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Curriculum Vitae

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Catholic Theological Union

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**Academic
Appointments**

Professor of Public Theology

Catholic Theological Union – Chicago, IL
July, 2021-*present*

Part-Time Instructor of Political Science

DePaul University—Chicago, IL
January, 2024-*present* (based on availability)

Part-Time Instructor of Political Science

Loyola University Chicago – Chicago, IL
January, 2023-*present* (based on availability)

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. Visiting Fellow in Catholic Studies

Loyola University Chicago – Chicago, IL
August, 2020-December, 2020

Associate Professor of Public Theology

Catholic Theological Union – Chicago, IL
January, 2018-June, 2020

Strom Thurmond Endowed Chair in Political Science

University of South Carolina Aiken – Aiken, SC
August, 2016-December, 2017

Associate Professor of Political Science

University of South Carolina Aiken – Aiken, SC
August, 2009-December, 2017

Assistant Professor of Political Science

University of South Carolina Aiken – Aiken, SC
August, 2003-August, 2009

Adjunct Instructor of Politics

The Catholic University of America – Washington, DC
Summer, 2003

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, *with distinction*

Political theory and American government

The Catholic University of America – January, 2003

Dissertation: “A Relation between Us”: Religion in the Political Thought of Edmund Burke; directed by David Walsh

Master of Arts

Political theory and American government

The Catholic University of America – May, 1997

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*

History, with minor sequences in political science and philosophy

Loyola University Chicago – January, 1994

Administrative Appointments

Department Chair

Department of Historical and Doctrinal Studies

Catholic Theological Union

2025-*present*

Director

The Bernardin Center

Catholic Theological Union

2017-*present*

Department Chair

Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy

University of South Carolina Aiken

2011-2014

Director

B.A./B.S. Program in Interdisciplinary Studies

University of South Carolina Aiken

2009-2012

Research and Publications

Books

A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2024. 129pp.

Good Intentions: A History of Catholic Voters’ Road from *Roe* to Trump. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press Academic, 2018. 296pp.

Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2016. 152pp.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “Friendship with God and One Another: The Consistent Ethic of Solidarity in Historical, Political, and Theological Perspective.” Chicago Studies 58:1 (Spring/Summer 2019). 32-43.
- “The Inner Light of Edmund Burke.” Studies in Burke and His Time 22 (2011). 109-139.

Peer-Reviewed Proceedings and Chapter Contributions

- “Persons and the Common Good: The Catholic Political Tradition.” In The Problem of Political Theory as a Social Science. Edited by Aaron D. Hoffman. Acton, MA: XanEdu, 2013. 198-224.
- “New Things’: Seeing a Way Forward for Catholic Social Thought on the One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*.” In Catholic Social Teaching and Economics: Proceedings from the 34th Annual Convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. Edited by Elizabeth Shaw. Washington, DC: The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, 2012. 119-128.
- “Bonhoeffer and Delp: ‘The View from Below.’” In History (1933-1948): What We Choose to Remember. Edited by Margaret Monahan Hogan and James M. Lies, C.S.C. Portland, OR: University of Portland, 2011. 113-134.
- “Religious Mystery and Edmund Burke’s Untraveled Modernity.” In Fideles: The Proceedings of the Fideles Symposium 4 (2009). 25-36.
- “Beyond ‘Basket Weaving’: Christian Humanism and the Foundation of Freedom.” In The Foundation of Freedom: Teaching, Faith, and Service. Edited by Rev. William Hund, C.S.C. and Margaret Monahan Hogan. Portland, OR: University of Portland, 2006. 117-132.

Invited Public Lectures

- “‘This Journey Is Our Destiny’: Church and World in the Wide Focus of Public Theology.” Inaugural Lecture upon Promotion the Rank of Professor. Catholic Theological Union—Chicago, IL. March 27, 2022.
- “‘A House for All Peoples’: Cultural Pluralism in the United States Four Decades Later.” “The Meaning of Democracy” seminar. McLean Center for the Study of Culture and Values. The Catholic University of America—Washington, DC. April 16, 2021.
- “‘May We Dream and Build a Future’: Cardinal Joseph Bernardin after Twenty-Five Years.” Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture. Elmhurst University—Elmhurst, IL. February 11, 2021.
- “‘The Gift of the People’: A Fresh Look at Our Faithful Citizenship in a Foreboding Moment.” Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. Lecture. The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage. Loyola University Chicago—Chicago, IL. October 29, 2020.
- “Just Two Words: Political Catholicism and Implications for Democracy.” “The Meaning of Democracy” seminar. McLean Center for the Study of Culture and Values. The Catholic University of America—Washington, DC. September 16, 2020.
- “The Catholic Vote in 2020.” Catholic Theological Union—Chicago, IL. Public Lecture Series (12 lectures). Spring, 2020.
- “Our Dream Soars Higher”: Pope Francis’s Call to ‘Civic and Political Love’ in the Crisis of the Twenty-First Century.” Centre for Christian Engagement. Corpus Christi/St. Mark’s College, University of British Columbia—Vancouver, BC. November 7, 2019.
- “Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Church, and Society.” Catholic Theological Union—Chicago, IL. Public Lecture Series (12 lectures). Fall, 2018.
- “Good Intentions: Joseph Bernardin and the Public Witness of the Catholic Church.” Program in Catholic Studies. University of Illinois at Chicago—Chicago, IL. April 26, 2018

Published Essays

- “Ecclesiology is Political.” The Berkley Forum. Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. Published online at: <https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/ecclesiology-is-political> (25 September 2019).
- “Cardinal Bernardin’s Legacy 20 Years Later: Still Calling Us to Be a Confident Church.” Logos 28:2 (Spring 2017), 1.
- “A Dose of Realism for Conservative Politics.” VoegelinView (June 10, 2015). Published online at: www.voegelinview.com.
- “A Problem of Definition.” In The University Bookman (Summer 2013). Published online at: www.kirkcenter.org.
- “Natural and Necessary’: Catholics and the State.” In Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly 34:4 (Winter 2011). 31-34.
- “Alfred E. Smith.” In The Thirties in America (3 vols.). Edited by Thomas Tandy Lewis. Pasadena: Salem Press, 2011. 899.
- “1948: Thomas Merton Publishes a Spiritual Autobiography, The Seven Storey Mountain.” In Great Events from History: The Twentieth Century, 1941-1970. Edited by Robert F. Gorman. Pasadena: Salem Press, 2008. 709-711.
- “Contemplative Citizenship: Thomas Merton and Responsible Political Freedom.” In The Merton Seasonal 32:4 (Winter 2007). 13-17.
- “The Uses of Edmund Burke’s Youthful Writings.” In Reflections: The Quarterly Newsletter of the Edmund Burke Society 4:1 (2003). 51-56.

