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Curriculum Vitae

Saint Norbert College
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Education

Ph.D., Department of Theology, Boston College, 2018

Theological Ethics

Dissertation: *Foundations of a Queer Natural Law*

Committee: James Keenan, S.J., S.T.D. (Director, Department of Theology)

Lisa Sowle Cahill, Ph.D. (Department of Theology)

M. Shawn Copeland, Ph.D. (Department of Theology)

M.A.R., Yale Divinity School, Yale University, 2013

Concentration: Theological Ethics

Thesis: "Bonaventure After Foucault: The Legacy of Contuition for Post-Modern Theology."

Director: Denys Turner, D. Phil.

B.A., Theology and Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2010

Thesis: "By Their Fruits You Will Know Them: The Problem of Gentile Faith for the Early Church; the Problem of Same-Sex Relationships for the Contemporary Church."

Director: Randall Zachman, Ph.D.

Employment and Professional Experience

Aug 2019- Present

Assistant Professor

Theology and Religious Studies

Saint Norbert College

Aug 2018-July 2019

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow

Theology Department

Fordham University

May 2018-Aug 2018	Instructional Designer Center for Teaching Excellence Boston College
2017-2018	Teaching Fellow Theology Department Boston College
2014-2018	Instructional Design Consultant Center for Teaching Excellence Boston College
2015-2016	Teaching Assistant Theology Department Boston College

A. Publications

Books

1. *God's Works of Art: Sexuality, Gender, Race, and the Future of Catholic Theology* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press). Under Contract.

Academic Journal Articles and Book Chapters

2. "Speaking to Transgress, Speaking in Excess: Notes on a Queer Pedagogy." In *Voices from the Margins: Journeys to Women's Freedom*. Edited by Simon Aihikhai. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. Expected 2021.
3. "Born That Way? The Challenge of Tran/Gender Identity for Catholic Theology." In *Sex, Love and Families: Catholic Perspectives*. Edited by Jason King and Julie Hanlon Rubio, 91-101. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2020.
4. "Transgender Bodies, Catholic Schools, and a Queer Natural Law Theology of Exploration" *Journal of Moral Theology*, 7.1 (January 2018): 70-98.
5. "What Makes Jesus Salvific for the Queer Community? A Moltmann-Inspired Essay in Christology." *Lumen et Vita* 5 (2015).

Book Reviews

1. Joseph N. Goh, *Living Out Sexuality and Faith: Body Admissions of Malaysian Gay and Bisexual Men*. *Journal of Moral Theology*. Forthcoming.
2. Frédéric Martel. *Inside the Closet of the Vatican: Power, Homosexuality, Hypocrisy*. Syndicate Network. March 2019.
3. Mary Jo Iozzio and Patricia Beattie Jung, eds. *Sex and Gender: Christian Ethical Reflections*. Catholic Books Review Online. June 2018.
4. David Farina Turnbloom. *Speaking with Aquinas: A Conversation about Grace, Virtue, and the Eucharist*. Catholic Books Review Online. August 2017.

5. Terry Eagleton. *Materialism*. Catholic Books Review Online. April 2017.
6. Kimberly Vrudy. *Beauty's Vineyard: A Theological Aesthetics of Anguish and Anticipation*. Catholic Books Review Online. January 2017.
7. Kathryn Lilla Cox. *Water Shaping Stone: Faith, Relationships, and Conscience Formation*. Catholic Books Review Online. April 2016.
8. Jeffrey McCune. *Sexual Discretion: Black Masculinity and the Politics of Passing*. *Theology and Sexuality* 21.1 (2015): 76-78.

