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EDUCATION

1995	Ph.D. in Religion and Social Ethics, University of Southern California, Dissertation: "A Catholic Social Ethic of the Family" Directed by John P. Crossley (Religion) with Sheila Briggs (Religion) and Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo (Sociology)
2025	S.T.L. in Moral Theology, Regis College, University of Toronto
1991	M.T.S., Harvard Divinity School
1987	B.A. in Political Science, Yale University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-	Professor of Christian Social Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology
Fall 2025	Visiting Scholar, University of Central America, San Salvador
2014-2018	Professor of Christian Ethics, St. Louis University, Steber Chair 17-18
2017-2018	Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, St. Louis University
2006-2014	Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, St. Louis University
1999-2006	Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, St. Louis University
1995-1999	Adjunct Lecturer, California State University Long Beach
1995-1999	Adjunct Lecturer, Loyola Marymount University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist?, Oxford University Press, 2024
Si Può Essere Cattolici e Femministi?, Marietti1820, 2025
Sex, Love, and Families: Catholic Perspectives, editor with Jason King, Liturgical Press, 2020
Reading, Praying, Living Pope Francis's The Joy of Love, Liturgical Press, 2017
Hope for Common Ground: Mediating the Personal and the Political in a Divided Church, Georgetown University Press, 2016, Moral Traditions series
Family Ethics: Practices for Christians, Georgetown University Press, 2010, Moral Traditions series
Marriage, editor with Charles E. Curran, Paulist Press, 2009, Readings in Moral Theology series
A Christian Theology of Marriage and Family, Paulist Press, 2003

Journal Articles and Essays in Edited Volumes

“Catholic Contributions to a Defense of Democracy” (in preparation for submission to *Journal of Society of Christian Ethics*, 2026)

“Complex Centrality: Marriage in Catholic Theological Ethics” (in revision for *Theological Studies*, 2026)

53. “Abuse, Power, and Sexuality,” *Vatican II Event and Mandate: An Intercontinental History and Commentary* (in press, Peeters, 2026)

52. “Family Life,” in *The Catholic World*, ed. Matthew Schmaltz and Thomas Landy (in press, Routledge Press, 2026)

51. “Toward a Just Way of Eating,” in *Green Discipleship: Catholic Theological Ethics and the Environment*, ed. Tobias Winright (in press, Anselm/Cascade, 2026)

50. “Catholic Family Ethics and the Challenges of Globalization,” in *The Ethical Challenges of Globalization*, eds., Léocadie Lushombo and Joseph Ogbonnaya, (in press, Marquette University, 2026)

49. “Clericalism as Structural Sin: The Missing Voices and Bodies of Women,” in *Catholic Priests and the Matter of Sex: New Approaches to Clericalism*, eds. Philip McCosker, Luigi Gioia, and Travis LaCouter (in press, Cambridge, 2026).

48. “Making Room for Vulnerability: Contributions of Sarah Coakley and M Shawn to Christian Feminism,” *Studies in Christian Ethics* 38.4 (2025): 506-521.

47. “A Beleza Do Sexo Na Vivência Do Matrimônio Cristão,” in *Sexualidade e Virtudes: Por uma ética da sexualidade à luz das virtudes*, ed. Ronaldo Zacharias, Aparecida: Santuário, 2024, 171-202.

46. “Commentary on *Familiaris Consortio*,” in *Modern Catholic Family Teaching: Commentaries and Interpretations*, eds. Jacob Kohlhaas and Mary Doyle Roche, Georgetown, 2024, 149-156.

45. “The Conscience of a Catholic Feminist Working in Catholic Education,” in *Conscience and Catholic Education*, eds., Kevin C. Baxter & David E. DeCosse, Orbis, 2022, 198-212.

44. “Consent, Sex, Gender, and Power,” in *The Human in a Dehumanizing World, The Annual of College Theology Society* 67, 2021, 112-115.

43. “Masculinity and Sexual Abuse in the Church,” *Concilium* 2020/2, 118-127.

42. “Introduction,” with Jason King, in *Sex, Love, and Families: Catholic Perspectives*, ed. Jason King and Julie Rubio, eds., Liturgical, 2020, 1-8.

41. “Theology of Family Today: Contemporary Struggles and Future Promise,” *Irish Theological Quarterly* 85.3, 2020, 1-18.

40. “O desafio de chamar as famílias católicas a uma missão social,” in *Alegria e Misericordia: A Teologia do Papa Francisco Para as Famílias*, ed. Miguel Almeida, Frente-Verso, 2020, 259-282.

39. “Nurturing Catholic Identity and Promoting Social Change through Family Practices,” in *Renewing Catholic Family Life*, ed. Gregory K. Popcak, Our Sunday Visitor, 2020, 95-116.

38. “#MeToo, #ChurchToo: A Catholic Social Ethics Response to Sexual Violence,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 16.2, 2019, 1-18.

37. “Sloth,” in *Naming Our Sins: How Recognizing the Seven Deadly Vices Can Renew the Sacrament of Reconciliation*, ed. David Cloutier and Jana Marguerite Bennett, Catholic University Press, 2019, 89-105.

36. "Sex, Gender, and Revolution: Where Was Theology?," plenary address, *Annual of College Theology Society* 64, 2018, 63-83.
35. "The Newness of *Amoris Laetitia*: Mercy and Truth, Truth and Mercy," in *Amoris Laetitia: A New Momentum for Moral Formation and Pastoral Practice*, ed., Grant Gallichio and James F. Keenan, Paulist, 2018, 61-69.
34. "Four Reflections on *Pastoral Approaches*," *American Catholic Studies* 129:4, 2018, 1- 21. With Mark S. Massa, Mark S. Latkovik, and Leslie Woodcock Tentler.
33. "Cooperation with Evil Reconsidered: The Moral Duty of Resistance," *Theological Studies* 78.1, 2017, 96-120.
32. "Reflections on This Moment in the Church," in *Polarization in the U.S. Catholic Church: Naming the Wounds, Beginning to Heal*, ed. Mary Ellen Konieczny, Charles C. Camosy and Tricia Bruce, Liturgical, 2016, 11-16.
31. "The Reach and Limits of the Francis Effect," *Horizons* 42.2, 2015, 403-408.
30. "Family Ties: A Catholic Response to Donor-Conceived Families," *Journal of Christian Bioethics* 21.2, 2015, 181-98.
29. "U.S. Catholic Hopes for the Upcoming Synod on the Family," *INTAMS Review* 20.1, *Toward the Synods of Bishops 2014 & 2015: A Multi-National Survey and Analysis of Initiatives, Trends, and Perspectives*, 2014, 13-18.
28. "Animals, Evil, and Family Meals," *Journal of Moral Theology* 3.2, 2014, 17-36.
27. "Practicing Gratuity: A Vision for Families and the Social Order," in *Jesus Christ: The New Face of Social Progress*, ed. Peter Casarella, Eerdmans, 2014, 107-26.
26. "Practices of Love and Solidarity: Family Ethics," in *Invitation to Practical Theology: Catholic Voices and Visions*, ed. Claire Wolftreich, Paulist, 2014, 215-33.
25. "Virtues of Parenting," in *Virtue and the Moral Life: Theological and Philosophical Perspectives*, ed. Kathryn Getek Soltis and William Werpehowski, Lexington, 2014, 95-112.
24. "Ministering to the Unaffiliated: A Challenge for the Church," in *Family's Many Faces: La Famille as Pluriel*, ed. Karlijn Demasure, Peeters, 2014, 113-30.
23. "Practicing Faith in Public Life: Beginning with the Local," *Journal of Political Theology* 14.6, 2013, 772-85.
22. "Family Ethics: Beyond Sex and Controversy," *Notes on Moral Theology, Theological Studies* 74:1, 2013, 138-61.
21. "Consuming with Compassion," *Religion and Ethics: Issues in 21st Century North America*, ed. Paul Myhre, Anselm, 2013, 201-21.
20. "Beyond the Liberal-Conservative Divide on Contraception: Wisdom of Practitioners of Natural Family Planning and Artificial Birth Control," reprinted in *On Moral Medicine: Theological Perspectives in Medical Ethics*, eds. M. Therese Lysaught and Joseph P. Kotva, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2012, 818-29.
19. "Jesus, Paul, and Family Values," *Ex Auditu* 28, 2012, 45-69.
18. "Just Peacemaking: A Christian Response to Domestic Violence," *INTAMS Review* 17:2, 2011, 138-51.
17. "Moral Cooperation with Evil and Social Ethics," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 31:1, 2011, 103-22.
16. "Toward a Just Way of Eating," *Green Discipleship: Catholic Theological Ethics and the Environment*, ed. Tobias Winright, ed., Anselm, 2011, 360-78.

