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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025-	Boston College, Theology Department, Full Professor
2012-25	Boston College, Theology Department, Associate Professor
2009-12	Saint Louis University, Department of Theological Studies, Associate Professor
2003-09	Saint Louis University, Department of Theological Studies, Assistant Professor

## EDUCATION

2003	Ph.D. Systematic Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
1998	M.A. Systematic Theology, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN
1994	B.A. English Literature, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

## HONORS and AWARDS

2025	Alpha Sigma Nu Teacher of the Year Award (Boston College)
2010	Recipient of the College Theology Society's Best Book of the Year Award (for <i>Grammars of Resurrection</i> )
2010	First Place Award for Best Book in Theology from the Catholic Press Association (for <i>Grammars of Resurrection</i> )
2010	Second Place Award for Best Book by First-Time Author from the Catholic Press Association (for <i>Grammars of Resurrection</i> )
2009	Recipient of the Helen I. Mandeville Award for Teaching Humanities (College of Arts and Sciences, Saint Louis University)
2006	Recipient of the Graduate Student Association Mentor Award (Saint Louis University)

## GRANTS

- “Interior Revolution: The Transformative Spirituality of Contemplative Prayer.” Grant Proposal for John Templeton Foundation, Project Co-leader with Michael Ferguson (\$3,429,300 – not accepted)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- *The Difference Nothing Makes: Creation, Christ, Contemplation*. University of Notre Dame Press, 2023.
- *Grammars of Resurrection: A Christian Theology of Presence and Absence*. Herder & Herder/Crossroad, 2009.

### Academic Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- “The Inner Ground of Catholicity.” *Theologies of Catholicity*, ed. Judith Wolfe, Stephan van Erp, and Philip McCosker (accepted).
- “Surprised by Conversation: A Reflection on Core Renewal at Boston College.” In *Curriculum by Design: Innovation and the Liberal Arts Core*. Ed. Mary Crane. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2023, 69-72.
- “Reading the Phenomenon of the Resurrection.” *Japan Mission Journal*. 75.1 (2021): 35-46.
- “Flipping the Classroom Inside-Out: A Theologian Discovers Contemplative Pedagogy.” *Horizons*. 36.1 (2019): 121-27.
- “Contemplative Practice and the Therapy of Mimetic Desire.” *Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture*, 24 (2017): 73-100.
- “Does Darwin Have a Future? Pain, Suffering, and Death at Eastertide.” *Theological Studies* 77.2 (2016): 474-78.
- “La puissance d’un dépouillement sans limites repenser : repenser la *creatio ex nihilo* avec Stanislas Breton.” Trans. Claire Vajou, *Transversalités*, Octobre-Décembre, n° 135 (2015): 43-53.
- “The Difference Nothing Makes: *Creatio Ex Nihilo*, the Resurrection, and Divine Gratitude.” *Theological Studies* 72 (2011): 525-57.
- “Heraclitean Nature and the Comfort of the Resurrection: Theology in an Open Space.” *Logos* 14:4 (2011): 13-38.
- “To Enchant or Disenchant? A Plea for Ambiguity in the Contrasting Musical Ontologies of Slavoj Žižek and John Milbank.” *Expositions* 4.1-2 (2010): 95-104.
- “Teaching Catholic Theology in the Coming Decade: A Response.” *Horizons* 37.2 (2010): 320-26.

- “A Gift to Theology? Jean-Luc Marion’s ‘Saturated Phenomenon’ in Christological Perspective.” *Heythrop Journal* 48.1 (2007): 86-108.
- “Thomas Merton on False Mysticism.” *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 36.2 (2001): 245-61.

### Book Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Volumes

- “Towards a Contemplative Theology: In Dialogue with Bernard Lonergan.” *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Method in Theology* (in press).
- “A Phenomenological Reading of the Resurrection.” In *Theological Fringes of Phenomenology*. Ed. Joseph Rivera & Joseph O’Leary. London: Routledge, 2023, 89-97.
- “Aesthetic and Spiritual Exercises, In and Beyond the Classroom.” Co-authored with Daniel M. Callahan. In *Curriculum by Design: Innovation and the Liberal Arts Core*. Ed. Mary Crane. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2023, 123-31.
- “Theology After the Death of God.” In *The T&T Clark Companion to Political Theology*. Ed. Rubén Rosario Rodríguez. London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2020, 161-75.
- “*Amoris Laetitia* and the Nones.” In *Amoris Laetitia: A New Momentum for Moral Formation and Pastoral Practice*. Ed. James Keenan. Mahwah: Paulist Press, 2018, 86-94.
- “Undergoing Something from Nothing: The Doctrine of Creation as Contemplative Insight.” In *The Practice of the Presence of God: Theology as Way of Life*. Ed. Martin Laird and Sheelah Treflé Hidden. London: Routledge, 2017, 17-28.
- “Deceit, Desire, and the Desert: René Girard’s Mimetic Theory in Conversation with Early Christian Monastic Practice.” In *Violence, Transformation, and the Sacred*. Ed., Margaret R. Pfeil & Tobias L. Winright. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books (2012): 130-143.
- “Discerning the Mystery of God.” In *Theological Foundations: Concepts and Methods for Understanding Christian Faith*. Revised Edition. Ed. J.J. Mueller. Winona MN: Saint Mary’s Press, 2011, 31-48.
- “Who Do You Say I Am? Christology.” In *Theological Foundations: Concepts and Methods for Understanding Christian Faith*. Ed. J.J. Mueller. Winona MN: Saint Mary’s Press, 2008, 105-32.

