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**Education**

Boston College, Ph.D. Theological Ethics 2002

Dissertation: "The Equality of Created Freedom: A Framework for Distributive Justice."

Advisor: David Hollenbach, S.J.

Honors: Jacob K. Javits Fellowship for Doctoral Studies, 1994-1998.

Fordham University, M.A. Theology 1993

Thesis: "The Theology of Work: A Comparison of Economic Justice for All by the United States Catholic Bishops and Toward the Future by the Lay Commission on Catholic Social Teaching and the United States Economy."

Advisors: John Connelly, S.J., and Thomas Cornelison

Honors: Presidential Scholar 1988-1990.

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism M.S. Journalism 1988

Harvard College, A.B. English and American Literature magna cum laude 1982

**Employment**

Director of Religious and Catholic Ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University, 2020-present

Director of Campus Ethics Programs, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University. 2002-present.

Contributing Writer, National Catholic Reporter, September 2021-present. Named a Contributing Writer to this award-winning Catholic periodical.

Volunteer, Los Angeles Catholic Worker. Fall 2021: Took a leave of absence in order to live and work with the LA Catholic Worker community for the fall quarter 2021.

Invited Visiting Professor from Overseas, Theology Department, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, September 2016 – January 2017 (Sophia is the Jesuit university in Tokyo)

Adjunct Associate Professor, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University, 2011-present

Lecturer, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University, 1999-2002, 2004-2011.

Teach classes on Ethics and Globalization, Christian Traditions, Christian Ethics, Ethics of War and Peace, Christianity and Politics, the Theology and Ethics of Thomas Aquinas, Conscience and Politics, and Engineering Ethics

Newsroom Manager, Ascribe: The Public Interest Newswire, 1999-2002. Oakland, Calif. Managed newsroom at Internet-based newswire.

Freelance Writer, 1986-1987 and 1992-present. Published articles in America, The San Jose Mercury News, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and other publications.

Editor, Doubleday Religion Department, New York, N.Y. 1990-1992. Edited frontlist titles and managed Image Books, a line of religious classics.

Volunteer, The Francis House Lay Mission Program, Baltimore Md., 1985-1986. As Franciscan lay missionary, taught English and math in an inner-city drug treatment clinic.

Reporter, The East Hampton (N.Y.) Star 1983-1985. Covered town government and wrote features for this award-winning Long Island weekly.

## **Books**

Conscience in Service to the World: Love, History, and the God of Surprises, under contract, Rowman & Littlefield.

Created Freedom Under the Sign of the Cross: A Catholic Public Theology for the United States (Pickwick: 2022, Pickwick). A monograph that engages the libertarian concept of freedom gripping the contemporary United States and offers a more just vision of freedom drawn from Catholic theological ethics.

## **Books and Journals Edited**

Conscience and Catholic Education: Theology, Teaching, and Administration, Co-edited David E. DeCosse and Kevin C. Baxter (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2022). A collection of essays by theologians and educators that seek to bring developments in the theology of conscience into conversation with pedagogy at all levels of Catholic education.

Conscience and Catholic Health Care: From Clinical Contexts to Government Mandates, Co-edited David E. DeCosse and Thomas Nairn (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2017). Winner, Honorable Mention in the Faithful Citizenship/Religious Freedom Category, Catholic Press Association of the United States, 2018

“Our Future on a Shared Planet,” Explore: Journal of the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, co-edited with Theresa Ladrigan-Whelpley. Volume 19 (Spring 2016). The journal features essays and artwork connected to the SCU conference in November 2015 called “Our Future on a Shared Planet: Silicon Valley in Conversation with the

Environmental Teachings of Pope Francis”; available at <https://www.scu.edu/ic/media--publications/explore-journal/>

Conscience and Catholicism: Rights, Responsibilities, and Institutional Responses, Co-edited David E. DeCosse and Kristin Heyer (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2015).

