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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Religion and Education, Boston College. Dissertation: "Teaching the 'Subject' of Theology: The Theologian as Postmodern Educator, with Continual Reference to Michel Foucault," 2001

Master of Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School, 1996

Bachelor of Arts, History, with History Department Honors, University of Missouri, 1992

Bachelor of Arts, Secondary Education, with College of Arts and Sciences Honors, University of Missouri, 1992

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019-present Professor, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fordham University

2008-2019 Associate Professor, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fordham University

2004-2008 Assistant Professor, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University

2002-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, Boston College

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Secular Music and Sacred Theology (editor) (Liturgical Press, 2013)

Witness to Dispossession: The Vocation of a Postmodern Theologian (Orbis, 2008)

Consuming Faith: Integrating Who We Are With What We Buy (Sheed and Ward/Rowman and Littlefield, 2003; revised paperback, 2007)

Virtual Faith: The Irreverent Spiritual Quest of Generation X (Jossey-Bass/Simon and Schuster, 1998; paperback, 2001)

Published Lectures

The Cost of Economic Discipleship: U.S. Christians and Global Capitalism: The Bannan Lecture (Santa Clara University, 2002)

Proclaiming the Gospel in a Wired World: The Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture, co-author Marva Dawn. This includes my edited lectures as chapters: "Celebrity Deathmatch: The Church vs. Capitalism," and "After Purity: Contesting Theocapitalism" (Princeton Theological Seminary, 2001)

Journal Articles

"Faith in Music: Attempting a Free, Public, Online Course in Practical Theology," *Practical Matters Journal*, Summer 2019, no. 12, pp. 1-14

"De-Konversion und katholische Vielfalt" (co-authored with Patrick Hornbeck), *Salzburger Theologische Zeitschrift* 19:1, 2015, pp. 39-51

"Teaching Theology in an Atmosphere of Deconversion," *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 40:2, December 2013, pp. 255-262

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“Foucault-Teaching-Theology,” *Religious Education* 98:1, Winter 2003, pp. 25-42

“I Was Imprisoned By Subjectivity and Jesus Visited Me: Bonhoeffer and Foucault On the Way to a Postmodern Christian Self,” *Currents in Theology and Mission*, October 2002, pp. 341-361

“The Church: Defender of Theocapitalism?,” *Currents in Theology and Mission*, October 2002, pp. 362-387

Book Chapters

“Secular Catholic Families: Inheritance and Invention,” in Jason King and Julie Hanlon Rubio (eds.), *Sex, Love, and Families: Catholic Perspectives* (Liturgical Press, 2020), pp. 235-245

“Why Does Practice Matter Theologically?” in Joyce Ann Mercer and Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore (eds.), *Conundrums in Practical Theology* (Brill, 2016), pp. 8-32

“Postmodern Practical Theology,” in Kathleen Cahalan and Gordon Mikoski (eds.), *Opening the Field of Practical Theology: An Introduction* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2014), pp. 187-202

“White Practical Theology” (co-authored with Katherine Turpin), in Kathleen Cahalan and Gordon Mikoski (eds.), *Opening the Field of Practical Theology: An Introduction* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2014), pp. 251-270

“Afterword: Reflections from Ecclesiology and Practical Theology” (co-authored with Bradford Hinze), in Christine Firer Hinze and J. Patrick Hornbeck II (eds.), *More Than a Monologue: Sexual Diversity and the Catholic Church, Volume 1: Voices of Our Times* (Fordham University Press, 2014), pp. 179-191

“Theology of Popular Music as a Theological Exercise,” in Tom Beaudoin (ed.), *Secular Music and Sacred Theology* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2013), pp. ix-xxiv

“Deconversion and Ordinary Theology: A Catholic Study” (with J. Patrick Hornbeck), in Jeff Astley and Leslie J. Francis (eds.), *Exploring Ordinary Theology: Everyday Christian Believing and the Church* (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2013), pp. 33-44

“Everyday Faith in and Beyond Scandalized Religion,” in Gordon Lynch and Jolyon Mitchell with Anna Strhan (eds.), *Religion, Media and Culture: A Reader* (Routledge, 2011), pp. 236-243

“Religion, Pop Culture and Virtual Faith” (with Sylvia Collins-Mayo), in *Religion and Youth*, edited by Pink Dandelion and Sylvia Collins-Mayo (Ashgate, 2010), pp. 17-23

“The Ethics of Research in Faith and Culture: Scholarship as Fandom?” in *Exploring Religion and the Sacred in a Media Age*, edited by Christopher Deacy and Elisabeth Arweck (Ashgate, 2009), pp. 23-41

