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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Yale University

Theological Ethics (Religious Studies)
M.Phil. and M.A. in course to the Ph.D.

M.Div., Pacific School of Religion

Emphasis in Social Ethics

B.A., Stanford University (With Distinction)

Political Science
Emphasis in Comparative Politics, History, and Women's Studies

TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor. Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, 2019-present

Lecturer (yearly and quarterly). Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, 2001 – 2019

Associate in Health Care Ethics. Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, 2005-2013
Health Care Ethics Internship (ELSJ 198)

Adjunct Professor. Pacific School of Religion/Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA), 2004
Bioethics

Teaching Assistant. Yale Divinity School (New Haven, CT)
Medical Ethics (Prof. Margaret Farley)
History of Christian Theological Ethics (Prof. Margaret Farley)

Research Assistant. Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University (Washington, D.C.)
Researched and compiled information for *Source Book in Bioethics: A Documentary History* (ed. Jonsen, Veatch, and Walters; Georgetown

University Press, 2000). Commented extensively on Walters' manuscript for *The Ethics of Human Gene Therapy* (Oxford University Press, 1997).

Research Assistant. Stanford Center for Research in Disease Prevention, Stanford University (Stanford, California)

Researched and wrote portions of *Creating Community Change to Improve Health* (Altman, Balcazar, Fawcett, Seekins, and Young; Palo Alto: Leland Stanford Junior University, 1994).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Roman Catholic and Protestant Theological and Social Ethics, Sexual Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Labor Ethics, Feminist Ethics, Political Ethics and Theories of Justice, Cross-Cultural Ethics, Foundational Theological and Philosophical Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

- Books** *Reenvisioning Sexual Ethics: A Feminist Christian Account*.
Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press (forthcoming April 2022)
- Designer Children: Reconciling Genetic Technology, Feminism, and Christian Faith*. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2004.
- Articles** "Christian Perspectives on Prenatal Diagnosis." In *The Oxford Handbook of Religious Perspectives on Reproductive Ethics*, ed. Dena Davis. Forthcoming.
- "Vision for a Sustainable Future." Review of *Radical Sufficiency: Work, Livelihood, and a U.S. Catholic Economic Ethic*, by Christine Firer Hinze. *America*, September 2021.
- "Sex and Sexuality." In *T&T Clark Companion to Christian Ethics*, ed. Tobias Winright, 439-449. London: T&T Clark, 2021.
- "Outrage Before Ethics." Website of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University. August 2019.
- "Contingency, Gender, and the Academic Table." *Journal of Moral Theology* 8, Special Issue 1 (2019): 92-114.
- "'Mobile Porn?' Teenage Sexting and Justice for Women." *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. Fall/Winter 2013. Reprinted in

Sex and Gender: Christian Ethical Reflections, ed. Mary Jo Iozzio and Patricia Beattie Jung. Georgetown University Press, 2017.

"Finding God in All Things." *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*, Fall 2014.

"Pharmacogenomics, Ethics, and Public Policy." *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal*. March 2008.

"Personalized Medicine: The Ethics of Access." *At the Center* (publication of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics). Summer/Fall 2006.

"Motherhood and Tenure: Can Catholic Universities Support Both?" *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*. March 2005. With Bridget Burke Ravizza.

"Prostitution: A Feminist Ethical Analysis." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. Fall 1998.

"The Health Care *Titanic*: Women and Children First?" *Second Opinion* (publication of the Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics). January 1993. With Suzanne Holland.

"What We Must Do: Toward a Feminist Ethic of Health Care Reform." *Ethics and Policy*. Summer 1992. With Suzanne Holland.

Ethical analyses and cases/case study responses, website of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University:

"Culturally Competent Care in U.S. Clinical Health Care Settings"

(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/introduction.html>);

"Culturally Competent Care for Latino Patients"

(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/hispanic.html>);

"A Difficult Birth: Navigating Language and Cultural Differences"

(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/difficult-birth.html>);

"A Difficult Birth: Navigating Language and Cultural Differences—Reflections"