Winner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Religious Freedom Category, Catholic Press Association of the United States, 2016.

Pope Francis and the Future of American Catholicism: The Challenge of Becoming a Church for the Poor, Co-edited with Michael Duffy and Erin Brigham. Lane Center Series: University of San Francisco. A collection of essays focused on the vision of Pope Francis for a Church for the poor. Fall 2015

But Was It Just? Reflections on the Morality of the Persian Gulf War ed. and intro. David E. DeCosse (New York: Doubleday, 1992). Edited essays by Michael Walzer, George Weigel, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Stanley Hauerwas, Sari Nusseibeh, and the editors of La Civiltà Cattolica.

The Lonely Man of Faith by Joseph B. Soloveitchik (New York: Doubleday, 1992). Classic essay of Modern Orthodox Judaism brought to first-time publication as a book.

Lead Us Not Into Temptation: Catholic Priests and the Sexual Abuse of Children by Jason Berry (New York: Doubleday, 1992). First major work of investigative reporting on the sexual abuse crisis within the Catholic Church.

Conscience, Consensus, and the Development of Doctrine by Cardinal John Henry Newman. With commentary and notes by James Gaffney (New York: Image Books, 1992.) Included in one volume Newman's An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine, On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine, and the "Letter to the Duke of Norfolk."

### **Articles in Academic Journals and Book Chapters**

“Moral Notes: Conscience, Catholicism, and Political Authoritarianism,” Theological Studies 87.1 (March 2026), forthcoming.

“Response: ‘American Exceptionalism: A Theological Response to a Troublesome Notion,’” Theological Studies (June 2026) 87.2, forthcoming.

“A Multidisciplinary Approach to Understanding Vulnerability and Building Climate Resilience to Levee Failures and Flooding in Historically Marginalized Communities,” Co-author with Rocio Segura, Iris Stewart-Frey, Karina Martin, Anna Krebs, Tatum Petti, Emily Young, and Sarah Young, Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences, published November 21, 2025: [https://trebuchet.public.springernature.app/get\\_content/aa17cdff-8671-4406-9bab-f1487df6c69f?utm\\_source=rct\\_congratemail&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=nonoa\\_20251122&utm\\_content=10.1007/s13412-025-01063-y](https://trebuchet.public.springernature.app/get_content/aa17cdff-8671-4406-9bab-f1487df6c69f?utm_source=rct_congratemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nonoa_20251122&utm_content=10.1007/s13412-025-01063-y)

“Captive Minds and Civil Dialogue: A Reflection on Catholic Universities in the Post-Dobbs Era,” Journal of Moral Theology, Volume 12, No. 1 (2023): 105-08.

"Preferences, Practices, and Virtues: An Ethical Reflection on the Universal Apostolic Preferences." Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal 10, 2 (2021).  
<https://epublications.regis.edu/jhe/vol10/iss2/6>

"An American Response: Chapter," Gunter Prüller-Jagenteufel, Ruben C. Mendoza, Gertraud Ladner (Eds.): In Service for a Servant Church. Outlines and Challenges for Catholic Theology Today. Documentation of the INSeCT Conferences in Manila 2019 and Vienna 2020, Munich/Paderborn: Brill 2023

"'Faithful Citizenship' and the Theology of Conscience: A Reflection on Grace, the World, and the 2020 Election," plenary address, Catholic Theological Society of America, June 2018, and reprinted in Voting and Faithfulness, ed. Nicholas Cafardi, Paulist Press, 2020.

"The Equality of Freedom and Catholic Public Theology in the United States: The Context of the Question," The Journal for Peace and Justice Studies 27.1 (2018): 72-88.

"Notes on Theological Ethics: Conscience, Catholicism, and Politics," Theological Studies 78.1 (March 2017): 171-92.

"Negative Freedom, Catholic Social Doctrine, and the Conciliar Challenge of the Free Society," Political Theology 17.1 (2016): 4-26.