### Other Articles and Essays

- “Preface” to Michael J. Pahls, *School of the Prophets: John Henry Newman’s Anglican Schola and the Ecclesial Vocation of the Theologian* (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming).
- Replies to Grant Kaplan, Amy Maxey, and Chris Haw. Book Forum on *The Difference Nothing Makes*. *Colloquium on Violence & Religion Bulletin* 79 (February 2024).
- “Meeting Polarization with Loving Solidarity.” *Journeying in Faith Amid Polarization: The Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Resources*. (Fall 2023): 2-3. Also served as Guest Editor for the Magazine.
- “What Difference Does Nothing Make?” *Church Life Journal* (September 05, 2023).

- Replies to Scott Cowdell, S. Mark Heim, Chelsea King, James Alison, Danielle Nussberger, and Matthew Vale in *Syndicate* Symposium on *The Difference Nothing Makes* (April 2023, 44 pages).
- “Surprised by Conversation: A Reflection on Core Renewal at Boston College.” *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*. (Spring 2019, no. 55): 37-39.
- “René Girard, Unlikely Apologist.” Response to Grant Kaplan. *Syndicate*. Ed. Jordan Daniel Wood. Sept. 18, 2018.
- “The Stranger in Our Midst: Untimely Meditations Upon the Gospel and Culture.” *Lumen et Vita* (2014): 5-14.
- Review Symposium Essay, Tomáš Halík, *Patience with God: The Story of Zacchaeus Continuing in Us*. *Horizons* 38.1 (2011): 112-17.
- “Beyond the Core Wars: Intellectual Charity and Knowledge as Ecstasy.” *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* (Fall 2010, no. 38): 2-5.
- “Stairway to Heaven: Can You Be Saved By Rock ‘n’ Roll?” Co-authored with Thomas Beaudoin, *America Magazine* (Oct. 26, 2009, vol. 201, no. 11).

### Book Reviews

- “Christ Brings All Newness: Essays, Reviews, and Reflections.” *Theological Studies* (forthcoming).
- “Touch the Wounds: On Suffering, Trust, and Transformation.” *Theological Studies* 84.1 (2023): 184-85.
- “Transforming the Sacred into Saintliness.” *Modern Theology*. 38.3 (2022): 634-37.
- “More Than Communion: Imagining an Eschatological Ecclesiology.” *Theology* 119.5 (2016): 375-77.
- “Creation.” *Theological Studies* 76.4 (2015): 889-90.
- “The Catholicity of Reason.” *Theological Studies* 76.1 (2015): 227.
- “God’s Many-Splendored Image: Theological Anthropology for Christian Formation.” *Theological Studies* 72.2 (2011): 451.
- “Christ in Postmodern Philosophy: Gianni Vattimo, René Girard, and Salvo Žižek.” *Theological Studies* 71.3 (2010): 757-8.
- “Desire, Gift, and Recognition: Christology and Postmodern Philosophy.” *Theological Studies* 71.3 (2010): 758.
- “The Paradox of Christian Sacrifice: The Loss of Self, The Gift of Self.” *Theological Studies* 70 (2009): 508.
- “Eschatology and Hope.” *Horizons* 35.2 (2008): 397-8.
- “Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross.” *Theological Studies* 68 (2007): 458-9.
- “Jan van Ruusbroec, Mystical Theologian of the Trinity.” *Theological Studies* 65 (2005): 897-8.

