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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

The University of Scranton

[Associate Prof. Theology/Religious Studies](#), 2013-Present; Tenure granted 2014

Harvard Medical School, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Affiliate Research Fellow, [Human Network Initiative](#), Department of Neurology, 2022-Present

University of San Francisco

Endowed Professorship, [Lo Schiavo Chair in Catholic Social Thought](#), 2022-23

Visiting Scholar, [Graduate Theological Union](#), Berkeley, 2022-23

Boston College

Fellow, [Lonergan Institute](#), Summer 2022

The University of Scranton

[Fellow, Gail and Francis Slattery Center for Ignatian Humanities](#), Spring 2021

Co-Director, [Health Humanities Concentration](#), 2020-21

Director, General Education Assessment, 2015-18

Director, M.A. Program, Theology/Religious Studies, 2009-10

Assistant Prof. Theology/Religious Studies, 2007-13

Lecturer, Theology/Religious Studies, 2006-7

University of Oxford

Tutor, Phil. of Religion, [Centre for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Keble College](#)

University of Washington

Peer Facilitator, Introduction to Human Nature, [Comparative History of Ideas](#)

EDUCATION

University of Oxford, D.Phil., Theology

University of Oxford, M.Phil., Theology

University of Washington, B.A., [Comparative History of Ideas](#) (CHID)

University of Aberdeen, Scotland, Academic Year Study-Abroad Exchange Program

GRANTS & FUNDED PROJECTS

Templeton World Charity Foundation Grant: "[Buffering, Porosity and Brain Health in Uganda](#)"

20714, Nov. 1, 2022-Oct. 31, 2025; Co-PI in collaboration with Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital ([Dhand Lab](#)): \$499,597.00

“Conservation, Reforestation and GIS for Land Use Mapping,” an [Esri Non-Profit Grant](#) for the [Bethany Land Institute](#), Luweero, Uganda, Spring 2023
 Lonergan Institute Fellowship, Boston College, Summer 2022, “Buffering, Porosity and Brain Health in Uganda,” \$5,000.00
 Digitizing Traditional Health Records from Kampala, Uganda: Database Management for the Traditional Herbal Medical Clinics of Fr. Anatoli Wasswa, January 2022, \$2,000.00
 Race and Anti-Racism, Lilly Fellows Program at Valparaiso University, in participation with The University of Scranton, Spring 2021, \$6,000.00
 Hope and Healing for Ugandan Youth: Educating Amidst Environmental Degradation, Food Insecurity, and Poverty, Emmanuel Katongole (Notre Dame), \$2,500.00, Spring 2021
 NIH (National Institute of Health) Professional Grant Development Workshop, Online, December 7-8, 2020, \$500.00 provided by ORSP, The University of Scranton
 Humanities Connection Grant Co-Signatory and Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Health Humanities Concentration and Community-Based Learning at The University of Scranton, \$34,958.00, 2019
 Global Development: Uganda, East Africa, The University of Scranton, \$2,700.00, 2018
 The Iconic Ghetto & White Space, Lecture by Elijah Anderson, Diversity Initiatives Grant, \$2,500.00, 2017
 Sustained Growth for The University of Scranton’s Relationship with Uganda, East Africa, Co Signatory and Planning Participant, \$28,000.00, 2017
 Social Justice and Vocation in Nursing, Office of Research Services and Programs (ORSP) Interdisciplinary Collaboration Internal Grant, \$1,540.00, 2017 – unused
 Social Innovation (MKT 484/584) and Christianity and the Jesuits in India (T/RS 284x), \$6,000.00, 2017 – unused
 Representation in Science and the Humanities, Office of Research Services and Programs (ORSP) Interdisciplinary Collaboration Internal Grant, \$1,300.00, 2017 – unused
 Teagle Workshop, Wabash College, Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts, Oct. 23-25, 2015
 Summer Fellowship, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, “What Does it Mean to Be Human in a Consumer Culture,” Xavier University, July 7-26, 2014
 Teaching Enhancement Grant, “Mind-Mapping for Concept Retention: Visualization and Learning,” Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE), 2011-2012
 Intersession Research Grant, “Vulnerability: Lessons for Religion from Feminist Thought, Sustainable Practice, and Disability Studies,” \$2,000.00, January 2011
 Information Literacy Stipend, Weinberg Memorial Library, for Co-Taught Course “Science and Religion” as a First Year Seminar; co-teacher Dr. Bishop (Computing Sciences), 2010
 Education for Justice Office, Ethics of Consumption Regional Symposium, April 23, 2010
 President’s Fellowship for Summer Research Program, Office of Research Services Faculty Mentor: William Woody, “Furthering Science-Religion Dialogue: On Shared Holistic Concepts,” Summer 2009
 Summer Research Grant, Office of the Provost, “Novelty & Action: Henri Bergson’s & Maurice Blondel’s Impact on 20th Century Catholic Theology,” \$2,000.00, Summer 2007

