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Education

2017 Doctor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

Systematic Theology (Major Area)
History and Philosophy of Science (Minor Area)

Thesis: *Old Science, New Problems: A Theological Analysis of Rev. John Zahm's Attempt to Bridge Evolution and Roman Catholicism.*

Advisors: J. Matthew Ashley, Don Howard, Celia Deane-Drummond, Robert Krieg

2012 Master of Arts, Saint Paul School of Theology

Master of Arts (Theological Studies), *Cum Laude.*

Thesis: *The Politics of Truth: The Importance of the Fifth Lateran Council for the 21st Century Dialogue between Roman Catholicism and Science.*

Advisors: Kristen E. Kvam, Nancy Howell

2004 Bachelor of Science, Georgetown University

Computer Science, *Cum Laude.* Minor in Theology.

Current Employment

2017-Present. Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, University of Notre Dame.

Books

Evolution, Catholicism, and Notre Dame: A New Analysis of John Zahm's Quest for a Science-Friendly Faith.
Under review, University of Notre Dame Press (2018).

Edited, *A T&T Clark Companion to Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences.* Under contract, T&T Clark (2019).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Examining Theological Appropriations of Problematic Historical Dissent," *Horizons*. Accepted, in print (June 2018).

"Dangerous Tendencies of Cosmic Theology: The Untold Legacy of Teilhard de Chardin," *Philosophy and Theology* 29, no. 1 (December 2016).

Book Reviews

William Cavanaugh and James K. A. Smith's *Evolution and the Fall*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 2017. *International Journal of Systematic Theology*. Accepted, in print (2018).

Noreen Herzfeld's *Technology and Religion: Remaining Human in a Co-created World*. West Conshohocken, PA: Templeton, 2009. *Theology and Science* 9, no. 4 (November 2011).

Conference Presentations

"Constructing a Theology of Protest," Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society: St. Paul, MN. May 31-June 3, 2018. *Accepted paper*.

"Nature is Not the 'New Poor': Resituating Ecological Theology in a Trinitarian Framework," Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America: Albuquerque, NM: June 8-11, 2017.

"Protest and Dissent in the Catholic Church: A Roundtable," Panelist, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion: San Antonio, TX. November 19-22, 2016.

"Catholic Theology and the World of Blogging: A Colloquium with DailyTheology.org & CatholicMoralTheology.com," Convener, Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society: Kansas City, MO. June 2-5, 2016.

"Love it or Leave it? Comparing Integral and Cosmic Ecology through Teilhard, Benedict, and Francis," Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society: Kansas City, MO. June 2-5, 2016.

"The Dogmatic Depravity of Adoption: Changing the Language of 'Open to Life,'" Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion: Atlanta, GA. November 21-24, 2015.

"Critical Distance between the Earth and the Poor: Placing M. Shawn Copeland in Dialogue with Ecological Theology," Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society: Portland, OR. May 28-31, 2015.

"Blogging in an Unexpected Wilderness: A Colloquium with Daily Theology," Panelist, Annual Meeting of the College Theology Society: Portland, OR. May 28-31, 2015.

"I Desire to Live, I Desire to Die': Reconsidering the Mysticism of Teilhard de Chardin," Institute on Religion in an Age of Science Summer Conference. Star Island, New Hampshire, August 2-9, 2014.

"Harriet Thompson Writes the Pope: One Woman's Battle for Racial Equality in 19th Century American Catholicism," American Catholic Historical Association Spring Conference. Xavier University, March 29, 2014.

“The Fall of the American Priest-Scientist: John Zahm’s Attempt to Bridge Evolution and Catholicism,” History of Science Society Annual Conference. Boston, MA, November 23, 2013.

Invited Lectures

“The French Revolution and the Vatican's Anti-Evolutionary Stance: A Story of Causes and Effects,” The Quest for Consonance: Christian Theology and the Natural Sciences, University of Notre Dame, April 2-5, 2017.

“Friendship and Solidarity with Creation: A Critical Liberationist Reflection,” St. Lawrence Barbeque, Wheeling Jesuit University, June 16-19, 2016.

“Liberation Theology and Post-Kuhnian Philosophies of Science: Possibilities of Consonance,” University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity Seminar, April 2, 2015.

"Christology and Creation from Teilhard de Chardin to Elizabeth Johnson," Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. February 16, 2015. *Invited lecture*, “Epic of Creation” seminar series.

“Thomas Kuhn, Faith, and ‘Science for the Poor.’” Roundtable discussion with faculty of the Goshen College Religion and Science consortium. December 17, 2014.

“Faith, Reason, and Science? The Applicability of Thomas Kuhn to Christian Theology’s Dialogue with Science,” Ninth Annual Andrews Autumn Conference on Religion and Science. Andrews University, October 25, 2014.

Higher Education Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, University of Notre Dame, 2016-Present

“Racism and Human Dignity in the Christian Tradition” (Scheduled, Spring 2018)

“Theology and Science from Plato to Pope Francis” (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

Instructor of Record, St. Mary’s College, 2017.

“Sustainability at Saint Mary’s and in the Holy Cross Charism” (Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame, 2013-2015

“Jesus and Salvation,” Prof. Catherine Hilkert (2015)

“Bioethics,” Prof. Celia Deane-Drummond (2014)

“Sustainability Capstone Seminar,” Prof. Celia Deane-Drummond (2014)

“Theology and Science,” Prof. Celia Deane-Drummond (2013)

Teaching Assistant, Saint Paul School of Theology, 2011

“Science, Theology, and Ministry,” Prof. Nancy Howell

Secondary Education Teaching Experience

Junior and High School Teacher, Faustina Academy (Irving, TX), 2006-2007

Instructor for Earth Science, Algebra II, and Church History

Received 7th-12th grade “Teacher of the Year” award

Administration and Professional Service

Conference Organization Committee Member, “The Quest for Consonance: Christian Theology and the Natural Sciences,” April 2017.

