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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY 2015
University of Notre Dame
Dissertation: “The Doors of the Soul: A Critical Augustinian Account of Self-Love”
Area: Systematic Theology
Director: Mary Catherine Hilkert

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES 2008
University of Notre Dame
Area: Systematic Theology

BACHELOR OF ARTS, *Summa Cum Laude* 2006
University of Virginia
Majors: Religious Studies and English

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (TENURE TRACK) 2022–present
Boston College
Department of Theology

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF THE PRACTICE 2017–2022
Boston College
Department of Theology

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (TENURE TRACK) 2015–2017
John Carroll University
Department of Theology and Religious Studies

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“‘The Silence of the Dead’: Remembering Suicide Victims and Reimagining the Communion of Saints.” *Theological Studies* 81.2 (June 2020): 394–413.

“‘Was it Good for You?’ Recasting Catholic Sexual Ethics in Light of Women’s Sexual Pain Disorders.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 46.4 (December 2018): 611–634.

- Winner of the Catholic Theological Society of America’s 2018 LaCugna Award

“Disability at the Heart of Theology: On Marginality, Method, and Overcoming ‘Best-Case Anthropologies.’” *The Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health* 17.3 (2013): 244–262.

“Transformations of the Flesh: Approaching the Spiritual Body through an Engagement with Sarah Coakley.” *The Journal of Religion, Identity, and Politics* 1 (January 2012): 1–17.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“‘A Woman’s Pain is Not a Gift’: Toward Sexual Flourishing for All.” *Love, Sex, and Families: Catholic Perspectives*. Eds. Jason King and Julie Hanlon Rubio (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press Academic, 2020), 35–45.

“Our Fragile Flesh: Sacramental Hospitality toward Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Its Implications for Theology.” *Visions of Hope: Emerging Theologians Envision the Future of the Church*. Ed. Kevin J. Ahern (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2013), 25–37.

EDITOR-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“To Love Oneself Through Food: Geneen Roth and a Christian Resistance to Compulsive Eating.” *The Other Journal* 19 (September 2011).

BOOK REVIEWS

“*Feminist Theology and Contemporary Dieting Culture: Sin, Salvation, and Women’s Weight Loss Narratives*, by Hannah Bacon.” *Theological Studies* 81.2 (June 2020): 496–497.

“*Flourishing: Health, Disease, and Bioethics in Theological Perspective*, by Neil Messer.” *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 37.1 (Spring/Summer 2017): 220–221.

“*Eschatology, Liturgy, and Christology*, by Thomas Rausch.” *Catholic Books Review* (July 2012).

“*Bodies in Question: Gender, Religion, Text*, edited by Darlene Bird and Yvonne Sherwood.” *Theology & Sexuality* 18.1 (2012): 95–96.

SHORTER MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

“Mental Health in Theological Perspective (Interest Group).” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America* Vol. 76 (2022).

The “Mental Health” entry for a special issue on “COVID-19 and Religious Ethics.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 48.3 (September 2020): 379–381.

“Theology, Sexuality, and Justice (Interest Group).” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America* Vol. 73 (2018).

“Anthropology (Topic Session).” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America* Vol. 72 (2017).

“Failures in Sexual Justice: Catholic Feminist Responses and Recommendations (Selected Session).” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America* Vol. 71 (2016).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

MONOGRAPHS

The Tender Gift of Self-Love: A Feminist Theological Engagement with Augustine
[manuscript approximately three-fourths complete; proposal accepted by Notre Dame Press]

Suicide, Emotional Suffering, and Theology: A Justice-Centered Approach
[in research stage]

ARTICLES

“(Un)Manly Shame in the Time of Patriarchy: A Political Theological Reckoning”
[currently being prepared for special issue of *Political Theology*]

“What Does a Political, Liberationist Approach to Mental Illness Look Like?”
[in research stage]

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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| “Self-Unlove” (based on excerpts from <i>The Tender Gift of Self-Love</i>) | November 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Haven Theological Discussion Group (location TBD) | |
| “Jessica Coblenz’s <i>Dust in the Blood</i> ” (panel) | November 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Denver, Colorado) | |
| “What Does a Political, Liberationist Approach to Mental Illness Look Like?” | June 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Theological Society of America (online due to COVID) | |

