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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Assistant Teaching Professor	2020-
Director of Undergraduate Studies	2020-
Faculty Fellow, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights	2021-
Faculty Fellow, Ansari for Global Engagement with Religion	2020-
Director, "Gender Sex and Power: Toward a History of Clergy Abuse In the US Catholic Church."	2020-2022
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of American Studies	2019-2000
Postdoctoral Fellow, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism	2017-2019

EDUCATION

BOSTON COLLEGE, PH.D., AMERICAN HISTORY	2017
MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY, M.A. HISTORY	2010
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, B.A. HISTORY, <i>MAGNA CUM LAUDE</i>	2008

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOKS

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

Review Forum: *The Catholic Historical Review*, 108 (2022): 173-188.

Review Essays: *The US Catholic Historian*, 40 (2022): 96-101; *Political Theology* (forthcoming).

Reviews: *Commonweal*, *American Catholic Studies*, *The Catholic Library World*, *The Journal of Moral Theology*, *The Journal of American History* (forthcoming).

Interviews: Catholic Studies New Books Network, Righting America, Upper House Podcast, Cushwa Center

Invited Book Lectures: Duquesne University, Springfield College (online), American Catholic Historical Society (online), Università Ca Foscari Venezia (University of Venice, online).

REFEREED ARTICLES

- “A Military Surge for God: Archbishop Robert Lucey, Lyndon Johnson, and the Vietnam War,” *The Journal of Church and State*, 64 (2022): 301-321.
- “‘This May Help Us and the Whole Cause of Due Process’: Father Joseph Byron, the Washington Nineteen, and American Catholic Priests as Sixties Rebels,” *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics, and Culture* 14 (2021): 74-96.
- “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

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “‘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.

IN PROGRESS

- “The Internal World of Father Louis Miller: Clergy Abuse in the Archdiocese of Louisville, 1931-2017,” submitted to a journal for peer review.
- “The Body in the American Intellectual Imagination, 1976-1996” *article manuscript in progress*.
- “Catholicism and Human Rights: Past and Future,” for collection ed. Bill Murphy, *Social Catholicism in the Twenty-First Century*, *in progress*.
- The Sex Lives of Catholics: Catholic Sexology in an Age of Crisis*, book manuscript at very beginning stages of research

BOOK REVIEWS

Review Essay, Matthew Levering, *The Abuse of Conscience: A Century of Catholic Moral Theology*, *U.S. Catholic Historian*, 40 (2022): 87-95.

Review Essay, *Kindred Spirits: Friendship and Resistance at the Edges of Modern Catholicism* (Brenna Moore) and *Take Back What the Devil Stole: An African American Prophet's Encounters with the Spirit World* (Onaje X.O. Woodbine), *Political Theology*, forthcoming.

Review of D.G. Hart, *American Catholic: The Politics of Faith During the Cold War*, *Church History*, 90 (2021): 990-992.

Review of Katherine D. Moran, *The Imperial Church: Catholic Founding Fathers and United States Empire*, *The Annals of Iowa* 80 (Spring 2021): 160-162.

Review of Catherine Osbourne, *American Catholic and the Church of Tomorrow*, *Syndicate Symposium*, September (2019): [published online](#).

Review of James Fisher and Margaret McGuinness, eds., *Roman Catholicism in the United States: a Thematic History* 130 (2019): 75-76.

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

Review of Karen Johnson, *One in Christ: Chicago Catholics and the Quest for Interracial Justice*, *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 46 (2019): 38, 49.

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

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Young Scholar of American Religion Multi-year fellowship for teaching and research on American Religion Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Indiana University, Purdue University Indianapolis	2022-2024
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	

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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

MEDIA

Interview, “Med students walk out mid-ceremony to protest speaker’s antiabortion views,” *The Washington Post*, July 26, 2022.

Interview, “Officials said a ‘good Samaritan’ saved lives in Greenwood. But What does that mean?” *Indianapolis Star*, July 21, 2022

Interview, [“What Francis’s Comments About Gay People Could Mean for LGBTQ People Worldwide,”](#) *The Washington Post*, October 21, 2020.

Book Interview, [“Follow Your Conscience,”](#) *New Books Network: Catholic Studies*, September 27, 2021.

Interview, [“Biden Could Be Our Second Catholic President, Does it Matter?”](#) *New York Times*, September 23, 2021.

[“‘Outing’ of priest shines light on power – and partisanship – of Catholic Media,”](#) *The Conversation*, July 30, 2021.

Book Interview, [“Follow Your Conscience,”](#) *Righting America: A Forum for Scholarly Conversation about Christianity, Culture, and Politics in the US*, July 1, 2021.

Interview, , [“Catholic Church debate on Eucharist underscores tension between Vatican, Conservative Bishops,”](#) *Just the News* June 21, 2021.

Interview, [“We Don’t Understand Religious Freedom. COVID-19 Proved it.”](#) *US Catholic*, June 8, 2021.

Book Interview/Launch. [“Follow Your Conscience,”](#) The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, March 13, 2021.

[“The Good Catholic,”](#) *Religion and Politics*, January 19, 2021.

[“Father Pelton Built Links Between Latin America and US Church,”](#) *The National Catholic Reporter*, December 7, 2019.

[Conversations and Conversions: The Bob Pelton Interviews](#), *American Catholic Studies*, 45 (Spring 2018): 7-13.