This conference, which I organized alongside Don Howard and Celia Deane-Drummond, brought together experts in theology, philosophy, and science from around the world to discuss the future of the interdisciplinary dialogue. The conference was underwritten by a substantial grant from Templeton Religion Trust and was co-sponsored by the Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values as well as the Center for Theology, Science, and Human Flourishing at Notre Dame. Details: <http://ctshf.nd.edu/events/the-quest-for-consonance/>

Steering Committee Member, Midwest Religion and Science Society, 2013-Present.

I initiated Notre Dame’s involvement with this ecumenical society of 8 universities and colleges in the Ohio-Indiana-Michigan region, highlighting by two annual conferences on religion and science—Autumn Annual Conference at Andrews University, and the Goshen Conference on Religion and Science in the Spring.

Editorial Assistant, Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science Part A, Fall 2015.

I researched, compiled, and coordinated topics and authors for a new feature in the journal: requested articles which analyze an underrepresented topic in the history and/or philosophy of science, particular in the areas of critical race theory and scientific pluralism.

Conference Organizer and Co-Director: “What Darwin Didn’t Change: Reconsidering Interactions of Faith, Science, and Reason.” March 13-14, 2014.

I directed and organized this conference alongside J. Matthew Ashley. The conference gathered scholars from Theology, History, and Philosophy to discuss the impact of 19th century philosophy on studies of theology and science. I supervised all of the speaker invitations, travel arrangements, conference scheduling, and discussion panels. Details: <http://whatdarwindidntchange.wordpress.com/>

Public Academic Service

“Liberation, Justice, and Mercy in Jonah,” St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, South Bend, IN. January 21, 2018.

“Markan Discipleship,” St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, South Bend, IN. December 10, 2017.

“What Belongs to God? What Belongs to Caesar?” *Faith.nd.edu*, June 6, 2017.

“Testimonies in Community: John Slattery,” *Vine & Branches: The Magazine of the People of Praise*, Fall 2015: 18-20. <http://peopleofpraise.org/thevine/>

Co-Founder and Regular Contributor. *Daily Theology Blog*, www.dailytheology.org, 2011-Present.
Co-Editor, 2012-2016.

The blog averages approximately 12,000 views each month, with a lifetime viewership of over 600,000. As editor, I planned, organized, recruited authors [focused weeks](#) of blogging on a specific topic, for example:

February 21-28, 2016: “[University as Social Force? Protest and Activism in US Academia.](#)”

September 13-20, 2015: “[Sexual Assault & Higher Education: An Octave of Theological Reflection.](#)”

As contributor, I have published 84 essays online. Some notable examples:

“[The End and Beginning of Hope: A Theological Reflection on Ta-Nehisi Coates](#),” October 23, 2017.

“[Seven Ways to Not Be a Complicit Academic](#),” August 15, 2017.

“[Science, Faith, and Horror in Flint, Michigan](#),” February 8, 2016.

“[The Church is Not Yet Dead: An Interview with Dr. Shannen Williams](#),” May 5, 2015.

- Featured article for the July/August Newsletter of the National Black Catholic Congress, <http://nbccongress.org>.

“[Thank you, Lance Armstrong: An Ode to Liberation Theology](#),” February 5, 2015.

Scholarships, Grants, and Honors

2017-Present	Post-Doctoral Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame
2017	CTSA Convention Scholarship
2016-2017	Graduate Fellow, Center for Theology, Science, and Human Flourishing
2015	Graduate Break Travel Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies
2015	Short Term Graduate Research Fellowship, Rome Global Gateway
2015	Graduate Student Research Award, Diana M. Sciola Endowment for Excellence
2015	University of Edinburgh Postgraduate Research Fellowship
2014	Templeton Religion Trust Summer Research Fellowship
2014	Star Island Fellowship Award, Institute on Religion in an Age of Science
2009-2012	President’s Scholarship, Saint Paul School of Theology
2010	Participant, Hispanic Summer Program

- 2007 Teacher of the Year, 7th-12th Grade, Faustina Academy
- 2006 Company Grade Officer of the Quarter, Air Force Information Warfare Center, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX
- 2004 Distinguished Graduate Award, Air Force ROTC

Previous Work and Administrative Experience

2007-2009 Music and Youth Pastor, Holy Trinity Catholic Church (Lenexa, KS)

- Worked closely with hundreds of high school youth,
- Planned, organized, and led music for a weekly Mass for 1000+ people
- Directed a youth contemporary rock band for retreats and youth events

2004-2006 Lieutenant, United States Air Force, Active Duty

- Information Operations Engineer, Air Force Information Warfare Center, Lackland Air Force Base (San Antonio, TX)
- Supervised a network equipment evaluation facility worth \$7.5M and a government contract worth over \$1.2M/year

2002-2004 Resident Assistant, Georgetown University (Washington, DC)

- Served 50 freshman (2002-2003) and 55 sophomores (2003-2004)
- Supported students struggling with depression, body image disorders, substance abuse, and the common stresses of college life

Ongoing Volunteer Experience

2016-Present Guitarist for weekly children's chapel service, Good Shepherd Montessori School (South Bend, Indiana)

2012-Present Regular guitarist and worship leader for small group meetings, People of Praise Ecumenical Christian Community (South Bend, Indiana)

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion
 Catholic Theological Society of America
 College Theology Society
 History of Science Society
 Institute on Religion in an Age of Science

Languages

German, Reading Proficiency
 French, Reading Proficiency
 Latin, Reading Proficiency
 Italian, Reading Proficiency