- “Anger: Leashed and Unleashed” (panel) November 2019
- American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (San Diego, California)
- “*Mulieris Veritatem*: Feminist Truth-Telling about Sexual Violence and the Future of Catholic Theological Anthropology” September 2019
- The Future of Systematic Theology: Traditions, Politics, and Possibilities (Fairfield, Connecticut)
- “‘It Was Simply the End of What I Could Bear’: Using Psychology in a Metzian Frame for a Better Christian Response to Suicide” March 2019
- Psyche, Soul, and Salvation: An Interdisciplinary Conference on the Intersection of Psychology and Contemporary Christian Theology (Latrobe, Pennsylvania)
- “The Enduring Legacy of Sexual Racism: #MeToo’s Complicity in the Silencing of Black Women’s Sexual Traumas” November 2018
- American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Denver, Colorado)
- “‘The Silence of the Dead’: Depressive Suicide and the Eclipse of Grace and Freedom” June 2018
- Catholic Theological Society of America (Indianapolis, Indiana)
- “What Makes ‘Good Sex’ for Women? Female Sexual Disorders as Disruptions to Sexual Unity and Test Cases for Rethinking Catholic Theologies of Marriage” June 2016
- Catholic Theological Society of America (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- “Depressive Suicide: Paradox of Agency and Passivity, Provocation for an Ethics of Response” January 2016
- Society of Christian Ethics (Toronto, Canada)
- “‘Body’ as Disruption: Intellectual Disabilities, Butlerian Ethics, and Dismantling the Christian Regime of the Ableist Body” November 2015
- Annual American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, Georgia)
- “‘Why Batter My Worthless Heart?’: How Toxic Shame Disrupts Sarah Coakley’s Account of Spiritual Vulnerability” June 2014
- Catholic Theological Society of America (San Diego, California)
- “Disrupting the Idealized Body: Intellectual Disability, Postmodern Ethics and the Christian Flesh” September 2012
- Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (Cambridge, England, U.K.)
- “Friendship Translated: Engaging with Hans Reinders and Cultivating Deeper Social Recognition of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities” June 2012
- College Theology Society Conference (San Antonio, Texas)

- “Our Fragile Flesh: Sacramental Hospitality Toward Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Its Implications for Theology” March 2012
- Emerging Theologians Conference (Boston College, Massachusetts)
- “Can Women Relinquish the Weight of Weight Obsession? A Christian Articulation of Women’s Resistance to Food Compulsion in the United States” January 2012
- Food Networks Conference (Notre Dame, Indiana)
- “Transforming Women’s Eating Practices: Christian Resistance to the Regime of Thinness” June 2011
- College Theology Society Conference (New Rochelle, New York)
- “Your best thing’: Theological Explorations of a Woman’s Love of Self in Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*” March 2010
- Midwest American Academy of Religion Conference (Rock Island, Illinois)
- “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ (1 Cor. 15:35): Approaching the Spiritual Body through the Thought of Sarah Coakley” March 2010
- Midwest American Academy of Religion Conference (Rock Island, Illinois)
- “St. Edith Stein: What Kind of Jewish-Catholic Symbol?” March 2008
- Engaging Particularities Conference (Boston College, Massachusetts)

INVITED LECTURES

- “Ableism as an Affront to the Gospel” November 2022
- The 2022 Pyne Lecture at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (webinar)
- “Where is God When Somebody Dies by Suicide? An Updated Consideration of Divine Mercy and Justice” July 2022
- Sponsored by the Council on Mental Illness in the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (webinar)
- “Facing Health Challenges in the Academy” March 2021
- Part of a panel presentation for the American Academy of Religion, organized by the Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee (webinar)
- “What Does a Political, Liberationist Approach to Mental Illness Look Like?” March 2020
- One of a series of “Political Theology” Workshops for the Theology Department at Villanova University (online due to COVID)
- “God Does Not Evade and Neither Should We: A Consideration of Catholic Theology on Mental Illness and Suicide” September 2019

- The 2019 Rev. Alan Dash Public Lecture at University of North Carolina Wilmington (Wilmington, North Carolina, U.S.)

