

## MAUREEN H. O'CONNELL, PhD

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### EDUCATION

- **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA; December 2005; Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Ethics; dissertation: "Upheavals and Interruptions: Political Compassion as Praxis for Justice"
- **Villanova University**, Villanova, PA; Fall 1998-Spring 2000; 12 Master of Arts credits in Theology
- **Saint Joseph's University**, Philadelphia, PA; 1995; Bachelor of Arts in History, *summa cum laude*

### EMPLOYMENT

- **La Salle University**
  - Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, August 2013 –
  - Chair of Religion and Theology, August 2013 – May 2020
- **Fordham University**, Associate Professor of Theology, August 2005 – August 2013; tenured May 2011
  - Faculty in Residence for Fordham College at Lincoln Center, August 2009 – August 2013
  - Interim Faculty Director for Service-Learning, August 2011-May 2012
  - Co-Director of Peace and Justice Studies Program, August 2011 – 2013
- **Saint Joseph's University**, Assistant to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1998-2000
- **Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania**, Public Relations Assistant, 1997-1998

### BOOKS

- *Undoing the Knots: Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness*. Beacon Press, January 18, 2022.
- *If These Walls Could Talk: Community Muralism and the Beauty of Justice*. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2012.
  - College Theology Society, Book of the Year 2012
  - Catholic Press Association, Best Book 2012 in Theology for *If These Walls Could Talk: Community Muralism and the Beauty of Justice* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2012).
- *She Who Imagines: Contemporary Feminist Aesthetics*, co-edited with Laurie Cassidy. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, November 2012. Authored, "A Harsh and Dreadful Beauty: The Aesthetic Dimension of Dorothy Day's Ethics," pp. 163-181
  - Catholic Press Association, Best Book 2012 in Feminist Theology
- *Religion, Economics and Culture in Conflict and Conversation*, co-edited with Laurie M. Cassidy. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2011.
- *Compassion: Loving Our Neighbor in an Age of Globalization*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009.

### ARTICLES/ESSAYS/CHAPTERS

- "Experience, Embodiment, and Community," in *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill's Contributions to Christian Ethics*, eds. Ki Joo Choi, Sara Moses, and Andrea Vicini. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2021, 17-29.
- "Disturbing the Aesthetics of Race: M. Shawn Copeland and the Justice of Beauty," in *Enfleshing Theology: Embodiment, Discipleship, and Politics in the Work of M. Shawn Copeland*, eds. Robert Rivera and Michele Saracino. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2018, 233-248.
- "'Howling at the Sins in Which We Share': Dorothy Day and Racial Mercy," in *Facing the World: Political Theology and Mercy*, eds. John K. Downey, Steve Ostovich, and Johann M Vento. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2018, 143-160.
- "'Taking on the Smell of the Sheep': Racial Justice in the Missionary Key of Evangelii Gaudium" in *Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism: Evangelii Gaudium and the Papal Agenda*, ed. Gerard Mannion. Cambridge University Press, 2017, 143-161.
- *ARTS Magazine* 26 no 1 (Spring 2015) special issue editor on racial justice and the arts.
- "After White Supremacy: The Viability of Virtue Ethics for Racial Justice," *Journal of Moral Theology*, 3.1 (2014): 83-104.

