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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

JULY 2021 – PRESENT
GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SOUTH HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Mockler Associate Professor of Christian Ethics

JANUARY 2020 – JUNE 2021
MERRIMACK COLLEGE, NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
Associate Professor of Religious and Theological Studies

FALL 2014– DECEMBER 2019
MERRIMACK COLLEGE, NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
Assistant Professor of Religious and Theological Studies

EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2013
BOSTON COLLEGE, PH.D., THEOLOGICAL ETHICS
Dissertation Director: Lisa Sowle Cahill; Readers: James F. Keenan, Stephen J. Pope, and Gerald McKenny, University of Notre Dame.

SPRING 2005
YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL, MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION
Ethics concentration; graduated magna cum laude.

1998–2002
UNION UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN ETHICS
English minor; graduated summa cum laude.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

JUNE 2005-JULY 2007
PROGRAM COORDINATOR, Yale University's Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics
Coordinating monthly research working groups, public lectures, conferences, and symposia; content and copy-editing; guiding summer interns; academic administration.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Sabbath Rest as Vocation: Aging toward Death. London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2018.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Elderhood and Sabbath Rest as Vocation,” *Journal of Population Ageing*, July 19, 2021

“Re-enchanting Nature and Medicine,” *Christian Bioethics*, 25:3 November 2019, 283-98.

“Introduction” with Boaz Goss, *Christian Bioethics*, 23:1 April 2017, 1-6.

“The Meaning of Death and the Goal of Medicine: an Augustinian and Barthian Reassessment,” *Christian Bioethics* 23:1 April 2017, 60-76.

“The Coming of Age: Curse or Calling? Toward a Christological Interpretation of Aging as Call in the Theology of Karl Barth and W.H. Vanstone,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 33:4 Fall/Winter 2013, 151-67.

“Making Sense of the Roman Catholic Directive to Extend Life Indefinitely,” with Lydia S. Dugdale, MD *The Hastings Center Report* 41:2. March-April 2011, 28-9.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“The Gift and Virtue of Presence: Catholic and Protestant Dialogue and the Future of Christian Ethics,” in Ki Joo Choi, Sarah M. Moses, and Andrea Vicini, SJ, eds., *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill's Contributions to Christian Ethics* (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2020), 172-86.

“Suffering, Death, and the Significance of Presence,” in John Fitzgerald and Ashley Moyse, eds., *Treating the Person: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on Medicine and the Body* (Routledge Press, 2019), 184-196.

“Union with Christ as the Ground of Christian Ethics in St. Augustine and Reformed Augustinianisms,” in Bharat Ranganathan and Derek Woodard, eds., *Normative Dimensions: Scripture, Tradition, and Reason in Christian Ethics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019), 187-206.

“The Role of Community,” with Lisa Sowle Cahill in Lydia S. Dugdale, ed., *Dying in the Twenty-First Century: Towards a New Ethical Framework for the Art of Dying Well* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2015), 107-30.

“Imaging God through Union with Christ” in C. Ben Mitchell, Carla Sanderson, and Gregory Alan Thornbury, eds. *Convictional Civility and the Future of Theological and Cultural Engagement in the Early Decades of the 21st Century: Essays in Honor of David S. Dockery* (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 2015), 95-108.

CO-EDITOR OF JOURNAL ISSUE

“Death and Christian Life,” with Jeffrey Bishop and Boaz Goss, *Christian Bioethics* 23:1 April 2017, 1-83.

WEB FORUM AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

“Response to Michelle Harrington’s ‘Medicalized Death as a Modus Vivendi’”
Religion and Culture Web Forum, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago Divinity School, January 2013.

<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/webforum/archive.shtml>

“Introduction,” with Joshua Trent and Autumn Alcott Ridenour, eds. *When Night Fell: A Student Response to the Holocaust*. Union University, 2002.

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, <https://collections.ushmm.org/search/catalog/bib88950>

BOOK REVIEWS

“Book Review of Richard Mouw, *The Challenges of Cultural Discipleship: Essays in the Line of Abraham Kuyper*.” *Political Theology* 16:1 January 2015, 86-9.

