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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Ph.D.** Theological Ethics, Boston College and Weston Jesuit School of Theology, 1999
Dissertation Title: *Spirituality Meets Ethics: Francis de Sales and Love for God*
Dissertation Committee: Lisa Sowle Cahill, Michael Himes, Edward Vacek (chair)
- M.A.** Theology, Boston College, 1997
- B.S.** Mathematics, Georgetown University, 1984

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate Professor, Salve Regina University** **9/07 – present**
A tenured faculty position at an institution sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. Currently teaching in the core curriculum, offering upper-level departmental electives, advising undergraduate majors, and mentoring students in the graduate program. Actively involved in research, curriculum development, educational technology, and assessment.
- Chair, Department of Religious & Theological Studies** **7/10 – 5/16**
- Assistant Professor, Salve Regina University** **8/03 – 8/07**
- Assistant Professor, Sacred Heart School of Theology** **8/99 – 6/03**
A full-time faculty position at an institution primarily, though not exclusively, dedicated to the preparation of men of mature years for Roman Catholic priesthood. In addition to teaching a full load of courses, I was also responsible for mentoring fourth-year students in their capstone papers, and M.A. students in their theses. Additionally, I was a member of the Committee on the Assessment of Program Effectiveness and the Technology Advisory Committee.
- Part-Time Faculty, Boston College** **8/98 - 5/99**
Taught *Introduction to Christian Theology*, a two-semester undergraduate course that surveys the major themes of Christian theological thought and practice.
- Marketing Representative, IBM Corporation** **10/84 - 4/92**
Was employed for nearly seven years as an IBM Marketing Representative, where my responsibilities included running seminars and mass marketing programs (1985-86); managing a large educational territory (1986-90); covering major, multi-million dollar accounts (1991-92). Though they were not academic in nature, I also gave many highly polished business presentations to customers and IBM personnel.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Book Review: *Ethics & Spirituality* ed. by Charles E. Curran and Lisa A. Fullam

For *Theological Studies*. I reviewed the 17th volume in the Readings in Moral Theology series. . (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2014). September, 2015.

“Confessions and Adolescent Sexuality”

A paper that discussed teaching the first two books of Augustine’s *Confessions* to freshmen who were simultaneously becoming acclimated to a college sexual climate that offered temptations similar to those described by Augustine in his famous autobiography. An interdisciplinary conference underwritten by the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. October, 2014.

Book Review: *The Complete Introduction to the Devout Life* by Francis de Sales

For *Theological Studies*. I reviewed the edition that featured a new translation and comment from Fr. John-Julian, OJN. (Brewster,, MA: Paraclete Giants, 2013). June, 2014.

“Bridging Ethics and Spirituality in St. Francis de Sales”

A presentation at an international conference on Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, held in Trento, Italy, and attended by over 700 ethicists from 71 countries. July, 2010.

“Adoption and Catholic Family Ethics”

A presentation at the first Conference on Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, held in Padua, Italy, and attended by over 400 ethicists from 63 countries. July, 2006.

“The Marks of a Catholic University”

A Faculty Colloquium presentation to celebrate ten years of achievement at Salve Regina University under the presidential leadership of Sr. Therese Antone. April, 2005.

“Sex and Christianity”

A chapter for an interdisciplinary undergraduate text titled *Sex and Religion*, ed. Christel J. Manning (Religious Studies, Sacred Heart University) and Phil Zuckerman (Sociology, Pitzer College). Published in January, 2005 by Thomson Wadsworth.

“Beyond the Family Feuds: The Future of Roman Catholic Moral Theology”

The lead article for a special 10th anniversary issue of the *Josephinum Journal of Theology* on the future of Catholic moral theology, viewed from the perspective of a “new generation of moral theologians.” Published in the Summer/Fall 2003 issue.

“Places in Time: The Multi-Dimensional World of Francis de Sales”

A plenary address for the 20th Annual Conference on the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal, delivered August 1, 2003 in St. Louis. The presentation described how Salesian spirituality has been influenced by Francis and Jane’s geographic, social, and cultural location.

“Re-Discovering a Love for God”

Published in the Summer 2000 issue of the *Josephinum Journal of Theology*.