Conference Presentations

- “The Form and Substance of a True Community’: Theological Opportunities and Obstacles on the Road to a Catholic Sense of Political Community,” Paper presented at the “Forum on the Future of Catholicism,” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL, August, 2025. (*upcoming*)
- “Full Citizenship’: The Synodal Political Vision of Pope Francis.” Paper presented at “Prospects and Challenges for Renewal: Pope Francis and the Future of the Church,” St. Mark’s College at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, May, 2023.
- “Reciprocity of Rights and Duties between Persons’: Notes on the Unfinished Political Theory of *Pacem in Terris*.” Paper presented at the 2023 Catholic Social Tradition Conference, Center for Social Concern, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, March, 2023.
- “Whose Liberalism? Which Failure? An Argument against and for Patrick J. Deneen’s Why Liberalism Failed.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of The Eric Voegelin Society, Washington, DC, September, 2019.
- “Friendship with God and One Another: The Consistent Ethic of Solidarity in Historical, Political, and Theological Perspective.” Option for the Poor: Engaging the Social Tradition Conference, Center for Social Concern, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, March, 2019.
- “The Person Writ Large: Toward a Personalist Account of the Pre-Political Origins of the State.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of The Eric Voegelin Society of America, Boston, MA, September, 2018.

- “A Question of Means and Ends: Arendt’s *Vita Contemplativa* and a Universal Basic Income.” Paper presented at the conference, “The Case for Solidarity: Multi-Faith Perspectives on Basic Income.” Dominican Institute of Toronto, University of St. Michael’s College in the University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, October, 2017.
- “The Victory of the Roman Spirit’: The Common Good from Christian Theology to the American Constitution.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October, 2016.
- “A House for All Peoples’: Exploring the Ecclesiological Roots of a Fundamental Political Theology.” Paper presented at the conference, “The Role of Church in a Pluralist Society: Good Riddance or Good Influence?” The Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, June, 2016.
- “The Church and the Common Good: A Political Theology of Murray, Ratzinger, and Rawls.” Paper presented at the conference, “The Church and the Modern World: Teaching and Understanding *Gaudium et Spes* after 50 Years,” University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, March, 2015.
- “Should There Be a Law?’: Catholic Theology, the Modern State, and John Courtney Murray, S.J.” Paper presented at the conference, “The Irrepressible Energy of the Spirit: Vatican II and Beyond,” Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA, April, 2013.
- “*Extra Ecclesiam*: Historicism and Pluralism at the Second Vatican Council.” Paper presented at the conference, “Vatican II: Reconsidered,” Walsh University, North Canton, OH, April, 2012.
- “Blessed Are the Peacemakers’: Church Authority and Social Questions.” Paper presented at the conference, “Catholic Social Teaching and Human Rights,” Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA, March, 2012.
- “New Things’: Seeking a ‘Way Forward’ for Catholic Social Thought on the One Hundred Twentieth Anniversary of *Rerum Novarum*.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, Detroit, MI, October, 2011.
- “City of Silence’: ‘This Poor World’ and Thomas Merton’s ‘Roots in Eternity.’” Paper presented at The Twelfth Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, April, 2011.
- “We Do Not Know from Where’: Transcendence and Openness in Burke and Voegelin.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of The Eric Voegelin Society of America, Washington, DC, September, 2010.
- “The Christified Universe’: Experience and Existence in the Scientific Mind of Teilhard de Chardin.” Paper presented at the conference, “Faith and Reason: Catholics, Science, and Culture,” Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, April, 2010.
- “Bonhoeffer and Delp: ‘The View from Below.’” Paper presented at the conference, “What We Choose to Remember,” The Garaventa Center for Catholic & Intellectual Life, University of Portland, Portland, OR, April, 2010.
- with James D. Slack. “Christian Thought and Political Violence: Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Dilemma with Violence.” Paper presented at the Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics Biennial Symposium on Religion & Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, October, 2009.
- “The Catholicity of American Politics: Secularism, Pluralism, and the Natural Law Tradition.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, May, 2009.

- “Religious Mystery and Edmund Burke’s Untraveled Modernity.” Paper presented at the *Fideles* Symposium, Redeemer Pacific College, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, Canada, February, 2009.
- “Faithful Citizenship, 2004-2008: The U.S. Bishops’ Evolving Engagement with American Politics.” Paper presented at the Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics Biennial Symposium on Religion & Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, April, 2008.
- with Sara B. Hower. “Tradition and Technology: Just War Theory and Twenty-First Century Warfare.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, March, 2008.
- “Contemplative Citizenship: Thomas Merton and Responsible Political Freedom.” Paper presented at The Tenth Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN, July, 2007.
- “Peace on Earth: Christian Just War Theory since Grotius.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, March, 2006.
- with Thomas B. Burrus. “Monasticism and Citizenship: Politics and the Resources of Contemplation.” Paper presented at the Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics Biennial Symposium on Religion & Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, April, 2006.
- with Sara B. Hower. “Three Problems for Just War Theory in the Twenty-First Century.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, May, 2006.
- “Just War Theory and the International Community: A Twenty-First Century Standard?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, May, 2006.
- “Beyond ‘Basket Weaving’: Christian Humanism and the Foundation of Freedom.” Paper presented at the conference, “Teaching, Faith, and Service: The Foundation of Freedom,” Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture, University of Portland, Portland, OR, April, 2005.
- “*Dignitatis Humanae* Forty Years Later: Religious Toleration, John Courtney Murray, and the Prospects for ‘A Catholic Modernity.’” Paper presented at the Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics Biennial Symposium on Religion & Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, April, 2004.
- “Vastness beyond Sensing: The Role of the Sublime in the Political Thought of Edmund Burke.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Assn, Chicago, IL, April, 2004.
- with Sara B. Hower. “Is a Preventive War a Just War? International Relations and Political Theory Approaches.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2004.
- “‘The Christian World Re-Christened’: Edmund Burke, Modernity, and the Case for Religious Toleration.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Political Science Association, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, April, 2004.
- “‘Ground under Their Feet’: Politics and Faith in Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Challenge to the Twentieth Century.” Paper presented at the Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics Biennial Symposium on Religion & Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, May, 2003.

with Aileen Carlin Giannelli. “Private Virtue in Civil Society: The Role of Holidays in Schools and the Public Square.” Paper presented at The Communitarian Network Conference on The Ways We Celebrate, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, April, 2003.

“Edmund Burke’s Church Establishment: Efficacy and Utility at the Intersection of Religion and Politics.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April, 2003.

“Edmund Burke and ‘The Crisis of Authority.’” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, May, 2001.

with Sara B. Hower. “Toward a Historical Framework for Democratic Peace Theory: Edmund Burke, the Christian Commonwealth, and the Relations between Nations.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, May, 2001.