“Popular Culture Scholarship as a Spiritual Exercise: Thinking Ethically With(out) Christianity,” in *Between Sacred and Profane: Researching Religion and Popular Culture*, edited by Gordon Lynch (I.B. Tauris, 2007), pp. 94-110

“From Singular to Plural Domains of Theological Knowledge: Toward a Foucaultian New Question,” in James Bernauer and Jeremy Carrette (eds.), *Michel Foucault and Theology: The Politics of Religious Experience* (Ashgate, 2004), pp. 171-190

“‘Virtual’ Catechesis: Religious Formation of the Post-Vatican II Generations,” in Thomas Groome and Harold Horell (eds.), *Horizons and Hopes: The Future of Religious Education* (Paulist Press, 2003), pp. 63-80

Encyclopedia Essays/Entries

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Book Reviews

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Invitation to Practical Theology: Catholic Voices and Visions, edited by Claire Wolfteich (Paulist), *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*, 42:2 (December 2015), pp. 505-506

The Politics of Discipleship: Becoming Postmaterial Citizens, by Graham Ward (Baker Academic), *Theology Today* 68:1 (April 2011), pp. 98-99

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Shaping a Global Theological Mind, Darren C. Marks (ed.), (Ashgate, 2008), in *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 26:1 (January 2011), pp. 137-138

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Reading the Bible with the Damned, by Bob Ekblad (Westminster John Knox Press), *Theology Today*, Vol. 63:4 (January 2007), pp. 510, 512

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“Scandal Land Closeted Spirituality,” *Providence Journal*, February 11, 2005, p. B5

“Spirituality and the Challenge of Gift Giving,” *Touchstone* (National Federation of Priests’ Councils), Vol 20, no. 2, Winter 2005, pp. 12, 26

“The Iraq War and Imperial Psychology,” *America*, 192:2, January 17, 2005, pp. 14-16

“The Spirituality of Gift-Giving,” *Santa Clara Magazine*, 46:3, 2004, pp. 10-13

“The Talk That Diminishes Faith,” Op-ed, *Washington Post*, October 22, 2004, p. A25

“Consuming Faith,” *Tikkun*, July/August 2004, pp. 13-14

“In Praise of Young Adult Faith,” *Celebration: An Ecumenical Worship Resource*, 33:6, 2004

- “The Anti-Christian ‘Passion of the Christ’,” *National Catholic Reporter*, March 19, 2004, p. 22
- “Bishops’ Haste Produces Un-Catholic Policy,” reprinted in *At Issue: Child Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church* (Greenhaven Press, 2003), Louise Gerdes, ed.
- “What Young Theologians Owe Their Elders,” *National Catholic Reporter*, October 31, 2003, p. 11a
- “A Spirituality of Mentoring,” *America*, July 21, 2003, pp. 14-16
- “Bishops’ Haste Produces Un-Catholic Policy,” *National Catholic Reporter*, August 2, 2002, p. 5
- “Our Catholic Watergate: Young Adults and the Present Scandal,” *America*, June 3, 2002, pp. 18-20
- “Liturgy in Media Culture,” *America*, September 24, 2001, pp. 13-19
- “Young Adults, Claim Your Church: Realizing the First Fruits of the Jubilee,” *National Catholic Reporter*, October 6, 2000, p. 6
- “An Ambiguous Liturgy: Rock and Religion,” *Books and Culture*, Vol. 6 No. 5, September-October 2000
- “Spiritual Quests Move Online,” *Business 2.0 Magazine*, September 26, 2000
- “Living the Trinity Today,” *U.S. Catholic*, September 2000, pp. 21-24
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CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Containing Nothing: Practical Theology and the Pantheon in Rome: Work in Progress,” International Academy of Practical Theology Biennial Conference, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil, 2019

“Theology as a Form of Experience,” Practical Theology Group and Ecclesial Practices Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 2017

“Paths to Framing Why Practice Matters Theologically,” Association of Practical Theology Session, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 2016

“Who Can Afford Practical Theology? On Opening and Closing the Field,” Practical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, 2014

“Deconversion and Catholic Multiplicity” (co-presented with Dr. Patrick Hornbeck), Practical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, 2013

“‘Help My Unbelief’: Deconversion in Catholicism,” Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Miami, Florida, 2013

“Teaching Theology in an Atmosphere of Deconversion,” College Theology Society Annual Meeting, Omaha, Nebraska, 2013