“Book Review of Charles C. Camosy, *Too Expensive to Treat? Finitude, Tragedy, and the Neonatal ICU*.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 34:2 Fall/Winter, 2014, 209-11.

“Book Review of Angela Dienhart Hancock, *Karl Barth’s Emergency Homiletic 1932-1933: A Summons to Prophetic Witness at the Dawn of the Third Reich*.” *Theological Studies* 75:3 September 2014, 696-7.

“Book Review of Gerald McKenny, *The Analogy of Grace: Karl Barth’s Moral Theology*.” *Political Theology*, 13:6. February 2013, 792-4.

“Book Review of Eric Gregory, *Politics and the Order of Love*.” *Political Theology*, 11: 1. March 24, 2010, 161-4.

“Book Review of James Calvin Davis, *The Moral Theology of Roger Williams*.” *Journal of Church and State*, 46:4. Autumn 2005, 889-9.

“Book Review of Oliver O’Donovan and Joan Lockwood O’Donovan, *Bonds of Imperfection: Christian Politics Past and Present*.” *Journal of Church and State*, 36:4. Autumn 2004, 910-11.

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Call of Medicine as Art & Science: Response to Rosamund Rhodes’ Autonomous Medical Ethics,”
Conference on Medicine and Religion, Columbus, OH, Virtual presentation March 24, 2021 (Paper Panel)

“Ageing as Vocation,” Ageing, Theology, and the Life of the Church Virtual Conference: Nazarene Theological College, Cliff College, the University of Manchester, and Luther King House, UK, January 29, 2021 (Keynote speaker)

“‘Elderhood’ and Sabbath Rest as Vocation: Identity, Purpose, & Belonging,” McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, & Public Life, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, Virtual Conference September 4, 2020 (Invited Speaker)

“Faith and Hope in Pain,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, Durham, NC March 30, 2019.

“Sabbath Rest as Vocation: Aging Toward Death,” Society for the Study of Christian Ethics, Durham, UK, September 9, 2018.

“The Suffering Body and the Significance of Presence,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, St. Louis, MO, April 14, 2018.

“The Vocation of Healing: Attending Bodies and Souls,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, Houston, TX, March 25, 2017.

“Union with Christ: Toward a Christological Virtue Ethics Rooted in the Theologies of Augustine and Barth,” American Academy of Religion, Philosophy of Religion Papers Section, “On the ‘Architecture of Christian Ethics,’ November 25, 2014.

“A Christian Theology of Embodiment, Suffering, and Death in Relation to the Practice of Medicine,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, Chicago, IL, March 8, 2014.

“Can Limits Contribute to Health and Human Flourishing? Mortality, Aging, and the Goals of Modern Medicine,” Center for Bioethics & Human Dignity 20th Annual Summer Conference, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, July 19, 2013.

“Mortality and Finitude: Considering the Contribution of Daniel Callahan and Karl Barth in Relation to the Ends and Practice of Medicine,” University of Virginia Graduate Colloquium, Reckoning with Death, April 6, 2013.

“The Coming of Age: Curse or Calling? Toward a Christological Interpretation of Aging as Calling in the Theology of Karl Barth,” The Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 5, 2013.

“Mortality and Finitude: Considering a Christian Interpretation of Death in Relation to Health Professions Today,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, Chicago, IL, May 25, 2012.

PUBLIC LECTURES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Aging toward Sabbath Rest” Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., April 21, 2021

“St. Augustine: Doctor of Grace: Journey through His Life and Theology,” First Baptist Church, Sudbury, MA Sunday School, Nov. 1, 2020

“Dignity, End of Life Care, and Physician Assisted Suicide,” Introduction to Christian Ethics Class, Emmanuel College, Boston, MA, November 18, 2015

“Aging as Vocation Talk: Virtues through an Augustinian Lens,” St. Steven’s Parish, Sun Lakes, AZ representing Benedictine University of Mesa Lecture Series, Sept. 24, 2015.

“Aging as Vocation: Virtues and Sabbath Rest through an Augustinian Lens,” Xavier College Preparatory School for Benedictine University of Mesa Lecture Series, Sept. 24, 2015.

“Aging as Vocation: Virtues and Sabbath Rest through an Augustinian Lens,” Benedictine University of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Sept. 25, 2015.

