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EDUCATION

The Divinity School,
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Ph.D. in theology, 1993.

Dissertation: The Defense of the Subject: Johann Baptist Metz and the Problem of Anthropology
Director: David Tracy

Weston School of Theology
Cambridge, Massachusetts

M.T.S. in systematic theology, 1988.

Thesis: Authority and Autonomy in the American Catholic Church
Director: Peter Schineller, S.J.

St. Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri

B.S. in philosophy and physics, 1982, *summa cum laude*

Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

- Wolfgang Huber guest professorship for ecumenical theology at the University of Heidelberg: April to July, 2018.
- Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology, 2010
- Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Fellowship for Teaching Science and Religion, 2003
- International Course Development Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 2001-2003
- Visiting Scholar, Boston College Center for Ignatian Spirituality, 1997-98
- Award Winner in the John Templeton Competition for Courses in Science and Religion, 1996
- Ph.D. Dissertation approved with distinction, August, 1993
- Junior Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, at the Divinity School of the

University of Chicago, 1992-1993

- Graduated with distinction from Weston School of Theology
 - Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*, St. Louis University
 - Member, Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit Honor Society)
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Professional Organizations:

Catholic Theological Society of America
 College Theology Society
 American Academy of Religion
 Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

authored

Renewing Theology: Ignatian Spirituality and Karl Rahner, Ignacio Ellacuría, and Pope Francis
 (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2022).

Take Lord and Receive all My Memory: Toward an Anamnestic Mysticism, 2015 Pere Marquette
 Lecture (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2015).

Interruptions: Mysticism, Politics and Theology in the Work of Johann Baptist Metz (Notre Dame, IN:
 University of Notre Dame Press, 1998).

edited and/or translated

J. Matthew Ashley, Kevin Burke, Rodolfo Cardenal, *A Grammar of Justice: The Legacy of Ignacio
 Ellacuría* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2014)

Johann Baptist Metz, *Faith in History and Society: Studies for a Practical Fundamental Theology*, 2nd
 English edition, translated and edited, with an introduction and study materials by J. Matthew
 Ashley (New York: Crossroad, 2007)

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Johann Baptist Metz, Jürgen Moltmann, Eveline Goodman-Thau, *The End
 of Time? The Provocation of Talking about God*, translated and edited by J. Matthew Ashley
 (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 2004).

Johann Baptist Metz and Elie Wiesel, *Hope Against Hope: Johann Baptist Metz and Elie Wiesel Speak Out on the Holocaust*, translated by J. Matthew Ashley (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 1999).

Johann Baptist Metz, *A Passion for God: The Mystical-Political Dimension of Christianity*, with a foreword by the author, translated and edited, with an introduction by J. Matthew Ashley, (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 1998).

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS:

“La Universidad Jesuita como Instrumento de la Consolación,” *Jesuit Higher Education*. A spanish translation of “The Jesuit University as an Instrument of Mercy” (see below), forthcoming, May 2024.

“Karl Rahner: Commentary,” *The Enduring Theological Wisdom of the Founders of Concilium: Congar, Rahner, Metz, Schillebeeckx, and Küng, Concilium Founders Memorial Issue*, 2022, 93-97.

“The Jesuit University as an Instrument of Mercy,” *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*, Volume 7, Number 1 (May 2018), 5-16.

“Pope Francis as Interpreter of Ignatius’s Spiritual Exercises,” *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*, Volume 17, Number 2 (Fall 2017), 165-179.

“Reading the Universe Story Theologically: The Contribution of a Biblical Narrative Imagination,” *Theological Studies* vol. 71 (December 2010): 870-902. This article won the “best article of the year” award for 2010 from the *College Theology Society* (awarded in 2011).

“Teaching Catholic Theology in the Coming Decade: Report from a Consultation,” *Horizons* vol. 37, no. 2 (Fall 2010).

“A Contemplative under the Standard of Christ: Ignacio Ellacuría's Interpretation of Ignatius of Loyola's *Spiritual Exercises*,” *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* vol. 10 (fall 2010): 192-204.

“The University as an Instrument of Consolation in the Modern World,” *The Way*, 49/2 (April 2010), 21–36.

“Theological Roundtable: Rethinking the Secular,” edited and introduced by J. Matthew Ashley, *Horizons* vol. 35, no. 4 (Fall 2008), 327-354; “Introduction,” pp, 327-329.

“Saving the Secular: Mark Lilla’s *The Stillborn God*,” in “Theological Roundtable: Rethinking the Secular,” *Horizons* vol. 35, no. 4 (Fall 2008), 329-34.

“Forjando una espiritualidad eclesial: Algunas reflexiones sobre la espiritualidad y la religión de Monseñor Oscar A. Romero,” *Revista Latinoamericana de Teología* 64 (Jan./Apr. 2005).

“La Contemplación en la acción de la justicia: La contribución de Ignacio Ellacuría a la espiritualidad cristiana” *Revista Latinoamericana de Teología* 51 (Sept./Dec. 2000): 211-232. A slightly modified version of this essay appears as “Contemplation in Action for Justice: Ignacio Ellacuría’s Contribution to Christian Spirituality.” *The Love that Produces Hope: The Thought of Ignacio Ellacuría*. Edited by Kevin Burke and Robert Lassalle-Klein, (Collegeville, Mn.: Liturgical Press, 2006), 144-68.

“The Word made Virtual: The Soteriology of the Internet,” *New Theology Review* 14/1 (February, 2001), 77-80

“Ignacio Ellacuría and the *Spiritual Exercises* of Ignatius Loyola,” *Theological Studies* 61 (2000): 16-39. Appears in French as “Ignacio Ellacuría et les Exercices spirituels de saint Ignace de Loyola” *Cahiers de Spiritualité Ignatienne* (September).

