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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**American Studies Department, University of Notre Dame**

*Visiting Assistant Professor* 2019 - present

**Faculty Affiliate**

*Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism* 2019 - present

**Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism,**

**University of Notre Dame**

*Postdoctoral Research Associate* 2017-2019

**EDUCATION**

**Boston College**  2017

*Doctorate, History*

* Advisor: James O’Toole
* General examination fields: American Religious History,

Religion and Modernity, American History, Intellectual History

**Marquette University,**Milwaukee, WI 2010

*Master of Arts, History*

**University of Dayton,**  2008

*Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude), History*

**BOOK PUBLICATIONS**

*Follow Your Conscience: The American Catholic Church, War, Sex, and the Spirit of the Sixties* (Under contract, University of Chicago Press)

Chapter, “’Each Individual Catholic Does and Can Form His Own On Conscience on This and Every Other Subject’”: John Ford, S.J., and the Theology of Conscience, 1941-1969,” in *Crossings and Dwellings: Restored Jesuits, Women Religious, American Experience, 1814-2014* ed. Kyle B. Roberts and Stephen Schlosser, (Brill, 2017), 567-602.

**JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

“Lyndon Johnson, Robert Lucey, and the South Vietnamese Elections of 1967,” under consideration at *Journal of Church and State*

“C. Ellis Nelson, Liberal Protestants, and the Rise of the Catholic Theology of Conscience, 1944-1987,” *U.S. Catholic Historian,* 35 (Summer 2017), 47-74.

“The National Cash Register and the Neighborhoods: New Perspectives on Relief in the Dayton Flood of 1913,” *Ohio History* 118 (2011), 49-71.

“Riding with St. Paul in the Passenger Side: The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Enters the Automobile Age, 1920-1965,” *American Catholic Studies* 121 (Summer 2010), 65-93. Winner of Catholic Press Award for Best Feature Article in a Scholarly Magazine

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship 2016-2017

US Embassy/BAAS Small Grant Program, Award from US Embassy

and British Association of American Studies Program 2017

Dean’s Summer Session Teaching Fellowship 2016

Fellow, Clough Center for Constitutional Democracy 2014-2016

Summer Research Grant, American Catholic Historical Association 2014

Dorothy Mohler Research Grant, The American Catholic History Research Center

and University Archives, the Catholic University of America 2014

Summer Research Grant, Boston College Center for Human Rights and

International Justice 2014

Travel Grant, Clough Center for Constitutional Democracy 2014

Forum Scientarium Funded Participant, Religion and Secularism in Modern

Democracies, with Charles Taylor 2013

Research Fellowship, Department of History, Boston College 2013-2014

Junior Scholar Research Grant, Boston College Center for Christian-Jewish Learning 2013 Manning/Gelfand Summer Research Fellowship, Boston College History Department 2013

Best Feature Article in a Scholarly Magazine, Catholic Press Conference 2011

Richard Scharburg Student Paper Award, The Society of Automobile Historians 2008

**INVITED TALKS**

“Dr. Thomas A. Dooley: Complexity, Conspiracy, and Tragedy,” University of Notre Dame, American Conspiracies Class, 2019.

“Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Roots of Modern America’s Rights Revolution,” The Catholic University of America, 2018.

“A Christian Nation? The Religious Revival of the 1950s,” Trinity College-Dublin, 2017

“Conscience: Political and Moral Theology,” Bishop O’Dowd High School. Oakland, CA 2017.

“Conscience in the Catholic Imagination: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” Holy Family Parish. Stow, Ohio, 2017

“Christianity in America and 2016,” The Eagle Political Club, Boston College, 2016

“Conscience: The Catholic Idea that Transformed Modern America” University of Dayton, 2016

“Trump and the American Populist Tradition,” and “Trump and the Conservative Movement: Economics and Religion,” *Newry Art Center,* Northern Ireland, March 21 and 23

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Notre Dame American Studies Department,** South Bend, IN

*Postdoctoral Research Associate/Visiting Assistant Professor*

* Course: “The Vietnam War and American Catholics” (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
* Course: “Witnessing the 1960s.” (Spring 2019)
* Course: “The Ideas that Made America.” (Fall 2019)
* Course: “Civil Rights in America.”(Spring 2020)

**Woods College of Advancing Studies**, Boston, MA

*Dean’s Summer Session Teaching Fellow* Summer 2016

* Course: “20th Century U.S. Religious History.” Summer Session II 2016

*Undergraduate course I designed and taught as the*

*recipient of a competitive instructorship*

* Course: “Modern History 1, 1500-1789” Summer Session I 2016 *Undergraduate course I helped designed and*

