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## ***EDUCATION***

Ph.D., Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology, 1994

Area of Specialization: Systematic Theology

M.A., Theology, University of Notre Dame, 1984

B.A., cum laude, English, University of Notre Dame, 1982

## ***ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS***

Associate Professor, Theology and Religious Studies Department, Seattle University, 2003-present

Assistant Professor, Theology and Religious Studies Department, Seattle University, 1997-2003

Assistant Professor, Religion and Philosophy Department, Saint Leo College (now Saint Leo University), 1994-1997

## ***ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS***

Director, Catholic Studies Minor, Seattle University, July 1, 2025-

Chair, Theology and Religious Studies Department, Seattle University, July 2017-July 2024

Acting Chair, Theology and Religious Studies Department, Seattle University, September 2013-June 2014

Chair, Theology and Religious Studies Department, Seattle University, Winter 2003-Winter 2005

## ***FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS***

Patrick J. Howell, S.J. Professor of Theology, 2025-present

Ellacuría Scholar, Office of Mission Integration, Seattle University, September 2025-

Rev. Louis Gaffney, SJ Chair, College of Arts and Sciences, Seattle University, 2023-2025 (Established “to promote issues germane to the Jesuit mission and identity of the faith that does justice and supports the Jesuit ideal of teaching.”)

Research Fellowship for “The Jesuit University in a Secular Age: Theological Perspectives,” Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, Seattle University, 2021

Honorary Member, Alpha Sigma Nu, the honor society of Jesuit colleges and universities, 2021

Research Fellowship for “The Relationship between Theology and Religious Studies in the Context of Undergraduate Education at Catholic Colleges and Universities in the U.S.” Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, Seattle University, 2016

Outstanding Collegiality Award, College of Arts and Sciences, 2014

Co-Recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (Berkeley, CA) and the John Templeton Foundation to develop and co-teach a course entitled “Theology and Science in Dialogue: History, Issues, and Visions,” 1999

Recipient of a Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship Award for the completion of *Lonergan, Hermeneutics, and Theological Method*, a manuscript later published by Marquette University Press, 1999

## ***PUBLICATIONS***

### **Book**

*Lonergan, Hermeneutics, and Theological Method* (Marquette University Press 2005)

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

[Forthcoming] “Cultural, Intellectual, and Institutional Challenges to Theology in U.S. Catholic Higher Education,” *The Locus of the Theological Vocation*, edited by Nathaniel Holmes, Ramon Luzarraga, and Nancy M. Rourke, Orbis Books (Expected publication date April 22, 2026)

“Bernard Lonergan on the Revolution in Catholic Theology,” *You Say You Want a Revolution”? 1968- 2018 in Theological Perspective*, edited by Susie Babka, Elena Procaro-Foley, and Sandra Yocum (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2019)

“Tradition and Innovation at Catholic Universities: Ideas from Bernard Lonergan,” *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (March 2004), 308-319

“Challenges to the Role of Theological Anthropology in Feminist Theologies,” *Theological Studies*, Vol. 64, No. 3 (September 2003), 582-597

“Einstein and Lonergan on Empirical Method,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, Vol. 37, No. 4 (December 2002), 873-890

“Philosophical Hermeneutics and Theological Education,” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (June 2000), 62-70

“Meaning and Praxis in History: Lonerganian Perspectives,” chapter in *Theology and the New Histories* edited by Gary Macy. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1999), 150-164

## ***ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS***

[Forthcoming] “A Lonerganian Analysis of Christian Nationalism,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, Villanova University, May 28-31

“Cultural, Intellectual, and Institutional Challenges to Theology in U.S. Catholic Higher Education,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, University of Dayton, June 2025

“The Theological Vision of the Human in Humanistic Education,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, Regis University, June 2024

“Lonergan’s Contributions to Thinking about the Role of Theology and Religious Studies at Jesuit Universities,” West Coast Methods Institute, Gonzaga University, April 23, 2023

“The Jesuit University in a Secular Age: Theological Perspectives,” Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, May 25, 2022

“Bernard Lonergan and the Revolution in Catholic Theology: A Status Report,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, St. Catherine’s University, June 2018

Co-Presenter with Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos, “Catholic in a Religiously Plural Context: The Case of Seattle University,” conference on “The Idea of the Catholic University in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” at Loyola Marymount University, March 16, 2018

“The Relationship between Theology and Religious Studies in the Context of Undergraduate Education at Catholic Colleges and Universities in the U.S.,” Seattle University, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, May 2017

“The Power of God as Compassion, Justice, and Mercy,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, Rockhurst University, June 2016

“Reparations and Catholic Social Teaching,” Justice Faculty Fellows Program, Center for the Study of Justice in Society, Seattle University, May 2006.

