

Curriculum Vitae

Deborah Ross

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EDUCATION

S.T.L., Pastoral and Liturgical Theology, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Ph.D., Theology, Heythrop College, University of London, United Kingdom (U.K.), thesis "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Liminal Experience: A Theological Anthropological Interpretation"

M.Th., Pastoral Theology, Heythrop College, University of London, dissertation on RCIA and catechesis

B.A. (Hons), Theology and Religious Studies with English, St. Mary's College, Twickenham, London, University of Surrey (now St. Mary's University), U.K., dissertation on moral theology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer and Director of Ministerial Formation, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (Berkeley Campus), 2013-Present

Quarterly Adjunct Lecturer, Religious Studies Department and Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries (GPPM), Santa Clara University, 2012-2013

Adjunct Professor, St. Ignatius Institute, University of San Francisco, 2012-2013

Research Assistant, progressing to Project Coordinator/Consultant, Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project, Heythrop College, University of London, 2006-2010

Research Assistant/Consultant, Evangelisation Research in the Catholic Church, Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge, U.K., 2005-2006

Various ministry positions including parish, university, and sixth form college ministry, 1994-2006

RESEARCH AREAS

Contextual theology; ecclesiology; evangelization and mission; practical theology; theological anthropology (Karl Rahner); theology and the social sciences; ritual studies; sacramental and liturgical theology; pilgrimage; and science and religion and bioethics

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

Book, co-editor and contributing author, Deborah Ross, Eduardo Fernández, S.J., with Stephen Bevans, SVD (editors), *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019)

Book, co-author, Helen Cameron et al, *Talking About God in Practice: Theological Action Research and Practical Theology* (London: SCM Press, 2010)

Introduction, co-author, Deborah Ross, Eduardo Fernández, S.J., with Stephen Bevans, SVD (editors), *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019)

Book chapter, "Field Education at a Shared Parish: Navigating Contextual and Pastoral Opportunities," in Deborah Ross, Eduardo Fernández, S.J., with Stephen Bevans, SVD (editors), *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019)

Introduction, Edith and Victor Turner, *Image and Pilgrimage in Christian Culture: Anthropological Perspectives*, rev. ed. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011)

Book review, Emma O'Donnell, *Remembering the Future: The Experience of Time in Jewish and Christian Liturgy* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2015), *Theological Studies*, Vol. 78 no. 1 (March 2017): 283-284

Book review, Claire Wolfteich, ed., *Invitation to Practical Theology: Visions and Voices*, (Mahwah, NY: Paulist Press, 2014), *Theological Studies*, 77 no. 1 (March 2016): 268-269

Book review, Timothy Larsen, *The Slain God: Anthropologists and the Christian Faith* (Oxford: OUP, 2014), *Theological Studies*, 76 no. 4 (December 2015): 854-856

Book review, Edward P. Hahnenberg, *Theology for Ministry: An Introduction for Lay Ministers* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2014), *Theological Studies*, 76, no. 2 (June 2015): 400

Book review, Myroslav Tataryn and Maria Truchan-Tataryn, *Discovering Trinity in Disability: A Theology for Embracing Difference* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2013), *Theological Studies* 75, no. 3 (September 2014): 682-684

Report, *Research Report on Lay Ecclesial Formation at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University* (Jesuit School of Theology, 2018)

Report, co-author, *Living Church in the Global City: Theology in Practice* (Heythrop College, University of London, 2008)

Report, co-author, *Going Forth: An Enquiry into Evangelisation and Renewal in the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales* (Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge and Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, 2006)

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

"Lay Ecclesial Ministerial Formation and The Sacramental Imagination," conference paper, Association of Graduate Programs in Pastoral Ministry (AGPIM) conference, February 2022

“The Work of Contextual Theology: ‘Doing Theology as If People Mattered,’” conference paper to be co-presented with Eduardo Fernández, S.J., Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), June 2021

“Ignatian Action Research,” conference paper, Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education Conference, Seattle University, August 2017

“Pastoral/Practical Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California” conference paper given at “The Belo Horizonte Meeting” Catholic practical theology conference, *Faculdade Jesuíta de Filosofia e Teologia*, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, April 2014

Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project, presentation and book launch of *Talking About God in Practice: Theological Action Research and Practical Theology* (London: SCM Press, 2010), Heythrop College, University of London, January 2011

“Victor and Edith Turner, liminality and the RCIA,” paper given at Theology Research Seminar, Heythrop College, University of London, February 2009

Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project, presentation and launch of “Living Church in the Global City: Theology in Practice,” Heythrop College, University of London, December 2008

“The RCIA as a liminal journey,” seminar presentation for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate Conference, Ohio, November 2008

“Liminality and the RCIA,” seminar presentation by invitation of Dr. Edith Turner, University of Virginia, November 2008

“Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project methodology,” ARCS project seminar presentation, Heythrop College, University of London, June 2008

“Researching Theological Contexts - A Grounded Theory Approach,” conference paper presented at “Theology for Church and Society: Developing Resources for Pastoral and Practical Theology,” Heythrop College, University of London, November 2007

“Evangelization and Renewal Research Project – Reading the Practice: A Grounded Theory Approach,” presentation at colloquium led by Heythrop College, University of London and the Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund’s College, University of Cambridge, May 2006

TEACHING

Lecturer and Director of Ministerial Formation, Jesuit School of Theology, 2013-Present. Graduate courses:

- FE-1152 M.Div. Integration Seminar I, Fall 2013-Present
- FE-2152 M.Div. Integration Seminar II, Fall 2013-Present
- FE-4400 S.T.L. Research Practicum, Fall 2015-Spring 2018 (co-taught)
- FE-4401 S.T.D. Research Practicum, Fall 2015-Spring 2018 (co-taught)

Quarterly Adjunct Lecturer, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University, 2012-2013.

Undergraduate and graduate courses:

- PMIN 288 Practical Theology, Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries (GPPM), Fall 2012
- TESP 50 Catholic Theology: Foundations, Undergraduate course, Winter 2013
- TESP 77 Encounters of Religion and Globalization, Undergraduate course, Spring 2013
- CATE 212 Process of Catechesis, GPPM course, Summer 2013

Adjunct Professor, St. Ignatius Institute, University of San Francisco, 2012-2013. Undergraduate courses:

- SII 330-08 Sacramentality in Film and Literature I, Fall 2012
- SII 330-09 Faith, Hope, and Love in Charles Dickens, Fall 2012
- SII 330-08 Sacramentality in Film and Literature II, Spring 2013
- SII 330-04 Pilgrimage in Contemporary Society, Spring 2013

Visiting Lecturer, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London, taught Ecclesiology and Moral Theology modules for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS), 1998-2001

SERVICE (Selected)

Boards and Committees

Santa Clara University Provost's Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers Council (PAFLC), 2020-2021

Student Life Committee, Jesuit School of Theology (JST) Board of Directors, 2019-Present

Master of Divinity Comprehensive Examination Board, 2015-Present

JST Student Life and Formation Cluster, September 2014-Present

JST Master of Divinity Degree Admissions Committee, 2013-Present

Archdiocese of Southwark Foundation Governor, London, U.K., 2006-2009

Department

JST Search Committee for tenure track Assistant Professor in Christian Spirituality, 2018-2019

JST Search Committee for tenure track Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, 2016

Principal Investigator for Santa Clara University Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education grant-funded project developing a model of action research incorporating Ignatian spirituality, 2014-2017

Reader for three JST M.T.S. degree synthesis papers in pastoral and moral theology, and catechesis, 2020

Reader for Graduate Theological Union (GTU) M.A. degree thesis on Japanese pilgrimage, 2019

Reader for GTU Ph.D. degree dissertation in practical theology, focusing on Latinx theology and Mariology, 2016-2018

Presentations

Presentation on Practical Theology and Missiology, with Eduardo Fernández, S.J., GTU Practical Theology Seminar, April 2021

Presentation on Contextual Theology, with Eduardo Fernández, S.J., GTU Theology and Ethics Seminar, November 2020

Presentation on book *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019), with Eduardo Fernández, S.J., Joe Daoust, S.J., and GTU Ph.D. student, JST community, September 2019

Presentation, workshop on the RCIA for JST students, April 2014

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry

Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities for Pastoral, Theological, and Ministerial Education

Member, American Academy of Religion

Member, Association of Practical Theology

Member, Catholic Theological Society of America

GRANTS (Selected)

Santa Clara University Lecturer Professional Activity Grant to present a paper on “Ignatian Action Research,” at the Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education Conference, Seattle University, 2017

Santa Clara University Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education Bannan Institute Working Group Grant to support a project developing a model of action research incorporating Ignatian spirituality, 2014-2017

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ecclesiastical Latin; French reading proficiency