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Positions

- Spring 2026 Appointed by pope Leo XIV as member of the Dicastery of Integral Human Development/Vatican
- Spring 2024- Appointed by the Vatican Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops to a Study Group/Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, tasked with addressing topics raised by the *Synod on Synodality*: hearing the cry of the poor and the earth.
Core Doctoral Faculty Member at the Graduate Theological Union
- Fall 2021- Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara
Summer 2026 University/Berkeley
- Fall 2026- Associate Professor of Theological Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara
University/Berkeley

Education

- Ph.D. in Theological Ethics. Theology Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA, USA.
- Licentiate in Sacred Theology. School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA, USA.
- Master of Arts in Moral Theology, Major: Ethics. Catholic Theological Union, Chicago IL, USA.
- Master in Sustainable Development. Universidad Pontificio Comillas de Madrid, Madrid/Spain.
- Master in Economics & Management. Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale (Catholic University of Central Africa), Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Professional Activities, Development, and Memberships

- 2025-cont. Editorial Board Member/*Journal of Catholic Social Thought*
- 2024-cont. Participant in an online course studying Bernard Lonergan through *Boston College's Lonergan Institute*. This is a two-semester reading course of the entire *Insight and Methods in Theology*— fully read, discussed, and commented.
- 2024-cont. Graduate Theological Union: Berkeley, California, US; Core doctoral Faculty
- 2024-cont. Catholic Theological Society of America/Convenor – Moral Theology Sessions
- 2022- cont. Member/Catholic Research Economists Discussion Organization (*CREDO*)/Notre Dame University for Catholic Social Thought and Economics Seminars.
- 2022- cont. Editorial Board Member/*Journal of Moral Theology*;
- 2022- cont. Member/*Political Theology Network*.
- 2022-2024. *Graduate Theological Union*: Berkeley, California, US; Faculty Library Committee Representative (Jesuit School of Theology/Santa Clara University).
- 2021- cont. Member/*Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church* (CTEWC).
- 2021- cont. Member/*American Academy of Religion* (AAR): Berkeley, CA, US.

Publications

Published Books

2023. *A Christian and African Ethic of Women's Political Participation: Living as Risen Beings*. Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology. (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc., 2023)

Co-Edited Books

2027. (Forthcoming) *The Ethical Challenges of Globalization*. Co-Edited with Joseph Ogbonnaya, Associate Professor of Theology, Director Marquette Lonergan Project, (Marquette University Press, 2027)
2026. *Globalization and The New World Order*. Co-Edited with Joseph Ogbonnaya, Associate Professor of Theology, Director of the Marquette Lonergan Project, (Marquette University Press, 2026)
2024. *African Women's Liberating Philosophies, Theologies, and Ethics*. Co-Edited with Beatrice Okyere-Manu, (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2025. "Ecological Sustainability for 'Life on Land': Wellspring of Indigenous Knowledge." *Religions* 16, no. 3 (February 28, 2025): 311. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel16030311>.
2024. "Social Motherhood and Masculinization of the Church in Bernadette Mbuy-Beya's Ethics and Philosophical Anthropology," in *African Women's Liberating Philosophies, Theologies, and Ethics*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024. Edited with Okyere-Manu, Beatrice. pp. 79-95
2022. "Fratelli tutti: Toward a Community of Fraternity with the Wounded Women," *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, Volume 19, Issue 1, (Winter, 2022) : Pages 141-157. <https://doi.org/10.5840/jcathsoc202219110>
2021. "The Politics of Forest Conservation: Ethical Dilemmas and Impact on Peacebuilding" In *Amazonia: Gift and Tasks*, edited by Geraldo L. de Mori, Michelle Becka y John Baptist Antony (eds.), *Concilium*, 2021/4; *International Journal of Theology*, (October, 2021): pages 49–60.
2019. "Rape-Weapon of War: A Crime of War and A Crime Against Humanity Contemporary Challenges to Peace and Justice in Rwanda and the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)." *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, Vol. 28, no. 2 (July 2019): 40-59.
2019. "Rectifying Political Leadership through a Just Peace Ethic." *Journal of Moral Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (2019): 122-139. Co-authored with Eli McCarthy (Georgetown University).
2018. "Mitigating Deforestation in the Congo Basin and Global Climate Change: An Ethic of Environmental Responsibility based on African Spirituality," in *Nature and the Environment in Contemporary Religious Contexts*, ed., Muhammad Shafiq and Thomas Donlin-Smith (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018).
2016. "Christological Foundations for Political Participation: Women in the Global South Building Agency as Risen Beings." *Political Theology*, Vol. 18 no.5 (June, 2016): 399-422. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2016.1195592>

