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Positions

Fall 2021 Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University/Berkeley

Spring 2024 Appointed by the Vatican Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops to a Study Group/Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, tasked with addressing topics raised by the *Synod on Synodality* on hearing the cry of the poor and the earth.

Core Doctoral Faculty Member at the Graduate Theological Union

Education

2020. Ph.D. in Theological Ethics. Theology Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA, USA.

2020. Licentiate in Sacred Theology. School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA, USA.

2014. Master of Arts in Moral Theology, Major: Ethics. Catholic Theological Union, Chicago IL, USA.

2004. Master in Sustainable Development. Universidad Pontificio Comillas de Madrid, Madrid/Spain.

2002. Master in Economics & Management. Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale (Catholic University of Central Africa), Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Publications

Published Books

2023. *A Christian and African Ethic of Women's Political Participation: Living as Risen Beings*. Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology. (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2023)

Co-Edited Books

2026. (Forthcoming) *The Ethical Challenges of Globalization*. Co-Edited with Joseph Ogbonnaya, Associate Professor of Theology, Director Marquette Lonergan Project, (Marquette University Press, 2026)

2026. *Globalization and The New Political Order*. Co-Edited with Joseph Ogbonnaya, Associate Professor of Theology, Director of the Marquette Lonergan Project, (Marquette University Press, 2026)

2024. *African Women's Liberating Philosophies, Theologies, and Ethics*. Edited with Beatrice Okyere-Manu, (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2025. “Ecological Sustainability for ‘Life on Land’: Wellspring of Indigenous Knowledge.” *Religions* 16, no. 3 (February 28, 2025): 311. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel16030311>.

2022. “Fratelli tutti: Toward a Community of Fraternity with the Wounded Women,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, Volume 19, Issue 1, (Winter, 2022) : Pages 141-157. <https://doi.org/10.5840/jcathsoc202219110>

2021. “The Politics of Forest Conservation: Ethical Dilemmas and Impact on Peacebuilding” In *Amazonia: Gift and Tasks*, edited by Geraldo L. de Mori, Michelle Becka y John Baptist Antony (eds.), *Concilium*, 2021/4; *International Journal of Theology*, (October, 2021): pages 49–60.

2019. “Rape-Weapon of War: A Crime of War and A Crime Against Humanity Contemporary Challenges to Peace and Justice in Rwanda and the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).” *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, Vol. 28, no. 2 (July 2019): 40-59.

2019. “Rectifying Political Leadership through a Just Peace Ethic.” *Journal of Moral Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (2019): 122-139. Co-authored with Eli McCarthy (Georgetown University).

2016. “Christological Foundations for Political Participation: Women in the Global South Building Agency as Risen Beings.” *Political Theology*, Vol. 18 no.5 (June, 2016): 399-422. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2016.1195592>

Book Chapters - Editorial Review Academic Volumes

2026. “This Economy kills”: Christian Moral Response in an Economically Globalized World,” in *Globalization and the New World Order*, The Lonergan Center, Marquette University Press. 2026.

2025. “Religious Women Teachers of Synodality: The “Abundant Catch” of the Peripheries,” in *African Synodal Theology – A Tall Tree is as Strong as Its Roots*, Orbis Press, 2025. ed. by Orobator. pp. 121-142

2024. “Caritas in Veritate and Africæ Munus,” in *Modern Catholic Family Teaching: Commentaries and Interpretations*, Jacob M. Kohlhaas and Mary M. Doyle Roche, eds., (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2024). pp. 210-219.

2024. “Social Motherhood and Masculinization of the Church in Bernadette Mbuy-Beya’s Ethics and Philosophical Anthropology,” in *African Women’s Liberating Philosophies, Theologies, and Ethics*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024. Edited with Okyere-Manu, Beatrice. pp. 79-95

2023. “African Women’s Theologies.” In *Emerging Theologies from the Global South*, Mitri Raheb and Mark A. Lamport., eds., (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023). pp. 314-328

2023. “Luke-Acts on the Primacy of Faith Over Evil Civil/Political Commands.” In *Reinventing Theology in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Challenges and Hopes*, Marcel Uwineza, Elisée Rutagambwa, and Michel Segatagara Kamanzi, eds., (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2023). pp. 107-119.

2020. "Virtue-Based Just Peace Approach and the Challenges of Rape as a Weapon of War...", in *A Just Peace Ethic Primer, Building Sustainable Peace and Breaking Cycles of Violence*, ed., Eli S. McCarthy, (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2020). pp. 227-242

2018. "Mitigating Deforestation in the Congo Basin and Global Climate Change: An Ethic of Environmental Responsibility based on African Spirituality," in *Nature and the Environment in Contemporary Religious Contexts*, ed., Muhammad Shafiq and Thomas Donlin-Smith (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018). pp.