15. "Intimacy, Reciprocity, and Familial Relations: Marriage for 21st Century Christians," in *Catholic Theological Ethics: Past, Present, and Future*, ed., James F. Keenan, Orbis, 2011, 210-23.
14. "Self-Gift: The Practice of Sex in Christian Marriage," in *Leaving and Coming Home*, ed., David Cloutier, Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010, 226-49.
13. "Praying with Children: Attending to Religious Diversity in Families," in *Children's Voices: Children's Perspectives in Ethics, Theology, & Religious Education*, ed., Annemie Dillen and Didier Pollefeyt, Leuven: Peeters, 2010, 307-28.
12. "A Familial Vocation Beyond the Family," *CTSA Proceedings* 63, 2008, 71-83.
11. "Practicing Sexual Fidelity," *Josephinum Journal of Theology* (Special issue: Sexual Ethics Forty Years after *Humanae Vitae*), 2007, 269-91.
10. "Women Scholars in the Society of Christian Ethics: The Impact and Value of Family Care," editor and author, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 2007, 31-54.
9. "A Christian Ethic of Child Rearing: Home Schooling as Test Case," in *Gathered for the Journey: Moral Theology from a Catholic Perspective*, ed., David M. McCarthy and M. Theresa Lysaught, SCM/Eerdmans Press, 2007, 260-80.
8. "Marriage, Family, and the Modern Catholic Mind," in *American Religions and the Family: How Faith Traditions Cope with Modernity and Democracy*, ed., Don S. Browning and David A. Clairmont, Columbia University Press, 2006, 87-103.
7. "Flannery O'Connor and a Catholic Theology of the Family," *College Theology Society Annual*, 2006, 110-27.
6. "Beyond the Liberal-Conservative Divide on Contraception: Wisdom of Practitioners of Natural Family Planning and Artificial Birth Control," *Horizons* 32.2, 2005, 270-94.
5. "Living the Dual Vocation of Christian Parenting," in *Marriage in the Catholic Tradition: Scripture, Tradition, and Experience*, ed. Todd A. Salzman, Thomas M. Kelly, John J. O'Keefe, Crossroad Press, 2004, 193-200.
4. "Toward a Theology of Children" *INTAMS* (International Academy for Marital Spirituality) *Review*, 2003, 188-99.
3. "Three in One Flesh: A Christian Reappraisal of Divorce in Light of Recent Studies" *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 2003, 47-70.
2. "The Dual Vocation of Christian Parents" *Theological Studies*, 2002, 786-812. Reprinted in *Readings in Moral Theology No. 15*, eds. Charles E. Curran and Julie Hanlon Rubio (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist, 2009), 178-210.
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James F. Keenan, *A History of Catholic Theological Ethics*, *Theological Studies* 84.1, 2023, 171-72.

Adrian Thatcher, *Gender and Christian Ethics*, *Studies in Christian Ethics* 35.1, 2022,

213-214.

Todd A. Salzman and Michael G. Lawler, *Introduction to Catholic Theological Ethics*, *Horizons* 47.2, 2020, 413-415.

Susannah Cornwall, *Un-familiar Theology: Reconceiving Sex, Reproduction, and Generativity*, *INTAMS: Marriage, Families, & Spirituality* 24.2, 2018, 284-85.

Karen V. Guth, *Christian Ethics at the Boundary: Feminism and Theologies of Public Life*, *Journal of Society of Christian Ethics* 38.2, 2018, 196-97.

Cathleen Kaveny, *Prophecy Without Contempt: Religious Discourse in the Public Square*, *Horizons* 44.2, 2017, 486-87.

Meghan J. Clark, *The Vision of Catholic Social Thought: The Virtue of Solidarity and the Praxis of Human Rights*, *Journal of Society of Christian Ethics* 36.2, 2016, 227-29.

Emily Reimer-Barry, *Catholic Theology of Marriage in an Era of HIV and AIDS*, *Theological Studies* 77.3, 2016, 760-61.

Marvin Ellison, *Making Love Just*, *Horizons* 43.1, 2016, 226-27.

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Cardinal Walter Kasper, *The Gospel of the Family* and Juan Perez-Soba and Stephen Kampowski, *Gospel of the Family*, *Theological Studies* 76.2, 2015, 279-81.

S. Girgis, R. Anderson and R. George, *What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense*, *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 27.4, 2014, 499-501.

Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn and Klaus Demmer, eds., *Close to Our Hearts: Personal Reflections on Marriage*, *Theological Studies*, 2014, 22.

Charles E. Camosy, *For Love of Animals: Christian Ethics, Consistent Action*, *National Catholic Reporter*, March 28-April 10, 2014, 22.

Emily R. Gill, *An Argument for Same Sex Marriage: Religious Freedom, Sexual Freedom, and Public Expressions of Civic Equality*, *Theological Studies*, 2013, 1024-26.

Angela Senander, *Scandal: The Catholic Church and Public Life*, *Theological Studies* 74.2, 2013, 510-12.

James Davison Hunter, *To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, & Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World*, *J. of Political Theology* 13.6, 2012, 798-800.

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Donna Freitas, *Sex and the Soul*, *INTAMS*, 2009, 243-44.

Margaret Farley, *Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics*, *Horizons*, 2009, 361-62.

Michael Lawler and Todd Salzman, *The Sexual Person*, *National Catholic Reporter*, Feb. 6, 2009, 3A.

Brent Waters, *The Family in Christian Social and Political Thought*, *Theological Studies*, 2008, 945-46.

David McCarthy, *The Good Life: Genuine Christianity for the Middle Class*, *Horizons*, Spring 2008, 171-72.

Kent Van Til, *Less than Two Dollars A Day: A Christian View of World Poverty* catholicbooksreview.org, Summer 2007.

Daniel Hauser, *Marriage and Christian Life: A Theology of Christian Marriage*, *The Thomist*, 2006, 148-51.

James Keenan, *The Works of Mercy: The Heart of Catholicism and Moral Wisdom*, *Theological Studies*, 2005, 938-39.

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James Keenan, ed., *Catholic Ethicists on HIV/AIDS Prevention*, *Horizons*, 2003.

Charles Curran, *The Catholic Moral Tradition Today*, *Theology Today*, 2001.

Adrian Thatcher, *Marriage after Modernity*, *Theological Studies*, 2000.

Michael Lawler, *Family: American and Christian*, *Theological Studies*, 1998.

Other Writing

“Beyond ‘Bad Apples’: Understanding Clergy Perpetrated Sexual Abuse as a Structural Problem and Cultivating Strategies for Change,” [public report](#), August 15, 2022.

“Forward,” in Carrie Frost, *Maternal Body: A Theology of Incarnation from the Christian East*, Paulist, 2019, ix-xi.