GRANTS and AWARDS

- **Sr. M. Therese Antone Special Project Award** **Fall 2016**
Awarded in partnership with Dr. John Tawa of the Psychology Department, this \$5,000 grant funds a project that is empirically examines the effects of college courses taught within a transformative education pedagogy, i.e., one which strives to challenge social injustices—in this case, racism and sexism—by effecting personal changed within students. The project will span two years.
- **Collaborative Project Grant** **Spring 2014**
Developed in conjunction with Dr. Timothy Neary of the History Department, this three-thousand dollar grant proposal was submitted and approved in support of a Civil Rights Bus Tour that took twenty Salve Regina students to visit historical sites and meet with participants in the civil rights movement in Greensboro, NC; Atlanta and Albany, GA; Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, AL; Nashville, TN; and Washington, DC.
- **Davis Fellow** **2009-10**
With a stipend funded by the Davis Foundation, this fellowship allowed me to substantially revise two courses both in content and pedagogy and serve as a teaching resource for other faculty on campus.
- **Salve Regina University Media Recognition Award** **Spring 2006**
For work with SRU public relations, particularly media interviews
- **Presidential Faculty Award** **Fall 2005**
A one-course teaching reduction granted to facilitate my efforts to spread awareness on campus and beyond of the African AIDS pandemic.
- **Atwood Lecture Committee Award** **Fall 2005**
A grant of approximately one-thousand six-hundred dollars to partially fund a public lecture of the nationally known anti-racism activist Tim Wise, who spoke at SRU on November 9, 2005.
- **Collaborative Project Grant** **Spring 2005**
A three-thousand dollar grant approved to partially offset expenses associated with a faculty trip to Nairobi, Kenya, to explore ways in which Salve Regina could develop a mutually beneficial relationship with the Nyumbani Orphanage and their related program. I was the principal author of the grant proposal that was submitted on behalf of 13 faculty members from nine departments, and I traveled to Nairobi in May, 2005.
- **Doctoral Student Fellowship** **1993-98**
An aggregate competitively awarded fellowship of \$50,000, in addition to full tuition remission during my years as a Ph.D. student at Boston College.

COURSES TAUGHT

At Salve Regina University:

- **GST 150 The Portal Course: Seeking Wisdom: From Wonder to Justice**
A first-year core course introducing students to a Catholic liberal arts education. Students wrestle with some of the “big questions” of life through engagement with classic and contemporary texts, accompanied by a concentrated writing process.
- **GST 450 The Capstone Course: Living Wisdom**
A senior-year integrative core course designed to assist students reflect, philosophically and spiritually, on questions of personal development and global citizenship in light of his or her Salve experience. Through the years I have taught three different version of this course, the most recent one in dialogue with protest movements of the 1960s.

- **PEL 299 Ethics and Origins of Race**
An honors seminar examining race and racism from an interdisciplinary perspective. Teaching this course also involved bringing a guest speaker to campus for a well-received public presentation.
- **RST 200 Foundations of Religious Thought**
A course designed to help students live creatively in the contemporary world by considering the role of faith, religion and theology in a society that is religiously and culturally diverse.
- **RTS 335 Christian Ethics and Social Issues**
A course with considerable flexibility for faculty to focus on particular issues. My class examined some of the religious influences on the civil rights movement and manifestations of racism in contemporary times.
- **RTS 336 Christian Marriage and Family Life**
A biblical, historical, and contemporary reflection on Christian marriage and families, with further study of parenting, sexual morality, assisted reproduction, and divorce/remarriage.
- **RTS 337 Christian Ethics and Biomedical Issues**
A course which analyzes and evaluates issues in biomedical ethics (relating to conception, end-of-life, medical research, etc.) through engagement and dialogue with pertinent secular and religious texts.
- **RTS 338 Christian Ethics and Human Sexuality**
A course in sexual ethics that is designed to help students articulate a Christian vision of human sexuality that can be successfully integrated into a contemporary Christian spirituality.
- **RST 399 The Diabolical and the Divine**
A critical examination of contemporary Christian understandings of God against the backdrop of natural and human evil.
- **VIA 220 Destructive Interpretations of the Good Life**
An inquiry into ways in which the classical notion of "The Good Life" has been, and continues to be, corrupted by mistaken notions of happiness and virtue.

At other institutions:

- **Justice & Peace**
An introduction to modern Catholic social teaching and its bearing on issues such as war & peace, affluence & poverty, racism, sexism, crime & punishment, globalization, hunger, and the environment.
- **Human Sexuality**
A survey of the biblical, traditional, and contemporary theological literature as it pertains to topics in marriage and human sexuality.
- **Human Life**
A class in bio-medical ethics covering abortion, assisted fertility techniques, neonatal care, genetics, stem cell research, end-of-life care, and physician-assisted suicide.
- **Introduction to Christian Theology**
An undergraduate course (which I taught at Boston College) exploring the major themes and practices of the Christian religious tradition.
- **Sacraments in General and of Initiation**
An exploration into the nature of sacraments and sacramentality, with special attention to baptism, confirmation and eucharist.
- **How Scripture and Ethics Interact (team taught with a scripture colleague)**
A course in biblical hermeneutics together with an exploration of contemporary topics (wealth & poverty, women in ministry, pacifism/just war, homosexuality, divorce & remarriage).

- **Introduction to Christian Spirituality**
An inquiry into the nature and theology of spirituality, with an overview of modern spiritual practices and movements.
- **Major Figures in Christian Spirituality**
An historical exploration into the Benedictine, Franciscan, Carmelite and Salesian spiritual traditions, with a modern day comparison to Mohandas Gandhi.
- **Spirituality: Applications and Implications**
An in-depth examination of Salesian spirituality, with emphasis on its implications for prayer, discernment, models of God, providence, spiritual direction and a life of virtue.
- **Theological Anthropology**
A course on the nature of human existence as considered from a Judeo-Christian perspective. Topics include creation, sin, grace, redemption, as well as modern questions of gender and cultural diversity.