"The Equality of Freedom Reconsidered: David Hollenbach, Libertarianism, and the Challenge of Inequality in the United States," in Public Theology and the Global Common Good: The Contribution of David Hollenbach (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, Fall 2016): 168-78.

"Conscience, Missionary Discipleship, and a Church for the Poor," chapter in Pope Francis and the Future of American Catholicism: The Challenge of Becoming a Church for the Poor. Co-edited Erin Brigham, David E. DeCosse, and Michael Duffy (Lane Center Series: University of San Francisco Press, 2015): 83-88. Excerpted in "Conscience at Work," C21 Resources: The Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fall 2016, 14-15.

"The Primacy of Conscience, Vatican II, and Pope Francis: The Opportunity to Renew a Tradition," chapter, in Beyond Vatican II: Charting a Catholic Future, ed. Paul Crowley, S.J., (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2014): 156-69

"Contraception, Women's Health, and Equal Citizenship: The Missing Horn of the Dilemma: Guest Editorial," forthcoming, Political Theology (December 2012 issue); abridged version appearing on "There is Power in the Blog: The Blog for Political Theology, August 28, 2012; available at <http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/contraception-womens-health-equal-citizenship-missing-horn-dilemma/>

"The Danish Cartoons Reconsidered: Catholic Social Teaching and the Contemporary Challenge of Freedom of Speech," Theological Studies 71.1 (March 2010): 101-132

"Freedom of the Press and Catholic Social Thought: Reflections on the Sexual Abuse Scandal in the Catholic Church in the United States," Theological Studies 68.4 (December 2007): 865-899

"Authority, Lies, and War: Democracy and the Development of Just War Theory," Theological Studies 67.2 (June 2006): 378-394. Reprinted in Credereoggi, "Theology in North America," n. 164 (March-April 2008)

“Rahner’s Ethics and the Pacific Rim,” in Rahner Beyond Rahner: A Great Theologian Encounters the Pacific Rim, ed. Paul G. Crowley, S.J. (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2005): 133-35

“Authority, Democracy, and the Iraq War,” Heythrop Journal 45.2 (April 2004): 227-23

“Beyond Law and Economics: Theological Ethics and the Regulatory Takings Debate” Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review 23 (1996): 829-849

### **Academic Presentations**

Convenor: Public Theology Interest Group Select Session on Synodality, Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, June 2026, St Louis, Mo.

Convenor: Public Theology Interest Group Select Session on Baptism, Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, June 13, 2025, Portland, Ore.

Respondent: Panel on American Exceptionalism, Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, June 14, 2025, Portland, Ore.

Moderator: Public Theology Interest Group Select Session on Social Salvation, Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, June 15, 2024, Baltimore, Md.

Presenter: “Catholic Public Theology and the Challenge of Freedom in the United States,” Select Session on Public Theology, Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, June 9, 2023, Milwaukee, Wis.

Moderator, Select Session on Public Theology, “Voting Rights and Moral Urgency,” Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, June 11, 2022, Atlanta, Ga.

Respondent to all papers at conference called “Between Fundamentalism and Secularism: The Contributions of a Multi-Cultural and Multi-Religious Europe for Today’s Church and World,” University of Vienna, February 2020.

“Plenary Address: “‘Faithful Citizenship’ and the Theology of Conscience: A Reflection on Grace, the World, and the 2020 Election,” 2018 Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Indianapolis, Ind., June 9, 2018

“After Trump’s Victory: Theological Challenges for the Catholic Church in the United States,” Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, December 16, 2016. Lecture was excerpted in the February 2017 newsletter of the Japan Catholic Council for Justice and Peace.