- “Teaching the Millennial Generation in the Religious and Theological Studies Classroom,” with Whitney Bauman, Joseph Marchal, Karlina McLain and Sara Patterson, *Teaching Theology and Religion* 17, no 4 (October 2014): 301-322.
- “The Dance of Open Minds and Hearts: Aesthetic Solidarity as Antidote to an Anemic Solidarity,” *Political Theology*, 15.1 (2014): 74-87.
- “Ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Spheres of Relationship,” in *Religious and Ethical Perspectives in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, ed. Paul Myhre. Winona, WI: Anselm Academic, 2013.
- “Can You Sin When You Vote?” in *Voting and Holiness: A Catholic's Guide to Participating in the Political Process*, ed. Nicholas Cafardi. New York: Paulist Press, 2012, 197-214.
- “Shall We Dance? Aesthetic Solidarity: The Antidote to Superficiality,” in *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*, 40 (Fall 2011): 13-14.
- “Jus Ante Bellum: Faith-Based Diplomacy and the Christian Traditions on War and Peace,” *The Journal of Peace and Justice Studies*, 21.1 (Fall, 2011), 3-30.
- “Common Beauty and the Common Good: Theological Aesthetics and Justice in Urban America,” *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 31,1 (2011): 123-141.
- “Catholic Studies and The Catholic Sacramental Imaginary: New Directions in Catholic Humanism,” in *A Catholic Studies Reader*, ed. Margaret McGuinness and James Fisher, Fordham University Press, 2011, 372-393.
- “The Art of Forgiveness: Community Murals, Theological Aesthetics and Restorative Justice,” in *Forgiveness, Journal of the Theology Institute*, Vol. XLI, 2010.
- “Towards a Baptist (and Catholic) Catholicity,” roundtable forum on Steven Harmon’s *Toward a Baptist Catholicity, Pro Ecclesia*, Vol. XVIII, No. 4 (Spring, 2010) 381-385.
- “A response to James Davidson,” in *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America*, Vol. 63 (2008): 18-27.
- “Theology in A Secular Age,” in “Theological Roundtable: Rethinking the Secular,” *Horizons*, 35.2 (Fall 2008) 334-343.
- “The Streets as Studio and Sanctuary: Community Murals, Theology and Social Change.” *ARTS Magazine*, 19.2 (Spring 2008).
- “Painting Hope: The Murals of Inner-city Philadelphia” *Commonweal Magazine*. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008.
- “Faith from the Long Shadows of Guilt: Toward a Political Theology in the U.S.,” in “Theological Roundtable: The Future of Political Theology,” *Horizons*, 34.2 (Fall 2007): 310-317.
- “If These Walls Could Talk: God’s Grandeur amidst Urban Blight,” *College Theology Society Annual Volume* 52 (2006), 243-264.

#### AWARDS & GRANTS

- The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology and Collegeville Institute, “Braking the Academic Mold: Liberating the Powerful, Personal Voice Inside You,” July 21 – 26, 2021.
- The Collegeville Institute, Writing the Spiritual Life, creative non-fiction colloquium December 2 – 12, 2018.
- La Salle University, Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award, 2017.
- Lasallian District of Eastern North America, Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award, 2017.
- The Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology and Religion, *Developing Pedagogies of Community Organizing on Philadelphia’s Catholic College Campuses*, \$5,000 grant, Spring 2017
- La Salle University Faculty Fellowship, Fall 2017 – “From the Upper Room to Pentecost: Toward a Feminist Ethic of Racial Mercy”
- Fordham University, Faculty Fellowship, Fall 2013 - “Spiritual but not Racist?: Race and Religion on Catholic College Campuses”
- The Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion, *The Gift & Challenge of Diversity in the Classroom*, \$14,779 grant for the College Theology Society, 2009-11.
- The Louisville Institute Christian Faith and Life Grant, 2008-09 - “Sacred Beauty in Secular Blight: Theological Aesthetics, Community Murals and Urban Renewal”

#### MEDIA

- Quoted in *Time* story on the impact of the Biden presidency on American Catholicism, March 31, 2021.

