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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

August, 2006-
Present Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, Duquesne University

Education

May, 2007 Ph.D., Theology, The University of Notre Dame

Dissertation:

“Revelations of Love and Operations of Grace: The Human Virtues of Jonathan Edwards”

Committee Members:

Jennifer A. Herdt, chair; George Marsden; Gerald McKenny; Jean Porter

June, 2002 M.Div., Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

May, 1999 B.A., English, Texas A&M University
Summa cum laude

Publications

Book

Receptive Human Virtues: A New Reading of Jonathan Edwards’ Ethics. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2011.

Articles in Refereed Journals

“Consent, Conversion, and Moral Formation: Stoic Elements in Jonathan Edwards’ Ethics.”
Forthcoming in *The Journal of Religious Ethics* 39.4 (December 2011).

“The Moral Beauty of Assent: Retrieving Stoic Virtue Theory for Christian Ethics,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 30.1 (Spring 2010): 117-140.

“The *Imago Dei* and Human Perfection: The Significance of Christology for Gregory of Nyssa’s Understanding of the Human Person,” *Heythrop Journal* 50.3 (May 2009): 402-415.

“Christian Perfection and Moral Reasoning: A Wesleyan Challenge to Dilemmas in Bioethics,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 44.1 (Spring 2009): 104-117.

“Jesus Christ and the Cardinal Virtues: A Response to Monika Hellwig.” *Theology Today* 65.1 (April 2008): 81-94.

“Creaturely Virtues in Jonathan Edwards: The Significance of Christology for the Moral Life.” *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* 27.2 (Fall/Winter 2007): 73-96.

“‘At the Same Time Blessed and Lame:’ Ontology, Christology, and Violence in Augustine and John Milbank.” *Journal for Christian Theological Research* 11(2006): 51-72.

“‘The Full *Imago Dei*:’ The Implications of Wesleyan Scriptural Holiness for Questions of Suffering and Disability.” *Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health* IX.3 (2005): 21-46.

Articles in Refereed Conference Proceedings

“The Church’s Deepest Nature: Protestant Ethicists and Benedict XVI on Charity and Ecclesiology.” Forthcoming in the proceedings for “Believing in Community: Ecumenical Reflections on the Church” (Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology VI), to be published with Peeters Press, Leuven, Belgium.

Dictionary Entries

“Honesty,” “Disability and Handicap,” “Dishonesty,” “Lust,” and “Utilitarianism,” in the forthcoming *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, edited by Joel Green (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic Press)

Publications for Church Audiences

Contributor to United Methodist curriculum *Faithlink*, cycle 32 (October 2010-March 2011)

Book Reviews

Review of *Love and Objectivity in Virtue Ethics: Aristotle, Lonergan, and Nussbaum on Emotions and Moral Insight*, by Robert J. Fitterer. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2008. *Theological Studies* 70.2 (2009): 509-510.

Review of *Jonathan Edwards and the Metaphysics of Sin*, by Oliver Crisp. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2005. *Scottish Journal of Theology* 63.2 (May 2010): 241-243.

Academic Fellowships and Awards

Internal Grants

“Virtues of Assent: Retrieving Stoic Ethics for Christian Theology.” (\$3500) Wimmer Research Grant, McAnulty College of Liberal Arts, Duquesne University, Summer 2009

“Love, Justice, and Solidarity: Toward a Deeper Understanding of the Principle of Subsidiarity.” (\$5000) Fr. Richard V. Paluse Mission-Related Research Award. Center for Catholic Social Thought, Duquesne University. 2008-2009.

NEH Endowment Grant (\$2100), McAnulty College of Liberal Arts, Duquesne University, Fall 2007

Graduate School Fellowships and Awards

Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2002-2006

John Wesley Fellowship, A Foundation for Theological Education, 2002-2006

Civitas Scholar, Center for Public Justice (with the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise Institute), Washington, D.C., 2004

Foust-Roop Award for Excellence in Proclamation, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, spring, 2002

Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship and Practice, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, spring, 2002

Nass Research Grant for internship in theology and law, a project under the direction of William G. Young, Chief Judge of the Federal District Court of Massachusetts, 2001

Hutchinson Fellowship, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1999-2002

Co-winner, Garrett-Evangelical Hymn-Writing Competition, May 2000

Presentations

Refereed Conference Presentations

“*Apatheia* and Christian Love: Stoic Insights for Contemporary Catholic Ethics.” Catholic Ethics in the World Church. Trento, Italy. July 2010.

“Approbation and Assent: Stoic Logic in the Moral Thought of Jonathan Edwards.” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. Albuquerque, New Mexico. March 2010.

“Augustinian Subsidiarity: Revisiting the Moral Responsibilities of Church and State.” Catholic Theological Society of America. Halifax, Nova Scotia. June 2009.

“Virtue and Moral Accountability in John Calvin and Frances Hutcheson.” Calvin and His Influence: 1509-2009. Geneva, Switzerland. May 2009.

“The Moral Beauty of Assent: Retrieving Stoic Virtue Theory for Christian Ethics.” Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL. January 2009.

“Sex, Marriage, and Natural Love in Augustine.” International Medieval Congress. Leeds, United Kingdom. July 2008.

"Ecclesial Identity in a Democratic Society: Augustine, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Benedict XVI on Love and Justice in the Two Cities." College Theology Society. Newport, Rhode Island. May 2008.

“Christian Perfection and Moral Reasoning: A Wesleyan Challenge to Dilemmas in Bioethics.” Wesleyan Theological Society. Durham, North Carolina. March 2008.