Guest Columns and Magazine Articles

Contributor to the National Catholic Reporter (February, 2024-November, 2024)

“The Synodal Process Should Embrace the Messiness of Being Church” (November, 2024)

“The Trouble Is Us” (October, 2024)

“No Matter Who Wins Election, We Face a New Era for U.S. Catholics” (September, 2024)

“After the Convention’s Genuine Joy, Hard Work Lies Ahead for Democrats” (August, 2024)

“Dear US Bishops: Modern Society Is Not the Enemy” (August, 2024)

“The Catholic Brand Is under New Ownership” (June, 2024)

“What Would JFK Think of Catholics and Today’s U.S. Politics?” (May, 2024)

“For US Bishops, Religious Freedom is a One-Way Street” (April, 2024)

“The Most Political Thing We Can Do as Catholics” (February, 2024)

Contributor to PrayTellBlog (praytellig.com), “Liturgy and the Public Square” (September 2021-present)

“The White Sox, *Sunaistesis*, and The Church” (September, 2021)

Monthly online columnist with U.S. Catholic (September, 2018-April, 2020).

“Unless Our Nation Agrees about Morality, Laws Will Fall Short” (April, 2020)

“A New Way To Think about the Consistent Ethic of Life” (March, 2020)

“In ‘American Utopia,’ a Welcome Reminder That Hope Abounds” (February, 2020)

“The Challenge of Our Christian Calling” (January, 2020)

“30 Years Later, the Berlin Wall Offers Enduring Lessons on Peace” (November, 2019)

“What Is Catholic Integralism?” (October, 2019)

“How To Nourish Your Catholic Imagination” (September, 2019)

“What Leonard Bernstein’s ‘Mass’ Tells Us about Our Church” (August, 2019)

“For Good Bishops, Build a Marian Church” (July, 2019)

“Start a New Church? Women Deserve Better Than Wise Cracks” (June, 2019)

“In a Divided Church, a Challenge To Find What Unites Us” (May, 2019)

“Partisanship Is an Ugly Sin” (April, 2019)

“Taste and See the Many Ways of Being Christian” (March, 2019)

“Has Our Faith Gone Lukewarm” (February, 2019)

“How To Be a Faithful Catholic in Public Life” (January, 2019)

“This Advent, Take a Lesson from Thomas Merton” (December, 2018)

“Vote. It’s Not a Sacrament, But Our Common Life Is” (November, 2018)

“It’s My Church, Too” (October, 2018)

“The Church May Be More Resilient Than We Think” (September, 2018)

- “Pope Leo, Chicago, and the End of the Catholic Culture War.” Where Peter Is (1 June 2025). Published online at: <https://wherpeteris.com/pope-leo-chicago-and-the-end-of-the-catholic-culture-war/>.
- “Leo, in Context.” Commonweal (19 May 2025). Published online at: <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/catholic-theological-union-pope-leo-prevost-millies>.
- “What a Pope from Chicago Means for the World of Catholicism.” Religion News Service (8 May 2025). Published online at: <https://religionnews.com/2025/05/08/what-a-pope-from-chicago-means-for-the-world-of-catholicism/>.
- “The New Language of Pope Francis: Solidarity.” Francis Remembered series. Where Peter Is (7 May 2025). Published online at: <https://wherpeteris.com/francis-remembered-steven-millies-and-angela-rasmussen/>.
- “Stifle that Yawn! We Can ‘Church’ in a New Way in Our Own Parishes.” The Synodal Times (26 September 2024). Published online at: <https://thesynodaltimes.substack.com/p/synodality-stifle-that-yawn-we-can>.
- “Jim Jordan’s Attack on Catholic Groups’ Ethical Investing.” Religion News Service (5 August 2024). Published online at: <https://religionnews.com/2024/08/05/jim-jordans-attack-on-catholic-groups-ethical-investing/>.
- “How the Term ‘Gender Ideology’ Can Give an Old Prejudice New Life.” Outreach: An LGBTQ Catholic Resource (27 March 2024). Published online at: <https://outreach.faith/2024/03/how-the-term-gender-ideology-gives-an-old-prejudice-new-life/>.
- “Catholic Mission Has to Come before the Institution.” Synodal Times (1 February 2024). Published online at: <https://www.synodaltimes.com/contributors/catholic-mission-has-to-come-before-the-institution/>.
- “With Declaration on Same-Sex Blessing, Pope Francis Shifts Focus to ‘a Pastoral Register.’” Outreach: An LGBTQ Catholic Resource (25 January 2024). Published online at: <https://outreach.faith/2024/01/with-declaration-on-same-sex-blessings-pope-francis-shifts-focus-to-a-pastoral-register/>.
- “Pope Francis’s Approval of Blessings for LGBTQ+ Couples Is a Historic Gesture, according to a Catholic Theologian.” The Conversation (19 December 2023). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/pope-francis-approval-of-blessings-for-lgbtq-couples-is-a-historic-gesture-according-to-a-catholic-theologian-220126>.
- “God’s Word Speaks Everywhere, Theology Must Follow It.” The Synodal Times 15 (December, 2023). 25.
- “Cardinal Bernardin’s ‘Consistent Ethic of Life’ Still Divides Catholics 40 Years Later.” America (6 December 2023). Published online at: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/12/06/bernardin-anniversary-consistent-ethic-246654>.
- “Catholic ‘Groundhog Day’—American Bishops Can’t See Past Abortion.” The Messenger (1 December 2023). Published online at: <https://themessenger.com/opinion/conservative-american-catholic-church-bishops-abortion-politics-influence>.
- “Pope Francis Wants the Synod to Be a Political Community—But One Based on Faith, Not Interest.” America (25 October 2023). Published online at: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2023/10/25/millies-full-citizenship-francis-246317>.
- “Will the End of Trumpism Also Mean the End of Uncritical Patriotism?” The Messenger (29 August 2023). Published online at: <https://themessenger.com/opinion/will-the-end-of-trumpism-also-be-the-end-of-uncritical-patriotism>.

