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Profile

Theologian and interdisciplinary scholar working at the intersection of religious ethics, artificial intelligence, and global health, with a research focus on health, belonging, and social networks in Uganda. Demonstrated leadership in higher education, including co-launching the Health Humanities concentration and directing undergraduate and interdisciplinary programs, alongside governance roles on the Faculty Senate and Board of Rank and Tenure. Research presented at international venues including the UN Science Summit and Oxford, with recognized excellence in teaching, including leading immersive field courses in Uganda, and a sustained commitment to educational leadership in service of the common good.

Academic Positions

The University of Scranton

Lecturer, Theology/Religious Studies, 2006–2007

Assistant Professor, Theology/Religious Studies, 2007–2013

Associate Professor, Theology/Religious Studies, 2013–2026 (tenured 2014)

Professor (Full), Theology/Religious Studies, 2026–present

Harvard Medical School, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Affiliate Research Fellow, Human Network Initiative, Department of Neurology, 2022–2026

University of San Francisco

Endowed Professorship, Lo Schiavo Chair in Catholic Social Thought, 2022–2023

Visiting Scholar, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, 2022–2023

Faculty Coordination & Quasi-Administrative Roles

These are faculty governance and coordination appointments, consistent with the University's faculty collective bargaining agreement, rather than at-will administrative posts.

The University of Scranton

Coordinator, First Year Seminar (FYS) & Core Capstone (CC), 2026–present — 33 Instructors serving 900+ students

Co-Director, Health Humanities Concentration, 2020–2021 — helped establish a durable interdisciplinary concentration integrating medicine, ethics, and spirituality, co-funded through a \$34,958 NEH Humanities Connections grant

Director, General Education Assessment, 2015–2018 — designed data-driven assessment processes and reporting dashboards that strengthened Middle States (MSCHE) accreditation readiness and connected departmental learning outcomes to institutional mission for the Office of Educational Assessment (OEA) — *Served all Departments providing GE courses & collaborated regularly with Staff within the Provost's Office*

Director, M.A. Program, Theology/Religious Studies, 2009–2010 — *interim directorship*

Institutional Belonging and Effectiveness

A consolidated view of leadership in inclusion, dialogue, and institutional accreditation/assessment; full committee and event records appear under Faculty Coordination & Quasi-Administrative Roles and Service, above.

Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation

Director, General Education Assessment, The University of Scranton, 2015–2018

Assessment Project Lead, General Education Assessment, 2021–2022

Coordinator, First Year Seminar (FYS) & Core Capstone (CC), 2026–present

General Education Subcommittee, Program Review for 2012–2017, submitted 2017

Middle States Assessment Sub-Committee, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2013–2015

Global Subcommittee for "Metrics," MSCHE Self-Report Committee, 2019

Middle-States Periodic Review Committee for University Hiring Practices, Fall 2012
Online Education Sub-Committee, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2013–2015

Belonging, Inclusion, and Dialogue

Race and Anti-Racism — Lilly Fellows Program at Valparaiso University, in participation with The University of Scranton; \$6,000.00; Spring 2021

"What Color is God? Theology and Race," co-presentation with CAS Dean Maldonado, Ellacuria Initiative Teach-In for Racial Justice, March 29, 2022

"Dialogue Across Difference: Race," Honors course, with Dr. Teresa Gretnano (English/Theatre), 2022

Organized a multi-year lecture series on race and belonging, 2017–2021, featuring Elijah Anderson ("White Space & The Iconic Ghetto," 2017; "Black & White Spaces," 2021), Rona A. Hogarth ("Medicalizing Blackness," 2021), and Mary Wardell-Ghirarduzzi ("Twice as Good," 2021)

Humanities Representative, Lilly Fellows National Conference, "Implicit Racial Bias and the Academy," Lipscomb University, October 28–30, 2022

Dialogue Facilitator, "Bursting Our Political Bubbles: A Dialogue Across Differences," 2017 & 2022

Diversity Initiatives Grant, "The Iconic Ghetto & White Space" lecture by Elijah Anderson; \$2,500.00; 2017

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

16 grants and funded projects secured since 2013, including a \$499,597 Templeton World Charity Foundation award (Co-PI) and a \$34,958 NEH Humanities Connections grant.