- Catholic Women Preach, invited to offer 7-minute reflection on lectionary readings for 29 October 2020/10th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 1,525 views to date.
- “Prayer Pause for Peace,” livestream session through the City of Philadelphia Faith-Based and Interfaith Affairs, June 2, 2020.
- “Thresholds and Decidings,” Wabash Center Dialogue on Teaching podcast, May 19, 2020.
- “How Diversity in the Classroom Makes Us Better Catholics,” invited column in special issue on Catholic education *America Magazine*, 3 May 2019.
- Contributor to the Ignatian Solidarity Network’s Lenten reflection blog, Spring 2017-2021.
- Live color commentator on Philadelphia ABC affiliate during Pope Francis’ address at Independence Hall during the Papal visit to Philadelphia, September 26, 2015.
- Contributor, *Urban Trinity: The Story of Catholic Philadelphia*, History Makers Productions, Summer 2015.
- “For Every Francis, a Clare,” opinion piece in *The Washington Post*, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- *Against Empire: Ekklesial Resistance and the Politics of Radical Democracy*,” by Matthew T. Eggemeier. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2020. In *Theological Studies* 82 no. 2 (2021): 376-377.
- “The Significant Questions of a Creative Life,” (Christopher Pramuck, *The Artist Alive: Explorations in Music, Arts and Theology*. Winona, WI: Anselm Academic, 2019) in *America Magazine*, 2 October 2020.
- *Fugitive Saints: Catholicism and the Politics of Slavery*, Katie Walker Grimes. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2017. In *Horizons: Journal of the College Theology Society*, June 2018, 194-196.
- *The Sin of White Supremacy: Christianity, Racism, and Religious Diversity in America*, Jeannine Hill Fletcher. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Book, 2017. In *American Catholic Studies* 129 no 3 (2018):80-81.
- *The Vice of Luxury: Economic Excess in a Consume Age*, David Cloutier. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2017. In *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 44 no 2 (Dec 2017): 510-511.
- “Come and See,” (David and Edwin Davison’s *Frank Browne: A Life Through the Lens*. New Haven: Yale University Press; and Don Doll, SJ, *A Call to Vision*, Omaha, NB: Creighton University Press, 2017) in *America Magazine*, 11 February 2016.
- *Catholic Moral Theology and Social Ethics: A New Method*, Christina Astorga. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2013. In *American Catholic Studies* Vol 126 No. 2 (2015): 86-88.
- “Surviving Anti-Modernism,” review of *All Good Books are Catholic Books* (Una Cadegan, Cornell University Press, 2014) in *America Magazine* 20 October 2014.
- “After Ecstasy,” (Mary Sharratt, *Illumination* Mariner Books, 2013; and Kimberly Cutter, *The Maid*, Mariner Books, 2012), in *America Magazine*, 28 October 2013.
- *From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism*, Kate Dugan and Jennifer Owens. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2009. In *American Catholic Studies* Vol 121 No 1 (2010): 70-72.
- *Visual Theology: Forming and Transforming Community through the Arts*, Robin Jensen and Kimberly Vrudny, ed. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2009. In *Theological Studies*.
- *From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism*, Kate Dugan and Jennifer Owens, eds. Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2009. In *The Journal of American Catholic Studies*, Vol. 121 No. 1 (2010): 70-72.
- *Refugee Rights: Ethics, Advocacy and Africa*. David Hollenbach, SJ. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press 2008. In *Horizons*.
- *Pathologies of Power: Health, Human Rights and the New War on the Poor*, Paul Farmer. Berkely, CA: University of California Press, 2005. *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, 5 (Winter 2005): 841-843.
- *Ethics in Nursing Practice: A Guide to Ethical Decision Making*, Sara T. Fry and Megan-Jane Johnstone. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2002. *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, 4 (Winter 2004): 826-828.
- *Love and Violence: Marriage as a Metaphor for the Relationship between YHWH and Israel in the Prophetic Books*, Gerlinde Baumann. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2002. Catholic Books Review, <http://www.CatholicBooksReview.org>.

## INVITED LECTURES, PANELS, AND WORKSHOPS SINCE 2013

- Co-facilitated 3-part book circle with Tylia Barnes, Executive Director of the Mercy Associates Program, on *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent* for Cranaleith Spiritual Center, 6, 13 and 20 July 2021.
- Facilitated 5-hour workshop, “American Catholic Racism: How did We Get Here and How do We Move Forward?” for the 12-member Campus Ministry Team at St. John’s University, 24 May 2021.

