

## **CYRUS P. OLSEN III**

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### **ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

**Inaugural Faculty Fellow**, Gail and Francis Slattery Center for Ignatian Humanities, **The University of Scranton**, Spring 2021

**Co-Director**, Health Humanities Concentration, **The University of Scranton**, 2020-Present

**Associate Prof.** Theology/Religious Studies, **The University of Scranton**, 2013-Present

Tenure: Spring, 2014

Promotion: Spring, 2013

**Director**, General Education Assessment, **The University of Scranton**, 2015-18

**Assistant Prof.** Theology/Religious Studies, **The University of Scranton**, 2007-2013

**Director** (Interim), M.A. Program, Theology/Religious Studies, **The University of Scranton**, 2009-10

**Lecturer**, Theology/Religious Studies, **The University of Scranton**, 2006-2007

### **EDUCATION**

D.Phil. **University of Oxford**, Modern [Theology](#) (2008)

M.Phil. **University of Oxford**, Modern Theology (2003)

B.A. **University of Washington**, [Comparative History of Ideas](#) (2000)

Exch. **University of Aberdeen**, Philosophy, Theology, English, Latin (1998-1999)

### **SELECT GRANT APPLICATIONS AND FUNDED PROJECTS (since 2008)**

Templeton Foundation Grant Application, 1<sup>st</sup>-Stage Approval, Spring 2021: From Shame to Openness: “Zambian Openness/Ukukakuluka and Its Impact on Brain Health”, Ian Corbin, PhD (Philosopher); Amar Dhand, MD, DPhil (Social Scientist and Neurologist), Emile Masabarakiza (Zambian Pastor), Cyrus P. Olsen III, DPhil (Theologian), Rev. John Sivalon, PhD (Sociologist), Omar Siddiqi, MD, MPH (Global Health Neurologist), a collaboration with Harvard Medical School and the [Human Network Initiative](#) – \$234,000.00

Race and Anti-Racism, Lilly Fellows Program at Valparaiso University, in partnership with The University of Scranton, AY 2020-21: \$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)

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, Funded, \$34,958.00 (2019)

The University of Scranton, Global Development, Uganda, East Africa: \$2,700.00 (2018)

The University of Scranton Diversity Initiatives Grant, “The Iconic Ghetto & White Space” (Elijah Anderson, Urban Ethnographer at Yale, as Guest Professor): \$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)

The University of Scranton, *Social Innovation, Entrepreneurship* (MKT 484/584) & *Christianity & the Jesuits in India* (T/RS 284x), \$6,000.00 (2017) (unused)

The University of Scranton, Office of Research Services & Programs Interdisciplinary (ORSP) Collaboration funding entitled *Social Justice & the Vocation of Nursing* \$1,540.00 (2017) unused

The University of Scranton, ORSP’s Interdisciplinary Collaboration funding entitled *Representation in Science and the Humanities*, \$1,300 (2017) unused

Teagle Workshop, Wabash College, Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts, Oct. 23-25, 2015

Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, Summer Fellow, “What Does it Mean to Be Human in a Consumer Culture”, Xavier University, July 7-26, 2014

Director: [David J. Burns](#), D.B.A., Prof. & Chair, Marketing & Sales, Kennesaw State University

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Teaching Enhancement Grant: “Mind-mapping for Concept Retention: Concept Visualization & Learning”, 2011-2012

Office of the Provost, Intersession Research Grant: “Vulnerability: Lessons for Religion from Feminist Thought, Sustainable Practice, and Disability Studies”, Jan. 2011

Information Literacy Stipend, Weinberg Memorial Library, for Co-Taught Course “Science and Religion” as a First-Year Seminar; co-teacher Dr. Ben Bishop (Computing Sciences)

Education for Justice Office: “Ethics of Consumption” regional symposium planned and hosted: Scranton, 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.

Office of the Provost, Summer Research Grant: “Novelty & Action: Henri Bergson & Maurice Blondel’s Impact on 20th-Century Catholic Theology”, Summer, 2007.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

### ***Edited Volume:***

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

### ***Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:***

“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*, English Edition, Vol. 11, No. 3 (2013), 871–96.