Funded

Buffering, Porosity and Brain Health in Uganda (Co-PI, with Harvard Medical School / Brigham and Women's Hospital, Dhand Lab) — Templeton World Charity Foundation, Grant #20714; \$499,597.00; November 1, 2022–October 31, 2026

Conservation, Reforestation and GIS for Land Use Mapping — Esri Non-Profit Grant for the Bethany Land Institute, Luweero, Uganda; Spring 2023

Buffering, Porosity and Brain Health in Uganda — Lonergan Institute Fellowship, Boston College; \$5,000.00; Summer 2022

Digitizing Traditional Health Records from Kampala, Uganda: Database Management for the Traditional Herbal Medical Clinics of Fr. Anatoli Wasswa — \$2,000.00; January 2022

Race and Anti-Racism — Lilly Fellows Program at Valparaiso University, in participation with The University of Scranton; \$6,000.00; Spring 2021

Hope and Healing for Ugandan Youth: Educating Amidst Environmental Degradation, Food Insecurity, and Poverty — with Emmanuel Katongole (Notre Dame); \$2,500.00; Spring 2021

NIH Professional Grant Development Workshop — Online; \$500.00 (ORSP, The University of Scranton); December 7–8, 2020

Humanities Connection Grant, Co-Signatory and Participant — National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); Health Humanities Concentration and Community-Based Learning, 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

Teagle Workshop — Wabash College, Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts; October 23–25, 2015

Summer Fellowship, "What Does it Mean to Be Human in a Consumer Culture" — Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, 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" (First Year Seminar), with 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, "Novelty & Action: Henri Bergson's & Maurice Blondel's Impact on 20th Century Catholic Theology" — Office of the Provost; \$2,000.00; Summer 2007

Submitted / Not Funded

Integral Health & Global Health Ethics: Formation for Belonging, Ecology, and Care — Lilly Fellows Program Network Exchange; request for \$29,800.00; submitted September 2025 [Pending]

Adaptive Susceptibility Response Systems for Disease Spillover in Two African Communities (PI) — John Templeton Foundation, OFI, Funding Inquiry FI-37418, Religion, Science, and Society: Health, Religion, and Spirituality; \$1.2m requested, August 15, 2025 [Unsuccessful — notified October 9, 2025]

Just, Compassionate & Humble: Interreligious Foundations for Artificial Practical Wisdom (Participant) — John Templeton Foundation, OFI; Organization: AI & Faith; "Small" grant, under \$262,871; August 15, 2025 [Unsuccessful — notified October 9, 2025]

Peace-Building & Participatory Arts — Creative Arts Collective for Christian Life and Faith RFP (2025); second-round invited (6.7% acceptance rate); unfunded, May 15, 2025 [Unsuccessful]

Publications and Papers

Since 2013: 7 journal articles (5 peer-reviewed, 2 peer-vetted), 1 co-edited volume, and 1 book contract (10-chapter monograph, forthcoming 2026).

Books — Single Author

Theological Method, Imagination, and Inquiry. Kendall Hunt Publishing, 2026.

Books — Edited Volumes

Hermeneutics of Tradition (co-edited). Cascade Press, 2014.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Prudential Judgment, Religious Ethics, and AI/ML in Emergency Care." *Journal of Religious Ethics*, forthcoming 2026.

"Compassionate AI and the Alignment Problem" (with Mark Graves, Jane Compson, Ali-Reza Bhojani, and Thomas Arnold). *Theology and Science* 22, no. 1 (Spring 2024); published online February 11, 2024.

"Myth and Culture: On Louis Bouyer's Theology of Participation." *Gregorianum* 95, no. 4 (December 2014): 775–799.

"The Acts of 'Turning' and 'Returning' in Aquinas." *Nova et Vetera* 11, no. 3 (2013): 871–896.

"Spirituality and the Healthcare Professional." *Linacre Quarterly* 78, no. 4 (November 2011): 437–454.

