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Education

2017	Ph.D. Systematic Theology Fordham University Bronx, NY Dissertation Title: “Ineffable Cosmos, Ineffable Love: Divine Action and the Laws of Nature in the Theology of William R. Stoeger, S.J.” Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J., Dissertation Director High Pass, Comprehensive Examinations Minor: New Testament
2012	Master of Arts Systematic Theology Fordham University Bronx, NY High Pass, Comprehensive Examinations
2004	Bachelor of Arts English Language & Literature Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> Arts & Sciences Honors Program

Employment

2022-Present	Associate Professor of Religious Studies
2017-2022	Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Santa Clara University Santa Clara, CA
2021-2022	Interim Liturgy & Music Coordinator Campus Ministry Santa Clara University
2020-2021	Interim Associate Director Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries Santa Clara University
2010-2017	Summer Administrative & Research Assistant Conference Operations Co-Coordinator Curran Center for American Catholic Studies Fordham University
2010-2017	Assistant Director of Liturgical Music Fordham University Campus Ministry Bronx, NY
2006-2010	Director of Worship (Liturgy & Liturgical Music) St. Mary Catholic Church Evansville, IN
2004-2006	Teach for America Corps Member High School English, Music, & Media Instructor Crazy Horse School Wanblee, SD Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Areas of Interest

Theologies of Creation; Ecological Theology; Theology & Science; Catholic Systematic Theology; Liberation/Feminist Theologies; Biblical Theology; Liturgical Theology; Poststructural Philosophy

Courses Taught

Santa Clara University (Undergraduate Core, Religious Studies Electives, and Directed Studies)

Bible & Ecology: Handbook for Domination or Guidebook for Loving Creation?

Faith, Ethics, & Biodiversity: Toward a New View of Creation

Religion, Science, & Ecology: From Conflict to Cooperation

Sustainable Theologies: Sustainability and the World's Religions

Theologies of Creation: Religious Perspectives on the Nature & Ecological Responsibility

The Christian Tradition: The Problem (?) of God

Directed Study: *Advanced Readings in Catholic Theology*

Directed Study: *Theology, Sex, and Gender*

Directed Study: *Introduction to Orthodox Theology*

Directed Study: *The Theology of Karl Rahner, SJ*

Santa Clara University (Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries)

Theological Foundations for Ministry (previously named Practical Theology)

Creation, Science, & Ecological Theology: Reimagining Faith on a Planet in Peril

Jesuit School of Theology

Directed Study: *The Laity and the Liturgy: Historical & Contemporary Issues*

Fordham University (Undergraduate Program)

Faith & Critical Reason: The Problem (?) of God

Introduction to the New Testament: History, Faith, Memory

Religion & Ecology: Toward a New View of Creation

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2021 “En-Gendering Creation Anew: Rethinking Gender and Sexuality with William R. Stoeger, S.J.” *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 48, no. 1 (June 2021).

2020 “Fire of Justice, Breath of Life: Exodus 3 as Foundational Narrative for Ecopolitical Theology.” *The Heythrop Journal* 63, no. 6 (Nov. 2022). (first published online, Dec. 8, 2020)

2020 “As Dewdrops on Indra’s Web: Buddhism, Constitutive Relationships, and Care for Our Common Home.” In *All the Ends of the Earth: Challenge and Celebration of Global Catholicism: College Theology Society Annual Volume*, ed. Jane E. Linahan and Cyril Orji (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2020).

2019 “Cultivating a ‘Cosmic Perspective’ in Theology: Reading William R. Stoeger with *Laudato Si*.” *Theological Studies* 80, no. 4 (Dec. 2019).

2017 “All Creation Sings: The Ecological Crisis, *Laudato Si*, and an Orthodoxy of Praise.” In *Liturgy+Power: College Theology Society Annual Volume*, ed. Brian P. Flanagan and Johann M. Vento (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2017).

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

2021 “God Saw . . . and God knew . . .’: Science, Divine Action, and Un/answered Prayers.” In *Prayer and Communication with the Divine, the Saints, and the Departed*, ed. Thomas G. Plante and Gary E. Schwartz (Routledge/Taylor & Francis, 2021).

2020 “20th and 21st Century Catholic Voices on Nature and Science.” In *Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences*, ed. John Slattery (New York: T&T Clark, 2020).

