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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Theological Ethics, Boston College, 2014
M.Div., Weston Jesuit School of Theology, 2008
B.M. in Music Composition, *summa cum laude*, DePaul University, 2004

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Seattle University, 2020-present
Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, Seattle University, 2014-2020
Teaching Fellow, Theology Department, Boston College, 2012-2013

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Racial Justice, Resistance to White Supremacy, Theological Critiques of Whiteness; Bioethics/Medical Ethics; Sexuality, Gender, and Ethics; Emotions and Ethics; Catholic Theological Ethics; Normative Ethical Theories; Ethnographic Methods in Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

- “Nussbaum, Anger, and Racial Justice: On the Epistemological and Eschatological Limitations of White Liberalism,” *Political Theology* 21, no. 5 (2020): 415-433.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2020.1747810>
- “Payback, Forgiveness, Accountability: Exercising Responsible Agency in the Midst of Structured Racial Harm,” *Religions* 10, no. 9 (2019): 528. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel10090528>
- “Black Lives Matter and Catholic Whiteness: A Tale of Two Performances,” *Horizons* 44, no. 2 (2017): 306-341. <https://doi.org/10.1017/hor.2017.121>
- “The Black Lives Matter Movement: Justice and Health Equity,” *Health Progress* 97, no. 6 (2016): 42-47. <https://www.chausa.org/docs/default-source/health-progress/the-black-lives-matter-movement-justice-and-health-equity.pdf?sfvrsn=2> Reprinted in Charles E. Curran and Lisa A. Fullam, eds., *Readings in Moral Theology no. 19: U.S. Moral Theology from the Margins* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2020).
- “The Civic Virtues of Social Anger: A Critically Reconstructed Normative Ethic for Public Life,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 36, no. 1 (2016): 123-143. <https://doi.org/10.1353/sce.2016.0008>
- “Human Rights and Intrinsic Evil: The Language of Exceptionless Moral Norms in Catholic Theological Ethics,” *Horizons* 41, no. 1 (2014): 142-165. <https://doi.org/10.1017/hor.2014.32>
- “Coercion, Autonomy, and the Preferential Option for the Poor in the Ethics of Organ Transplantation,” *Developing World Bioethics* 12, no. 3 (2012): 135-147. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1471-8847.2012.00327.x>

Book Chapters and Essays:

- “Emotions and Christian Ethics,” in Tobias L. Winright, ed., *T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Ethics* (New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2021), 91-101. <https://doi.org/10.5040/9780567677204.ch-009>

“The Enduring Ethical Vision of Gaudium et Spes: Catholic Moral Engagement in the Twenty-First Century,” in Kevin J. Ahern, ed., *Visions of Hope: Emerging Theologians and the Future of the Church* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2013), 129-132.

Conference Proceedings:

“Bioethics/Healthcare,” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America 75* (forthcoming 2021).

Book Reviews:

Mary Jo Iozzio and Patricia Beattie Jung, eds., *Sex & Gender: Christian Ethical Reflections* (Georgetown University Press, 2017), in *Horizons* 47, no. 1 (2020): 172-174.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/hor.2020.22>

Joshua Hordern, *Political Affections: Civic Participation and Moral Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2013), in *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 35, no. 1 (2015): 213-215.
<https://doi.org/10.1353/sce.2015.0017>

David Sehat, *The Myth of American Religious Freedom* (Oxford University Press, 2011), in *Political Theology* 13, no. 4 (2012): 504-506, available at: <https://doi.org/10.1558/poth.v13i4.504>

Other Publications:

“On the Primacy of Conscience,” *Catholic Moral Theology* (Aug. 24, 2020).
<https://catholicmoraltheology.com/conscience-at-the-polls-guest-post-by-dr-michael-jaycox-on-primacy-of-conscience/>

Forum Essays for *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church* (2016-2021).
<http://www.catholicethics.com/authors/michael-jaycox>