DEPARTMENT & CAMPUS TALKS

- “My Experience in the Catholic Theological Academy” May 2021
- Invited talk for “Women in Theology,” a group of doctoral students in Theology at Boston College (online)
- “Discussions about Race in the Classroom: Creating Constructive Conversations” March 2021
- Part of a joint Boisi Center/Center for Christian-Jewish Learning seminar for Theology faculty and graduate students (online)
- “Reflections: Christian Theology, Mental Illness, and Suicide” April 2019
- Theology Department Faculty Lunch Presentation (Boston College, Massachusetts)
- “‘It was simply the end of what I could bear’: Resetting Christian Theology on Mental Illness and Suicide” February 2019
- The Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life (Boston College, Massachusetts)
- “Christian Theology and the Problem of the Impoverished Self” October 2018
- Advanced Seminar in Philosophy and Theology (Boston College, Massachusetts)
- “Dialogues on the Monologues” February 2018, 2020
- Faculty panel sponsored by Women and Gender Studies on The Vagina Monologues (Boston College, Massachusetts)
- “(De-)Constructing an Account of the Self: Narrativity and Self-Opacity as Resources for Contemporary Ethics in Alasdair MacIntyre and Judith Butler” April 2012
- Gender Studies Research Workshop Series (Notre Dame, Indiana)
- “What Can Thomas Learn from Flannery?” September 2007
- MTS Colloquium (Notre Dame, Indiana)

AWARDS, HONORS, & WORKSHOPS

- Science-Engaged Theology (SET) Foundations Selected Participant for Summer 2022 Workshop 2022
- Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for Best Essay in Catholic Theology by a New Scholar (Catholic Theological Society of America) 2018
- Presidential Fellowship for the Ph.D., Notre Dame 2008–2013
- Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, Notre Dame 2013
- Fully-funded invitation from Michael Signer to a Jewish-Christian 2007

dialogue conference in Lublin, Poland	
Full tuition scholarship for the M.T.S., Notre Dame	2006–2008
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Virginia	2005

TEACHING & ADVISING

COURSES TAUGHT AT BOSTON COLLEGE

Undergraduate Courses:

Theology and Mental Health (500-level elective)	2023
Pulse Core: Person and Social Responsibility I and II (core)	2017–2023
Exploring Catholicism I and II (core)	2013–2015

ADVISING AT BOSTON COLLEGE

Undergraduate students (senior thesis advising): 1	2020
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COURSES TAUGHT AT JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Master's Courses:

Introduction to Systematic Theology	2016; 2017
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Undergraduate Courses:

Christian Sexuality (300-level elective)	2017
Contemporary Catholic Theology (200-level core)	2015; 2016
Introduction to Theology and Religious Studies (introductory core)	2015; 2016

ADVISING AT JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Master's students: 2	2016–2017
Undergraduate students (senior thesis advising): 1	2015

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Undergraduate Core Course:

Women, Gender, and Theology (200-level core)	2012
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SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, & ACADEMY

Committee Work & Other Involvement at Boston College:

Member of the Department Culture Ad Hoc Committee	2021
Member of the Department Curriculum Committee	2018–2020
Member of the Department Handbook Revision Committee	2019

Committee Work & Other Involvement at John Carroll University:

Chair of Search Committee for Departmental Hire (Tenure Track)	2016
Member of Graduate Committee for Department	2015–2017
Faculty Advisor for Student Multicultural Club	2016–2017

Membership in Professional Academic Societies & Groups:

American Academy of Religion	2008–present
Catholic Theological Society of America	2011–present
College Theology Society	2009–present
Society of Christian Ethics	2015–present
New Voices Seminar	2018–present
New Haven Theological Discussion Group	2020–present

Committees within Professional Academic Societies:

Co-Convener of Mental Health Interest Group (Catholic Theological Society of America)	2021–2023
Steering Committee Member for Women’s Consultation (Catholic Theological Society of America)	2021–present
Co-Convener of Women’s Consultation (Catholic Theological Society of America)	2017–2021
Co-Convener of Sexual Justice Interest Group (Catholic Theological Society of America)	2017–2019
Member of Admissions Committee (Catholic Theological Society of America)	2016–2018
Member of Anthropology Administrative Team (Catholic Theological Society of America)	2014–2016

Official Mentoring of Graduate Students:

Political Theology Network Mentoring Initiative: 1	2020–present
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Peer Review Referee Work:

Modern Theology; Horizons; Irish Theological Quarterly; Palgrave Macmillan; Journal of Religious Ethics; Liturgical Press

Committee Work at the University of Notre Dame:

President of the Graduate Theological Society	2011–2012
Gender Concerns Representative for the Graduate Theological Society	2008–2009

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German, Latin, French, Spanish: proficient in reading