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TEACHING AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Trinity School For Ministry
Adjunct Instructor (Online)

Fall 2017—Present

Marquette University
Adjunct Instructor

Fall 2016—Present

Carroll University
Adjunct Instructor

Fall 2016

Marquette University
Rev. John P. Raynor, SJ Fellow

Aug 2015—June 2016

Marquette University
Teaching Assistant

Aug 2012—June 2015

EDUCATION

Marquette University
Doctor of Philosophy (Religious Studies – Systematic Theology)
Dissertation: *Ite, Missa Est!* A Missional Liturgical Ecclesiology
DISSERTATION BOARD:
Susan K. Wood, SCL (Director)
John Laurance, SJ; Danielle Nussberger; Michel René Barnes

Aug 2012—May 2016

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
Master of Divinity
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Aug 2004—May 2007

University of North Carolina Greensboro
Bachelor of Arts (Religious Studies)
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Aug 2001—Aug 2004

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Missa Est! A Missional Liturgical Ecclesiology. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

"The Fractured Body: The Eucharist and Anglican Division." *Anglican Theological Review* 98, no. 4 (2016): 639–659.

"The Sacrificial Ecclesiology of *City of God* 10." *Augustinian Studies* 47, no. 2 (2016): 137–155.

"The Church's Eucharistic Poverty in the Theologies of Jon Sobrino and Hans Urs von Balthasar." *Theological Studies* 77, no. 3 (2016): 1–25.

"*Sæcula Sæculorum*: Missionary Ecclesiology and the Church-World Relationship." *Open Theology* 2 (2016): 539–552.

"Trinity, Incarnation and Time: A Restatement of the Doctrine of God in Conversation with Robert Jenson," *Scottish Journal of Theology* 69, no. 2 (2016): 188–202.

"Baptismal and Missional Ecclesiology in the American Book of Common Prayer," *Ecclesiology* 11, no. 2 (2015): 177-198.

"Schleiermacher on the Necessity of the Church," *The Journal of Theological Studies* 66, no. 1 (2015): 235-256.

"Exchanging Symbols for Symbolic Exchange: A Realistic, Ecumenical Reformed Sacramental Theology," *Journal of Reformed Theology* 9, no. 2 (2015): 56-78.

"The Threefold Body in Eschatological Perspective: With and Beyond Henri de Lubac on the Church" *Ecclesiology* 10 no. 2 (2014): 186-204.

"Sacramental Efficacy in Karl Rahner and Cognitive Linguistics" *Philosophy & Theology* 25, no. 2 (2013): 337-360.

"Fire in the Water: Baptismal Aptness and Ecology in the Petrine Epistles" *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 7 no. 2 (2013): 123-142.

"Use Your Allusion: How Reformed Sacramental Theology Makes Sense of Sacramental Language in John 3 and 6" *Westminster Theological Journal* 74, no. 2 (2012): 355-366.

"From Rights to Rites: A Eucharistic Reframing of the Abortion Debate" *Anglican Theological Review* 94, no. 1 (2012): 37-57.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"One, Holy, Catholic and Missional Church: Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Church's Identity and Mission." In *Marking the Church Essays in Ecclesiology*, edited by Gregory Scott Peters and Matt Jenson, 164–183. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2016.

In Progress

"Revisiting Anglicanism's Vocation to Disappear." Forthcoming from *Journal of Anglican Studies* (accepted for publication May 2017).

"A Trinitarian Basis for a 'Theological Ecology' in Light of *Laudato Si'*." Forthcoming from *Theological Studies* (accepted for publication September 2017).

"The Quest for Liturgical Meaning: Schmemmann, *Ressourcement*, and Scholasticism" in *We Give Our Thanks Unto Thee: Essays in Honor of Alexander Schmemmann*, edited by Porter Case Taylor. Eugene: Wipf and Stock (forthcoming).

"The Integrative Role of Sacrifice in the Theology of Henri de Lubac." Revise and resubmit from *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (resubmission deadline February 2018).

"Sacrifice, Metaphor, and Evolution: Towards a Cognitive Linguistic Theology of Sacrifice," invited submission for special issue of *Open Theology* (submitted July 2017).

Other Publications

"Francis Calls the Church to Joy," *The Living Church* (March, 2016): 20–21.

Review of Thomas O'Loughlin, *The Eucharist: Origins and Contemporary Understandings*. (London: T&T Clark, 2014). *Themelios* 40, no. 2 (2015): 340–341.

"Sacraments—Critical Issues," article in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*, ed. John D. Barry et al. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2015.

