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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- **Baylor University**
Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, Honors College
- 2020-2021 **Baylor Collaborative on Hunger & Poverty (BCHP)**
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- 2019-2020 **Baylor University**
Full-Time Lecturer, Department of Religion
- 2017-2019 **University of St. Andrews**
St. Andrews Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Theology & Science
- 2015-2017 **Baylor University**
Temporary Lecturer, Department of Religion

EDUCATION

- 2009-2016 **Duke University**, PhD in Christian Theological Studies
- 2006-2008 **Duke Divinity School**, MTS in Theology & Ethics, *summa cum laude*
- 2004-2006 **Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza (Tropical Agriculture Research and Higher Education Center)**
Master of Science (MSc) in Agroecology (all instruction in Spanish)
- 1996-2000 **University of Virginia**, BA in Religion & English, *summa cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Blood in the Fields: Óscar Romero, Catholic Social Teaching, and Land Reform. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2020.

Agroecology and Christianity (under contract with Cambridge University Press)

The Grammar of Creation: A Theological Engagement with Agroecology (in progress, three of six chapters drafted)

Poverty, Luxury, and Art (with Natalie Carnes, in progress, four of six chapters drafted)

TRANSLATIONS

Artur Mrówczyński-Van Allen, *Between the Icon and the Idol: The Human Person and the Modern State in Russian Thought and Literature—Chaadayev, Soloviev, Grossman*, trans. Matthew Philipp Whelan. Eugene, OR: Cascade Press, 2013.

EDITED VOLUMES

Alessandro Rovati and Matthew Philipp Whelan, eds. “New Wine New Wineskins: Perspectives of Young Moral Theologians.” Special issue, *Journal of Moral Theology* (forthcoming, 2021).

Conor Hill, Kent Lasnoski, Matthew Sherman, John Sikorski, and Matthew Philipp Whelan, eds. “New Wine New Wineskins: Perspectives of Young Moral Theologians.” Special issue, *Journal of Moral Theology* 6, no. 2 (2017).

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“‘A Shadowy Sort of Right’: The *Ius Necesitatis* and Catholic Moral Theology.” *Journal of Moral Theology* (forthcoming).

Natalie Carnes and Matthew Whelan. “‘Lord, When did We See You? Towards a Topography of the Visual.’” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (first published on early view May 10, 2021).

“Agroecology, Biological Control, and Catholic Social Teaching.” *Modern Theology* 37, no. 2 (2021).

“Agroecology and Natural Law.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 40, no. 1 Spring/Summer 2020).

“‘To Till and Keep It’: Catholic Social Doctrine and Agroecology.” *Communio* 46, no. 3-4 (Fall-Winter 2019).

“‘You Possess the Land that Belongs to All Salvadorans’: Archbishop Óscar Romero and Ordinary Violence.” *Modern Theology* 35, no. 4 (2019).

“‘Jesus is Our Jubilee’: A Theological Reflection on the Pontifical Council of Justice and Peace’s *Toward a Better Distribution of Land: The Challenge of Agrarian Reform*.” *Journal of Moral Theology* 6, no. 2 (2017).

Leigh A. Winowiecki, Matthew Philipp Whelan, et al. “Local Soil Knowledge and its Use in Crop Allocation: Implications for Landscape-Scale Agricultural Production and Conservation Efforts in Talamanca, Costa Rica.” *Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries* 3, no. 2 (2014).

“Land, Economy, and the Measure of Christ: The Catholic Agrarianism of Vincent McNabb, O.P.” *Nova et Vetera* 10, no. 1 (Winter 2012).

“Medios de vida y dinámica del uso del suelo en los Territorios Indígenas Bribri y Cabécar de Talamanca, Costa Rica.” *Agroforestería en las Américas* 46 (2008).

R.M. Dahlquist, Matthew Philipp Whelan, et al., “Incorporating Livelihoods in Biodiversity Conservation: A Case Study of Cacao Agroforestry Systems in Talamanca, Costa Rica.” *Biodiversity and Conservation* 16, no. 8 (2007).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Creation, Environmentalism, and Ecology.” In *Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, edited by Frederick C. Bauerschmidt, James J. Buckley, Jennifer Newsome Martin, and Trent Pomplun. New York: Wiley-Blackwell (forthcoming)

“Óscar Romero among the Liberationists.” In *Romero: Memory*. Leuven, Belgium: Leuven University Press (forthcoming).

“Like a Thorn in Our Sleeping Flesh?: Romero’s Shifting Reading of Catholic Social Teaching,” *Óscar Romero and Catholic Social Teaching*, edited by Todd Walatka. South Bend, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press (forthcoming).

“The Business of War in Latin America.” In *The Business of War: Theological-Ethical Reflections on the Military-Industrial Complex*, edited by Justin Barringer, Jimmy McCarty, and Matthew Tapie. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2020.

“The Promise and Perils of Agriculture: An Agroecological Reading of *Laudato Si’*.” In *Integral Ecology for a More Sustainable World: Dialogues with Laudato Si’*, edited by Matthew Eaton, Dennis Patrick O’Hara, and Michael Ross. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019.