“Apocalypticism in Political and Liberation Theology: Toward an Historical *Docta Ignorantia*.” *Horizons: the Journal of the College Theology Society* Volume 27, No. 1 (Spring, 2000), 22-43.

“Renewing the Face of the Earth: Scientific and Technological Advance” in *2000: Reality and Hope, Concilium* 1999/5 edited Jon Sobrino and Virgilio Elizondo (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 1999), 105-11.

REFEREED ARTICLES IN VOLUMES:

“Is it Providential, by Chance? Christian Objections to the Role of Chance in Darwinian Evolution,” in *Chance in Evolution*, ed. Grant Ramsey & Charles Pence (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016), 103-121.

“Ignacio Ellacuría: espiritualidad, discernimiento, buenas noticias,” in Rodolfo Cardenal, SJ and Martin Maier, SJ, Matthew Ashley, eds. *La civilización de la pobreza. El legado de Ignacio Ellacuría para el mundo de hoy*. La edición de UCA Editores (San Salvador: UCA Editores, 2015), 277-293.

“Original Sin, Biblical Hermeneutics, and the Science of Evolution,” in *Nature and Scripture in the Abrahamic Religion: 1700 - Present*, vol. 2, edited by Jitse M. van der Meer and Scott Mandelbrote (Leiden: Brill, 2008) 407-436.

“The Turn to Apocalyptic and the Option for the Poor in Christian Theology: A Response to David Tracy,” in Daniel Groody, CSC (ed.), *The Option for the Poor in Christian Theology* (Notre Dame, In.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007), 132-156.

“New Horizons for Mysticism and Politics: How the Agenda Has Shifted” in *New Horizons in*

Theology. The 50th Annual Volume of the College Theology Society. Edited by Terrence W. Tilley (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2005), 56-72.

“A Post-Einsteinian Settlement? On Spirituality as a Possible Border-Crossing Between Religion and the New Science,” in *Theology: Expanding the Borders*, The Annual Publication of the College Theology Society, vol. 43. Ed. María Pilar Aquino and Roberto S. Goizueta (Mystic, CT.: Twenty-Third Publications, 1998), 80-108.

SOLICITED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Johann Baptist Metz,” *T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*, edited by David Nelson and Philip Ziegler (New York: T&T Clark, 2022).

“Faith Encounters Scientific Culture: A Mutually Critical Correlation?” in *Horizons: Journal of the College Theology Society*, 47, no. 2 (2020), 355-360 [This is a review essay: 1,900 words]

Karen Kilby and J. Matthew Ashley, “What difference does grace make? An exploration of the concept of grace in the theological anthropology of Karl Rahner,” in *Theology and Evolutionary Anthropology: Dialogues in Wisdom, Humility and Grace*, edited by Celia Deane-Drummond and Augustín Fuentes (New York: Routledge, 2020), 209-227.

“Johann Baptist Metz: *Lesemeister* and *Lebemeister*,” in *Theologie in gefährdeter Zeit: Stichworte von nahen und fernen Weggefährten für Johann Batpist metz zum 90. Geburtstag*, edited Hans-Gerd Janßen, Julia D.E. Prinz, Micahel J. Rainer (Münster: Lit Verlag, 2019), 18-22.

“Pope Francis and the Legacy of Medellín: Inspiration and Challenge to the Church in the United States” in *The Grace of Medellín: History, Theology and Legacy*. Edited by Margaret Guider, Felix Palazzi, and O. Ernesto Valiente (Miami: Convivium Press, 2018), 201-210.

“Mercy, Spirituality and Theology: Responding to the Wounds of a Crucified World,” in John Downey, Stephen Ostovich and Johann Vento, eds., *Facing the World: Political Theology and Mercy* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2018), 75-91.

“Ignacio Ellacuría: Spirituality, Discernment and Good News,” in Ashley, Burke and Cardenal, *A Grammar of Justice: The Legacy of Ignacio Ellacuría* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2014), 255-268

“Memory, Mysticism and Testimony,” in *Witnessing: Prophecy, Politics, and Wisdom*, ed. Maria Clara Bingemer and Peter Casarella (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 2014).

Foreword, Gustavo Gutiérrez, *Spiritual Writings*, edited with an introduction by Daniel G. Groody (Maryknoll: Orbis Press, 2011), 11-16.