- “Racism and Catholic Social Teaching in Higher Education,” webinar presentation with Dr. Tia Noelle Pratt, University of San Francisco, Villanova University, 7 April 2021.
- “Racism and Catholic Social Teaching in Higher Education,” webinar presentation with Dr. Tia Noelle Pratt, University of San Francisco, 23 March 2021.
- “Association through Classroom Covenants,” one-hour virtual workshop with faculty of St. Mary’s University, MN, 22 January 2021.
- Designed and facilitated leadership training for members of the Justice Action Committee of Adath Jeshurun, Elkins Park, PA Fall 2020; facilitated workshop for Board of Directors and Trustees, 17 January 2021.
- Designed and facilitated 4-part Advent series with the Cranaleith Spiritual Center on encountering graces of Advent in Philadelphia’s community murals, 30 November and 7, 14, and 21 December 2020.
- Broke open theme for Ignatian Solidarity Network virtual Family Teach in for Justice. “Prophetic Resilience: Breaking Down and Building Up,” 24 October 2020; 6,200 registrants.
- Panelist: “Vincentian Responses to Racism,” as part of international meeting of Superiors and Head of Houses, October 13, 2020.
- “Teaching Civic Engagement,” 3-hour workshop with Humanities faculty at Hanover College, 21 July 2020.
- Ignatian Solidarity Network, Solidarity on Tap on Racial Justice, live stream on 8 July 2020.
- Panelist: “Responding to Racism: A Lasallian Dialogue” livestream event with 1,600 registrants from 34 countries hosted by the Lasallian Association of Colleges and Universities, 26 June 26 2020.
- “Prayer Pause for Peace,” livestream session through the City of Philadelphia Faith-Based and Interfaith Affairs, 2 June 2020.
- Invited breakout panelist, “Radical Hope, Prophetic Action for Equity,” Ignatian Solidarity Network Teach in for Justice, 16 November 2019.
- Designed and facilitated a 5-hour pilgrimage of Philadelphia’s community murals exploring the theme of “1619” for Cranaleith Spiritual Center, 13 September 2019.
- “What Can Community Organizing Can Teach Us About Responding to Clergy Sexual Abuse?” panel presentation at Cabrini University’s “Living Justice” series, April 1st, 2019.
- “From the Upper Room to Pentecost: Toward an Ethic of Racial Mercy,” endowed Flannery Lecture, Gonzaga University Spokane, WA, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- “All at Once: Embodying Catholic Identity and Articulating a Compelling Narrative,” plenary panel at the ACCU annual conference in Washington, D.C., February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.
- “Discerning What We Need to Learn about Ourselves: Mission Integration and Innovation through Critical Institutional History,” Mission Officers of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) during the ACCU annual conference in Washington, D.C. on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.
- Presentation on “Association” at a panel marking the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Catholic Historical Association at its annual meeting, Chicago, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- Designed and facilitated 5-hour pilgrimage of Philadelphia’s community murals exploring the theme of immigration and migration for Cranaleith Spiritual Center, 27 October 2018.
- “The Beauty of Urban Encounter,” day-long mural tour for the Lasallian Social Justice Institute, 24 July 2018.
- “From the Upper Room to Pentecost: A Feminist Ethic of Racial Mercy,” workshop at the Maryknoll Mission Institute, Ossining, NY 8-14 July, 2018.
- Designed and facilitated a 5-hour pilgrimage of Philadelphia’s community murals for Cranaleith Spiritual Center, 26 May 2018.
- “Illuminating the Magis Fire: Responses to Racism,” panel at the Ignatian Solidarity Network Teach-In for Justice, Washington, D.C., 4 November, 2017
- “Community Engagement through Pedagogies of Organizing,” panel participant the “Rights at the Edge Symposium” sponsored by the Center for Peace and Global Citizenship at Haverford College, 2 November 2017.
- “From the Upper Room to Pentecost: White Christians and Racism,” Congregational Summer Assembly, Frankfort, MI, 7 – 11 August 2017.
- “From the Upper Room to Pentecost: White Catholics and Racial Mercy,” Saint Joseph’s University, 30 March 2017.