"A Dramatic Role? H.U. von Balthasar on the 'Powers'." *Ashland Theological Quarterly* 43 (November 2011): 1–20.

"Exitus-Reditus in H.U. von Balthasar." *Heythrop Journal* 52, no. 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, no. 3 (Summer 2010): 52–76.

Other Journal Articles

"Extending Lent: Porosity in a Post-Secular Age." *Church Life Journal: A Journal of the McGrath Institute for Church Life*, University of Notre Dame, April 5, 2024.

"Ontology, Thomism, and the Esse of Christ: Response to R.E. Houser." *Saint Anselm Journal* 9, no. 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 *Augustine and the Environment*, ed. Kim Paffenroth, John Doody, and Mark Smillie (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016).

"Tell it Slant: The True Motion of Love's Contemplation," in *Faithful Reading: New Essays in Theology and Philosophy for Fergus Kerr, OP*, ed. Simon Oliver, Karen Kilby, and Tom O'Loughlin (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

32 scholarly presentations since 2013, including 20+ peer-reviewed papers, at venues including the UN Science Summit, Oxford, Harvard, and Yale.

*(*Peer Reviewed)*

"The Saints' Road as Spiritual Exercise: Pilgrimage, Decision, and An Archipelagic Cosmopolis," Lonergan Workshop 53, Boston College, June 18, 2026.

*"Social Network Science, Belonging, and Brain Health in Uganda," panelist, Past, Present, and Future Public Health Partnerships in Africa, African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 20–22, 2025.

"Networks of Belonging & Help-Seeking Behavior in Uganda," Department of Anthropology, University of Cincinnati, October 9, 2025.

"AI and the Academy," Brueggeman Center for Dialogue, Xavier University, October 8, 2025.

*"Consciousness, Health, and Belonging in Uganda and the U.S.A.," Lonergan Workshop 52: Consciousness, Boston College, June 12–15, 2025.

"Faith-Informed Reflection Machines (FIRM) and Trauma Care," Oxford Collaboration on Theology and Artificial Intelligence (OCTAI), May 8, 2025 (virtual).

"Belonging, Brain Health, and Integral Ecology," TWFC International Conference, Makerere University, March 18–20, 2025.

*"Animate Life: Health, Solidarity, and Belonging in Buganda and Kigezi Communities of Uganda," African Studies Association International Conference, Chicago, IL, December 12, 2024.

"Ethnography and Socio-Spiritual Networks in Uganda for Health Research," Yale University Urban Ethnography Program Workshop, November 11, 2024.

"Virtuous AI?: Perspectives on Prudential Judgement in Medicine from the US and Uganda," Center for Theology and Natural Science (CTNS) Public Forum, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, September 30, 2024.

"Data Science, Health, and Spirituality in Uganda," Data Science Institute and Saint Ignatius Institute/Lane Center, University of San Francisco, September 24, 2024.

*"AI, Ambient Technologies, & Compassion in Healthcare," Science Summit at UNGA79, September 18, 2024.

*"Bantu Social Networks in the Context of Ugandan Behavioral Health," Science Summit at UNGA79, September 16, 2024.

*"Religion and LLM Design for Healthcare Professionals," American Scientific Affiliation (ASA), July 27, 2024.

"Networks of Belonging: On Ancestors, AI, and Global Health," Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame, April 5, 2024.

*"Remittances: Definitions and Metrics in Question" (Moderator), African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 30–December 2, 2023.

*"What Can an Integral Human Development Lens Offer for Research, Knowledge Production, and Partnership between the Global North and Africa?" African Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 1, 2023.

*"Collaborative Research in East Africa: Community and University Partnerships" (Convener & Presenter), UN Science Summit, UNGA 78, New York City/Virtual, September 19, 2023.

*"Translational Science, Theology, and AI/ML: Prudential Judgment in Emergency Medical Decision-Making" (with Zachary Shinar, MD, David Lowe, MD, Pål Morberg, MD), CTNS/GTU, Berkeley, CA, June 12–15, 2023.