Editorial Reviewed Articles

2021. "Ubuntu et les défis théopolitiques des proverbes sur la femme" dans *Cahiers des Religions Africaines presses de l'Université catholique du Congo*. Nouvelle série. Volume 2, n. 4 (décembre, 2021)

2017. "The Feminization of Poverty. How Traditional Gender Bias and Sexual Violence Keep Women in Poverty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo." *Congo-Afrique*, no. 513 (March 2017): 231-242.

2016. "The Contribution of Jacques Maritain on Political Participation of the Christians in the Temporal World." *Telema/Congo, Jesuit Journal*, Vol. 1, no. 16 (January-June 2016): 2-22.

2016. "La déforestation en République Démocratique du Congo et ses effets sur le changement climatique : Une analyse éthique à la lumière de *Laudato Si'*. *Congo-Afrique*, no. 509 (Novembre 2016): 841-859.

2015. "L'enseignement social de l'Église catholique et la lutte contre la pauvreté des femmes." *Congo-Afrique* no. 496 (Juin, Juillet, Août 2015) : 499-513 <http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:107141>

Other Academic Non Peer-Reviewed Articles

2018. "Education as the Practice of Freedom' to Address Educational Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Asian Horizons* Vol. 12, no. 1 (March 2018): 52-65.

2015. "Deforestation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Climate Change: An Ethical Analysis in Light of *Laudato Si'*," *Asian Horizons* 9, no. 4 (December 2015): 724-740. <http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:107140>

Popular Publications and Forum short Papers

2022. "African Women's Christology," *Catholic Theological Ethic in the World Church* (CTEWC), June 1st, 2022. <https://catholicethics.com/forum/african-women-christology/>

2015. "The Land of Gold and Blood: Congo suffers from the paradox of mineral wealth and human poverty," *SOJOURNERS. Faith in Action for Social Justice*. (Sept-Oct 2015). <https://sojo.net/magazine/septemberoctober-2015/land-gold-and-blood>.

My Reviews and Endorsement of Books in Peer-review Journals

2025. Endorsement of *Sacred and Social: Theological Foundations for Catholic Social Teaching*. By Himes, Kenneth R. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2025. See <https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Sacred-and-Social>

2023. Review of *Reimagining Human Rights: Religion and the Common Good* by William R. O'Neill, S.J. Volume 20, Issue 2, Summer 2023. Nonviolence and Just Peace, in the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*. Pages 497-498. <https://doi.org/10.5840/jcathsoc202320230>. https://www.pdcnet.org/pdc/bvdb.nsf/journal?openform&journal=pdc_jcathsoc

2021. Review of *Sustainable Abundance for All: Catholic Social Thought and Action in a Risky Runaway World*. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 41, no. 1 (2021): 197–98

2018. Review of *The Church We Want: African Catholics Look to Vatican III*. Ed. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator. New York: Orbis, 2016. Pp. Xxxi + 272.” *Theological Studies*, Vol. 79, no. 1 (March 2018): 222-223. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0040563917746277>.

My Reviews of Articles in Peer-review Journals

2025. Dialogue Between *Laudato si'* and the African Thought Towards a More Functional Ecotheological Bioethics. *Journal of Moral Theology*. Completed March 2025.

2024. Joseph-Albert Cardinal Malula and "the listening bishop": An institution to (re) discover. *Journal of Moral Theology*. Completed June 2024.

2023. “After *Pacem in Terris* and The Challenge of Peace: How Pope Francis’s “Culture of Encounter” Carries Forward and Reimagines the Church’s Promotion of Global Peace Agenda” *Journal of Moral Theology*, completed on May 30, 2023. <https://app.scholasticahq.com/reviews/391743>

National and International Recognition of my Scholarship

2025. Invited/Member of the Editorial Board Team of The *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* (2024), I joined in (2025)

2024 Resident Research Scholars: Grant by Collegeville Institute, St. John’s University/Minnesota.

2024. Invited as speaker at Dublin University for the recognition of the paper “Luke-Acts on the Primacy of Faith Over Evil Civil/Political Commands,” published In *Reinventing Theology in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Challenges and Hopes*.

2024. Invited, member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Moral Theology*

2024. Recognized by *Publica* among the 10 African women to be read. <https://publicatheology.org/category/spanish/>

2024. Appointed by the Secretary General for the Synod as a member of the Study Group # 2 on *The Cry of the Poor and The Earth*. I am currently a member of the Sub-group on Theology.