- “Full, Conscious and Active Participation: Celebrating Twenty-Five Years of *Today’s Liturgy*.” *Conversatio*. Winter 2003/2004: 20.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

### Books in Progress

- *Letting Creation Happen: An Experiment in Mystical Theology* (under contract with University of Notre Dame Press)

### Book Chapters in Progress

- “Contemplation in an Age of Anger” (book chapter in progress for *On the Complexity of the Political and the Common in Times of Civilizational Crisis*)
- “René Girard and Christian Spirituality” (book chapter in progress for the *Bloomsbury Handbook of Mimetic Theory*)

## ACADEMIC PAPERS and PANELS

- “‘In knowing is labor, in feeling is rest’: The Cloud of Unknowing Author and the Role of Affectivity in Contemplative Life.” Panel on “Affective-Dionysianism” for the Mystical Theology Initiative and Accepted Students Day. Boston College, Friday March 14, 2025.
- “‘But God Raised Him Up’: Resurrection, Forgiveness, and the Call to Catholicity.” Invited paper for five-year research project on “Theologies of Catholicity,” led by Stephan van Erp, Philip McCosker, and Judith Wolfe. Rome, Italy, February 7, 2025.
- “Inhabiting Tensions.” Book panel participant for Judith Wolfe’s *The Theological Imagination: Perception and Interpretation in Life, Art, and Faith*. American Academy of Religion. Christian Systematic Theology Unit. San Diego, CA, Monday, November 2024.
- “Victim Identity, Religion, and the Sacred in Modernity.” Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Mexico City, Mexico, Thursday, June 27, 2025.
- “Contemplating Creation, Resurrecting Time: A Symposium on Brian Robinette’s *The Difference Nothing Makes* and John Theil’s *Now and Forever*.” Response to Andrew Prevot and Jennifer Newsome Martin. Catholic Theological Society of America. Baltimore, MD, Friday, June 15, 2024.
- “Let this Mind Be in You: Mimetic Desire and the Call to Forgiveness.” Jean-Luc Marion Seminar. Boston College, April 5, 2024.
- “The Spirituality of Forgiveness.” Mimetic Theory and Political Theology: Paths to Overcome Polarization. Boston College, February 9, 2024.
- “The Inner Ground of Catholicity.” Invited paper for five-year research project on “Theologies of Catholicity,” led by Stephan van Erp, Philip McCosker, and Judith Wolfe. Rome, Italy, October 17, 2023.
- “Buddhist-Christian Dialogue from the Inside-Out: A Christian Reception of Buddhist Practice Traditions.” European Academy of Religion. St. Andrews, Scotland, June 22, 2023.

- “The Traumatic and the Contemplative.” Colloquium on Violence & Religion. Paris, France, June 14, 2023.
- “Lonergan, Girard, and Schwager in Dialogue.” Response to Nicholas Wadinger. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Sept. 13, 2022.
- “Sergius Bulgakov’s *Spiritual Diaries*.” Panelist for Online Book Launch. August 13, 2022.
- “Falling in Love with a Blank: Contemplation and Atheism.” Theology, Religious Studies, and Philosophy Research Seminar Series. Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland, March 11, 2021 (by Zoom).
- “Undergoing Something from Nothing.” Boston Theological Society. Boston, MA, November 19, 2020.
- “Mimesis, Meditation, and the Art of Creative Renunciation.” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. November 18, 2018.
- “Emptiness and the Cross.” Response to S. Mark Heim. Atonement and Comparative Theology, Dover, MA, Sept. 28, 2018.
- “Collaboration and Transformation.” Response to Amy Hughes. Boston College Colloquy in Historical Theology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Aug. 4, 2018.
- “Democratization or Commodification? Theologically Assessing the Recent Surge in Mindfulness and Contemplative Practices.” Catholic Theological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN, June 8, 2018.
- “*Amoris Laetitia* and the Nones.” Invited paper for conference on *Amoris Laetitia*. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Oct. 5, 2017.
- “Embracing We-Centricity.” Invited Plenary Address, Theology and Peace Conference, Chicago, IL, May 23, 2017.
- “The Difference Nothing Makes: The Doctrine of Creation as Contemplative Insight.” Invited presentation at the University of Saint Michael’s College, Toronto, Canada, Feb. 8, 2017.
- “Looking Into the Abyss Through Easter Eyes: Engaging Johann Baptist Metz.” Invited paper for interdisciplinary conference, The Enigma of Suffering. Rome, Italy. Jan. 4, 2017.
- “Grace and the Nones: What Secularity is Teaching Us.” Invited paper for Catholic Systematic Theology in the Northern Hemisphere. Fairfield University, Fairfield, Connecticut, Sept. 10, 2016.
- “Theological Roundtable.” Invited plenary discussion with David Bentley Hart and Nikolaus Wadinger on the reception of René Girard in theology. Colloquium on Violence and Religion, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, July 10, 2015.
- “Contemplative Practice and the Therapy of Mimetic Desire.” Colloquium on Violence and Religion, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, July 9, 2015.
- “Does Darwin Have a Future? Pain, Suffering, and Death at Eastertide.” Panel discussion of Elizabeth Johnson’s *Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love*, Catholic Theological Society of America, Milwaukee, WI, June 12, 2015.