"One Earth, One Love" — respondent to Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Oxford (virtual), April 26, 2023.

"International Cooperation in Health Research," Templeton Foundation Bay Area Research Symposium, Lane Center, USF, November 7, 2022.

"Education, Imagination, and Hope in Uganda," Future World Alliance, October 28, 2022.

"Navigating Health Decisions in Uganda: Ancestral Relationships & Catholic Social Thought," Lane Center, USF, October 12, 2022.

*"Ethnography and Digitizing Traditional Health Records in Kampala, Uganda," ACM CHI 2021 Workshop 01, May 7–8, 2021.

*"Bioprosperty, Belonging, and Herbal Ownership: The Case of Brother Anatoli Wasswa," African Studies Association 62nd Annual Meeting, November 21–23, 2019.

"What is a Human Life Worth?" The Big Sick 2019, Zermatt, Switzerland, February 6–8, 2019.

*"Public Health in Southwest Uganda: Religion, Community, and Healing," African Studies Association 61st Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, December 1, 2018.

"Philosophy of Critical Care," The Big Sick 2018, Zermatt, Switzerland, February 7–8, 2018.

*"Health & Healing within Religiously-Affiliated Institutions in Uganda: A Case Study of the Bwindi Community Hospital," African Studies Association 60th Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 16, 2017.

*"Assessment and the Promotion of Ignatian Principles of Justice," AJCU International Education Conference, USF, November 9–11, 2016.

"Theology After C.S. Lewis," C.S. Lewis Society, Oxford, March 11, 2014.

"Tell it Slant: Theology and University Education," Office of Research Services Lecture, University of Scranton, October 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," 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," 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'," Ashland University, February 12, 2011.

Additional invited talks and conference papers, 2002–2009 (8 addresses), including presentations at the American Academy of Religion (AAR), the University of Scranton Research Seminar Series, the University of Oxford, and international conferences in Germany and Austria — full list available on request.

Courses Taught

85 courses taught since 2013, serving approximately 2,000 students, spanning the Academic Development Program (ADP/Gonzaga), two Honors Programs, and the Faculty-Led Study Abroad (FLSA) program.

General Education / Core Curriculum (bulk of teaching load)

Introduction to Christian Theology · First Year Seminars (Bible) · Science & Religion (FYS) · Jesuit Magis (FYS/FYW/SJLA) · Signs & Symbols · Inside Catholic Tradition · Models of the Church · Sacramental Imagination · Economics & Theology · Leadership & Civic Responsibility (Presidentials)

Honors & Interdisciplinary Electives

Neuroscience & Religion (Hons.) · Christianity in Africa · Beauty & Justice · Religion, Bodies, and the Brain · Dialogue/Difference: Race (Hons.) · Neuroscience & Addiction · Self in Psychology & Religion (Hons.) · Religion & Film (Hons.)

Graduate (M.A.)

Modern Councils · Christology · Ecclesiology

Global Immersion Course Offerings

"Christianity in Africa," Faculty Led Study Abroad (FLSA) course in Uganda, 2015–present.

"Pilgrimage, Poetry, and Place: The Dingle Peninsula as a Sacred Text," Sacred Heart University – Dingle Campus, Dingle, Ireland, Summer Session II, 2026.

Alternative Course Offerings

Guest Lecturer (Virtual), "Colonization and Education," Critical Thought on African Indigenous Education (M.Ed.), Makerere University, led by Dr. Peter Ssenkusu, Spring 2024.

RN-BSN Bible Course, hybrid online and in-person, Geisinger Health System, Scranton & Wilkes-Barre, PA, Intersession 2017.

Selected Service

The following highlights selected service contributions; a complete record is available on request.

Mentorship — The University of Scranton

Peter Rocco, BSc (Boston College), Fulbright Advisor for Digitizing Heritage: AI-Driven Preservation of the Batwa Language and Community Knowledge, Fall 2025.

Jude Thaddaeus Buyondo, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, University of Vienna, and Visiting Scholar, Catholic University of East Africa, Fall 2023–Spring 2025.