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Edited Volume:

[*Hermeneutics of Tradition*](#), co-edited by Cyrus P. Olsen and Craig Hovey (Cascade Press, 2014)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

“[Compassionate AI and the Alignment Problem](#),” *Theology and Science*, Vol. 22, issue 1, Spring 2024, co-authored with Mark Graves, Jane Compson, Ali-Reza Bhojani, and Thomas Arnold; published online February 11, 2024.

“Myth and Culture: On Louis Bouyer’s Theology of Participation,” *Gregorianum*, 95, 4 (Dec. 2014), 775-799.

“The Acts of ‘Turning’ and ‘Returning’ in Aquinas,” *Nova et Vetera*, 11, 3 (2013), 871-896.

“Spirituality and the Healthcare Professional,” *Linacre Quarterly*, 78:4 (Nov. 2011), 437-454

“A Dramatic Role? H.U. von Balthasar on the ‘Powers’,” *Ashland Theological Quarterly*, 43 (Nov. 2011), 1-20

“Exitus-Reditus in H.U. von Balthasar,” *Heythrop Journal*, 52:4 (July 2011), 643-658

“Remaining in Christ: The Paradoxical Heart of H.U. von Balthasar’s Theology,” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*, 13:3 (summer 2010), 52-76

Other Journal Articles:

“Ontology, Thomism, and the Esse of Christ: Response to R.E. Houser,” *Saint Anselm Journal* 9, 2 (2013). [refereed e-journal]

“Act and Event in Rahner and von Balthasar: A Case Study in Catholic Systematics,” *New Blackfriars* 89 (January 2008), 3-21

Book Chapters, Collected Volumes:

“Interdependent and Vulnerable: Sustainability and Augustinian Theological Anthropology,” in Kim Paffenroth, John Doody, and Mark Smillie (eds.), *Augustine and the Environment* (Landham, MD: Rowan & Littlefield, 2016)

“Tell it Slant: The True Motion of Love’s Contemplation,” in Simon Oliver, Karen Kilby, and Tom O’Loughlin (eds.), *Faithful Reading: New Essays in Theology and Philosophy for Fergus Kerr, OP* (London: T&T Clark, 2012), 243-268 [peer edited & vetted]

Podcast Appearances:

“Accompaniment in Community Identified and Initiated Projects,” [Human Picture Initiative](#), June 18, 2021

“[Organ Transplantation on ECMO](#),” EDECMO Podcast, January 16, 2018

“[When to Stop the Train?](#),” EDECMO Podcast, November 2014

SELECT PROFESSIONAL ADDRESSES (*PEER REVIEWED)

*“Remittances: Definitions and Metrics in Question,” Moderator, African Studies Association (ASA), Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2023

*“What Can an Integral Human Development Lens Offer for Research, Knowledge Production, and Partnership between the Global North and Africa?,” Presenter, African Studies Association (ASA), Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Dec. 1, 2023