“The ‘Third Largest Religion:’ Catholics Who ‘Deconvert’ by Leaving or Staying” (co-presented with Dr. Patrick Hornbeck), International Academy of Practical Theology Biennial Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2013

“Roman Catholic Deconversion as Ordinary Ecclesiology” (co-presented with Dr. Patrick Hornbeck), Ecclesiology and Ethnography Conference, St. John’s College, Durham University, Durham, UK, 2012

“Deconversion in Roman Catholicism Today” (co-presented with Dr. Patrick Hornbeck), Biennial Conference, Association of Practical Theology, Princeton, New Jersey, 2012

“Varieties of Deconversion in Roman Catholicism: Work in Progress,” Louisville Institute, Winter Seminar, Louisville, Kentucky, 2012

“Addressing Social and Ecclesial Diseases: Practical Theology’s New Agenda in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012),” Panel on the *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology*, Practical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, 2011

“The Theologian as the Agent of Dispossession: Theology in the Context of Scandal,” AHRC Research Conference, “Religion, the Sacred, and the Changing Cultures of Everyday Life” (Center for Religion and Contemporary Society, University of London, Birkbeck), St. Catherine’s College, University of Oxford, 2010

“Spirituality and Theological Education Today,” Theological Education Steering Committee, Special Topics Forum, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, 2009

“Give it Up/for Jesus: *Askeses* of Dispossession in Rock and Theology,” Selected Session, Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 2009

“Spiritual-Political Rhetorics in Studies of Media and Religion,” at “Small Screen, Big Picture” Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2008

“Talal Asad on Secularity: The Importance for Catholic Theology,” College Theology Society Annual Convention, Newport, RI, 2008

“The Incitement to Dialogue in Catholic Theology,” Selected Session, Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, 2006

“Dealing with Ourselves: A Theological View of Pop Culture Scholarship,” Religion and Popular Culture Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

“Practical Theology as Work on Oneself: Foucault and Intellectual Spiritual Exercises,” Practical Theology Group, Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, St. Louis, MO, 2005

“The Cost of Economic Discipleship: Docetism and the Body of Christ Today,” College Theology Society Annual Conference, Jamaica, NY, 2002

“Musicality and Theological Knowing,” Communications Theology Group, Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Milwaukee, WI, 2001

“(Multiple) Intelligence Test: Is There a Primary Theological Knowledge?,” Colloquium, “Michel Foucault: Religious Explorations,” Loyola University, Chicago IL, 2000

“Plot Unreadability: A Foucauldian Theological Pedagogy,” Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, 1998

“Looking for a Savior: A Theological Interpretation of Jesus in Music Video,” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 1997

“Generation X and the Cyberspatialization of Religion,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, 1997

“In Search of the Christic Mind: Generation X, Religion, and Cyberspace,” Northeast Popular Culture Association Regional Conference, Quinnipiac College, Hamden, CT, 1996

KEYNOTE AND PLENARY ADDRESSES

“Faith in Music: Creating a ‘Sacred’ Rhetoric from a ‘Secular’ Playlist,” Sacred Rhetoric: Discourses on Religion conference, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio, 2017

“Space and Room to Tend the New Mystery,” Conference of European University Chaplains, Soesterberg, Netherlands, 2015

“Facilitating Life: An Ethic for Finding Music Theologically Significant,” “Shaped By Beauty: Art, Religion and Ethics in Conversation” Conference, Heythrop College, London, England, 2014

“Realistic Hopes for the New Evangelization,” Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn, Annual Pastoral Councils Conference, Queens, NY, 2013

“Thinking Ethically About the Study of Religion and Popular Culture,” St. Catherine’s College, Oxford University, Conference on Media, Religion, and Culture, Oxford, England, 2007

“Frankness and Truth in Catholic Ministry,” Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland Lay Ecclesial Ministry Conference, San Ramon, CA, 2007

“Can Catholic Ministry Be Prophetic Today? Catholicism in Consumer Culture,” National Federation of Priests’ Councils Annual Convention, Portland, OR, 2005

“Economic Discipleship: Spirituality and Economics in Christian Perspective,” Vancouver School of Theology and Shaughnessy Heights United Church, “Reach Out” Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 2005

Commencement Address, “The Indirect Way,” St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN, 2004

“Many Routes to God and Many Brands to Wear: Signs of the Times Influencing Young Adult Faith Today,” and “Can You Have Spirituality Without Religion? Responding in Ministry to the Needs and Questions of Young Adults Today,” Drury University Conference, “Connecting Young Adults and Congregations,” Springfield, MO, 2003

