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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- PhD** Theological Ethics, Duke University, 2005
Areas: Ethics, Patristic and Medieval History, Women's and Gender Studies
- MDiv** Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2001
Areas: Liturgical Theology
- BA** Phi Beta Kappa *Cum Laude* History, The Colorado College, 1998, Boettcher Scholar

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor** University of Dayton, Department of Religious Studies, 2012-present
- Assistant Professor** University of Dayton, Department of Religious Studies, 2008-2012
- Assistant Professor** Hampden-Sydney College, Department of Religion, 2005-2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Aquinas on the Web? Doing Theology in an Internet Age*. London: T&T Clark, 2012.
Reviewed in *Second Nature Journal*; *The Journal of Pastoral Theology*; *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture*;
- Water is Thicker than Blood: An Augustinian Theology of Marriage and Singleness*.
New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Reviewed in the *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*; *Modern Theology*; *Religious Studies Review*; *Ethical Perspectives: Journal of the European Ethics Network*; *Anglican Theological Review*; *Theology Today*

Co-Authored Books

Free to Stay, Free to Leave: Fruits of the Spirit and Church Choice. Co-authored with Melissa Musick Nussbaum. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2009.

Book Chapters

“Not So Private: A Political Theology of Church and Family,” in *Christian Political Witness*, George Kalantzis and Gregory W. Lee, eds. Chicago: IVP Academic, 2014.

“Women, Disabled” in *Disability in the Christian Tradition*, John Swinton and Brian Brock, eds. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 2012.

“Singular Christianity: Marriage and Singleness as Discipleship” in *Leaving and Coming Home*, a collection of essays on sexual ethics from the noted young Catholic moral theologians’ group New Wine New Wineskins. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010.

“Being ‘Stuck’ Between Stanley and the Feminists (Or The Proverbial Rock and a Hard Place)” in *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas’ 70th Birthday*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010.

“Catholic Social Teachings and Papal Social Encyclicals” in *Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics*, co-authored with Stanley Hauerwas. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, October 2005.

Refereed Articles

“Spiritual But Not Religious: What Faith Formation Means in the Age of ‘Nones’” in *Liturgy* (July 2015).

“We Do Not Know How to Love: Observations on Theology, Technology and Disability,” in *Journal of Moral Theology*, 4.1 (January 2015): 90-110.

“What Kind of Family is Needed for ‘Domestic Church’? A Mystagogy of the Family,” *The Household of God and Local Households*, Thomas Knieps-Port Le Roi, et al. eds, (Leuven: Peeters, 2013), 171-184.

“Imposter Happiness or the Real Thing? Marriage, Singleness and the Beatitudes in the 21st Century,” *Ex Auditu* (Spring 2013): 21-40.

“Stanley Hauerwas’s Influence on Catholic Moral Theology,” *Journal of Catholic Moral Theology*, inaugural issue, (January 2012):148-169.

“*Sharing in Christ’s Virtues: Helping Moral Theologians Go Home to Rome*,” *Modern Theology* 20 no. 2 (2004).

Book Reviews

Conscience and Calling, by Sr. Anne Patrick (Bloomsbury, 2014) in the *British Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*, forthcoming Fall 2015.

Virtue and the Moral Life: Theological and Philosophical Perspectives, edited by William Werpehowski and Kathryn Getek Soltis (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2014) in *Journal of Political Theology*, forthcoming Fall 2015.

God’s Love Through the Spirit: The Holy Spirit in Thomas Aquinas and John Wesley by Kenneth M. Loyer in *Anglican Theological Review*, forthcoming Fall 2015.

Theology on the Menu by David Grummet and Rachel Muers in *Modern Theology* (January 2014).

Children, Adults and Shared Responsibilities: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspectives, edited by Marcia J. Bunge in *Anglican Theological Review* 95:4 (Winter 2013)

Vatican II: Renewal within Tradition, edited by Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering in *Pro Ecclesia* (Winter 2012).

Reality is Broken: Why Games Make Us Better and How They Can Change the World by Jane McGonigal in *National Catholic Reporter* (October 24, 2011).

Christian Ethics in a Technological Age by Brian Brock in *The Christian Century* (March 2, 2011). <http://www.christiancentury.org/reviews/2011-02/christian-ethics-technological-age>

Singing the Ethos of God: On the Place of Christian Ethics in Scripture by Brian Brock in *Pro Ecclesia* (Spring 2010).