- 2020 “Environmental Sciences.” In *Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences*, ed. John Slattery (New York: T&T Clark, 2020).

Editorially-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2018 “From Creatureliness to a Creation Imagination,” *The Other Journal* 28 (2018).
“From Creatureliness to a Creation Imagination.” *The Other Journal* (2017). Online.
<https://theotherjournal.com/2017/10/23/creatureliness-creation-imagination/>
- 2006 “The Art & Challenge of Collaborative Liturgy.” *Pastoral Music* 34, no. 1 (Oct. 2006): 53.
(with Rev. Stephen P. Lintzenich)

Book Reviews & Review Essays

- 2021 Review of Lewis Ayes and Medi Ann Volpe, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology. Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 48, no. 1 (June 2021).
- 2021 Review of Denis Edwards, *Christian Understandings of Creation: The Historical Trajectory. Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, Ecology* 25, no. 1 (2021).
- 2019 “On Thinking the Particularity of Place.” Review of *The Place of Imagination: Wendell Berry and the Poetics of Community, Affection, and Identity*, by Joseph Wiebe.
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/the-place-of-imagination/> (December 17, 2019).
- 2014 Review of Kevin J. Ahern, ed., *Visions of Hope: Emerging Theologians and the Future of the Church. American Catholic Studies* 125, no. 2 (Summer 2014): 66-67.

Public Scholarship & Other Publications

- 2022 *Beyond ‘Bad Apples’: Understanding Clergy Perpetrated Sexual Abuse as a Structural Phenomenon and Cultivating Strategies for Change* (co-authored with Julie Hanlon Rubio, JST). www.scu.edu

Funded by a \$40,000 grant from Fordham University, this book-length report presents findings from a multi-year study of clericalism and clergy sexual abuse. Bridging sociological, theological, and psychological research with results from an original survey of 300 Catholic clergy and professional lay ministers, this report assesses how clericalism, as a structure of power, contributes to the perdurance of sexual abuse in the Catholic Church.

National & International Coverage: [Religion News Service/NCR](#) | [America](#) | [Amerindia](#) | [Canadian Public Radio](#) | [Catholic Moral Theology](#) | [katolisch.de](#)

- 2019 “A response to the Vatican document ‘Male and Female He Created Them’.” *National Catholic Reporter* (June 24, 2019), www.ncronline.org
- 2019 “Seeing Creation Aright: Christianity and Ecological Ethics,” Markkula Center (Oct. 2019).
<https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/seeing-creation-aright-christianity-and-ecological-ethics/>
- 2017 “Is Free Speech Really White Speech?” Markkula Center (2017).
<https://www.scu.edu/educational-resources/>

Works in Progress

- 2023 “A Structural Analysis of Clericalism & Clergy Perpetrated Sexual Abuse: New Horizons for Inquiry and Action,” with Julie Hanlon Rubio (pending review at *Horizons*).
- 2023 “Creation, Divine Action, and the Creaturely Vocation: Vision, Call, Practice.”

2023 *Reimagining Creation: A Theology of Creaturely Flourishing* (under contract with Orbis Books).

Reimagining Creation proposes a biblically-grounded and pneumatologically-centered theology of creation rooted in a transformation of imagination, which sees the flourishing of creatures in their concrete socio-ecological contexts as a primary basis for evaluating the adequacy of theological claims. Refracting the themes of life, justice, love through the prisms of natural science, political and liberation theologies, and Ignatian discernment, the book aims to contribute to the renewal of theological reflection on God's good creation.

Grants

"Critically Examining Whys and Hows: Measuring and Understanding How Structural Clericalism Enables Sexual Violence." Subgrant of Fordham's "Taking Responsibility" grant project. Co-Principal Investigator with Julie H. Rubio, Jesuit School of Theology. \$40,000.

Graves Award in the Humanities. The Graves Award honors "outstanding accomplishment in actual teaching in the humanities" and supports a project that integrates research with ongoing teaching development. Santa Clara University's sole nominee, 2022-2024 award cycle. Administered by Pomona College under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies. \$9,000.

Invited Lectures & Keynote Presentations

"En-Gendering Creation Anew: Science, Gender, and Christian Life." Inaugural Lecture, October 2021. Que(e)ries Diverse Genders and Sexualities Initiative, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA. Co-sponsored by the Cummins Institute for Catholic Thought, Culture, & Action; The Mission & Ministry Center; Theology & Religious Studies; Women's and Gender Studies.

Keynote Address: "Living the Gospel: Our Call to Care for Creation." Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice. *Ignatian Solidarity Network*, October 2020. <https://youtu.be/aLX5S4GIUMM>

"God in All Things: William R. Stoeger's Theology of Creation." St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA. May 2018. Hosted by the Theology & Religious Studies Department.

Conference Papers & Presentations

"Framing the Problem: Interdisciplinary Perspectives from the United States," invited paper. *Catholic Theological Society of America* Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church Consultation, June 2023.

"The Im/possibility of Authentic Participation: Liturgy as Mediator of Structural Clericalism," refereed paper. *College Theology Society*, June 2023.

"Sentire Cum Terra: Human Work, Co-Creation, and Ecological Responsibility," refereed paper. *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 2021.

"Broadening the Vision of Theology and Science: A Roundtable Session with the Authors of the *T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Theology and the Natural Sciences*," refereed panel. *American Academy of Religion*, December 2020.

"En-gendering Creation Anew: Rethinking Gender and Sexuality in a Scientific Age," refereed paper. *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 2019.

"As Dewdrops on Indra's Web: Buddhism, Constitutive Relationships, and Care for Our Common Home," refereed paper. *College Theology Society*, June 2019.

"All Creation Sings: The Ecological Crisis, *Laudato Si'*, and an Orthodoxy of Praise," refereed paper. *College Theology Society*, June 2016.

“Finding a Home in a ‘H()meless’ World: David Tracy’s ‘Uncanny’ G()d of Love and Derrida’s ‘Différance,’” refereed paper. *The Impossibility of God...* Conference, March 2016.

“Between Horizons: Evolution, the *Sensus Fidelium*, and God-Talk,” refereed paper. *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 2015.

Public Lectures, Preaching, & Teaching

“Laudato Si: From Vision to Practice,” 7-part public course on *Laudato Si* (Sisters of St. Joseph: *Spirit Alive* Program, 2022). **On YouTube:** [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) | [Part 3](#) | [Part 4](#) | [Part 5](#) | [Part 6](#) | [Part 7](#) |

“Reimagining Creation: A Two-Part Series on Religion and Ecology.” Ignatian Center, 2021.

“Toward a ‘Cosmic Perspective’ on Faith: Evolution, Ecology, and Solidarity with Creation.” St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series, Palo Alto, CA; SCU GPPM Alumni Network Night, 2020.

“Karl Rahner, S.J., and the Theology of the ‘God-Moment.’” *Fordham Mental Health Awareness Week*, April 2015. Published by *ignatianspirituality.com*, a service of Loyola Press:
<http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/23562/karl-rahner-sj-god-moment>

“You Are Witnesses of These Things,” Easter Season 2009; “Assumption: Promise, Trust, Risk, Fulfillment,” Assumption 2010; “Alive in Relationship,” Trinity Sunday 2011. St. Mary Catholic Church, IN.

Parish Missions: “The ‘What, Why, and How’ of Liturgy” and “Even the Rocks Would Cry Out! Science, Creation, and ‘Cosmic Liturgy,’” *St. Nicholas/St. Joseph Catholic Church*, Santa Claus, IN, 2009.

Service to the Academy & Community

Service to the University

2022-2025	Student Affairs University Policy Committee
2022-present	<i>Laudato Si</i> ’ Action Plan Focus Group
2022-present	Sustainable Food Systems Advisory Board
2022-present	Faculty Advisor, <i>Questioning Catholicism</i> , SCU Campus Ministry
2018-present	Faculty Sustainability Liaison Santa Clara University, Center for Sustainability
2018-2020	Event Speaker Campus Ministry, Spiritual Life Communities, & Unity RLC “Cultivating Ecological Spirituality: Faith, Science, and Creation” “My Spiritual Autobiography: Why Christianity?” “Racism, Intersectional Justice, and Interreligious Dialogue” “Modern Spirituality: Faith & Science” “Religion and the Environment”
2021-2022	Interim Music & Liturgy Coordinator Santa Clara University, Campus Ministry
2017-2021	Accompanist & Ad Hoc Director of Music/Liturgical Choir Santa Clara University, Campus Ministry
2021	Co-Coordinator, Panelist, Moderator, “Reimagining Creation” Series Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education Event 1: https://bit.ly/3ebfkHY Event 2: https://bit.ly/3sjv1A6

