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EDUCATION

- 2017 **Ph.D. Boston College, Theology Department**
Major Area: Systematics, Minor Area: Theological Ethics
Dissertation: "Depression's Challenge to Theologies of Suffering & Salvation"
Director: M. Shawn Copeland
- 2011 **M.T.S. Harvard University, Harvard Divinity School**
Concentration: Theology
- 2008 **B.A. *summa cum laude*, Santa Clara University**
Majors: Religious Studies, Women's & Gender Studies
Minors: Philosophy, Catholic Studies

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-Present Assistant Professor, Theology & Religious Studies Department, Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Monographs

Dust in the Blood: A Theology of Depression (Liturgical Academic), forthcoming.

Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

The Human in a Dehumanizing World, College Theology Society 2021 Annual Volume (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, forthcoming 2022). Co-edited with Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Mary Daly's *The Church and the Second Sex* after Fifty Years of U.S. Catholic Feminist Theology," in *Theological Studies* (September 2018): 543-565. Co-authored with Brianne Jacobs.

"Is Student Mental Health a Matter of Mission?" in *Journal of Catholic Higher Education* 32 no. 2 (Summer 2017): 193-215. Co-authored with Christopher Staysniak.

"Ghosts in the Office: The Ecclesiological and Soteriological Implications of Stereotype Threat among Women in Catholic Theology" in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 33 no. 1 (Spring 2017): 127-136.

Peer-Reviewed Chapters

"Psychological Sciences," in *T&T Clark Companion to Christian Theology & The Modern Sciences*, ed. John Slattery (New York: T&T Clark, forthcoming).

"Forgetting and Repeating the Theological Racism at 'Theology in the Americas,'" in College Theology Society Annual Volume, *American Catholicism in the 21st Century: Crossroads, Crisis, or Renewal?*, ed. Benjamin Peters and Nicholas Rademacher (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2018), 89-101.

"Sisters in the Wilderness: Toward A Theology of Depression with Delores Williams," in College Theology Society Annual Volume, *An Unexpected Wilderness: Seeking God on a Changing Planet*, ed. Colleen Carpenter (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2016), 193-203.

Other Book Chapters

“On the Disregard for Catholic Feminist Theology—and Writing, Regardless” in *Who Do We Say We Are? Holiness, Gender, and Critical Methodologies in Catholic Theology*, ed. Susan Abraham (Los Angeles: Marymount Institute Press, forthcoming 2019).

“The First Ten Years: Becoming a Woman Theologian,” in *Visions and Vocations*, ed. Tina Beattie and Diana Culbertson (New York: Paulist Press, 2018), 204-210.

“To Share A Meal with Jesus,” in *From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism*, eds. Kate Dugan and Jen Owens (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009), 115-122.

Book Reviews

Review of *Resurrection Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma* by Shelly Rambo in *Horizons* 45 no. 2 (December 2018): 497-498.

Review of *The Challenge of Evil: Grace and the Problem of Suffering* by William Greenway in *Horizons* 45 no. 1 (June 2018): 192-193.

Review of *Bible through the Lens of Trauma* edited by Elizabeth Boase and Christopher Frechette in *Horizons* 44 no. 2 (Winter 2017): 518-519.

Review of *Bipolar Faith: A Black Women's Journey with Depression and Faith* by Monica Coleman in *Horizons* 44 no. 1 (June 2017): 257-258.

Review of *Silence and Beauty: Hidden Faith Born of Suffering* by Makoto Fujimura in *Catholic Library World* 86 no. 4 (September 2016): 53.

Review of *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God* by Kelly Brown Douglas in *Catholic Library World* 86 no. 2 (December 2015): 119.

Review of *Jesus and Salvation: Soundings in the Christian Tradition and Contemporary Theology* by Robin Ryan in *Catholic Library World* 86 no. 1 (September 2015): 41.

Review of *Empowering Memory and Movement: Thinking and Working Across Borders* by Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, in *Catholic Library World* 85 no. 3 (March 2015): 184.

Review of *Joan Chittister: Essential Writings* by Joan Chittister, selected by Mary Lou Kownacki and Mary Hembrow Synder, in *Catholic Library World* 85 no. 3 (March 2015): 188.