“The Grammar of Creation: Agriculture in the Thought of Pope Benedict XVI.” In *Environmental Justice and Climate Change: Assessing Pope Benedict’s Ecological Vision for the Catholic Church in the United States*, edited by Jame Schaefer and Tobias Winright. Lanham, MD, Lexington Books, 2013.

“Prefiguring the Salvation of the World: The Eucharist and Agriculture.” In *God, Grace, and Creation*, edited by Philip J. Rossi. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009.

NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

Conor Hill, Kent Lasnoski, Matthew Sherman, John Sikorski, and Matthew Whelan. “Is New Wine, New Wineskins Still New? Reflecting on Wineskins after Seventeen Years.” *Journal of Moral Theology* 6, no. 2 (June 2017).

“Have You Seen What They Do to Valuable Natural Resources? Agriculture, Language, and Wendell Berry.” *The Other Journal* 15 (2011).

“The Responsible Body: A Eucharistic Community.” *Crosscurrents*: 51, no. 3 (2001).

BOOK REVIEWS

Gerald Schlabach, *A Pilgrim People: Becoming a Catholic Peace Church*. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2019. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (forthcoming 2021).

Edgardo Colón-Emeric. *Óscar Romero's Theological Vision: Liberation and the Transfiguration of the Poor*. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2018. *Syndicate*. Symposium convener (forthcoming 2022).

Daniel Castillo, *An Ecological Theology of Liberation: Salvation and Political Ecology*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2019. *Theological Studies* 81, no. 2 (2020).

Joseph Wiebe. *The Place of Imagination: Wendell Berry and the Poetics of Community, Affection, and Identity*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2017. *Syndicate* (December 2019).

Michael Lee. *Revolutionary Saint: The Theological Legacy of Óscar Romero*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2017. *Reading Religion* (May 2018).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & GUEST LECTURES

“The Witness of Archbishop Óscar Romero,” Catholic University of America, *Center for Cultural Engagement*, March 2021.

Speaker & Panelist, “Food Justice, Theology, and Literature,” *Nineteenth-Century Research Seminar*, Baylor University, March 2021.

“Romero and Land Reform,” *Romero Days 2020*, Sponsored by Kellogg Institute for International Studies & Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), University of Notre Dame, March 2020.

Guest Lecture on Gustavo Gutiérrez and Liberation Theology, *Christian Ethics* (for Paul Martens), Baylor University, March 2020.

Guest Lecture on Óscar Romero, *Politics in Latin America: The Deaths of Óscar Romero* (for Kevin Coleman), University of Toronto, February 2020.

“Óscar Romero and the Politics of Common Use,” *Romero: Memory*, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, November 2019.

Natalie Carnes and Matthew Whelan, “Why this Waste? Art and Excess in a World of Need,” *Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts* (ITIA), University of St Andrews, March 2019.

Guest Lecture on the Ethics of Food, *Christian Ethics and Contemporary Society* (for John Perry), University of St Andrews, February 2019.

Guest Lecture on Óscar Romero, *Christian Texts and Traditions III* (for Jenny Howell), George W. Truett Seminary, Baylor University, November 2018.

“Agrarian Reform and Human Rights,” *Romero Days 2018—Memorializing Martyrdom: Romero’s Beatification and Our Task Today*, Kellogg Institute for International Studies & Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC), University of Notre Dame, March 2018.

“‘Like an Antechamber of Our Hope’: Agrarian Reform and Eschatology in the Thought of Archbishop Óscar Romero,” Duke Divinity School, Duke University, March 2017.

Speaker & Panelist, *Guatemala Mission Research Initiative*, Honors College, Baylor University, January & April 2017.

Speaker & Panelist, *Holy Journeys, Holy Destinations*, Sponsored by the Ethics Research Initiative and Religion Department, Baylor University, October 2016.

“God Matters for El Salvador,” *Honors College Formation Series*, Baylor University, October 2015.

“Agriculture in the Thought of Pope Benedict XVI,” *A Catholic Consultation on Environmental Justice and Climate Change: Assessing Pope Benedict XVI’s Ecological Vision for the Catholic Church in the United States*, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, November 2012.

Guest Lecture on Liberation Theology, *Christian Theology* (for Natalie Carnes), Baylor University, March 2012.

Guest Lecture on Catholic Agrarianism, *Food and Faith* (for Norman Wirzba), Duke Divinity School, April 2011.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“From Food Security to Food Sovereignty: Transforming the Emergency Meals-to-You Program,” *Just Food: Because It’s Never Just Food*, Joint Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS); Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS); Canadian Association for Food Studies (CAFS); and the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN), June 2021.

“The Moral Vision of Agroecology,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Chicago, Illinois, January 2021.

“John Clare’s Eco-Theological Critique of Enclosure,” *Ecology and Religion in 19th Century Studies Conference*, Baylor University, September 2019.

“Agroecology, Natural Law, and Catholic Social Teaching,” *New Wine New Wineskins Symposium*, University of Notre Dame, July 2019.

“Agroecology and Natural Law,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Lexington, KY, January 2018.