*co-taught with Professor Martin Menke as the recipient*

*of a competitive instructorship*

**Boston College History Department,** Boston, MA

*Teaching Fellow*

* Course: “Religion in American Since 1945” Fall Semester 2015
* Course: “Early Modern Global History” Spring Semester 2016

**Boston College History Department,** Boston, MA

*Teaching Assistant*

American History I and II 2014-2015

Democracy, Rights and Empire I and II 2012-2013

Europe and the World 2011-2012

**Marquette University History Department,** Milwaukee, WI

*Teaching Assistant*

Western Civilization I and II 2009-2010

**ACADEMIC SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION**

*Cushwa Center, Administrator* 2017-2020

*Lead Planner, Academic Conference, Global History and Catholicism* 2017-2018

*Executive Council Member, American Catholic Historical Association* 2016-2018

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Conscience: A Global Catholic Movement for Medieval and Modern Rights” *Global History and Catholicism*, April 4-6, 2019.

“Associations and Catholic Modernity,” *American Catholic Historical Association,* Chicago, January 3-5, 2019.

“Catholic Conscience Language in the Secular Human Rights Revolution, 1970-1985,” *The Conference of Faith and History*, Calvin College, October 5-7, 2018.

“Speaking Catholic: Liberal Protestants Adopt the Catholic Theology of Conscience,” *The Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion*, April 2, 2016

“Conscience: The Rise of a Moral and Political Category,” *The United States Intellectual History Annual Conference,* Washington D.C., October 21-23, 2015

““Their Conscience is Known to God Alone’: Catholic Conscience Claims in War, 1940-1957” *The New England Historical Association*, New Haven, Connecticut, October 15, 2015

“The Revival of Conscience: Obstructions and Origins, 1939-1961,” Presented at the 2015 Spring Meeting of *the American Catholic Historical Association*, March 26-28, 2015

“Consistently Askew: The Theologies of John Ford, S.J., 1944-1968,” presented at *Crossings and Dwellings: Restored Jesuits, Women Religious, American Experience, 1814-2014*, November 16-18, 2014

“Set Apart and a Setting Apart: Conscience in World War II America, 1939-1945,” presented at *Intellectual Hinterlands,* Toronto, June 27, 2014

“More than Anticommunism: Materialism and the Death of Catholic Dualism, 1948-1969.” Presented at the *2012 Meeting of the Conference of Faith and History,* October 4-6, 2012

“Beyond Mortification to the Politics of Human Rights: Paul VI’s Abolition of Fasting in the American Context,” presented at the *American Catholic Historical Association*, January 6, 2012

“From Miracle to Meditation: American Consumer Culture and the Transformation of Catholic Devotion at Holy Hill Shrine, 1880-1960,” presented at *Capitalism in Action! Harvard’s Third Annual Graduate Conference on the History of American Capitalism,* March 3-5, 2010

“Riding with St. Paul in the Passenger Side and the Creation of Consumer Sites: The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Enters the Automobile Age, 1920-1965.” Presented at *Baylor University’s third annual Symposium on Faith and Culture, Secularization and Revival:*

**Book Reviews**

Steven Avella, *Crisis and Confidence: A History of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee*, in *American Catholic Studies*, 126 (2015): 105-107.

Catherine Osborne and Mark Massa, eds. *American Catholic History: A Documentary Reader* in *Church History and Religious Culture* 99 (2019): 111-113.

**Select Academic Blog Posts and Online Writing**

*American Catholic Studies Newsletter*

[*Conversations and Conversions: The Bob Pelton Interviews*](https://cushwa.nd.edu/news/conversations-and-conversions/)(published March 2018)

*Teaching American History*

[“Teaching ‘The Sixties’”](http://www.teachingushistory.co/2019/02/teaching-the-sixties.html) (Published February 2019)

[“How Will I Teach This Course Next Time?”](http://www.teachingushistory.co/2019/04/how-will-i-teach-this-course-next-time.html) (published April 2019)

*Religion in American History*

[“Do Catholic Historians Need to Define Catholicism?”](http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2018/06/do-catholic-historians-need-to-define.html) (published June 2018)

[“Spotlight as Teaching Tool in the American History Classroom: A Lesson Plan.”](http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2016/02/spotlight-as-teaching-tool-in-american.html) (published February 2016)

*Righting America: A Book Blog*

*Syndicate Network*

*Exiles from Eden*

**LANGUAGES**

Latin, intermediate translation

Spanish, reading

**AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

American Catholic Historical Association

Society of United States Intellectual History

**REFERENCES**

**James M. O’Toole**

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Boston College

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