- “The Power of Unlimited Dispossession: Rethinking *Creatio ex nihilo* with Stanislas Breton.” Invited Paper, The Future of Christian Between Faith and Culture, Organized Jointly by Boston College and Institut Catholique de Paris, Boston College, January 22, 2015.
- “Kenosis and Compassion: Contemplative Practice in a Girardian Key.” Invited Plenary Address, Theology and Peace Conference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 11, 2014.
- “The Stranger in Our Midst: Untimely Meditations Upon the Gospel and Culture.” Invited plenary address for “The Gospel and Culture” Conference, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, Feb. 8, 2014.
- “Adventures in Mortality: A Theological Assessment of Hans Jonas’s Philosophical Biology.” The Centre of Theology and Philosophy. Oxford, England, June 29, 2013.
- “Mind All the Way Down? Towards a Theology of Biological Facts.” Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami, FL, June 6, 2013.
- “Deceit, Desire, and the Desert: René Girard’s Mimetic Theory in Conversation with Early Christian Monastic Practice.” College Theology Society, New Rochelle, NY, June 5, 2011.
- “Our Crisis in Book Publishing: Facing the Pressures on Publishers, Libraries, and (Would-be) Authors.” Panelist participant at the Catholic Theological Society of America, Cleveland, OH, June 12, 2010.
- “The Resurrection in Retrospect: A Response to Recent Criticisms of Creation *ex nihilo*.” American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Quebec, Nov 9, 2009.
- “Heraclitean Nature and the Comfort of the Resurrection: Theology in an Open Space.” College Theology Society, University of Notre Dame, May 29, 2009.
- “On Becoming a Teacher of Catholic Theology: A Pedestrian View.” Invited response to Anne Clifford’s Plenary Address to the Consultation on Teaching Catholic Theology, University of Notre Dame, May 31, 2009.
- “Can Rock n Roll Save the World? Theological Reflections in the Key of E Minor.” Catholic Theological Society of America, Halifax, Nova Scotia, June 6, 2009.
- “Holy Irreverence: The Eschatology of Mark Twain.” Panel presentation for *Mark Twain and the Spiritual Crisis of His Age* (by Harold Bush), Saint Louis University, March 25, 2009.
- “Dispatches from the Front: Engaging Students in the Introductory Theology Course.” Panelist for the New Pedagogies Section of the College Theology of Society, Newport, RI, May 2008.
- “Transfiguring the Victim: Jon Sobrino, René Girard, and the Resurrection.” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, Nov. 2007.
- “Grammars of Resurrection.” Invited academic presentation on book project to the Herder & Herder / Crossroad Publishers “Young Theologians Group” at the Catholic Theological Society of America, San Antonio, TX, June, 2006.
- “The Micah House Program of Saint Louis University: Integrating Faith, Community, Academics, and Service to the Poor.” Panel presentation for *Joy in the Truth: The Catholic University in the New Millennium*, University of Notre Dame, Oct. 1, 2005.

- “I Will Be My Body: Anthropology in the Future Tense.” Catholic Theological Society of America, Saint Louis, MO, June 2005.
- “A Gift to Theology? Jean-Luc Marion’s ‘Saturated Phenomenon’ in Christological Perspective.” College Theology Society, Washing D.C., June 2004.
- “The Tactility of Transcendence: Karl Rahner and the Contemporary Renewal of Resurrection Language.” College Theology Society, Jamaica, New York, June 2002.
- “Mad Miltonic Angels and the Knowledge Permitted to Adam.” Belmont University Research Symposium, Nashville, TN, May 1994.