“Family,” in *A Pope Francis Lexicon*, ed. Joshua J. McElwee and Cindy Wooten, Liturgical, 2018, 68-71.

Public Theology

“Was Mary a Feminist?,” [Glad You Asked](#) podcast, [US Catholic](#), Dec. 5, 2025

“Toward a Better Politics with Cooperation with Good,” *The Way Forward* (August 2025)

“Women’s Rights in a Divided World: Hollenbach and Contemporary Feminism,” [Berkeley Forum](#), October 1, 2024.

“The Synod and After- The Conversation Continues,” [The Tablet](#), Nov. 18, 2023, 8-9.

“Learning to Argue Well,” with M. Cathleen Kaveny, [C21 Resources](#), Fall 2023, 33-34.

“Prophetic Patience,” [Catholic Women Preach](#), December 10, 2022.

“Five Questions with Julie Hanlon Rubio and Paul Schutz on Clericalism,” [Taking Responsibility](#), December 2021.

“Challenges of Building Common Ground: What Cardinal Bernadin Can Teach Us,” [Berkeley Forum](#), November 30, 2021

“LGBTQ Youth as Subjects in Catholic Teaching on Families,” with Barbara Anne Kozee, [New Ways Ministry](#), May 28, 2021.

“Park Church,” [National Catholic Reporter](#), March 11, 2021.

“Seeking Common Ground in the Wake of Covid19,” [Explore](#) December 2020.

“In Supporting Civil Unions for Same Sex Couples, Pope Francis Is Moving Catholics Toward a More Expansive Understanding of Family,” [The Conversation](#) Nov. 3, 2020.

“Seeing Beyond Walls in *Fratelli Tutti*,” [Berkeley Forum](#), Oct. 27, 2020.

“Workers, Families, and the 2020 Election,” Catholicmoraltheology.com, Sept. 3, 2020.

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“Sex in heaven could shape its place on earth,” *National Catholic Reporter*, April 24, 2019.

“Teaching about Sex on a Jesuit Campus,” *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* 55, 2019, 45.

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“Historical Models: Jesuit Universities as Sanctuaries,” *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* 52, 2017, 38-39.

“Student Activism Matters: The Parable of Occupy SLU and Its Impact on Racial Justice Dialogue,” with Noelle Janak, *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* 51, 2017, 12-13.

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“Seeking Work-Family Balance at Jesuit Universities,” *Conversations*, 2012, 37-38.

“Belonging and Being for Others: A Catholic Vision of Marriage,” *Liguorian*, 2011, 18-21.

Professional Society Memberships

Society of Christian Ethics
Catholic Theological Society of America
College Theology Society
Society for the Study of Christian Ethics

AWARDS and GRANTS

Core Team, JST-SCU Pathways for Tomorrow Lilly Grant (\$10 million) 2025

Supervisor of Director of JST-SCU Lilly Grant (\$1 million) 2023-2025
Co-Principal Investigator, with Paul Schutz, “Critically Examining the Whys and Hows: Understanding How Structural Clericalism Enables Clergy Sexual Abuse,” Fordham University, *Taking Responsibility: Jesuit Educational Institutions Confront the Causes and Legacy of Sexual Abuse* (\$40,000) 2020-2022
University Research Grant, SCU, Spring 2021 (\$2000)
Association of Catholic Publishers Award 2020, *Sex, Love, and Families* (First Place, Theology)
Catholic Media Association Award 2020, *Sex, Love, and Families* (First Place, Marriage and Family Living)
Bannan Faculty Fellow, SCU, 2019-2020 (\$6000)
Koch Grant for Developing Ethics Curricula at JST, 2019-2020 (\$5000)
Founders Award, Women’s and Gender Studies, SLU, 2018
Faculty Excellence Award, SLU Student Government Association 2018
Catholic Press Association Award 2017, *Hope for Common Ground* (Faithful Citizenship)
Annual Book Award, College Theology Society 2017, *Hope for Common Ground*
Outstanding Teaching Award, Women’s and Gender Studies, SLU 2016
Catholic Press Association Award 2011, *Family Ethics: Practices for Christians* (Marriage and Family Life)
Faculty Excellence Award SLU Student Government Association 2007
Catholic Press Association Award 2004, *A Christian Theology of Marriage and Family* (Marriage and Family Life)
Faculty Excellence Award SLU Student Government Association 2003
Leonard Dissertation Award USC Department of Religion 1994
U.S.C. Humanities Dean's Fellowship 1991-1995

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Catholic and Feminist: Is It Still Possible?.” *Ann O’Hara Graff lecture, Seattle University*, Seattle, WA (January 22, 2016)
“Power of Love: Catholic Contributions to a Defense of Democracy,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Washington, DC, January 10, 2026.
“Catholic and Feminist?,” *Ex Libris* Author Series, Center for the Study of Spirituality, *St. Mary’s University*, South Bend, IN, [webinar](#), Dec. 2, 2025.
“Special Session: *Habemus Papum!* Initial Thoughts on Pope Leo XIV,” panelist, *College Theology Society*, Dayton, OH, May 31, 2025.
“Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist?,” panelist, *Santa Clara University*, May 15, 2025.
“Catholic Social Teaching and Our Responsibility to Distant Others,” panelist, “Foreign Aid at a Crossroads: What Happens When the U.S. Pulls Back?,” *Santa Clara University*, April 14, 2025.
“Toward a ‘Better Politics’ Via Cooperation with Good,” *Fratelli Tutti*: Cultivating the Politics of Communion and Compassion, panelist, *The Way Forward*, Fordham University, Lincoln Center, New York City, March 13, 2025.

“Identities and Christian Ethics,” Pre-Conference Workshop, *Society of Christian Ethics*, Chicago, IL, January 9, 2025.

“Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist?: The Problem and Potential of Identity and Belonging,” *Bellarmino Lecture*, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, Oct. 1, 2024.

“Vulnerability and Power: The Feminist Theologies of Sarah Coakley and M. Shawn Copeland,” *College Theology Society*, Denver, CO, May 31, 2024.

“Is It Worth It to Have Kids?: A Conversation Between the Social Sciences and Theology,” COLLIS Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, *Cornell University*, April 11, 2024.

“Family Ethics and the Challenge of Globalization,” Colloquium, Economics for Humane Globalization Area of the International Institute for Method in Theology, *Marquette University*, Milwaukee, WI, March 1, 2024.

“Why Are We At Each Other’s Throats?: A Conversation about Faith, the Church, and Polarization,” Church 21 Project, *Boston College*, Boston, MA, Nov. 30, 2023.

“Catholic and Feminist: A Proposal” and “Reflections on Being a Catholic Theologian,” New Wine, New Wineskins, *University of Notre Dame*, Notre Dame, IN, July 27-29, 2023.

“Imagining a World Without Nuclear Deterrence,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Chicago, IL, January 5, 2023.

“Compelling and Credible Witness: The Church and Abortion,” *Denver Seminary*, Denver, CO, Oct. 21, 2022.

“Does the Catholic Sacrament of Marriage Have a Future?,” *Australian Catholic University*, Centre for Liturgy, virtual, Oct. 9, 2022.

“Religion after Roe: Abortion in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” *John Carroll University*, Cleveland, OH, Sept 19, 2022.

“Understanding Structural Clericalism and Anti-Clericalism,” Taking Responsibility conference, *Fordham University*, New York, NY, April 23, 2022.

“Honoring Cardinal Bernadin’s Legacy in a Polarized Church,” *Bernadin Center, Catholic Theological Union*, Chicago, IL, Nov. 14, 2021.

