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Education

2003 Ph.D. (Religion) The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
1996 M.A. (Theology) St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD
1992 B.A. (Philosophy) *cum laude*, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Full-Time College and University Teaching Experience

2019-Present *Professor of Theology, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA*
2011-2019 *Associate Professor of Theology, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA*
2007-2011 *Assistant Professor of Theology, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA*
2004-2007 *Assistant Professor of Theology, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND*
2000-2003 *Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD*

Adjunct and Part-Time Teaching

2020 *Adjunct: Seton Hill University, Pastoral Ministry Program, Greensburg, PA*
2018 *Adjunct: Graduate School of Religion & Rel. Ed., Fordham University, Bronx, NY*
2012-2018 *Adjunct: St. Gregory's University/Diocese of Little Rock, Office of Religious Education and Initiation, Little Rock, AR*
2004 *Adjunct: Graduate Faculty, Mount Saint Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA*
2000 *Adjunct: Loyola College, Baltimore, MD*
1999-2000 *Adjunct: Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, MD*
1996-1999 *Teaching Assistant and Adjunct: The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.*

College Coaching

2012-2014 *Head Coach for Women's Tennis, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA*
2007-2011 *Assistant Coach for Women's Tennis, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA*

Publications

Books Authored

Understanding Jesus: Christology from Emmaus to Today (Substantially Revised Edition of *Jesus Our Salvation*).
Winona, MN: Anselm Academic, 2013.
Reading the Gospels: Biblical Interpretation in the Catholic Tradition. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic, 2012.
(Reviews: *The Bible Today* 51/6 [November 2013]: 399; *Review of Biblical Literature* [2014])
Called Together: An Introduction to Ecclesiology. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic, 2010.
Jesus Our Salvation: An Introduction to Christology. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic, 2007.
(Reviews: *Horizons* 35/2 [Fall 2008]: 391-392; *Catholic Library World* 78/3 [Spring 2008]: 216)

Edited Works

Editor, *Journal of Moral Theology: Psyche, Soul, and Salvation* Vol. 9, no.1 (2020).
Co-edited with William Collinge and Christine Cusick, *Journal of Moral Theology: Laudato Si' and Northern Appalachia*
Vol. 6, Special Issue 1 (2017).
Co-edited with David McCarthy, *Journal of Moral Theology: Christology* Vol. 2, no. 1 (2013).
Co-edited with Christopher D. Denny, *Finding Salvation in Christ: Essays on Christology and Soteriology in Honor of William P. Loewe*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2011.
(Review: *Pacifica* 24/3 [October 2011]: 345-346)

Other Academic Publishing Responsibilities

Editorial Board, *Journal of Moral Theology* (2014-Present)
Book Review Editor, *Journal of Moral Theology* (2018-2020)
Book Review Editor, *Horizons* (2015-2018)
Peer Review/Reader, Catholic University of America Press
Peer Review/Reader, Scripture Area, College Theology Society Annual Volume

Articles and Essays in Academic Books and Journals

- “Sandra Schneiders, Critical Exegesis, and the Theological Interpretation of Scripture,” *Horizons* 48 (2021): 1-33.
- “Beyond Hubris: Toward a More Performative Approach to Roman Catholic Ecclesiology,” in *Ecclesia semper reformanda: Renewal and Reform beyond Politics*, Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium 306, ed. P. De Mey and W. François (Leuven: Peeters, 2020), 323-336.
- “Psyche, Soul, and Salvation: Theology and the Science of the Human,” *Journal of Moral Theology* Vol. 9/1 (2020): 203-221.
- “Christology, the Poor, and Surpassing Righteousness: Reading Matthew 25,31-46 with 26,6-13,” *Revue Biblique* 123/4 (2016): 554-566.
- “The Paternalism of Meier’s Criteria: The ‘Prophetic’ Case against the Parable of the Good Samaritan,” *Australian Biblical Review* 64 (2016): 54-68.
- “Soteriology, Eucharist, and the Madness of Forgiveness,” *Journal of Moral Theology* 5/2 (2016): 44-65.
- “Cruciform Salvation and Emergent Probability: The Liturgical Significance of Lonergan’s Precept,” in *Approaching the Threshold of Mystery: Liturgical Worlds and Theological Spaces*, Theologie der Liturgie Band 10, ed., J. Geldhof, D. Minch, & T. Maine (Regensburg: Pustet, 2015), 198-212.
- “Service-Learning and the Core Curriculum: Two Models for Doing Theology as Service Learning in the Core,” *Journal of Catholic Higher Education* 32/2 (2014): 149-166.
- “Beyond the Historical Jesus: Embracing Christology in Scripture, Doctrine, Ethics,” *Journal of Moral Theology* 2/1 (2013): 132-150.
- “Narrating Salvation: Historical Jesus Research and Soteriology,” in *Finding Salvation in Christ*, ed. Christopher Denny and Christopher McMahon (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2011): 107-127.
- “Consuming Jesus: Saving Soteriology in a Market-Driven Culture,” *Downside Review* 128 (2010): 269-283.
- “Theology and the Redemptive Mission of the Church: A Catholic Response to Milbank’s Challenge,” *The Heythrop Journal* 51 (2010): 781-794.
- “Imaginative Futures: Apocalyptic and Science-Fiction Theory,” *Dialog* 47/3 (2008): 271-277.
- “Image and Narrative: Reflections on the St. John’s Bible,” *American Benedictine Review* 58 (2007): 29-39.
- “Fecundity and Almodóvar? Sexual Ethics and the Specter of Catholicism,” *The Journal of Religion and Film* 10/2 (2006) [<http://www.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol10no1/vol10no2.htm>].
- “Stories, Hypotheses, and Jesus: N.T. Wright, John Meier, and Historical Jesus Research,” *New Blackfriars* 86 (2005): 537-545.
- “The Historical Jesus and Frankenstein’s Monster: The Historical Jesus According to John P. Meier,” *New Blackfriars* 83 (2002): 505-513.
- “Philippians 2:6-11 and *De Incarnatione Verbi*: Their Structure and Content,” *Patristic and Byzantine Review* 16/17 (1998/1999): 69-89.