"Scholars Debate Radner's Latest" *The Living Church* online December 3, 2013.
<http://livingchurch.org/scholars-debate-radner-latest>

Conference Presentations

“*Laudato si’* and the *Missio Dei: Theologia, Oeconomia, Ecology*” (Paper presented at the National Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 8–11, 2017)

“Response to Christopher Wells’s ‘Initiating Catholic Ecumenism: Conversion, Reconciliation, Martyrdom’” (Invited response at *Living Sacrifices: Repentance, Reconciliation, Renewal*, Nashotah House Theological Seminary, June 6–9, 2017)

“Sacrifice As Communion in the Theology of Augustine of Hippo” (Paper presented at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 1–2, 2016)

“*Sæcula Sæculorum: Church and World in Gaudium et Spes*” (Paper presented at the National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21-24, 2015)

“Closing the Gaps: Divine Missions and Divine Immutability” (Paper presented at the National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21-24, 2015)

Invited panelist: “Lonergan and the Church in Our Time” (Lonergan on the Edge, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 11-12, 2015).

Invited participant: The Jewish Origins of Christian Doctrines of the Holy Spirit Colloquium (Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 29, 2015).

“The Eucharist and the Church of the Poor: Sobrino and von Balthasar in Dialogue” (paper presented at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 17-18, 2015).

“One Holy Catholic and Missional Church: Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Church’s Identity in Mission” (paper presented at National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, California, November 18-20, 2014).

Panelist: “The Future of Ecclesiology” (National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, California, November 18-20, 2014).

“Beyond Cognition: Psychic Conversion, James K. A. Smith, and the Law of the Cross” (paper presented at Lonergan on the Edge, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 19-20, 2014).

“The Necessity of the Church in the Theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher” (paper presented at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 4-5, 2014).

“Is Christ Divided? The Eucharistic Implications of Schism” (paper presented at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 4-5, 2014). Co-authored with Kirsten Laurel Guidero.

“*The Potential of Chauvet's Sacramental Theology for Reformed-Catholic Ecumenism*” (paper presented at the National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore Maryland, November 23-26, 2013)

“Exchanging Symbols for Symbolic Exchange: Towards a Realistic, Ecumenical Reformed Sacramental Theology” (paper presented at the National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore Maryland, November 19-21, 2013)

“O Brave New World! Baptismal Imagery in the Petrine Epistles as an Ecological Resource” (paper presented at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 5-6, 2013)

“A ‘*Convenient*’ Truth: Funding Ecological Commitment with Baptismal Aptness” (paper presented at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Lincoln, Illinois, March 8-9, 2013)

“Use Your Allusion: How Reformed Sacramental Theology Makes Sense of Sacramental Language in John 3 and 6” (paper presented at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Wake Forest, North Carolina, March 23-24, 2012)

COURSES TAUGHT (PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR)

ST740: Advanced Church, Ministry, and Sacraments. 3 credits, Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Fall 2017 (Online).

Course Description

This is an advanced course in the theology of the church, its ministry, and the sacraments. It presupposes the sort of knowledge base you would gain from ST645: The Holy Spirit, Church,

Ministry, and Sacraments. We will consider issues in church identity, discipline, and government from an Anglican and ecumenical perspective. Particular attention will be paid to the history and theology of the sacraments of baptism and Eucharist and the orders of ministry. Our course will consist mainly of a close reading of Richard Hooker's *Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, which will serve as a primary document for a classical Anglican understanding of these issues. With Hooker as our launching point, we will engage with an assortment of other voices: classic and contemporary, Anglican, Catholic, and Protestant. Throughout the course, two animating questions will drive us: how can we best do justice to and embody our Anglican heritage of reformed catholicity?, and how can we best leverage X for the church's mission to the world today (i.e., how do these aspects of the church inform its missional identity?).

STNC10: Introduction to Systematic Theology. Not for Credit, Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Fall 2017 (Online).

Course Description

This course introduces the discipline of systematic theology, which provide an orderly account of the Christian faith. From revelation we receive the truth of God in Christ. Systematic theology attempts to promote understanding of that truth, to show how it all fits together in a unified whole. Revelation establishes *that* the gospel is true. Systematic theology receives this truth and provides an account of *how* it is true. In the words of Anselm of Canterbury, it is an enterprise in faith seeking understanding. This course will introduce the basic categories and divisions of systematic theology, and encourage students to think through how they relate to one another. This will also provide us with an opportunity to be introduced to some of the major theologians of the Christian tradition. As a course in the Certificate in Diaconal Studies program, we will also keep an eye trained on the impact of Christian doctrine upon parish ministry in general and diaconal ministry in particular.

THEO 2310: Exploration in Christian Theology: Good and Evil. 3 credits, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Spring 2017 (1 section of 36 students).

Course Description

Alas, ours is a world of suffering, within which evil is pervasive. Thomas Hobbes once described life as "nasty, brutish, and short," and, despite our advances in lengthening life, this description still applies. The mortality rate remains 100%. This course explores the theological theme of good and evil, with a particular focus upon evil. The nature of the good requires our attention, but not our explanation. By definition, the good should be; we desire it, and desire that it be. Evil, on the other hand, arrests our attention and demands a response. Why is there evil? Whence does it come? Is there a "solution" to the problem of evil? Is our suffering simply meaningless? Can it be understood? Or should it merely be recognized? Most centrally, the question arises: what is the relationship between good, and

especially God, and evil? Should we *hope*? Can we? Is hell stronger than heaven? Does fire burn hotter than love?