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church, by Bryan N. Massingale, in *Horizons* (Spring 2010).

Conceiving Parenthood: American Protestantism and the Spirit of Reproduction by Amy Laura Hall in *Modern Theology* 25 no. 3 (2009).

Human Sexuality in the Christian Tradition, edited by Kieran Scott and Harold Daly Horell in *Horizons* 36 no. 1(2009).

Communion and Otherness: Further Studies in Personhood and the Church by John D. Zizioulas in *Modern Theology* 24 no. 2 (2008).

Sharing Food by L. Shannon Jung in *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* 27 no. 2 (2007)

The Moral Theology of Pope John Paul II by Charles Curran in *Modern Theology* 23 no. 1 (2007).

Manuscripts in Preparation

Theological Considerations of Singlenss, under contract with Oxford University Press.

“Holy Abortion? The Nun of Watton and Medieval Bioethics,” in revision for journal submission.

“Virtue Ethics and Children’s Formation: A Montessorian Approach,” in revision for journal submission.

Web-Based Publications

Assistant editor, Catholicmoraltheology.com

Other Publications

“Mark Eight: Support for Celibate Singles Alongside Married Couples and their Children” in *School(s) for Conversion: 12 Marks of a New Monasticism*, Rutba House, ed. (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2005).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2011 University of Dayton Seed Grant, \$5000
- 2010 Forum for Catholic Intellectual Tradition, \$4000
- 2009 University of Dayton Seed Grant, \$3300
- 2007 Teaching the Bible study grant, Presbyterian Church (USA), \$9000
- 2006 Hampden-Sydney faculty research grant, \$2800
- 2005 Hampden-Sydney faculty research grant, \$2800
- 2001 John Wesley Fellow, 3-year competitive grant for graduate studies
- 1998 Presidential Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1-year competitive grant for advanced study

INVITED TALKS

- 2015 “Augustine on Just War and Peace,” Mormon Ethics Symposium, Brigham Young University, July 13-16
- 2014 “Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Relief Services,” Catholic Relief Services Workshops, March 15
- 2014 “Aligning Conversations: From Seminars to Curriculum Reform,” Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, February 3
- 2013 “The Failure and the Hope: Practicing the Peace of Christ in the Church,” co-presented with Randy Cooper, Ekklesia Project, Chicago IL, July 12
- 2013 “Not So Private: The Public/Private Distinction in Contemporary Thought,” Christian Political Witness Conference, Wheaton College, April 5-7
- 2013 “Considering Marriage: Public and Private Things,” Cedarville University, March 30
- 2012 “Choosing God? Thoughts on Religion, Freedom and The Meaning of Life” Loyola Maryland, Baltimore MD, October 29-30
- 2012 “Doing Theology Well in a Web 2.0 World,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore Maryland, October 30
- 2012 “Marriage, Singleness and the Beatitudes,” North Park Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 27-29
- 2012 “Adoption: Reprise,” The University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK, May 26-29
- 2012 “Internet Pornography and the Human Person,” Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy and Doctrine, University of Dayton, April 11
- 2011 “Power and Authority on the Internet,” Ashland University Symposium Responding to the Powers, Ashland, OH, February 12
- 2010 “Theology of Adoption: Critical Reflections from Practical Theology and Christian Ethics,” Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK, May 24-26
- 2010 “What Type of Family is Needed for Domestic Church?” Co-sponsored conference on Domestic Church, by the INTAMS Chair for the Study of Marriage & Spirituality at the Theology Faculty of the Catholic University of Leuven,

Belgium, and the Ecclesiological Investigation International Research Network, Leuven, Belgium, March 10-13

- 2008 "Singleness: A Vocation and Lifestyle," Fourth Annual Undergraduate Marriage, Family and Dating Conference, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, November 14-16
- 2007 "Acting on Faith: Women's New Religious Activism in America," Longwood University, Farmville, VA, March 5
- 2005 "Married Celibates and Monks with Children," Here Comes Everybody Lecture Series, College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN, February 14
- 2004 "Marriage and The New Monasticism," The New Monasticism, sponsored by the Fund for Theological Education, Durham NC, June 15-17