- “The Problem with Bishops (Hypothetically) Calling One Another Heretical.” National Catholic Reporter (6 March 2023). Published online at: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/problem-hypothetically-bishops-calling-one-another-heretical>.
- “It Shouldn’t Seem So Surprising When the Pope Says Being Gay ‘Isn’t a Crime’ – a Catholic Theologian Explains.” The Conversation (26 January 2023). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/it-shouldnt-seem-so-surprising-when-the-pope-says-being-gay-isnt-a-crime-a-catholic-theologian-explains-198566>.
- “Don’t Laugh: George Santos Could Become President.” The Hill (25 January 2023). Published online at: <https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/3829927-dont-laugh-george-santos-could-become-president/>
- “With Pope Benedict’s Death, Vatican Enters New Era.” The Hill (4 January 2023). Published online at: <https://thehill.com/opinion/international/3798061-with-pope-benedicts-death-vatican-enters-a-new-era/>.
- “Big Problem for US Catholic Voters: US Catholic Bishops.” The Hill (1 January 2023). Published online at: <https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/3794485-big-problem-for-us-catholic-voters-us-catholic-bishops/>.
- “An Alternative to the Bishops’ Failed Strategy on Abortion.” National Catholic Reporter (15 November 2022). Published online at: <https://www.ncronline.org/opinion/guest-voices/whats-alternative-bishops-failed-strategy-abortion>.
- “When a Celebrity Becomes a Bishop: Will Bishop Barron Set aside Word on Fire for His New Diocese?” Religion News Service (3 June 2022). Published online at: <https://religionnews.com/2022/06/03/when-a-celebrity-becomes-a-bishop-will-barron-set-aside-word-on-fire-for-his-new-diocese/>.
- “Will Overturning *Roe* Finally Allow Catholics to Pursue a Consistent Ethic of Life?” Religion News Service (16 May 2022). Published online at: <https://religionnews.com/2022/05/16/will-overturning-roe-finally-allow-catholics-to-pursue-a-consistent-ethic-of-life/>.
- “The War in Ukraine Is Exposing America’s Crisis of Democracy.” America (7 March 2022). Published online at: <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2022/03/07/ukraine-crisis-american-democracy-242512>
- “Cardinal Bernardin: ‘He Was Our Pastor.’” Chicago Catholic (17 November 2021). Published online at: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/other-authors/-/article/2021/11/17/cardinal-bernardin-he-was-our-pastor->.
- “Cardinal Bernardin’s Legacy Reminds Us: Catholics Can (and Should) Embrace the Modern World.” America (12 November 2021). Published online at: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/11/12/cardinal-bernardin-common-ground-legacy-241825>.
- “Cardinal Bernardin’s True Legacy.” Where Peter Is (8 November 2021). Published online at: <https://wherpeteris.com/cardinal-bernardins-true-legacy/>.
- “If We’d Listened to Cardinal Bernardin, the Catholic Church Would Not Be Where It Is Today.” Religion News Service (3 November 2021). Published online at: <https://religionnews.com/2021/11/03/if-wed-listened-to-cardinal-bernardin-the-catholic-church-would-not-be-where-it-is-today/>.
- “In Biden’s Visit with the Pope, a Page from Reagan’s Playbook?” The Conversation (27 Oct 2021). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/in-bidens-visit-with-the-pope-a-page-from-reagans-playbook-170077>.

- “How Limiting the Latin Mass May Become the Defining Moment for Pope Francis.” The Conversation (23 July 2021). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/how-limiting-latin-mass-may-become-the-defining-moment-for-pope-francis-164826>.
- “The Pillar Investigation of Monsignor Burrill Is Unethical, Homophobic Innuendo.” Religion News Service (20 July 2021). Published online at: <https://religionnews.com/2021/07/20/the-pillar-investigation-of-monsignor-burrill-is-unethical-homophobic-innuendo/>.
- “Let’s Build a Post-Pandemic Church Worth Going Back To.” National Catholic Reporter (14 July 2021). Published online at: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/coronavirus/lets-build-post-pandemic-church-worth-going-back>.
- “Joe Biden, the Bishops, & Vatican II: The Battle over the Brand of U.S. Catholicism.” America (16 June 2021). Published online at: <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/06/16/catholic-church-bishops-abortion-biden-240873?fbclid=IwAR2YavnBZzJhv4BKpf-lGISoo95iUwgVxCKTHm4SIo9WQPU9EUo3R8Eez2w>.
- “US bishops set collision course with Vatican over plan to press Biden not to take Communion.” The Conversation (15 June 2021). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/us-bishops-set-collision-course-with-vatican-over-plan-to-press-biden-not-to-take-communion-162820>.
- “Bishops’ Move to Press Biden Not to Take Communion Reflects Power Struggle in Split Church.” The Conversation (5 May 2021). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/bishops-move-to-press-biden-not-to-take-communion-reflects-power-struggle-in-split-catholic-church-160157>.
- “Love Is the Most Urgent Political Issue.” Where Peter Is (24 April 2021). Published online at: <https://wherpeteris.com/love-is-the-most-urgent-political-issue/>.
- “Catholic opinions on Johnson & Johnson vaccine highlight debate between hardliners on abortion and others in the church.” The Conversation (18 March 2021). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/catholic-opinions-on-johnson-and-johnson-vaccine-highlight-debate-between-hardliners-on-abortion-and-others-in-the-church-156559>.
- “St. Matthew’s Cathedral, Where Biden Attended Pre-Inauguration Mass, Has Long Been a Place Where Faith and Politics Meet.” The Conversation (20 January 2021). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/st-matthews-cathedral-where-biden-attended-pre-inauguration-mass-has-long-been-a-place-where-politics-and-faith-meet-153685>.
- “*Fratelli Tutti* Calls for Familial Regard for Every Person.” Pastoral Liturgy 52:1 (January/February, 2021), 9-10.
- “60 years after JFK, Biden as Second Catholic President Offers a Refresh in Church's Political Role.” The Conversation (11 November 2020). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/60-years-after-jfk-biden-as-second-catholic-president-offers-a-refresh-in-churchs-political-role-148766>.
- “Pope Francis’s Support for Civil Unions Is a Call to Justice—and Nothing New.” The Conversation (22 October 2020). Published online at: <https://theconversation.com/pope-francis-support-for-civil-unions-is-a-call-to-justice-and-nothing-new-148607>.
- “A De-escalating, Constitutional Alternative to Court-Packing.” The Hill (6 October 2020). Published online at: <https://thehill.com/opinion/judiciary/519592-a-de-escalating-constitutional-alternative-to-court-packing>.
- “Consistent ethic of life is more than a voter checklist.” National Catholic Reporter (8 September 2020). Published online at: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/consistent-ethic-life-more-voter-checklist>.

- “Being pro-life requires the faith to see ‘both/and.’” Where Peter Is (23 June 2020). Published online at: <https://wherepeteris.com/being-pro-life-requires-the-faith-to-see-both-and/>.
- “Cardinal Dolan’s Public Flattery of Trump Forgets a Few Things.” National Catholic Reporter (8 May 2020). Published online at: <https://www.ncronline.org/>.
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- “The Art of Peace.” U.S. Catholic (October, 2019), 36-37.
- “Come Together.” U.S. Catholic (June, 2019), 26-27.
- “Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin’s consistent ethic of life.” Catholic News Service (14 September 2018).
- “*Gaudete et Exsultate*: Path to Holiness Found in the World.” Pastoral Liturgy 49:4 (July/August, 2018). 11-12.
- “The Francis Papacy Turns 5.” Chicago Catholic. (11 March 2018), 17.
- “Illinois Has a Budget! Now What?” Chicago Catholic. (9 August 2017), 19.
- “Catholicism and the Common Good.” Chicago Catholic. (12 March 2017), 13.
- “He encouraged Catholics to seek ‘common ground.’” Catholic New World (13 November 2016). 16.
- “A Sacred Calling.” America (28 March 2016). 14-17.
- “What Pilate Knew.” America (8 February 2016). 22-24. Translated into Spanish at: “*Lo que Pilato supo: Lecciones de una de las figuras más incomprendidas del Evangelio.*” Familia Cristiana (1 February 2016). Published online at: www.familiacristiana.org.ve.
- “Sunday Dialogue: Irrationality in Politics.” New York Times (7 February 2016). Sunday Review section. 10.
- “Floods Will Hurt SC More Than EPA Regulations.” The State (7 October 2015).
- “Cardinal Bernardin and Cardinal George: Common Ground in Action.” Crux (23 April 2015), online at: <http://www.cruxnow.com/church/2015/04/23/cardinal-bernardin-and-cardinal-george-common-ground-in-action/>.
- with Gerald J. Rusello. “Thwarted: An Exchange on the Future of Conservatism.” Commonweal 140:7 (12 April 2013). 12-13.
- “DeMint, Tea Party Half-Right on Deficit.” The State (12 August 2011). A9.
- “Bringing Liturgy to Life.” America (7 February 2011). 23-24.
- “Government and Business Have Separate Roles.” The State (5 November 2010). A13.
- “A Simple Way to Improve Education.” The State (23 August 2009). D3.
- “No Party Has a Lock on Morality.” The State (12 July 2009). D3.
- “To Talk or Shout an Issue for Catholics.” Atlanta Journal-Constitution (24 May 2009). A23.
- “Catholic Bishops Need to Listen to Their Flock.” Scranton Times-Tribune (7 May 2009). A15.
- “Archbishop Chaput’s Comments on Barack Obama.” Denver Post (24 October 2008). Published online at: <http://www.denverpost.com/2008/10/23/archbishop-chaputs-comments-on-barack-obama/>.
- “Catering to Our Partisan Brains.” The State (2 March 2006). A13.
- “Conservatives for Radical Change.” The State (25 April 2005). D3.
- “A Catholic Response to Catholic Answers.” National Catholic Reporter 41:31 (5 November 2004). 19.