- (<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/difficult-birth-peterson-iyer.html>);
- “From Chronic to Critical: A Latino Family Confronts End of Life Decisions”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/chronic-to-critical.html>);
- “Autonomy, Justice, and Gabriela Rivera’s Need for Care”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/chronic-to-critical-peterson-iyer.html>);
- “Culturally Competent Care for Muslim Patients”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/muslim.html>);
- “Confronting a Fetal Abnormality”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/fetal-abnormality.html>);
- “Confronting a Fetal Abnormality—Reflections”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/fetal-abnormality-peterson-iyer.html>);
- “Cancer: A Failure to Communicate”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/cancer.html>);
- “Cancer: A Failure to Communicate—Reflections”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/culturally-competent-care/cancer-peterson-iyer.html>);
- “Personalized Medicine: The Ethics of Access”
(<http://www.scu.edu/ethics/publications/ethicalperspectives/personalized-medicine.html>).

Journalistic and Popular Articles:

- “A Heart Renewed.” Reflection contributor, 2020. Part of Lenten reflection series hosted by the Jesuit School of Theology.
- “Faith and Reconciliation.” *Sojourners*, October 1992.
- “Pilgrimage to Taize.” *Sojourners*, July 1990.
- “A Journey Toward Identity: Margaret Atwood’s World of Alienation.” *Sojourners*, December 1989.
- “Third World Christians Issue Call for Conversion.” *Sojourners*, October 1989.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University

Riddell Merit Scholar, Pacific School of Religion

Richard J. Franke Fellow, Yale University

President's Special Recognition Award, Santa Clara University, September 2018
(as part of Committee on Lecturers and Adjuncts)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Hackworth Grant for Faculty Research and Teaching (*from the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics*), 2015-2016.

To expand speaking opportunities in TESP 108 for survivors of human trafficking.

Bannan Grant (*from the Ignatian Center*), 2014-2015.

To expand educational opportunities for SCU students and faculty regarding human trafficking.

University and Dissertation Fellowships, Yale University.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Death, Dying, and the Ethics of End of Life Decisions in a Time of Covid-19," featured guest presentation on live webinar with community/religious leader Bruce Reyes-Chow. April 2020.

"Cancer, Genes, and the Angelina Jolie Case: Ethics and the Aftermath of Genetic Diagnosis," panel presenter, Santa Clara University Ethics at Noon. May 2014.

"Mind the Gap: Cross-Cultural Medicine in a Diverse Society," Grand Rounds Presentation at O'Connor Hospital, San Jose, California. September 2012.

"The Need for Culturally Competent Health Care in the U.S. Today," featured guest presentation on live radio show "the Morning Mix," KPFA Radio, Berkeley, California. April 2011.

"Christian Faith and Cultural Diversity in Health Care," Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Sunnyvale, California. November 2010.

“Meeting Christ in the Least of These: Being Prophetic in Our Ministries to Children, the Elderly and Ourselves,” three-day retreat for Presbyterian pastors, Presbytery of San Jose, California. April 2007.

“Ethics and Genetic Manipulation,” guest lecture, *Issues in Science and Religion: Biological Determinism and Human Freedom*, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington. November 2001.

“Procreative Liberty and ‘Designer Children,’” Works-in-Progress Seminar, Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics. February 2001.

“The Ethics of Genetic Manipulation,” First Presbyterian Church, Palo Alto, California. June 2000.

“Bioethics and the Church,” panel participant, Presbytery of San Jose, California. June 1999.

“‘Designer’ Children and Christian Ethics,” Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, California. June 1998.

“Prostitution: A Feminist Ethical Analysis,” Boston College-Harvard-Yale Ethics Colloquium, Cambridge, Massachusetts. May 1996.

“Perspectives on Health Care Reform,” featured guest presentation on live call-in radio show, Chicago Public Radio. February 1993.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PANELS

“Reading Camus’ *The Plague* in a Time of Pandemic,” panel participant. Part of the Center for Arts and Humanities’ “Twin Pandemics Forum.” Fall 2020.

“Hookup Culture and Sexual Justice.” Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, D.C. January 2020

Keynote Response to James Keenan’s Vice-Presidential address, “Vulnerable to Contingency.” Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, D.C. January 2020.

“Contingent Faculty and the Academic Table.” Society of Christian Ethics. New Orleans, Louisiana. January 2017.

Panel presenter, Contingent Faculty Caucus. Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, Illinois. January 2015.

"From Rescue to Solidarity: A Feminist Christian Response to Human Sex Trafficking." Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, Illinois. January 2015.