“The Sounds of Nature, Climate Change, and the Contemplative Urgency of Laudato Si,” Keynote Lecture, Conference of Catholic High School Teachers called “Laudato Si: Cultivating Sustainability in Our Teaching and in Our Communities,” Santa Clara University School of Education, Santa Clara, Calif., June 15, 2016

“Catholic Public Theology and the Equality of Freedom,” Paper presented at Conference called “Building Good Economies: An Interdisciplinary Conference Celebrating 125 Years of Modern Catholic Social Teaching,” Fordham University, New York, N.Y., April 22, 2016

“Rival Theologies of Conscience and Contested Contracts in Catholic Schools: Presentation for the Western Regional Conference of the National Catholic Education Association,” Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif., December 4, 2015

“Catholicism, Politics, and the Primacy of Conscience: Reflections on Cardinal Newman’s ‘Letter to the Duke of Norfolk,’” presented as part of yearlong series called “Sacred Texts in the Public Square,” Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Calif., October 24, 2012

“Catholicism, American Politics, and the Problem of Freedom,” presented at the Pacific Section Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, Calif., February 4, 2011

“Catholic Social Teaching, Democracy, and Freedom of Speech: A Proposal for Development,” paper presented at conference called “In the Currents of History: From Trent to the Future,” Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, Trent, Italy, July 26, 2010

“The Danish Cartoons Reconsidered: Catholic Social Thought and Freedom of Speech,” presented at the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga., January 5, 2008

“Roman Catholic Social Teaching on the Freedom of the Press: Suggestions for Development in Light of the Sexual Abuse Scandals,” presented at Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church: The First International Crosscultural Conference for Catholic Theological Ethicists, Padua, Italy, July 11, 2006

“From the Margins to the Center: Teaching Tools for the Integration of Immersion Experiences at Jesuit Universities,” presented at Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, October 15, 2005

“Legitimate Authority and the Use of Deception in Going to War: An Essay in Catholic Social Ethics,” presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, St. Louis, Mo., June 10, 2005

“Roman Catholic Social Teaching and the Freedom of the Press,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Theology Society, Milwaukee, Wis., May 2003

### **Video Panel Discussions: Moderator**

“Bishop Robert McElroy on Voting, Catholicism, and the 2020 Election,” October 21, 2020; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2kibpgsLVU>

“No Going Back: The Killing of George Floyd,” June 8, 2020;  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfRqP0go-Ic&t=105s>

“When False Information Can Kill You: Media and the Pandemic,” May 21, 2020;  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oH7OWqDaPZc&t=18s>

“When Should Businesses Re-open: Ethics, Health, and Getting Back to Work,” April 30, 2020; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9utRInpwGbw&t=28s>

“Triaging Covid-19: The Ethical Allocation of Life Sustaining Resources,” April 13, 2020; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUhyZgkbk4g>

### **Essays, Teaching Modules, and a Radio Show**

“‘Unguarded Eyes’: The Doorway to a Politics of Conscience,” Ethics Resources: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, September 10, 2025: <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/unguarded-eyes-the-doorway-to-a-politics-of-conscience/>

“The unlikely alliance between culture war Catholics and tech bro billionaires,” National Catholic Reporter, June 5, 2025: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/unlikely-alliance-between-culture-war-catholics-and-tech-bro-billionaires>

“America’s conscience means more than slavish obedience to a leader,” San Jose Mercury News, April 11, 2025: <https://www.mercurynews.com/2025/04/11/opinion-a-lutheran-theologian-the-white-house-and-the-fuhrer-principle/>

“From Teaching my Class to Catholic Social Teaching: Reflections on Extending the Reach of Nonviolence,” Catholic Re-Visions: Political Theology, March 21, 2025: <https://politicaltheology.com/from-teaching-my-class-to-catholic-social-teaching-reflections-on-extending-the-reach-of-nonviolence/> Related Webinar: “Centering Nonviolence in Catholic Social Teaching: A Dialogue,” Catholic Re-Visions Webinar Discussion, August 11, 2025: <https://politicaltheology.com/centering-active-nonviolence-in-catholic-social-teaching-webinar-event-august-11-noon-eastern/>