“Catholic Criteria for Elected Officials?” The State (27 May 2004). A13.

Other Media Appearances

Guest, “Amanpour and Company,” CNNi/PBS (2025)

Guest, “The Reset,” WBEZ-FM (Chicago) (2023, 2025)

Guest, “Chicago Tonight,” WTTW-TV (Chicago) (2023, 2025)

Guest, “Sunday Sequence,” BBC (2021)

Guest, “Weekend Edition Sunday,” National Public Radio (2021)

Guest, “Tell Me Everything with John Fugelsang,” Sirius XM (2018)

Guest, “Morning Shift,” WBEZ-FM (Chicago) (2016, 2018)

Regular Analyst, WRDW-TV (Augusta, GA) (2014-2017)

Quoted in—ABC News, Al Jazeera, Associated Press, Chicago Sun-Times, Chicago Tribune, Financial Times, Gannett Newspapers, The Hill, NBC News, Newsday, Newsweek, New York Times, Religion News Service, Slate, Vanity Fair, Washington Post, Washington Times

Pending Publications and Manuscripts in Progress

The Sense of the Political. *Monograph in proposal with University Press of Kansas.*

A House for All Peoples. *Monograph set aside temporarily after the 2024 presidential election.*

“Is Political Behavior Cooperation? An Essay on the Moral Analysis of Voter Behavior and Catholics in Public Life.” *Article underway*

Teaching

Catholic Theological Union

DE4001/Synodality and Lay People in the Church

DE4004S/Contemporary Issues in Catholic Social Thought

DE4321/Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Church, and Society

DE4325/Introduction to Public Theology

E4007/Introduction to Catholic Social Teaching

E4010/Social Ethics and the Person

E5970/Theology and Ethics of Digital Technology

DePaul University

PSC 120/American Political System

PSC 230/Classical Political Thought

Loyola University Chicago

PLSC 101/American Politics

PLSC 300B/Catholicism and Political Engagement

University of South Carolina Aiken

POLI 201/American National Government

POLI 320/Introduction to Political Theory

POLI 322/American Political Theory

POLI 431/Constitutional Law

POLI 461/Congressional Politics

POLI 492/Topic: Islamic Political Thought

POLI 493/Topic: Religion & Politics

POLI 493/Topic: Ancient Political Thought

POLI 493/Topic: Medieval Political Thought
POLI 493/Topic: Modern Political Thought
POLI 493/Topic: Contemporary Political Thought
POLI 493/Topic: Marxism
POLI 493/Topic: Conservatism
POLI 493/Topic: Terrorism & Liberty
The Catholic University of America
POL 410/American Political Thought I

Professional Service

Review Essays

- Review of Pope Leo XIV: Inside the Conclave and the Dawn of a New Papacy, by Christopher White. Religion News Service (20 June 2025). Published online at: <https://religionnews.com/2025/06/20/a-book-on-pope-leos-rise-already-chris-whites-compelling-account-takes-a-long-view/>.
- Review of One Church: How To Rekindle Trust, Negotiate Difference, and Reclaim Catholic Unity, by Charles C. Camosy. Journal of Moral Theology 13:1 (2024), 159-161.
- Review of Catholics and US Politics After the 2020 Elections: Biden Captures the Swing Vote, by Marie Gayte, Blandine Chelini Pont, *et al.* American Catholic Studies 134:3 (Fall 2023), 83-85.
- Review of Ed Marciniak's City and Church: A Voice of Conscience, by Charles Shanabruch. Chicago Catholic 131:15 (6 August 2023), 15.
- Review of Secular Surge: A New Fault Line in American Politics, by David Campbell, Geoffrey Layman, and John Green. Chicago Catholic (1 September 2021), published online at: <https://www.chicagocatholic.com/reviews/-/article/2021/09/01/political-scientists-examine-relationship-between-secularism-and-religion>.
- Review of Catholic Social Activism: Progressive Movements in the United States, by Sharon Erickson Nepstad. Politics and Religion 13:4 (December, 2020), 828-830.
- Review of Abuse and Cover-Up: Refounding the Catholic Church in Trauma, by Gerald A. Arbuckle. U.S. Catholic 85:4 (April, 2020), 41.
- Review of The Mystery of It All: The Vocation of Poetry in the Twilight of Modernity and Ordinary Time, by Paul Mariani. Voegelin View (www.voegelinview.com).
- Review of American Values Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters, by Andrea L. Weiss and Lisa M. Weinberger. U.S. Catholic 85:3 (March, 2020), 41.
- Review of Democracy, Culture, Catholicism: Voices from Four Continents, by Michael J. Schuck and John Crowley-Buck (eds.). Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics 38:2 (Fall/Winter, 2018). 208-210.
- Review of Catholicism and Citizenship: Political Cultures of the Church in the Twenty-First Century, by Massimo Faggioli. Cristianesimo nella Storia 39:3 (Sept.-Dec., 2018). 849.
- Review of Crossing Parish Boundaries: Race, Sports, and Catholic Youth in Chicago, 1914-1954, by Timothy B. Neary. Chicago Catholic. (15 January 2017).
- Review of Freedom, Truth, and Human Dignity: The Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom, by David Schindler and Nicholas J. Healy, Jr. The Review of Politics 79:1 (Winter 2017). 170-172.