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

“A Dramatic Role? Hans Urs von Balthasar on the ‘Powers’”, *Ashland Theological Journal*, 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 Hans Urs 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: A Response to R.E. Houser,” *Saint Anselm Journal* vol. 9, no. 2 (2013). [refereed e-journal]

“Act and Event in Rahner and von Balthasar: A Case Study in Catholic Systematics”, *New Blackfriars* 89, (Jan. 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\*](#) (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016), September 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 invited and vetted]

**Podcast Appearances:**

“[Organ Transplantation on ECMO](#),” EDECMO Podcast, guest ethicist for resuscitation ethics, January 16, 2018

“[When to Stop the Train?](#)”, EDECMO podcast, guest ethicist for resuscitation ethics, Nov. 2014

**Book Reviews:**

*Heaven Opens: The Trinitarian Mysticism of Adrienne Von Speyr*, Matthew Lewis Sutton. In *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*, 41, no. 2 (Dec. 2014), 400-401.

*Hope in a Democratic Age*, Alan Mittleman. In *Modern Age*, vol. 55, no. 4 (Fall 2013), 79-82.

*Nouvelle Théologie & Sacramental Ontology: A Return to Mystery*, Hans Boersma. In *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 15.3 (July 2013), 364-367.

*Nietzsche's Epic of the Soul: Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, T. K. Seung. In *Religion and Literature* 39.1 (Spring 2007), 110-13.

*Scattering the Seed: A Guide Through Balthasar's Early Writings on Philosophy and the Arts*, Aidan Nichols, O.P. In *New Blackfriars* 88 (Jan. 2007), 115-117.

*Karl Rahner: Theology and Philosophy*, Karen Kilby. In *Heythrop Journal* 47 (Oct. 2006), 670-674.

*How Things Are in the World: Metaphysics and Theology in Wittgenstein and Rahner*, Terrance W. Klein. In *The Heythrop Journal*, 47 (Oct. 2006), 674-676.

*The Eschatology of Hans Urs von Balthasar*, Nicholas Healy. In *The Journal of Theological Studies* 57 (Apr. 2006), 395-397.

*The Cambridge Companion to Karl Rahner*, ed. Declan Marmion. In *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 8 (Apr. 2006), 209-212.

*Hans Urs von Balthasar and the Dramatic Structure of Truth*, D.C. Schindler. In *Review of Metaphysics* 59 (Sept. 2005), 202-03.

*The Catholic Revival in English Literature: 1845-1961*, Ian Ker. In *Literature and Theology* 18 (2004), 496-498.

*Secret Fire: The Spiritual Vision of J.R.R. Tolkien*, Stratford Caldecott. In *Chesterton Review* 30 (2004), 106-109.

*Images of Redemption*, Patrick Sherry. In *New Blackfriars* 85 (2004), 258-260.

***Work in Progress:***

***Book Project:***

*Ecology, Religion, and Public Health in Uganda*

**SELECT PROFESSIONAL ADDRESSES (\*PEER REVIEWED)**

\* “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 NonWestern World” Workshop 01 at ACM CHI 2021 May 7 & 8, 2021

\*\*“Bioprosperty, Belonging, and Herbal Ownership: The Case of Brother Anatoli Wasswa,” Traditional Medicine and Healing, 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 21 - November 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, November 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.

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 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 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 Annual Meeting, 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, 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”, 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of The International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture, Leeds University, York, Sept. 13-15, 2002.

\*“Imagination and the Knowledge of God”, University of Oxford, Faculty of Theology, Mar. 4, 2002.