“You Can’t Demonize Dignity: Religions and Social Media,” Digital Dignity Day: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, March 18, 2025: <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/events/digital-dignity-day/you-cant-demonize-dignity-religions-and-social-media/>

“Flood injustice calls us to declare the dignity of vulnerable communities,” National Catholic Reporter, March 6, 2025: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/flood-injustice-calls-us-declare-dignity-vulnerable-communities>

“Lessons from Hannah Arendt for the Catholic Church in the United States today,” National Catholic Reporter, September 25, 2024: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/ncr-voices/lessons-hannah-arendt-catholic-church-united-states-today>

“‘We are not saved alone’: Catholic theologians engage the social dimension of salvation,” National Catholic Reporter, June 26, 2024: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/we-are-not-saved-alone-catholic-theologians-engage-social-dimensions-salvation>

“Lost in Hypotheticals: Trump and the US Supreme Court’s Method of Avoidance,” All About Ethics: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, May 1, 2024: <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/lost-in-hypotheticals-trump-and-the-us-supreme-courts-method-of-avoidance/>

“Vatican promotes human dignity, but falters on concrete realities,” National Catholic Reporter, April 23, 2024: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/vatican-promotes-human-dignity-falters-concrete-realities>

“Let the blessings flow: Pope Francis and Gay and Lesbian Couples,” Ethics Resources: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, April 1, 2024: <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/let-the-blessings-flow-pope-francis-and-gay-and-lesbian-couples/> - First published in The Catholic Agitator, Los Angeles Catholic Worker, February 2024

“Homelessness Crisis Shows Our Country Needs a New National Story,” National Catholic Reporter, January 2, 2024: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/homelessness-crisis-shows-our-country-needs-new-national-story>

“Dobbs, Abolition, and a Women's Right to Bodily Integrity,” National Catholic Reporter July 24, 2023: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/dobbs-abolition-and-womens-right-bodily-integrity>

“The War in Ukraine is a Challenge for a Catholic Ethics of Nonviolence,” National Catholic Reporter, May 24, 2023: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/ncr-voices/war-ukraine-challenge-catholic-ethic-nonviolence>

“After 70 Years, William Everson's ‘Canticle to the Waterbirds’ Still Sings,” National Catholic Reporter, November 29, 2022: <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/viewpoints/after-70-years-william-eversons-canticle-waterbirds-still-sings>

“Church teaching about the dignity of women changed my mind about criminalizing abortion,” National Catholic Reporter, August 4, 2022: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/church-teaching-dignity-women-changed-my-mind-about-criminalizing-abortion>

“Time to Re-Think a Bad Slogan,” Spotlight on Mass Shootings: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, June 14, 2022: <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/the-ethics-of-guns/time-to-re-think-a-bad-slogan/>

“Justice, Self-Respect, and the Ukrainian Decision to Go to War,” Blog: Political Theology Network, June 9, 2022: <https://politicaltheology.com/%EF%BF%BCjustice-self-respect-and-the-ukrainian-decision-to-go-to-war/>

“‘Healing Haunted Histories’ outlines church’s responsibility to address America’s settler past,” National Catholic Reporter, April 29, 2022: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/healing-haunted-histories-outlines-churchs-responsibility-address-americas-settler-past>

“Reflections on Ethics and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine,” Blog: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, March 22, 2022: <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/reflections-on-ethics-and-the-russian-invasion-of-ukraine/>



“What Howard Thurman can teach Catholics about responding to racism today,” National Catholic Reporter, January 17, 2022; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/what-howard-thurman-can-teach-catholics-about-responding-racism-today>

“What a Burial Service for 1,780 Unclaimed Dead Tells Us About Dignity,” National Catholic Reporter, December 29, 2021; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/what-burial-service-1780-unclaimed-dead-tells-us-about-dignity>

“LA Church’s Jubilee Year a Chance to Face Sins of California Mission History,” National Catholic Reporter, October 14, 2021; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/la-churchs-jubilee-year-chance-face-sins-california-mission-history>