“‘The Church’s Deepest Nature’: Benedict XVI on Charity and Ecclesiology.” Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology (LEST) VI. Leuven, Belgium. November 2007.

“Toward a Political Definition of Christian Fortitude: Augustine and Julian of Norwich on the Virtuous Humility of Christ.” College Theology Society. Dayton, Ohio. May 2007.

“Creaturely Virtues in Jonathan Edwards: The Significance of Christology for the Moral Life.” Society of Christian Ethics. Dallas, Texas. January 2007.

“Thomism and Liberalism in Twentieth-Century Catholic Ethics.” Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Illinois. April 2006.

“Conversion, Grace, and Illumination: The Contribution of Jonathan Edwards’s Virtue to Debates About Personhood in Bioethics.” American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 2005.

“The Limits of Principles for Grounding Ethics and Politics: The Significance of the Developments in John Rawls’s Moral Philosophy.” American Academy of Religion, Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL. April 2005.

“‘At the Same Time Blessed and Lame:’ Ontology, Christology, and Violence in Augustine and John Milbank.” AFTE Christmas Conference, Orlando, Florida. December 2004.

“‘The Full *Imago Dei*:’ The Implications of Wesleyan Scriptural Holiness for Questions of Suffering and Disability.” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia. November 2003.

Invited Academic Presentations

Heim Lecture: “Christian Perfection and Moral Reasoning: A Wesleyan Method for Engaging Questions in Bioethics,” sponsored by the Stead Center for Ethics and Values, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. (May 2009)

Respondent to Amy Laura Hall, Presentation on the Work of the United Methodist Task Force for Bioethics. AFTE Christmas Conference, The Woodlands, Texas. (December 2003)

Invited Presentations and Seminars for Church and Public Audiences (select)

“The Ethics of Gambling: Moral Questions for Pastors and Congregations.” Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (May 2009)

“Religion and Homosexuality,” member of panel sponsored by University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (March 2009)

“Wesleyan Theology and Medical Ethics.” 1st Bethel United Methodist Church, Bethel Park, PA. (Spring 2008)

Featured speaker, “Wesley and Ethics,” a continuing education event for United Methodist pastors sponsored by the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Tennessee Wesleyan College. (September 2005)

Talks given as part of “Wesley and Ethics” conference:

--“A Witness to Creation and Redemption: Wesleyan Reflections on the Possibility for a Christian Voice in Public Policy” (September 26, 2005)

--“Wesley, the Beatitudes, and the Christian Life” (Sermon, September 26, 2005)

--“The Reality of Sanctification: What the Wesleyan Tradition Brings to Bioethics” (September 27, 2005)

“Christian Reflections on Medical Ethics.” Zion United Church of Christ, South Bend, IN. (Spring 2004)

“Suffering and Christian Faith: Reflections on the Book of Job,” 1st United Methodist Church, South Bend, IN. (Fall 2003)

Courses Taught

Ph.D. Courses

--THEO 675: Virtue Ethics, Duquesne University (spring 2008 and spring 2010)

M.A. Courses

--THEO 541: Theological Ethics, Duquesne University (fall 2007 and fall 2009)

Undergraduate Courses

--THEO 251: Sex, Sexuality, and Morality, Duquesne University (spring 2008, spring 2009)

--UCOR 152: Theological Ethics, Duquesne University (fall 2007, fall 2008, spring 2009)

--UCOR 253: Health Care Ethics, Duquesne University (spring 2009 and spring 2010)

--CORE 182: Human Morality, Duquesne University (fall 2006, spring 2007, summer 2007)

Academic Service

Professional Service

June 2011- Present Member of Program Committee, International Association for Education in Ethics, 2012 conference to be held at Duquesne University

September 2010 Reviewer for a grant competition in bioethics sponsored by the Wellcome Trust, London, UK

- January 2010-
present Co-convener, Wesleyan/Methodist Ethics Group, Society of Christian Ethics
- January 2010,
January 2009 Referee for the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*
- January 2009 Session moderator for the Society of Christian Ethics annual meeting

Service at Duquesne University

College of Liberal Arts

- June 2008-
present Member, Committee on Development of Curriculum in Forensic Humanities, McAnulty College of Liberal Arts, Duquesne University

Departmental Service

- Fall 2007-
present Member, Curriculum Committee for MA in Pastoral Ministry/Religious Education, Duquesne University
- Fall 2006-
present Member, Admissions Committee for MA in Pastoral Ministry/Religious Education, Duquesne University
- Spring 2008 Reader/grader for twelve Spiritan International School of Theology MA exams
- Fall 2006-
Spring 2007 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Theology, Duquesne University
- Fall 2006 Member, Search Committee for Moral Theology Faculty Position, Duquesne University

Other University Service

- August 2008 Discussion group leader for incoming freshman in the Honors College, *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, by Barbara Ehrenreich
- December 2006 Session moderator, *The Phenomenology of John Paul II* conference

Service as Graduate Student

- Fall 2004-
Spring 2005 Vice-President, Graduate Theological Society, University of Notre Dame
- Fall 2001-
Spring 2002 Member, Board of Trustees, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- March 2000- Member, Strategic Planning Task Force on Strengthening Ties

October 2001

Between the Church and the Seminary, Garrett-Evangelical
Theological Seminary

Professional Memberships

Society of Christian Ethics
American Academy of Religion
Wesleyan Theological Society
Catholic Theological Society of America
College Theology Society
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies