

## *Curriculum Vitae*

### **Deborah Ross**

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#### **EDUCATION**

S.T.L., Pastoral and Liturgical Theology, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

Ph.D., Theology, Heythrop College, University of London, United Kingdom (U.K.), thesis “The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Liminal Experience: A Theological Anthropological Interpretation”

M.Th., Pastoral Theology, Heythrop College, University of London, dissertation on RCIA and catechesis

B.A. (Hons), Theology and Religious Studies with English, St. Mary’s College, Twickenham, London, University of Surrey (now St. Mary’s University), U.K., dissertation on moral theology

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Lecturer and Director of Ministerial Formation, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University (Berkeley Campus), 2013-present

Quarterly Adjunct Lecturer, Religious Studies Department and Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries (GPPM), Santa Clara University (SCU), 2012-2013

Adjunct Professor, St. Ignatius Institute, University of San Francisco, 2012-2013

Research Assistant, progressing to Project Coordinator/Consultant, Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project, Heythrop College, University of London, 2006-2010

Research Assistant/Consultant, Evangelisation Research in the Catholic Church, Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund’s College, University of Cambridge, U.K., 2005-2006

Various ministry positions including parish, university, and sixth form college ministry, 1994-2006

#### **RESEARCH AREAS**

Practical theology; contextual theology; ecclesiology; sacramental and liturgical theology; theological anthropology; theology and the social sciences; ritual studies; pilgrimage; and science and religion (bioethics)

#### **PUBLICATIONS (Selected)**

Book on practical theology in preparation

Book, co-editor and contributing author, Deborah Ross, Eduardo Fernández, S.J., with Stephen Bevans, SVD (editors), *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019)

Book, co-author, Helen Cameron et al, *Talking About God in Practice: Theological Action Research and Practical Theology* (London: SCM Press, 2010)

Introduction, with Eduardo Fernández, SJ, *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019)

Introduction, Edith and Victor Turner, *Image and Pilgrimage in Christian Culture: Anthropological Perspectives*, rev. ed. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011)

Book chapter, “‘Let Him Easter in Us’: Paschal Spirituality, Sacramentality, and Lay Ecclesial Ministry,” in *Harvesting and Sowing: Pastoral Ministry in a Time of “Epochal Change,”* (working title) eds. Maureen O’Brien and Michael Canaris (forthcoming 2024)

Book chapter, “Field Education at a Shared Parish: Navigating Contextual and Pastoral Opportunities,” in *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019)

Journal article, “Ignatian Spirituality and Action Research: Exploring Lay Ecclesial Ministerial Formation,” *The Way*, 61/2, April 2022, 98-110

Book review, Emma O’Donnell, *Remembering the Future: The Experience of Time in Jewish and Christian Liturgy* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2015), *Theological Studies*, Vol. 78 no. 1 (March 2017)

Book review, Claire Wolfeich, ed., *Invitation to Practical Theology: Visions and Voices*, (Mahwah, NY: Paulist Press, 2014), *Theological Studies*, 77 no. 1 (March 2016)

Book review, Timothy Larsen, *The Slain God: Anthropologists and the Christian Faith* (Oxford: OUP, 2014), *Theological Studies*, 76 no. 4 (December 2015)

Book review, Edward P. Hahnenberg, *Theology for Ministry: An Introduction for Lay Ministers* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2014), *Theological Studies*, 76, no. 2 (June 2015)

Book review, Myroslav Tataryn and Maria Truchan-Tataryn, *Discovering Trinity in Disability: A Theology for Embracing Difference* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2013), *Theological Studies* 75, no. 3 (September 2014)

Report, *Ministerial Formation Report and Plan* (Jesuit School of Theology, 2020)

Report, *Research Report on Lay Ecclesial Formation at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University* (Jesuit School of Theology, 2018)

Report, co-author, *Living Church in the Global City: Theology in Practice* (Heythrop College, University of London, 2008)

Report, co-author, *Going Forth: An Enquiry into Evangelisation and Renewal in the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales* (Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund’s College, University of Cambridge and Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, 2006)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

“Theological Education for Ministry: Synodal Approaches,” panel presentation, Association of Graduate Programs in Pastoral Ministry (AGPIM) Annual Meeting, Los Altos, CA, February 2024

“Lay Ecclesial Ministerial Formation and Chauvet’s Sacramental Theology,” conference paper, AGPIM Annual Meeting, March 2022

“The Work of Contextual Theology: ‘Doing Theology as If People Mattered,’” conference presentation with Eduardo Fernández, SJ, Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), June 2021

“Ignatian Action Research,” conference paper, Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education Conference, Seattle University, August 2017

“Pastoral/Practical Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, California” conference paper given at “The Belo Horizonte Meeting” Catholic practical theology conference, *Faculdade Jesuíta de Filosofia e Teologia*, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, April 2014

Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project, presentation and book launch of *Talking About God in Practice: Theological Action Research and Practical Theology* (London: SCM Press, 2010), Heythrop College, University of London, January 2011

“Victor and Edith Turner, liminality and the RCIA,” paper given at the Theology Research Seminar, Heythrop College, University of London, February 2009

Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project, presentation and launch of “Living Church in the Global City: Theology in Practice,” Heythrop College, University of London, December 2008

“The RCIA as a liminal journey,” seminar presentation for the North American Forum on the Catechumenate Conference, Ohio, November 2008

“Liminality and the RCIA,” seminar presentation by invitation of Dr. Edith Turner, University of Virginia, November 2008

“Action Research Church and Society (ARCS) project methodology,” ARCS project seminar presentation, Heythrop College, University of London, June 2008

“Researching Theological Contexts - A Grounded Theory Approach,” conference paper presented at “Theology for Church and Society: Developing Resources for Pastoral and Practical Theology,” Heythrop College, University of London, November 2007

“Evangelization and Renewal Research Project – Reading the Practice: A Grounded Theory Approach,” presentation at colloquium led by Heythrop College, University of London and the Von Hügel Institute, St. Edmund’s College, University of Cambridge, May 2006

## TEACHING

Lecturer and Director of Ministerial Formation, Jesuit School of Theology, 2013-present. Graduate courses currently teaching, or previously taught or co-taught:

- FE-1152 M. Div. I Orientation Seminar (formerly FE-1152 M.Div. Integration Seminar I), Fall 2013-present
- FE-2151 Field Education Practicum, Spring 2022-present
- FE-2152 M. Div. Integration Seminar II, Fall 2013-Spring 2023
- FE-2155 M. Div. Capstone Seminar, Fall 2023
- FE-4400 STL Research Practicum, co-taught, Fall 2015-Spring 2018
- FE-4401 STD Research Practicum, co-taught, Fall 2015-Spring 2018
- FE-4402 Th.M. Research Practicum, Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

Adjunct Professor, St. Ignatius Institute, University of San Francisco, 2012-2013. Undergraduate courses taught:

- Sacramentality in Film and Literature I, Fall 2012
- Faith, Hope, and Love in Charles Dickens, Fall 2012
- Sacramentality in Film and Literature II, Spring 2013
- Pilgrimage in Contemporary Society, Spring 2013

Quarterly Adjunct Lecturer, Religious Studies Department, Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries (GPPM), Santa Clara University, 2012-2013. Courses taught:

- Practical Theology, GPPM course, Fall 2012
- Catholic Theology: Foundations, undergraduate course, Winter 2013
- Encounters of Religion and Globalization, undergraduate course, Spring 2013
- Process of Catechesis, GPPM course, Summer 2013

## **SERVICE (Selected)**

### **Boards and Committees**

M.Div. Degree Review Committee, January 2024-present

Statutes and Curricula Committee, December 2023-present

Academic Affairs Committee, JST Board of Directors, September 2023-present

JST Program Director Assessment Committee, September 2022-May 2023

SCU Provost's Adjunct Faculty and Lecturers Council (PAFLC), February 2020-June 2022

Student Life Committee, Jesuit School of Theology Board of Directors, January 2019-May 2023

Master of Divinity Comprehensive Examination Board, May 2015-present

JST Student Life and Formation Cluster, September 2014-present

JST Admissions Committee, September 2013-present

Search Committee, Director of Spiritual Formation, June-August 2021; December 2021-April 2022

Search Committee, tenure track Assistant Professor in Christian Spirituality, October 2018-March 2019

Search Committee for tenure track Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, December 2015-March 2016

### **Department**

Program Director, Master of Theology (Th.M.) Degree Program, Summer 2022-Summer 2023

Principal Investigator for Santa Clara University Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education (IJCE) grant-funded project developing a model of action research integrating Ignatian spirituality, 2014-2017

Reader, four M.T.S. degree synthesis projects on pastoral theology and catechesis, 2020-2023

Reader, Graduate Theological Union (GTU) M.A. degree thesis on Japanese pilgrimage, 2019

Reader, GTU Ph.D. degree dissertation on practical and Latinx theology and Mariology, 2016-2018

### **Presentations**

Event co-organizer/emcee, Thomas Massaro, SJ, “The Renewal of Catholic Labor Justice Advocacy Under Pope Francis,” webinar co-sponsored by the IJCE Bannan Forum and JST, February 2022

Presentation on Practical Theology and Missiology, with Eduardo Fernández, S.J., GTU Practical Theology Seminar, April 2021

Presentation on Contextual Theology, with Eduardo Fernández, S.J., GTU Theology and Ethics Seminar, November 2020

Presentation on book *Doing Theology as If People Mattered: Encounters in Contextual Theology* (New York: Herder and Herder, 2019), with Eduardo Fernández, S.J., Joe Daoust, S.J., and GTU Ph.D. student, JST community, September 2019

Presentation, workshop on the RCIA for JST students, April 2014

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

President, Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry

Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities for Pastoral, Theological, and Ministerial Education

Member, American Academy of Religion

Member, Association of Practical Theology

Member, Catholic Theological Society of America

### **GRANTS (Selected)**

SCU Lecturer Professional Activity Grant for “Ignatian Action Research,” paper presentation, Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education Conference, Seattle University, 2017

SCU Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education Bannan Institute Working Group Grant to support a project developing an action research model integrating Ignatian spirituality, 2014-2017

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Ecclesiastical Latin; French (intermediate); Spanish (elementary)