“Demanding More of Our Saints: A Case Against the Canonization of Junipero Serra,” Catholic Agitator: Newspaper of the Los Angeles Catholic Worker, October 2021

“Covid Vaccines, Religious Exemptions, and a Test for Religions,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, September 7, 2021; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/ethical-considerations-for-covid-19-vaccination/covid-vaccines-religious-exemptions-and-a-test-for-religions/>

“St. Thomas More for Our Times: Not a Culture War Hero,” National Catholic Reporter, June 24, 2021; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/st-thomas-more-our-times-not-culture-war-hero>

“Love in a time of Insurrection: St. Augustine and the Unity of the American People,” National Catholic Reporter, February 1, 2021; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/love-time-insurrection-st-augustine-unity-american-people>

“The Big Lie is Always Violent: The Inevitability of Insurrection at the U.S. Capitol,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, January 9, 2021; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/the-big-lie-is-always-violent-the-inevitability-of-insurrection-at-the-us-capitol/>

“Love and the American People: St. Augustine on the Road Ahead,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, November 30, 2020; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/post-election-reconciliation/love-and-the-american-people-st-augustine-on-the-road-ahead/>

“Freedom on the Ballot,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, October 27, 2020; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/freedom-on-the-ballot/>

“Catolicos, el voto y el aborto: Hora de corregir el record,” Translation of “Catholics, Voting, and Abortion: Time to Correct the Record.” Translated by Teresa LeFranc. Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, October 13, 2020; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/catolicos-el-voto-y-el-aborto-hora-de-corregir-el-record/>

“Catholics, Voting, and Abortion: Time to Correct the Record,” National Catholic Reporter, September 14, 2020; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/catholics-voting-and-abortion-time-correct-record>

“Refugees, Religion, and Secularism,” with Sigrid Muller, La Croix, August 27, 2020; <https://international.la-croix.com/news/ethics/refugees-religion-and-secularism/12047>

“The Amazon Synod, Indigenous Rights, and a Problematic Papal Bull,” with Anthony Mejia, SCU ’20, La Croix, August 18, 2020; <https://international.la-croix.com/author/authorname?authorname=David%20E.%20DeCosse%20and%20Anthony%20Mejia>

“‘No Justice, No Peace’: Catholic Connections to a Powerful Slogan,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, July 15, 2020; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/ethics-and-systemic-racism/no-justice-no-peace-catholic-connections-to-a-powerful-slogan/> Reprinted in La Croix, July 21, 2020; <https://international.la-croix.com/news/ethics/no-justice-no-peace/12784>

“Safety, Risk, and Re-Opening a Business After Covid-19: Five Tips from Engineering Ethics,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, May 1, 2020; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/covid-19-ethics-health-and-moving-forward/safety-risk-and-re-opening-a-business-after-covid-19-five-tips-from-engineering-ethics/>

“Five Ethical Basics About Hard Health Care Choices in a Time of Pandemic,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, April 15, 2020; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/covid-19/five-ethical-basics-about-hard-health-care-choices-in-a-time-of-pandemic/>

“Five Ethical Basics in the Face of the Coronavirus Pandemic,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, March 20, 2020; [https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/covid-19/five-ethical-basics-in-the-face-of-the-coronavirus-pandemic/?utm\\_content=bufferdbb7f&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_campaign=buffer&fbclid=IwAR3vAGh8xgdZBUhcEUMzpDccEsbHmuMcApHgdctumeESqrA8v9Q5axO65Ow](https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/covid-19/five-ethical-basics-in-the-face-of-the-coronavirus-pandemic/?utm_content=bufferdbb7f&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer&fbclid=IwAR3vAGh8xgdZBUhcEUMzpDccEsbHmuMcApHgdctumeESqrA8v9Q5axO65Ow)