**COURSES TAUGHT (since 2008):**

Neuroscience & Religion  
Christianity in Africa  
Intro. Christian Theology  
First Year Seminars (Bible)  
Science & Religion (FYS)  
Neuroscience & Addiction  
Religion & Film

Beauty & Justice  
Immersion Experience  
Signs & Symbols  
Economics & Theology  
Inside Catholic Tradition  
Models of the Church  
Sacramental Imagination

Modern Councils (MA)  
Christology (MA)  
Ecclesiology (MA)  
Honors Tutorials  
Self in Psychology &  
Religion  
Academic Development

**Alternative Course offerings:**

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

**SERVICE**

*Department:*

B.A. Honors Thesis Reader, Madeline M. Meaney, "PTSD Narratives: Gendered Gap in Scientific Literature and Memoirs," May 2020

B.A. 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, 2011-2013

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", 2009-10

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, 2007-08

***College of Arts & Sciences:***

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 Institutions, Spring 2017-Spring 2018

"Self in Psychology and Religion," Honors course co-taught with Prof. 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 First Year Seminars, with CAS Dean's Office, Sat. April 5, 2014; April 20, 2015

"Cinema Paradiso: Religion and Film", Honors course with Prof. Stephen Whittaker (English & Theatre)

"Addiction: Perspectives from Neuroscience & Theology", Honors course with Assoc. Prof. John Deák (Chemistry)

Idea-making Seminar Panelist: Honors Program, Intersession, 2012-present

Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Panelist, *Lord of the Rings*, April 3, 2013

First Year Seminars: Bible, 2011-Present

First Year Seminar Pilot Course: Science & Religion, co-taught with Benjamin Bishop (Computing Sciences), 2009 & 2010

College of Arts & Sciences Academic Advising Center, Feb. 1, 2011-2016 (remunerated); Aug. 21, 2017-present

Lecturer for *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, 2010-2016

***Lectures Coordinated and Organized:***

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 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 Studies

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 Cabaud Meaney, "Waiting on God: Life and Thought of the Mystic Simone Weil", Oct. 29, 2008

Michael Ward, "Imagining God: C.S. Lewis & the Seven Heavens", May 1, 2008

***University:***

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-Present

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, September 16, 2017, The University of Scranton

Family Weekend Lecturer, "The Beauty of the Humanities in Jesuit Education," September 23, 2017

Invited Speaker, Public viewing of *Silence* (Scorsese, 2017) by University 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-Present

“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

“Cloaked in Holiness”, Weekly Companion publication, University Ministries, Feb. 22, 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, 2009-2010

Committee on University Image & Promotion, University of Scranton Faculty Alternate, 2007-08

Faculty Senate, University of Scranton, 2007-09

Curriculum Committee, University of Scranton, 2007-09

***Academy***

Judge, Philosophy, [Global Undergraduate Awards](#), 2021

Health, Science, Technology and Medicine Planning Group, African Studies Association, Lead Member, 2021-

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-

Health, Science, Technology and Medicine Planning Group, African Studies Association, Committee Member, 2019-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, Illinois

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)

***Wider Community:***

"[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

"Emergency Medicine and Ethics: A Conversation During COVID-19," Online (Zoom) Co-Presentation for Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine for the Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, and General Surgery Interest Groups, Nov. 18, 2020

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, Fall 2017

CRISPR-Cas9 & Ethics, Lakeland Biomedical Sciences Program, Lakeland High School, March 21, 2017

CRISPR-Cas9 & Religion, co-presenter with Erica Lasek-Nesselquist (Biology) and 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

“Graceful Stumbling: The Human Journey in *The Hobbit*,” International Institute for Culture, Phil., PA, Jan. 4, 2013

“Expansion of the Heart”, Saint Francis Xavier Church, Philadelphia, PA, October 7, 2012

“Hope and Desire: Pope B. XVI and C.S. Lewis”, St. Peter’s Church, Wellsboro, PA, June 8, 2011

“Beauty, Justice, and the Catholic Tradition”, St. Peter’s Church, Wellsboro, PA, June 21, 2010

Coach, East Scranton Baseball, Scranton, PA, Summer 2010-2012

“Becoming ‘One Flesh’ in St. Paul”, Year of St. Paul lectures, Diocese of Scranton, Sep. 23, 2008; June 10, 2009

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Inaugural Faculty Fellow, Gail and Francis Slattery Center for the Humanities, The University of Scranton, Spring 2021 (accompanied by \$2,500.00 grant for research)

Excellence in Advancing Interdisciplinary Study, Provost’s Faculty Enhancement Award, April 7, 2017 (\$1,500.00)