## **PUBLIC LECTURES, PANELS, TALKS and INTERVIEWS**

- “Be Attentive, Reflective, and Loving: Or, How to Fall in Love with a Mop.” Emcee for Boston College Halftime Retreat. The Connors Center, Dover, Massachusetts, March 21 – 23, 2025.
- “Cultivating Academic Mentoring Relationships.” Invited Talk at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Friday, Dec. 6, 2024.
- “Rediscovering Creation: A Contemplative Journey.” Talk at Campion Center. Weston, Massachusetts, Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024.
- “Discovering Creation from the Inside: Wonderment, Compassion, and Theology.” Invited Public Lecture. McGrath Institute. University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024.
- “Teaching Creation from Within.” Keynote lecture for Ancient Doctrine in a Digital Age: Theology for Teachers. John Carroll University. University Heights, OH, Oct. 7, 2024.
- “Enduring Questions: An Academic Keynote Address.” Parents Weekend Keynote Address. Robsham Theatre, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Sept. 27, 2024.
- “Modern Mystics: Etty Hillesum.” Invited Webinar Lecture. Sarum College. Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024.
- “Contemplation and the Art of Friendship in Polarized Times.” Inaugural Lecture of The Center for Civic Friendship. Assumption University. Worcester, MA, Sept. 17, 2024.
- “Beyond the Reactive Mind: Christian Contemplative Practice in Polarized Times.” 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Underhill Lecture in Christian Spirituality. Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Chestnut Hill, MA, March 23, 2024.
- “The Difference Nothing Makes.” *Ex Libris* Author Lecture Series. Saint Mary’s College Center for the Study of Spirituality. Notre Dame, IN, March 5, 2024.
- “Sabbath as Gift and Command: Jewish and Christian Perspectives.” Panel with Susannah Heschel and Joanna Kline. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Sept. 11, 2023.
- “The Music of Eternity: Theology, the Requiem, and Prayers for the Dead.” Harvard Catholic Forum, Sacred Music Series. St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Cambridge, MA, Nov. 9, 2022.



- “Contemplation in a World of Anger.” Deitchman Family Lectures on Religion and Modernity, MacFarland Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA, Oct. 22, 2022.
- “Etty.” Panel discussion on Susan Stein’s one-woman play on Etty Hillesum. Jewish Community Center, Newton, MA, April 10, 2022.
- “Falling in Love with a Blank: Contemplation and Atheism.” Advanced Seminar in Philosophy and Theology. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Nov. 18, 2020.
- “Teaching Thomas Merton.” Advanced Philosophy and Theology Seminar, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Dec. 3, 2018.
- “Conferences and Networking.” Professional Development Seminar, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Nov. 6, 2018.
- “When Life Gets Messy.” Featured speaker for Agape Latte, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Sept. 25, 2018.
- “Abiding in God’s Love Through Meditation.” Grace Episcopal Church, Newton, MA, March 4, 2018.
- “*Amoris Laetitia* and the Nones.” Three panel sessions for “New Momentum Conferences for *Amoris Laetitia*.”
  - Panel # 1: Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Feb. 19, 2018
  - Panel # 2: University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, Feb. 21, 2018
  - Panel # 3: Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, Feb. 23, 2018
- “My Academic Life.” Faculty presentation for The Presidential Scholars Program, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Sept. 13, 2016.
- “Contemplative Pedagogy.” Panel session for “Rethinking Connection,” Excellence in Teaching Day, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, May 9, 2016.
- “Merton and the Contemplative Life.” Presentation for four-week course on Thomas Merton, Sponsored by the Ruah Interfaith Program of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, given at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Cambridge, MA, Oct. 21, 2015.
- “Adventures in Mortality.” Faculty Colloquium presentation, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Jan. 31, 2014.
- “Secularization and the Jesuits.” Response to panelists for Secularization and the Jesuits Conference, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, June 14, 2013.
- “War, Violence, and the University.” Panelist for The Presidential Scholars Program, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, Sept. 11, 2012.
- “The New Atheism.” Lecture for the Christ Luther Church Adult Forum, Webster Groves, MO, Feb. 19, 2012.
- “Ever Ancient, Ever New: Spiritual Practices in a Digital Age.” Four-part lecture series for Ladue Chapel Adult Education Forum, Ladue, MO.
  - “Divine Reading in an Age of Distraction,” Jan. 8, 2012.
  - “Boredom and the Sacrament of the Present Moment,” Jan. 15, 2012.
  - “On Not Being a Gadget: Contemplative Prayer,” Jan. 22, 2012.

