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## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Moral Theology, Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry, 2023 – present  
Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, Creighton University, 2016 – 2023

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, University of Virginia, 2016  
M.A.R. in Ethics, Yale Divinity School, *summa cum laude* 2008  
B.A. in Religion, History, Pepperdine University, *magna cum laude* 2006

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer reviewed journal articles

(with Annette Davis) “Liberation Theology and Development Economics: Unlikely Allies?” *Faith & Economics* 78 (2021).  
“Moral Reasoning in ‘the World,’” *Theological Studies* 82.2 (2021): 213-237.  
“Heterodox Economics, Social Ethics, and Inequality: New Tools for Thinking Critically about Markets and Economic Injustices,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 47.2 (2019): 232-258.  
“*Riba* and Usury: A Comparison of Two Arguments about Moral Finance,” *Journal of Religion and Society* Suppl. 16 (2018).  
(with Stephen Macekura et al., second author) “The Relationship of Morals and Markets Today: A Review of Recent Scholarship on the Culture of Economic Life,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 99.2 (2016): 136-170.  
“Adam Smith, Ethicist: A Case for Reading Political Economy as Moral Anthropology,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43.4 (2015): 674-696.

## Essays in edited volumes

“Catholic Social Thought and Reparations,” in *Reparations and the Theological Disciplines: Prophetic Voices for Remembrance, Reckoning, and Repair*, edited by Michael Barram, Drew Hart, Gimbaya Kettering, and Michael Rhodes. Lexington Books (forthcoming 2023).

“The Anthropology of Liberalism: Smith and Us,” *Research in the History of Economic Thought and Methodology*, Volume 41A, special issue on “Religion, the Scottish Enlightenment, and the Rise of Liberalism.” Emerald Publishing (2023).

“Markets as Moral Contexts: An Account Based in Catholic Theological Anthropology,” in *Democracy, Religion, and Commerce: Private Markets and the Public Regulation of Religion*, edited by Nathan Oman and Kathleen Flake. Routledge (2023).

“Modes of Interpretation (Christianity),” in *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, edited by William Schweiker et al. Wiley-Blackwell (2022).

“Smith on Moral Agency and the Significance of Context,” in *Theology, Morality, and Adam Smith* (Routledge Studies in the History of Economics), edited by Jordan Ballor and Cornelis van der Kooi. Routledge (2022).

“Did the Catholic Church Change its Mind on Usury? Yes, and No,” in *Churches and Moral Discernment, Volume 2: Learning From History*. Faith and Order Paper 229, World Council of Churches Publications (2021).

“Property, Capitalism, and Economics,” in *T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Ethics*, edited by Tobias Winright. Bloomsbury (2021).

“Business and War in Christian Ethics,” in *The Business of War: Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Military-Industrial Complex*, edited by James McCarty et al. Cascade. Wipf and Stock (2020).

“Property and Ownership,” in *The Routledge Handbook of Economic Theology*, edited by Stefan Schwarzkopf. Routledge (2020).

## Review essays and other academic journal essays

“How does a Catholic Approach to Social Questions Teach us to Approach Federal Policy, Attitudinally?” *Faith & Economics* 77 (2021).

“Is Capitalism Compatible with Christianity?” on Kathryn Tanner’s *Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism*, in *Marginalia: Los Angeles Review of Books* (2019).

“How Do We Talk about Problems in The Market when There is No ‘The Market’?” on Harvey Cox’s *The Market as God*, at *Syndicate Theology* (2018).

“Rethinking Moral Agency in Markets: A Book Discussion on Behavioral Economics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44.1 (2016): 195-226.

“The Emptiness of Modern Economics: Why the Dismal Science Needs a Richer Moral Anthropology,” *The Hedgehog Review* 16.3 (2014): 120-129.

## Essays on blogs and other media

Interview at *Faithful Economy* on CST and federal economic policy, podcast of the Association of Christian Economists (forthcoming).

“Taxes for Thee but Not for Me: The unequal enforcement of the US tax code,” Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Forum (April 2023).

Spanish version: “Gravar a los pobres, pero no a los ricos: La desigual aplicación del código tributario estadounidense.”

(with Henry Glynn) “CST: Why are We Hiding Our Light Under a Bushel? (With some notes on the US Program of Priestly Formation),” Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Forum (June 2022).

Spanish version: “La DSI: ¿Por qué ocultamos nuestra luz bajo el celemín? (Con algunas notas sobre el Programa de Formación Sacerdotal de los EEUU)”

“The ‘Problems’ of Business and War,” *Political Theology Network* blog (2021).

“CST and Inequality in a time of COVID-19 and Black Lives Matter Protests,” (a response to David Cloutier on inequality), on the *Catholic Moral Theology* blog (2020).

