

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Background:

Ph.D. The University of Chicago, 1986
Area of Concentration: Christian Theology

Dissertation: Speaking of Death: Toward a Fundamental Theological Hermeneutic of Death Based on Romans 5 and First Corinthians 15

Thesis Committee: Paul Ricoeur (advisor); David Tracy and David Bartlett (readers)

S.T.M. St. Mary's University, 1974

Master's Thesis: The Concept of the Will of God in the Thought of Karl Rahner"

B.A. St. Mary's University, 1970

Specialty: Contemporary Philosophy

Professional Experience:

Loyola University of Chicago, Department of Theology, Assistant Professor, 1986--1992;
Associate Professor, 1992--
Chairperson, 1993--2002

Courses Presented: Introduction to Theology; The Christian God; Christology (Core and Upper Level); Great Christian Thinkers; Introduction to Biblical Literature; Introduction to the Study of Religion; Imagining the Future; Lorca and Flamenco; Language and Belief (Upper Level); Religion and Science (Upper Level & Graduate); Religion and Culture (Honors: team taught with Dr. Mallow); Foundational and Critical Issues in Systematics; Philosophy for Theology (Masters Level); The Mystery of God In Christian Theology (Masters Level); Central Christian Doctrines: Revelation; Central Christian Doctrines: Creation; Bible, Theology and

Interpretation; Theology and Culture; Eschatology; 16th Century Spanish Spirituality {Ph.D. Level} Philosophical Resources for Theology; Scripture, Tradition and the Theologian, Contemporary Authors: David Tracy; David Tracy and the French Connection; Christianity and the Religions; Fundamental Theology {Ph.D. level}, Creation Theologies {Ph.D. level} Hermeneutics Tutorial (Graduate and Majors Levels)

Dissertation Direction: Dr. John Shields (completed 2005); Dr. Michael Trice (completed 2006; Loyola Dissertation of the Year Award); K. Soderstrom (completed 2006); D. Chukwu (completed 2007); T. Bechtel (completed 2008); G. German (completed 2008); J. Orasco (completed 2007 dissertation of the year awarded); E. Lee (completed 2009); P. Voelker (completed 2010); currently directing: Nate Crawford; Andrea Hollingsworth, William Myatt, A. Hankins; D. Wallenfang; C.J. Love; H. Zhou

University of Scranton, Department of Theology/Religious Studies, Scranton, Pennsylvania
Assistant Professor, 1984-1986

Courses Presented: Introduction to Theology/ Religious Studies; Introduction to the New Testament; Christology; Christian Classics; Interpretation Theory

College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois
Adjunct Instructor, 1981-1984

Courses Presented: American Religions; Comparative Religions; Introduction to Philosophy

Honors:

Gold Award for Higher Education Reporting from the Chronicle of Higher Education and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Higher Education, 1999

Fellow, Ethics Across the Curriculum, Fall, 1993

Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation awarded for dissertation research, 1982-1983

College Theology Society National Student Essay Award, 1981; paper: "Toward a Phenomenology of Death"

The University of Chicago Milo P. Jewett Award for Scripture Study, 1979; paper: "The Metaphors of Death in Romans"

Publications and Grants:

Review (2500 words) of Christopher Ben Simpson, *Religion, Metaphysics and the Postmodern: William Desmond and John D. Caputo* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009). i-x, 213 pages; review 2500 words. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=20847>

“Interpreting the Theology of Creation: Binary Difference and Gender in Catholic Thought” published in a collection on sexual ethics through University of Il, 2009. (8,500 words)

‘Future’ and ‘Destiny’ for *Christianity: A Complete Guide*, edited by John Bowden. Continuum Press, New York, 2005: 336-340; 488-491 (approximately 20,000 words)

‘Metaphor’ and ‘Hermeneutics’ for the *New Handbook of Christian Theology*, revised. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003.

Summer Research Grant, \$6,000 with Dr. DiVito; Loyola University for Summer 2003. Research Project: Phenomenological clarification of the category of >excess= for jointly authored work on and ethics of interpretation dealing with texts of excess.

Loyola Mellon Grant for \$3,000 for research in Flamenco, June 2001; Results presented in conference at Loyola, May, 2005)

Loyola Mellon Grant for \$3,500 for Science and Religion Speaker’s Series, June, 2000

Grant for two-year conference on ‘Technology and the Urban Environment’; \$20,000 from United States Catholic Conference and Loyola University Chicago, 1999.