- * “Collaborative Research in East Africa: Community and University Partnerships,” [UN Science Summit, United Nations General Assembly \(UNGA\) 78](#), Convener & Presenter, New York City/Virtual, September 19, 2023
- **“Translational Science, Theology, and AI/ML: Prudential Judgment in Emergency Medical Decision-Making,” co-authorship with Zachary Shinar, MD, David Lowe, MD, Pål Morberg, MD, for [Virtuous AI?: Cultural Evolution, Artificial Intelligence, and Virtue](#), Center for Theology and Natural Science (CTNS), Graduate Theological Union (GTU), Berkeley, CA, June 12-15, 2023
- “[One Earth, One Love: An interfaith symposium to mark the publication of: Loving the Planet. Interfaith Essays on Ecology, Love and Theology](#)”, Respondent to Celia Deane Drummond’s essay ‘Learning to Love Again: Rediscovering the Earth as Sacred’, April 26, 2023, University of Oxford (virtual conference)
- “International Cooperation in Health Research,” Templeton Foundation Bay Area Research Symposium, Lane Center, University of San Francisco, Nov. 7, 2022
- “Education, Imagination, and Hope in Uganda,” Future World Alliance, Oct. 28, 2022
- “[Navigating Health Decisions in Uganda: Ancestral Relationships & Catholic Social Thought](#),” Lane Center, University of San Francisco, Oct. 12, 2022
- **“Ethnography and Digitizing Traditional Health Records in Kampala, Uganda: Fieldwork, Database Management, and Application Developments On the Traditional Herbal Medical Clinics of Br. Fr. Anatoli Wasswa,” Coping with Messiness in Ethnography: Authority, Bias and Immersion in Ethnographic Fieldwork in the Non-Western World” Workshop 01 at ACM CHI 2021 May 7 & 8, 2021
- **“Bioprosperity, Belonging, and Herbal Ownership: The Case of Brother Anatoli Wasswa,” Traditional Medicine and Healing, 62nd Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 21 - 23, 2019
- “What is a Human Life Worth?,” [The Big Sick 2019](#), The Sickest Patients, The First Hour, Zermatt, Switzerland, Feb. 6-8, 2019
- **“[Public Health in Southwest Uganda: Religion, Community, and Healing](#),” Historical and Contemporary Social Epidemiology: Towards Improving Health and Health Service Delivery in Africa, at the 61st Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, December 1, 2018
- “Philosophy of Critical Care,” [The Big Sick 2018](#), The Sickest Patients, The First Hour, Zermatt, Switzerland, Feb. 7-8, 2018
- **“Health & Healing within Religiously-Affiliated Institutions in Uganda: A Case Study of the Bwindi Community Hospital”, Intersections of Health, Psychotherapy and Spiritual Practice African Studies Association, 60th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Nov. 16, 2017
- **“Assessment and the Promotion of Ignatian Principles of Justice,” AJCU International Education Conference, University of San Francisco, November 9-11, 2016
- “Theology After C.S. Lewis”, C.S. Lewis Society, Oxford, Mar. 11, 2014
- “Tell it Slant: Theology and University Education,” Office of Research Services Lecture, University of Scranton, Oct. 4, 2013
- Invited Moderator, “Conversion in St. Thomas Aquinas,” Catholic Theological Society of America, 2013
- Invited Respondent to Ed Hauser, “The Nature of God According to Avicenna and Aquinas”, Metaphysics Conference, Institute for Saint Anselm Studies, June 5-6, 2012

- *“Weighed in the Balance: A Reading of *Gaudium et Spes*”, *Vatican II Reconsidered*, Walsh University, May 3-5, 2012
- “Before the Judgment Seat: Wisdom and Theological Education”, *Pedagogical Ressourcement*, Symposium, Malone University, March 31, 2012
- *“Hermeneutics of Tradition”, Wild Card Session, AAR, San Francisco, November 2011
- “A Dramatic Role? Hans Urs von Balthasar on the ‘Powers’”, *Responding to the Powers*, Ashland University, Feb. 12, 2011
- *“Embodied Hermeneutics: Liturgical Enactment in Blondel and Feminist Philosophy of Religion”, Philosophy of Religion Section, AAR, Montréal, Canada, Nov. 7-9, 2009
- *“Interdependent and Vulnerable: A Sustainable Theological Anthropology”, AAR Mid-Atlantic Meeting, Baltimore, Mar. 27, 2009
- “The Concept of the ‘Whole’ in Catholic Theology”, Research Seminar Series, The University of Scranton, Oct. 17, 2008
- *“Divine and Human Creativity in the Annunciation: Beauty and Illumination”, AAR Annual Meeting, Systematic Theology Section, Philadelphia, Nov. 21, 2005
- “The Significance of Act & Event in the Theology of Karl Rahner and Hans Urs von Balthasar”, Oxford-Bonn Konferenz, R. F.-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany, Sept. 22, 2005
- Invited Centenary Lecture in Honor of Hans Urs von Balthasar, “Remaining in Christ: The Paradoxical Heart of Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Theology”, Ave Maria University & ITI, Gaming, Austria, Sept. 2, 2005
- “The Conversion to the Phantasm in Aquinas and Its Modern Implications”, University of Oxford, Faculty of Theology, Jan. 27, 2004
- *“How the Blind are Led: Children and Ethical Responsibility in Recent Film”, 11th Conference of The International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture, Leeds University, York, Sept. 13-15, 2002