Encyclopedia Articles and Essays for a General Audience (Invited Articles and Essays)

- “Papacy, in Film,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, (Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming)
- “Money, in Film,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, (Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming)
- “Liberation Theology, in Film,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 16 (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018), 462-463.
- “Lazy, Idle, in Film,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 15 (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017), 1110-1111.
- “Fornication, in Film” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 9 (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014), 499-500.
- “‘Righteousness’ in Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1–7:29),” *The Bible Today* 51 (2013): 355-361.
- “Who’s Afraid of the Gospel? An Overview of Mark,” *The Bible Today* 49 (2011): 341-346.
- “Suffering in Christianity,” in *The Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2007), 614-616.
- Articles on the Gospels and Acts in *Saint Mary’s Press College Study Bible* (St. Mary’s Press, 2006).
- Articles on “Andrew,” “Bartholomew,” “Matthias,” and “Thomas,” in *The New Catholic Encyclopedia*, Second Edition (Washington, DC: CUA / Gale, 2002).
- “Paul, Conversion, and Catechesis,” *The Living Light* 37/4 (2001): 56-64.

Selected Book Reviews

- Review of *Christian Theology: The Basics* by Murray Rae in *Reading Religion: The American Academy of Religion* (2018) (<http://readingreligion.org/books/christian-theology>)
- Review of *Re-Visioning the Church: An Experiment in Systematic-Historical Ecclesiology* by Neil Ormerod in *Theological Studies* 75 (2014): 927-928.
- Review of *The Son of Man as the Last Adam: The Early Church Tradition as a Source of Paul’s Adam Christology* by Yongbom Lee in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 562-564.
- Review of *God’s Equal: What Can We Know about Jesus’ Self-Understanding in the Synoptic Gospels?* by Sigurd Grindheim in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 137-138.
- Review of *Silence Speaks: Teilhard de Chardin, Yves Congar, John Courtney Murray, and Thomas Merton* by Robert Nugent in *Horizons* 39 (2012): 147-148.

- Review of *Captive to the Word of God: Engaging the Scriptures for Contemporary Theological Reflection* by Miroslav Volf in *Theological Studies* 72 (2011): 930.
- Review of *Jesus' Transfiguration and the Believers' Transformation; A Study of the Transfiguration and Its Development in Early Christian Writings* by Simon S. Lee in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011): 873-874.
- Review of *Introducing the New Testament: A Historical, Literary, and Theological Survey* by Mark Allen Powell in *Horizons* 38 (2011): 132-133.
- Review of *Seeking the Identity of Jesus: A Pilgrimage* ed. B. Gaventa and R. B. Hays in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72 (2010): 412-414.
- Review of *The Priority of Christ* by Robert Barron in *Theological Studies* 69 (2008): 457-458.
- Review of *Rediscovering the Triune God: The Trinity in Contemporary Theology* by Stanley Grenz in *Theological Studies* 67 (2006): 438-439.
- Review of *Reading the Sermon on the Mount* by Charles Talbert in *Theological Studies* 67 (2006): 215.
- Review of *Reading the Bible Alternatively*, edited by Susanne Scholtz in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 67 (2005): 551-553.
- Review of *Beyond the Passion* by Stephen J. Patterson in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2005).
- Review of *Christology: A Global Introduction*, by Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen *Theological Studies* 65 (2004): 659-660.
- Review of *Deliverance Now and Not Yet*, by C. Marvin Pate and Douglas Kennard in *Review of Biblical Literature* 6 (2004): 402-404.
- Review of *Living and Active: Scripture in the Economy of Salvation*, by Telford Work in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2003).
- Review of *Christ's Fulfillment of Torah and Temple: Salvation according to Thomas Aquinas*, by Matthew Levering in *Review of Biblical Literature* 5 (2003): 529-531.
- Review of *Recovering the Scandal of the Cross: Atonement in New Testament and Contemporary Contexts*, by Joel B. Green and Mark D. Baker, *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2002).