Funding for the Development of Hispanic Studies Center, \$21,000, through a Benefit Banquet, June 10, 1999.

Mulcahy Grant for Undergraduate Studies, \$2000, for Armando Riggelado, October 1999.

‘Science and Faith Examined’ with Dr. Terry Grande, in *Loyola*, Fall, 2000: 22-25.

‘Qualitative Research and Hermeneutical Theory’, International Conference on Hermeneutics and Nursing Theory, May 1998.

The Whole and Divided Self. New York, Crossroad and Herder Press, 1998.

‘Academic Freedom and the Church’ in *Loyola*, Summer, 1997: 18-22.

'David Tracy' in *A New Handbook of Christian Theologians*, ed. By Donald Musser and Joseph Price. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1996, pp. 468-477

"A Short Consideration of Sallie McFague's *Body of God*" in *Broken and Whole: Essays on Religion and the Body*, ed. by Susan Ross. Lanham, MD. University Press of America, 1995.

"Inspiration and Trust: Toward Narrowing the Gap Between Fundamentalist and Higher Biblical Scholarship" in *The Struggle Over The Past: Fundamentalism in the Modern World*, ed. by William Shea. Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 1994.

"Hermeneutics," in *New Handbook of Christian Theology*, ed. by Donald Musser and Joseph Price. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994.

"Metaphor," in *New Handbook of Christian Theology*, ed. by Donald Musser and Joseph Price. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994.

"The Religious Fantasy of Bernard Malamud," *Listening*, Vol. 25, No. 2 (Spring, 1992): 127-140.

"Field of Dreams and Dreams of Fields," *Play and Culture*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (February, 1992): 32-43.

"Who Is Sebastian Rodrigues? Crosscultural Perspectives on Religious Irony and the Self,@ *Pluralism And Oppression: Theology in World Perspective*. ed. by Paul Knitter. New York: University Press of America/College Theology Society, 1991. pp. 49-68.

"What If Jesus . . .?": Fictional Naming and Theological Reflection,@ in *Theology and the University*, ed. by John Apczynski. New York: University Press of America/College Theology Society, 1990. pp. 117-130.

"The Density of Reference: Paul Ricoeur on Religious Textual Reference, *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*. (1989).

Review of James G. Hart's *The Person and the Common Life* in *Journal of Religion*. *Journal of Religion* (July 1993)

Review of Don Browning's and Francis Fiorenza's *Habermas, Modernity and Public Theology* in *Modern Theology* (*Journal of Religion*, 1994)

Review of Hans Kueng's Reforming The Church Today: Keeping Hope Alive in Religious Studies and Theology (1992).

Review of Robert Schreier's and Mary Catherine Hilkert's (eds.) The Praxis of Christian Experience: An Introduction to the Theology of Edward Schillebeeckx for Horizons in Religious Studies and Theology (1992).

Review of Wendy Farley's Tragic Vision and Divine Compassion, and Barry Whitney's What Are They Saying About God and Evil for Religious Studies and Theology (1994).

Review of David Tracy's and Hans Kueng's Paradigm Change in Theology in Religious Studies and Theology (1990).

Review of David Tracy's Plurality and Ambiguity in Religious Studies and Theology (1990).

Review of Werner Jeanrond's Text and Interpretation as Categories of Theological Thinking in Horizons, 1989.

Review of Paul Brokelman's Time and Self: Phenomenological Explorations in Journal of Religion, 1988.

Review of Clyde Holbrook's The Iconoclastic Deity: Biblical Images of God in Journal of Religion, July, 1987.

"Silence: Descriptions and Queries." Philosophy Today, 27 (Summer, 1983), 143-146.

"Reading and Proclaiming the Text: Christology as Literacy and Rhetoric." Foundations of Religious Literacy. Edited by John V. Apczynski. Chico: Scholar's Press, 1982. pp. 79-106.

Review of James Carse's Death and Existence in Journal of Religion, 62 (October, 1982): 441-443.

Papers:

“Gender Binariness in Recent Catholic Pronouncements: A Hermeneutical Approach”
Conference in Trent, Ital; July 2010

“What Makes Us Human? Situating the Issues” Loyola Conference on What Makes Us Human? March, 2010

Organized two day conference on Science and Religion with Dr. Philip Clayton;
organized conference reading group in preparation for conference; delivered introduction

situation the work of Dr. Clayton; funded by the Cody Chair (April 2010)

Organized the Cody Chair visit of Dr. John Polkinghorne; introduction to his work at his public lecture; organized the graduate student colloquium with Dr. Polkinghorne (November 2010)

“Introduction and Analysis, Michael Welker’s Work,” Cody Lecture Symposium, Fall 2009.