COURSES TAUGHT:

Neuroscience & Religion (Hons.)	Beauty & Justice	Modern Councils (MA)
Christianity in Africa	Religion, Bodies, and the Brain	Christology (MA)
Intro. Christian Theology	Signs & Symbols	Ecclesiology (MA)
First Year Seminars (Bible)	Economics & Theology	Dialogue: Race (Hons.)
Science & Religion (FYS)	Inside Catholic Tradition	Self in Psych. & Religion (Hons.)
Neuroscience & Addiction	Models of the Church	
Religion & Film (Hons.)	Sacramental Imagination	Lrdshp Civic Respon. (Presidentials)

Alternative Course Offerings:

RN-BSN Bible Course, Hybrid Online and In-Person at Geisinger Health System, Scranton & Wilkes-Barre, PA, Intersession 2017

Guest Lecturer (Virtual), Makerere University, College of Education, “Colonization and Education,” for “Critical Thought on African Indigenous Education,” a Masters of Education course led by Dr. Peter Ssenkusu, Feb. 27, 2024

SERVICE

Mentorship – The University of Scranton

Jude Thaddeus Buyondo, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, University of Vienna, and Visiting Scholar, Catholic University of East Africa, Fall 2023-Present

Mentorship – University of San Francisco

Benjamin Bimanywaruhanga, MBA Student, Research Assistantship, Funded by the Land Center, University of San Francisco, Fall 2022, Spring 2023

Symposia – University of San Francisco

“Loving the Planet: International Collaboration on Ecology, Love, and Theology,” University of San Francisco, in collaboration with colleagues from Oxford, Duke, and Brescia, April 26, 2023

“Buffering, Porosity, and Brain Health in Uganda and the USA,” Templeton Foundation Bay Area Research Symposium, Lane Center, University of San Francisco, Nov. 7, 2022

Lectures Coordinated & Organized – University of San Francisco

“Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism,” Jonathan Tran, Baylor University, May 4, 2023

“Migration and Global Justice,” Elena Habersky, American University of Cairo, Mar. 7, 2023

“[Searching for Home in the New World: The Philosophy and Neuroscience of Belonging in America](#),” Ian Marcus Corbin, Harvard Medical School, November 7, 2022

“[Love in Religion](#),” Paul S. Fiddes, FBA, Minlib Dahl, OP, Tareq Moqbel, PhD, University of Oxford, Sept. 20, 2022

College of Arts and Sciences – University of San Francisco

[Data Institute](#) – Consultation for Curricular Ethics Integration, 2022-23
Neuroscience Major Planning and Consultation, Fall 2022

University Service – University of San Francisco

“Healing After Ignatius,” School of Nursing and Health Professionals (SONHP) Curriculum Retreat, University of San Francisco, January 17, 2023

Humanities Representative, Lilly Fellows National Conference, Lipscomb University, “[Implicit Racial Bias and the Academy](#),” October 28-30, 2022

“[The Church Millennials II \(32-38\) and Gen Xers Want](#),” Panelist for Sisters of St. Joseph (Brentwood, NJ), November 16, 2022

Academy Service – University of San Francisco

Moderator, [AI and Faith](#) Town Hall Meeting, January 12, 2023

Grant Application Peer-Reviewer, [Spotlight on Humanities in Higher Education](#) for underserved populations, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Fall 2022

