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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

Relevant Employment

2024-present	Interim Executive Director Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries Santa Clara University
2022-present	Associate Professor of Religious Studies Department of Religious Studies Santa Clara University Associate Professor by Courtesy Appointment Jesuit School of Theology Santa Clara University
2017-2022	Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Department of Religious Studies Santa Clara University
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

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

Courses Taught

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

Theology and Science: History, Conflict, Integration

The Theology of Karl Rahner, SJ

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

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

Religion, Science, & Ecology: From Conflict to Cooperation

Sustainable Theologies: Sustainability and the World's Religions

The Christian Tradition: The Problem (?) of God

Spark Seminar: *Justice, Flourishing, and the Jesuit Tradition* (4-week, 1-credit course)

Directed Study: *Advanced Readings in Catholic Theology*

Directed Study: *Sex, Gender, and Catholic Theology: Queering the Tradition*

Directed Study: *Introduction to Orthodox Theology*

Santa Clara University (Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries)

Theological Foundations for Ministry (previously named *Practical Theology*)

Creation, Science, & Ecological Theology: Rethinking Faith For a Planet in Peril

Jesuit School of Theology

Directed Study: *Practical Liturgy & Liturgical Music*

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

Directed Study: *The Theology of William R. Stoeger, SJ*

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

Student Mentoring

Santa Clara University

Mentor to Laura Clark ('24), "Rethinking Embodiment: Karl Rahner on the Interconnectedness of Humanity and Divinity" in the *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa* (forthcoming).

Mentor to Ramón Duran ('22), "A Distinction Between Two Forms of Ecological Suffering," *Mysterion: The Theology Journal of Boston College* 1 no. 2 (2022): 22–36; "Christianity and Animal Ethics: Determining the Place of Animals in a Developing World," National Undergraduate Theology and Religion Conference at Creighton University, 2019.

Publications

Books

2025 *A Theology of Flourishing: The Fullness of Life for All Creation* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2025).

This book proposes a biblically-grounded, pneumatologically-centered theology that takes *flourishing* as a starting point and center of gravity for Christian theology, spirituality, and praxis. Rereading scripture and tradition through the lens of flourishing, the book lays out the contours of a theology that takes flourishing as a theological category and uses the Ignatian tradition of discernment to operationalize flourishing in spirituality and praxis.

Grant Study Reports

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

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

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

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). (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

- 2024 “Re-Rooting Teaching in Ignatian Pedagogy: Jesuit Ways of Teaching,” Digital Resources for Teaching | Santa Clara University Faculty Development (text and video, February 2024).
<https://www.scu.edu/provost/teaching-and-learning/faculty-collaborative-for-teaching-innovation/digital-resources-for-teaching-drt/ignatian-pedagogy/>
- 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

“The Difference Redemption Makes? Revisiting Magisterial Arguments Against Ordaining Women to the Priesthood” (journal article in progress).

Living Worship: A Practical Liturgical Theology

Begun in 2008-2010, while I served as Director of Worship for St. Mary Catholic Church in Evansville, IN, and as a liturgical consultant for the Diocese of Evansville, *Living Worship* employs narrative analysis of the liturgical life of St. Mary as the basis for constructing a practical liturgical theology of the Eucharist that advances the aims of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* for the contemporary Roman Catholic Church.

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

Plenary Address: “Beyond Bad Apples: Understanding Clergy Sexual Abuse as a Structural Problem and Cultivating Strategies for Change.” Children and Youth Protection Catholic Leadership Conference. April 2024.

“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

"Panel Discussion of *Holy Body: Gender and Sexual Difference in Theological Anthropology and Ecclesiology*, by Brianne Bell Jacobs," invited panelist. *American Academy of Religion*, November 2025.

"Love of Christ, Heart of Creation: Salvation as Socioecological Flourishing," refereed paper. *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 2024.

"Response to Joseph Drexler-Dreis," invited respondent. *College Theology Society* Systematic Theology Session, June 2024.

"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

Panelist, "Religion and Race in the 2024 Elections." SCU Religious Studies Department & Jesuit School of Theology, 2024.

"[LGBTQ Catholics and the Synod](#): A Conversation with James Martin, SJ." SCU Ignatian Center, 2024.

"Jesuit Education: A Lifelong Commitment." Induction Speech, *Alpha Sigma Nu: The Jesuit Honor Society*. Santa Clara University, 2024.

“The Bible and Ecology,” 5-part public course on the Bible and the contemporary ecological crisis (Sisters of St. Joseph: *Spirit Alive* Program, 2023). **On YouTube:** [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#) | [Part 3](#) | [Part 4](#) | [Part 5](#) |

“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

2024-present	Religious Studies Liaison to the Core Curriculum Revision Committee
2024-present	SCU Liaison to CENTERS, a program of Discerning Deacons working to foster Synodality and Advocacy for change in Catholic universities.
2023-present	Planning Committee Member, SCU Teaching Development Center
2023-present	Lead Developer, Ignatian Pedagogy Programming SCU Faculty Development
2023-2024	Member, Vice President for Mission & Ministry Search Committee
2023-2024	Coordinator, <i>Foundations of Liberation</i> Reading Group Religious Studies, Jesuit School of Theology, Division of Mission & Ministry
2023	Lead Author, Statement on Humanistic Education in the Jesuit Tradition On behalf of the SCU Humanities Advocacy Council
2022-present	Student Affairs University Policy Committee Chair, 2024-2025
2022-2024	<i>Laudato Si'</i> Action Plan Focus Group
2022-present	Sustainable Food Systems Advisory Board
2022-2023	Inaugural Faculty Advisor, <i>Questioning Catholicism</i> , SCU Campus Ministry
2022-2023	Library Research Award Selection Committee, SCU Libraries
2018-present	Faculty Sustainability Liaison Santa Clara University, Center for Sustainability
2018-present	Event Speaker SCU Campus Ministry, Residential Learning Communities, Honors Program, and Interfaith Dinner Group “Environmental Justice” (Interfaith Dinner) “What is Religion For?” (Honors Program) “Cultivating Ecological Spirituality: Faith, Science, and Creation” (Honors Program)

	“My Spiritual Autobiography: Why Christianity?” (Interfaith Dinner)
	“Racism, Intersectional Justice, and Interreligious Dialogue” (Interfaith Dinner)
	“Modern Spirituality: Faith & Science” (Campus Ministry)
	“Religion and the Environment” (Interfaith Dinner)
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 30 th Anniversary Commemoration of the Jesuit Martyrs (with Lisa Kloppenberg, Kathleen Schneider, and Ray Plaza)

Service to the College

2024-present	Search Chair, Markey Center for Leadership and Ministry Director
2023-present	Search Chair, Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries Executive Director
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 Developer, 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

2023-present	Secretary, College Theology Society
2023-present	Creation/Eschatology Administrative Team CTSA
2019-2022	Theology, Ecology, Natural Science Administrative Team College Theology Society
2018-present	Conference Photographer CTSA
2019-present	Peer Reviewer Lexington/Fortress Press; College Theology Society; <i>Theological Studies</i>
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