

Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Professor of Religion, Emerita and Humanities Division Faculty Fellow,
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2019-present

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Religion, Culture and Social Life in the Pacific Northwest; Catholicism in North America; Christianity in North America; Religion and social theory (context, community, spirituality); Theological Reflection; Teaching theology and religion

SCHOLARSHIP (selected, post-1990)

Books:

The Land of Tomorrow: Religion, Spirituality, and Secularity in the Pacific Northwest. Co-editor with Paul Bramadat and Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme. Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia Press, forthcoming, 2022.

The Future of Catholicism in America. Editor. New York: Columbia University Press, 2019 (Mark Silk, series/second editor).

Selected Letters of A.M.A. Blanchet, Bishop of Walla Walla and Nesqually, 1846-1879. Edited with Roberta Stringham Brown. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2013.

Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The None Zone. Editor. Lanham, MD: Alta Mira Press 2004 (Mark Silk, series/second editor).

The Roman Catholic Experience of Small Christian Communities. NY: Paulist Press, 2000. Bernard J. Lee, S.M. primary author. (Killen contributing author).

Agenda for the Small Church: A Handbook for Ministry. Des Moines, IA: National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 1998, (David G. Andrews, co-editor).

Finding Our Voices: Women, Wisdom and Faith. NY: Crossroad Publishing Company, 1997.

The Art of Theological Reflection. NY: Crossroad Publishing 1994. (John de Beer, second author).

Articles, Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries:

“Keeping the Power of Wisdom Accessible: Religion Departments in Church-Related Colleges in Our Time”
Perspectives in Religious Studies, 46/4 (Winter 2019): 403-415.

“Using Reflective and Contemplative Practices with Integrity.” In *Contemplative Approaches to Sustainability in Higher Education: Theory and Practice*, edited by Marie Eaton, Hollie Hughes, and Jean MacGregor, 55-68. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Mission as Ground, Path and Horizon for Post-Baccalaureate Student Success.” *The Cresset, A Review of Literature, the Arts and Public Affairs* 78/4 (Easter 2015): 18-27.

“Reflections on Core Curriculum, Mission, and Catholic Identity in Our Time.” *Journal of Catholic Higher Education* 34/1 (Winter 2015): 77-90.

“Sketching the Contours of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 16/2 (April 2013): 107-124. (Eugene V. Gallagher, second author.)

“Pacific Northwest Religion.” And “Roman Catholicism: Early 21st Century Issues.” In *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, edited by Charles Lippy and Peter Williams. CQ Press: 2010.

“Washington, Catholic Church in.” *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2009*: 923-928. Detroit: Cengage, 2009.

“Memory, Novelty, and Possibility In This Place.” In *Cascadia: The Elusive Utopia, Exploring the Spirit of the Pacific Northwest*, edited by Douglas Todd, 65-85. Vancouver, BC: Ronsdale Press, 2008.

“The North American Pacific Rim: A Response to Frank Pasquale and William Stahl.” In *Secularism and Secularity: Contemporary International Perspectives*, edited by Barry A. Kosmin and Ariela Keysar, 73-81. Hartford, CT: Institute for the Study of Secularism in Society and Culture, 2007.

“Midrange Reflection: The Underlying Practice of Wabash Center Workshops, Colloquies, and Consultations.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 10/3 (July 2007): 143-149.

“The Marginality of American Catholic History Ten Years Later.” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 21/2 (Spring 2003): 107-113.

“Washington, Catholic Church in.” In *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, 2nd edition, 2002. Volume 14: pp. 653-657.

“Making Thinking Real Enough to Make It Better.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 5/4 (October 2002): 221-226.

“Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.” In *Religions of the United States in Practice*, Volume 2, edited by Colleen McDannell, 44-52. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001.

“Reception of Novices into the Order of the Sisters of St. Benedict.” In *Religions of the United States in Practice*, Volume 1, edited by Colleen McDannell, 74-88. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001.

“Gracious Play: Discipline, Insight, and the Common Good.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 4/1 (February 2001): 2-8.

“The Geography of a Religious Minority: Roman Catholicism in the Pacific Northwest.” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 18/3 (Summer 2000): 51-72.

