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## Profile

Scholar, administrator, and educator with a proven record of leadership in Catholic higher education. I bring extensive experience directing undergraduate and interdisciplinary programs, including the co-launch of the Health Humanities concentration, and have served in key governance roles for Faculty Senate and the Board of Rank and Tenure. My scholarship bridges theology with the natural and social sciences, public health, and artificial intelligence and has been featured at international venues, including the UN Science Summit and Oxford. Recognized for excellence in teaching, I am committed to educational leadership in service to the common good.

## ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

### The University of Scranton

[Professor, Theology/Religious Studies](#), Full (2026), Associate (2013), Tenure (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, [Loneragan 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

Integral Health & Global Health Ethics: Formation for Belonging, Ecology, and Care, for a Lilly Fellows Program Network Exchange, request for \$29,800.00, Sept. 2025 submission  
Applied as PI for *Adaptive Susceptibility Response Systems for Disease Spillover in Two African Communities*, John Templeton Foundation, OFI, Funding Inquiry Number (FI-37418) for *Religion, Science, and Society – Health, Religion, and Spirituality*, August 15, 2025: \$1.2m. [Unsuccessful | notified Oct. 9, 2025]

Listed as Participant in *Just, Compassionate & Humble: Interreligious Foundations for Artificial Practical Wisdom*, John Templeton Foundation, OFI; Organization: AI & Faith; “Small” grant: Under \$262, 871, August 15, 2025 [Unsuccessful | notified Oct. 9, 2025]

[Creative Arts Collective for Christian Life and Faith](#) RFP (2025): “Peace-building & Participatory Arts,” second-round invited (6.7% accept. rate); unfunded (5/15/25)

Templeton World Charity Foundation Grant: “[Buffering, Porosity and Brain Health in Uganda](#)” # 20714, Nov. 1, 2022-Oct. 31, 2026; 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 20<sup>th</sup> Century Catholic Theology,” \$2,000.00, Summer 2007

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

### **Books:**

#### **Single Author:**

*Gorillas, Ghosts, and Gods: Networks of Belonging in Uganda*, book proposal (appended).

*Theological Method, Imagination, and Inquiry*, KHP virtual, 10-chapter contract for Fall 2025

#### **Edited Volumes:**

*Networks of Belonging and Care in Uganda and the United States*, co-edited with Dr. Ferdinand Mutaawe Kasozi (James Currey), Book Proposal, submitted May 5, 2025

[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*, re-submission request after peer feedback (re-submitted April 12, 2025)

“[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:**

“[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, 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)**

\*“Social Network Science, Belonging, and Brain Health in Uganda,” Panelist for Past, Present, and Future Public Health Partnerships in Africa, African Studies Association Annual Meeting: [Crossing Boundaries and Recovering Intellectual Traditions](#), 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,” for “Social Networks, Flourishing, and Collective Belonging in the Context of Brain Health,” Makerere University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Liberal and Performing Arts, Department of Philosophy, TWFC International Conference, March 18-20, 2025.

- \*“Animate Life: Health, Solidarity, and Belonging in Buganda and Kigezi Communities of Uganda,” for panel Decolonial Approaches to Health and Medicine in/of/from Africa, African Studies Association International Conference, Chicago, IL, Dec. 12, 2024
- “Ethnography and Socio-Spiritual Networks in Uganda for Health Research,” Yale University, Urban Ethnography Program Workshop, Department of Sociology 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, September 30, 2024
- “Data Science, Health, and Spirituality in Uganda,” for the [Data Science Institute](#) and the [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,” for AI, Compassion & Health, [One Body, Many Gifts: The Diversity of Divine and Human Endeavor](#), American Scientific Affiliation (ASA), July 27, 2024 (accepted)
- “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 (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, 62<sup>nd</sup> 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”, 11<sup>th</sup> 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/Difference: Race (Hons.)
Science & Religion (FYS)	Inside Catholic Tradition	Self in Psych. & Religion (Hons.)
Neuroscience & Addiction	Models of the Church	Jesuit Magis (FYS/FYW/SJLA)
Religion & Film (Hons.)	Sacramental Imagination	Lrdshp Civic Respon. (Presidentials)

### **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,” for Sacred Heart University – Dingle Campus, Dingle, Ireland, Summer Session II, 2026

### **Alternative Course Offerings:**

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, Spring 2024

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

### **SERVICE**

**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** – The 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**

Faculty Specialist Hiring Group, Fall 2024

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**

Humanities Commons Committee, Fall 2024-Present  
 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, 2019-2022  
 Dallas Prison Advisory Board for Associate’s Degree (A.S.), 2019  
 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**

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  
[Hellfighter](#), Private Pre-Release Screening with Five Fifty Five Films & Kate Baxter, Fall 2020  
Co-Panelist, with Teresa Grettano and Julie Schumacher-Cohen, for [Apeiogon 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; 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, 2022-225  
 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**

“Catholicism in Uganda,” for Christ the King, Parish Women’s Group, Trumbull, CT, Oct. 20, 2025  
[The Foundation for Social Connection](#), Expert Consultant, Fall 2024-Present; presently in the vetting process for joining their 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, Oct. 16, 2024  
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

[Excellence in Advancing Global Learning](#), Provost's Enhancement Award, April 25, 2025  
[Marquis Who's Who](#), [Expertise in Higher Education](#), Honored Listee, Oct. 2023  
Affiliate Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School, 2022-2026  
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

Co-architect and participant for The University of Scranton's role in the [AAC&U's 2025–26 Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum](#), September 11, 2025 – April 7, 2026 (Online)  
[Oxford Entrepreneurs Network](#), Mentoring Program (as the Mentee) for Summer 2025  
Invite Only, Creative Leadership for Social Impact and Dialogue, Shape the World Summit, Social Impact Pathway, In conjunction with the Great Jubilee of the Catholic Church, Urbaniana University, Rome, Vatican City, June 12-13, 2025  
Attendee, 2025 Spring Teaching Forum & Poorvu 10th Anniversary Celebration: "A Call to Create: Linguistic Justice in an AI World," Yale University, April 30, 2025  
Invited Attendee, "Social Networks in Health Symposium", hosted by The Dhand Lab, OQ Farm, Bridgewater, Vermont, January 12-15<sup>th</sup>, 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 59<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Century,  
April 15-18, 2012; Sacred Heart University's Lilly Network Exchange  
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 AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**