“Men, Masculinity, and Abuse,” Women’s Power and Men’s Might: Potentials and Challenges of Equal Participation in the Catholic Church, *Academie Franz Hitze Haus*, Münster, Germany, September 16, 2021.

“Confronting Clergy Sexual Abuse: Research and Directions for Change,” *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 11, 2021, virtual.

“Consent, Gender, Sex, and Power,” *College Theology Society*, June 4, 2021, virtual.

“The Search for Common Ground, Community, and Belonging in a Polarized World,” *Shannon Chair Lecture*, Narareth College, Rochester, NY April 15, 2021, virtual.

“Voting Catholic,” public lecture, *St. Mary’s University*, San Antonio, TX, January 15, 2020.

“Catholic Theology and Gender Studies in Dialogue,” What is “Nature” Today in Science and Theology, panel presentation, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, *Boston College*, Boston, MA, Oct. 22, 2019.

“Finding Common Ground in a Polarized World,” *Catholic Lecture*, St. John’s University, Queens, NY, Oct. 21, 2019.

“Sexual Violence, Gender, and Power: Clergy Sexual Abuse as Case Study,” paper presentation, *College Theology Society*, South Bend, IN, May 31, 2019.

“#MeToo, #ChurchToo: Sexual Violence and Social Sin,” public lecture, *University of San Francisco*, San Francisco, CA, April 26, 2019.

“AI, Human Dignity, and Social Sin,” Seminar on AI and the Human Person, *Santa Clara University*, Santa Clara, CA, April 5, 2019.

“The Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis: It’s Not about Sex,” Clericalism and Our Contemporary Church Crisis, *Catholic University of America*, Washington, D.C., March 26, 2019.

“#MeToo, #ChurchToo: Sexual Violence and Social Sin,” *Loftus Lecture, Gannon University*, Erie, PA, February 21, 2019.

“Finding Common Ground in a Polarized World: Possibilities and Perils,” Mission Day, *Loyola Marymount University*, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 24, 2019.

“Catholicism: What’s Gender Got to Do with It?” *Mooney Lecture on Church, Religion, and Society*, *Fairfield University*, Fairfield, CT, Nov. 14, 2018.

“A Good Death,” Christian-Muslim Perspectives on Death, Dying, & Eschatology, annual meeting, *Pacific Coast Theology Society*, Berkeley, CA Oct. 26, 2018.

“The Gift and Challenge of *Amoris Laetitia*,” On the Vision of Francis after Five Years as Pope, *Regis University*, Denver, CO. Oct. 13, 2018.

“#MeToo, #ChurchToo: Sexual Violence and Social Justice,” Catholic Social Thought and Women, *Villanova University*, Sept. 27, 2018.

“Responding to Family Violence: The Responsibility and Potential of Global Networks,” *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Global Conference*, Sarajevo, July 28, 2018.

“Catholic Theology on the Family Today: How We Got Here, Where We’re Headed,” plenary, Walking Together as Families Today, *Pontifical University, Maynooth*, Dublin, Ireland, June 19, 2018.

“Sex, Gender, and Revolution: Where Was Theology?,” plenary, *College Theology Society*, St. Catherine’s University, St. Paul, MN, May 31, 2018.

“Hospitality and Inclusion in Catholic Institutions,” public lecture, The Promise of Diversity and the Scandal of Prejudice, *Cabrini University*, Philadelphia, PA April 9, 2018.

“Five Years of Francis’s Papacy: Prospects for Peace, the Poor, and the Environment,” panel, *University of Notre Dame*, South Bend, IN, April 3, 2018.

“What Does It Mean to be Pro-Life?,” public lecture, Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage, *Loyola Chicago*, Chicago, IL, March 21, 2018.

“The Novelty of *Amoris Laetita* for Priests and Laity,” *Amoris Laetitia: A New Momentum for Moral Formation and Pastoral Practice*, seminar, Jesuit Institute at *Boston College*, Boston, MA, Oct. 5, 2017.

“Dare We Hope for Common Ground?,” *Deitchmann Family Lecture on Religion and Modernity*, McFarland Center, *College of the Holy Cross*, Worcester, MA, Oct. 4, 2017.

“Can We Talk?: Catholics, Politics, and the Search for Common Ground,” *Montesinos Lecture*, Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, MO, Sept. 24, 2017.

“Diversity and Inclusion as Core Values in Catholic Institutions,” *Land O’ Lakes Symposium*, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, Sept. 22, 2017.

“Families, Love and Justice in the Era of Pope Francis,” public lecture, *St. Catherine of Siena Center*, Dominican University, Chicago, IL, April 19, 2017.

“An Incarnational View of Diversity,” keynote and “Welcoming and Meeting the Needs of LGBTQ Students within a Vibrant Catholic Identity,” *Association of Catholic Colleges and University*, Washington, DC, Jan. 29, 2017.

“Families, Love, and Justice: The Vision of Pope Francis,” public lecture, St. Jerome’s University, Waterloo, Ontario, Oct. 28, 2016.

“Faithful Citizenship in the Midst of Polarized Politics,” public lecture, Providence College, Providence, RI, Oct. 18, 2016.

“Can We Talk? Catholics, Politics, and the Search for Common Ground,” public lecture, St. Mary’s University, South Bend, IN, Sept. 27, 2016.

“Justice, Fidelity, and Mercy: A Feminist Appraisal of Family Violence,” *Catholic Theological Society of America*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 11, 2016.

“Catholic Reflections on Indissolubility,” public lecture, *Huffington Ecumenical Institute*, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, March 12, 2016.

“The Future of the Family in Catholic Life and Teaching,” public lecture, St. Michael’s University, Colchester, VT, Feb. 9, 2016.

“Justice in the Home: Cultivating Practices of Love and Solidarity,” public lecture, John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH, Oct. 27, 2015.

“Toward Better Conversation on Marriage,” *Catholic Conversation Project*, Boston, MA, August 10, 2015.

“Cooperation with Wrongdoing in the Manuals of Moral Theology,” *Catholic Theological Society of America*, Milwaukee, WI, June 13, 2015.

“Reflections after the Synod,” *College Theology Society*, Portland, OR, May 30, 2015.

“Polarization in the Church: Naming the Wounds, Beginning to Heal,” plenary/public lecture, University of Notre Dame, April 27, 2015.

“Are Catholics Saying Anything New about Marriage and Family?,” *McNulty Lecture*, Niagara University, Niagara, NY, April 10, 2015.

“The Synod on Marriage and Family: Preliminary Ethical Assessments,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Chicago, IL, January 10, 2015.

“Family Ties: A Catholic Response to Donor-Conceived Families,” *College Theology Society*, Latrobe, PA, May 30, 2014.

“Moral Theology and the New Evangelization,” meeting of theologians and the *USCCB Committee on Doctrine*, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., March 15, 2014.

“Passing on the Faith in an Era of Rising ‘Nones,’ ” *College Theology Society*, Omaha, NE, May 31, 2013.

“The Unemployment Crisis and a Christian Theology of Work,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Chicago, IL, Jan. 4, 2013.

“A Family for Others,” public lecture, St. Vincent College, Laboure, PA, Oct. 23, 2012.

“Faithful Citizenship: A Conversation on Catholics in the Public Square,” *Carondelet Lecture*, Fontbonne College, Louis, MO, Oct. 4, 2012.

“Poverty Reduction: The Real Potential of a Catholic Third Way,” *College Theology Society*, San Antonio, TX, June 3, 2012.

“Virtue and Parenting: Beyond Tiger Moms and Helicopter Dads,” public lecture,

Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 26, 2011.

“Just Peacemaking in Christian Marriage,” *College Theology Society*, Iona, NY, June 3, 2011.

“Family Ethics: Do Local Choices Matter?,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, New Orleans, LA, January 7, 2011.