- “‘A quien está olvidado de todos, Dios no lo olvida’: Memoria, teología, espiritualidad,” in *Libertad y Esperanza: a Gustavo Gutiérrez por sus 80 años*, Consuelo de Prado y Pedro Hughes, eds. (Lima: Instituto Bartolomé de las Casas, 2008), 113-131.
- “The Mystery of God and Compassion for the Poor: The Spiritual Basis for Theology,” in Stephen Pope, ed., *Hope and Solidarity: Jon Sobrino's Challenge to the Church* (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis, 2008), 63-75.
- "Contemplation in the Action of Justice: Ignacio Ellacuría and Ignatian Spirituality," in Kevin Burke and Robert Lassalle-Klein (eds.), *The Love that Produces Hope: The Thought of Ignacio Ellacuría* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2006), 144-168.
- “Die Kategorie Unterbrechung in der Theologie von Johann Baptist Metz,“ in *Christlich-pädagogische Blätter* (Feb. 2006)
- “Environmental Concern and the New Political Theology,” in John K. Downey, Jürgen Manemann, Steven Ostovich (eds.), *Missing God? Cultural Amnesia and Political Theology* (Münster, Lit Verlag, 2006), 139-158.
- “Oscar Romero, Religion and Spirituality,” *The Way*, Vol. 44, no. 2 (April 2005) 113-33 [note: this is a slightly revised version of “Forjando una espiritualidad eclesial”, cited above under articles in refereed journals]
- “Johann Baptist Metz,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Political Theology*, edited by William Cavanaugh and Peter Scott (Cambridge: Blackwell, 2003), 241-255.
- “The Mystical Dimension of the Everyday,” *Way Supplement: Christianity and the Mystical* (Autumn, 2001), 61-71.
- “Contemplation in Prophetic Action: Oscar Romero's Challenge to Spirituality in North America,” *Christian Spirituality Bulletin* 8/2 (spring/summer, 2000), 6-13.
- “The New Evangelization and an Inter-American Synod: Toward an *Ecclesia Semper Evangelizanda*,” in *The Ecumenist*, 3/3 (July-September, 1996), 53-57.
- “The Turn to Spirituality? The Relationship between Theology and Spirituality,” in *The Christian Spirituality Bulletin*, 3/2 (Fall, 1995), 13-18.

OTHER ESSAYS AND ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- “A Latin American Reading of the *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius,” by Ignacio Ellacuría; translated, with notes, by J. Matthew Ashley, in *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*, vol. 10, no. 2 (Fall 2010): 205-42.

“The Path to *Faith in History and Society*,” in Johann Baptist Metz, *Faith in History and Society: Studies for a Practical Fundamental Theology*, 2nd English edition, translated and edited, with an introduction and study materials by J. Matthew Ashley (New York: Crossroad, 2007) [note: this book is cited above under “books edited or translated”], 1-20.

“Reading Metz,” introduction to *The Mystical-Political Dimension of Christianity: Further Soundings in Political Theology*, ed. J. Matthew Ashley (Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 1998) [note: this book is cited above under “books edited or translated”], 7-21.

ESSAYS IN POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

“Remembering Johann Baptist Metz,” *America Magazine*, December 4, 2019.

Review of Austin Ivereigh, *Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and his Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church*, *Commonweal* (February 2020).

Review of Massimo Borghesi, *The Mind of Pope Francis: Jorge Mario Bergoglio’s Intellectual Journey*. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2018. In *Commonweal*, March 19, 2019

Review of Lilian Calles Barger, *The World Come of Age: An Intellectual History of Liberation Theology*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018, in *Commonweal* 26-27 (1650 words).

Review Essay of Jacques Dupuis *Faces the Inquisition: Two Essays on Dominus Iesus and the Roman Investigation of his Work*, *Commonweal*, 6/1/2013, Vol. 140 Issue 10, pp. 17-20.

“An Ignatian Spirit: Patrick Carey’s life of Avery Dulles,” book essay in *Commonweal*, vol. CXXXIX, no. 1 (January 13, 2012), 20-23.

“The Vatican and Jon Sobrino,” *Commonweal*, vol. CXXXIV, no 10 (May 18, 2007), 14-15.

BOOK REVIEWS IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS:

Review of *Ripples of the Universe: Spirituality in Sedona, Arizona*, by Susannah Crockford. Will appear in the Fall, 2022 issue of *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* (1200 words).

Review of *Saving Fear in Christian Spirituality*. Edited by Ann W. Astell, in *Theological Studies*, 82, no 4. (December 2021), 720.

Review of Stephen Okey, *Theology of Conversation: An Introduction to David Tracy*. Introduction by David Tracy. *The Journal of Religion* volume 100, number 3 (July 2020), 415-417.

- Review of *An Ocean of Light: Contemplation, Transformation, and Liberation*, by Martin Laird. *Theology Today*, 76/3 (October, 2019), 269-271.
- Review of Lisa Sideris, *Consecrating Science: Wonder, Knowledge, and the Natural World*. Oakland, Cal.: University of California Press, 2017. In *Theological Studies*, 79 no 3 Sep 2018, p 705-706.
- Review of Thomas R. Rourke, *The Roots of Pope Francis's Social and Political Thought: From Argentina to the Vatican*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016. In *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*, 45 no 1 (June 2018), 223-224.
- Review of Robert Lassalle-Klein, *Blood and Ink: Ignacio Ellacuría, Jon Sobrino, and the Jesuit Martyrs of the University of Central America*, with a foreword by Jon Sobrino. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2014), in the *Journal of Jesuit Studies*, 2 no 2 (2015), 350-353 [1500 words]
- Review of Maureen O'Connell, *Compassion: Loving our Neighbor in an Age of Globalization* *Theological Studies* 71, no. 4 (December 2011), 980-981.
- Review of Michael Ruse. *Science and Spirituality: Making Room for Faith in an Age of Science* and Elaine Howard Ecklund. *Science vs. Religion: What Scientists Really Think for Spiritus*, 11, no. 1 (Spring, 2011), 138-143.
- Review of *Schöpfung und Evolution: Eine Tagung mit Papst Benedikt XVI in Castel Gandolfo*, ed. Stephen Horn and Siegfried Wiedenhofer, in *Theological Studies*, 69 no 4 (December, 2008), 935-937.
- Review of *Roman Catholicism and Modern Science: A History*, by Don O'Leary., in *Horizons* vol. 35, no. 4 (Fall 2008), 411.
- Review of Keith Ward, *Is Religion Dangerous?* in *Worship* 82 no. 2 (March 2008), 191-192.
- Review of Johann Baptist Metz, *Memoria Passionis: Ein provozierendes Gedächtnis in pluralistischer Gesellschaft*, in *Theological Studies* 68 no. 4 (December 2007), 946-948.
- Review of Hans Zollner, *Trost-Zunahme an Hoffnung, Glaube und Liebe*, in *Theological Studies* 67, no. 4 (Dec. 2006), 917-19.
- Review of Ronald Modras, *Ignatian Humanism: A Dynamic Spirituality for the 21st Century*, in *Theological Studies* 67, no. 4 (Dec. 2006), 931.
- Review of Timothy Gorringer, *Furthering Humanity: A Theology of Culture for Modern Theology* 22:1 (Jan. 2006), 162-164.
- Review of Jürgen Moltmann, *Science & Wisdom*, in *Theological Studies* vol 65, no. 3 (September 2004), 679.