Selected Other Publications

“Title TBA” *Give Us This Day*, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press (January 9, 2020), forthcoming.

“A Tough Call,” *Give Us This Day*, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press (March 5, 2019), forthcoming.

“Why Lasallian Research Is Important Today,” *Saint Mary's Magazine* (Fall 2018), 10.

“Student Mental Health as a Matter of Mission,” co-authored with Chris Staysniak, *Conversations: On Jesuit Higher Education* (October 30, 2018), <http://www.conversationsmagazine.org/web-features/2018/10/30/student-mental-health-as-a-matter-of-mission>.

“We Need Each Other,” *GLA Quarterly* 29 no. 4 (2018): 30-31.

“Agency for the Laity,” *All About Ethics*, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University (September 4, 2018), <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/all-about-ethics/agency-for-the-laity/>

“Grace at Work in the World? The Problems of Depression and Depressive Suicide,” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America* 73 (September 2018), 82-83.

“As Much Invitation as Warning,” *Give Us This Day* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, August 23, 2018).

“Can We Say ‘Yes’ to This?” *GLA Quarterly* 29 no. 1 (2017): 28-29.

“Encountering the Truth,” *Give Us This Day* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, October 14, 2017).

“What Will Change Us?” *Give Us This Day* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, March 16, 2017).

“Work and Prayer, Prayer and Work,” *Give Us This Day* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, January 11, 2017).

“Come to Me, Continuously,” *Give Us This Day* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, August 13, 2016).

“The Redemptive and Demonic in Big-time Sports: An Interview with Marcia W. Mount Shoop,” *The Other Journal* (May 5, 2016), www.theotherjournal.com

“Unless Someone Instructs Us,” *Give Us This Day* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, April 2016).

“Challenge for Easter People,” *Catechetical Leader Magazine*, 21:2 (March/April 2011).

Currently Under Review

3 articles in peer-reviewed journals; 1 chapter in peer-reviewed collection

In Preparation

1 article solicited for review in peer-reviewed journal

INVITED LECTURES

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| 2019 | “Title TBA,” Women in Theology Annual Lecture, Saint Mary’s Academy (OR) |
| 2019 | “What Does Theology Offer Psychology? Considerations in the Context of Depression” Plenary address for “Psyche, Salvation, and the Soul” Conference, Saint Vincent University (PA), March 15, 2019, forthcoming. |
| 2017 | “Is Depression a Sin? A Christian Interpretation of Depression,” Saint John’s University (MN) |
| 2009 | “Catholic Identity Today,” Catholic Studies Program, Santa Clara University |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2019 | “‘Much Madness is Divinest Sense’: An Intersectional Feminist Perspective on Madness and Revelation,” Invited paper at “The Future of Catholic Systematic Theology: Traditions, Politics, and Possibilities,” Fairfield University, forthcoming |
| 2019 | “Depression’s Transformations as Social Critique and Anthropological Alternative,” Refereed paper at Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Anthropology Session, forthcoming |
| 2018 | “Persistent Depression, Diminished Freedom, and Non-liberative Grace,” Refereed paper at Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Selected Session |

- 2018 “The Revolution Continues: Daly’s *The Church and the Second Sex* in 1968, 1975, and Today,” Refereed paper at College Theology Society Annual Convention; Feminisms, Gender, and Theology Section; co-authored with Brianne Jacobs
- 2018 “Comedy, Tragedy—or Glory? Another Christian Story of Suffering and Salvation,” Refereed paper for “Suffering, Diminishment, and the Christian Life” Conference, Durham University
- 2017 “A Better Map of Soteriology: A Response to William Loewe’s *Lex Crucis: Soteriology and the Stages of Meaning*,” Refereed paper for College Theology Society Annual Convention, Systematic Theology Section
- 2017 “Forgetting and Repeating the Problems of “Theology in the Americas,”” Refereed paper for College Theology Society Annual Convention, Mysticism & Politics Section
- 2016 “Holy Fasting in a Culture of Body Hatred?” Refereed paper for College Theology Society Annual Convention; Feminisms, Gender, and Theology Section
- 2015 “Ghosts in the Office: Practical, Ecclesiological, and Soteriological Implications of Stereotype Threat among Women in Catholic Theology,” Refereed paper for “Still Guests in Our Own House? Women and the Church Since Vatican II” Conference, Loyola University Chicago
- 2015 “Sisters in the Wilderness: Toward a Theological Reflection on Depression with Delores Williams,” Refereed paper for College Theology Society Annual Convention, Anthropology, Psychology, and Religion Section
- 2013 “Why Stories Matter: Interrupting the Political Grammar of Feminist and Other Contemporary Theologies,” Refereed paper for College Theology Society Annual Convention, Contemporary Theologies Section
- 2012 “Be-ing on the Boundary: Re(Dis)-covering the Boundary Metaphor in Mary Daly’s Early Feminist Theological Anthropology,” Refereed paper for Fordham Graduate Theology Conference
- 2012 “Between Races and Spaces: James Baldwin’s Contribution to Christian Imagination,” Refereed paper for College Theology Society Annual Convention, Mysticism and Politics Section
- 2012 “Sacred Times, Sexual Politics: A Reflection on the Nation-State, Pluralism, and Eucharistic Times,” Refereed paper for American Academy of Religion New England-Maritimes Regional Meeting, Contemporary Theology Session