“To Till It and to Keep It’: A Theological Engagement with Agroecology,” *Stewardship of Creation*, Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University, October 2018.

“Nature’s Grammar and Agricultural Practice: Perspectives from Catholic Social Teaching and the Science of Agroecology,” *College Theological Society*, Newport, Rhode Island, June 2017.

“Archbishop Óscar Romero and Ordinary Violence,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, New Orleans, January 2017.

“*Ius necessitatis* in Catholic Social Teaching,” *New Wine New Wineskins Conference*, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., July 2016.

“Violence in Catholic Social Teaching,” *Annual Conference of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain*, St. Mary’s University, London, September 2014.

“Ordinary Violence,” *New Wine New Wineskins Conference*, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, July 2014.

“Hope and the Catholic Imagination,” *Climate Change and the Common Good*, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, April 2013.

“Agrarian Reform and Moral Theology,” *New Wine New Wineskins Conference*, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, July 2012.

“Agriculture and the Grammar of Creation,” *World Catholicism Week*, DePaul University, Chicago, April 2010.

“St. Thomas Aquinas and Catholic Agrarianism,” *Renewing the Face of the Earth: The Church in the Order of Creation*, Saint Thomas University, Minneapolis-St. Paul, October 2009.

“Prefiguring the Salvation of the World: The Eucharist and Agriculture,” *God, Grace, and Creation*, Annual Conference of the College Theological Society, Notre Dame, May 2009.

Guest Lecture on Food in the Christian Tradition, *Feasting, Fasting and Faith: Food in Jewish and Christian Traditions* (Vanessa Ochs), University of Virginia, Fall 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At **Baylor University**, Waco, Texas

Undergraduate: Christian Scripture; Christian Heritage; Environmental Ethics; War & Peace in the Christian Tradition; Great Texts (Ancient & Medieval); Hunger & Justice

Graduate: Contemporary Engagements with the Doctrine of Creation; Poverty, Luxury, and Art; Ecological Theology; Liberation Theology

At **Duke Divinity Course of Study**, Ahuachapán, El Salvador (Spanish instruction)

Theological Ethics; Church & Land

HONORS AND FELLOWSIPS

INVITED PARTICIPANT

- 2020 *Natural Law and Public Justice Working Group*
- 2020 *Romero and Catholic Social Teaching*, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 *Romero: Memory*, Catholic University of Louvain, November 4-10, Belgium
- 2016 *Problems in the Study of Religion*, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, May 31-June 17, University of Virginia
- 2011 *Catholic Social Thought: A Critical Investigation*, Lumen Christi Institute Graduate Summer Seminar, August 8-14, Portsmouth Abbey, Rhode Island

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty Research Fellowship
- 2017-9 St Andrews Fellowship in Theology & Science
- 2015 Dissertation Travel Award, Duke Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2014 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2012 Kearns Fellowship, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University
- 2009 James B. Duke Scholar, Duke Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2006 Ray C. Petry Scholarship (full scholarship), Duke Divinity School
- 2006 Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program Fellow
- 2005 Organization of American States Scholar (full scholarship)
- 2004 Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholar (full scholarship)

OTHER AWARDS

- 2021 Catholic Media Association Book Award (Third Place, Catholic Social Teaching)
- 2008 Goodwin Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing, Theological Horizons
- 2003 Tropical Agroecology Award (highest GPA of graduating class), CATIE
- 2000 Edgar Shannon Award (awarded to one outstanding graduate of each school), UVA
- 2000 *Phi Beta Kappa*
- 1999 UVA Alumni Association Scholarship
- 1998 Catherine Underwood Memorial Scholarship (Dean's Scholarship), UVA

- 1998 Wagenheim Scholarship (departmental scholarship of the English Department), UVA
 1997 Echols Scholar, UVA

ACADEMIC SERVICE

BOARDS

- 2019- Global Ethics steering committee for Baylor's Ethics Research Initiative
 2016- Board Member, New Wine New Wineskins
 2012-6 International Committee, World Hunger Relief Farm
 2010-1 Co-coordinator, Conceptualizing Justice Working Group, Duke University
 2008-9 Head Tutor, Center for Theology, Writing & Media, Duke Divinity School
 2008 Co-coordinator, Duke-UVA Colloquium, "Practices of Reading"

ADVISING/THESIS COMMITTEES

- 2021 Lucy Fisher (B.A.), *Christian Responses to Disease and Covid-19*
 2020 Michaela Scott (B.A.), *Ecclesial Responses to Central American Migration*
 2020 Jessica Alexander (B.A.), *An Examination of Social Impact Bonds from an Thomistic Perspective*
 2019 Robert Martinez (M.Div.), George W. Truett Theological Seminary Mentorship Program
 2018 Ben Haworth (M.Div.), George W. Truett Theological Seminary Mentorship Program
 2018 Rebecca Voth (B.A.), *Balancing Justice with Mercy: Two Approaches to Transitional Justice in Latin America*
 2016 Lauren Lee (B.A.), *Becoming the Church in the Face of State Violence: Lessons from Latin America*