Academic Presentations

- "The Limits of 'Masked Dissent': Economics and Ideology as Weapons of the Catholic Right," Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, October 20, 2021
- "The Spiritual Journey as Critical Enterprise: Reading the Gospel with Sandra Schneiders and Bernard Lonergan," International Institute for Method in Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 14, 2019.
- "Beyond Hubris: The Case for a More Functional Approach to Roman Catholic Ecclesiology," Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, October 13, 2017.
- "The Paternalism of Meier's Criteria: The 'Prophetic' Case against the Parable of the Good Samaritan," College Theology Society Annual Convention, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO, June 3, 2016.
- "Christology and Surpassing Righteousness: Reading Matthew 25: 31-46 with 26:6-13," College Theology Society Annual Convention, University of Portland, Portland, OR, May 30, 2015.
- "Cruciform Salvation and Emergent Probability: The Liturgical Significance of Lonergan's Precept," Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, October 25, 2013.
- "Teaching Ecclesiology and Translating Worship," College Theology Society Annual Convention, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, TX, June 1, 2012.
- "Service-Learning and the Core Curriculum: Two Models for Doing Theology in the Core," College Theology Society Annual Convention, University of Portland, Portland, OR, June 4, 2010.
- "Consuming Jesus: Saving Soteriology in a Market Driven Culture," College Theology Society Annual Convention, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, May 31, 2008.
- "The Redemptive Mission of the Church: Lonergan and the Challenge of Hauerwas and Milbank," Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, November 9, 2007.
- "Imaging the Future: Apocalyptic and Science Fiction Theory," College Theology Society Annual Convention, Regis University, Denver, CO, June 3, 2006.
- "Fecundity and Almodóvar?" College Theology Society Annual Convention, Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL, June 3, 2005.
- "Stories, Hypotheses, and Jesus: N.T. Wright, John Meier, and Historical Jesus Research," College Theology Society Annual Convention, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, May 31, 2003.
- "The Historical Jesus and Frankenstein's Monster: The Historical Jesus According to John P. Meier," College Theology Society Annual Convention, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY, May 30, 2002.
- "John P. Meier and the Theological Relevance of Historical Inquiry," Upper Midwest Regional Conference of the AAR-SBL, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, MN, April 20, 2001.
- "An Exegetical and Theological Reflection on Luke 23:13-25," Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the AAR-SBL, The Arlington Hilton, Arlington, VA, February 25, 1999.

Selected Community Presentations

- “Jesus, the Cross, and Redemption: On Being a Church that Matters,” St. Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, PA
- “March Mass—ness,” Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, PA
- “The Paschal Mystery,” *Theology for Teachers Workshop*, John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH
- “The Morality of Drone Warfare,” Military Officers Association of America, Greensburg, PA
- “Cross, Church, and Sacrament,” Lenten Mission, St. Peter’s Parish, Slippery Rock, PA
- “Saving Jesus: Conversion, the Cross, and Lent,” Office of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- “Vatican II and the Modern World,” *Vino et Veritas*, St. Peter’s Parish, Slippery Rock, PA
- “Who and What is the Church?” Catholic Alive Series, St. Paul’s Parish, Butler, PA
- “Faith, Friendship, and Revelation: *Dei verbum* and the Year of Faith,” Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, PA
- “Sin, Salvation, and the Law of the Cross,” Tapping Theology, St. Bernadette’s Parish, Monroeville, PA
- “Vatican II and Ecclesiology,” Tapping Theology, St. Bernadette’s Parish, Monroeville, PA
- “Ecclesiology at Vatican II,” Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, PA
- “Apocalyptic and Science Fiction Theory,” The Mytho-poetic Society, Saint Vincent College
- “Paul’s Background,” *The Year of Paul Series*, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish and Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
- “The Curious Prohibition against Laughter in RB,” Breakfast with Benedict, Saint Vincent College Campus Ministry
- “The Election Results: What Now?” Tapping Theology, Saint Vincent College Campus Ministry
- “Why Does Love Hurt?” Tapping Theology, Saint Vincent College Campus Ministry
- “The St. John’s Bible: Image and Narrative,” University of Mary, Bismarck, ND
- “Jesus and World Religions,” St. Joseph’s Parish, Mandan, ND
- “The Incarnation: A Dangerous Doctrine for a Dangerous Church,” Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, ND
- “The Importance of Lay Ministry,” Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, ND

