

# JOHN P. SLATTERY

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## Professional Appointments

- June 2018-Present      Senior Program Associate, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, DC
- Manages the Science for Seminaries grant for the Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion program, including organizing conferences, managing finances, administrating subgrants, rebuilding web presence, and producing a film and lecture series.*
- March 2018-May 2018      Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Center for Theology, Science, and Human Flourishing, University of Notre Dame
- August 2017-March 2018      Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Books

*Evolution, Catholicism, and Notre Dame: Rev. John Zahm's Quest for a Science-Friendly Faith.* Under contract, University of Notre Dame Press (2019).

Edited, *A T&T Clark Companion to Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences.* Under contract, T&T Clark (2020).

**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* 20, no. 2 (April 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).

**Scholarships, Grants, and Honors**

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| 2018      | Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for Theology, Science, and Human Flourishing  |
| 2017-2018 | 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, 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 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

**Conference Presentations**

“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**

“Liberation and Mercy in Jonah,” “Markan Discipleship,” and “The Exodus Narratives,” St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, South Bend, IN. December-February, 2017-18.

“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, 2016-2018.

“Racism and Human Dignity in the Christian Tradition” (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” (2015); “Bioethics” (2014)

“Sustainability Capstone Seminar” (2014); “Theology and Science” (2013)

Teaching Assistant, Saint Paul School of Theology, 2011.

“Science, Theology, and Ministry”

### **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**

Grant Manager, “Science for Seminaries Phase II,” June 2018-Present.

Manages a large grant from the John Templeton Foundation on behalf of the Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER) with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in Washington, DC. This includes complete organization for an annual conference (35 attendees from around the US and Canada in a different location each year), managing numerous large subgrants, handling grant finances, rebuilding online presence, and managing a large video-production project. Details: [www.ScienceforSeminaries.org](http://www.ScienceforSeminaries.org).

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Writing**

“Author Responds to Criticism of Teilhard Eugenics Essay,” *Rewire.News/Religion Dispatches*, August 22, 2018. <https://rewire.news/religion-dispatches/2018/08/22/author-responds-to-criticism-of-teilhard-eugenics-essay/>

“Pierre Teilhard de Chardin’s Legacy of Eugenics and Racism Can’t Be Ignored,” *Religion Dispatches.org / Re.Wire News*, May 21, 2018. <http://religiondispatches.org/pierre-teilhard-de-chardins-legacy-of-eugenics-and-racism-cant-be-ignored/>. Read and shared over 5000 times by end of July 2018.

“It is Time for the Murals to Go: An Open Letter to Fr. Jenkins,” *Notre Dame/St. Marys College Observer*, November 28, 2017.

This article, which consisted of a letter cosigned by 500 faculty, staff, and students at Notre Dame, was picked up by the Associated Press, and I was interviewed by two local news stations, the local paper, *National Catholic Reporter*, and the *Indy Star*. The story was featured throughout the United States in December, including in *The New York Post*, *NBC Nightly News*, *The Houston Chronicle*, and *The Seattle Times*. Original article: <https://dailytheology.org/2017/11/28/the-murals-must-go-an-open-letter-to-fr-jenkins/> and <https://ndsmcobserver.com/2017/11/time-murals-go/>

“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](http://www.dailytheology.org), 2011-Present.  
Co-Editor, 2012-2016; 2018-Present.

The blog averages approximately 12,000 views each month, with a lifetime viewership of over 800,000. 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 **over 80 essays** online. Some notable examples, each with several thousand unique views:

“[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.

### **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)

2012-2016      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