“Writing the Pacific Northwest into Canadian and U.S. Catholic History: Geography, Demographics, and Regional Religion.” *Canadian Catholic Historical Association, Historical Studies* 66 (2000): 74-91. (Winner

of Paul Bator Memorial Award.)

"The Irish in Washington State." In *The Encyclopedia of the Irish in America*, edited by Michael Glazier, 161-165. South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 2000. (Christine Taylor, secondary author).

"Geography, Denominations and the Human Spirit: A Decade of Studies on Religion in the Western United States." *Religious Studies Review* 21/4 (October 1995): 279-284.

"An Historian's Perspective: Then, Now, and Then?" *Listening: A Journal of Religion and Culture* 28/1 (Winter, 1993): 14-27.

"Assisting Adults to Think Theologically." In James D. and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead, *Method in Ministry*, 103-111. Revised Edition. Kansas City, MO: Sheed and Ward, 1995. [Earlier version of "Assisting Adults to Think Theologically." *PACE*, 22 (February 1993), 7-14.]

"Social Concern and Religious Commitment: Orestes Brownson and Contemporary American Catholicism." *New Theology Review* 5 (February 1992): 52-75.

"The Practice of Theological Reflection in Small Faith Communities." *Chicago Studies* 31 (Spring 1992): 365-379.

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (post-2000)

Named Endowed Lectures

"The Claim of Memory and the Power of Place—Reconsidering Religion and Spirituality in the Pacific Northwest." *Religion in Secular America – Catholic Heritage Lecture*, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, October 27, 2011.

"Context, Patterns, and Promise – A Pacific Northwest Perspective on Contemporary American Lutheranism." *Lena Meyer Lecture*, Lutheran Educational Conference of North America. Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 5, 2005.

"Catholic in this Place: Pacific Northwest Catholic Experience as a Resource for 21st Century Ecclesiology." *Ann O'Hara Graff Lecture*, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, February 17, 2005.

"Global Church or Western Mission Outpost? Catholicism in the Greater Pacific Northwest." *Aquinas Lecture*, University of Great Falls, Great Falls, MT, October 13, 2003.

"Being Catholic in the Twenty-First Century: Context, Disciplines, Gift." *John Courtney Murray Lecture*, St. Clair State Newman Center, Port Huron, MI, March 15, 2001.

Academic Conference Presentations

"A Canary in the Mine? Spirituality, Religious Institutions, Civic Life, and Secularization in the Pacific Northwest." *Centre for Studies in Religion and Society*, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., September 14, 2017.

"The Hyphen as a Place to Stand: Perspectives on and Possibilities for the Integration of Persons, Faith Traditions, and Institutions into the Future." *Living Into the Hyphen: The Faculty-Administrator Session*, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 19-22, 2016.

“Loving God by Loving Questions: An Approach to Discerning Vocation in a Contested Religious Tradition.” Discerning Vocation in a Contested Religious Tradition, Lilly Fellows Regional Conference, Georgetown College, Georgetown, KY, January 28-29, 2016.

“Reflections on Core Curriculum, Mission, and Catholic Identity.” Conference on the Idea of a Catholic University, King’s College, Scranton, PA, September 18-20, 2014.

“Wisdom in the Plaza.” Keynote Address to the Association of Field Theological Educators, January, 2011. (In Proceedings: Documents of the 31st Biennial AFTE Consultation, 2011).

“Ectopia in the Context of PNW Religion.” “Ectopia Revisited.” Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR, November 21-22, 2008.

“The Complex Dynamics of Religion in the Academy.” Religion in the Academy Forum, Chicago, IL, November 1, 2008.

“Memory, Novelty, and Possibility in This Place.” Symposium, Cascadia: Spirituality, Geography and Social Change. Simon Frasier University, Vancouver, BC, August 24-25, 2006.

“Liturgical Faith Communities in an ‘Open’ Religious Environment – Rethinking Heritage and Spirituality in the 21st Century Pacific Northwest.” Spirituality in an Unchurched Region, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR, October 20, 2006.

“Blanchet’s Global Mission and the Catholic Church in the Pacific Northwest, 1846-1879.” American Society of Church History, Seattle, WA, January 9, 2005.

“Catholic in This Place.” American Catholic Historical Association, Seattle, WA, January 8, 2005.

“The Practice of Theological Reflection in Small Christian Communities.” Keynote presentation for Small Christian Communities, Society and Church from Paul’s Corinth to North America—Joint Convocation of Small Christian Communities, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX, August 2, 2002.