Theology/Religious Studies Department – University of Scranton

B.A. Honors Thesis Reader, Kyra Krzywicki, “I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: The Stories of Refugees in Scranton, Pennsylvania,” May 2023

B.Sc. Honors Thesis Reader, Astrid D'Souza, "Physical and Chemical Characterization of Ugandan Honey and its Comparison to Manuka Honey," May 2023
 Assessment Project Lead, General Education Assessment, 2021-2022
 B.A. Honors Thesis Reader, Isaiah Livelsberger, "Transitioning Into Justice and Peace: A Comparative Study of Elites and Civil Society in Post-Genocide Rwanda and Guatemala," May 2022
 B.A. Honors Thesis Reader, Madeline M. Meaney, "PTSD Narratives: Gendered Gap in Scientific Literature and Memoirs," May 2020
 B.Sc. Honors Thesis Reader, Jack C. Aversa III, "The Variation in the Echolocation of a Neotropical Frugivorous Bat," May 2020
 General Education Subcommittee, Program Review for 2012-2017, submitted in 2017
 B.A. Honors Thesis Internal Examiner, Raymond A. Stemrich, Religion and Bioethics, 2016
 Middle States Assessment Sub-Committee, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2013-15
 Online Education Sub-Committee, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2013-15
 Vatican II Fiftieth Anniversary Planning Committee, 2014-2015; conference held May 1-2, 2015
 Web-Development, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2011-13
 B.A. Honors Thesis Supervisor: William Woody, "The Trinity, the Church, and Man", 2010-2011 (honorable mention For Library Research Award, 2011)
 Interim Director, M.A. Program in Theology/Religious Studies, University of Scranton, 2009-10
 M.A. Thesis Supervisor: Joseph Dilauro, "Liturgical Consequences of Joseph Ratzinger's Relational Ontology", 2009-2010
 B.A. Honors Thesis Supervisor: Gina Fullam, "On Human Dignity: Theological Anthropology & Political Implications of Philosophical Arguments in Reproductive Technology," '09-10
 M.A. Thesis, Internal Examiner, Stephen Fitzpatrick, "Thomistic Contributions to Christology", Fall, 2009
 MA Thesis, Internal Examiner: Bryne Allport, "Seeking God in Vain: Vanity and the Possibility of Being Before God", April 22, 2009
 Vetted Job Candidates at Initial Interview Stage, AAR Annual Meetings in Chicago (2007); Montreal (2009); San Francisco (Nov. 2011)
 Webpage Manager for Theology Faculty, University of Scranton, 2007-2008

College of Arts & Sciences – University of Scranton

Faculty Student Research Program (FRSP), Kathleen A. Till, *Self & Other in Neuroscience & Philosophy*, Fall 2023
 "What Color is God? Theology and Race," co-presentation with CAS Dean Maldonado for the Ellacuria Initiative Teach-In for Racial Justice, Mar. 29, 2022
 "Dialogue Across Difference: Race," Honors with Dr. Teresa Grettano (English/Theatre), 2022
 Health Humanities Concentration Advisory Board, 2019-Present
 Dallas Prison Advisory Board for Associate's Degree (A.S.), 2019-Present
 Ethicist for the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), 2014-2020
 Faculty-Student Research, Sarah E. Potter (Computing Sciences), Richard Walsh (Associate Provost for Operations), An Assessment Mobile Application for Educational, 2017-18
 "Self in Psychology and Religion," Honors with Dr. Christie Karpiak (Psychology), Spring 2017
 Advisory Group, Catholic Intellectual Tradition, 2015-18
 Gonzaga/Academic Development Program (ADP) Teaching Faculty, 2014-2020
 Preview Day Presentations on FYS for CAS Dean's Office, Sat. April 5, 2014; April 20, 2015

“Religion & Film,” Honors with Dr. Stephen Whittaker (English & Theatre), 2014
“Addiction: Neuroscience & Theology”, Honors with Dr. John Deák (Chemistry), 2013
Idea-making Seminar Panelist: Honors Program, Intersession, 2012-18
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Panelist, *Lord of the Rings*, April 3, 2013
First Year Seminars: Bible, 2011-Present
First Year Seminar Pilot: Science & Religion, co-taught with Computing Sciences, 2009 & 2010
College of Arts & Sciences Academic Advising Center, Feb. 1, 2011-2022 (remunerated)
Lecturer for *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, 2010-2016