“A Spirituality of Mentoring,” Lasallian Convocation, Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY, 2003

“Spirituality, Ambiguity, and Branding: Understanding Postmodern Culture Theologically,”
Presbytery of Baltimore Conference [Presbyterian Church-USA], 2003

“Young Adults, Spirituality, and Mentoring Today,” Sisters of Charity Catholic Ministry
Conference, Bronx, NY, 2002

“Spiritual Power: Theological Remarks on Mentoring,” U.S. Army Chaplaincy Conference,
Hilton Head, SC, 2002

“The Quest for a Livable Spiritual Discipline: Ministry to Young Adults Today,”
Ministry Conference, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, 2002

“Ministry to Young Adults in the Context of a Global Economy,” New England Episcopal
Clergy Conference, 2001

“A Practical Theology of Economic Discipleship From and For Young Adults,” New
England Episcopal Clergy Conference, 2001

“Young Adults and Spirituality in the United States,” Air Force Chaplains’ Ministry
Conference, Estes Park, CO, 2001

“A Theology of Young Adult Culture—For Vocations,” Sisters of Divine Providence
Vocations Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2001

“Liturgy and Media Culture,” Liturgy Conference: “Differing Visions, One Communion”
[sponsored by Liturgical Press], St. John’s School of Theology, Collegeville, MN, 2001

“The Secular and Spiritual Signs of the Times: Clues for Adult Ministry,” General Board of
Discipleship Conference (United Methodist Church), San Antonio, TX, 2001

“Get Thee Behind Me, Britney: Popular Culture and Everyday Spiritual Life,” Augustana
College, Rock Island, IL, 2001

“Generation X Within Postmodern Culture,” Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints Evangelism Conference, Independence, MO, 2001

“Where is Christ in a Post-Christian Age?” Episcopal Province of New England Conference,
Holyoke, MA, 2000

“The Spiritual Quest in Contemporary Culture,” Leaven Center Ecumenical Ministry
Conference, Eden Prairie, MN, 2000

“Spiritual Discipline in a Consumer Society,” Nebraska Synod ELCA Theological Conference, Omaha, NE, 2000

“A Practical Theology of American Culture Today,” Nebraska Synod ELCA Theological Conference, Omaha, NE, 2000

“Being Spiritually Alive in Consumer Society: The Threat to Younger Generations,” Ministry Conference Sponsored by Cal-Pac Conference of the United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, CA, 2000

“Believable Hope: Shaping the New Evangelization for Vocations,” National Religious Vocation Conference, East Rutherford, NJ, 2000

“Younger Generations, Culture, and Faith,” Air Force Chaplains’ Conference, Estes Park, CO, 2000

“The Trinity in Faith and Culture,” Symposium on Youth, Culture, and Faith, St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, 2000

“Spiritual Discipline for a Consumer Society,” Hawaiian Islands Ministries Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2000

“Christian Identity in Consumer Society,” Episcopal Evangelism Conference, Baltimore, MD, 2000

“Gospel and Youth Culture Today,” Annual National Youth Ministry Conference, Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, Hilton Head Island, SC, 2000

“Living the Trinity Today,” National Catholic Student Coalition, Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, 2000

“Young Adults and Spirituality Today,” Tarrant Area Community of Churches Annual Meeting, Arlington, TX, November 5, 1999

“Ministry to Generation X,” Young Pastors Conference of the Presbyterian Church USA, New York, NY, 1999

“Key Themes in the Young Adult Spiritual Quest Today,” Young Pastors Conference of the Presbyterian Church USA, New York, NY, 1999

“The Crises and Opportunities for Vocations: Generation X, Postmodern Culture, and the Renewal of ‘Family’,” Benedictine Vocation Directors Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 1999

“Interpreting the Faithfulness and Faithlessness of ‘Generation X’,” Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Annual Campus Ministry Conference, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN, 1999

“‘Generation X’ Within Contemporary Culture: A View from Practical Theology,” Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Annual Campus Ministry Conference, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN, 1999

“Generation X Spirituality,” Northwestern University “Religious Awareness Week” (Sponsored by Campus Ministry), Evanston, IL, 1999

“Introducing Generation X Spirituality,” Conference on “Religion in an Age of ‘Whatever:’ Covering Children, Youth, and Young Adults,” Northwestern University (Sponsored by Center for Religion and the News Media), Chicago, IL, 1998

“Understanding Young Adult Spirituality,” Conference on “Re-imagining Progressive Campus Ministry,” Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT, 1998