- Review of Stephen Happel, *Metaphors for God's Time in Science and Religion* in *Theological Studies* vol 65, no. 1 (March, 2004), 236.
- Review of John Polkinghorne and Michael Welker, *Faith in the Living God: A Dialogue* (Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress Press, 2001), forthcoming in *New Theology Review*.
- Review of Jon Sobrino, *Christ the Liberator: A View from the Victims*, in *Journal of Latino/Hispanic Theology* (May, 2003).
- Review of Philip Endean, *Karl Rahner and Ignatian Spirituality*, in *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 2 no. 1 (Spring 2002), 112-115.
- Review of José Sols Lucia, *La Teología Histórica de Ignacio Ellacuría*, in *Theological Studies* 62 no. 1 (March, 2001), 178-180.
- Review of Robert Wuthnow, *After Heaven: Spirituality in America Since the 1950's*, in *The Christian Spirituality Bulletin* 7, no. 2 (Fall/Winter 1999), 33-35.
- Review of Christopher Rowland (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, in *The Christian Century* (November 17-24), 1135-37.
- Review of Mark A. McIntosh: *Christology from Within: Spirituality and the Incarnation in Hans Urs von Balthasar*, in the *Journal of Religion* 79 (October, 1999), 669-71.
- Review of Edward Larson and Darrel Amundsen, *A Different Death: Euthanasia and the Christian Tradition*, in *America*, 197/8 (December 5, 1998), 25f.
- Review of Roberto Goizueta, *Caminemos con Jesús: Toward a Hispanic/Latino Theology of Accompaniment*, in *Pro Ecclesia* VII/3 (Summer, 1998), 360f. Review of Jürgen Moltmann, *The Coming of God: Christian Eschatology* in *The Anglican Theological Review* vol. 80/1 (Fall, 1997).
- Review of Johann Baptist Metz & Jürgen Moltmann, *Faith and the Future: Essays on Theology, Solidarity, and Modernity*, in *The Anglican Theological Review*, vol 78/4 (Fall 1996).
- Review of Richard Lennan, *The Ecclesiology of Karl Rahner*, in *The Journal of Religion* 77/1 (January, 1997), 156f.
- Review of Olaf Pedersen, *The Book of Nature*, in *The Journal of Religion*, 74/2 (April, 1994), 294.
- Review of Joseph Colombo, *An Essay on Theology and History: Studies in Pannenberg, Metz, and the Frankfurt School*, in *The Journal of Religion*, 74/3 (June, 1994): 407f.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Books

A Mysticism of Open Eyes – a translation of texts primarily from Johann Baptist Metz’s *Mystik der offenen Augen*. Co-translated and edited with Sr. Julia D.E. Prinz, VDMF.

Francis of Buenos Aires: A Pilgrim Pope – a book analyzing Pope Francis’s theology, particularly his “practical theology” as a bishop (and now pope) in the light of his unique appropriation of Ignatian spirituality.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES (OUTSIDE NOTRE DAME)

“Hope at the end of the Anthropocene: Reflections from a Martyred University President,” Loyola University Maryland. February 22, 2023.

“Workshop: Pope Francis and the Spiritual Exercises,” Rockhurst University / Center for Ignatian Spirituality, Kansas City, MO: April 22 & 23, 2022

Pope Francis’s Spirituality and Practice of Church Leadership: Model or Obstacle for the Church’s Engagement with the Sexual Abuse Crisis,” Villanova University, November 2, 2019

“Ignacio Ellacuría, Racism and White Privilege: Healing a diseased Theological Imagination,” presentation for the working group: III International Colloquium on the Theology of Ignacio Ellacuría, July 4, 2019

“Embracing the Gospel in a Church in Crisis,” plenary address for “The Vision of Pope Francis: Mercy in a Suffering World,” Regis University, March 12, 2018.

“Pope Francis’s Vision of Ecumenism in the Age of the Nones,” Inaugural Lecture of the Wolfgang Huber Chair in Ecumenical Studies, University of Heidelberg, May 24, 2018.

“Reading the Universe Story Critically and Ecumenically: A Reconciled Diversity of Responses,” at “Multiple Reformations IV: Legacy and Future of Multiple Reformations,” Rome, March 11, 2018.