This is a text-driven course, built around “primary sources,” mainly of a historical nature. We’ll explore drama, biblical texts, philosophical writings, theological works, works of literature, film and television, and so on. Successful completion of the course is contingent upon careful attention to these “texts” (text, being broadly construed to refer to all the materials we engage). If close reading and extended concentration are not your strong suits, this might not be the course for you. In its most basic orientation, this is a course in historical theology, but with occasional gestures towards systematic concerns.

THEO 1001: Introduction to Theology: God and Mystery. 3 credits, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fall 2016 (2 sections of 39 students), Fall 2017 (2 sections of 39).

Course Description: This course introduces key sources and questions of theology as reflection upon the worldview and core narrative found in Christian tradition and scriptures. St. Augustine once said, "If you can comprehend it, it isn't God." But if that's the case, how can we even begin to engage in theology (the study of God)? Our reflections will be guided by the proposition: "God is not a thing in the world." If we think of God as just another thing in the world—even the biggest or most important thing, or the thing that started it all—we are not thinking about what Christianity means when it says God. Important centers of gravity for our consideration of this notion of God and mystery include creation, human freedom, the identity of Jesus Christ, and what Christians mean by "salvation." Background in theology is not presupposed. Prerequisite to all other courses in theology.

CCS 100: “Latin America: ‘Christianity from Below.’” 4 credits, Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Fall 2016 (1 section of 20 students).

Course Description: In this section of cultural seminar, we will consider the question: Do cultural forces determine religious beliefs and practices, or does religion determine culture, or both, or neither? This section will explore the distinct form that the Christian religion has taken in Latin America, and how particular cultural forces have given shape to this unique manifestation of Christianity. North Americans tend to view Christianity “from above,” in terms of power, influence, affluence, and so on. By examining key examples of Christian belief and practice from Latin America, we will see that these assumptions about Christianity may have more to do with the wealth, power, and cultural outlook of North America than with Christianity. The Latin American experience of poverty, war, and social unrest gives shape to an understanding of Christianity “from below” with very different assumptions about how Christianity and culture should interact than we find in our own contexts. Christianity is the test case for an understanding of cultural influences here. No particular faith commitments or prior knowledge of Christianity are required or expected for this class.

THEO 1001: Introduction to Theology. 3 credits, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 (2 sections of 19 students each semester).

Course Description: Key sources and questions of theology as reflection upon the worldview and core narrative found in Christian tradition and scriptures. Includes orientation to the academic study of religion. Background in theology is not presupposed. Prerequisite to all other courses in theology.

OTHER COURSES

Marquette University

Teaching Assistant for Michel R. Barnes **2012–2014**

“HOPR4953: Honors Program Senior Seminar/Religion and Film”

“THEO2310: Explorations in Christian Theology/Religion and Film”

“THEO4221: Saint Augustine: Man and Theologian”

“THEO2310: Explorations in Christian Theology/Good and Evil”

“THEO 4200: Theology in the Early Church”

Administered Grades, Held Office Hours for Undergraduates, Some Research Assistance, Some Teaching, Active Role in planning “Religion and Film” course.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Grader for Robert D. Jones **2007–2011**

“BCO6560: Marital and Premarital Counseling,”

“BCO6570: Counseling Parents and Children,

“BCO6580: Counseling and the Church,”

“BCO7501: Counseling Practicum,”

“BCO6551: Counseling Individuals with Problematic Emotions,”

“BCO5500: Introduction to Biblical Counseling.”

Administered grades, substituted as lecturer, conducted research projects.

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Grader for Sam Williams **2007–2010**

“BCO5500: Introduction to Biblical Counseling,”

“BCO6552: Counseling Individuals with Addictions,”

“BCO6551: Counseling Individuals with Problematic Emotions”

Administered grades, conducted research projects.

SERVICE

Association of Graduate Students in Theology (AnGST)

Leadership Board Member **2013–2015**

Organize student events and workshops including new student orientation, facilitate student-mentoring program, plan annual graduate research colloquium.

AWARDS

Travel Scholarship, Catholic Theological Society of America	June 2017
Graduate Scholar of the Year, Marquette University	2015–2016
Rev. John P. Raynor, SJ Fellowship, Marquette University	2015–2016
Teaching Assistantship and Full Tuition Scholarship, Marquette University	2012–2015
William Frasier Scholarship, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary	2006–2007
Emily and Richardson Pryor Scholarship, University of North Carolina Greensboro	2001–2004

LANGUAGES

English – Native Language
Greek (Attic and Koine) – Reading Knowledge
French – Reading Knowledge
German – Reading Knowledge
Latin – Reading Knowledge
Hebrew – Working Knowledge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Catholic Theological Society of America