“The History of Natural Theology and Science”: paper presented at a conference organized on Natural Theology with Gifford Lecturers at Loyola, 2008

“Time, Clocks and Religion” : Paper at a symposium with Dr. Dennis McCarthy, Naval Observatory Washington, and Dr. W. Stoeger, S.J., Vatican Observatory, 2008.

‘Tolerance and Cruelty.’ Invited Consultation, World Council of Churches; Geneva, Switzerland, December 2006.

“New Directions in Liberal Tolerance and Religious Violence.” Paper presented at Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 2006.

‘Natural Theology, Theology of Nature and Realizable Research Programs: The State of the Issue in the Relation of Science and Theology.’ Invited Lecture for the Zygon Institute of Religion and Science, December 2005.

“Fundamental Theology and Postmodernity.” Invited Lecture at the Institute of Religion and Philosophy, North Park University, 2004

‘Must a Theologian Tell the Truth’ invited paper, American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, April 24, 2004

‘Ethics of Interpretation’: invited lecture with Robert DiVito at Marquette University Colloquia on Phenomenology and Religion. October, 2003.

‘Time and Time Keeping in Ancient Rome;’ Lecture delivered at Loyola University with Dennis McCarthy of the Naval Observatory, Washington D.C., April 2003.

‘Terror, Violence and Religion;’ set of two lectures given to the International Women’s Organization, Middle Eastern Section, Spring and Fall of 2003

'Justice in Excess: Thinking, Configuring and Doing Justice,' Presented at the Cambridge Conference on Transforming Unjust Structures: Capabilities and Justice, sponsored by the Von Hugel Institute of St. John's College, Cambridge, England, June 2003.

'Religious Fundamentalism in the 19th C.' Address to the International Women's Organization, Chicago, October 2002.

'The Engagement of Evolutionary Biology and Theology.' Plenary Paper delivered at the Oxford Conference on Illumination: Reason, Revelation, Science. Oxford, July 2002.

'The Task of Interpreting Scripture Theologically.' Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park College, October 1, 2000.

'Islam in Spain; from the 9th to the 16th C.' Address to the International Women's Association, Chicago, January 2000.

Television Interview on *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, December 1999.

'The Conflicts of Faith: Spanish Spirituality in the 16th C.' Address to the Ibero-American Consular Generals, Cervantes Institute of Chicago, February 1999.

'Bishop Tutu, A Theological Perspective,' Internationally Televised Conference honoring Bishop Desmond Tutu, January 1999.

'Does God Matter?' Colloquium for the Center for the Advanced Study of Christianity and Culture, November 1998.

'Qualitative Research and Hermeneutics' at The International Conference on Hermeneutics and Nursing Research, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, May 1998.

'Catholic Identity in the Contemporary University,' Colloquium for the Center for the Advanced Study of Christianity and Culture, October 1997.

Theological Perspective on Academic Freedom; Lecture given at Loyola University Chicago, September 1995.

Three, two hour interviews with Paul Ricoeur on Biblical Interpretation, in Paris, December 1994.

"Biblical Theology and the Statement of the Pontifical Biblical Institute on Biblical Interpretation." Bible and Theology Group. Loyola University; June 1994.

"Paul Ricoeur and an Ethics of Interpretation." by invitation at the University of Calgary, March 1994.

"The Body and Ecotheology." Plenary Session of College Theology Society, 1993.

"Abiding Otherness: Remarks on an Ethics of Interpretation." Paper presented College Theology Society Annual Meeting, 1993.

"Naming of God: Speech Act and Discourse." Conference on Borderline Questions between Philosophy and Theology, Loyola, 1993.

"Bible and Theology: A Position Paper." Paper given at Bible and Theology Project, May 1993.

"Narrating the Story, Confessing the Aqedah." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 1992.

"Violence and Difference: A Response." Paper given at University Colloquium, Loyola University, October 1992.

"Bad Smells and Faithful Readings." Paper given at Bible and Theology Project, June 1992.

"Biblical Interpretation and the Decentered Self." Paper given at Bible and Theology Project, January 1992.

"Natural Theology as a Postmodern Practical Theology." Paper given at Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, November 1991.