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2019 “The Second Vatican Council: An Ethnographic Perspective,” Collegiate Seminar Lecture Series, Saint Mary’s College of California. Co-presented with Anna Corwin.
- 2018 “Feminist Trinitarian Theology,” Guest lecture for undergraduate course, “The Trinity,” Saint Mary’s College of California
- 2018 “Lasallian Faculty Research,” Panel presentation for 2018 Lasallian Research Symposium, Saint Mary’s College of California

- 2018 “Catholic Perspectives on Addiction,” Panel presentation for “You Are A Rock: Addiction, Recovery, and Healing,” Mission and Ministry Center, Saint Mary’s College of California
- 2017 “Was Mother Teresa Depressed? A Reflection on Sainthood, Sanctity, and Mental Health,” Panel presentation for “The Intersectional Identity of Mother Teresa,” Women’s Resource Center, Saint Mary’s College of California
- 2017 “The Life and Work of Teresa of Avila,” Guest lecture for undergraduate course “Women in the Christian Tradition,” Rivier College
- 2016 “Mental Health Basics for Ministers,” Presentation for Mental Health & Ministry Initiative at St. John’s University School of Theology and Seminary (MN)
- 2016 “The Life and Spirituality of Simone Weil,” Guest lecture for undergraduate course, “Explore Christian Spirituality,” Carroll College
- 2016 “Experiences of Underrepresented Instructors at BC,” Panel presentation for Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College

OTHER MEDIA

- 2018 Guest commentator on mental health, *The Francis Effect* podcast, produced by Things Not Seen Radio

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Saint Mary’s College of California

The Bible and Its Interpretation
 Foundations of Theology
 Theology & the World of the Mind
 Feminist Theologies
 Contemporary Theologies of God & Suffering
 Collegiate Seminar I
 Karl Rahner (Independent study)
 Queer Theology (Independent Study)
 Women’s & Gender Studies Senior Thesis (Independent Study)

Boston College

Instructor of Record:

Introduction to Christian Theology I
 Introduction to Christian Theology II
 Exploring Catholicism: Tradition & Transformation I
 Exploring Catholicism: Tradition & Transformation II

Teaching Assistant:

Person & Social Responsibility I
 Person & Social Responsibility II
 Introduction to Christianity Theology I
 Introduction to Christian Theology II

TEACHER TRAINING

- 2015-2016 Apprenticeship in College Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College
- 2014 Title IX Compliance Training, Women’s Resource Center, Boston College