“Laudato si’: How Pope Francis Enlists Saint Francis of Assisi to Help Us Address Climate Change,” Colorado Springs, March 2018 (cosponsored by Colorado College)

- “The Jesuit University as an Instrument of Mercy: Reflections on Ignatian Spirituality and the Mission of a Modern University,” given at Regis University, October 18, 2017.
- “Pope Francis’s Vision for a Culture of Nonviolence,” keynote lecture for “Mercy Week,” at Mt Mercy University, September 19, 2017.
- “Creating a Culture of Pedagogical Excellence and Preparing Graduate Students to Teach,” Duke University Divinity School, September 13, 2017.
- “Teaching Aldo Leopold’s *A Sand County Almanac* using contemplative practices,” Catholic Theological Society of America annual meeting, June 10, 2017 [a modified version of this address was given at biennial conference of the Aldo Leopold Foundation, “Building a Land Ethic Conference,” June 23, 2017].
- “Suffer the Beasts: Darwin, Theodicy and the Suffering of Animals,” Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara,” April 18, 2017
- “Integral Ecology and Ecological Conversion: The Appeal to Christian Spirituality in *Laudato Si’*”, Building Good Economies: An Interdisciplinary Conference Celebrating 125 Years of Modern Catholic Social Teaching, Fordham University, April 21, 2016
- “Take Lord and Receive all my Memory,” 2015 Pere Marquette Lecture, Marquette University, Milwaukee, April 12, 2015
- “Remembering Romero; Remembering Ferguson,” annual Romero Lecture at St. Louis University, St. Louis, March 22, 2015
- “Contemplation and Action,” invited lecture as part of the Santa Barbara Notre Dame Club and the Cordano Institute for Adult Spirituality,” Santa Barbara, California, March 13, 2013.
- “Jesuit Spirituality and Academic Theology,” invited lecture as a part of the McDevitt Lecture Series, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, New York, February 7, 2013
- “Memory, Mysticism and Testimony,” invited presentation on November 16, 2012 for conference at DePaul University’s Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology: “Witnessing: Prophecy, Politics, and Wisdom” on November 15-16, 2012.
- “Integrating Catholic Theology across the Curricula.” Lecture to Catholic High School theology faculties for the diocese of Grand Rapids, by invitation from Tom Maj, Grand Rapids Secondary Schools President), August 23, 2012.
- “Living with Hope in a Crucified World: Resurrection Faith, Ignatian Spirituality and Liberation Theology,” invited lecture at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, March 16, 2011.

- “The University as an Instrument of Consolation in the Modern World,” invited lecture at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (an expanded version, about twice as long, of the lecture given earlier at the University of Santa Clara), March 29, 2010.
- “Darwin: Christianity’s friend or foe?” Purdue University, February 24, 2010
- “The University as an Instrument of Consolation in the Modern World: Ignacio Ellacuría, Ignatian Spirituality, and the Modern University,” invited lecture as a part of ceremonies honoring the Jesuit martyrs of the University of Central America, given at Santa Clara University, November 3, 2009.
- "The Search for God in the Encounter with Modern Science," lecture at Corpus Christie Parish, Toledo Ohio, on March 31, 2009 (*parish offering lectures for Catholic faculty and students of the University of Toledo*).
- “Universe Story/ies and Christian Theology: Some Hermeneutical Reflections,” invited presentation as a part of the series, *The Epic of Creation*, given by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science, Chicago Illinois, October 4, 2008.
- “The ‘New Political Theology’: Thirty Years Later,” presentation at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America,” Miami, FLA, June 6, 2008.
- “Saving the Secular: Mark Lilla’s *The Stillborn God*,” presentation at the annual meeting of the College Theology Society, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI, May 30, 2008.
- “Christians and Jews after Auschwitz: Memory, Reconciliation & Modernity,” presentation at Creighton sponsored by the Rabbi Myer and Dorothy Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University, Omaha, NE, February 6, 2008.
- “Contesting “the Universe Story”: Theistic and Atheistic Interpretations of “Deep History” at the end of the Twentieth Century,” presented at the annual meeting of the History of Science Society, Vancouver, British Columbia, Nov. 3, 2006.
- “Christianity in a Globalized World: Faith, Politics and the *Memoria Passionis*,” paper translated and presented on behalf of Johann Baptist Metz, at the invitation of *Postmodernism 5: Athens and Jerusalem on the Polis*, at Villanova University, October 26-28. Participated in a roundtable discussion with all plenary speakers on October 28, 2006.
- “Universe Story/ies and Christian Theology: Some Hermeneutical Reflections,” invited presentation as a part of the series, *The Epic of Creation*, given by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science, Chicago Illinois, October 16, 2006.
- “Reading the Universe Story Theologically: Some Critical Questions and a Paradigm,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, Denver, Colorado, June 4, 2006.

- “An Historical Discernment of Spirits: Some Reflections on Hurricane Katrina,” lecture delivered at a conference at the University of Passau: "Com-passion - theologische Perspektiven im Globalisierungsprozess," October 29, 2005.
- “Original Sin, Biblical Hermeneutics, and the Science of Evolution,” invited presentation at “Interpreting Nature and Scripture: History of a Dialogue” held at the Pascal Center for Advanced Studies in Faith and Science, Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario, July 18-23, 2005.
- “New Horizons for Mysticism and Politics: How the Agenda Has Shifted,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, June 6, 2004
- “The Dark Night of Injustice: Finding God in a World of Victims,” Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, Massachusetts, October 21, 2002.
- “The Wound of Love, The Wound of the World: Spirituality and University Work,” Rockhurst University Visiting Scholar Lecture Series, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri: April 8, 2002.
- Response to “Taking the Victims’ Side: The Philosopher as Advocate,” by Michael McNulty, S.J., Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, September 20, 2000.
- “Search for the Living God,” workshop of two talks given to the Ohio Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 15, 2000.
- “Contemplation in Prophetic Action: Oscar Romero’s Challenge to Privatized Spirituality.” Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, June 10, 2000.
- Invited Presentation: “Toward a Spirituality of Contemplation in *Prophetic Action*: The Contribution and Challenge of El Salvador’s Martyrs to Spirituality in North America,” at *Against Forgetting: Oscar Romero, the Central American Martyrs, and the Public Witness of the Church*, symposium at Rivier College, Nashua, N.H. April 7-9, 2000.
- “Theology in the Third Millennium: The Legacy of Johann Baptist Metz,” lecture given at King’s College, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, October, 1998.
- “Haven in a Heartless World? Modernity and the Origins of Spirituality,” lecture sponsored by the Jesuit Institute at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, November, 1997.
- “A Post-Einsteinian Settlement? On Spirituality as a Possible Border-Crossing Between Religion and the New Science,” presentation at the annual meeting of the College Theology Society, June, 1997.
- “Redeeming Time: *Theoria* and *Praxis* in Late Medieval Spirituality,” presentation at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, San Diego, CA, June 1996.