Book Chapters - Editorial Peer-Reviewed Academic Volumes

2026. "This Economy kills": Christian Moral Response in an Economically Globalized World," in *Globalization and the New World Order*, The Lonergan Center, Marquette University Press. 2026.
2025. "Religious Women Teachers of Synodality: The "Abundant Catch" of the Peripheries," in *African Synodal Theology – A Tall Tree is as Strong as Its Roots*, Orbis Press, 2025. ed. by Orobator. pp. 121-142
2024. "Caritas in Veritate and Africae Munus," in *Modern Catholic Family Teaching: Commentaries and Interpretations*, Jacob M. Kohlhaas and Mary M. Doyle Roche, eds., (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2024). pp. 210-219.
2023. "African Women's Theologies." In *Emerging Theologies from the Global South*, Mitri Raheb and Mark A. Lamport., eds., (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023). pp. 314-328
2023. "Luke-Acts on the Primacy of Faith Over Evil Civil/Political Commands." In *Reinventing Theology in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Challenges and Hopes*, Marcel Uwizeza, Elisée Rutagambwa, and Michel Segatagara Kamanzi, eds., (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2023). pp. 107-119.
2020. "Virtue-Based Just Peace Approach and the Challenges of Rape as a Weapon of War...", in *A Just Peace Ethic Primer, Building Sustainable Peace and Breaking Cycles of Violence*, ed., Eli S. McCarthy, (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2020). pp. 227-242

Editorial Reviewed Articles

2021. "Ubuntu et les défis théopolitiques des proverbes sur la femme" dans *Cahiers des Religions Africaines presses de l'Université catholique du Congo*. Nouvelle série. Volume 2, n. 4 (décembre, 2021)
2017. "The Feminization of Poverty. How Traditional Gender Bias and Sexual Violence Keep Women in Poverty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo." *Congo-Afrique*, no. 513 (March 2017): 231-242.
2016. "The Contribution of Jacques Maritain on Political Participation of the Christians in the Temporal World." *Telema/Congo, Jesuit Journal*, Vol. 1, no. 16 (January-June 2016): 2-22.
2016. "La déforestation en République Démocratique du Congo et ses effets sur le changement climatique : Une analyse éthique à la lumière de *Laudato Si'*." *Congo-Afrique*, no. 509 (Novembre 2016): 841-859.
2015. "L'enseignement social de l'Église catholique et la lutte contre la pauvreté des femmes." *Congo-Afrique* no. 496 (Juin, Juillet, Août 2015) : 499-513 <http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:107141>

Other Academic Non Peer-Reviewed Articles

2018. "Education as the Practice of Freedom' to Address Educational Poverty in Sub-Sahara Africa." *Asian Horizons* Vol. 12, no. 1 (March 2018): 52-65.
2015. "Deforestation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Climate Change: An Ethical Analysis in Light of *Laudato Si'*." *Asian Horizons* 9, no. 4 (December 2015): 724-740. <http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:107140>

Popular Publications and Forum short Papers

2022. “African Women’s Christology,” *Catholic Theological Ethic in the World Church* (CTEWC), June 1st, 2022. <https://catholicethics.com/forum/african-women-christology/>
2015. “The Land of Gold and Blood: Congo suffers from the paradox of mineral wealth and human poverty,” *SOJOURNERS. Faith in Action for Social Justice*. (Sept-Oct 2015). <https://sojo.net/magazine/septemberoctober-2015/land-gold-and-blood>.

Reviews and Endorsement of Books Published in Peer-reviewed Journals

2025. Endorsement of *Sacred and Social: Theological Foundations for Catholic Social Teaching*. By Himes, Kenneth R. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2025. See <https://press.georgetown.edu/Book/Sacred-and-Social>
2023. Review of *Reimagining Human Rights: Religion and the Common Good* by William R. O’Neill, S.J. Volume 20, Issue 2, Summer 2023. Nonviolence and Just Peace, in the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*. Pages 497-498. <https://doi.org/10.5840/jcathsoc202320230>. https://www.pdcnet.org/pdc/bvdb.nsf/journal?openform&journal=pdc_jcathsoc
2021. Review of *Sustainable Abundance for All: Catholic Social Thought and Action in a Risky Runaway World*. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 41, no. 1 (2021): 197–98
2018. Review of *The Church We Want: African Catholics Look to Vatican III*. Ed. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator. New York: Orbis, 2016. Pp. Xxxi + 272.” *Theological Studies*, Vol. 79, no. 1 (March 2018): 222-223. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0040563917746277>.