SELECTED HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017-2019	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Louisville Institute
2018	School of Liberal Arts Faculty International Scholarly Travel Grant, Saint Mary's College of California
2017	Invited Participant, New Voices Seminar, Center for Spirituality, St. Mary's College (IN)
2016-2017	Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute
2016-2017	Scholar in Residence, Collegeville Institute
2016-2017	Kilian McDonnell Fellow in Faith & Culture, Collegeville Institute
2016	Dean of the Summer School Teaching Fellowship, Boston College
2016	Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award for Graduate Teaching, Boston College
2015	Daggy Scholarship, International Thomas Merton Society
2012	Graduate Student Award for Excellence, New England-Maritimes and Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion
2009-2011	Presidential Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School
2009-2011	Harvard Divinity School Grant, Harvard Divinity School
2009	Albert A. Clark Award for Best Undergraduate Essay, Theta Alpha Kappa, The National Honor Society for Religious Studies/Theology
2008	St. Clare Medal, The President's Office, Santa Clara University
2008	Phi Beta Kappa, National Honor Society for the Liberal Arts & Sciences, Santa Clara University
2008	Mary Gordon Prize, Women's and Gender Studies Department, Santa Clara University
2008	Religious Studies Prize, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University
2008	Social Justice Award, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University
2007-2008	Hackworth Research Fellowship, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University
2007	Fallon Award, Philosophy Department, Santa Clara University
2007	Theology Internship Grant, Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Santa Clara University
2006	Provost Junior Research Fellowship, Office of the Provost, Santa Clara University

SERVICE TO THE GUILD

Service to Professional Societies

[2020-2022]	Convener, "Mental Health in Theological Perspective" Special Interest Group, Catholic Theological Society of America
2017-Present	Treasurer, Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, Catholic Theological Society of America
2017-Present	Steering Committee Member, Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology, Catholic Theological Society of America
2015-2018	Section Coordinator, "Anthropology, Psychology, and Religion Section," College Theology Society
2018	Session Moderator, Rahner Consultation, Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention
2017	Session Moderator, "Permeable Boundaries: The Role of Ethnography in Attending to Integral Human Ecology," Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention
2015	Co-Organizer, "Race & Theology," College Theology Society Boston Area Regional Meeting
2014	Co-Organizer, "An Unexpected Wilderness," College Theology Society Boston Area Regional Meeting

Editorial Service

2019	Manuscript reviewer, <i>Theological Studies</i>
2018	Manuscript reviewer, College Theology Society annual volume
2017	Manuscript reviewer, College Theology Society annual volume
2015-2018	Assistant Theology Editor, <i>The Other Journal: An Intersection of Theology & Culture</i>

SELECTED UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2018-Present	Parliamentarian, Faculty Senate, Saint Mary's College of California
2018-Present	First Year Advising Cohort Instructor, Saint Mary's College of California
2017-Present	Community Engagement and the Common Good Core Curriculum Workgroup, Saint Mary's College of California
2017	Ministry Practicum Supervisor, St. John's School of Theology and Seminary (Collegeville)
2012-2013	Co-organizer, Colloquium on the Status of Women in Catholic Theology, Boston College & Fordham University
2012-2013	Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty of Theology, Boston College
2012	Student Representative to the Hiring Committee, Theology Department, Boston College
2010-2011	Women's Studies in Religion Program Selection Committee, Harvard Divinity School
2008	Hiring Committee for Chair of University Honors Program & Office of Fellowships, Santa Clara University
2006-2008	Religious Studies Curriculum Committee, Santa Clara University

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Invited Ministry Presentations

2018	"Christian Theological Perspectives on Human Disability and Special Needs," Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, CA
2016	"Lay Liturgical Ministry in the 'Church as Communion,'" Lay Ministry Day of Renewal, St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA
2015	"Women in the Church," Immaculate Conception Parish, Marlborough, MA
2015	"I Thirst," Seven Last Words Ecumenical Service, Paulist Catholic Center, Boston, MA
2013	"Building-up Young Adult Ministry in Your Parish," Faith and Evangelization Congress, Archdiocese of Hartford, CT
2010	"In Memory of Mary Daly, Feminist Theologian," Paulist Catholic Center, Boston, MA
2010	"Catholic Identity 2010: Young Adults Speak," Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

Professional and Volunteer Ministry Experience

2015-2016	Worship Committee Member, St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA
2014-2016	Partakers Prison Ministry, Massachusetts Correctional Institute, Norfolk, MA
2014-2016	Liturgical Minister, St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA
2009-2013	Pastoral Minister for Young Adult Ministry, Paulist Center, Boston, MA
2010-2012	Young Adult Ministry Consultant, BustedHalo Ministries, New York, NY
2009	Young Adult Ministry Intern, Office of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017-Present	Society of the Study of Christian Spirituality
2014-Present	Catholic Theological Society of America
2011-Present	College Theology Society
2007-Present	American Academy of Religion

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