Lectures Coordinated and Organized – University of Scranton

Emmanuel Katongole (Notre Dame), *Hope and Healing for Ugandan Youth: Educating Amidst Environmental Degradation, Food Insecurity, and Poverty*, Virtual Lecture, Spring 2021 for Slattery Center for Ignatian Humanities
Elijah Anderson, *Black & White Spaces*, Virtual Presentation, Mar. 5, 2021
Rona A. Hogarth, *Medicalizing Blackness: Making Racial Difference in the Atlantic World, 1780- 1840*, Virtual Presentation, April 16, 2021
Mary Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, *Twice as Good: Leadership and Power for Women of Color*, April 30, 2021
Elijah Anderson, PhD, *White Space & The Iconic Ghetto*, November 16, 2017; co-sponsored by The Office of Equity and Diversity, The Jesuit Center, The Ellacuria Initiative, Departments of Sociology/Criminal Justice, Theology/Religious
Zachary Shinar, M.D., *Grey’s Reality: How TV is Totally Right About What it’s Like to Be a Doctor*, May 3, 2016
Julia Haslett, “Simone Weil and Justice,” Office of Educational Assessment, January, 2016
Win Riley, Director of *Walker Percy: A Documentary Film*, Screening & Lecture, Mar. 29, 2011
Zachary Shinar, M.D., *E.R. Medicine and Higher Education*, for SJLA students, Fall 2009
Marie C. Meaney, “Waiting on God: Life & Thought of the Mystic Simone Weil”, Oct. 29, 2008
Michael Ward, “Imagining God: C.S. Lewis & the Seven Heavens”, May 1, 2008

University Service – University of Scranton

[Hellfighter](#), Private Pre-Release Screening with Five Fifty Five Films & Kate Baxter, Fall 2020
Co-Panelist, with Teresa Grettano and Julie Schumacher-Cohen, for [Apeirogon Book Talk Event, featuring Colum McCann, Author & Narrative 4 Founder, with members of the Parents Circle](#) – Families Forum (Palestinian and Israeli Bereaved Families for Peace), Oct. 6, 2020
[Political Dialogues](#) Committee Membership, Faculty, 2017-2024
Faculty Senate, 2018-2020
Board of Rank & Tenure, At-Large Elected Representative, 2018
Family Weekend Lecturer, “At Ease: An Open Dialogue on Theology/Religious Studies in the Curriculum,” September 22, 2018
Uganda Summit 2017, The University of Scranton, September 16, 2017
Family Weekend Lecturer, “The Beauty of the Humanities in Jesuit Education,” Sept. 23, 2017
Invited Speaker, Public viewing of *Silence* (Scorsese, 2017) by Univ. Ministries, April 24, 2017
Faculty Observer, Bursting our Political Bubbles: A Dialogue Across Differences, Office of Community and Government Relations, University of Scranton, Mar. 28 & May 1, 2017
Global Subcommittee for “Metrics”, MSCHE Self-Report Committee for 2019

