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## EDUCATION

- 2013      **Ph.D.** Systematic Theology, Boston College  
            **Dissertation:** *The Plural and Ambiguous Self: The Theological Anthropology of David Tracy*
- 2005      **M.A.** Theology and Religious Ethics, University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2003      **A.B.** Theology and Mathematics, *magna cum laude*, Georgetown University

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2013-present    **Assistant Professor**  
                    Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL  
                    Department of Philosophy, Theology, and Religion
- 2011-2013      **Teaching Fellow**  
                    Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
                    Department of Theology

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*A Theology of Conversation: An Introduction to David Tracy.* Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press [under contract]

### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2015      “Wherever Two or More Are Networked: The Dialectic of Presence and Absence in Online Encounters.” *Comunicazioni Sociali* 2015 no. 3 (2015): 323-331.
- 2013      “Responsibility, Humility, and Intervention: A Niebuhrian Assessment of The Responsibility to Protect.” *Political Theology* 14 no. 6 (2013): 699-720.

### Shorter academic pieces

- 2014      “Fundamental Theology.” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America* 69 (2014): 120-121.
- 2013      “Fundamental Theology.” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America* 68 (2013): 108-109.
- 2013      “The Future of Ecclesiology.” In *Visions of Hope: Emerging Theologians Envision the Future of the Church*, edited by Kevin J. Ahern, 177-180. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2013.

### Book Reviews

- 2016      González-Andrieu, Cecilia. *Bridge to Wonder: Art as a Gospel of Beauty*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012. In *Religious Studies Review* 42 no. 3 (Sept 2016): 196.
- 2016      Ahmed, Sara. *On Being Included: Racism and Diversity in Institutional Life*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press Books, 2012. In *Reflective Teaching*, August 2016.

- 2014 Heller, Agnes. *The Concept of the Beautiful*. Edited with an essay by Marcia Morgan. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2012. In [www.catholicbooksreview.org](http://www.catholicbooksreview.org), March 2014
- 2013 Wright, John, ed. *Postliberal Theology and the Church Catholic: Conversations with George Lindbeck, David Burrell, Stanley Hauerwas*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2012. In *Religious Studies Review* 39 no. 1 (March 2013): 28.
- 2013 Wagner, Rachel. *Godwired: Religion, Ritual and Virtual Reality*. New York: Routledge, 2012. In *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 25 no. 1 (Spring 2013).
- 2011 O'Malley, William J. *The Wow Factor: Bringing the Catholic Faith to Life*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2011. In [www.catholicbooksreview.org](http://www.catholicbooksreview.org), April 2011

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

### Academic conference presentations

- 2016 "Empowering or Marginalizing? Catholic Identity, Online Education, and Pastoral Ministry." 2016 College Theology Society Annual Convention: Kansas City, MO. June 3, 2016
- 2016 "The Necessity and Inadequacy of Fundamental Theology for Naming God." The Impossibility of God: International Conference with David Tracy: King's University College, London, ON. March 19, 2016
- 2014 "Wherever Two or Three are Networked: The Dialectic of Presence and Absence in Online Encounters." 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America: San Diego, CA. June 7, 2014
- 2013 "Conversation Ain't Beanbag: The Promise and Peril of Conversion in David Tracy's Public Theology." 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America: Miami, FL. June 7, 2013
- 2012 "The First Areopagus of the Modern Age: Inter Mirifica, Spiritual Formation, and Contemporary Media." Vatican II: Teaching and Understanding the Council After 50 Years: University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN. September 21, 2012
- 2012 "Fragmenting Media: David Tracy's Hermeneutics in a Media-Saturated Context." 2012 College Theology Society Annual Convention: San Antonio, TX. June 2, 2012
- 2012 "Mediatization and the Construction of Religious Meaning." 2012 MAR/NEM AAR/SBL Conference: New Brunswick, NJ. March 15, 2012
- 2011 "David Tracy's Three Pairs of Religious Language." Engaging Particularities IX: Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. March 26, 2011
- 2011 "The Classic and the Icon: David Tracy and Jean-Luc Marion on the Saint." 2011 MAR/NEM AAR/SBL Conference: New Brunswick, NJ. March 18, 2011
- 2009 "Responsibility and Humility in Contemporary War: A Niebuhrian Response to Humanitarian Intervention and Counter-Proliferation." Christian Realism and Public Life: Catholic and Protestant Perspectives: University of St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN. November 20, 2009

