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EDUCATION

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2009
Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Ethics

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2002
Master of Theological Studies

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA, 1998
Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics
Minor: Music

BOOK

Migrants and Citizens: Justice as Responsibility in the Ethics of Immigration, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Press, 2017.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Burdened Solidarity: The Virtue of Solidarity in Diaspora.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. 39 (2019):93-109.

“Justice as Responsibility to Central American Child Migrants” in Haker and Greening, eds. *Going it Alone: Unaccompanied Minors and the Ethics of Child Migration*. New York: Lexington Books, 2019, 183-200.

“Ambivalent Solidarity” with Laura Johnston in Ahern et al., eds., *Public Theology and the Global Common Good: Essays in honor of David Hollenbach*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2016, 120-130.

“The Rational Agent or the Relational Agent: Moving from Freedom to Justice in Migration Systems Ethics.” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. 18 (2015): 355-369.

“Justice Not Benevolence: Catholic Social Thought, Migration Theory, and the Rights of Migrants.” *Political Theology*. 15(2014): 290-306.

“Migration in Catholic Social Teaching” in Haker et al, eds., *Concilium 2011/3: Human Trafficking*: 35-44.

“Citizenship, Responsibility and Catholic Social Teaching: Forming Consciences for World Citizenship.” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 6 (2009): 397-415.

“Sovereignty as Responsibility: A Model for Confronting the Problems of Irregular Migration,” in Heuser, Stefan, ed. *Political Ethics and International Order*. Munster: Lit-Verlag, 2007.

“‘The Tyranny of Caprice’: Absolutism and Relativism in the Thought of Joseph Ratzinger,” in Timmerman, Christine et al. *Faith-Based Radicalism: Christianity, Islam and Judaism between Constructive Activism and Destructive Fanaticism*. In: Gabriel Fragnière, *Gods, Humans, and Religions*, P.I.E.-Peter Lang: Brussels, 2006.

BOOK REVIEWS

“Aquinas and the Market: Toward a Humane Economy. By Mary L. Hirshfield. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. Forthcoming.

"Structures of Grace: Catholic Organizations Serving the Global Common Good. By Kevin Ahern . Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2015. 224 Pages. \$35.00 (paper)." *Horizons* 44, no. 1 (2017): 238-39.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“The Dangerous Memories of the Families Separated by the Trump Administration.” *Berkley Forum*. December 4, 2020.

“When the Government Won't Listen, We Must Refuse to Comply.” *Sojourners Net*. June 29, 2018.

“Trump's Invader Hordes Don't Exist: Most of the World doesn't want to come to America.” *Los Angeles Times*. March 9, 2018.

“Myths and Migrants” with Julie Polter. *Sojourners*. February 2018.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Evaluating the Churches' Teaching on Migration Ethics,” invited panelist. Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics. Costa Mesa, CA (virtual), January 6-9, 2022.

“Justice as Responsibility: Migration, Ethics, and History” invited speaker, Borderlands Institute Webinar Series, Texas Christian University, December 2, 2021.

“The Book of Nature: Order and Chaos in Ecological Ethics,” invited speaker, Perelmutter Conference for Jewish-Catholic Dialogue, Chicago Theological Union, April 19, 2021.

“We Can't Untie Ourselves: U.S. Responsibilities to Central American Child Migrants” invited speaker, Peace and War Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, January 2019.

“Jesus was a Refugee” invited keynote address, Faith and Reason Symposium, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL, April 12-13, 2018.

“A Story of a Border” invited panelist, Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, June 8-11, 2017.

“Immigration and Unjust Wages: How Wage Injustice Interrupts Solidarity,” invited presentation, Workshop on Just Wages, Higgins Labor Program, South Bend, IN, March 31, 2017.

“Agency and Coercion in the Ethics of Migration,” Plenary paper. Conference on Poverty, Coercion and Human Rights, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, April 13-15, 2012.

Panelist, “Immigration and Food Justice: A Multi-Faith Dialogue.” Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, MN. March 29, 2009.

PAPERS

“The Wreckage of Good Intentions: Moral Agency and Solidarity in Short Term Medical Missions,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (Virtual) January 5-8, 2021.

“Burdened Solidarity: The Virtue of Solidarity in Diaspora,” Society for Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, January 4-7, 2018.

“Haiti and the United States: Solidarity in the Context of Past Evil,” First Annual Richard J. McCormick, S.J. International Ethics Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago, November 11-12, 2011.

“Who has Burdened this Society?: A Critique of John Rawls' Duty of Assistance,” Society for Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 6-10, 2011.

“Who is Our Brother’s Keeper?: Responsibility and Solidarity in the Context of Globalization,” Second Conference of Catholic Ethics in the World Church, Trent, Italy, July 24-27, 2010.