National and International Recognition of my Scholarship

2025. Invited/Member of the Editorial Board Team of *The Journal of Catholic Social Thought* (2024), I joined in (2025)
- 2024 Resident Research Scholars: Grant by *Collegeville Institute*, St. John’s University/Minnesota.
2024. Invited as speaker at Dublin University for the recognition of the paper “Luke-Acts on the Primacy of Faith Over Evil Civil/Political Commands,” published in *Reinventing Theology in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Challenges and Hopes*.
2024. Invited, member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Moral Theology*
2024. Recognized by *Publica* among the 10 African women to be read. <https://publicatheology.org/category/spanish/>
2024. Appointed by the Secretary General for the Synod as a member of the Study Group # 2 on *The Cry of the Poor and The Earth*. I am currently a member of the Sub-group on Theology.
2025. Review of my book # 3 in *Theological Studies Journal*. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/epub/10.1177/00405639251360534k>
2024. Review of my book # 2 in *Journal of Moral Theology*. *Vol. 14, Issue 1, 2025*. <https://jmt.scholasticabq.com/article/127988>
2024. Review of my book # 1 in *the Journal of Catholic Social Thought*. Volume 21, Issue 1, Winter 2024. https://www.pdcnet.org/jcathsoc/content/jcathsoc_2024_0021_0001_0192_0194. *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*.

2023. Listed as a reference for a scientific event on the History of Religions for the Contemporary Period Section in *Lettres Sorbonne Université, Research Institute for the Study of Religions*. Newsletter No. 24. September 2022. Published by Martin Dumont. Paris-Sorbonne University (Paris IV).

Presentations Papers/Conferences/Colloquium

2026. GTU/All Schools representative Colloquium presenter – on “Moral Imagination and the Economics of Consumption,” March 18, 2026.
2025. GTU/Colloquium presenter – Faculty and Students Colloquium— on:
“Is there any type of theology that is, in fact, not 'contextual theology'? Similarly, is there any theology that is not 'theo-praxis' or 'theo-ethics'? October 15, 2025.
2025. “Relevance of Luke-Acts Primacy of Faith for the Post-Genocide Context of Rwanda,” Keynote speaker for *Theologies, Religious Studies, Philosophy Research Seminars Series*, at Dublin City University. April 10, 2025
2025. “Epistemic Humility, Empathetic Listening, and Resilience,” Keynote speaker for *Newman Hall’s Women in Conversation*, International Women’s Day, March 8, 2025.
2025. Book Presentation of [A Christian and African Ethic of Women's Political Participation Living as Risen Beings](#), “Conversation with an author,” at *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 2025.
2024. “Religious Women Teachers of Synodality: The ‘Abundant Catch’ of the Peripheries,” *African Synodality Initiative*. Theology/Foundations of Synodality – A tall tree is as strong as its roots. Nairobi/Kenya, June 2024.
2024. “African Women Theologians and Synodality,” keynote opening the *Hekima University College (HUC)* for the International Conference on African Women Theologians and Synodality that was held on March 7th- 11th, 2024 in Nairobi.
2024. “Christian Truths, Western Ideology, and African Families,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 2024
2023. “Peacemaking and Nonviolence: A Catholic Approach. Lessons from Women Peacemakers.” Augustana University-Interfaith panel, *Building Peace: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, March 2023. South Dakota
2023. Women’s Spiritual Leadership – Transforming Lives, Leading Change. Organized by the *Graduate Theological Union*. September 9, 2023.
2022. “Pope Francis: Nonviolence and the Fullness of *Pacem in Terris*,” 5-7 December 2022. for *Pax Christi International*, Vatican.
2022. *Catholic Peacebuilding in Times of Crisis: Hope for a Wounded World*, International Virtual Conference June 20-23, 2022; The Catholic Peacebuilding Network.
2022. “The Challenges of Forgiveness and Reconciliation: How Grace Restores When Religion Annihilates,” AARWR/March 2022, *Grace, Mercy, & Atonement: Exploring Artistic, Ritual, and Social Action Through Forgiveness*, 2022 Annual Meeting | Virtual Conference | March 18-20, 2022
2021. “Empowering the Disempowered,” on *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill’s Contributions to Christian Ethics*, on September 10 and 11, 2021 at Boston College.
2020. “Catholic Peacebuilding in the DRC: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa,” July 2020, webinar project. Sponsors: Boston College International Studies Program; Boston College Department of Theology; Catholic Relief Services; Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame; Catholic Peacebuilding Network; Peace

Studies Working Group of the International Federation of Catholic Universities; Sant'Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue.