- Review of Empire and Revolution: The Political Life of Edmund Burke, by Richard Bourke. Studies in Burke and His Time 25 (2015), 65-70.
- Review of Politics for a Pilgrim Church: A Thomistic Theory of Civic Virtue, by Thomas J. Bushlack. National Catholic Reporter (29 January 2016).
- Review of The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Birth of Right and Left, by Yuval Levin. Voegelin View (www.voegelinview.com).
- Review of True Reform: Liturgy and Ecclesiology in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, by Massimo Faggioli. Voegelin View (www.voegelinview.com).
- Review of The Modern Age, by James V. Schall, S.J. Voegelin View (www.voegelinview.com).
- Review of The American Catholic Revolution: How the 60's Changed the Church Forever, by Mark S. Massa, S.J. Politics and Religion 4:3.
- Review of The Burke-Wollstonecraft Debate: Savagery, Civilization, and Democracy, by Daniel I. O'Neill. Journal of British Studies 47:4.
- Review of Edmund Burke and Ireland, by Luke Gibbons. Studies in Burke and His Time 21:1.
- Review of Edmund Burke, Volume II 1784-1797, by F.P. Lock. Journal of British Studies 46:4.
- Review of Foreign Affections: Essays on Edmund Burke, by Seamus Deane. Journal of British Studies 45:2.
- Review of What about Hitler? Wrestling with Jesus's Call to Nonviolence in an Evil World, by Robert W. Brimlow. National Catholic Reporter 43:27.
- Review of America at the Crossroads: Democracy, Power, and the Neoconservative Legacy, by Francis Fukuyama. National Catholic Reporter 42:30.
- Reviews of From Empire to Community, by Amitai Etzioni, Resurrecting Empire, by Rashid Khalidi, America's Inadvertent Empire, by William E. Odom and Robert Dujarric, Why the Rest Hates the West, by Meic Peirce, and After Empire, by Sharon D. Welch. National Catholic Reporter 41:38.
- Reviews of Democratic Justice, by Ian Shapiro, Democracy's Edges, edited by Ian Shapiro and Casiano Hacker-Colón, Democracy & Trust, edited by Mark E. Warren. Journal of Political Science 32:1.

Board Memberships and Editorial Service

- Member, Harris-Walz Campaign "Kitchen Cabinet" (Catholic Outreach) (2024)
- Member, advisory board for Zeal: A Journal for the Liberal Arts, McGowan Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility, King's College, Wilkes Barre, PA (2022-)
- Member, Joe Biden for President National Catholic Advisory Council (2020)
- Member, Catholic Common Ground Initiative National Advisory Committee (*ex officio*) (2017-)
- Member, The Bernardin Center National Advisory Board of Advisors (*ex officio*) (2017-)
- Secretary, The Edmund Burke Society of America (2016-*present*)
- Editor for political philosophy with www.academia.edu (2015-2017)
- Program Committee Member and Referee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO. (2015)
- Founding President, Bishop's Society of Catholic Scholars, Diocese of Charleston (South Carolina) (2014-2015)
- Member, Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Endowment Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (2013-*present*)
- Faculty Associate, The Walker Institute for International and Area Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (2007-2017)

Member, editorial board for Studies in Burke and His Time (2004-present)

Panelist, or Seminar Participant

- Chair and Discussant, “The Politics of Authoritarianism and Freedom,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2024)
- Panelist, “Jewish Studies and Catholic Studies: A Research Conversation,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA (2022)
- Panelist, “Politics, Polarization, and the Common Good,” Controversial Conversations on Faith & Public Life series, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL. (2022)
- Moderator, “Recovering Common Goods,” a conversation with Patrick Riordan, S.J., author of Recovering Common Goods (Veritas, 2017), *Fondazione Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice*. (2022)
- Member, The Catholic Colloquy on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs (2022-)
- Panelist, “Kierkegaard and Democratic Theory: David Walsh’s Priority of the Person,” Eric Voegelin Society, Seattle, WA (2021)
- Discussant, “Biden’s Catholicism: Politics, Religion, and American Pluralism,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA. (2021)
- Moderator, “(Re)Imagining Faith & Worship during and after the Pandemic,” *In Good Faith*, The Bernardin Center, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL. (2021)
- Panelist, “Moving Forward with Faith: Religion and Politics in a Biden Presidency,” discussion sponsored by the Associated Press, Religion News Service, and The Conversation. *online* (2020)
- Panelist, “Election Round-Up: Results, Reflection, Renewal,” The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage series, “Catholic Thought, Citizenship, and the Common Good,” Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL. (2020)
- Panelist, “*Fratelli Tutti*: A First Look,” Symposium sponsored by Smart Catholics, Parousia, and Where Peter Is. *online*. (2020)
- Panelist, “There Is No Catholic Vote—and, It’s Important,” The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage series, “Catholic Thought, Citizenship, and the Common Good,” Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL. (2020)
- Moderator, “Person and Polity,” The Eric Voegelin Society, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, online meeting. (2020)
- Panelist, roundtable on “Signs of the Times,” U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ National Young Adult Ministry Summit, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL. (2019)
- Invited Participant, “Lay Leadership for a Broken Church and a Divided Nation,” Institute on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. (2019)
- Moderator, “The Cold War,” Global History and Catholicism, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. (2019)
- Moderator, panel discussion at gathering of The Edmund Burke Society of America, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC. (2018)
- Panelist, “President Trump and the American Political Tradition,” annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA. (2018)
- Panelist, “Book Roundtable on Steven P. Millies’s Good Intentions: A History of Catholic Voters’ Road from Roe to Trump,” annual meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, Savannah, GA. (2018)

- Moderator, “Your God or Mine? Faith-Based Activists Reflect on Unity in Difference,” *In Good Faith*, The Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL. (2018)
- Moderator, “Joseph Bernardin: Formed in South Carolina,” roundtable discussion preceding the annual Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (2016)
- Panelist, roundtable on David Walsh’s *Politics of the Person as the Politics of Being*, annual meeting of The Eric Voegelin Society of America, Philadelphia, PA. (2016)
- Panelist, “Cardinal Bernardin’s Common Ground Initiative and Contemporary Political Problems,” panel discussion preceding the annual Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (2013)
- Discussant, “Anger and Violence,” at the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. (2012)
- Panelist, roundtable on “Teaching Political Theory to the Millennial Generation: Is It Possible?” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. (2009)
- Participant, “Kant’s Metaphysics of Liberty,” Liberty Fund colloquium, Cleveland, OH. (2008)
- Discussant, “Religion and Social Issues,” Fourth Biennial Symposium on Religion & Politics, Paul B. Henry Institute for Christianity & Politics, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. (2008)
- Participant, “Substantially Catholic: A Summer Seminar for Faculty,” Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. (2007)
- Participant, Diocese of Charleston Seminar on Catholic-Muslim Relations, Columbia, SC. (2006)
- Panelist, roundtable on “Phenomenology and Ethics: Scheler, Wojtyła, and Arendt” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. (2005)
- Panelist, roundtable on “Prospects for American Conservatism” at the annual meeting of the Association for Political Theory, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. (2005)
- Discussant, “Politics and the Religious Ethic: Montaigne, Weber, and Beyond” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (2004)
- Discussant, “Rousseau: Law, Legitimacy, and Virtue” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. (2003)
- Discussant, “Religion and Politics” at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, Providence, RI. (2002)
- Participant, “Burke and the Animating Spirit of Constitutional Liberty,” Liberty Fund colloquium, Washington, DC. (2000)