Popular Articles, Blog Posts, Book Chapters, and Videos

1. Interview with Dr. Jason Steidl. *Theology Quarantined*. 23 March 2020.
2. "A Natural Law for Queer and Racial Justice." *Canopy Forum*. 21 January 2020.
3. "Desiring Tradition at the Edges of Ethics and the Law." *Syndicate*. 06 November 2019.
4. "LGBT Catholics are a Reality." *Commonweal*. 19 December 2018.
5. "On Being a Hero: Reflections for the Second Sunday of Advent." *Bondings 2.0 Blog*. 10 December 2017.
6. "Reflections on 'Silence is Still Violence.'" *BC Heights*. Op-ed. 25 October 2017.
7. "The Challenge of White Supremacy on College Campuses." *BC Heights*. Op-ed. 07 September 2016.
8. "The Complicity of Catholic Progressives in *Amoris Laetitia* Commentary." *Catholic Moral Theology Blog*. 13 May 2016.
9. "Institutional Racism at BC: Why Do Only Certain Persons Recognize It?" *Eradication #BostonCollegeRacism*. Blog. 01 December 2015.
10. "A Catholic's Eulogy for the Harvard 'Black Mass' Controversy." *Religion Dispatches*. 16 May 2014.
11. "Black, Gay, Catholic, Man." *Black Domers: Seventy Years at Notre Dame*. Edited by David Krashna and Don Wycliff. Notre Dame: Corby Books, 2014.
12. "Hospitality and the Catholic Conscience: A Catholic(s) Affirmation of Brewer's Veto." *CatholicHow*. 01 March 2014.
13. "What Does Alan Chambers' Apology Mean? A Reflection on the Updated Politics of Christian Heterosexism." *Plural Space*. 26 June 2013.

B. Conference Activity

Papers and Presentations

1. "Desire, Pleasure, and the Epistemology of the Natural Law in QPOC (Queer Person of Color) Perspective." College Theology Society Annual Meeting. May 2020.
2. "Theology Without Idolatry: A Response to Dr. Charles Gillespie." College Theology Society Annual Meeting. May 2020.

3. "The Witness of Black Theology in an Age of Complicity: Resources from Queer Theory and Black Queer Ethics." Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Meeting. June 2019.
4. "Queer Natural Law as Method for Universal Ethic." College Theology Society Annual Meeting. June 2019.
5. "Transgendering Our Theologies of Embodiment: A New Theology of Sex and Gender for the Roman Catholic Church." Call to Action Conference. Union Theological Seminary. March 2019.
6. "Foundations of a Queer Natural Law." Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church. Sarajevo. July 2018.
7. "Interrogating 'Born This Way' Theology: The Problem of Identity for the Future of Catholic Sexual Ethics." Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Meeting. June 2018.
8. "'No Justice, No Peace': Towards a Queer Theological Epistemology of Preferential Option for the Poor." College Theology Society Annual Meeting. June 2018.
9. "An Appreciative Queer Critique of the *Just Love* Framework for Sexual Ethics." College Theology Society Annual Meeting. June 2017.
10. "Authentic Development: Contemporary Insights from a Queer and Catholic Virtue Ethics," Soul of Development: Catholic Social Traditions Conference. University of Notre Dame. March 2017.
11. "Celebrating the Persons We are Called to Be: Transgender Christians and the Ritual Recognition of Post-Transition Identity," College Theology Society Annual Meeting. June 2016.
12. "After the Synod; After Obergefell: A Queer Catholic Theological View of the Family." NEMAAR 2016. April 2016.
13. "John Courtney Murray, Religious Liberty, and American Catholicism." NEMAAR 2015. March 2015.
14. "What Makes Jesus Salvific for the Queer Community? A Moltmann-Inspired Essay in Queer Christology." Lumen et Vita Conference; Sustained by Hope: The Place and Significance of Christian Hope in the World." January 2015.
15. "God is Not in Your Family: Barthian Annotations to a Queer Christian Theological Epistemology." Ways of Knowing Conference. Harvard Divinity School. October 2014.
16. "*Metanoia* and the Missionary Aesthetic of Joy." Lumen et Vita Conference: Gospel and Contemporary Culture. Boston College. February 2014.

Academic Panels

1. Making #BlackLivesMatter in Green Bay: A Catholic Conversation." Saint Norbert College. June 2020.
2. "'Born That Way?' Paper Presentation." College Theology Society Annual Meeting. May 2020.

3. "LGBTQ+ Catholic Activism: A Global Conversation." NYC WorldPride. Fordham University. June 2019.
4. "Research and Scholarship Integrity: Senior PhD Student Panel." Research and Scholarship Integrity Program. Boston College. October 2017.
5. "The Challenge of Charlottesville: Race, Religion, and Public Monuments." Boston College. 26 September 2017.
6. "What's Next? Being President After the Arrival of a New Regime on Racism and Nationalism." Plenary Panel Discussion: Assessing the First 100 Days of the Trump Presidency. NEMAAR 2017. April 2017.
7. "Surviving, Thriving, or Capsizing? Race and Higher Education." Boston College. 17 October 2016.
8. "Global LGBTQ+ Panel." Pride Week. Boston College. 12 October 2016.
9. "Research and Scholarship Integrity: Senior PhD Student Panel." Research and Scholarship Integrity Program. Boston College. 11 October 2016.
10. "Sit, Stand, Sit or Scream: How Young People Engage Politics and the World in 2016." Boston College. 28 September 2016.
11. "Race and Policing." Newton South High School. 23 September 2016.
12. "Black Natural Law." Respondent to Vincent Lloyd's book *Black Natural Law*. Boston College Boisi Center. 14 September 2016.