“Bishops’ Call for Peace amid Racism Is Obscure, Counterproductive,” *National Catholic Reporter* (Aug. 4, 2016). <http://www.ncronline.org/blogs/ncr-today/bishops-call-peace-amid-racism-obscure-counterproductive>

Essays as Contributor to *Political Theology Network* (2012-2013).
<https://politicaltheology.com/author/michael-jaycox/>

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lendrum Priory Library Fellowship, Durham Residential Research Library, Durham University, UK (2022). Funded Project: “The Theological Anthropology of Aelred of Rievaulx’s *De Anima*: A Critical Resource for Reconstructing an Adequate Sexual Ethic”

Faculty Research Fellowship, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, Seattle University (2015-2016). Funded project: “Black Lives Matter: A Case Study,” a series of semi-structured interviews conducted in Ferguson and St. Louis, MO

Sixth-Year Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston College (2013-2014). Funded dissertation project: “Righteous Anger and Virtue Ethics: A Contemporary Reconstruction of Anger in Service to Justice.”

Director: James F. Keenan

Readers: Lisa Sowle Cahill, David Hollenbach

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Public Theology of Police Abolition,” for the roundtable discussion “Justice and Peace: A Radical Reconsideration of Public Safety,” The Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network of the Lumen Christi Institute, Seattle, WA (forthcoming 2021)

“The Challenge of Privileged Anger: Moving from Moral Impotence to Sustainable Solidarity,” for the Invited Session panel “Holy Rage: Assessing the Role of Anger, Rage, and Wrath in

- Transformative Work,” Catholic Theological Society of America, Pittsburgh, PA (2019)
- “The Problems and Possibilities of Engaging Emotions in Racial Justice Work: A Response to Stephanie Edwards and LaReine-Marie Mosely,” College Theology Society, St. Paul, MN (2018)
- “Evil in the Imagination: Womanist Ethical Thought as a Resource for Catholic Ethical Method,” Society of Christian Ethics, New Orleans, LA (2017)
- “Catholic Theological Thought and VSED (Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking): What Kinds of Ethical Questions are Relevant?” Hastening Death by Voluntarily Stopping Eating and Drinking: Clinical, Legal, Ethical, Religious, and Family Perspectives, Seattle University Law School, Seattle, WA (2016)
- “Narrative, Performativity, and Resistance in the Black Lives Matter Movement,” College Theology Society, Kansas City, MO (2016)
- “The Civic Virtues of Social Anger: A Critically Reconstructed Normative Ethic for Public Life,” Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL (2015)
- “A Collegial Response to James T. Bretzke, S.J., ‘Intrinsic Evil: Classroom Navigation between Gauntlet and Shibboleth,’ and Dana L. Dillon, ‘Intrinsically Evil Acts as a Sine Qua Non of Virtue Ethics,’” College Theology Society, Omaha, NE (2013)
- “The Order and Operation of Charity: An Exegetical Study of the Disputed Question of Infused Moral Virtues in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas,” New Wine, New Wineskins Symposium, Notre Dame, IN (2011)
- “John Henry Newman and Theological Ethics: Grammar of Assent as a Meditation on the Virtue of Prudence,” Newman Association of America Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (2010)
- “When Mercy Seasons Justice: Martha Nussbaum and Jon Sobrino on the Ethical Significance of Compassion,” Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, Trento, Italy (2010)
- “Francisco de Vitoria and the Right to Travel: Political Rights, International Law, and the Ethics of Hospitality,” The Politics of Human Rights, Newton, MA (2010)