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED

University of Venice, Seminar in the History of Christianity <i>Book Lecture</i>	2022
The American Catholic Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA <i>Book Lecture</i>	2022
Duquesne University, History and Catholic Studies <i>Book Lecture</i>	2022
Springfield College, Philosophy and Religion Spring Forum <i>Book Lecture</i>	2021
University of Virginia, Colloquium in American Religions <i>Book Presentation and Discussion</i>	2020
Catholic University of America, School of Theology and Religious Studies “Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Roots of Modern America’s Rights Revolution” Public Lecture	2018
University of Dayton, History Department “Conscience: The Catholic Idea that Transformed Modern America” Public Lecture	2016

INVITED, NOTRE DAME

“Dissent and Discipline in Modern American Catholicism” Special Edition of American Studies Colloquium	2022
“From Good Priest to Abuser: Father Louis Miller and Clergy Abuse In the Archdiocese of Louisville, 1956-2017” Research Symposium: Gender, Sex, and Power	2022

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “The Corporeal Turn in American Thought: Catholic and Feminist Perspectives, 1980 to 2000”
The Society of United States Intellectual History (S-USIH) 2021
- “Inside the Mind of Reverend Louis Miller: Toward and Intellectual History of Clergy Abuse”
The Society of United States Intellectual History (S-USIH) 2020
- “Formation of Christian Soldiers for the Vietnam War”
The American Historical Association (AHA), Chicago 2020
- “Conscience: A Global Catholic Movement for Medieval and Modern Rights”
Global History and Catholicism, Cushwa Center 2019
- “Catholic Conscience Language in the Secular Human Rights Revolution, 1970-1985”
The Conference of Faith and History, Calvin College 2018
- “Speaking Catholic: Liberal Protestants Adopt the Catholic Theology of Conscience”
The Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion 2016
- “Conscience: The Rise of a Moral and Political Category”
The United States Intellectual History Annual Conference 2015
- ““Their Conscience is Known to God Alone’: Catholic Conscience Claims in War, 1940-1957”
The New England Historical Association 2015
- “Consistently Askew: The Theologies of John Ford, S.J., 1944-1968”
Crossings and Dwellings, Loyola University, 2014
- “Set Apart and a Setting Apart: Conscience in World War II America, 1939-1945”
Intellectual Hinterlands, 2014
- “From Miracle to Meditation: American Consumer Culture and the Transformation of Catholic Devotion at Holy Hill Shrine, 1880-1960”
Capitalism in Action! Harvard’s Third Annual Graduate Conference on the History of American Capitalism, 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”
Symposium on Faith and Culture, Secularization and Revival, Baylor 2010

ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPATION

- “A Catholic in the White House: The Biden Presidency in Historical Context,”
Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism 2021
- “Catholicism, Public Scholarship, and the 2020 Election”
American Catholic Historical Association, Webinar 2020
- “Associations and Catholic Modernity”
American Catholic Historical Association 2019

PANELS ORGANIZED

- “American Catholics, Sex Abuse, the Body, and Modern Sexualities”
American Catholic Historical Association (accepted) 2023
- “Conscience Politics in the Twentieth-Century United States”
The Organization of American Historians (OAH) (accepted/canceled COVID) 2020

DISCUSSANT

“Catholicism and the Formation of Conscience” The American Academy of Religions (online)	2020
“Catechetics, Schools, and the Color Divide” The American Catholic Historical Association, Chicago	2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNDERGRADUATE: INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

University of Notre Dame

Introduction to American Studies	2020
America’s Culture Wars	2021
The Vietnam War and American Catholics	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Witnessing the Sixties	2019, 2020, 2021, 2021, 2022
Civil Rights in America	2020, 2021, 2022
The Ideas That Made America	2019, 2020

Boston College

Religion in America Since 1945	2015
Religion in the Twentieth-Century US	2016
Modern History I	2016

SENIOR THESIS SUPERVISION

Hailey Oppenlander	2020-2021
Katherine Machado	2020-2021
Julianne Downing	2020-2021
Lily Strailey	2020-2021
Caroline Kelly (Political Science)	2020-2021
John Draves	2019-2020
Caroline Freeman	2019-2020
Thresa Azemar	2019-2020

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Boston College

American History to 1865	2014
American History since 1865	2015
Democracy Rights and Empire I	2012
Democracy Rights and Empire II	2013
Europe and the World I	2011
Europe and the World II	2012

Marquette University

Western Civilization I	2009
Western Civilization II	2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

SERVICE

Discipline

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

Peer Reviewer: *University of Chicago Press, Fordham University Press, American Catholic Studies, US Catholic Historian*

Notre Dame

Director of Undergraduate Studies 2020-
Faculty Advisor, *Americana* 2020-
Advisory Board, Sports Media and American Culture Minor 2021-
Planning Committee, Ansari, Faith in the Story 2020-
Director, "Gender, Sex, and Power" 2020-2022
Faculty Participant, Center for Social Concern Spring Break Trip 2020, 2022
Coordinator, American Studies Colloquium 2019-2020
Search Committee, Gallivan Director 2020-
Chair, Undergraduate Awards Committee 2020-
Committee, Cushwa Center, Global Catholic History Conference 2018-2019

AFFILIATIONS

Fellow: Ansari Institute 2020-
Fellow: Klau Institute 2020-
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cushwa Center 2017-2019
Organization of American Historians 2019-
American Historical Association 2019-
Society of US Intellectual Historians 2016-
American Catholic Historical Association 2010-