Teaching and Academic Service

COURSES TAUGHT

Exploring Religious Meaning, First Theology (Service Learning); Peace, Justice, and Forgiveness (Service Learning); The Synoptic Gospels; Ecclesiology; Classics of Catholic Theology; Christology; The Christian Doctrine of God; Systematics I; Vatican II: History and Theology; Living Theology in Guatemala; Johannine Literature; Passion Narratives; Faith, Work, and God: A Journey through India; Christianity and Eastern Religions; Critical Thinking; Informal Logic; Basic Christian Beliefs; Benedictine Wisdom

OVERSEAS STUDENT TRIPS LED

Guatemala City, Guatemala: Service Learning (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
Managua, Nicaragua: Service Learning (2012)
Kolkata, India: Service Learning (2019)
Santiago de Compostela, Spain: Religious/Cultural (2018)

SERVICE TO SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

Chair, Department of Theology (Acting Chair, Spring 2015; 2018-Present)
Member, Faculty Council, Chair Academic Leadership and Scholarly Affairs Committee (2020–Present)
Faculty Athletic Representative (2017-Present)
Honors Program Committee (2015-Present)
EPC Sub-committee on Core Governance (2018-2021)
Acting Director of the Honors Program (Spring 2018)
Co-chair, Standard II, Middle States Commission on Higher Education Self Study (2016-2017)
Student, Faculty, Administration, Benedictine Committee (2015-2016)
President of Faculty Council (2013-2015)
Information and Technology Committee (2008-2013)
Faculty Development Committee (2008-2012)
Advisor of Theta Alpha Kappa: Theology Honor Society (2007-2016)

Awards

2017 Thoburn Award for Teaching, Saint Vincent College (alumni award for Senior Faculty Excellence)
2012 Presidents’ Athletic Conference Women’s Tennis Coach of the Year, Saint Vincent College
2011 Quentin Schaut Faculty Award, Saint Vincent College (award for Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence)
2007 The Louisville Institute, Summer Stipend (\$8,000)
2006 Summer Bush Grant, Promoting Information Literacy in Scripture Courses (\$2,000)
2001 & 2003 Msgr. James Reilly Award for Outstanding Faculty Publication, Mount Marty College
2000-2001 Hubbard Fellow, The Catholic University of America (deferred)
1999 Howard C. Kee Award for Best Graduate Paper, Mid-Atlantic Region, Society of Biblical Literature
1998-2001 Johannes Quasten Stipend, The Catholic University of America
1992 Alpha Sigma Nu - International Jesuit Honors Society and Phi Sigma Tau - Philosophy Honors Society

Leadership in Academic Organizations

College Theology Society

- Convener, “Scripture Section,” 2017-2022
- Nominations Committee, 2015-2018
- Local Coordinator for CTS Annual Convention at Saint Vincent College, 2014
- Executive Board Member and Treasurer, 2005-2010
- Co-convener, “Evangelical Catholics and Catholic Evangelicals,” 2006-2011

Theta Alpha Kappa (National Honor Society for Theology and Religious Studies), Executive Board Member and Treasurer, 2015-2021; Board Member 2021-2023

Middle State Commission on Higher Education, Peer Evaluator, 2020–Present

Service to the Church and Community

“Always Our Children” Outreach to LGBT Community and Families, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish 2016-Present

MC/Facilitator, Christ Alive Series, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, PA 2015-2016

Mentor Couple Program, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, PA, 2009-Present

Guest Preacher, Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, Pittsburgh, PA, 2013-2016

Adult Sunday School Teacher, Scottdale Mennonite Church, Scottdale, PA, 2010-2018

Presenter, Continuing Clergy Education, Allegheny Mennonite Conference, 2008

Guest Preacher, Scottdale Mennonite Church, Scottdale, PA, 2007-Present

Board of Directors, Y.E.S. (transitional home for North Dakota State Penitentiary), Bismarck, ND, 2005-2006

Presenter for Youth and Adult Faith Formation Classes, Diocese of Bismarck, ND, 2004-2007

Instructor, Institute for Pastoral Ministry, Diocese of Orange, CA, 2003-2004

Campus Ministry Music Team, Yankton, SD, 2000-2003

Yankton Federal Prison Camp Faculty, Yankton, SD, 2003

Rural Deacon Formation Faculty (Archdiocese of Omaha), Norfolk, NE, 2003

Other Employment Experience

2003-2004 *Religion Teacher, Santa Margarita Catholic High School, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA*

1992-1996 *Religion Teacher, Mt. St. Joseph High School, Baltimore, MD*

1988-1990, 1991, *SPC, U.S. Army, (11B, Infantry); C 4/ 502 Inf. Reg.; Casualty Replacement Battalion, Operation “Desert Storm”*