“‘What Am I Doing for Christ?’ Catholic Discipleship in the 1990s,” Missouri Association of Catholic College Students Annual Conference, Kansas City, KS, 1997

INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

“Dispossession: Between Personal and Public Significance,” “Beyond Dispossession” Conference, Windesheim University, Zwolle, Netherlands, 2014

“Knockin’ on Heaven’s Doors: Music, Culture, and Spiritual Identity,” Mercyhurst University (co-sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie), Erie, PA, 2013

“When Catholics Change Their Minds About the Faith: Disaffiliation and Deconversion in the Church Today,” Fairfield University Center for Catholic Studies Lectures, Fairfield, CT, 2013 (with Dr. Patrick Hornbeck)

“Help My Unbelief: Exploring Deconversion in Catholicism,” Maryknoll Speakers Series, Maryknoll Mission Center, Ossining, New York, 2012 (with Dr. Patrick Hornbeck)

“Secular Catholics in the Light of Paul’s Multiplicity: A Response to Cardinal Rodriguez and Fr. Schreiter,” National Pastoral Life Center 25th Anniversary Celebration, St. Paul the Apostle Church, New York, 2009

“Can Catholics Make Sense of Popular Culture?”, Regis University, Denver, CO, 2007

“Can Christians Make Sense of Popular Culture?”, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, 2006

“The Catholic Struggle with Truthful Speech,” Archdiocese of Detroit Jerry Martin Pastoral Ministry Conference, Detroit, MI, 2006

“Faith and Personal/Social Apocalypse,” Archdiocese of Detroit Jerry Martin Pastoral Ministry Conference, Detroit, MI, 2006

“The Spirituality of Starbucks and the Swoosh: Economic Spirituality in the Light of Vatican II’s *Gaudium et Spes*,” University of Dayton Conference, “The Church and World: The Legacy and Challenges of Vatican II,” Dayton, OH, 2003

“Seeing Our Economy Scripturally,” Archdiocese of Detroit Jerry Martin Pastoral Ministry Conference, Detroit, MI, 2003

“Spiritual Discipline in Our Economy,” Archdiocese of Detroit Jerry Martin Pastoral Ministry Conference, Detroit, MI, 2003

“Was Catholic Religious Education After Vatican II a Failure? The Council’s ‘Declaration on Christian Education’ After 40 Years,” Boston College, Church in the 21st Century Project, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2003

“‘No One Comes to the Father Except Through Me(dia)’: Ministry and Media Culture Today in the Light of Vatican II’s ‘Decree on the Means of Social Communication,’” Boston College, Church in the 21st Century Project, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2003

“Corporate Branding and Spiritual Discipline,” Assumption University, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 2003

“A Believable Church,” Archdiocese of Detroit Jerry Martin Pastoral Ministry Conference, Detroit, MI, 2002

“Spiritual Exercises for Postmodern Christians,” Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA, 2002

“A Theology of Economic Discipleship,” Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, 2002

“A Theology of Consumer Capitalism: Postmodern Spiritual Discipline?”, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA, 2001

“Toward a Theology of Consumer Capitalism,” Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, LA, 2001

“Living Fidelity with Young Adults in Ministry,” Diocese of Worcester, Department of Religious Education Conference, 2001

“The Spirituality of Generation X,” Loyola Colloquium Series, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 1999

“Spiritual But Not Religious: Faith, Justice, and ‘Generation X’,” Yale University (Sponsored by Dwight Hall), New Haven, CT, 1999

“Generation X Spirituality,” Benedictine University, Lisle, IL, 1999

“The Spiritual Quest of Generation X,” Boston College Jesuit Institute, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1999

“Spiritual Identity in Contemporary Youth Cultures,” Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 1999

SEMINARS, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOPS

“A Practical Theology of the Pantheon,” Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, Italy, 2021 [forthcoming]

“Religious ‘Nones’ and Religious ‘Somes’: Intersections Between the Affiliated and Unaffiliated,” Religion Communicators Council Convention, New York City, 2016

“Popular Music as Popular Spirituality: Implications for Spiritual Identities Today,” Conference of European University Chaplains, Soesterberg, Netherlands, 2015

“‘But the Other Nine, Where Are They?’: Declining Church Affiliation Among Teenagers,” Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York Summer Seminar, New York City, New York, 2014

“The Task of the Practical Theologian Today,” Tilburg University, School of Catholic Theology (co-sponsored by the Protestant Theological University, Gröningen), Utrecht, Netherlands, 2014