“Extreme Thinking: Carl Schmitt, J.B. Metz, and Political Theology,” response given at the annual meeting of the College Theology Society, Dayton, OH, June, 1996.

“Karl Rahner, Johann Baptist Metz and the Problem of Human Suffering.” Guest lecture at the University of Chicago Divinity School, May, 1995.

“Apocalyptic Spirituality as a Source of Hope and Resistance.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the *College Theology Society*, Worcester, Massachusetts, June, 1995.

“Spirituality and Theology from the Perspective of Systematic Theology.” Paper presented in round-table discussion at the annual meeting of the *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June, 1994.

“Spirituality and Political Theologies: a test case in the theologies of Rahner and Metz.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the *American Academy of Religion*, November, 1993.

PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES (AT NOTRE DAME OR SPONSORED BY NOTRE DAME)

“A Mysticism of Open Eyes: Johann Baptist Metz's case for the Spiritual Work of Remembering Auschwitz,” for *Remembrance: The Holocaust in Global Context*, sponsored by the Center for Civil and Human Rights and Department of German and Russian Languages and Literatures, September 30, 2015.

“The Legacy and Challenge of the Council in a World Church,” the final keynote address for *“What We Have Seen and Heard”: Fostering Baptismal Witness in the World*, sponsored by the Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics, June 24, 2015.

“A Tale of two Trials-- From Dayton to Dover: What have we learned about evolution and Christian faith?” A lecture for Junior Parents’ Weekend, College of Science, February 12, 2012

“Darwin’s Challenge to Theology: Divine Providence in an Evolving World,” Notre Dame Summer Theology Lecture series, July 21, 2010.

“Discerning Anew the Uneasy Alliance: A Contribution from the Study of Spirituality to Understanding the Ecclesial Accountability of a Department of Theology.” Departmental Colloquium, Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. April 10, 2000.

“Theology and Conversion?” presentation given at hemispheric consultation of bishops and theologians: “Building a Culture of Solidarity: Challenges and Promises of *Ecclesia in America*,” University of Notre Dame, October 12, 1999.

“The New Evangelization and an Inter-American Synod,” response given at a conference, “The

Reception of Vatican II,” University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April 1996.

HESBURGH LECTURES (FOR NOTRE DAME ALUMNI ASSOCIATION)

- 1) “Science and Religion: Beyond the Myth of Eternal Warfare,” Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2018
- 2) “Laudato si’: How Pope Francis Enlists Saint Francis of Assisi to Help Us Address Climate Change,” Colorado Springs, March 2018 (cosponsored by Colorado College)
- 3) “Contemplation and Action: The Christian Spiritual Life in a Busy World”
 - Jacksonville, Florida, March 2012
 - Santa Barbara, California, March 2013 (listed above as a lecture for the Cordano Institute of Adult Spirituality)
- 4) “A Tale of Two Trials: From Dayton to Dover: What have we Learned about Evolution and Christian Faith”
 - Sacramento, California, May 2014
 - Akron-Canton, Ohio, October 2015
 - Ann Arbor, Michigan, November 2013 (cosponsored by the Eastern Michigan University)
 - Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 2019
 - Manhattan, Kansas, July 2019
- 5) “A Pope on the Margins: Pope Francis’s Vision for the Church”
 - Charlottesville, Virginia, February 2016
 - Fort Myers, Florida, March 2016
 - San Francisco, May 2016
 - New Jersey, October 2016
 - Madison, Wisconsin, October 2016
 - Hyannis, Massachusetts, November 2016
 - Chicago, Illinois, November 2016
 - Columbia, South Carolina, January 2017
 - Naples, Florida, February 2017
 - Rapid City, South Dakota, March 2017
 - Fort Wayne, Indiana, April, 2017
 - Miami, Florida, November 2017
 - Hartford, Connecticut, November 2017
 - Orange County, California, August 2018
 - Melbourne, Florida, October 2018
 - Stuart, Florida, March 2019
 - Manhattan, Kansas, July 2019
 - Wichita, Kansas, November 2019
 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 2019
 - Poughkeepsie, New York, November 2022
- 6) “Whatever Happened to Original Sin? Modern Reevaluations in the Light of the Science of Evolution,” Hesburgh Lecture, Orange County, California, August 13, 2009.

Teaching Experience

Instructor Creighton University	2020 - present	Teaching graduate courses on the <i>Spiritual Exercises</i> for the summer program on spirituality.
Adjunct Professor Holy Cross College	2020 - present	Teaching classes at the Westville Correctional Institute
Professor University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN	2023 - present	Teaching of courses at the Undergraduate, Master's (including M.Div.) and Doctoral level, as well as - committee, advising and administrative duties.
Assistant Professor University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN	1994-2001	Teaching of courses at the Undergraduate, Master's (including M.Div.) and Doctoral level, as well as - committee, advising and administrative duties.
Visiting Assistant Professor University of Notre Dame Notre Dame, IN	1993-1994	Teaching of courses at the Undergraduate and Master's level.
Lecturer Loyola University of Chicago Chicago, IL	1989-93	Two sections a semester (30 students each) of <i>Introduction to Christian Theology</i> .