"Asceticism, Postliberalism, and Deconstruction." Paper given at Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, November 1991.

Response to Matthew Lamb's "Communicative Praxis and Theology: Beyond Modern Nihilism and Dogmatism." Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, 1991.

"Theological Rhetoric and the Decentered Subject." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 1990.

"God's Grace: Malamud's Narrative of Nature's Revolt." Paper presented at CTS Annual Meeting, June 1990.

"Contemporary Hermeneutical Issues in the Consideration of Nature and History in Roman Catholic Thought." Paper presented at CTS Annual Meeting, June 1990.

"Fantasy and Religious Interpretation in the Thought of Bernard Malamud." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, December 1989.

"Sympathy as a Means of Biblical Interpretation." Presented at the Annual CTS Meeting, 1989.

"Fundamentalism and Ricoeur: Hermeneutics of Inspiration." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, 1989.

"Simulation and Imitation: Who's On First?" Presented at the American Cultural Association Annual Meeting, 1989.

"Who Is Sebastian Rodrigues? Character and Religious Irony." Paper presented at the College Theology Society, May 1988.

"Narrative Naming and Theological Reflection;" "Who Is Sebastian Rodrigues? Unstable Characters, Reader Response Theory and Religious Irony in Shusaku Endo's Silence;" and "The Achievement of Religious Textual Reference: Parables and Jataka Stories." Papers delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston; November 1987.

"What if Jesus . . . ? Fictional Naming and Theological Reflection" and "A Second Reading of Second Naivete;" delivered at the Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, Baltimore; May 1987.

"Critical Theory and Scripture Scholarship;" workshop given in the pre-sessions of the Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society, Baltimore; May 1987.

Response to Jon Nilson's "Local Theologies in America" at the Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Chicago; June, 1986.

"The Name of God: A Hermeneutical Account;" Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 1984.

Conference organized and paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New York, 1982; theme: "Silence: A Religious and Philosophical Investigation."

"Phenomenology and Death;" Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, 1981.

Related Experience:

Member, Steering Committee of Hispanic Theological Initiative, 2007-2009.

Member; Executive Board, Center for the Advanced Study of Christianity and Culture, Loyola University Chicago

Member; Board of Directors, Midwest Spanish Association; Chicago, IL.

Member, Board of Director, Hispanic Theological Initiative.

Member, Board of Directors, Instituto Hispano, Loyola University Chicago

Conference Coordinator for the Scholars Conference on Ethics and the Urban Environment, co sponsored by the Center For the Advanced Study of Christianity and Culture and the National Bishop's Conference on Social Justice, Chicago, July 20-22, 2000.

Co-ordinator for Religion and Science Faculty Discussion Group, Loyola University, Spring, 2000.

Executive Chairperson, International Colloquium on The Bible and the Spanish Renaissance: Cardinal Ximenez de Cisneros and the Complutensian Polyglot, June 10-13, 1999

Conference of Chicago Hispanic Leadership to Develop a Program of Hispanic Studies at Loyola University Chicago, April 29, 1999.

Chairperson and Editor for Research and Publication for the College Theology Society, 1987-1995.

Lecture Series:

"From Comedy to Cowboys: The Bible and Literature" (five lectures; July 1987; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Ways of Reading the Bible" (13 lectures; Sept.- Nov., 1988; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Early Church Controversies" (three lectures; Nov., 1988; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Infancy and Genealogy" (one hour lecture; Dec. 5, 1988; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Directions in Contemporary Christology" (three lectures; February, 1989; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"If the Snake Didn't Do It, Who Did? Sin and Guilt" (one lecture, April, 1989; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Erotic Love in a Christian Context" (two lectures, June, July, 1989; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Religious Issues in Contemporary Literature" (five lectures, July, 1990; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Religion and Literature" (series of five book discussions (1990-1991; Fourth Presbyterian Church)

"Classical Religious Poetry" (two lectures; June, 1991; Fourth Presbyterian Church)
"Angels, Incarnation and the Contemporary Cinema" (one lecture; August, 1991; Fourth Presbyterian Church)
Quarterly Lecture Series on Religion and Literature; Fourth Presbyterian Church; 1991-present

Indexer for Religious Periodical Literature: Indexer specializing in multi-lingual theological and philosophical anthologies and journals; 1978-82.

Editorial Assistant for Frank Reynolds in preparation of Religious Encounters with Death. University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1977.