- “Love and the (Virtual) Mill of the Mind,” Jan. 29, 2012.
- “The Difference Nothing Makes.” Panel discussion for Saint Louis Society for Catholic Theologians, Fontbonne University, Saint Louis, MO, Oct. 12, 2011.
- “Wonderment, Perplexity, and the Inner Landscape of Education.” Plenary address for the Belleville Diocese Annual Education Convention, Office of Education, Fairview Heights, IL, Sept. 30, 2011.
- “Christology.” Four-part lecture series for Ladue Chapel Adult Education Forum, Ladue, MO, Nov. 14, 2010, Nov. 21, 2010, Feb. 27, 2011, Mar. 6, 2011.
- “The Search for the Soul.” Presentation for University Ignatian Luncheon, sponsored by University Mission and Ministry, Saint Louis University, Nov. 9, 2010.
- “The Christian Story, the Universe Story: The Cosmic Breadth of Hope.” Two-part lecture series for Bethel Adult Education Forum. Bethel Lutheran Church, University City, MO, April 18, 25, 2010.
- “Love Evolves: Divine Creativity in Evolutionary Perspective,” and “Does the Body Have a Future? Reconsidering the Resurrection.” Two workshops given at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, Anaheim, California, March 19, 21, 2010.
- “Stranger than Fiction? Jesus and Truth About Ourselves.” Lectures given for the 15th Annual Ecumenical Clergy Retreat (Episcopal, Luther, Catholic), Jacksonville Diocese, Marywood Retreat and Conference Center, Jacksonville, Florida, Feb. 2, 2010.
- “Invigorating Teaching & Research Throughout the Academic Life Cycle.” Panelist for The Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence and the Division of Research workshop, Saint Louis University, Jan. 9, 2009.
- “How Would Jesus Vote?” Talk for Intervarsity, Saint Louis University, Oct. 6, 2008.
- “Facing the Risen Victim.” Panel discussion for Saint Louis Society for Catholic Theologians, Fontbonne University, Saint Louis, MO, Sept. 15, 2008.
- “What is Intellectual Charity?” Panel presentation for *Benedict XVI in America: Focus on Catholic Higher Education*, Saint Louis University, May 5, 2008.
- “Death, Resurrection and the End of Cyclical Violence.” Two-part lecture series for Bethel Adult Education Forum. Bethel Lutheran Church, University City, MO, March 9, 30, 2008.
- “Religious Violence and Social Scapegoating.” Lecture given to the Ethical Society of America, St. Louis, MO, Feb. 13, 2007.
- “Developing a Mentoring Relationship.” Talk for Graduate Survival Skills Conference, sponsored by the Reinert Center for Teaching Excellence, Saint Louis University, Oct. 24, 2006.
- “Mystics and Saints: Christian Spirituality Yesterday and Today.” Three-part lecture series for Bethel Adult Education Forum. Bethel Lutheran Church, University City, MO, Oct. 15, 22, 29, 2006.
- “Eternity in Time: Reflections on Advent.” Talk for annual Advent celebration. Little Flower Church, Richmond Heights, MO, Dec. 4, 2005.

- “Who Me? Holy?” Lecture for Little Flower Summer Series. Church of the Little Flower, Richmond Heights, MO, July, 2005.
- “Justice Takes Root: Scripture’s Call for Social Justice.” Lecture for series on “Catholic Social Justice.” Little Flower Church, Richmond Heights, MO, May 8, 2005.
- Panelist for “Wisdom Figures in the Profession,” sponsored by Voices, Saint Louis University, Thursday, April 14, 2005.
- Interviewed and featured by the Center for Teaching Excellence for CD-Rom designed to promote service-learning throughout the university. Saint Louis University, April 2005.
- “Journey to Justice: Engaging Scripture.” Lecture for the “Called to Be Neighbor: Lenten Journey to Justice” series sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia, IL, Feb. 21, 2005.
- “A Spirituality of Community.” Talk at Micah House student and faculty retreat. Saint Meinrad Abbey, Saint Meinrad, IN, Nov. 6, 2005.
- “Understanding the Theology of Baptism.” Lecture for Little Flower Summer Series. Church of the Little Flower, Richmond Heights, MO, July, 2004.
- “Service-Learning in the Classroom.” Faculty Panelist for Brown Bag Teaching Circle, Cosponsored by The Center for Leadership and Community Service and the Center for Teaching Excellence, Oct. 30, 2003.
- “Etty Hillesum’s *An Interrupted Life*.” Presentation and facilitation of discussion among faculty at St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI. Rhode’s Consultation on the Future of Church-Related Colleges. April, 2003.

## COURSES TAUGHT

### **Boston College**

#### Undergraduate

- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Theological Inquiry
- Spiritual Exercises: Engagement, Empathy, Ethics
- God, Self, and Society
- Saint and Sinners: Exploring Catholicism in Rome (team-taught in Rome with Liam Bergin)
- Love & the Human Condition
- Thomas Merton: Monk, Mystic, Prophet
- The Joy of Being Wrong

#### Graduate

- God and Creation
- Christology
- Doctrine of God/Trinity

- Theology in a Secular Age
- Theology and the Mystical Turn
- Theology and Science: Sin and Salvation After Darwin
- Contemplative Theology
- Christology
- Mimesis, Murder, and the Cross: Lonergan and Girard in Conversation (team-taught with Jeremy Wilkins)

## **Saint Louis University**

### Undergraduate

- Theological Foundations
- Survey of Christian Beliefs
- Spiritual Exercises for Philosophers and Theologians
- Love and the Human Condition
- God and the New Atheism
- Theology and Pop Culture
- Jesus and Salvation