CAMPUS TALKS

- “On the Primacy of Conscience,” for the panel discussion “‘We the People’ and the Primacy of Conscience,” sponsored by the Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (2020)
- “Sustaining the Movement for Black Lives: Intersectional Narratives of Resistance,” sponsored by the Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (2017)
- “Sexual Ethics and the Synod on the Family: A North American Perspective,” for the panel discussion “Synod on the Family: Global Perspectives,” sponsored by the Robert D. O’Brien Chair, Family Policy Speaker Series (2015)
- “Social Conflict and the Fire of the Holy Spirit: A Perspective on Ferguson from Catholic Theology,” for the panel discussion “Theology after Ferguson: Where Do We Go from Here?” sponsored by Campus Ministry (2015)
- “The Historical Development of Catholic Sexual Ethics: What Can We Reasonably Expect from the Extraordinary Synod on the Family?” for “What Is Good Catholic Sex? A Panel Discussion of Pope Francis’ Synod on the Family and Catholic Teachings on Sex and Marriage,” sponsored by the Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (2015)

COURSES TAUGHT

Seattle University:

- Major Themes and Thinkers in Christian Theology (2020-present)
- Sexual Ethics (2019-present)
- Global Bioethics and Religion (2018-present)
- Social Justice and Christian Ethics (2018-present)
- Advanced Christian Ethics (2016)
- Biomedical Ethics (2015-2017)

Theological Ethics of Hope and Moral Power (2014-2017)

Boston College:

Introduction to Christian Theology (2011-2013)

HIV/AIDS and Ethics (2010)

TEACHING GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Course Development Fellowship, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, Seattle University (2018-2019). Funded course development: Sexual Ethics

John and Margaret O'Brien Flatley Ethics Fellowship, Theology Department, Boston College (2008-2013)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Peer Review:

Bloomsbury T&T Clark, *Theological Studies*, *Political Theology*, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*

Conference Organizing and Leadership:

Ad Hoc Committee on Overcoming Racism and Decentering Whiteness, College Theology Society (2021-2022)

Convener for Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session, Catholic Theological Society of America (2021)

Administrative Team for Bioethics/Healthcare Topic Session, Catholic Theological Society of America (2018-2021)

Moderator for Bioethics and Healthcare Topic Session, Catholic Theological Society of America (2017)

Convener of Ethics Section, College Theology Society (2016-2018)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University Level:

Critical Race Pedagogy as Praxis Teaching Circle (2018-2020)

Participant, Catholic Intellectual Tradition Seminar, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (2018)

Presenter and Facilitator, "Inclusion: A Matter of Justice" Study Circle, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (2018)

Presenter, Catholic Intellectual Tradition Seminar, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (2017-2020)

Co-Facilitator, Racial Justice Faculty Reading Group, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture (2016)

College Level:

Executive Committee, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (2019-present)

Planning Committee, LGBTQ Studies Minor (2017-2019)

Department Level:

Rank and Tenure Committee (2020-present)

Thesis Director for undergraduate majors pursuing departmental honors degrees (2018-2021)

Assessment Coordinator (2020-2022)

Program Review Committee (2019)

Coordinator of Assessment Project (2017)

Academic Advisor for undergraduate majors and minors (2015-present)

Search Committees for departmental positions (2015-2020)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Guest Preacher, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Berkeley, CA (2020)
Participant, "Undoing Institutional Racism" Workshop, People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, Seattle, WA (2017)
Legal Observer, National Lawyers Guild and ACLU of Missouri, St. Louis, MO and Ferguson, MO (2015)
Scholar-in-Residence, Center for Social Empowerment and Justice, Ferguson, MO (2015)
Guest Presenter, Adult Education Program, Church of the Epiphany, Rumford, RI (2011-2013)
Clinical Chaplaincy Intern, The Night Ministry, Urban CPE Consortium, Chicago, IL (2007)
Clinical Chaplaincy Intern, Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center, Urban CPE Consortium, Chicago, IL (2007)
Paralegal and Community Organizer, Legal Aid Justice Center, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Richmond, VA (2004-2005)

LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

Modern French, Medieval Latin, Classical Latin

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

The Society of Christian Ethics, The Catholic Theological Society of America, The College Theology Society, The American Academy of Religion, Alpha Sigma Nu

REFERENCES

Available upon request.