“Christianity in the Western United States Since World War II.” Keynote address for Christianity in the West: Looking Back, Looking Forward, Spring Theological Conference, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA, April 19, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion; Canadian Catholic Historical Association

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

2017	YWCA Woman of Achievement Award – Education
2007	Distinguished Alumnae Merit Award, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA
2006	American Academy of Religion Teaching Excellence Award (national)
2004	K.T. Tang Faculty Excellence Award – Research (institutional)
2001	Paul Bator Memorial Award, Canadian Catholic Historical Society (national)
2001	Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Excellence Award (institutional)
1999	Elizabeth Seton Medal, College of Mt. St. Joseph, Cincinnati, OH
1991	Arnold and Lois Graves Foundation Award - Outstanding Humanities Teachers

MAJOR GRANTS SECURED

2019	The Practice of Reflection. Multi-year project exploring the use and teaching of reflective practice and theological reflection. Lilly Endowment, Incorporated. \$557,000.
2005	Wild Hope Project: Co-authored “Realizing the Vision of Pacific Lutheran University as a Mentoring Community for Reflection on Vocation.” Institutionalization grant. Lilly Endowment, Incorporated. <u>\$500,000</u>
2003	Pilot Project: Center for Religion, Cultures, and Society in the Western United States. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. <u>\$49,000</u>
2002	Wild Hope Project. Co-authored “Building Capacities for Critical Understanding, Contextual Sensitivity, and Personal Maturity—A Lutheran Approach to the Theological Exploration of Vocation. Lilly Endowment, Incorporated. <u>\$1,998,714</u>
2001-2003	“Welcoming the New, Gracing the Gold: Strengthening a Department in Transition by Cultivating Reflection on Teaching and the Profession. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Grant. <u>\$43,000</u>
1996-1997	Lilly Endowment/American Academy of Religion Teaching Workshop Grant. <u>\$94,900</u>

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019-	Consultant to Asst. for Higher Education, Society of Jesus, American Assistancy
2011-2017	Member, AJCU Mission and Identity Advisory Counsel
2013-2016	Finance Committee, American Academy of Religion
2012-2014	Steering Committee, Religion in the American West Seminar, American Academy of Religion
2006-2012	Editor, Teaching Theology and Religion
2006-2012	Advisory Board, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
2002-2006	Steering Committee, Religion by Regions Project, Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life
2002-2008	Research Grants Committee, American Academy of Religion
1998-2005	Board of Editors, Teaching Theology and Religion
1999-	Consultant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning
2000-2001	President, Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL
2001-2002, 1997-1998	Program Committee, American Catholic Historical Association
1992-2002	Steering Committee, Roman Catholic Studies Group, American Academy of Religion
1994-1998	Archives Committee, Catholic Theological Society of America
1991-1996	Board of Directors, American Academy of Religion

PROFESSIONAL/PUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Consulting to journalists, religious communities, and to faith-based and civic organizations on religion in the Pacific Northwest and in the United States.
- Consulting to departments of theology and religion in church-related colleges and universities on teaching as well as on mission/identity issues.

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONSGonzaga University

- Professor of Religious Studies 2010-2019
- Senior University Fellow 2017-2019

Pacific Lutheran University

- Assistant, Associate, and Professor of Religion 1989-2010

Loyola University of Chicago

- Assistant Professor, Pastoral Studies/Theology 1987-1989

PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS (post-2000)Academic Vice President, Gonzaga University

2010-2017

- Responsible for all academic programs, faculty, and staff in departments, college and schools, and offices and programs that support the functioning and quality of academic programs. Oversaw diversity initiatives, institutional accreditation and assessment, Commencement and academic events, and academic technology. Managed annual academic sector budget.

Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, Pacific Lutheran University

2006-2010

- Responsible for all academic programs of College of Arts and Sciences and Schools of Business, Communication Arts, Education, and Nursing; Library; Institutional Research and Assessment; Academic Advising and Assistance; Graduate programs; Community Outreach; composed and managed academic division budget

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Stanford University (Religious Studies-American Religious History)
- M.A. Stanford University (Religious Studies)
- B.A. Gonzaga University (Theology and Religious Studies)

REFERENCES – Available upon request