“Empty Pews: Deconversion in the Catholic Church,” Mercyhurst University (co-sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie), Erie, Pennsylvania, 2013

“Spiritual Experience Through Secular Music,” on the panel “‘Into the Mystic: Secular Music as a Quest for More,” South By Southwest music festival, Austin, Texas, 2013

“The Challenge of Retaining Active Catholics: ‘Deconversion’ in Roman Catholicism Today,” at “Reclaiming and Celebrating Vatican II” conference, College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, New Jersey, 2012

“Making Faith Sense of Popular Culture: A Complicated Conversation,” Festival of Faith and Music, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, 2011

“Recent Theologies of Ministry -- For Pastoral Workers,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2011

“Catholic Identity 2010: Young Adults Speak,” Convener and chair of panel discussion, Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2010

“Lesbian and Gay Catholics: Church Teaching and Pastoral Approaches,” Convener and chair of panel discussion, Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2010

“Ignatian Spirituality and University Life,” Campus Ministry, Fordham University, West Harrison, NY, 2010

“Spirituality and the Parenting of Lesbian and Gay Catholics,” Convener and chair of panel discussion, Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2009

“Are Lay Catholics ‘Secular’?” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2009

“Ignatian Spirituality and Sexuality in College Life Today,” Campus Ministry, Fordham University, New York City, NY, 2008

“God, Sex, and the Church: Can We Talk?”, University of California—Santa Cruz Newman Center, Santa Cruz, CA, 2008

“Spirituality and Sexuality in College Student Life,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2008

“The Spirituality of Being an ‘Ally’ for Lesbian and Gay Catholics,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2008

“Courage for Truth in the Catholic Church Today,” Annual Diocesan Conference, Diocese of Reno, Sparks, NV, 2008

“Christian Spirituality and Economic Choices,” Annual Diocesan Conference, Diocese of Reno, Sparks, NV, 2008

“Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics: Insights from Gay and Lesbian Theologies,” Faith Formation Conference [Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Dioceses of San Jose, Monterey, Oakland, and Stockton], Santa Clara, CA, 2007

“Post-Vatican II Generations and the New *United States Catholic Catechism*: Connections and Disconnections,” Faith Formation Conference [Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Dioceses of San Jose, Monterey, Oakland, and Stockton], Santa Clara, CA, 2007

“Theology and Cultural Studies Converging on Popular Culture: The Significance of the Academic Conversations for Ministry Today,” Hendrix College, Conway, AR, 2007

“The New *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* and Today’s Young Adults,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2007

“Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics: Insights for the Whole Church,” Convener and chair of panel discussion, Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2007

“The Struggle to Tell the Truth: Early Christianity and the Contemporary Church,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2006

Panel Moderator, “Homosexuality, Celibacy, and the Priesthood: Continuing the Conversation,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2006

“Young Catholics and Spirituality: A Theological Interpretation of Social Science Data,” Catholic Book Publishers Association Conference, Anaheim, CA, 2006

Panel Co-moderator, “Religions in the Valley: A Conversation with Hans Küng,” Sponsored by Local Religions Project and National Conference for Community and Justice, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, 2005

Panel Moderator, “Homosexuality, Celibacy, and the Priesthood: Opening Up the Conversation,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2005

“Two Approaches to Catholic Identity: Modern and Postmodern,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2005

“Being Interrupted by God: A Theology of Adult Faith,” for the “Vespers and Vino” program, Holy Names Center, Diocese of San Jose, Los Gatos, CA, 2005

“Holiday Gifts and Spiritual Giftedness,” address to annual meeting of the Interfaith Coalition for Race, Religion, Economic, and Social Justice, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, 2004

“Consuming Faith: Christian Spirituality and Corporate Branding Today,” Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2004

“Virtual Faith: Popular Culture and Spirituality,” and “Consuming Faith: Economics and Spirituality,” Interfaith Roundtable Conference, Phillips Andover Academy, Andover, MA, 2004

“Faith Formation and Today’s Young Adults: A Catholic Perspective,” Nazareth College, Rochester, NY, 2004

“Economic Spirituality in the New Testament and Today,” St. Thomas More Catholic Center, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 2004

“Consuming Faith: Integrating Spirituality and Economic Decisions Today,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2004

“Making Theological Sense of Pop Culture: An Introduction,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2004

“Pluralism and Ambiguity in Culture and Church Today,” Pastoral Summit Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2003

“Economic Discipleship Today,” Pastoral Summit Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2003

“Does Progressive Catholicism Have a Future? Young Progressive Catholics Claiming Their Church,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2003