“Identity, Reciprocity, and Familial Relations,” plenary, Second International Crosscultural International Conference of *Catholic Theological Ethicists*, *Trento*, Italy, July 27, 2010.

“Practicing Gratuity in Family Ethics and Social Ethics,” “Tradition and Liberation: *Caritas in Veritate* and the New Face of Social Progress,” *Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology*, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, April 21-22, 2010.

“Moral Cooperation with Evil and Social Ethics,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, San Jose, CA, January 10, 2010.

“Do Catholics Have Family Values?,” annual theology public lecture, University of St. Mary, Leavenworth, KS, Oct. 21, 2009.

“Toward a Just Way of Eating,” *College Theology Society*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, May 28, 2009.

“The Catholic Marriage Liturgy: An Invitation to Communion,” plenary, *Center for Liturgy*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, June 18, 2008.

“A Familial Vocation Beyond the Home,” plenary address, *Catholic Theological Society of America*, Miami, FL, June 4, 2008.

“Forty Years after *Humanae Vitae*: Divisions and a Way Forward,” public lecture, St. Mary’s College, South Bend, IN, April 3, 2008.

“Sustaining Marriage in the Post-Vatican II Catholic Parish,” *The Church in the 21st Century Center*, Boston College, Boston, MA, September 25, 2007.

“The Practice of Sex in Christian Marriage,” *New Wine, New Wineskins*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, July 27, 2007.

“Praying in Contemporary Christian Families,” University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, January 11-13, 2007.

“Between the Personal and Political: Families as Agents of Social Change,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Dallas, TX, January 7, 2007.

“Women’s Presence and Absence in the Society of Christian Ethics,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Dallas, TX January 4, 2007.

“Marriage as Sacrament and Covenant,” Colloquium of Social Scientists and Theologians, sponsored by the *USCCB Committee on Marriage and Family Life*, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, October 24-25, 2005.

“Marriage as Sacrament: Can This Theology Speak to 21st Century Families?,” public lecture, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, October 20, 2005.

“Why Get Married in a Postmodern World?,” public lecture, Mount St. Mary’s College, Emmitsburg, MD, April 7, 2005.

“Beyond the Liberal-Conservative Divide: The Wisdom of Practitioners of Natural Family Planning and Artificial Birth Control” *College Theology Society*, June 2004.

“The Cost of Doing Nothing: Universities and Family Leave Policies,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 2004.

“Marriage, Family and the Modern Catholic Mind,” “American Religions and the Family: How Faith Traditions Cope with Modernity and Democracy,” the *Religion, Culture, and Family Project* and the Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 2003.

“Sexuality and the Christian Tradition: Why Get Married?,” public lecture, Boston College, *The Church in the 21st Century Project*, Boston, MA, March 20, 2003.

“Christian Parents and the Moral Development of Children: Home Schooling as Case Study,” *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 2002.

“‘Three in One Flesh’: A Christian Reappraisal of Divorce in Light of Recent Studies,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 2002.

“Sinners and Dinners: The Relevance of Jesus’ Praxis for the Question of Exclusion from Christian Family Meals,” *College Theology Society*, June 2001.

“The Public Vocation of Christian Parents,” *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 2000.

“Christian Fathering,” *St. Louis Moralists* annual meeting, St. Louis, MO, February 2000.

“Reintegrating Family and Community,” keynote address, Centennial Symposium, College of St. Elizabeth, New Jersey, September 23, 1999.

“Rough Beasts Slouching Towards Bethlehem: Flannery O’Connor and Human Finitude,” *Pacific Section, Society of Christian Ethics*, February 1999.

“Toward a Christian Ethic of Daycare,” *Pacific Section, Society of Christian Ethics*, February 1997.

“Participation in the Family: The Rights and Duties of Parents and Children,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 1997.

“Searching for Overlap: The Potential for an Integrated Ethic in Catholic Teaching on the Family,” *Pacific Section, Society of Christian Ethics*, February 1995.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate: JST: Catholic Social Thought; Fundamental Moral Theology; Feminist Theology and Ethics; Family Ethics; Faith and Politics; Ethics of Social Reconciliation; Ethics, Economics, and Liberation; Violence, Justice, and Mercy; Camino Ignaciano (immersion); SLU: Christian Theology I, Christian Social Ethics

Undergraduate: SLU: Sex, Gender, and Christian Ethics; Faith and Politics; Social Justice; Good and Evil; Feminist Theology and Ethics; Christian Ethics; Marriage and Family Ethics; Social Justice in Nicaragua (Puleo Immersion Program); Christian Beliefs; Theological Foundations; LMU: Christian Marriage; CSULB: American Religious Diversity, American Religious History, Religion and Society, World Religions; Mt St Mary’s, Los Angeles Weekend College: Christian Ethics, Bioethics

DOCTORAL THESIS SUPERVISION

Egide Ndayisenga, “Indigenous and Religious Tools for Lasting Peace and Reconciliation in Burundi and Rwanda,” STD (2026)

Toan Ninh, “Eco-Friendship as the Pathway to Ecological Solidarity; Nurturing Harmony

with God, Humans, and the Earth,” STD 2024.

Kapyunga Nyrienda, “Reimagining Constitutional Democracy for Human Flourishing in Zambia through Augustine’s Social Love, Solidarity in Ubuntu (*Ukwikatana*) and Catholic Social Teaching’s Option for the Poor,” STD 2024.

Trieu M. Nguyen, “Family as a School of Social Virtues and the Mission of Social Transformation of the Catholic Church in Vietnam,” STD 2023.

Alfonso Suico, CSsR, “Reframing Reproductive Rights: Pope Francis’ Genius of Women as a Paradigm of Conversation between Filipina Women and Church Leadership,” STD 2022.

CONSULTATION

Diocese of Phoenix Office of Marriage, Family Life, and Spirituality (marriage preparation) 2024

U.S. Jesuits, 2015- (sex and gender issues)

Jesuit Refugee Services, 2021 (cooperation with evil)

Theological Censor, Dorothy Day Canonization Process, 2021 (reviewed two volumes of Day’s diaries)

Lane Center, University of San Francisco, Project on Women and Catholic Social Thought, 2020

Mons. Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., “Speaking for Those Who Have No Voice: A Pastoral Letter on Domestic Violence Directed towards Infants and Children,” 2005

SERVICE

Professional

Academic Societies

Society of Christian Ethics

Senior members and student reception, 2023

Board Member, 2006-2009

Families and the Social Order Interest Group Co-Convener, 2001-2010

Women’s Caucus Co-Convener, 2002-2005 (Organized a seven-year project on university work-family policies that resulted in publication of a work-family balance guide, a mentoring program, and approval of best practices.)

Breakfast with an Author: 2004, 2010, 2011, 2017, 2024, 2026

College Theology Society

Board Member, 2013-2016

Co-Convener, Sexuality, Relationships, Marriage and Family Section, 2024-

Co-Convener, Feminisms, Gender, and Theology Section, 2017-2019

Co-founder, Monika Hellwig Teaching Award

Represented the CTS at meetings with the USCCB’s Committee on Doctrine, March 16, 2013, Washington, D.C. and March 15, 2014

Catholic Theological Society of America

Sharing the Wisdom, 2023- (mentoring program)

Board Member, 2018-2021

Ex-officio, Presidential Commission on Clergy Sexual Abuse, 2018-2019

Planning Team, first CTSA virtual events, November 2020 and March 2021

Administrative Team, Catholic Social Thought, 2015-2016

*Peer Review***Journal Editorial Boards**

Journal of Moral Theology 2025-

Journal of Catholic Social Thought 2018-2024

Horizons 2017-2020

Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics 2013-2016

Invited Book/Book Proposal/Essay Review

Journals: *Theological Studies*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Studies in Christian Ethics*, *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, *Horizons*, *Journal of Society of Christian Ethics*, *Annual of College Theology Society*, *INTAMS*, *Journal of Moral Theology*, *Feminist Review*, *Signs*

Publishers Houses: Oxford University Press, Georgetown University Press, T&T Clark

Program Review/External Review/Search Committees

External Reviewer, Loyola Chicago Theology Department, Academic Program Review, (January 2025)

External Member, Interview Panel, Professor of Moral Theology search, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland, February 2022

Lead External Reviewer, Creighton University Department of Theology, March 2020

Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University***Administrative Work***

Interim Dean January-August 2023, October 2023, October 2024

Associate Dean 2022-2025

Initiated structural changes to systems (e.g., staffing, course scheduling, advising, website, assessment), led restructuring of the MTS and MDiv programs, oversaw implementation of \$1 million Lilly grant, forged new ties with SCU's Religious Studies department, the School of Education and Counseling Psychology, and Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries.