"Mobile Porn? Sexting, Purity, and Justice for Women." Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, Illinois. January 2013.

"Culturally Competent Healthcare," panel respondent. Catholic Theological Society of America. San Jose, California. June 2011.

"Navigating Borders in Bioethics: Ethical Challenges of Culturally Competent Healthcare." Society of Christian Ethics. San Jose, California. January 2010.

"The Price of Motherhood." Society of Christian Ethics. Vancouver, British Columbia. January 2002.

"A Feminist Ethic of Health Care Reform." The Ethics of Caring II Nursing Conference. Emory University School of Nursing. Atlanta, Georgia. November 1992.

SERVICE IN THE ACADEMY

National:

- **Board of Directors, Society of Christian Ethics, 2014-2018**
 - **Member of Executive Board, 2015**
 - **Chair of Nominating Committee, 2016-2017**
 - **Member of Finance and Professional Development Committees, 2016-2018**
- **Peer Reviewer, *Theological Studies*, August 2020-present.** As needed.
- **Participant in Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Roundtable, "Reproductive Justice."** July 2020-present. Ongoing seminar with ~15 participants from around the nation.
- **Member of the Task Force on Contingency of the Society of Christian Ethics, 2018-2020.** Co-conducted major nationwide survey of contingent faculty and scholars using SCU Qualtrics software.

University/College/Department:

- **Center for the Arts and Humanities, Advisory Council Member**, 2020-present.
- **Faculty Senate Council, Department Representative**. 2020-2021.
- **SCU Faculty Collaborative, Teaching Circles, Group Facilitator**, Fall 2020.
- **RS Department Curriculum Committee, Participant**. 2019-2021. Designed new requirements for departmental learning goals for majors.
 - **Curriculum Theology Subcommittee, Co-chair**. 2019-2021. Subcommittee to shape theology requirement for majors.
- **Anti-Racism Pedagogy Working Group (AWPG), Co-founder and Co-facilitator**. June-September 2020. Organized and co-led meetings for interested faculty in Religious Studies Department.
 - **Religious Studies Department Annual Retreat, Co-organizer**. September 2020.
- **Ignatian Faculty Forum, Participant**, 2019-2020. The Ignatian Faculty Forum is a university-wide, faculty-run leadership program aimed at highlighting and deepening Ignatian Spirituality as it is lived by faculty that meets on a monthly basis, in the evening. These meetings also entailed extensive preparation for each session.
- **Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Faculty Scholar**. 2017-present.
- **Bioethics Faculty Group, Member**. Santa Clara University, 2013-present.
- **Santa Clara University Teaching, Outreach, and Programs Against Human Trafficking (STOP-HT), Convener**. 2014-present.
 - **Organizer**, STOP-HT event with speaker Smarita Sengupta, "Breaking the Chains of Modern Slavery: From Human Trafficking to Economic Empowerment." November 5, 2019.
- **Co-coordinator and speaker**, "Hookups and Hangups." Unity RLC event. November 12, 2019.
- **Faculty consultant** to student organizers, "Date and a Fifth: What Do You Owe Your Date?" November 18, 2019.

- **Committee on Lecturers and Adjuncts (COLA), Member.** Santa Clara University. 2015-2019.
- **Convener of Ad-Hoc Committee on Sexual Culture at SCU,** Santa Clara University. 2014-2016

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCE

Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

- **Minister Member,** San Jose Presbytery.
- **Presbytery Executive Council Member,** San Jose Presbytery, 2017-2021.
- **Parish Associate, First Presbyterian Church,** Palo Alto, CA.

Community Representative, Stanford University Hospital Bioethics Committee, Stanford, CA

President of the Board (past) and **Campus Ministry Intern** (past), United Campus Christian Ministry, Stanford University

Summer Chaplain (past), California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, California

Editorial Assistant, Sojourners Magazine (past), Washington, D.C.

Editorial Assistant, Addison-Wesley/Benjamin-Cummings Publishing Company (past), Redwood City, California

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Christian Ethics (Board of Directors, 2014-2018)

Catholic Theological Society of America

College Theology Society

American Academy of Religion (past)

American Society for Bioethics and the Humanities (past)

Northeast Feminist Ethics Consultation (past)

International Network on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics (past)

REFERENCES available upon request