“Theological Method and the Challenge of Constructing a Theology of Nature,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, the Catholic University of America, June 2004

“Divine Love in an Evolutionary Universe,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, Marquette University, June 2003

Panel Presentation on Michael Barnes’ Stages Thought, Philosophy of Religion section, Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, St. John’s University (NY), June 2002

“Einstein and Lonergan on Empirical Method,” Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, University of Portland, June 2001

Invited discussant, panel on Cynthia Crysdale’s *Embracing Travail: Reinterpreting the Cross for Today*, Women’s Seminar in Constructive Theology, Catholic Theological Society of America, June 2001

“Tradition and Innovation in the Thought of Bernard Lonergan,” Bishop Carroll Lecture Series, Carroll College, February 2001

“Postmodernism and the Turn to Experience in Catholic Feminist Theology,” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, April 2000 [Revised and expanded version of “Theological Anthropology and Feminist Theories of Meaning” presented June 1996 at the College Theology Society]

Poster session and brief presentation on TRST 391, Theology and Science in Dialogue, Summer Workshop for the Science and Religion Course Program, sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences and the John Templeton Foundation, Chicago, June 1999

"In the To-and-Fro: Philosophical Hermeneutics and Theological Education," the Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, St. Norbert College (WI), June 1999

"Meaning and Praxis in History: Lonerganian Perspectives," the Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, St. Louis University, June 1998

"Theological Anthropology and Feminist Theories of Meaning," the Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, University of Dayton, June 1996

"Transcendental and Hermeneutical Approaches to Theology: A Presentation and Evaluation of the Horizons 16/2 Debate," Lonergan Research Institute, Toronto, November 1991

"Language and Thought: The Relationship between the Use of Language and the Promotion of Racism, Sexism, and Classism," the Halton Separate School Board (Catholic School System) Curriculum Conference, Burlington, Ontario, February 1990

Respondent to presentation on "The Influence of Blondel's *L'Action* on Neo-Thomism's Development of a Metaphysics of Symbol," (by Stephen Fields, Georgetown University), meeting of the Roman Catholic Modernism Group at the American Academy of Religion Convention, Washington, D.C., November 1993

Respondent to presentation entitled "Lonergan's Contribution to a Theology of Revelation," Lonergan Research Institute, Toronto, November 1990

## ***MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS***

*Theological Studies*

*Zygon*

College Theology Society Annual Volume, *Christology: Memory, Inquiry and Practice*, Orbis Books, 2002

College Theology Society Annual Volume, *Theology and the Social Sciences*, Orbis Books, 2001 *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*

## ***MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES***

Catholic Theological Society of America

College Theology Society

## ***COURSES TAUGHT***

### **Undergraduate Courses**

**Seattle University, 1997-present**

- **University Core Courses**

Catholic Traditions

Theology Bridge Course for Transfer Students

God and Evil

Themes of Christian Faith Historical  
Theology I Historical Theology II  
Women and Theology  
Jesus the Christ/Christology/Perspectives on Jesus  
Rethinking God  
Theology and Science  
Challenges to Christian Faith Catholics in  
the U.S.

- **University Honors Courses**

Catholicism and Its Global Reach Humanities  
Seminar—Thought (The Bible)

- **Advanced Courses for Theology and Religious Studies Majors**

Theology Seminar  
Medieval and Reformation Theology  
Modern and Contemporary Theology  
Methods in Theology and Religious Studies

### **Saint Leo College now Saint Leo University (near Tampa, FL), 1994-1997**

#### **Core Courses**

Catholicism  
Christian Morality  
Survey of Christian Theology I  
Survey of Christian Theology II  
Women in the Church