Institutional and Departmental Service

- Chair, John Family Chair in Catholic Theological Ethics Search Committee (CTU) (2025)
- Member, Crown Ryan Chair in Catholic-Jewish Studies Search Committee (CTU) (2024-2025)
- Member, Programs and Curriculum Development Committee (CTU) (2024-present)
- Member, Lifelong Learning Task Force (CTU) (2023-2024)
- Member, Search Committee, Director of The Robert J. Schreiter, CPPS Precious Blood Spirituality Institute (CTU) (2022)
- Project Co-Director, Working Group, Lilly Foundation Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative (CTU) (2021)
- Member, Presidential Search Committee (CTU) (2020)
- Member, Dean’s Task Force on Post-Pandemic Re-Opening (CTU) (2020)

Member, Faculty Development Committee (CTU) (2018-2024) (Interim Chair—Spring, 2024)
Chair, Bernardin Center Faculty Advisory Board (*ex officio*) (CTU) (2018-present)
Member, Institutional Planning and Assessment Committee (*ex officio*) (CTU) (2018-present)
Member, Administrative Council (*ex officio*) (CTU) (2018-2020)
Co-Chair, Chancellor's *ad hoc* Committee on COPLAC Initiatives (USCA) (2014-2015)
Moderator, USC Aiken Newman Club (USCA) (2012-2017)
Chair, history faculty search committee (USCA) (2012-2013)
Member, Academic Council (*ex officio*) (USCA) (2011-2014)
Member, history faculty search committee (USCA) (2011-2012)
Chair, U.S. history faculty search committee (temporary instructor position) (USCA) (2011)
Member, history faculty search committee (two concurrent, tenure-track) (USCA) (2010-2011)
Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies Advisory Committee (*ex officio*) (USCA) (2009-2012)
Member, Faculty Advisory Committee (elected) (USCA) (2009-2010)
Member, USC Aiken Children's Center director search committee (USCA) (2008)
Member, philosophy faculty search committee (USCA) (2008)
Member, political science faculty search committee (USCA) (2007-2008)
Member, Library Committee (elected) (USCA) (2007-2008)
Member, history faculty search committee (USCA) (2007)
Moderator, Philosophy Club (USCA) (2007)
Member, philosophy faculty search committee (USCA) (2006)
Member, International Programs Faculty Advisory Committee (USCA) (2006-2011)
Member, General Education Review Committee (USCA) (2006-2009)
Member, history faculty search committee (USCA) (2006)
Chair, Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy Strategic Planning Committee (USCA) (2005)
Member, disability services coordinator search committee (USCA) (2005)
Faculty Assembly parliamentarian (elected, three terms) (USCA) (2005-2008)
Member, Gregg-Graniteville Foundation Scholarship Committee (USCA) (2005-2011)
Moderator, Political Science Club (USCA) (2004-2011)
Judicial Procedures Advisor (student judiciary) (USCA) (2004-2007)
Member and Chair (2005-2006), American Democracy Project Film Series Subcommittee (USCA) (2004-2006)
Member and Chair (2006-2007), American Democracy Project Steering Committee (USCA) (2004-2007)
Member, assistant dean search committee, School of Library & Information Science (CUA) (2000)
Member, Middle States accreditation self-study subcommittee on Catholic identity (CUA) (1998-1999)
Member (student representative), University Board of Trustees Executive Committee (CUA) (1998-1999)
Member, Presidential Search Committee (CUA) (1997-1998)
Member (student representative), University Board of Trustees (CUA) (1997-1999)

Community Service

Invited Speaker, "Confrontation or Synodality? The New Parallel Magisterium against Pope Francis and the Church in the 21st Century." Techny Towers, Techny, IL. (2025)

- Member, Archdiocese of Chicago Design Board, Pope Leo XIV Chicago Celebration at Rate Field (2025)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Iona University (*via* Zoom), New Rochelle, NY. (2025)
- Invited Speaker, “Project 2025: What Can a Socially Engaged Parish Do?” Our Lady of Africa Catholic Church, Chicago, IL. (2025)
- Invited Speaker, “Merton with Miłosz and Pasternak: Artistic Avenues of Dissent and Resistance against Authoritarianism.” “Tuesdays with Merton.” The Thomas Merton Center. Louisville, KY. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Centre for Christian Engagement, St. Mark’s College, Vancouver, BC. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Manhattan University, Bronx, NY. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Religious Formation Conference, Chicago, IL. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” St. Teresa of Avila Church, Chicago, IL. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Passionist Learning Community, Chicago, IL. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Weber Retreat and Conference Center, Adrian MI. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Old Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, Chicago, IL. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Claretian Missionaries Canada-USA online program. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Naperville, IL. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, AZ. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” SS. Faith, Hope, and Charity Catholic Church, Winnetka, IL. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics.” Catholics Vote Common Good. Online. (2024)
- Retreat Speaker (4 talks), “Living, Celebrating, and Proclaiming Our Faith: Synodality, Catholic Education, and a Consistent Ethic.” Catholic Independent Schools of British Columbia, Harrison Hot Springs, BC. (2024)
- Invited Speaker, “What’s All This Talk about Synodality?” Passionist Family Formation e-Learning, Chicago, IL. (2023)
- Invited Speaker, “From ‘Can’ to ‘Should’: The Consistent Ethic and the Call to Moral Progress in a Technological Age,” Annual Hayim Perelmuter Conference, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL. (2023)
- Invited Speaker, “The Consistent Ethic of Life and Pope Francis’s Call to Social Friendship,” Wisdom & Wine Speaker Series, St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Orland Hills, IL. (2022)