Continuing Education Offerings

- “Discerning and Following God’s Will” (October, 2002)
- “Introduction to Bioethics” (March, 2001)

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- **“Consent: Let’s Talk”** **11/16**
Invited panelist for a forum exploring the prominence of sexual assault on college campuses.
- **“On the Road to Freedom”** **10/14**
A joint presentation with a colleague in the History Department discussing a social ethics course I taught in Spring 2014 that included an embedded travel experience into the deep South, Salve Regina’s first Civil Rights Bus Tour.
- **“Sexual Variations”** **4/11**
A case-based presentation and follow-up discussion on sexual practices which are typically not discussed in standard Christian treatments of sexual ethics. Offered to a weekly, seminar-style workshop focused on contemporary issues in theology.
- **“Friendship”** **10/10**
A talk to 300+ college students gathered in the wake of an outbreak of bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation. Presented at Salve Regina University.
- **“St. Augustine and the Moral Life”** **7/08**
An all-day seminar at the Smithsonian Institution structured around four separate presentations: “St. Augustine: His Life and Times;” “The Restless Heart: Augustine on the Human Condition;” “From Self to Others: An Augustinian View of Human Community;” and “The Good Life in Augustinian Perspective.”
- **“The Spiritual Lives of Children”** **9/06**
A presentation exploring the various ways in which children are alive in the Spirit, and how parents can appreciate and nurture their children’s spirituality Presented at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Sharon, MA.
- **“Fruitful Parenting: Cultivating Children in the Faith”** **10/05**
In the face of studies which show that Catholic teens are, at best, only marginally literate or involved in their religion, this presentation asks “What can we reasonably expect of the Christian community when it comes to the stewardship of children in the faith?” Presented at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Sharon, MA.

- **“Facing the Future: Is Global Ethics Possible?”** **6/05**
Participant on a panel discussion following a keynote address by Dr. Peter H. Liotta
- **“A Different Kind of King: New Ideas for a New Liturgical Year”** **11/04**
A creative interpretation of God’s power and sovereignty that takes its cue from Christ crucified as the defining mark of divine love in the encounter with evil and suffering. Presented at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Sharon, MA.
- **“Loving the Terrorist: The Incredible Challenge of the Golden Rule”** **2/04**
A contemporary interpretation of the gospel injunction to “Do to others as you would have others do to you”—including loving one’s enemies. Presented at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Sharon, MA. .
- **“Human Sexuality and the Sacrament of Marriage”** **10/03**
A history of Catholic Christian teaching on marriage & sexuality, juxtaposed with a consideration of contemporary challenges that teaching faces. Presented at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Sharon, MA.
- **“Responding to Violence: Just War in Catholic Social Thought”** **5/02**
A workshop for Directors of Religious Education, teachers and catechists at a continuing education forum titled “Seeds for Growth,” co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and Alverno College.
- **“Baptism: Its History and Contemporary Understanding”** **3/02**
An overview in sacramental theology given as part of a Lenten series for adult faith formation.
- **“Sexual Ethics and Roman Catholicism”** **10/00**
A presentation at the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Cathedral for those inquiring into the Catholic faith, as well as Catholics on the Christian initiation team.
- **“End of Life Ethics: The Case of Conjoined Twins”** **9/00**
A workshop for the Sacred Heart School of Theology alumni which focused on the presuppositions and moral principles involved in determining a morally acceptable course of action in the case of conjoined twins--when the survival of one is linked to the death of the other.
- **“A Most Profound Obedience of Love”** **4/99**
A scholarly presentation on Francis de Sales and Effective Love for God, given to doctoral students and faculty from Harvard, Yale and Boston College.
- **“The Prodigal Son and the Search for Happiness”** **4/98**
A talk for teens in an inner city parish of Boston, St. Mary of the Angels.
- **“Re-Discovering a Love for God”** **4/97**
A paper delivered at the 1997 University of Chicago Student Ethics Conference.
- **“Books of the Bible”** **10/96 - 5/98**
Monthly presentations in a parish-based adult education program, focusing on a different book of the Bible each month.
- **“Sexual Ethics for Young Adults”** **10/94, 9/95**
Gave two lectures to large (35+) groups of Catholic adults, ages 21-39 at St. Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill, MA: “Sexual Pleasure in Christian Understanding,” and “Sex and the Young Adult.”

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- **Dissertation Director** (currently) for “The Ethics of Neuromarketing”
- **External Evaluator**, of the Catholic Studies Program at Anna Maria College (Spring 2014)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE)

- **Vice Chair, Faculty Assembly** (2016—present)
- **Core Review Committees** (2016—present)
- **Previously served on numerous standing, ad hoc, and search committees**
- **Open Houses, Connections Days, Major-Minor Fairs, First Year Orientations**
- **Faculty Advisor to various student organizations**
 - **Students for Mercy, 2014-2016**
 - **MyTurn, 2012-2014**
 - **Face AIDS, 2011-2013**

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- **Catholic Theological Society of America**
attended the annual meeting in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2013
- **Society of Christian Ethics**
attended annual meeting in 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2012
session convener in 2004, 2005, 2006