### Graduate

- Christology
- Theology of the Human Person

## **University of Notre Dame**

### Undergraduate

- Foundations of Theology

## **DOCTORAL MENTORING**

### Dissertations Directed:

- John Paul Edwards, “Theology in the Order of Discovery: The Method and Contribution of James Alison” (2014).
- Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M., “Imagining Planetary: Toward a Postcolonial Franciscan Theology of Creation” (2016)
- Ryan G. Duns, S.J., “Spiritual Exercises for a Secular Age? William Desmond’s Theological Achievement” (2018)
- R. Zachary Karanovich, “Conversion in a World of Violence: James Alison, Thomas Merton, and the Stories that Change Us” (2023)

- Tiffany Hartnell-Howden, “Grace, Desire, and Addiction” (current)
- Megan Hopkins, “Embodying the Word: A Contemplative Muslim-Christian Comparative Theology” (current)
- Daniel Cox, “Disrupting Immanence: Encountering Atheism in William Desmond and David Bentley Hart” (current)
- Jacob Kilgore, “A Difficult Proximity: Finitude, Faith, and Meaning” (current)
- Madeline Jarrett, “Criping Eschatology: Disability, Theology, and the Christian Temporal Imagination” (current)
- Brett McLaughlin, S.J., “The Kingdom of God’s Subversion of Conflictual Desires” (current)
- Jamie Myrose “Everything is Friendship: Towards a More Relational Theological Anthropology” (current)

#### Dissertations Read

- Jessica Coblenz, “Depression’s Challenge to Theologies of Suffering and Salvation” (2017)
- Clifton Stringer, “Becoming One in the Paschal Mystery: Christ, Spirituality, and Theology in Hugh of St. Victor” (2018)
- Mario Inzulza, S.J., “The Parousia: A Suitable Symbol for a Renewed Eschatological, Cosmic Narrative” (2018)
- Kate Mroz, “No Salvation Apart from Religious Others: Edward Schillebeeckx’s Soteriology as a Resource for Understanding Christian Identity and Discipleship in a Religiously Pluralist World (2018)
- Won-Jae Hur, “Corporeality in Contemplation: A Comparative Study of Edith Stein and Tibetan Buddhist *Lojong*” (2020)
- Myka Lahaie, “Love, ‘Gift’, and the Fragmentary Self: A Theological Engagement with Jean-Luc Marion and Søren Kierkegaard” – external reader, Durham University (2021)
- Benjamin Hohman, “Grace and Emergence: Towards an Ecological and Evolutionary Foundation for Theology” (2021)
- Spencer (Kyle) Johnson, “Discernment at the Periphery: Race, Coloniality, and the Demonic” (2022)
- Stephen Surh, “*Visibile Parlare*: An Essay on Dante’s *Commedia*” (2023)
- Bethany Slater, “Becoming Wholehearted: Constructing a Jewish Liturgical Asceticism” (2023)
- Robin Landrith, “The Debt of Love in the Theology of Richard of St. Victor” (2024)
- Hannah Sutton-Adams, “Tending the Inner Altar and Practicing Communion: Adult Christian Faith Formation after Religious Trauma” (2024)
- Sarah Livick-Moses, “The Icon of Divinity: Sophia, Trinity, and Creation in Sergei Bulgakov” (2024)

- Greg Mileski, “The Expanded Self: Facilitating Mimetic Conversion through a Mahāyāna Engagement” (current)

## **TEACHING and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Participated in Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, National Conference. “Robust and Receptive Ecumenism.” Hope College, Holland, MI (Oct. 12 – 14, 2018)
- Participated in Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, National Conference, “Discernment, Engagement, Reflection.” Loyola Marymount University. Los Angeles, CA (Oct. 27 – 29, 2017)
- Convener of Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar, “Spiritual Practice, Compassion, and the Transformation of Desire.” Jesuit Institute, Boston College (Sept. 2016 – May 2017)
- Co-directed and Participated in Pedagogy Seminar dedicated to Contemplative Pedagogy, Center for Teaching Excellence (Nov. 2, 2015)
- Participated in Pedagogy Seminar dedicated to the Core Renewal at Boston College, Center for Teaching Excellence (Jan. – April 2015)
- Engaged in Extensive Team-teaching Activities in Micah House (2004-present) and Senior Seminar (2007-present)
- Participant in Undergraduate Cohort for the Wabash Think-tank on Assessment. Saint Louis University, Fall 2006
- Participant in Heartland-Delta Faculty Conversations. John Carroll University, February 18-20, 2005
- Center for Teaching Excellence Faculty Retreat, “Developing a Teaching Portfolio.” February 2004
- Participant in Collegium, A Colloquy on Faith in Intellectual Life. Fairfield University, Fairfield CT, Summer 2002
- Teaching Team Member and Lecturer for University-wide RCIA program. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 2001-2002
- Workshop for professional and pedagogical development, sponsored by Kaneb Teaching Center, Summer 2001
- Department of Theology Teaching Workshops. University of Notre Dame, Fall 2001.
- Teaching Assistant for David Burrell (Psychology and Religion), Richard McBrien (Catholicism and Ecclesiology) and Robert Krieg (Foundations of Theology). University of Notre Dame, 2001-03