Radio Interview for The Catholic Conversation, KIHP 1310 AM, Immaculate Heart Radio, Phoenix, www.phoenixcatholicmedia.org and iTunes, September 25, 2015.

Theology of Love Class, Section A and B, Benedictine University of Mesa, AZ Sept. 24, 2015.

Sexual Ethics Class, Benedictine University of Mesa, AZ, Sept. 25, 2015.

“Aging, Death, and Medicine,” Boston Healthcare Fellowship, April 23, 2014.

“Imaging God through Union with Christ,” Union University Chapel, Jackson, TN, April 10, 2013.

“Ethical Issues and Decisions Regarding End-of-Life Care,” Laboure College of Nursing, Dorchester, MA, October 27, 2011.

“Curse or Call? Toward a Constructive Theology of Aging,” Yale University’s Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics’ Aging Research Working Group, January 24, 2007.

“Disability and Bioethics,” Lecture for Bioethics Course for Nursing Students at Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT, April 2006.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Bioethics & Healthcare: Theological Approaches,”
Merrimack College, Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Fall 2017; Fall 2018; Fall 2019; Fall 2020

“Social Ethics: Christian Perspectives,”
Merrimack College, Fall 2014; Spring 2015; Fall 2015
Austin Scholars section, Spring 2018; Spring 2019; Spring 2020; Spring 2021

“Christianity in Context,”
Merrimack College, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2018.
Honors sections, Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2020

“Internship in Ministry and Religious Education,” *Compassionate Care Hospice*
Merrimack College, Spring 2018

“Introduction to Christian Theology”
Boston College, Teaching Fellow, Fall 2011-2012.

“Ethics, Religion, and International Politics” David Hollenbach, SJ
Boston College, Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer, Spring 2010.

“The Challenge of Justice” Stephen J. Pope,

Boston College, Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer, Fall 2012.

SERVICE

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Host for Conference in honor of Lisa Sowle Cahill, J. Donald Monan Professor of Christian Ethics, Boston College, (Sep 10-11, 2021)
- Moderator for Panel on work of Lisa Sowle Cahill at Annual Society of Christian Ethics (Jan 4, 2021)
- Peer Reviewer for *Studies in Christian Ethics* (2020)
- Peer Reviewer for *Christian Bioethics* (2020-2021)
- Conference on Medicine and Religion Paper Abstract Reviewer (2014-2018)
- Conference on Medicine and Religion Graduate Student Paper Reviewer (2017)
- Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Society of Christian Ethics* (2017)
- Peer Reviewer for *Journal of Religion* (2018)
- Co-host breakfast for possible Aging and Ethics Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics (2016)

SERVICE TO INSTITUTION

- General Education Curriculum Committee, Merrimack College (2020-2021)
- School of Liberal Arts Divisional Chairs Committee, Merrimack College (2020)
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Merrimack College (2017-2019)
- Liberal Studies Ethics Working Group, Merrimack College (2014-2021)
- Co-creator, Co-Director of Bioethics Minor with Philosophy Department, Merrimack College (2016-2021)
- Budget, Salary, & Benefits Committee, Merrimack College (2015-2017)
- CETL Reading Group, *Minds on Fire* and Reacting to the Past Workshop, Merrimack College (Spring 2017)
- Orientation Committee, Merrimack College (2015-2016)

ACADEMIC HONORS & FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

- Faculty Development Grant, Merrimack College, (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20).
- School of Liberal Arts Support for Interdisciplinary Bioethics minor, Merrimack, 2018
- Interdisciplinary Institute Micro-Grant, Merrimack College, 2017
- Provost Innovation Fund Grant, Merrimack College, 2016
- Sixth Year Dissertation Fellowship, Grad School A & S, Boston College (2012-2013)
- University Institute on Aging Dissertation Support Grant, Boston College (Spring 2011)
- Flatley Fellowship, Boston College (Fall 2007-Spring 2012)
- National Dean's List (2005-2006)
- Z. Marshall Crane Scholarship Award, Yale Divinity School (2003-2005)
- Mark Hatfield Christian Ethics Award, Union University (2002)
- Academic Excellence Award, Union University (2002)