- The Killeen Lecture at St. Norbert's College, "Stepping Out on Faith: Economic Justice through Community Organizing," 23 February 2017
- Plenary panelist, "Murals as Sites of Imagining Being Human," international symposium, "Relation, Vulnerability, and Love: Theological Anthropology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Catholic University of Leuven, 16 September, 2016.
- "Theologians and Theology at the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Vatican II," panelist at symposium on "The Future of Catholic Systematic Theology," Fairfield University, 9-11 September 2016.
- Co-facilitated two-day retreat, "Women's Theologies of Justice," through POWER for 60 female interfaith organizers from the Philadelphia metro area, 14-15 August 2016.
- "To Witness is to Encounter: Mercy and the Educator," keynote address and workshops for Religious Education Conference through Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, July 14-18<sup>th</sup> 2016.
- "Active Inclusive Love as Racial Mercy: Journeying from the Upper Room to Pentecost," daylong workshop on racial justice for 250 Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill and their associates, 9 March 2016.
- "'Howling Over the Sins in which We Share': Dorothy Day and Racial Mercy," Mary Field and Vincent de Goubeau Lecture at the St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University, 28 February 2016.
- "Racial Justice in the Ignatian Family," keynote for the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, Washington, DC, 7 November 2015
- "The Upper Room of Whiteness: Encountering a Personal History of White Dominance in Catholic Philadelphia," keynote for PICO training for national facilitators of "Year of Encounter with Pope Francis," Our Lady of Hope Parish, Philadelphia, 28 April, 2015
- "Hiring for Diversity," panel presentation to the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, American Academy of Religion meeting, 23 November 2014
- "Seeking a Joy Ever New: Pope Francis' New Evangelization & the Arts in Age of Economic Exclusion," Heythrop College, London, 24 June 2014.
- "Painting Social Transformation: Common Beauty and the Common Good," Moreau Lecture, King's College, 10 April 2014.
- "Taking on the Smell of the Sheep: Racial Justice in the Missionary Key of *Evangelii Gaudium*," Georgetown University's Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs symposium, "A New Vision for the Church?: *Evangelii Gaudium* – Pope Francis' Agenda for Church, World, and Social Justice," 28 March 2014.
- "Painting Outside the Color Line: Community Muralism as Resisting White Supremacy," John C. Kenefick Humanities Lecture, Creighton University, Omaha, NB, 3 March 2015
- "Rising in the People! The Latino Moral Imagination as a Resource for Social Justice," 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Romero Lecture sponsored by the Romero Center, Rutgers University Camden, 20 March 2015.
- "Ignatian Imagination in Literature: The Francis Affect," The Future of the Catholic Literary Imagination, University of Southern California, 19 February 2015.
- "Coloring Outside the Color Line: Community Muralism and Racial Justice," Holy Cross College, 30 October 2014.
- "Encounter, Engage, Create! Moral Imagination and Ignatian Leadership," Bannan Institute for Ignatian Spirituality, Santa Clara University, 9 October 2014.
- "Re-Imaging Justice: Beauty, the Arts, and Christian Ethics," Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary tri-annual Festival of Learning, 20 – 26 July 2013.
- International Speaker for the Archbishop's Office of Evangelization, Melbourne, Australia 25 June through 19 July 2013; fifteen presentations on the arts and social justice to young adults, high school teachers, retreatants, and staff.

#### ACADEMIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS SINCE 2013

- "The Arts, the Common Good, and Catholic Social Inspiration," invited presentation for virtual symposium on Catholicism and the Common Good, Duquesne University, 30 April 2021.
- "'We are not Here to Convict but to Convince': A Catholic Lay Woman's Evolution to Anti-Racism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philadelphia," invited paper for symposium on American Catholic Lay Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, University of Dayton, 12 March 2021.
- "Community Engaged Learning through Critical Campus Histories," invited panelist for virtual roundtable hosted by the American Catholic Historical Association in lieu of in-personal national meeting, 10 February 2021.

- “We Are Here to Convince Not to Convict: A Catholic Lay Woman’s Journey to Anti-Racism in 20th Century Philadelphia,” American Catholic Historical Association annual meeting, Chicago, 3 January 2019.
- Convener, “Theological Engagement with Borders through the Arts,” Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies section, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, 17 November, 2018.
- Co-presenter in the Peace and War Interest Group of the Society of Christian Ethics, “Public Order?” Political Resistance, Black Lives Matter, and Nonviolent Conflict” New Orleans, 6 January 2017.
- “Murals as Sites of Imagining Being Human,” invited panel at “Relation, Vulnerability, Love: Theological Anthropology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Catholic University of Leuven, 17 September 2016.
- “Placeholders of Just Wilderness in a Changing Urban Ecology: Community Gardens and Integral Development,” College Theology Society, University of Portland, 29 May 2015.
- “No More Time for Nostalgia: Millennial Morality and Remixing the Catholic Moral Tradition,” College Theology Society Annual Convention, Creighton University, 30 May 2013.