“The Sexual Abuse Scandal and Young Adult Catholics: Where Do We Go From Here?” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2003

“Virtual Faith: Spirituality and Popular Culture,” Tufts University Campus Ministry, Somerville, MA, 2003

“Mentoring for Excellence in Religious Education,” Army Directors of Religious Education Annual Conference, North Palm Beach, FL, 2002

“Spiritual Discipline in Consumer Society,” Lutheran Education, Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 2002

“Jamming the Consumer Society—Through Ministry,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2002

“A Theology of Consumer Society—For Ministry,” Religious Education Congress [Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2002

“Economics and Spirituality,” MIT Episcopal Chaplaincy Event: “What Part of You is Not for Sale?,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 2002

“Catholic Identity: Generational Issues,” Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Faculty Seminar, New Orleans, LA, 2001

“Young Adult Ministry: Theory and Theology,” Diocese of Charleston, Charleston, WV, 2001

“Young Adult Ministry: Theory and Theology,” Diocese of Wheeling, Wheeling, WV, 2001

“Practical Theology of Culture: Critical Signs of the Times,” Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Conference, Rockford, IL, 2001

“Generation X, Popular Culture, and Religion,” Mid-Hudson Region Episcopal Conference, Wappingers Falls, NY, 2001

“Young Adults, Postmodern Culture, and Religious Vocations: A Four-Part Workshop,” Conference of Roman Catholic Abbots, CA, 2001

“Next Wave Church: Ministry Among Postmoderns,” Religious Education Congress [Sponsored by Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2001

“Post-Vatican II Generations and the Tasks for Catechesis and Religious Education,” Religious Education Congress [Sponsored by Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles], Anaheim, CA, 2001

“The Spiritual Quest of Young Adults: U.S. Lessons,” Kings College, London, England, 2000

“The Challenge of Popular Culture to Theologians,” Kings College, London, England, 2000

“Post-Vatican II Generations and the Tasks for Catechesis and Religious Education,” Boston College, National Symposium on the Future of Catechesis and Religious Education Chestnut Hill, MA, 2000

“Welcoming Generation X,” Boston University School of Theology, Advanced Studies Program in Congregational Development, Boston, MA, 2000

“A Practical Theology of Capitalism,” Pennsylvania ELCA Bishop’s Convocation, Lancaster, PA, 2000

“Young Adult Ministry Today,” Pennsylvania ELCA Bishop’s Convocation, Lancaster, PA, 2000

“The Young Adult Spiritual Quest: Signs of the Times,” Chief Administrators of Catholic Education Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2000

“What Catechesis Can Learn from Young Adult Ministry,” Chief Administrators of Catholic Education Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, 2000

“Top Ten Challenges for Teenage Ministry Today,” Hawaiian Islands Ministries Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2000

“How to Minister to Generation X,” Hawaiian Islands Ministries Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2000

“Generation X and Spirituality,” Unitarian Universalist Association Headquarters, Boston, MA, 2000

“Young Adults, Spirituality, and Social Justice,” Jesuit Volunteer Corps Directors Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2000

“Gospel, Culture, and Music,” National Council of Churches’ 50th Anniversary Celebration, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland, OH, 1999

“Generation X: Spirituality and Ministry,” U.S. Army Directors of Religious Education Annual Meeting, North Little Rock, AK, 1999

“Understanding Generation X,” “Contemporary Ministry to Young Adults,” “Generational Insights for Liturgy,” Generation X Episcopal Clergy Conference, Washington, DC, 1999

“Spirituality and Popular Culture,” University of Notre Dame (Sponsored by Campus Ministry), South Bend, IN, 1999

“‘Spirituality’ Vs. ‘Religion’ on Campus,” Five Colleges Committee on Religious Life, Smith College, Northampton, MA, 1999

“‘Can’t Buy Me God’: A Practical Theology of Stewardship for the Post-Boomer Generations,” Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Division for Congregational Ministries Conference, Chicago, IL, 1998

“Overturning the Tables? Ministry to Generation X,” Heartland Catholic Ministry Conference, Kansas City, MO, 1998

“American Conversations: Popular Culture” Forum, Sponsored by American Studies Department, Boston University, Boston, MA, 1998

“Spirituality and Pop Culture,” Depaul University (sponsored by Campus Ministry), Chicago, IL, 1998

“Who’s Afraid of GenX Popular Culture? Toward a Teaching and Learning Church and Culture,” Leadership Network Ministry Conference, Mount Hermon, CA, 1997