Committee Work

GTU Admissions Committee 2024, 2025

JST Admissions Taskforce 2024-2025

JST Search Committee, Christian Spirituality, 2024

Latino Theology and Ministry Leadership Network Board, 2023-2025

JST Appointment, Rank, and Tenure 2018-2020, 2022-2025 (ex-officio)
JST Thea Bowman Lecture Series Committee 2020-2022, 2024
JST Search Committee, Christian Ethics, 2022
GTU Women's Studies in Religion Steering Committee, 2018-2019, 2020-2021
SCU Faculty Senate 2019-2021
SCU Financial Integrity Group, Resilience and Recovery Team Spring 2020
JST Working Group on Clergy Sexual Abuse, Chair 2018-2019
JST Search Committee, Dean 2019

Speaking/Facilitating/Event Organizing

Organizer and Panelist, "Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist?" JST, May 6, 2025
Preacher, Tuesday Night Community Mass JST, April 22, 2025
Moderator, Synodal Moment webinar w/ Sr. Leticia Salazar, March 5, 2025
Panelist, "Ethical Advice for the New Administration," [GTU](#), February 18, 2025
Panelist, "Race, Religion, and the Election," SCU, Oct. 21, 2024
Speaker and organizer, "Faith, Politics, and the 2024 Election," JST, Oct. 15, 2024
JST Team, "Global Theology Initiative: Joining Together to Be More and Better,"
Nairobi, Kenya, July 25-31, 2024
Organizing team, presenter, "JST-GPPM-Religious Studies in Conversation," SCU, May
9-10, 2024
Represented JST at Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education, "Seminar on the
Teaching of Theology in Ecclesiastical Institutes of Higher Education," Rome,
May 6-7, 2024.
Conference organizer, facilitator, "Women and Synodality: Where Can We Go from
Here?," JST, May 2-3, 2024
Preacher, Tuesday Night Community Mass, JST April 16, 2024
Preacher, Tuesday Night Community Mass, JST, Sept. 26, 2023
Preacher, Commencement Mass, JST, May 19, 2023
Preacher, Tuesday Night Community Mass, JST, Dec. 6, 2022
Event organizer, speaker, "Beyond 'Bad Apples': Understanding Structural Clericalism
and Developing Strategies for Change," SCU, May 14, 2022
Speaker, "Catholic and Feminist," Banan Forum, Santa Clara University, virtual, April
26, 2022.
Event organizer, and facilitator, Fireside Chat with Jerry Beyer, "Just Universities:
Practicing Solidarity in Difficult Times," SCU, March 2, 2021
Event organizer, interviewer, Maggi Van Dorn of "Deliver Us," JST, Nov 12, 2019
Facilitator, Presentation to JST Community on Self-Study on Clericalism, Oct. 8, 2019
Preacher, Tuesday Night Community Mass, Dec. 4, 2018
Facilitator, Day of Lament and Mourning for Clergy Sexual Abuse, Sept. 18, 2018

Public/Community

Boards, Councils, and Committees

Planning Team, "Praxis of Encounter: Formation for Catholic Public Leadership," USF,

Conference May 21-23, 2025
USCCB National Review Board (advising bishops on responding to the clergy sexual abuse crisis), 2021-2025
Families Valued Leadership Council (ecumenical group working to promote a national paid family leave policy), 2021-2022
National Catholic Advisory Council, Biden for President Campaign, 2020
National Catholic Reporter Board of Directors, 2015-2018
National Seminar for Jesuit Higher Education, 2015-2018
Voices of Women, St. Louis, MO, 2014-2016
St. Louis Catholic Charities Advocacy Board, 2011

Lectures and Workshops for Christian Organizations

National

“Family Repair,” Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program, Berkeley, February 6, 2025.
“Family Practices in a Time of Many ‘Nones,’” Family Summit, National Community of Catechetical Leaders, Chicago, IL, Aug. 12-13, 2024.
“Faith, Feminism, and the Catholic Church,” Future Church, online, with Natalia Imperatori-Lee, July 17, 2024.
“Can You Be a Catholic and Feminist?,” LA Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 18, 2024.
“Catholic Teaching on Gender Identity,” presentation to Jesuit Schools Network Presidents and Board Chairs, Chicago, IL, Oct. 18, 2023.
“Catholic Teaching on Gender Identity,” presentation to Cristo Rei Institute Board Members, Sept. 15, 2023, via Zoom.
“Can You Be a Catholic and Feminist?: Implications for Authenticity in Catholic Identity and Belonging,” Ignatian Legacy Fellows Summit, Beaver Creek, CO (July 20-23, 2023)
“Catholic Teaching on Gender Identity,” presentation to Jesuit Schools Network Provincial Assistants, Portland, OR, April 25, 2023 (virtual)
“Clericalism and Clergy Perpetrated Sexual Abuse,” presentation, Joint Meeting, USCCB Committee on Child and Youth Protection and National Review Board, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 13, 2022.
“Reaching across the Abortion Divide: Resources for Arguing Well on Campus in the Post-Roe Era,” *Conversations*, Oct. 26, 2022 (virtual)
“Beyond Bad Apples: Clergy Perpetrated Sexual Abuse and Structural Clericalism,” presentation to National Review Board, San Diego, CA, June 11, 2022.
“Finding Common Ground and Community in a Polarized World,” LA Religious Education Congress, Los Angeles, CA, March 20, 2022.
“Catholic and Feminist?,” Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program, Berkeley, CA, February 15, 2022.
“Creating a Welcoming, Equity-Minded Campus Community,” Narareth College, Rochester, NY, virtual, April 16, 2021.
“Catholic Reflections after Election 2020,” Caruso Catholic Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, webinar, Nov. 10, 2020.
Seminar on Priesthood and Ministry, *Boston College* Boston, MA, Jan. 2-3, 2020.

“Integrity and Voting Catholic,” Washington University Catholic Student Center, St. Louis, MO, webinar, Nov. 1, 2020.

“Voting Catholic,” St. Louis University Campus Ministry, St. Louis, MO, webinar, Oct. 21, 2020.

“A Catholic Case for Voting the Democratic Ticket,” Argument Club for Women, St. Paul, MN, webinar, Oct. 19, 2020.

“Catholics, Faith, and Politics,” St. Thomas More Church, Decatur, GA, webinar, Aug. 16, 2020.

“Preaching Catholic Social Thought in a Polarized Church,” Friar Days, Northeastern Province of Franciscan Friars, Buffalo, Baltimore, and Hartford (March 24, 26, April 15, 2020, cancelled due to Covid19)

“Catholic Social Thought and Family Ethics,” Ignatian Legacy Fellows Program of Loyola Chicago, Berkeley, CA, Nov. 12, 2019.

Q&A with students reading *Hope for Common Ground* in a class for deacons St. Leo’s University, Diocese of Orlando, FL, Aug. 24, 2019 (online)

SLUH Men for Life, Leadership Retreat, St. Louis, MO, Aug. 7, 2019 (online)

“Implementing the Vision of *Amoris Laetitia*,” Archdiocese of Chicago Team for Lifelong Learning, Chicago, IL, April 19, 2017.

“Toward Common Ground on Poverty and Inequality: The Legacy of *Populorum Progressio*,” St. Rita Church, Lenten Lecture Series, Fairfax, CA, March 14, 2017.

“Ministering to Families in the Spirit of the Synod,” St. John Vianney Parish, St. Petersburg, FL, Feb. 20, 2016.

“Ministering to Families in the Spirit of the Synod,” Catholic Information Center, Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 21, 2015.

“Spiritual Practices for Christian Families,” Catholic Information Center, Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 20, 2015.

“Ministry to Families in Light of the Synod,” 6th Annual *Francis De Sales Seminary Lecture*, Milwaukee, WI, April 16, 2015.

“Developments in Moral Theology: How a New Generation of Theologians is Moving Beyond the Liberal-Conservative Divide,” *National Conference for Catechetical Leadership*, St. Louis, MO, May 21, 2014.

“Ministering to Diverse Families in Today’s Parish,” Series of four talks, Annual Convocation for Priests of the *Archdiocese of Santa Fe*, NM, Oct. 17-19, 2011.

“The Sacrament of Marriage,” series of five talks, Annual Convocation for Priests of the *Archdiocese of Dubuque*, Iowa, June 20-22, 2011.

“Christian Family: Artisan of an Evolving Society,” keynote address, *World Assembly of the Christian Family Movement*, San Jose, CA, July 29, 2004.

Local

“Making Ethical Choices in a Morally Complex World,” St. Mary Magdalene parish, Berkeley, CA, Oct. 12, 2024.

“What Does It Mean to Vote Well?,” Hope for Common Ground and the Common Good, St. Teresa Parish, Oakland, CA, Sept. 22, 2024.

“An Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching,” Catholic Charities Staff Retreat, San Francisco, Jan. 19, 2024.

“Catholic Feminism,” Theology on Tap, Newman Grads, U. C. Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, January 21, 2023.

“Catholics and Abortion after Dobbs,” Catholic Community at Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA. October 23, 2022.

“Call to Family, Community, and Participation,” Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Sacramento, CA, March 6, 2022.

“What Does It Mean for a Catholic School to be a Family?,” Faculty Retreat, St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Alameda, CA, Zoom, Jan. 3, 2021.

“Why Vote?,” St. Joan of Arc Parish, San Ramon, CA, Zoom, Oct. 11, 2020.

“Can We Talk?: Catholics, Politics, and the Search for Common Ground,” Women in Conversation, Newman Holy Spirit Parish, Berkeley, CA, Zoom, Sept. 12, 2020.

“Talking about the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis,” Meeting of California Catholic Conference Communication Directors, Berkeley, CA, June 11, 2019.

Facilitator, Town Hall Meeting on Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis, St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Berkeley, CA, Sept. 12, 2018.

“The World Meeting of Families in Ireland and Catholic Thinking on the Family Today,” St. Ignatius Church, San Francisco, CA, Sept. 9, 2018.

“Not Okay,” Lenten Penance Service, St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, St. Louis, MO, March 16, 2018

“Seeking Common Ground in a Divided Church,” St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, St. Louis, MO, Nov. 19, 2017

“Is It Time to Give Up on Politics?,” Keynote Address, Issues Day, St. Louis University High School, Nov. 8, 2016

“Families, Love, and Justice: The Vision of Pope Francis,” St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, Sept. 21, 2016

“Call to Family, Community, and Participation,” guest lecture for men preparing to be deacons, Archdiocese of St. Louis, Feb. 25, 2016.

“Catholics in Politics,” St. Matthias Parish, Sept. 28, 2015.

“Pope Francis in the U.S.,” Tap into Theology, St. Francis Xavier Young Adults, Sept. 16, 2015.

“Faith, Ethics, and Climate Change,” Ladue Chapel, January 27, 2015.

“Pope Francis and the Church: Toward Unity or Division?,” St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Dec. 2, 2014.

“Christian Responsibility and Politics,” Theology on Tap, Sept. 9, 2014.

“Balancing Work and Family: Beyond Catholic Guilt,” St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Sept. 3, 2013.

“Conscience: Who’s In Charge?,” St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, Oct. 2, 2012.

“Talking to Teens about Sex,” Retreat Day, St. Francis Xavier College Church, St. Louis, MO, April 22, 2012.

“Faith and Food,” Theology on Tap at the Royale, Sept. 26, 2010.

“Marriage as Christian Discipleship,” Archdiocesan Religious Education Institute, August 9, 2010.

“A Christian Theology of Marriage and Family,” Incarnate Word Academy, May 2009.

“At Home with Social Justice,” Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion,” April 26,

2009.

“Do Catholics Have Family Values?,” Assumption Parish, March 19, 2009.

“A Family for Others: Catholic Reflections on Family Values,” St. Claire Parish, March 10, 2008.

“A Christian Theology of Marriage and Family,” Incarnate Word Academy, St. Louis, MO, May 7, 2007.

“What is Sex For?,” Villa Duchesne High School, February 25, 2004.

“Dealing with Our Humanity,” St. Catherine Laboure parish, February 26, 2003.

“The Church and Children,” St. Margaret of Scotland, September 22, 2002.

“Christmas: Embracing the Meaningful,” Center for Theology and Social Analysis, December 2001.

Media

Interview, *Descent Into Light*, episodes 1 and 8, documentary of Sr. Danielle Victoria and Sr. Theresa Aletheia, on clergy sexual abuse, Oct. 1, 2025.

Interview, Leslie Griffy, “A Woman’s Place,” *Santa Clara Magazine*, Nov. 21, 2024.

Profile by Brian Bromberger, “New Book Makes This Case: Can You Be a Feminist and a Practicing Catholic?,” *Religion Unplugged*, Sept. 17, 2024.

Interview, Cassidy Klein, “Seeking Community, some Catholics rethink the nuclear family,” *U.S. Catholic*, Aug. 20, 2024.

Interview, Marshal Zeringue, *The Page 99 Test*, *Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist?* March 31, 2024.

Interview, Claire Giangravè, *Religion News Service*, *Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist?*, March 21, 2024.

Interview, Tracy Seipel, *Illuminate*, *Can You Be a Catholic and a Feminist?*, March 18, 2024.

Interview, Eduardo Cuevas, *USA Today*, on Pope Francis and blessings for same sex couples, Dec. 22, 2023.

TV Interviews, Local *ABC* and *CBS* networks, on Pope Francis and blessings for same sex couples, Dec. 18, 2023.

Interview, Andrew Campa, “Religious Groups Protest Dodgers’ Pride Night,” *Los Angeles Times*, June 17, 2023.

Interview, “Beyond Bad Apples,” *Conversations in Catholic Moral Theology*, Dec. 12, 2022.

Radio interview, *The Sunday Magazine* (Canada), Aug. 21, 2022.

Interview, Kaya Oakes, “Want to Improve Communication between Men and Women in the Catholic church? Start in the Seminary,” *America*, Aug. 18, 2022.

Interview, Michael O’Loughlin, “‘Beyond Bad Apples’: A New Report Examines How Clericalism Is Shaped By Sex, Gender, and Power,” *America* August 16, 2022.

Interview, Alejandra Molina, “Catholic Clergy’s Unquestioned -and Uneducated Power Spurs Abuse,” *Religion News Service*, Aug. 16, 2022.