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2014 "The Grammar and Technology of Online Eucharist: A Conversation with Louis Marie Chauvet, David Power, and Herbert McCabe," Catholic Theological Society of America, June 5-8
- 2012 "Children Who Are Not Yet Peaceful: Montessorian Thoughts about Peace Making," Society of Christian Ethics, January 5-9
- 2010 "Singling Out Singles" *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church: International Catholic Moral Theologians' Conference, Trento, Italy, July 24-27*
- 2010 "The Thomistic Internet? Theological Questioning in a Web 2.0/3.0 Age" *Society of Christian Ethics, San Jose, CA, January 7-10*
- 2009 "About a Family: Nick Hornby's Novels and Sexual Ethics," *American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Quebec, November 7-10*
- 2009 "Ruining the Church? Conversations on Catholic Moral Theology and Catholic 'Converts'," *New Wine, New Wineskins, University of Notre Dame, July 30-August 1*
- 2008 "Single in a Married Church," *Catholic Theological Society of America Miami, FL, June 5-8*
- 2006 "The Domestic Church: Questions and Critiques," *New Wine, New Wineskins Symposium for Young Catholic Moral Theologians, University of Notre Dame, July 27-30*

- 2006 “The Beauty of the Boards: The Use of Internet Chat Rooms to ‘do’ Ethics,”
College Theology Society, Denver, CO, June 1-4
- 2005 “Early and Medieval Christian Representations of Ascetic Bodies,” *2nd Christina Conference on Women’s Studies, Helsinki, Finland, March 3-5*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate – Doctoral

Theology and Gender
Directed studies in Augustine; Marriage and Family

Graduate – Master’s

Catholic Moral Theology
Approaches to Morality (online and offline versions)
Contemporary Christian Ethics

Undergraduate

Introduction to Christian Ethics
Introduction to Religion
History of Christian Thought, Origins to 500
History of Christian Thought, 500-1200
Augustine
Contemporary Christian Theology
War and Peace
History of Christianity in Africa
Christianity and Globalization
Christian Ethics and Health Care
Christian Marriage and Family
Women in a Global Church
Introduction to Sacramental and Liturgical Theology

DEPARTMENT ADVISING

Director of Master’s Theses: Eucharika Gomba, Katherine Schmidt, Nancy Romer, Karen Ross, John Allen, Colleen O’Grady, Maureen Wood, Susan Mohall, Sarah Powers Mostrom, Shelby Mongan

Dissertation Director: Robert Parks

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Founding board member, Theologians of Ohio regional conference, 2015-
Co-editor, Ekklesia Project series, Eerdmans Publishers, 2013-
Member, editorial board, *Journal of Moral Theology*, 2012-
Manuscript reviewer, Catholic University of America Press, 2013-

Manuscript reviewer, *Horizons*, 2011-
Manuscript reviewer, *Modern Theology*, 2010-
Manuscript reviewer, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 2009-
Convener, Junior Faculty Caucus, Society of Christian Ethics, 2010-2012

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University Maternity Leave Review Panel, 2014-
Second-Year/Sophomore Year Study Group, 2014-
ArtStreet/IAN Collaborator, 2013-
University Business Ethics Colloquium, 2010-2011, 2012- present

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

College of Arts and Science Women's and Gender Studies Committee, 2008-
Dorian Borbonus 5th Year Review Committee, History Department, 2014
Alumni Chair Humanities Symposium Presenter, March 5, 2013

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Department Doctoral Committee, 2009-
Chair, Neomi DeAnda's 3rd Year Review Committee, 2014
Search committee, business ethics lecturer, 2013-2014
Search committee, business ethics assistant professor, 2009-10
Search committee, senior systematic theologian, 2008-09
Department Executive Committee, 2009-2012

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Weekly scripture reflections, www.itemissaest.org, 2008-
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist, 2009-
Presenter for Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 2009, 2010, 2014

MEDIA COVERAGE

WHIO, October 14, 2014 (Bishops' Synod on Marriage and Family)
WHIO, March 13, 2013 (Pope Francis' Election)
National Catholic Reporter, September 2012, [http://ncronline.org/news/politics/
editorial-what-do-you-want-government-be](http://ncronline.org/news/politics/editorial-what-do-you-want-government-be)
New York Times op-ed, September 4, 2012, [http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012
/09/04/opinion/voters-bipartisanship.html](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012/09/04/opinion/voters-bipartisanship.html)
Also featured in *The Tablet* (UK) and "On Faith" ([washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com))

LANGUAGES

Spoken

Italian
Spanish

Reading, with dictionary

Greek
Coptic
Latin
French
German

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion, 2004-present
Society of Christian Ethics, 2004-present
Catholic Theological Society of America, 2008-2011, 2014-present
Academy of Catholic Theology, 2014-present