- Invited Speaker, “American Catholics, Two Peoples, and One State.” Association of Catholic Publishers Membership Meeting. Chicago, IL (2022)
- Presenter, “Catholic Social Teaching.” Jewish United Fund of Chicago Institute on Christianity for Rabbis. Chicago, IL. (2022)
- Invited Speaker, “Our Crisis of Authority and Thomas Merton.” “Tuesdays with Merton.” The Thomas Merton Center. Louisville, KY. (2022)
- Invited Speaker, “The Challenge of Peace: Peace and Dialogue, the Church and the World.” “Now More Than Ever: The Enduring Prophetic Voice and Legacy of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Twenty-Five Years after His Death.” Archdiocese of Chicago. Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, IL. (2021)
- Invited Speaker, “The Church at The Pillar: A Chilling Turn for a Polarized Church.” “TalkUp Tuesday Series.” FutureChurch. Cleveland, OH. (2021)
- Invited Speaker, “Inauguration in Light of Insurrection.” The Weal Chicago. Chicago, IL. (2021)
- Member, 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, “From JFK to JRB: The Hope for Healing in Our Church and Politics.” St. Gertrude Parish Commonweal Reading Group. Chicago, IL. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, “A Gorilla with a Smart Phone: Mertonian Reflections on Political Life in 2020,” Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society, Chicago, IL. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, “What Role Does the Virtue of Prudence Play in Helping Us Decide for Whom To Vote?” Catholic Student Center, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, “Can It Be a Sin To Vote for a Particular Candidate?” Catholic Student Center, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, “Faithful Citizenship, Pope Francis, and the Consistent Ethic of Life in 2020,” Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary OHOS Spirituality Center, Kankakee, IL. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, “Friendship in Troubled Times: Faithful Citizenship and the Consistent Ethic of Life in 2020,” Weber Retreat and Conference Center, Adrian, MI. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, “Being Faithful Citizens and Facing ‘The Tasks in Front of Us,’” The Cenacle, Chicago, IL. (2020)
- Parish Mission, “Two Cities,” St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Orland Hills, IL. (2020)
- Invited Speaker, Sacramental Preparation Workshops, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Orland Hills, IL. (2019)
- Parish Mission, “A Wounded Church Can Heal,” St. Barnabas Roman Catholic Church, Chicago, IL. (2019)
- Invited Speaker, “Can We Be Catholic? Division and Reconciliation in the Church Since ‘Called To Be Catholic.’” “We Are All One Body: Healing Divisions in Our Church.” Conference of Jesuit Central and Southern Schools. Ignatian Spirituality Center—Miami, Florida. (2019)
- Member, Administration of Justice Subcommittee, Public Affairs Committee, Union League Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (2018-2020)
- Invited Speaker, “Faithful to Each Other: Catholic Citizenship amid Polarization,” St. Clement Catholic Church, Chicago, IL. (2018)
- Invited Speaker, “Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and Our Civic Crisis,” Public Affairs Committee, Union League Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL. (2018)

- Invited Speaker, “Controversial Conversations: How Does Religion Belong in Politics? A Conversation on the Catholic Vote,” Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL. (2018)
- Invited Speaker, “Finding Common Ground: Building Bridges of Faith in a Diverse World,” Archdiocese of Chicago Theology on Tap, Chicago, IL. (2018)
- Invited Speaker, “The Merton Option: ‘Religious Responsibility’ and the Common Good in a ‘Post-Christian World,’” Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society, Chicago, IL (2017)
- Invited speaker, “The End of the Right (and the Left),” Aiken Sunrise Rotary Club, Aiken, SC (2016)
- Member, School Advisory Council, St. Mary Help of Christians School, Aiken, SC (2015-2017)
- Instructor, parish adult education program, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, North Augusta, SC (2013-2017)
- Invited speaker, “Ideology and American Politics,” Aiken County Democratic Party, Aiken, SC (2012)
- Invited speaker, “Thomas Merton and Economic Justice,” Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Center, Gloverville, SC (2011)
- Chair, principal search committee, Our Lady of Peace Catholic School, North Augusta, SC (2011)
- Invited speaker, “Uncivil Discourse and American Politics,” Aiken Kiwanis Club, Aiken, SC (2011)
- Member, School Advisory Board, Our Lady of Peace Catholic School, North Augusta, SC (2010-2013)
- Invited speaker, “From ‘Nixonland’ to ‘Obamanation’: The 2008 Election in a Generational Perspective,” Aiken Kiwanis Club, Aiken, SC (2008)
- Invited participant, International Thomas Merton Society scholars’ retreat, Abbey of Gethsemane, Gethsemane, KY (2008)
- Invited speaker, “Thomas Merton: Love and Citizenship,” Chicago Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society, Chicago, IL (2008)
- Invited speaker, “Religion and Presidential Politics,” St. John Methodist Church, Aiken, SC (2008)
- Invited speaker, “Religion and the 2008 Presidential Election,” *Adath Yeshurun* Synagogue, Aiken, SC (2008)
- Invited speaker, “Contemplative Citizenship: Thomas Merton and Responsible Political Freedom,” University of South Carolina Newman Club, St. Thomas More Center, Columbia, SC (2007)
- Member, ethics committee, Aiken Regional Medical Centers, Aiken, SC (2007-2008)
- Invited speaker, “Religion and Reason: Islam and the West, Yesterday and Today,” USC Aiken Multicultural Roundtable, Aiken, SC (2006)
- Invited speaker, “The Challenge of Catholic Citizenship,” Theology-on-Tap, Diocese of Savannah, Augusta Deanery (2005)
- Instructor (short courses), Academy for Lifelong Learning, Aiken, SC (2005-2010)
- Invited speaker, “Reconciliation and Politics,” Church of the Resurrection, Burtonsville, MD (2003)
- Event curator, roundtable discussion following screenings of Only in America and We Wuz Robbed, AFI/Discovery Channel SILVERDOCS Festival, AFI Silver Theatre & Cultural Center, Silver Spring, MD (2003)

Honors, Awards, and Grants

3rd Place, Catholic Media Association Book Award (Religion in the Public Square) for A Consistent Ethic of Life: Navigating Catholic Engagement with U.S. Politics (2025)
Research Sabbatical Leave (paid) (Fall 2024)
Co-Principal Investigator, Pathways for Tomorrow Phase II grant to Catholic Theological Union, Lilly Endowment (\$997,806) (2021)
Co-Principal Investigator, Pathways for Tomorrow Planning grant to Catholic Theological Union, Lilly Endowment (\$50,000) (2021)
3rd Place, Catholic Press Association Book Award (Catholic Social Teaching) for Good Intentions: A History of Catholic Voters' Road from Roe to Trump (2019)
The ACTA Foundation (primary investigator) grant to The Bernardin Center (\$47,000) (2019)
1st Place, Catholic Press Association Book Award (Biography) for Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground (2017)
Finalist, Association of Catholic Publishers Excellence in Publishing Award (Biography) for Joseph Bernardin: Seeking Common Ground (2017)
Nominee, USC Aiken Excellence in Teaching Award (student-nominated) (2017)
The Humanities Council of South Carolina Mini-Grant (\$500) (2012)
Nominee, USC Aiken Excellence in Teaching Award (student-nominated) (2012)
Chancellor's Course Re-Design Grant (\$3,500) (2007)
Chancellor's Research Support Grant (one-course reduction) (2007)
Nominee, USC Aiken Excellence in Teaching Award (student-nominated) (2006)
USC Aiken Faculty Travel Grant recipient (various amounts) (13 grants) (2005-2017)
Honoree, USC Aiken Pacer Athletics Faculty-Staff Appreciation Night (student-selected) (2004, 2006, 2008, 2013)
Dissertation Fellowship, The Bradley Foundation, Milwaukee, WI (\$15,000) (2001-2002)
Steven P. Millies Award (inaugural recipient), "for outstanding commitment to graduate education and graduate life," The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (1999)
Research and teaching assistantships (including tuition remission), Department of Politics, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC (1996-1999)

Professional and Learned Societies

American Catholic Historical Association
American Political Science Association
Association for Political Theory
Catholic Theological Society of America
Council for Research in Values and Philosophy
The Edmund Burke Society of America
The Eric Voegelin Society of America
Society for Christian Ethics