2023. My research is listed as a reference for a scientific event on the History of Religions for the Contemporary Period Section in *Lettres Sorbonne Université, Research Institute for the Study of Religions*. Newsletter No. 24. September 2022. Published by Martin Dumont. Paris-Sorbonne University (Paris IV). Faculty Member. Secretary General of the Research Institute for the Study of Religions (Faculty of Letters, Sorbonne University) 2025.

- 2025. Review of my book # 3 in *Theological Studies Journal*
- 2024. Review of my book # 2 in *Journal of Moral Theology*. [Vol. 14, Issue 1, 2025, Jat <https://jmt.scholasticabq.com/article/127988>](https://jmt.scholasticabq.com/article/127988)
- 2024. Review of my book # 1 in the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*. Volume 21, Issue 1, Winter 2024. https://www.pdcnet.org/jcathsoc/content/jcathsoc_2024_0021_0001_0192_0194. *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*.

Presentations Papers/Conferences/Colloquium

- 2025. “Relevance of Luke-Acts Primacy of Faith for the Post-Genocide Context of Rwanda,” Keynote speaker for *Theologies, Religious Studies, Philosophy Research Seminars Series*, at Dublin City University. April 10, 2025
- 2025. “Epistemic Humility, Empathetic Listening, and Resilience,” Keynote speaker for *Newman Hall's Women in Conversation*, International Women's Day, March 8, 2025.
- 2025. Book Presentation of [**A Christian and African Ethic of Women's Political Participation Living as Risen Beings**](#), “Conversation with an author,” at *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 2025.
- 2024. “Religious Women Teachers of Synodality: The “Abundant Catch” of the Peripheries ,” *African Synodality Initiative*. Theology/Foundations of Synodality – A tall tree is as strong as its roots. Nairobi/Kenya, June & December, 2024.
- 2024. African Continental Presentation on the Synod, Keynote speaker for *Catholic Reform Church International*, representing *African Synodality Initiatives*, Nairobi, 14 September 2024.
- 2024. “African Women Theologians and Synodality,” keynote opening the *Hekima University College* (HUC) for the International Conference on African Women Theologians and Synodality that was held on March 7th- 11th, 2024 in Nairobi.
- 2024. “Christian Truths, Western Ideology, and African Families,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 2024
- 2023. “Peacemaking and Nonviolence: A Catholic Approach. Lessons from Women Peacemakers.” Augustana University-Interfaith panel, *Building Peace: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, March 2023. South Dakota
- 2023. Women’s Spiritual Leadership – Transforming Lives, Leading Change. Organized by the *Graduate Theological Union*. September 9, 2023.
- 2022. “Pope Francis: Nonviolence and the Fullness of *Pacem in Terris*,” 5-7 December 2022. for *Pax Christi International*, Vatican.
- 2022. *Catholic Peacebuilding in Times of Crisis: Hope for a Wounded World*, International Virtual Conference June 20-23, 2022; The Catholic Peacebuilding Network.
- 2022. “The Challenges of Forgiveness and Reconciliation: How Grace Restores When Religion Annihilates,” AARWR/March 2022, *Grace, Mercy, & Atonement: Exploring Artistic, Ritual, and Social Action Through Forgiveness*, 2022 Annual Meeting | Virtual Conference | March 18-20, 2022

2021. "Empowering the Disempowered," on *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill's Contributions to Christian Ethics*, on September 10 and 11, 2021 at Boston College.

2020. "Catholic Peacebuilding in the DRC: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa," July 2020, webinar project. Sponsors: Boston College International Studies Program; Boston College Department of Theology; Catholic Relief Services; Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame; Catholic Peacebuilding Network; Peace Studies Working Group of the International Federation of Catholic Universities; Sant'Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue.

2019. "Rape Used as a Weapon of War and Women's Anthropological Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges for the Preferential Option for the Poor in Catholic Social Teaching," March 2019, University of Notre Dame. Topic: *Option for the Poor: Engaging the Social Tradition*.

2017. "Partnering with Faith Communities: Challenges of Religious and Secular Literacy," March 2017, Dayton University. Topic: *Local Humanitarian Leadership and Religious Literacy: Engaging with Religion, Faith, and Faith Actors*. Co-presented with Professor Kelly S. Johnson, Robert Brodrick, Anwar Kahn, and Edith Tapia.

2016. "Deforestation in the Congo Basin and its impact on local and global climate change: Ethical and theological reflection on community forestry and participation of women," May 2016, Nazareth College, Rochester. Topic: *Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: Nature and Environment in the Sacred Texts of World Religions*.