## TEACHING

### La Salle University

- *Exploring Christianity*: a core course examining whether Christianity is a living tradition by considering “dispatches” from the frontiers of contemporary culture and theological discourse including black, Latino, feminist, queer, comparative, ecological, and cosmological theologies.
- *Religion Matters*: revised core course examining the significance of religion in students’ lived experience, the content of two different religions in an area of significance, and the relevance of religion in contemporary realities.
- *Welcome to Belfield - Religious Belonging*: offered as either first year seminar or as upper division elective in the TABA (Together and by Association) seminar format meaning that co-taught with colleagues outside of the discipline; designed to introduce students to our Belfield neighborhood, its assets and structural inequities, through pedagogies of community engaged learning.
- *Building the Beloved Community? Theology and Racism in America*: an upper division course examining the role of religion racing the U.S., contemporary color-blind frames for understanding racism in our post-civil right society, and responses within the Christian tradition and resources for building an anti-racist church.
- *Social Justice and Community Organizing*: an upper division course that implements the methods of community organizing in exposing students to the fundamentals of this approach to social change.
- *Catholic Philadelphia Then and Now*: a first-year seminar offered in La Salle’s revised core curriculum rooted in an “uncovering history” pedagogical approach.
- *Women and Justice*: an upper division course taught through the Inside-Out Prison Exchange program at the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia; half of the students were women from La Salle, half were incarcerated.
- *Women and Social Change*: a team-taught upper division course cross listed with Public health; taught through the Inside-Out Prison Exchange program at the Riverside Correctional Facility, a jail for women in Philadelphia County; half of the students were women from La Salle, half were incarcerated while awaiting trial.
- *Contemporary Feminist Religious Thought*: an upper division course that uses the experience and theological reflection of women in the Abrahamic traditions to explore God, hermeneutics, anthropology and justice.
- *Peace & Justice in the Christian Tradition*: an upper division course that explored three methods of Christian discipleship in the public square – public theology, liberation theology, and prophetic witness—in the context of contemporary social justice issues: immigration reform, mass incarceration, the wealth gap in Philadelphia, and climate change.

### Fordham University

- *Faith and Critical Reason*: freshman course in the core curriculum that gives students tools to become persons of competence, conscience and compassionate commitment.
- *The Ethics of Relationships, Eloquentia Perfecta III Seminar*: junior seminar in the core curriculum that examines ethical issues facing emerging adults in the new millennial around a framework of relationships
- *Catholic Social Teaching*: upper-level elective that provides a broad foundation in the sources of Christian ethics, engagement in the see-judge-act praxis of CST, and understandings of its guiding principles.

- *Religion and Politics*: upper-level elective that examines with historical depth and contemporary awareness the way in which understandings of God, persons and the world historically have shaped life in community.
- *Faith that Imagines Justice*: A senior seminar with a service-learning requirement that examines classical theories of justice in the Christian tradition and secular philosophy through the lens of the arts.
- *Catholic Social Thought*: graduate course that follows offers a close examination of central social encyclicals and bishops' documents with attention to historical, social and theological context.
- *The Beauty of Justice*: graduate course that explores the connections between six traditional paradigms of justice and concepts in theological aesthetics
- *Teaching Theology*: graduate colloquium on pedagogical theories and practices for first and second year doctoral students.

#### LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion**
  - Co-facilitator, Early Career Workshop, March 2021 -
  - Peer Consultant, Summer 2021-
- **Lasallian Education Council** (national committee of 12 working across Lasallian ministries and advising the Regional Conference of Christian Brothers), Member, October 2017
  - Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on advocacy
- **Cranaleith Spirituality Center**, Board Member, July 2018 –
  - Chair, Mission and Governance Committee, July 2020 -
- **La Salle University Faculty Senate**, La Salle University, Vice President, May 2020 - ; Vice President, May 2015 – May 2017; Member, 2014-15;
- **La Salle University Board of Trustees**
  - Member of Mission Committee, Summer 2018 – Summer 2020
  - Member of Academic Affairs Committee, Fall 2020 -
- **Rosemont College**, Member of the Board of Trustees, October 2015 – July 2021
  - Member, Commission on the Legacy of Slavery and Rosemont College, Fall 2018 -
- **PICO Network**, Member of the Advisory Board for the first North American World Meeting of Popular Movements slated for February 2017 and sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the PICO Network
- **Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies**, Board Member, Fall 2008 –
  - Chair, Program Committee, Spring 2018 -
- **College Theology Society**, Vice President, 2012-2015
- **Solidarity 2008: Jesuit School Ministries Gathering** (June 2008): One of four theologians from the U.S. and Africa who observed and then theologically responded to the proceedings of a three-day conference that brought together more than 400 representatives of the nation's Jesuit colleges and high schools to critically reflect on the collective social ministry of Jesuit education, Regis University, Denver CO.
- **The Gift & Challenge of Intercultural Community: 1<sup>st</sup> American Congress on Communicative Theology** (February 2008): One of 12-member national delegation of theologians facilitating first Communicative Theology conference in the U.S., Fordham University.

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITMENTS

- **Lasallian Colleges and Universities in Association for Justice**, Fall 2019 – Present
  - Member of leadership team representing 5 Lasallian institutions of higher education and Lasallian volunteers that design gatherings of students, faculty, staff and volunteers for prayer, training, and community building around Lasallian themes of and witnesses to justice
- **POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild)**, December 2014 – Present
  - *Member of St. Vincent De Paul Parish affiliate*: participate in city-wide campaigns conducted by this federation of nearly 50 interfaith congregations on living wage, immigration reform, fair funding for education, and racism aimed at addressing economic inequality in Philadelphia
  - *Collaborator in POWER University* (Fall 2016 – Present): Work with colleagues from four Catholic universities in the Philadelphia Metro area, as well as POWER organizers, to develop an intercollegiate caucus of student organizers

- *Member of Philadelphia Delegation to the Regional Gathering of the World Meeting of Popular Movements:* One of eight interfaith organizers to attend meeting sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Congregation for Justice and Peace, February 7-11, Modesto, CA
- *Co-Facilitator of "Year of Encounter" program (Spring/Summer/Fall 2015):* Worked with "Group of 12" parishes across the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to use Papal visit as catalyst for a network of Catholic activists for economic justice in Philadelphia
  - Consulted with national office (PICO – People Improving Communities through Organizing) on curriculum development grounded in *Evangelii Gaudium*
  - Met regularly with leadership team of representatives from The Group of 12 to discern and execute next steps
  - Organized and co-facilitated three gatherings for more than 150 Philadelphia Catholics to reflect on experiences of Papal visit and discern collective commitment to justice
- *Co-Facilitator of "Year of Mercy" (Fall 2015 - )*
  - Creating year-long program that will follow the liturgical calendar and begin with immersion experiences in the parish contexts of the "Group of 12" and culminate in collective action developing pedagogy of community engagement next fall
  - Developing pedagogy of engaged learning for parish visits that will inform collective action
- *Member of Research Team for POWER Metro (December 2015 – March 2016):*
  - Offered theological reflections on potential campaigns for emerging suburban federation
- **Ferguson and Beyond**, La Salle University, December 2014 – Present
  - Collaborate with other members of the leadership team to channel the pedagogical insights and energy of nearly 50 faculty members committed to engaging the reality of racism in the classroom
  - Develop workshops, online platforms, syllabi exchange, and co-teaching opportunities
- **Community Building Team**, La Salle University, October 2013 – Present
  - Create purposeful partnerships with fellow faculty members, staff, students, and neighbors in order to build solidarity and address common threats facing the well-being of our neighborhood
- **Cranaleith Spirituality Center**, September 2015 – Fall 2019
  - *Member of the Program Committee:* Develop programs consistent with Center's mission rooted in the Religious Sisters of Mercy; facilitated two programs in October 2015 and 2016 to engage Papal visit to Philadelphia
- **JUNTOS**, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, 2010-2013
  - *Faculty advisor:* Advised dance company of Fordham BFA students who engage in multicultural experiences of community service in the NYC area and countries throughout Latin America through dance; accompanied students to Guatemala during Spring Break 2011.
- **Global Outreach**, Fordham University, Spring 2006 to Spring 2013
  - *Phila mural tour guide:* Facilitated tour of murals throughout the city and discussion of the historical causes of urban poverty for GO! Camden every January since 2010
  - *Faculty team member*, Fall & Spring 2007-08: accompanying a team of 10 students on a service immersion trip to Washington, D.C. during President's Day Weekend '08 to examine issues of urban poverty, particularly homelessness.
  - *Faculty team member*, Fall & Spring 2005-06: accompanied team of 10 students on a Spring Break service immersion experience in Waynesburg, PA, where we lived in the community and worked with Habitat for Humanity. Provided support to team leader and facilitate discussion/reflection upon connection between faith and social justice.