C. Invited Talks

Conference Invitations

1. "Doing Our First Works Over: Sketches of a Black Queer Ethics." All-School Conference. Yale Divinity School. November 2019.

Classroom Lectures

1. "Being Human: Confronting Structural Racism." Human Dignity Module. Australian Catholic University (at Saint John's University, Queens, NY). July 2019.
2. "What Do You Love the Most? On Augustine's Two Cities," Person and Social Responsibility Class at Boston College. 16 November 2017.
3. "Queer Theory, Queer Theology, and the Hope for a Just World," Challenge of Justice Class at Boston College. 17 November 2016.
4. "Black Lives Matter, Catholic Theology, and the Boston College Context," Challenge of Justice Class at Boston College. 10 November 2016.

Special Presentations

1. "Committing to Antiracism (Part Two): Sustaining the Mission." Saint Francis Xavier Parish, New York City. February 2020.
2. "Committing to Antiracism (Part One): Receiving the Mission." Saint Francis Xavier Parish, New York City. January 2020.

3. "Uncovering Our Power as LGBT Persons of Color in the Catholic Church." Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. New York City. September 2019.
4. Discussion of *The Sunday Sessions* (2019), dir. Richard Yeagley. Saint Francis de Sales Parish, New York City. June 2019.
5. "Believing in Justice: The Ethical Crisis at the Heart of the LGBTQ+ Struggle." Day of Concern. Friends Seminary, NYC. 07 January 2019.
6. "Our Bodies are (Not) Our Own: Decolonizing the BC Body," Love Your Body Week, Boston College Women's Center. 11 October 2016.
7. "That We Might Be Catholic: Lessons and Trajectories from the Catholic Encounter with Race in the 20th Century." Saint Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. Memphis, TN. 28 November 2012.

D. Teaching Experience

1. "Moral Questions in the Black Community." Institute for Black Catholic Studies. Xavier University of Louisiana. June-July 2020.
2. "Theological Foundations." Saint Norbert College. Assistant Professor. Fall 2019 – Present.
3. "Christian Ethics." Saint Norbert College. Assistant Professor. Fall 2019 – Present.
4. "Church: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow." Saint Norbert College. Fall 2019 – Present.
5. "Race, Gender, Religion, Sexuality." Hybrid Learning Consortium. Spring 2020.
6. "Church in Controversy." Fordham University. Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow. Spring 2019.
7. "Faith and Critical Reason." Fordham University. Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow. Spring 2019.
8. "Faith and Critical Reason." Fordham University. Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow. Fall 2018.
9. "Introduction to Christian Theology I and II" Boston College. Teaching Fellow. Fall 2017 – Spring 2018.
10. "Person and Social Responsibility." Boston College. Teaching Assistant. Fall 2015 – Spring 2016.
11. "Religion and Bioethics: Perspectives, Analysis, Trajectories." Yale Summer Bioethics Institute. Yale University. Summer 2013.

E. Awards/Fellowships

1. Margaret O'Brien Flatley Fellow in Theological Ethics. Department of Theology. Boston College. 2013-2018.
2. Presidential Fellow. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Boston College. 2013-Present.

3. Marquand Scholar. Yale Divinity School. Yale University. 2010-2012.

F. Professional Association Memberships

1. Catholic Theological Society of America (2017-Present)
2. American Academy of Religion (2012-Present)
3. College Theology Society (2014-Present)
4. Society of Christian Ethics (2017-Present)

G. Service to the Profession

1. Reviewer, Internal Review Board. Bellin Health. Green Bay, WI. 2020 – Present.
2. Co-Convener: Marriage, Family, Sexuality, and Relationships Group. College Theology Society. 2018 – Present.

H. Service to the College

Undergraduate Theses Directed

1. Zachary Moede, “Neoliberalism and the Demonic.” Senior Thesis. Saint Norbert College. Spring 2020.

Thesis Committees

1. Erin Hahl, “Creating Space for Same Sex Parents in the Catholic Church.” Master of Liberal Studies Program. Saint Norbert College. Spring 2020.

Elected Committees

1. Admission Committee. Saint Norbert College.
2. Peace and Justice Minor Advisory Committee. Saint Norbert College.

I. References

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