“In Defense of Economic Knowledge,” on Jean Tirole’s *Economics for the Common Good*, on the blog of Religion and Its Publics, University of Virginia (2018).

(with Charles Mathewes) “Human Freedom and the Art of Nudging,” on the blog of *The Hedgehog Review* (2014).

(with Charles Mathewes) “A Response to the Responses; or, A Note of Clarification about Nudges, Paternalism, and Agency,” *Political Theology Network* blog (2014).

## Book reviews

Paul Oslington, *Political Economy as Natural Theology*, in *Faith & Economics* 78 (2021).

Brent Waters, *Just Capitalism: A Christian Ethic of Economic Globalization*, in *Theology* 122.2 (2019).

Kenneth Surin, *Freedom Not Yet: Liberation and the Next World Order*, in *The Other Journal* 22 (2013).

William Storrar, Peter Casarella, and Paul Louis Metzger, editors, *A World for All? Global Civil Society in Political Theory and Trinitarian Theology*, in *The Other Journal* 21 (2012).

Laura M. Hartman, *The Christian Consumer: Living Faithfully in a Fragile World*, in *Anglican Theological Review* 24.2 (2012).

## In progress

“Economics and the Social Good,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Theology* edited by Terrence Johnson and Michael Kessler. Oxford (to be submitted 2024).

## GRANTS

Research Fellowship, “Collaborative Inquiries in Christian Theological Anthropology,” funded by the John Templeton Foundation (PIs Jesse Couenhoven, Jerry McKenny, and Neil Arner), 2020 – 2023

Visiting Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, 2020

Magis Core Curriculum Course Development Grant, Creighton University, for “Gender, Race, and Morality,” 2018

Magis Core Curriculum Course Development Grant, Creighton University, for “Markets and Justice” (with Diana Thomas, Economics/Heider), 2018

Project Grant, Olsson Center for Applied Ethics, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, for “Markets and Morals: An Interdisciplinary Symposium,” 2016

Young Scholar Initiative Event Grant, Institute for New Economic Thinking, for “Markets and Morals: An Interdisciplinary Symposium” (with Brent Cebul et al.), 2015

Event Grant, for “Markets and Morals: An Interdisciplinary Symposium,” Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life, 2015

Regional Development Grant, American Academy of Religion, for Colloquium on “Democratic Piety? Theology and Ethics in a Post-Secular Age” (with Charles Mathewes et al.), 2012

## FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Member, Economics Research Hub, Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge, 2021 – present

Affiliated Fellow, FA Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, George Mason University, 2016 – 2021

Affiliated Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, 2016 – present

Faculty Associate, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, 2016 – 2023

Adam Smith Fellow in Political Economy, George Mason University Mercatus Center, 2015 – 2016

Dissertation Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2014 – 2016

Research Travel Fellowship, Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life, 2014

Robert J Huskey Travel Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2014

Skinner Scholar, St. Paul’s Memorial Church, 2012 – 2016

Doctoral Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2012 - 2014

Bioethics Intern, University of Virginia Hospital HIV/AIDS Clinic, 2012

Presidential Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2010 – 2014

Merit Scholarship, Yale University, Divinity School, 2006 – 2008  
Honor Graduate in Religion, Pepperdine University, 2006

#### INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES AND PAPERS

“Doux Commerce as Grace?” meeting of the Economics Hub of the Kirby Laing Center for Public Theology, November 2022

“The Anthropology of Liberalism,” symposium on “Religion, the Scottish Enlightenment, and the Rise of Liberalism,” George Mason University, March 2022

“Capitalism as a World that We Make,” meeting of the Economics Hub of the Kirby Laing Center for Public Theology, February 2022

“Catholic Social Thought as a Mode of Problem Solving,” symposium on “Catholicism and the Common Good,” Duquesne University, April 2021

“What Does a Christian Vision for Economic Justice Require of US Policy?” Association of Christian Economists panel, American Economic Association annual meeting, January 2021

“Leadership in Markets,” Charles McRae Lecture, Hampden-Sydney College, November 2020

“A Theological Argument for Viewing Markets as Public, Political, and Moral Contexts,” conference on “Democracy, Religion, and the Marketplace,” University of Virginia, May 2019

“Three Problems with Asking Whether Christianity and ‘The Free Market’ are Compatible,” conference on “Faith and Democracy in America,” Calvin College, December 2018

“Markets and Moral Formation: Theological Reflections on Behavioral Economics,” keynote at Theology and Ministry Department Fall Conference, Sterling College, October 2018

“Adam Smith on Commercial Society as a Moral Context,” conference on “The Theological Sources of Adam Smith,” Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam, May 2018

“The Roman Catholic Church and Usury: A Historical Overview,” commissioned report delivered to the Moral Discernment Study Group, World Council of Churches, Kuala Lumpur (virtual), March 2018