“The Feminist Art of Judy Chicago,” co-lecture with Darlene Miller-Lanning (Art History) for Education for Justice Teach-In, April 20, 2017
 Lenten Film Series with Fr. Richard Malloy, S.J., Spring 2017
 Conference Committee on Curriculum (CCC), Ex-Officio Member for the OEA, 2016-18
 “Inequity, Revitalization, and Justice: NEPA and Catholic Social Teaching,” co-lecture with Meghan Rich (Sociology) for Education for Justice Teach-In, April 29, 2016
 “Love, Justice, and Torture,” co-lecture with Matthew Meyer (Philosophy) for Education for Justice Teach-In, April 30, 2015
 Chair: “Daoism Presentation, Workshop, & Art Exhibit”, 2015 International Conference on Asian Studies: Taiwan and China in the Global Context, March 29, 2015 “Dao of Tai Chi: The Application Mode in the Daoist *Nei-jing* Diagram (Inner Meridian Landscape)” LI Juntao, Ph.D., Religious Studies, Sichuan Normal University, China NIE Qunhui, MFA, Sichuan Conservatory of Music, China
 Faculty Senate's Ad-Hoc GE Assessment “Goals and Objectives” Committee, 2013-14
 Lilly Fellows National Program, Fall 2011-Present (Conference hosted October 2013)
 “I Believe in Attention,” for *This I Believe*, University of Scranton, April 22, 2013
 Lenten Film Series, University Ministries, Spring 2013
 Middle-States Periodic Review Committee for University Hiring Practices, Fall 2012
 “Rings of Power: Justice and Judgment in the Marketplace”, Philosophy Café, March 1, 2012
 “Jesuit Principles & Fair Trade”, A Fair-Trade Panel: Food We Eat, Oct. 27, 2011
 Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB), Fall 2011
 Reader, University of Scranton Press, 2009-10
 Committee on University Image & Promotion, University of Scranton Faculty Alternate, 2007-8
 Faculty Senate, University of Scranton, 2007-9
 Curriculum Committee, University of Scranton, 2007-9

Service to the Wider Academy

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), [Humanities Connections Planning and Implementation Grant](#) Application Peer-Reviewer, Fall 2023
 Peer-Reviewer, Neuroethics and Religion book manuscript (by publisher request), Fall 2023
 Research Fellow, [AI & Faith](#), 2022-Present
 Network Lead, [AI & Faith](#), 2022-Present
 Clinical Observer, Department of Neurology, [Brigham and Women’s Hospital](#), Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 2022-225
 Research Assistant for Rosemary Shaver, M.Ed., PhD Dissertation for Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, PA, titled “The Perceived Influence of Participation in an Undergraduate International Service-Learning Program on Recent U.S. College Graduates’ Post-College Readiness,” 2022.
 Outside reader in a blind peer-review evaluation process for *Modern Theology*, Spring 2022
 Judge, Philosophy, [Global Undergraduate Awards](#), 2021; 2022
 Health, Science, Technology and Medicine Planning Group, African Studies Association
 “[Scarcity: Its History and Importance for Medical Professionals](#),” Recorded Online lecture, along with class materials (via Adobe Spark) for the Masters in Biomedical Sciences Program at Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, February 2021; course led by Reema Persad Clem, PhD, MPH; renewed for November, 2021; January 2023

“Emergency Medicine and Ethics: A Conversation During COVID-19,” Online (Zoom)
Co-Presentation for Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine for the
Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, & General Surgery Interest Group, Nov. 18, 2020
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Humanities Connections Implementation Grant
Application Peer-Reviewer, Fall 2020
Lilly Fellows Program, Lilly Network Campus Representative in the Humanities, 2020-Present
Outside reader in a blind peer-review evaluation process for *Saint Anselm Journal* (Spring 2020)
Chair, “Intersections of Health, Psychotherapy and Spiritual Practice,” African Studies
Association Conference, November 16, 2017, Chicago, IL
Monograph Reviewer, Lexington Books, 2017
AJCU Core Curriculum Consortium, Fall 2016-2020
AJCU Education Study Abroad Learning Outcomes Committee, Spring 2016-Fall 2018
Outside reader in a blind peer-review evaluation process for *Religion & Literature* (Spring 2008)

Community – Scranton, PA

Collaborator, “MIT Solve: Community Brain Trust,” hosted by [MIT Solve](#), Feb. 14, 2024
Dialogue Facilitator, “Bursting Our Political Bubbles: A Dialogue Across Differences, Political
Dialogue “Freedom and Our Founding: What do they mean for us today?”, Mar. 22, 2022
Catholics for Biden-Harris, collaborative Zoom presentation, Oct. 26, 2020
Virtual Phone Banking for PA Blue (DNC), Fall 2020
Alumnus Feature, Regent’s Park College Newsletter, University of Oxford, Fall 2018
Alumnus Feature, Comparative History of Ideas Newsletter, University of Washington, 2017
CRISPR-Cas9 & Ethics, Lakeland Biomedical Sciences Program, Lakeland High School, March
21, 2017
CRISPR-Cas9 & Religion, w/ Erica Lasek-Nesselquist (Biology) & Ivan Kent (Neuroscience),
Lakeland Biomedical Sciences Program, Lakeland High School, March 8, 2016
Science & Religion, co-presenter with Eric Plumer (Theology/Religious Studies), Lakeland
Biomedical Science Program, Lakeland High School, February 8, 2016
Saint Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, 2013-14
YMCA Swim Judge, Scranton, PA, 2011-12
Coach, East Scranton Baseball, Scranton, PA, Summer 2010-2012