“Migration and the Ethics of Responsibility: Negotiating the Local and the Global Common Good,” Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Halifax, 2009.

“Global Citizenship and Catholic Social Thought.” Symposium on Catholic Social Teaching and the Law. *Citizenship and Catholic Social Teaching*, Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA, October 11, 2008.

“For You were Strangers’: A Biblical Perspective on Undocumented Workers in the United States.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Scriptural Reasoning Group, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

“Sovereignty as Responsibility: A Model for Confronting the Problems of Irregular Migration.” International Joint Conference of the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (UK) and Societas Ethica, *Political Ethics and International Order*, Wadham College, Oxford, UK, August 2006.

“Border Control and Alien Admission: State Sovereignty from the Perspective of Catholic Social Teaching.” College Theological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, June 2006.

“The Tyranny of Caprice’: Absolutism and Relativism in the Thought of Joseph Ratzinger,” Universitair Centrum Sint Ignatium Antwerpen Summer Seminar, “Faith-Based Radicalism: Christianity, Judaism, Islam,” Antwerp, Belgium, September 2005.

“Distinct from What?: The Distinctiveness of Christian Ethics and Inter-religious Dialogue,” Engaging Particularities II: Comparative Theology Conference, Boston College, March 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Loyola University Chicago, 2017-present

Assistant Professor, Loyola University Chicago, 2010-2017

Courses Taught: Theo 185: Introduction to Christian Ethics
 Theo 185: Intro to Christian Ethics, Writing Intensive
 Theo 192: Moral Problems: Food Systems
 Theo 340: God, Evil and Suffering
 Theo 340/480: Justice and Solidarity
 Theo 300/400: Catholic Social Thought
 Theo 340: The Ethics of Migration
 Theo 340/460: Ancient and Medieval Sources in Christian Ethics

Theo 570: Graduate Seminar in Social Ethics
ISET Doctoral Seminar: Tragedy and Ambiguity
HONORS: Moral Responsibility: Theological and Philosophical
Perspectives on Justice
HONORS: Moral Responsibility: Ethics in The Good Place

Assistant Professor, University of St. Thomas, 2007-2010

Courses Taught: THEO 325 Catholic Social Traditions
THEO 215 Christian Morality
THEO 101 The Christian Theological Tradition,
IDSC 480 Honors Seminar: Justice and Scarcity, team taught
with Matthew Kim, Department of Economics

Teaching Fellow, Boston College, 2006-2007

Course Taught: Religious Quest: Islam and Christianity

Instructor, Caritas Labouré College, 2004-2007

Course Taught: PH 101 Introduction to Ethics and Bioethics

Teaching Assistant, Boston College, 2004-2006

Biblical Heritage II: The New Testament under Professor John Darr, Spring 2006

Religious Quest: Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism under Professor John McDargh, 2004-2005

GRADUATE ADVISING

Master Program Advisor , 2017-2019.

Dissertation Committee Service: Gabriel Jay Catanus (defended 2020), Rachel Hart Winter (defended 2014), Christopher Porter (defended 2014)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Loyola University Chicago:

Benefits Advisory Committee, 2020-present.

Elected Senator, University Senate, 2017-2019

MA Advisor, Graduate Program Committee, Department of Theology, 2016-present.

Elected Member, Department Advisory Committee, Department of Theology, 2011-2013, 2015-2019.

Committee Member, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Leadership Team for the 2015-2020 University Strategic Plan, Fall 2014.

Faculty Member, EVOKE Center Pilgrimage to Rome, Summer 2011

Member, Committee for Intellectual Life, Department of Theology, 2010-present

University of St. Thomas:

Co-Moderator, New Faculty Seminar on the University of St. Thomas Mission Statement, 2007-2010

Member, Justice and Peace Council, University of St. Thomas (2008-2010)

Member, Assessment Sub-Committee, Justice and Peace Council, (2009-2010)

Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Theology, (2009-2010)

Member, Assessment Committee, Department of Theology (2009-2010)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, 2018-2022

Referee, Society of Christian Ethics, 2010-2014, 2016-2017.

Member, Women's Council, Catholic Theological Society of America (June 2009-2010)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Loyola University Chicago Faculty Research Leave of Absence, Fall 2019

2nd place in the Catholic Press Association 2018 Book Awards, Category: Immigration

Summer Research Stipend, Loyola University Chicago, 2012, 2016, 2020

Flatley Fellowship in Theological Ethics, Boston College, 2002-2006

Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation Grant for Summer Research, Boston College, 2006

LANGUAGES

French (Proficient in Reading and Speaking)

German (Adequate Reading)