Mentorship — University of San Francisco

Benjamin Bimanywaruhanga, MBA student, Research Assistantship, funded by the Lane Center, USF, Fall 2022–Spring 2023.

Symposia — University of San Francisco

"Loving the Planet: International Collaboration on Ecology, Love, and Theology," with colleagues from Oxford, Duke, and Brescia, USF, April 26, 2023.

"Buffering, Porosity, and Brain Health in Uganda and the USA," Templeton Foundation Bay Area Research Symposium, Lane Center, USF, November 7, 2022.

Lectures Coordinated & Organized — University of San Francisco

Coordinated 4 invited lectures at USF, 2022–2023, including Ian Marcus Corbin (Harvard Medical School) and Paul S. Fiddes, FBA (University of Oxford) — full list available on request.

College of Arts and Sciences — University of San Francisco

Data Institute — Consultation for Curricular Ethics Integration, 2022–2023.

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, USF, January 17, 2023.

Humanities Representative, Lilly Fellows National Conference, "Implicit Racial Bias and the Academy," Lipscomb University, October 28–30, 2022.

"The Church Millennials II (32–38) and Gen Xers Want," panelist, 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

Faculty Specialist Hiring Group, Fall 2024.

Supervised, read, or served as internal examiner for 10 undergraduate honors and M.A. theses, 2009–2023, spanning theology, bioethics, and the social sciences — including B.A. Honors Thesis Supervisor for William Woody, "The Trinity, the Church, and Man" (2010–2011; honorable mention, Library Research Award, 2011) — full list available on request.

Assessment Project Lead, General Education Assessment, 2021–2022.

General Education Subcommittee, Program Review for 2012–2017, submitted 2017.

Middle States Assessment Sub-Committee, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2013–2015.

Online Education Sub-Committee, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2013–2015.

Vatican II Fiftieth Anniversary Planning Committee, 2014–2015 (conference held May 1–2, 2015).

Web-Development, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, 2011–2013.

Interim Director, M.A. Program in Theology/Religious Studies, University of Scranton, 2009–2010.

Vetted Job Candidates at Initial Interview Stage, AAR Annual Meetings: Chicago (2007), Montréal (2009), San Francisco (November 2011).

Webpage Manager for Theology Faculty, University of Scranton, 2007–2008.

College of Arts & Sciences — University of Scranton

Humanities Commons Committee, Fall 2024–present.

Faculty Student Research Program (FSRP), Kathleen A. Till, "Self & Other in Neuroscience & Philosophy," Fall 2023.

"What Color is God? Theology and Race," co-presentation with CAS Dean Maldonado, Ellacuria Initiative Teach-In for Racial Justice, March 29, 2022.

"Dialogue Across Difference: Race," Honors, with Dr. Teresa Grettano (English/Theatre), 2022.

Health Humanities Concentration Advisory Board, 2019–2022.

Dallas Prison Advisory Board for Associate's Degree (A.S.), 2019.

Ethicist, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), 2014–2020.

Faculty-Student Research, Sarah E. Potter (Computing Sciences) and Richard Walsh (Associate Provost for Operations), An Assessment Mobile Application for Educational Use, 2017–2018.

"Self in Psychology and Religion," Honors, with Dr. Christie Karpiak (Psychology), Spring 2017.

Advisory Group, Catholic Intellectual Tradition, 2015–2018.

Gonzaga/Academic Development Program (ADP) Teaching Faculty, 2014–2020.

Preview Day Presentations on FYS for CAS Dean's Office, 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, 2012–2018.

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, February 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," virtual lecture for Slattery Center for Ignatian Humanities, Spring 2021.

Elijah Anderson, "Black & White Spaces," virtual presentation, March 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, and Departments of Sociology/Criminal Justice and Theology/Religious Studies).

Zachary Shinar, MD, "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.

Additional invited lectures coordinated, 2008–2011 (4 events), including Win Riley's screening of Walker Percy: A Documentary and Zachary Shinar, MD on emergency medicine — full list available on request.

University Service — University of Scranton

Co-Architect and Participant, The University of Scranton's role in the AAC&U's 2025–2026 Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum, September 11, 2025–April 7, 2026 (online).