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

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

[Impact Economics® Consultant Certification](#), 17 UN SDGs Consulting Services, Summer 2021

[Oxford Entrepreneurs Network](#) (OEN), Member, 2017-Present

Participant, “Beyond Economic Mobility: Can Higher Education Advance Racial Equity?”,  
Legislative Advocacy Program of the University of Washington Alumni Association,  
January 7, 2021

Participant, NIH (National Institute of Health) Professional Grant Development Workshop, Online,  
December 7-8, 2020

Participant, *Tranquilitas Ordinis: Liberal Arts Education and the Common Good*, Lilly Fellow  
Program in Humanities and the Arts National Conference, St. Mary’s University,  
Oct. 9, 2020 (held virtually)

Participant, *Discernment, Engagement, Reflection*, Lilly Fellow Program in Humanities  
and the Arts National Conference, Loyola Marymount University, Oct. 27-29, 2017

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 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Dec. 1-  
3, 2016

Participant, *Semper Reformanda: Faith, Science, Art & Culture*, Lilly Fellow Program in Humanities  
and the Arts National Conference, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN, Oct. 14-16, 2-16

Attendee, *Academic Quality: Driving Assessment and Accreditation*, Drexel University, Sept. 7-9,  
2016

Participant, *Created for Creativity: Music, Culture and Faith*, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities  
and the Arts National Conference, Belmont University, Nashville, TN Oct. 9-11, 2015

Attendee, *Assessment for Student Success: Building Academic Innovation & Renewal*, Drexel  
University, Sept. 9-11, 2015

Attendee, “Advanced Topics in Data Visualization,” TDWI Conference, Boston, MA, July 29,  
2015

Participant, *Let the Great World Spin: Roundtable Discussion with Colum McCann*, Schemel  
Forum and Royden B. Davis Award Committee, Oct. 18, 2014

Participant, *Teaching as Vocation in the Jesuit Tradition*, August 11-15, 2014, University of  
Scranton, Jesuit Center

Participant, *A Future City, A New Creation: Equal on All Sides*, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, National Conference, Sept. 26-28, 2014, Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans

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

Provost Book Discussion, *Not For Profit: Why Democracy Needs the Humanities*, Martha Nussbaum, Oct. 2013

Grant-Writing Workshop, Office of Research Services, May 2013

Discussant at *The Human Journey: Integrating a Faith-Based Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, April 15-18, 2012; Sacred Heart University's Lilly Network Exchange

Participant in *The Intellectual Tasks of the New Evangelization*, Sep. 15-17, 2011, Washington, D.C., run by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Clavius Fund Participant: 2010 (History of Christianity); 2011 (Ways of Knowing); 2014 (Aesthetics: Plato); 2018 (Biology of Behavior)

Participant in Departmental travel to Israel through Judaic Studies, June 14-23, 2011

Participant at *Schemel Forum* roundtable, *Israel/Palestine: A Tale of Two Truths*, w/ David N. Myers, Professor of Jewish History, UCLA, University of Scranton, October 5, 2009

Participant at *The Catholic Intellectual Tradition*, Jan 5-9, 2009, University of Scranton

Discussant at *Beauty: What's Justice Got To Do With It?* National Lilly Fellows Network Conference, Oct 10-12, 2008, Seattle Pacific University

Participant at *Education for Justice: The Case for Sustainability*, May 22-23, June 6, 2008 & May 28, 2009 (Scranton)

Participant at *The Analogy of Being: Invention of the Anti-Christ Or the Wisdom of God*, April 4- 6, 2008, Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC

Participant at *Civic Engagement* roundtable, University of Scranton, March 12, 2008

Participant at The University of Scranton summer seminar entitled *The Nature of a Catholic and Jesuit University in the Twenty-First Century*, Aug. 13-17, 2007

## REFERENCES

Jeffrey P. Gingerich, Ph.D.  
Provost/Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs  
The University of Scranton  
([jeffrey.gingerich@scranton.edu](mailto:jeffrey.gingerich@scranton.edu))

Julie Schumacher-Cohen  
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