Heidi Schlumpf, “Synod Must Be a Space for All to Be Heard,” *National Catholic Reporter*, Nov. 17, 2021.

Interview, *National Catholic Reporter*, on Catholic institutions firing LGBTQ employees, Nov. 2, 2021.

Interview, [America](#), on priests and lay women training together in seminaries, March 18, 2021.

TV Interview, [EWTN](#) on Republicans, conscience, and impeachment, Feb. 15, 2021.

TV Interview, [KGO-SF](#) (ABC) on Pope Francis and Civil Unions, Oct. 21, 2020.

Video interview, [Liturgical Press](#), with Jason King on *Sex, Love and Families*, June 17, 2020.

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Interview, Christopher White on priestly formation, [Crux](#), Jan 7, 2020.

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Radio interview, Timothy Uhl, [Catholic School Matters](#), Jan. 8, 2019.

Interview, Patrick Hyland on *Amoris Laetitia*, [The Jesuit Post](#), Feb. 12, 2018.

Interview, Charlie Camosy on *Hope for Common Ground*, [Crux](#), June 22, 2017.

Podcast, “How to Bridge Political Divides in Relationships,” Fishers of Men, LA radio, May 1, 2017.

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James Keenan, “Reading *Amoris Laetitia* in the New Light of New Easter,” [Crux](#), April 21, 2017.

Robert Shine, “LGBT Issues Prominent at Conference on Catholic Higher Education,” New Ways Ministry’s *Bondings 2.0 Blog*,” Feb. 4, 2017.

Gail DeGeorge, Elizabeth Eisenstadt Evans, “Catholic College Leaders Focus on Inclusion, Diversity,” *National Catholic Reporter*, Feb. 2, 2017.

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Radio interview, *Amoris Laetitia*, “America This Week,” SiriusXM, April 13, 2016.

Stephen Beale, “Presidential Hopefuls 2016: Hillary Clinton,” *National Catholic Register*, Feb. 26, 2016.

Sarah Pulliam Bailey, “In the Paid Family Leave Debate, Pro-life, Pro-Family Groups’ Own Policies Are All Over the Map,” *Washington Post*, Nov. 30, 2015.

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Guest, *The Pulse*, KTVI Ch. 2/KPLR Ch. 11, “Pope Francis’ Visit to the U.S.,” Sept. 23, 2015.

Michael Sean Winters, “Family Conversation Across Dividing Lines,” *National Catholic Reporter*, Sept. 12, 2015.

Tracy Rusch, “Author, Speaker, Preaches ‘Catholic Social Ethic of the Family,’” *Milwaukee Catholic Herald*, May 7, 2015.

Stephen Okey, [Podcast](#) for *Daily Theology*, Feb. 13, 2015. First episode in series of interviews with theologians

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Sexual Ethics,” *Vatican Insider*, October 3, 2014.
Guest, St. Louis on the Air, “Pope Francis,” February 12, 2014.
Brian Roewe, “Marchers, Bishops, Push Back on Marriage, *National Catholic Reporter*, July 1, 2014.
Guest, St. Louis on the Air, “Religion, Politics, and the 2012 Election,” Oct. 2, 2012.
Joshua McElwee, *National Catholic Reporter* on new guidelines for healthcare affecting Catholic institutions, 2012.
Editorial staff of *U.S. Catholic*. [Interview](#), February, 2011. [Video](#).

St. Louis University, 1999-2018

Departmental Administration

Director, MA Program, 2009-2013
Director, Mev Puleo Immersion Program, 2001-2009

University Service

Micah House Advisory Board, 2017-2018
Working Group on Campus Speech, Expression, and Civility, 2017
Immersion Trip Program Planning Committee, SLU Campus Ministry, 2016-2017
Safe Zone Revision Committee, Fall 2016
College of Arts and Sciences Rank and Tenure Committee, 2014-2016
External Coordinator, Chair Search, Department of Fine and Performing Arts, 2014-2015
Steering Committee, *Witnesses for Justice: Celebrating Martyrs, Preparing Ourselves*, 2008-2010 (20th anniversary of deaths of the UCA Jesuit Martyrs)

Presentations on Campus

“Can We Talk? Catholics, Politics, and the Search for Common Ground,” Friday Mass and Speaker Series, Catholic Studies, Jan. 12, 2018
“Are Jesuit Universities Sanctuaries for Truth and Justice?,” Conversations Roundtable Nov. 29, 2017.
“Christian Responses to Sexual Violence after #Harvey,” Religion and Social Issues Nov. 13, 2017.
“What You Need to Know about Pope Francis’s *Amoris Laetitia*,” Campion Society, Nov. 6, 2017.
“Mary of Magdala,” Women-Ministered Liturgy, St. Louis University, May 9, 2017.
“A Spirituality for Immersion Trips: The Wisdom of John Kavanaugh, SJ,” Kick-Off, Spring Break Immersion Trips, Nov. 30, 2016
“Healing from Religious Trauma in Queer Communities: Moving Toward Accompaniment,” Pride Week, Nov. 2, 2016
“Practicing Solidarity in Daily Life,” Day of Reflection following Spring Break Immersion Trips, April 2, 2016
“From *Gaudium et Spes* to the Synod on the Family,” Newman Convocation, St. Louis University, Dec. 8, 2015
“The Impact of the Synod on the Family,” Nov. 11, 2015
“Pope Francis Addresses Congress,” Sept. 24, 2015

“Faith in Politics,” Campus Ministry, Sept. 28, 2014
“Catholic Social Teaching, Race, and the City-County Divide,” March 19, 2014
“Theology and Sexuality Studies,” Women and Gender Studies Brown Bag, “What Is Sexuality Studies?,” Feb. 18, 2014
“Women in the Church,” Campus Ministry, Sept. 13, 2013
“Ethics of Food,” Theology Club, April 3, 2013
“The Cost of Doing Nothing: Universities and Work-Life Balance,” Women's Studies Brown Bag Series, Feb. 12, 2012
“Multiple Perspectives of Social Justice: From Theory to Practice,” sponsored by Doerr Center for Social Justice and Center for Sustainability, April 14, 2011
“How Men Can Stop Rape,” UNA, April 11, 2011
“Feminist, Catholic, and Married,” Sisters of Sophia, Campus Ministry, Feb. 16, 2011
“Buying Fair Trade & Cooperating with Good,” Theology Club, Feb. 16, 2011
“Thinking Catholic’ about Sex and Marriage,” Staff Development Workshop on addressing the needs of LGBT students in a Catholic University, April 15, 2010
“Just Eating: Why Should Christians Care about Food?,” Theology Club, April 8, 2010
“Mary’s Song,” Faculty-Staff Advent Service, Dec. 8, 2009
“Faith and Politics in the 2008 Election,” Campus Ministry, Oct. 29, 2008
“Immersion in Nicaragua,” Puleo Presentations, Sept. 2008
“Voting Your Conscience,” Theology Club, Mar. 26, 2008
“Pro-Life Feminism,” guest lecture, Women’s Studies course
“Faith, Politics, and Citizenship in the 2004 Elections,” Campus Ministry, Oct. 28, 2004
“Family: An Endangered Species?,” Campus Ministry, February 7, 2002.
“Ethics in St. Thomas Aquinas,” guest lecture, Honors Program Great Books course, January 2002.
“Homosexuality in the Christian Tradition,” Ethics Across the Curriculum, May 2001

Departmental Service

Theological Conversations on Religion and Social Issues Committee, 2017-2018
Bicentennial Committee, Martin Luther King Symposium 2017-2018
Undergraduate Mentor, 2000-2016
Chair, Search Committee, Constructive Theology, 2016-2017
Chair, Search Committee, Comparative Theology, 2012
Advisor to annual undergraduate student theology conference, 2005-2010