OTHER TEACHING AND MENTORING

- *Doctoral Students*: have served or am serving as dissertation director for eighteen doctoral students.
- Have served or am serving as a Synthesis seminar advisor for five MDiv students
- *Undergraduate Senior Thesis Director* for three students

SERVICE

To The Department

Administrative Responsibilities:

- Director of Graduate Studies, 2022-2023.

- Area Coordinator, Systematic Theology Area: *2019 to 2022.*
- Acting Chair, Department of Theology from *Feb. 1, 2021 to April 12, 2021.*
- Interim Director, Master of Divinity Program, *2018-2019*
- Department Chair: *2010 – 2017*
- Director and Editor of Departmental Self-Study for Fall 2013 external review and ATS reaccreditation visits (*2012-2013*).
- Director of Graduate Studies (PhD Program), *2004 – 2009*
- Acting director, summer M.A. program; *fall 2009.*
- Chair of departmental teaching committee, *2006 to 2009*
- Advisor for M.A. Students in the following concentrations: Spirituality Studies, General M.A., ECHO students. *2000 - 2010*
- Acting Director, M.T.S. Program, *2003-2004*
- Representative for Systematic Theology to M.A. and M.T.S. programs (includes advising students, approving comprehensive exam bibliographies and questions): *1999 – 2003*

Committee Work:

- Departmental Executive Committee (elected position): *2020-2022*
- Area Coordinator, Systematic Theology / PhD Committee: *2020-*
- MDiv committee: *2019-2020*
- Ad hoc drafting committee for new CA/CRPT document: *2019-2020*
- M.A./M.T.S. Committee: *1999-2002]*
- Summer M.A. Committee: *2000 – 2010*
- M.Div. Committee: *1998-1999*
- Travel Committee: *1998-1999*
- Collegiate Committee: *1994-1997*

To The College of Arts and Letters

- Internal Review, Science, Technology and Values: *2003-2004*
- Affiliated Faculty Member, Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values: *2001 to present*

To the University

- Laetare Award Committee: *2019-2022*
- Served as a spiritual director for the “retreats in daily life” sponsored by the University Faculty Chaplain’s office: *Spring, 2019; Spring, 2020; Spring 2021*
- Served as a spiritual director for two participants in the Institute for Inspired Leadership Program: *2019-2020, and one during 2022.*
- Service on the Global Gateways Governance Committee in “Notre Dame International” (at the invitation of Robert Norton): *2013 - 2015*
- Ex officio as department chair: membership on Administrative Team overseeing Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies: *2010-2017.*
- Secured funding for, organized, and chaired “Consultation on Teaching Catholic Theology in the next Decade,” with 40 participants, representing chairs of departments of Catholic

theology, directors of doctoral programs in theology at Catholic universities, and teaching faculty, held from May 31 – June 2, 2009.

- University interview committee for graduate student applicants for Fulbright fellowships: Fall 2009.
- Served on Graduate School Committee on Attrition and Completion, Spring 2009
- Seminar Leader of ISLA Seminar: Theology and the Natural Sciences, 2006-2007. As a part of this I brought four preeminent speakers to campus to lecture on matters related to the seminar topic;
- Organized a major interdisciplinary conference: *Faith, Ethics, and Environment: The Response of a Catholic University*, November 7-9, 2004
- Member of the Faculty Senate: 2002
- University Curriculum Review sub-committee on general education requirements in science and math: 2002
- Steering Committee, “Ecology, Theology and Judeo-Christian Environmental Ethics” (Recipient of Lilly Foundation Award): 1999-2002
- Mentor in “Open Doors” Program: 1998-1999
- Faculty participant (with my family) in the Appalachia Seminar: *Spring 1995, Fall 1996*

To the Academy:

- External Reviewer, Department of Theology, Marquette University (May 2023)
- Book Review Editor, *Theological Studies* (appointment beginning in September, 2019, with a five-year renewable term).
- External Reviewer, Department of Religion, Seton Hall University (April-May, 2022).
- Chair of Committee for 5-Year Review of Conference Structure of the Catholic Theological Society of America – 2017-2018.
- Review of MTS Program at Emory University’s Candler Divinity School, involving a review of program assessment data and a two-day site-visit.
- I served as a reviewer of proposals in the AAAS program, “Science for Seminaries” [<http://www.aaas.org/news/aaas-awards-10-science-seminaries-grants>]. I reviewed ten proposals in May of 2014. Subsequently I was asked to serve as a “mentor” for two seminaries: the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara and Wake Forest University School of Divinity.
- Have served as an external reviewer of scholarship for seven promotion cases to associate professor with tenure and one to professor.
- External reviewer for Department of theology at Fordham University.
- Treasurer, Council on the Graduate Study of Religion, 2005 – 2017
- Board of Directors, Catholic Theological Society of America: 2014-2016
- Member (representing Notre Dame), Council on the Graduate Study of Religion, 2004 – 2016.
- Book Review Editor, *Christian Spirituality Bulletin / Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*: 1999- 2010
- Board of Directors, College Theology Society: 2002-2005
- Member of the Steering Committee for the Roman Catholic Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion: 1995-2001
- Convener of the Consultation on Mysticism and Politics of the College Theology Society:

1996-2001

- Referee for Sage Press, S.U.N.Y. Press, and the College Theology Society's annual edited collection