“Christian Theological Anthropology, Markets, and Public Policy,” workshop for masters students in economics, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, March 2018

“The Economic Theology of Property and Ownership,” symposium on “Markets, Money, and the Sacred: International Perspectives on Economic Theology,” Copenhagen Business School, July 2017

“*Riba*, Usury, and Coping with Capitalist Markets: A Comparison of Two Arguments,” conference on “Religion in Global Context,” Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, February 2017

- “The Complicity of Economic Knowledge,” symposium on “Faith and Work in the New Economy,” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, June 2015
- “*Theory of Moral Sentiments*, We Hardly Knew Ye: Some Thoughts on Living in Post-Smithian Disciplines,” conference on “Adam Smith and the Moral Economy of Market Society,” UCLA, May 2015
- “Adam Smith, Ethicist: Why We Need to Read Political Economy as Moral Anthropology,” Spring Fellows Colloquium, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture at UVA, April 2014

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “When Contexts Condition our Agency, What’s Going on Theologically?” Catholic Theological Society of America (Fundamental Theology/Method section), Milwaukee, June 2023
- “Markets as Moral Architectures,” Society of Christian Ethics, Washington DC, January 2020
- “The Paradoxes of Doing Moral Theology in ‘The World’: Balancing Confidence in Reason with Epistemic Humility,” Catholic Theological Society of America, Pittsburgh, June 2019
- “The Quasi-religious Cult of ‘FIRE’: An Analysis of an Attempt to Transcend Work and Class,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 2018
- “Can Markets Mediate Grace? An Argument Based on Behavioral Economics,” Catholic Theological Society of America, Indianapolis, June 2018
- “Natural Law and the Intelligibility of Christian Ethics,” panel presentation, Society of Christian Ethics, Portland, January 2018
- “Social Analysis in an Age of ‘Post-Truth’ Economics,” American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 2017
- “How Feminist Economics Can Improve Both the Study of Religion and Religious Reflection,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 2016
- “Do We Need Justice or Mercy in International Pharmaceutical Markets?” Catholic Theological Society of America, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2016
- “Capitalism, Economics, and the Need for Adaptation in Christian Ethics,” Society of Christian Ethics, Toronto, January 2016
- “Aquinas on (Intellectual) Property: A Natural Law Argument Concerning Pharmaceutical Patents for HIV Medications,” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 2015
- “Consuming Generously: A Case for Political Consumerism as a Practice of ‘Generous Solidarity,’” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2014
- “What Do We *Mean* by ‘Capitalism’? Using Feminist Economics to Make Sense of Ethics in Capitalism,” conference on “Christianity and Capitalism,” Harvard Divinity School, April 2014

“Wishing for the Simplicity of Science: The Advance of the Autonomous Actor in Early Modern Political Economy (And the Retreat of the Complex Religious Subject),” graduate conference on “Ways of Knowing,” Harvard Divinity School, October 2013

“Should Political Economy be within the Bounds of “Tradition”? A Case for Reclaiming Adam Smith as a Theological Interlocutor,” graduate conference on “Tradition and Traditions,” Duke Divinity School, October 2013

“Divine Economics? Suffering, Giving, and Grace in the Trinitarian Theo-Economic Visions of M. Douglas Meeks and Kathryn Tanner,” AAR Southeastern regional meeting, Atlanta, March 2012

#### OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND COORDINATION (*As invited respondent, roundtable discussant, coordinator, etc.*)

Theological consultant, “Render unto Caesar: Christian Perspectives on Tax Law,” UVA School of Law, September 2022

Panelist, “Best Practices in Teaching Science-Engaged Theology,” summer workshop of the “Collaborative Inquiries in Christian Theological Anthropology” grant, University of Notre Dame, July 2022

Invited participant, “Toward a Humane Post-pandemic Economics” colloquium, Catholic University of America/American Enterprise Institute, March 2022

Invited respondent, “UBI Caritas? Some Economics and Ethics of a Universal Basic Income” by Clara Piano and Catherine Pakaluk, Economics and Catholic Social Thought virtual workshop, CREDO (Catholic Research Economists Discussion Organization) and the Lumen Christi Institute, January 2022

Member, “Imagination and Immersion,” interdisciplinary faculty seminar on Catholic social thought, Creighton University, 2019 – 2020

Invited participant, symposium on political theology and democracy, Duke University Divinity School, November 2019

Poster presenter, Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church global conference: “A Critical Time for Bridge-Building,” Sarajevo, Bosnia, July 2018

Invited participant, various Liberty Fund and George Mason weekend seminars on themes and figures in political economy and the history of economics, George Mason University, 2016 – present

Coordinator, “Markets and Morals” symposium, University of Virginia, 2016

Invited roundtable discussant, “New Directions in Protestant Social Ethics,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Atlanta, November 2015