## CONSULTATIONS/TRAININGS

- **Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation** (June 2021): Completed week-long virtual training through the American Association of Colleges and Universities on methods and potential applications of racial healing circle method.
- **Faith in Action** (January 2018): Completed week-long national training for faith-based community organizers.
- **The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program** (July 2014): Completed intensive week-long workshop on facilitating learning between college students and incarcerated folks in the context of a jail or prison.



- **The OpEd Project** (Fall 2011-Fall 2012): One of 20 Fordham faculty selected to participate in two-year workshop facilitated designed to develop skills of “thought leadership”: writing and placing opinion pieces, offering successful media interviews, using social media to promote scholarship.
- **Undoing Racism Workshop** (Winter 2011 and Spring 2012): Completed intensive 3-day training sponsored by the People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond aimed at incorporating racial analysis into social justice work and cultivating the dispositions and practices of anti-racism.
- **The Gift and Challenge of Diversity**: Served on a four-person planning team to execute a two-day workshop on race, diversity and pedagogy for 15 members of the College Theology Society prior to annual meeting at the University of Portland, Oregon, June 2010 and Iona College, New Rochelle, NY in May 2011.
- **The Arts and Interfaith Dialogue** (October 2009): One of 15 invited participants (theologians, art historians and artists representing Abrahamic traditions and Buddhism) in three-day consultation funded by the Luce Foundation to explore the contributions of the arts to interfaith dialogue. Presented a case involving interfaith community mural. United Seminary in Minneapolis.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- **Department Chair, La Salle University**, August 2013 – May 2020
- **Member of Editorial Board of ARTS Magazine**, November 2014 –
- **Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion**
  - Member of the Digital Media Group of the Publications Board, April 2017 –
  - Member of the Editorial Board, October 2021 -
- **Dorothy Day Center for Service and Justice**, Fordham College at Lincoln Center
  - Faculty Facilitator, Interdisciplinary Seminar, Spring 2010 – 2013: collaborated with Directors and Associate Coordinators of DDCSJ to develop and team-teach a five-session interdisciplinary seminar for students engaged in service learning in various departments at FCLC
  - Collaborated with FCLC faculty in mentoring students in the Interdisciplinary Seminar, and in developing service-integrated courses
  - Assisted Associate Coordinators in developing new community partnerships, particularly in the arts
- **Co-Director of Peace and Justice Studies Program**, Fordham University May 2012 - 2013
  - Collaborated with Co-Director at Rose Hill campus to oversee interdisciplinary program with cohort of 10 faculty teaching as many courses
  - Facilitated inaugural Justice Film Festival at Rose Hill and Lincoln Center campuses
- **Interim Faculty Director of Service-Learning Program**, Fordham University May 2011-May 2012
  - Supported faculty and community partners in 14 service-integrated courses over the course of the academic year
  - Developed a cohort of 4 new faculty through annual Dean’s New Course Initiative; executed 2 part daylong course development workshops for new faculty cohort
  - Participated in weekly meetings with Director of the Dorothy Day Center of Service and Justice and Associate Coordinators for Service Learning; represented program at monthly College Council meetings
- **Faculty in Residence**, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, May 2009 – May 2013
  - Collaborated with Dean of Freshman, Dean of Students, Director of Residence Life and Freshman Residence Life Staff to support academic initiatives in FCLC’s 20-story residence hall
  - Collaborated with Dean of Freshman to prepare and assist Freshman Academic Advisers in engaging Millennial students in and out of the classroom
  - Collaborated with Resident Assistants in monthly programming; mentored student leaders