- 2021 Religious Studies/JST Department Representative
Vice President for Mission & Ministry Search Committee
- 2021 Faculty Representative
Director of Liturgy & Music Search Committee | Campus Ministry
- 2020 Racial & Intersectional Justice Workshop Series
Santa Clara University, Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education
- 2019 SCU Delegation to El Salvador for 30th Anniversary Commemoration of the Jesuit Martyrs (with Lisa Kloppenberg, Kathleen Schneider, and Ray Plaza)

Service to the College

- 2018-2019 Search Committee, College of Arts & Sciences Director of Marketing
- 2021 Religious Studies Department New Student Outreach (Admissions)

Service to the Department

- 2023-present Chair, Religious Studies Department Teaching Committee
- 2023-present Lead, Religious Studies Department Faculty Mentoring Program
- 2021-2022 Chair, Black/African-American Theologies Search Committee
- 2020-2021 Systematic Theology Search Committee
- 2019-2020 Hebrew Bible Search Committee
- 2018-2019 Theological & Social Ethics Search Committee
- 2017-2018 Sacramental & Liturgical Theology RTL Search Committee
- 2021-2022 Founding Coordinator, Tenure-Track Faculty Scholarship Support Group
- 2021 Interviewer for Tenure-Track Faculty, Chair Selection Process
- 2020-2021 Religious Studies Department Fixed-Term Faculty Task Force
- 2020-present Christian Theology Major Requirement Subcommittee
- 2020 Co-Coordinator, Antiracist Pedagogy Working Group
- 2018-present Advisor, Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society
- 2017-2022 Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries Committee
- 2017-2022 Coordinator, Religious Studies Conversations Events Series
- 2017-present Coordinator, Alumni Engagement & Major/Minor Recruitment Project
- 2019-2020 Faculty Evaluation Committee
- 2017-2018 Department Representative, Fall/Spring Preview Days

Service to the Guild

- 2019-2022 Theology, Ecology, Natural Science Administrative Team
College Theology Society
- 2018-present Conference Photographer | Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)
- 2019-present Peer Reviewer
Lexington/Fortress Press; College Theology Society; *Theological Studies*
- 2016-2021 Theology & Science Administrative Team | CTSA

- 2015-2016 Teaching Development Chair (Elected Position)
Theology Graduate Student Association | Fordham University
- 2010-2016 Conference Operations Co-Coordinator | Fordham University
“Building Good Economies: Modern Catholic Social Teaching at 125”
“The Cardinal & Colbert”
“More Than a Monologue: Sexual Diversity and the Catholic Church”
“LOST? Twenty-Somethings and the Church”

Awards, Honors, & Scholarships

- **2021-2023 The Graves Award in the Humanities**, honoring “outstanding accomplishment in actual teaching in the humanities.” Administered by Pomona College under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies.
- **2021 Santa Clara University Office of Student Life *Cura Personalis* Award**, for “having concern and care for the development of the *whole* person and . . . dedication to promoting human dignity and care for the mind, body, and soul of the individual.”
- **Fordham University Senior Teaching Fellowship**, a Distinguished Fellowship awarded by the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences for Teaching Excellence, 2016-2017
- **Jesuit Pedagogy Seminar Participant**, Spring 2016
- **Alpha Sigma Nu: The Jesuit Honor Society**, “Recognizing scholarship and loyalty to the ideals of Jesuit education and a commitment to service of others,” Spring 2016
- **Fordham University Presidential Scholarship & Graduate Assistantship (Ph.D.)**, 2012-14
- **Fordham University Presidential Scholarship & Graduate Assistantship (M.A.)**, 2010-12
- **2004 Boston College Arts Council Award**, “In recognition of outstanding contributions to the arts at Boston College.”
- **2003 Boston College Creativity Award**, “Recognizing outstanding innovation and leadership in student programs, for those who have taken others to new paths of endeavor in group skills or programming.”

Academic Societies & Professional Affiliations

Catholic Theological Society of America
American Academy of Religion

College Theology Society
Alpha Sigma Nu: Jesuit Honor Society

Archival Research

2015 Catalogued Papers & Collected Curial Letters of William R. Stoeger, S.J.
Jesuit Community of the Vatican Observatory | Tucson, AZ

Research Languages

Spanish, French, German, New Testament Greek