## **SERVICE**

### **Professional**

- Referee for *Heythrop Journal*, *Horizons*, *Modern Theology*, *Theological Studies*, *New Theology Review*

- Board Member for Colloquium on Violence & Religion (2024 –)
- Book Judge for Catholic Press Association (2010 – 2015)
- Local coordinator of annual Catholic Theological Society of America, Saint Louis, MO (Fall 2011 – Spring 2012)
- Assisted in local coordination of annual Catholic Theological Society of America, Saint Louis, MO (June 2006)

### **Administrative**

#### Boston College

- Systematic Theology Area Coordinator (Fall 2023 – present)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies for Theology Department (Fall 2015 – Spring 2018)
- Co-Director of Joint MA Program in Philosophy and Theology (Fall 2013 – Spring 2017)

#### Saint Louis University

- Undergraduate Program Director for Department of Theological Studies (2007 – 2009)

### **University**

#### Boston College

- Boston College Representative for the Lilly Fellows Program (Fall 2021 – present)
- Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Steering Committee (Spring 2019 – present)
- Advisory Board Member for The Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (Fall 2013 – Fall 2014)

#### Saint Louis University

- Exploratory Committee for Developing the Catholic Center for Interreligious Dialogue, (Fall 2011 – Spring 2012)
- Participant in faculty workshops for increasing student retention (Fall 2006)
- Participant in brainstorming sessions with Voices Program for developing funding sources and new initiatives (Spring 2005)

### **Department**

#### Boston College

- Chair of Systematic Theology Search Committee (Fall 2024)
- Chair of Systematic Theology Search Committee (Fall 2023)
- Systematics Area Convener (Fall 2022 – present)
- Executive Committee (Fall 2014 – Spring 2021, Fall 2023 – present)

- Core Curriculum Committee (Spring 2015 – Spring 2018)
- Core Curriculum Task Force (Spring 2017)
- Educational Policy Committee (Fall 2013 – Spring 2016, Fall 2022 - present)
- Committee on Faculty Hiring, Gender and Diversity (Spring 2014)
- Chair of Curriculum Committee (Fall 2013 – Fall 2014)

#### Saint Louis University

- Chair of Exploratory Committee for Expansion of the Doctoral Program (Spring 2012)
- Peer Review Committee (2010 – 2012)
- MA Committee (2011 – 2012)
- Marketing and Communications Committee (2011 – 2012)
- Chair of Search Committee of New Testament Position (Fall 2011)
- Faculty Liaison for Undergraduate Theology Club (Fall 2005 – Spring 2008)
- Chair of Exploratory Committee for Revising the Master's Degree in Theology (Fall 2007 – Fall 2008)
- Graduate Studies Committee (Fall 2006 – Spring 2007)
- Member of Graduate Faculty (Fall 2004 – 2012)
- Coordinator for 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Henri de Lubac Lecture Series (Spring 2008)
- Think-tank for developing learning outcomes and assessment protocols of undergraduate program (Fall 2006)
- Search Committee for Systematic Theology Position (Fall 2006 – Spring 2007)
- Search Committee for Ethics Position (Fall 2004 – Spring 2005)
- Liturgy/Socialization Committee (Fall 2004 – Spring 2005)

### **College**

#### Boston College

- University Core Development Committee (Fall 2017 – present)
- University Core Development Syllabus Review Subcommittee (Fall 2017 – present)

#### Saint Louis University

- Search Committee for Dean of Arts & Sciences (Fall 2010 – Spring 2011)
- Faculty Council (Fall 2010 – Spring 2011)
- Committee for New Advising and Mentoring System (Fall 2007 – Spring 2008)



- Curriculum Committee for College of Arts & Sciences (Fall 2005 – Spring 2007)
- Mellon Fund Committee (Spring 2004 – Fall 2005)
- Micah House Advisory Board (Fall 2004 – Spring 2012)
- SLU 101 Committee for developing reading program for incoming freshmen (May 2004)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Academy of Religion
- American Theological Society
- Catholic Theological Society of America
- College Theology Society
- Colloquium on Religion & Violence (board member 2024 – present)