Appendix

Major Conferences and Symposiums Organized:

November 7 – 9, 2004: Faith, Ethics, and Environment: The Response of a Catholic University

In 2003 I was a “Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Fellow for Teaching Science and Religion” (funded by the John Templeton Foundation). As a part of this fellowship I organized a conference on science and religion. I had major plenaries by Michael Buckley, SJ (theologian), Stephen Schneider (climate scientist), Sandra Postel (director of the Global Water Policy Project), and Sheldon Krimsky (Urban and Environmental Planning). There were numerous break-out sessions and panel discussions. Here is the initial paragraph from the call for papers: “The goal of this conference is to explore the ways that a Catholic University can respond, both as a university and as Catholic, to the many environmental challenges facing society today. Thus, it is oriented by two broad questions. First, how can a Catholic university as a *university* respond more effectively to the challenge not only of researching the technology and science that is relevant to these environmental challenges, but also of communicating it, both within the university to its students, and outside it in public policy debates? Second, how can the Catholic University as *Catholic* interact more effectively with other institutional structures and constituencies, beginning with those within the Catholic Church, in order both to promote an environmentally responsible vision and spirituality that is informed by the Catholic tradition, and also to develop and implement the science and technology needed to realize that vision?”

May 31 – June 2, 2009: Consultation on Teaching Theology in the Next Decade

In my work as the Director of the Theology Ph.D. program (2004-2009) I came to believe that those of us involved in training tomorrow’s faculty in theology needed to have a better understanding of the world of Catholic higher education into which we were sending our graduates. I obtained external and internal funding to invite 10 department chairs from a diverse selection of Catholic colleges and universities; 8 recent graduates of Catholic Ph.D. programs who had been hired into tenure-track positions, and 7 directors of Ph.D. programs. We had keynotes given by seasoned teachers and experts on Catholic higher education, but much of the work was done in small groups and with a final plenary discussion. My summary of what I believe we learned in this consultation was published in the journal of the College Theology Society: “Teaching Catholic Theology in the Coming Decade: Report from a Consultation,” *Horizons* vol. 37, no. 2 (Fall 2010).

January 8-11, 2015: Tantur & the Future of Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue: Expanding the Horizons

I organized a conference at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute to celebrate its 40th anniversary and to explore the challenges and opportunities for Christian ecumenical theology and dialogue in the coming decades. The conference also served as the forum for the first public presentation of the strategic plan for Tantur, which I co-authored with two others (we had our advisory board meeting as a part of this conference). A particular focus of this conference was the need to expand our vision and thinking beyond the ecumenical landscape of Europe and North America. Thus, I identified and recruited speakers from South America, Africa and Asia to speak on what ecumenism looked like from those perspectives.

2016-2018 Multiple Reformations? The Heidelberg-Notre Dame Dialogues on the Legacies of the Reformation Age

Notre Dame has a special partnership with the University of Heidelberg. As Department Chair I was given the task of building a relationship with faculties in the humanities at Heidelberg. To do this I partnered with Jan Stievermann in American Studies at Heidelberg, and we organized four distinct conferences. The goal was not only to produce a volume (which we did), but to establish collaborations between scholars at the two universities. Here are thumbnail sketches of each meeting (drawing on grant proposals I wrote):

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, a group of faculty associated with the *Forschungszentrum Internationale und Interdisziplinäre Theologie* (FIIT) at the University of Heidelberg along with faculty at the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, organized a series of thematically-focused colloquia that explored this complex and momentous event in western, and now world history. At these colloquia, scholars from the University of Notre Dame and the University of met, together with preeminent scholars from around the world, to discuss how the nature and long-term religious, intellectual, cultural and social-historical impacts of the Reformation should be understood and remembered today, from both an ecumenical and trans-national perspective.

The opening sessions was held in March of 2016 in Rome. The current state of research was presented and discussed with respect to (a) the multiple forms of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century and their complex relationships to pluriform renewal movements with the Catholic Church; (b) the significance of the simultaneity of the colonial expansion of European Christendom with its religious and political break-up in Europe; and (c) the mutual relationship of processes of confessionalization (which tended toward the consolidation of religious identity) in different regional or national contexts, on the one hand, and the simultaneous efforts to complete (in pietist movements, for instance), to overcome, or to undo the Reformation on the other. The guiding question was whether it is legitimate or even necessary to speak not of “the Reformation,” but of “multiple Reformations.”

In the Fall of 2016 the conversation continued in Heidelberg, with the focus shifting to the reciprocal influences of “multiple Reformations“ on “multiple modernities.” The focus was on how those processes that are generally connected with the rise of western modernity (the creation of the political structures of the modern state and of national identities; regularization of judicial codes and processes; the scientific revolution; the Enlightenment; pluralization; secularization) interacted with or came into conflict in various ways with different confessional cultures that arose out of the Reformation.

The third colloquium was held at Notre Dame in the spring of 2017 and focused on the pluriform legacies of the Reformation for dealing with Scripture. We considered both intellectual-scholarly developments (say, in exegesis) and developments in the broader culture (for example, praying or singing with Scripture).

The concluding session was held in 2018 at the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem. At this meeting, the basis laid by the earlier colloquia provided a starting point from which we can raise at a fundamental level once again the question of how to remember most productively the “multiple legacies of the Reformation.” We also considered how to carry these legacies forward, as scholars and church leaders, in the face of the challenges that now face Christianity as a global phenomenon. Representatives of major Christian churches were invited to be present in order to contribute and assist in reaping the fruits of this research for the sake of taking up anew the on-going work of ecumenical dialogue.