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

MoTiv, Campus Ministry at the Delft University of Technology, Netherlands, 2012-2018

Brothers of the Christian Schools, General Councilor for Lasallian Region of North America, 2017

Directorate of Ministry Initiatives, U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Washington, DC, 2000-2002

Consultation on Liturgy and Technology, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, 2002

“Young Adult Catholics,” Catholic Common Ground Initiative, Mundelein, IL, 2001

“Playing the Jewish Futures: Scenarios on Religion, Ethnicity, and Civic Engagement in the Year 2015,” National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, New York, NY, 2001

Center for Christian Life, Auburn Seminary, Atlanta, GA, 2000

“Youth and Practices,” Valparaiso University (Sponsored by Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith), Valparaiso, IN, 1999

HONORS AND AWARDS

Honorary Degree

LL.D., *honoris causa*, St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota, 2004

Writing

Essay, “Second Thoughts on School of the Americas” (originally for *America* magazine) published in *Best Christian Writing 2000*, ed. John Wilson (HarperSanFrancisco, 2000)

Fellowships

Fellow, American Psychoanalytic Association, 2006-2007

Teaching Fellow, Theology Department, Boston College, 2001-2002

William Robertson Coe Fellowship in American Studies, SUNY Stony Brook, NY, 1993

External Grants

Louisville Institute, Project Grant for Researchers (\$25,000), grant co-authored with Patrick Hornbeck of Fordham University Theology Department, for the project “Varieties of Deconversion in Roman Catholicism,” Fordham University, 2011

Lilly Endowment Grant (\$10,000), Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, for the creation of a course at Santa Clara University, “Theology and Vocation,” 2006

Honorary Lectures

School of Theology and Ministry Religious Education Lecture, Boston College, 2021
[forthcoming]

Blueprints Lectures, Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees' Association Annual Conference, six lectures on the theme "Dynamic Catholic Leaders in a Secular World: Be Not Afraid": "Being Secular: Recent Research," "Being Secular: Recent Catholic Teaching and Theology," "Making Theological Sense of Popular Culture," "Ordinary Catholicisms," "Can Faith Identity Be Measured?," "Secular Catholicism?," Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada, 2010

Lilly Visiting Scholar Lecture, Hendrix College, "The Critical Place of Vocation in American Higher Education Today," Conway, AR, 2007

Koch Chair in Catholic Studies Lecture, Saint John's University and College of Saint Benedict, "Is Your Spirituality Violent?," Saint Joseph, MN, 2006

William H. Shannon Chair Lecture, Nazareth College, "Spirituality, Starbucks, and the Swoosh: Economic Spirituality and Catholic Theology," Rochester, NY, 2004

The Santa Clara Lecture, Santa Clara University, "The Cost of Economic Discipleship: U.S. Christians and Global Capitalism," Santa Clara, CA, 2001

The Paul S. Allen Lectures, McCormick Theological Seminary, "The Commodified Body of Christ? Global Capitalism and Everyday Christianity," and "The Cost of Economic Discipleship in Ministry Today," Chicago, IL, 2001

The Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Celebrity Deathmatch? The Church vs. Theocapitalism", and "After Purity: Contesting Theocapitalism in Ministry," Princeton, NJ, 2001

The Hein-Fry Lectures, Seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, "Toward Being a Theologian of Postmodern Culture", "Bonhoeffer and Foucault: Toward a Postmodern Christian Self", and "A Theology of Consumer Capitalism," Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburgh, PA; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA; Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, 2001

The Ritz Lectures, Winebrenner Theological Seminary, "Is There a Generation X?," "The GenX Spiritual Quest", and "Living Fidelity: An Agenda for GenX Ministry," Findlay, OH, 2000

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 1996-present American Academy of Religion
2004-present Association of Practical Theology
2008-present International Academy of Practical Theology

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY SERVICE

- 2008-2018 Executive Committee, Association of Practical Theology
Member-at-Large, 2008-2012
President-Elect, 2012-2014
President, 2014-2016
Past-President, 2016-2018
- 2007-2011 Practical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion
Steering Committee, 2007-2011
Co-Chair, 2008-2010
- 2006-2010 Practical Theology Group, Catholic Theological Society of America
Chair, 2006-2007, 2009-2010
Steering Committee, 2007-2010
- 2003-2006 Foucault Consultation, American Academy of Religion
Founder and Chair, 2003-2006

EDITORIAL BOARD

- Editorial Board: Brill (Leiden, Netherlands) series, *Theology in Practice*