Health Professions Evaluation Committee (HPEC), 2017–2022; 2024–2025.

Faculty Led Study Abroad Committee (FLSA), Spring 2025–present.

Faculty Development Board Alternate for Arts and Humanities Cluster, 2024–2026.

Political Dialogues Committee Membership, Faculty, 2017–2024.

Faculty Senate, 2018–2020.

Board of Rank & Tenure, At-Large Elected Representative, 2018.

Global Subcommittee for "Metrics," MSCHE Self-Report Committee, 2019.
 Conference Committee on Curriculum (CCC), Ex-Officio Member for the OEA, 2016–2018.
 Faculty Senate's Ad-Hoc GE Assessment "Goals and Objectives" Committee, 2013–2014.
 Lilly Fellows National Program, Fall 2011–present (conference hosted October 2013).
 Middle-States Periodic Review Committee for University Hiring Practices, Fall 2012.
 Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects (IRB), Fall 2011.
 Committee on University Image & Promotion, University of Scranton Faculty Alternate, 2007–2008.
 Faculty Senate, University of Scranton, 2007–2009.
 Curriculum Committee, University of Scranton, 2007–2009.
Additional invited talks, co-lectures, and public programming delivered or coordinated at the University of Scranton, 2007–2020 (15+ events), spanning interfaith dialogue, film series, and curricular co-teaching — including the Uganda Summit (2017) and Family Weekend lectures on the humanities in Jesuit education — full list available on request.

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; Member, Coordinating Catholic Connections; Network Lead, AI & Faith, 2022–2024.
 Clinical Observer, Department of Neurology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, 2022–2025.
 Research Assistant for Rosemary Shaver, M.Ed., PhD Dissertation, Wilkes University, "The Perceived Influence of Participation in an Undergraduate International Service-Learning Program on Recent U.S. College Graduates' Post-College Readiness," 2022.
 Outside Reader, blind peer-review process, 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 and course materials, Masters in Biomedical Sciences Program, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine (led by Reema Persad Clem, PhD, MPH), February 2021; renewed November 2021 and January 2023.
 "Emergency Medicine and Ethics: A Conversation During COVID-19," online co-presentation, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, & General Surgery Interest Group, November 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, blind peer-review process, 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, blind peer-review process, Religion & Literature, Spring 2008.

Community

"Catholicism in Uganda," Christ the King, Parish Women's Group, Trumbull, CT, October 20, 2025.
 The Foundation for Social Connection, Expert Consultant, Fall 2024–present; in vetting process for Scientific Network of Experts, Spring 2025.
 MIT Solve, Grant Application Reviewer, 2024–present.
 "Theology and Solarpunk Futures," St. Joseph's Prep, Environmental Justice Week Presentation, Department of Religion, Philadelphia, October 16, 2024.
 Collaborator, "MIT Solve: Community Brain Trust," February 14, 2024.

Dialogue Facilitator, "Bursting Our Political Bubbles: A Dialogue Across Differences — Freedom and Our Founding: What do they mean for us today?" March 22, 2022.

Civic and electoral volunteer work, 2020.

Alumnus features in university newsletters, University of Oxford (2018) and University of Washington (2017).

Guest science-and-religion talks, Lakeland Biomedical Sciences Program, Lakeland High School, 2016–2017 (3 sessions).

Saint Francis of Assisi Soup Kitchen, 2013–2014.

Honors & Awards

Excellence in Advancing Global Learning, Provost's Enhancement Award, April 25, 2025.

Marquis Who's Who, Expertise in Higher Education, Honored Listee, October 2023.

Affiliate Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School, 2022–2026.

Lo Schiavo Chair in Catholic Social Thought, Joan and Ralph Lane Center for Catholic Social Thought and the Ignatian Tradition, Endowed Professorship, University of San Francisco, 2022–2023.

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, 2002–2006.

Graduate Studentship (Theology), University of Oxford, 2002–2005.

President, Graduate Society, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, 2002–2003.

Membership in Learned Societies

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