and patio space, complimentary coffee and tea, and more. Throughout the year, the center hosts programs organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life and graduate student groups. The Murray Graduate Student Center also maintains an active job board (available electronically), listing academic and non-academic opportunities for employment both on and off campus.

## MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART

Serving as a dynamic educational resource for the national and international community, the McMullen Museum of Art showcases interdisciplinary exhibitions that ask innovative questions and break new ground in the display and scholarship of the works on view. The McMullen regularly offers exhibition-related programs, including musical and theatrical performances, films, gallery talks, symposia, lectures, readings, and receptions that draw students, faculty, alumni, and friends together for stimulating dialogue. Located on the Brighton campus, the McMullen Museum is free to all visitors.

## CONNORS FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Working closely with the Graduate School, the Connors Family Learning Center sponsors seminars, workshops, and discussions for graduate teaching assistants and teaching fellows on strategies for improving teaching effectiveness and student learning. Each fall, the Learning Center and the Graduate School hold a “Fall Teaching Orientation” workshop designed to help students prepare for teaching. The center also hosts ongoing seminars on college teaching, higher learning and academic life; assists graduate students in

developing teaching portfolios; and provides class visits and teaching consultations, upon request. Through these and other activities, the Connors Family Learning Center plays an important role in enhancing the quality of academic life at Boston College.

## MARGOT CONNELL RECREATION CENTER

The Margot Connell Recreation Center redefines the future of fitness and recreation at Boston College. The 244,000-square-foot, four-story structure offers our community an inspired space to play, pursue sports, gather with friends, and work out. This facility includes a fitness center, rock climbing wall, jogging track, aquatics center, wood-floor basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-activity courts, multi-purpose rooms for spin, yoga, and fitness classes, and so much more.

## BOSTON COLLEGE CAREER CENTER

The Boston College Career Center works with graduate students at each step of their career development. Services include self-assessment, career counseling, various career development workshops, resume and cover letter critiques, and practice interviews. In addition to extensive workshop offerings, Career Center staff members are available throughout the year for one-on-one advising about any aspect of the career path. The Career Resource Library offers a wealth of resources, including books, periodicals, and online databases.

# ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Admission Requirements

Applicants to the Ph.D. program should have completed the M.Div. or equivalent degree; a master's degree in religion, theology, or philosophy; or a bachelor's program with an exceptionally strong background in religion, theology, and/or philosophy.

The deadline for receipt of applications for fall admission is January 2 for the Ph.D. program and February 1 for the joint Philosophy/Theology M.A. program. Please visit [bc.edu/mcgs](http://bc.edu/mcgs) for detailed information on how to apply, or contact [theolog@bc.edu](mailto:theolog@bc.edu) for more specific information about the department.

### Application requirements include:

❖ <b>Application Form:</b>	Submitted online, via the MCGS website.
❖ <b>Application Fee:</b>	\$75, non-refundable.
❖ <b>Abstract of Courses Form:</b>	A concise overview of background and related courses completed in an intended field or proposed area of study.
❖ <b>Official Transcripts:</b>	Demonstrating coursework completed/degree conferral from all post-secondary institutions attended.
❖ <b>GRE General Test:</b>	Official score report from within 5 years (required for Ph.D./recommended for Joint M.A.).
❖ <b>Three Letters of Recommendation:</b>	From professors or supervisors. It is highly advisable that at least one letter be from an academic source.
❖ <b>Statement of Purpose:</b>	A brief (approx. 3 pages double-spaced/1,000 word) discussion of an applicant's academic goals and reasons for interest in the program.
❖ <b>Writing Sample:</b>	A sample of an applicant's best work (usually a course paper or equivalent of no more than 25 pages) related to their proposed field of study.
❖ <b>Curriculum Vitae: (Resume)</b>	A list of an applicant's academic and work experience.
❖ <b>Proof of English Proficiency: (international only)</b>	Official TOEFL/IELTS reports accepted.

## Financial Assistance

### DEPARTMENT FUNDING

The Department of Theology offers full-tuition scholarships and stipends (currently \$31,200 per year) for five years to all doctoral students in good standing. Boston College also covers health insurance for five years of the fellowship. Admitted students may also be chosen to compete for Presidential Fellowships that add \$5,000 per year to the stipend. Students (usually in the areas of Comparative Theology or Bible) who focus research on an aspect of Judaism may also be awarded a Jewish Studies Fellowship, supplementing the stipend by \$4,000 per year. One Goizueta Fellowship of \$4,000 per year may also be awarded.

### FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students can apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA. The loans that may be available to graduate students are the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan, based on eligibility. If additional funds are needed, student may apply for a Grad Plus Loan. Graduate students can apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA. The loans that may be available to graduate students are the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan, based on eligibility. For more information, see the Graduate Financial Aid website at [bc.edu/gradaid](http://bc.edu/gradaid) or contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294.

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