2016. "The Challenges of Rape as Weapon of War: The Rights of Forced Migrants and Displaced Women to Protection and Reparations," October 2016, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Topic: *Public Theology and the Common Good: The Contribution of David Hollenbach*.

2015. "Religious and Cultural Differences and the Universal Idea of Human Rights," November 2015, Boston University. Topic: Boston Theological Institute (BTI) Annual Conference.

2015. "Feminization of poverty as source of violence against women: Traditional gender norms and sexual violence against women in DRC," April 2015, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Topic: *Engaging Rhetorics of Violence Against Women*, BTI Women's Conference.

2013. "Deforestation in the provinces of Northern and Southern Kivu (East of the DRC) and its impact on local and global climate change: an ethical analysis and theological/pastoral responses," April 2013, Chicago, CTU.

Courses Taught at the Jesuit School of Theology/SCU

Semester	Course Number	Course Name
Spring 2025	CEST-5002-1	Methods in Ethics
	RSCE-4157-1	Political Theology
Spring 2024	CEHR 4925 01	Ethics of Nonviolence and Just Peacemaking
	CEST 3903 01	Theologies of Liberation: Global Perspectives
Fall 2023	CE 2056 01	Fundamental Moral Theology
	CE 4800 01	African Theological Ethics: Development & Issues
Summer 2023	CERS 4712 62524	Catholic Social Teaching in Action
Spring 2023	CEST 3200 58279	Liberation Theology: Ethical Dimensions
	RSCE 4157 58365	Political Theology
Fall 2022	CE 2056 51805	Fundamental Moral Theology
	CEST 3902 52529	Ethics, Economics, & Liberation
Spring 2022	CE 4007 42298	Ethical Issues in War & Peace
	CEST 4900 42302	Liberation Theology: Ethical Dimensions
Fall 2021	CE 2056 36643	Fundamental Moral Theology
	CE 4800 36645	African Theological Ethics

I also taught:

2020. *Engaging Catholicism*, Department of Theology. Adjunct professor/Boston College, Fall 2020.

2020-2021. Applying Catholic Social Teaching/The Preferential Option for the Poor and Women in Catholic Social Teaching. Part-time at Catholic Theological Union/Chicago, Summer Institute, June 2020 and June 2021,

2018-2019. *Introduction to Christian Theology I & II* (2016-2017) and *Perspectives on Western Culture I & II* (2018-2019), Assistant and Teaching Fellow respectively/Boston College/Theology Department.

Guest Lecturer for:

2020. Erik Owens, *Ethics, Religion and International Politics*, Fall 2020, Boston College. Lecture on “How are environmental justice and peace closely related?”

2019. Lauren Honig, *Natural Resources Politics*, Fall 2019, Boston College. Lecture on “Conflicts Mineral – Resource War.”

2019. Lisa Sowle Cahill, Majors Seminar, *Violence: Cross, War, Race, Gender*, Fall 2019, Boston College, Lecture on “Gender and Gender-War Based Violence.”

2018-2019. Laurie Johnston, *Ethics, Religion, and International Politics*, Spring 2018 and 2019, Boston College. Two lectures on “Justice after war? Grassroots resistance to justice and reconciliation” and “Peacebuilding and *jus post bellum*.”

2019. Meghan Clark, *Environmental crisis and gender conflict in Congo and Rwanda*, Spring 2019. St. John University, New York. Lecture on “Rights of Women to Protection & Reparation.”

2018. Stephen Pope, Aquinas’ Ethics, Fall 2018. Boston College. Lecture: *Aquinas and Political Prudence*.

2016. Stephen Pope, *Reconciliation and Forgiveness*, Fall 2016, Boston College. Topic: “The Challenges of a Genocide for Reconciliation.”

Language skills

In addition to English, I am fluent in French and Spanish, and I have a basic understanding of Italian. I also speak Swahili, Lingala, and Kikongo, these are three of the four national languages in the DRC. Swahili is spoken in several countries in Africa.

Professional Activities and Memberships

2025- *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* (invited in Fall 2024; I accepted the invitation in Spring 2025).

2024- Graduate Theological Union: Berkeley, California, US; Core doctoral Faculty since Fall 2024

2022-2024. *Graduate Theological Union*: Berkeley, California, US; Faculty Library Committee Representative (Jesuit School of Theology/Santa Clara University), from Spring 2022 to Spring 2024.

2022- *Journal of Moral Theology*; Editorial Board Member, Invited position.

2022- *Association of Theological Schools* (ATS): Berkeley, California, US; Junior Faculty member

2021- *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church* (CTEWC); Contributor Forum (Junior Scholars).

2021- *American Academy of Religion* (AAR): Berkeley, CA, US.