Invited participant, “Capitalism and Ethics” roundtable, Virginia Theological Seminary, May 2015

Coordinator, Virginia Graduate Colloquium: “Center or Vanishing Point? Perspectives on Religion and Theology,” March 2015

Participant, Economics and Philosophy Summer School: “Agency, Policy, and the Future of Macroeconomics,” University of the Basque Country, with Durham

University and International Network for Economic Method, San Sebastian, Spain, July 2014

Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute: “The History of Political Economy,” Center for the History of Political Economy at Duke University, summer 2013

Invited panelist, “How to Lead a Graduate Student Conference,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2012

Invited panelist, “Planning and Hosting Grad Student Conferences,” AAR Southeastern regional meeting, Atlanta, March 2012

Coordinator, Virginia Graduate Colloquium: “Democratic Piety? Theology and Ethics in a Post-Secular Age,” 2012

Coordinator and respondent, various manuscript workshops at the University of Virginia, including Luke Bretherton’s *Resurrecting Democracy*, Kathryn Tanner’s *Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism*, and Willis Jenkins’ *The Future of Ethics*, 2011 – 2015

## SERVICE

### To the academy

Member, board of directors of the Society of Christian Ethics (Finance and Long-Term Planning Committee), 2022 – 2026

Member, editorial board of the *Journal of Moral Theology*, 2022 – 2025

Convener, Moral Theory Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics, 2022 – present

Member, editorial board of the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, 2018 – present

Invited guest lecturer, for various graduate classes including: “Public Theology” at Carey Baptist College (Auckland, NZ) and “Doctoral Proseminar” at University of Virginia, 2017 – present

Manuscript reviewer, various presses including: University of Chicago Press, Georgetown University Press, and Rowman & Littlefield, 2017 – present

Referee, various journals including: *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Political Theology*, *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*, *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, *Critical Research on Religion*, *Religions*, *Journal of Religion and Society*, and *Ecclesial Practices*, 2016 – present

### To Creighton University

Faculty leader and small group facilitator, Encounter with Christ Retreat, Creighton Retreat Center, Griswold IA, March 2023

Member, search committee for theology VAP, 2022 summer

Member, Theology Department Delegation to dialogue with Omaha Archbishop Lucas on Synodality, 2022 – 2023



Member, “Care and Feeding of Theology Majors” committee, 2021 – 2022  
 Faculty coordinator, Theta Alpha Kappa chapter (and organizer, Theology Department Honors Day), 2021 – 2022  
 Faculty presenter, “Economic Life,” Creighton Faculty and Staff Formation Series, “Catholic Social Teaching: Lunchtime Introductions,” 2019 spring, 2021 spring, 2022 spring  
 Secondary senior undergraduate thesis reader, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022  
 Faculty mentor and supervisor (for Annette Davis), Gail Werner-Robertson Research Fellows Program, Heider College of Business, 2020  
 Co-leader (with faculty in economics), “Prudent Charity,” weekly student reading group, Heider College of Business, culminating in weekend seminar at Saint Louis University, 2018 spring  
 Invited lectures, “Morality and Conscience Formation,” St John’s Church RCIA class, 2018 spring, 2019 spring  
 Institute colleague, Business, Faith and the Common Good Institute, Heider College of Business, 2017 – 2023  
 Member, search committee for theology VAP, 2017 spring  
 Co-leader (with faculty in business), “Labor and the Vocation of Work,” weekly student reading group, Heider College of Business, 2017 spring  
 Invited talk, “Profits and the Common Good,” for student lecture series: “Food for Thought,” Heider College of Business, Institute for Economic Inquiry, 2016 fall

## COURSES TAUGHT

### Boston College

Theological Ethics and Global Development  
 Gender, Race, and Theological Ethics

### Creighton University

#### *Graduate*

Moral Theology and Decision Making

#### *Undergraduate*

Theological Ethics: Applying Moral Principles  
 The Christian Tradition: Then and Now  
 Gender, Race, and Morality  
 Catholic Social Thought  
*Ratio Studiorum* (first year advising seminar)

University of Virginia

Business, Ethics, and Society  
Elements of Christian Thought (TA)  
Theology, Ethics, and Medicine (TA)  
Religious Ethics and Moral Problems (TA)

City of Boston Mayor's Office

Various IRS Volunteer Income Tax Preparer Certification courses

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion  
Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church  
Catholic Theological Society of America  
Society of Christian Ethics

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Coordinator, IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Site, Charlottesville  
(Thomas Jefferson Area) United Way, 2011  
AmeriCorps\*VISTA and VITA Site Coordinator, City of Boston, Mayor's Office,  
Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition, 2008 – 2010

LANGUAGES

English  
Spanish (conversational/B2)