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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Department of American Studies, University of Notre Dame <i>Assistant Teaching Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies</i>	2020-Present
Gender, Sex, and Powers: Towards a History of Clergy Abuse <i>Program Director</i>	2020-Present
Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame <i>Faculty Affiliate</i>	2020-Present
Department of American Studies, University of Notre Dame <i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i>	2019-2020
Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow</i>	2017-2019

EDUCATION

Boston College <i>Doctorate, History</i>	2017
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI <i>Master of Arts, History</i>	2010
University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 2008 <i>Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude), History</i>	

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Church and the Spirit of the Sixties (University of Chicago Press, 2021)

Chapter, “Each Individual Catholic Does and Can Form His Own 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

“A Military Surge for God: Archbishop Robert Lucey, Lyndon Johnson, and the Vietnam War,” accepted for publication in *The Journal of Church and State*, spring 2021.

“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

“Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Church, War, Sex, and the Spirit of the Sixties,” The Virginia Colloquium in American Religions, November 11, 2020.

Panelist on “Catholicism, Public Scholarship, and the 2020 Election,” American Catholic Historical Association Webinar, October 28, 2020.
 “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

Assistant Teaching 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, Fall 2020)
- Course: “Civil Rights in America.” (Spring 2020)

Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston, MA

Dean’s Summer Session Teaching Fellow

- Course: “20th Century U.S. Religious History.”
Undergraduate course I designed and taught as the recipient of a competitive instructorship
- Course: “Modern History 1, 1500-1789”
Undergraduate course I helped designed and co-taught with Professor Martin Menke as the recipient of a competitive instructorship

Summer 2016
Summer Session II 2016

Summer Session I 2016

Boston College History Department, Boston, MA

Teaching Fellow

- Course: “Religion in American Since 1945”
- Course: “Early Modern Global History”

Fall Semester 2015
Spring Semester 2016

Boston College History Department, Boston, MA

Teaching Assistant

American History I and II

Democracy, Rights and Empire I and II

Europe and the World

2014-2015

2012-2013

2011-2012

Marquette University History Department, Milwaukee, WI

Teaching Assistant
Western Civilization I and II 2009-2010

ACADEMIC SERVICE & ADMINISTRATION

Chair of Membership Committee, American Catholic Historical Association 2019-2020
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

- “Inside the Mind of Reverend Louis Miller: Toward and Intellectual History of Clergy Abuse,”
The Society of United States Intellectual History Conference, delivered on Zoom, March
1, 2021.
- Commentator, “Catholicism and the Formation of Conscience,” The American Academy of
Religions annual conference, November 30, 2020.
- “Sex, War, and Conscience: The Catholic Church and the Rise of Conscience Protections,” The
Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting (canceled due to COVID), April 2-
5, 2020.
- “The Formation of Christian Soldiers for the Vietnam War,” accepted for presentation at The
American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 3-6, 2020.
- “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

“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

“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.

Karen Johnson, *One in Christ: Chicago Catholics and the Quest for Interracial Justice* in *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* (Spring 2019)

Select Academic Blog Posts and Online Writing

American Catholic Studies Newsletter

[Conversations and Conversions: The Bob Pelton Interviews](#) (published March 2018)

Teaching American History

[“Teaching ‘The Sixties’”](#) (Published February 2019)

[“How Will I Teach This Course Next Time?”](#) (published April 2019)

Religion in American History

[“Do Catholic Historians Need to Define Catholicism?”](#) (published June 2018)

[“Spotlight as Teaching Tool in the American History Classroom: A Lesson Plan.”](#)

(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

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