HONORS & AWARDS

[Marquis Who’s Who](#), [Expertise in Higher Education](#), Honored Listee, Oct. 2023
Affiliate Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School, 2022-2025
Lo Schiavo Chair in Catholic Social Thought, The Joan and Ralph Lane Center for Catholic
Social Thought and the Ignatian Tradition, Endowed Professorship, University of San
Francisco, 2022-23
Research Fellow, Network Co-Lead, AI & Faith, 2022-Present
Lonergan Institute Fellow, Boston College, Summer 2022
Inaugural Faculty Fellow, Gail and Francis Slattery Center for the Humanities, The University of
Scranton, Spring 2021
Excellence in Advancing Interdisciplinary Study, Provost’s Faculty Enhancement Award, 2017
Final Lecturer, Honors Program, University of Scranton, May 24, 2017
Final Lecturer, Honors Program, University of Scranton, May 25, 2016

Final Lecturer, Honors Program, University of Scranton, May 29, 2015
Student Fellow, Centre for Religion & Culture, Regent's Park College, Oxford: 2002-06
Graduate Studentship (Theology), University of Oxford: 2002-05
President, Graduate Society, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford: 2002-03

MEMBERSHIP IN LEARNED SOCIETIES

African Studies Association (ASA); American Academy of Religion (AAR)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Invited Attendee, Social Networks in Health Symposium, hosted by The Dhand Lab, OQ Farm, Bridgewater, Vermont, January 12-15th, 2024
Attendee, "[Forgiveness: Interdisciplinary Perspectives](#)," The Human Flourishing Program at Harvard's Institute for Quantitative Social Science, April 20-22, 2023
Attendee, "[Designing Tech for Social Cohesion](#)," Council on Technology and Social Cohesion, San Francisco, CA, February 23-25, 2023
Member, [Geospatial Analysis Lab](#) (GsAL), University of San Francisco, 2022-23
Participant, The First Annual "[Global Scientific Conference on Human Flourishing](#)," Templeton World Charity Foundation, November 29-30, 2022
Invited Attendee, "*AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Christianity*," [Markkula Center for Applied Ethics](#) and the Pontifical Council for Culture, Santa Clara University, Sept. 30, 2022
[Oxford Entrepreneurs Network](#) (OEN), Member, 2017-Present
Participant, NIH (National Institute of Health) Professional Grant Development Workshop, Online, December 7-8, 2020
Attendee, *General Education and Assessment: Design Thinking for Student Learning*, AAC&U Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Feb. 23-Feb. 25, 2017
Attendee, *Imagining Africa at the Center: Bridging Scholarship, Policy, and Representation in African Studies*, African Studies Association 59th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Dec. 1-3, 2016
Attendee, *Academic Quality: Driving Assessment and Accreditation*, Drexel University, Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning Assessment, Sept. 7-9, 2016
Attendee, *Assessment for Student Success: Building Academic Innovation & Renewal*, Drexel University, Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning Assessment Sept. 9-11, 2015
Discussant, *Engaged Lives*, First-Year Seminar Workshop, NetVUE funded, University of Scranton, May 27-29, 2014
Attendee, *Christian Wisdom Meets Modernity*, University of Notre Dame, Dec. 2013
Grant-Writing Workshop, Office of Research Services, The University of Scranton, May 2013
Discussant at *The Human Journey: Integrating a Faith-Based Education in the 21st Century*, April 15-18, 2012; Sacred Heart University's Lilly Network Exchange
Participant at *Civic Engagement* roundtable, University of Scranton, March 12, 2008
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