- 2019. “Rape Used as a Weapon of War and Women’s Anthropological Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges for the Preferential Option for the Poor in Catholic Social Teaching,” March 2019, University of Notre Dame. Topic: *Option for the Poor: Engaging the Social Tradition*.
- 2017. “Partnering with Faith Communities: Challenges of Religious and Secular Literacy,” March 2017, Dayton University. Topic: *Local Humanitarian Leadership and Religious Literacy: Engaging with Religion, Faith, and Faith Actors*. Co-presented with Professor Kelly S. Johnson, Robert Brodrick, Anwar Kahn, and Edith Tapia.
- 2016. “Deforestation in the Congo Basin and its impact on local and global climate change: Ethical and theological reflection on community forestry and participation of women,” May 2016, Nazareth College, Rochester. Topic: *Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: Nature and Environment in the Sacred Texts of World Religions*.
- 2016. “The Challenges of Rape as Weapon of War: The Rights of Forced Migrants and Displaced Women to Protection and Reparations,” October 2016, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Topic: *Public Theology and the Common Good: The Contribution of David Hollenbach*.
- 2015. “Religious and Cultural Differences and the Universal Idea of Human Rights,” November 2015, Boston University. Topic: Boston Theological Institute (BTI) Annual Conference.
- 2015. “Feminization of poverty as a source of violence against women: Traditional gender norms and sexual violence against women in DRC,” April 2015, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Topic: *Engaging Rhetorics of Violence Against Women*, BTI Women’s Conference.
- 2013. “Deforestation in the provinces of Northern and Southern Kivu (East of the DRC) and its impact on local and global climate change: an ethical analysis and theological/pastoral responses,” April 2013, Chicago, CTU.

Courses Taught at the Jesuit School of Theology/SCU

Course Name	Semester
Christian Ethics and Migration	Spring 2026
End-of-Life Theological Ethics	Spring 2026
Methods in Theological Ethics	Spring 2025
Political Theology	Spring 2025; Spring 2023
Fundamental Moral Theology	Fall 2023; Fall 2022; Fall 2021
African Theological Ethics: Methods, Development, and Issues	Fall 2025; Fall 2023; Fall 2021
Theologies of Liberation: Global Perspectives	Fall 2025; Spring 2024; Spring 2023; Spring 2022
Ethics of Nonviolence and Just Peacemaking	Spring 2024
Ethical Issues in War & Peace	Spring 2022
Ethics, Economics, & Liberation	Fall 2022
Catholic Social Teaching in Action	Summer 2023

I also taught:

- 2020-2021. Applying Catholic Social Teaching/The Preferential Option for the Poor and Women in Catholic Social Teaching. Part-time at Catholic Theological Union/Chicago, Summer Institute, June 2020 and June 2021
2020. *Engaging Catholicism*, Department of Theology. Adjunct professor/Boston College, Fall 2020.
- 2018-2019. *Introduction to Christian Theology I & II* (2016-2017) and *Perspectives on Western Culture I & II* (2018-2019), Assistant and Teaching Fellow respectively/Boston College/Theology Department.

Guest Lecturer for:

2020. Erik Owens, *Ethics, Religion and International Politics*, Fall 2020, Boston College. Lecture on “How are environmental justice and peace closely related?”
2019. Lauren Honig, *Natural Resources Politics*, Fall 2019, Boston College. Lecture on “Conflicts Mineral – Resource War.”
2019. Lisa Sowle Cahill, Majors Seminar, *Violence: Cross, War, Race, Gender*, Fall 2019, Boston College, Lecture on “Gender and Gender-War Based Violence.”
- 2018-2019. Laurie Johnston, *Ethics, Religion, and International Politics*, Spring 2018 and 2019, Boston College. Two lectures on “Justice after war? Grassroots resistance to justice and reconciliation” and “Peacebuilding and *jus post bellum*.”
2019. Meghan Clark, *Environmental crisis and gender conflict in Congo and Rwanda*, Spring 2019. St. John University, New York. Lecture on “Rights of Women to Protection & Reparation.”
2018. Stephen Pope, Aquinas’ Ethics, Fall 2018. Boston College. Lecture: *Aquinas and Political Prudence*.
2016. Stephen Pope, *Reconciliation and Forgiveness*, Fall 2016, Boston College. Topic: “The Challenges of a Genocide for Reconciliation.”

Language skills

In addition to English, I am fluent in French and Spanish, and I have a basic understanding and ability to read Italian. I also speak Swahili, Lingala, and Kikongo, which are three of the Democratic Republic of Congo’s (DRC) four national languages. Swahili is spoken in several African countries.