“The Danger of Political Lies: Social Media and Democracy,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, December 5, 2019; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics-spotlight/social-media-and-democracy/the-dangers-of-political-lies/>

“Pope Francis, Newman, and the Canonization of Conscience,” National Catholic Reporter, October 15, 2019; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/pope-francis-newman-and-canonization-conscience>

“Top Tips for Reading Accused Clerical Sex Offender Lists,” with Thomas Plante, Psychology Today, September 5, 2019; <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/do-the-right-thing/201909/top-tips-reading-accused-clerical-sex-offenders-lists>

“Life and Death by Myths, Stories, and Traditions: The Ethical Implications of Mass Shootings,” Blog, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, August 19, 2019; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/life-and-death-by-myths-stories-and-traditions/>

“Mueller’s Statement and the Injustice That Won’t Go Away,” National Catholic

Reporter, May 30, 2019; <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/muellers-statement-and-injustice-wont-go-away>

“Wildfires, Ethics, and the Biblical,” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, November 19, 2018; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/wildfires-ethics-and-the-biblical/>

“Why Should We Obey the Law?” Spotlight: Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, October 30, 2018; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/why-should-we-obey-the-law/>

“It’s Time for the U.S Bishops to Revise Their Catholic Voting Guide,” *America*, October 25, 2018; <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2018/10/25/its-time-us-bishops-revise-their-catholic-voting-guide>

“Health Care Repeal Efforts’ Misguided Idea of ‘Freedom’,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, August 11, 2017; <http://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/article/Health-care-repeal-efforts-misguided-idea-of-11748707.php>

“Lies and Damn Lies,” Blog, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, March 23, 2017; <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/lies-and-damn-lies/>

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### **Professional Associations/Service to Campus:**

#### Society of Christian Ethics, 2005-2013

- Secretary, Society of Christian Ethics, Pacific Section Meeting, University of Southern California, February 18, 2005
- Secretary, Society of Christian Ethics, Pacific Section Meeting, February 23, 2007, at Santa Clara University
- Secretary, Society of Christian Ethics, Pacific Section Meeting, February 12, 2010
- Secretary, Society of Christian Ethics, Pacific Section Meeting, February, 2013

Catholic Theological Society of America, 2002-present  
Co-creator and convenor, Public Theology Interest Group

#### Service to Campus

Ex Officio Member: Ethics Core Curriculum Faculty Committee (developed new ethics learning objectives for SCU's revision of the core curriculum), 2008-present

Co-Chair: Ignatian Year Planning Committee, 2020-2021

Co-Chair: Santa Clara University Strategic Plan Implementation Committee Regarding Theological Studies, September 2015 to May 2016



Chair: Organizing Committee of faculty, staff, and students for conference on Laudato Si at Santa Clara University on November 3 and 4, 2015, and called "Our Future on a Shared Planet: Silicon Valley in Conversation with the Environmental Teachings of Pope Francis."

Co-Chair: Faculty-Student Honor Code Drafting Committee, Spring 2013 and Fall and Spring, 2013-2014; supervised the successful drafting of an academic honor code for SCU

Participant: Ignatian Faculty Forum, 2004-06; sponsored by the Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education at SCU

Representative of Santa Clara University: Collegium Summer Colloquy on Catholic Universities, University of Portland, Ore., June 2004

Participant: Ignatian Pilgrimage (journey to northern Spain, Barcelona, and Rome with group of staff and faculty from American Jesuit universities), June 2004

Participant: Yearlong 19<sup>th</sup> Annotation Ignatian Retreat, with SCU Campus Ministry, 2008-09

Participant-Adviser, Student House-Building Trips: Tijuana, Mexico, November 2004 and November 2007

Participant-Adviser, Student Immersion Trips

- Urban Plunge, Tenderloin Area of San Francisco, Spring 2003
- Border Immersion Trip, Nogales, Ariz., and Nogales, Mexico, Spring 2007
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