### Invited presentations and lectures

- 2016 "Digital Presence: Embodiment and Social Media." Invited Lecture for Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV, March 14, 2016
- 2016 "What is *Laudato Si?*?" Invited presentation for Hernando County Theology on Tap, Brooksville, FL, February 3, 2016
- 2015 "What is *Laudato Si?*?" Invited presentation for St. Lawrence Catholic Parish,

- Dunedin, FL, November 17, 2015
- 2015 “Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, and Catholic Schools.” Invited presentation for Catholic school administrators in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL, November 13, 2015
- 2015 “Encountering Pope Francis: *Laudato Si* and the US Visit.” Invited presentation for employees of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL, October 2, 2015
- 2015 “What is *Laudato Si*?” Invited presentation for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, Dunedin, FL, September 15, 2015

## TEACHING

### Undergraduate courses taught

Christian Spiritual Vision	Christian Understandings of Salvation
Christian Morality	Christian Social Justice
Who Would Jesus Kill?	

### Graduate courses taught

Foundations of Christian Ethics	Catholic Social Teaching
Ecclesiology	Christian Spirituality
Christology	

### Undergraduate thesis advising

- 2016 Glen Pringle. “Ethical Implications of Whole Brain Emulation”
- 2015 Zachary Brasseur. “Catholic Social Teaching in the United States: Msgr. John Ryan and the New Deal”

## TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2016 Collegeville Institute Writing Workshop “A Broader Public”
- 2015-16 Wabash Center Teaching Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities

## GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2016 **Fellowship**, *Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion*  
In support of research on the intersection of online education and Catholic identity (\$5000)
- 2015-16 **Grant**, *Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics*  
Funded presentations at Saint Leo on the intersection of religion, politics, and economics. Shared with three other Saint Leo Professors (\$10,500)
- 2014-15 **Grant**, *Institute for Faith, Work, and Economics*  
Funded presentations at Saint Leo on the intersection of religion, politics, and economics. Shared with three other Saint Leo professors. (\$2500)
- 2012 **Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award**, *Boston College*
- 2004 **Milo P. Jewett Prize**, *University of Chicago Divinity School*

## SERVICE

### Professional

- 2016-present Treasurer, College Theology Society
- 2015 Referee for College Theology Society annual volume
- 2013-2015 Co-Editor, [DailyTheology.org](http://DailyTheology.org)
- 2012-2014 Administrative Team, CTSA Fundamental Theology and Method Section

2010-2012 Emerging Theologians Conference Planning Group

**University**

2016-present University Senate, Saint Leo University  
2016 Faculty Award Committee, Saint Leo University  
2015-present Strategic Planning Research Committee, Saint Leo University  
2014-present University Explorations Committee, Saint Leo University (chair, 2016-17)  
2014-present Dean's Faculty Council, Saint Leo University  
2014-2016 Faculty Advisor, Theta Alpha Kappa  
2014-2016 Graduate Academic Standards and Policies Committee, Saint Leo University  
2014 Chair, Faculty Service Award Committee, Saint Leo University  
2011-2013 Student Departmental Chaplain, Boston College Theology Department  
2010-2011 Boston College Theology Graduate Student Association Constitutional Committee  
2008-2009 Boston College AAR Student Liaison

**Community**

2016-present Catechism and faith formation program, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Tampa, FL

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS**

2010-present College Theology Society  
2010-present Catholic Theological Society of America  
2008-present American Academy of Religion