### **Christian Brothers University (Memphis, TN), Summer 1992**

#### **Core Course**

Understanding Religion

#### **Graduate Courses**

### **Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry**

Christology

### **Saint Thomas University (Houston, TX), Summer 1995**

Contemporary Feminist Theology

### ***SERVICE (selected)***

#### **Service to the University**

- Member, Concurrent Enrollment Standards Committee for the College-in-the-High School Program for Seattle Area Catholic High Schools, 2025-present
- Member, Committee for Reimagining the Humanities Programs, 2025-present
- Provost Fellow for the Unification of the Academic Calendar, June-September 2025

- Member, Faculty Handbook Preamble Writing Committee, February 2025
- Provost Fellow, University Core Curriculum Working Group to Reimagine and Revise the Curriculum, Seattle University, Summer 2022-present
- Member, Advisory Board, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, 2021-present
- Member, Mission Priority Examen Steering Committee, Fall 2022-2024
- Member, Search Committee, Campus Ministry Director Search Committee, January 2023-April 2023
- Member, Search Committee, Vice President for Mission Integration, Fall 2019-March 2022
- Member, School of Theology and Ministry (STM) Post-Closure Announcement Committee, Sept. 2021-June 2022
- Chair, University Honors Program Director Search, Fall 2020-Winter 2021
- Co-Facilitator, Arrupe Seminar on the Foundations and Vision of Jesuit Education, 2017-June 2022
- Co-Chair, School of Theology and Ministry (STM)-Department of Theology and Religious Studies (THRS) Working Group, 2019-2020
- Member, Task Force for the Revision of Promotion Guidelines, ADVANCE Program, 2018-2019
- Member, Internal Advisory Board, ADVANCE Program, 2017-2018
- Member, Jesuit Catholic Education Task Force, 2018-2019
- Co-Leader and Facilitator, Catholic Higher Education Faculty Reading and Discussion Group, 2017-2018
- Co-Leader and Facilitator, Church in Crisis Study Group, Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture, 2018- 2019
- Member, Search Committee, ICTC Director Search, 2012
- Presenter, Catholic Intellectual Tradition Seminar, Session Faith and Reason, ICTC, 2017-2020
- Member, Core Policy Board, 2001–2004
- Member, Planning Committee for the Honorary Degree Ceremony for Cardinal Walter Kasper, 2004
- Member, Freshman Seminar Development Committee, 2002
- Member, University Committee for Assessment (ad hoc), 2001-2002
- Member, Search Committee for Core Director, 2002
- External Reviewer, Honors Program Review, 200-2001
- Chair, Core Action Group, Jesuit and Catholic Foundations of the Curriculum, 2000-2001
- Member, Core Executive Committee, 2000
- Co-Author, Core Review Report, 1999

#### **Service to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Seattle University**

- Member, Catholic Studies Minor Working Group, Fall 2024-present
- Consultant, Concurrent Enrollment Catholic High School Theology Course Program, Matteo Ricci Institute, 2023-present
- Director, Collegium mentoring program for tenure-track faculty, 2015-2017
- Member, CAS Curriculum Committee, 1999-2001, 2006-2009
- Member, Selection Committee for Pigott-McCone Endowed Chair, College of Arts and Sciences, 2006
- Member, Selection Committee for Pigott-McCone Endowed Chair, College of Arts and Sciences, 2004
- Member, Search Committee for Liberal Studies Director, 2003

- Member, Search Committee for an Interim Liberal Studies Director, 2001

**Service to the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, CAS, Seattle University**

- Member, THRS Major and Minor Curriculum Revision Committee, 2024
- Chair and Editor, Theology and Religious Studies Program Review, 2019
- Member, THRS Core Curriculum Revision Committee, Theology and Religious Studies Department; member 2001-2002; chair, 2003-2005
- Chair, Search Committees for Theology and Religious Studies faculty, 2004, 2012, 2017, 2018, and 2023
- Co-Editor, Theology and Religious Studies Department Program Review, 1999
- Co-Editor, Theology and Religious Studies Department Self-Study, 1999

**Service to the School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University**

- Member, Search for Meaning Author Selection Committee, 2017
- Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Theology and Ministry, 2004
- Member, School of Theology and Ministry Library Collection Appraisal, 2002

**Service to the Profession**

- Editorial Board Member for *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*
- External Program Reviewer for the undergraduate Religious Studies program at Chaminade University (Honolulu, Hawaii), 2024
- Board of Directors, College Theology Society, 2002-2004
- Moderator, Method in Theology Group, Catholic Theological Society of America, 2002
- Member, Nominations Committee, College Theology Society, 1999-2001