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## **EDUCATION**

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|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| University of Notre Dame,<br>Notre Dame, Indiana    | 1990-1999 | M.A., Ph.D.; Christian Ethics           |
| Instituto Oscar Romero<br>Guatemala City, Guatemala | 1988      | Central American History<br>and Spanish |
| Earlham College<br>Richmond, Indiana                | 1981-1985 | B.A.; Peace and Global<br>Studies       |

## **DISSERTATION**

"Catholic Social Teaching and the Third World"

Directors: Dr. John Howard Yoder (until his death in December 1997)

Dr. Todd Whitmore (from December 1997)

## **TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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| Director, Peace Studies Minor, Xavier University                     | 2008-present |
| Associate Professor, Department of Theology, Xavier University       | 2009-present |
| Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Xavier University       | 2004-2009    |
| Visiting Professor, Department of Theology, Xavier University        | 2001-2004    |
| Visiting Professor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame | 2000-2001    |
| Instructor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame         | 1994-1996    |

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

*Catholic Social Teaching and Economic Globalization: The Quest for Alternatives*  
(Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2009)

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

"The Social Teaching of Pope Benedict XVI: Clergy, Laity, and the Church's Mission for Justice," in *Catholic Identity and the Laity*, College Theology Society Annual Volume 54, ed. Tim Muldoon (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009), pp. 120-133.

"Neoliberal Globalization: Critiques and Alternatives," *Theological Studies* 69:2 (June 2008), pp. 321-339.

"Implementing Catholic Social Teaching," in *Faith in Public Life*, College Theology Society Annual Volume 53, ed. William Collinge (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2008), pp. 39-61.

(This essay received the College Theology Society's award for "Best Scholarly Article of 2008.")

"Catholic Social Teaching, Empire, and the Quest for Justice," *Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict* (2006-2007), pp. 70-81.

"The Social Ethics of Pope John Paul II: A Critique of Neoconservative Interpretations," *Horizons: Journal of the College Theology Society* 33:1 (Spring 2006), pp. 7-32.

(This article received the 2007 Catholic Press Association First Place Award for "Best Feature Essay in a Scholarly Journal.")

"Catholic Teaching on War, Peace, and Nonviolence Since Vatican II," in *Vatican II: Forty Years Later*, College Theology Society Annual Volume 51, ed. William Madges (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006), pp. 224-244.

"Building a New World: The Catholic Worker and the Community of the Ark," *Contemporary Justice Review* 8:3 (September 2005), pp. 295-306.

### **Chapters in Books:**

"Catholic Social Teaching, Economic Rights, and Globalization," in *Christianity and Human Rights*, ed. Frederick Shepherd and Chris Metress (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2009), pp. 149-162.

"Christian Ethics and Global Injustice: The Case of Third World Debt," in *Reframing the Issues: Contemporary Essays in Peace Studies*, ed. Caroline Higgins (Richmond, IN: Earlham Press, 2004), pp. 163-181.

"The Catholic Worker and Socially Engaged Buddhism," in *Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement: Centenary Essays* (Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2001), pp. 531-549.

### **Articles in Popular Journals/Magazines:**

"The Ethics of Dietary Choices," *The Clergy Journal* 85:6 (July/August 2009), pp. 12-14.

### **Encyclopedia Entries:**

"Thich Nhat Hanh," "Socially Engaged Buddhism," and "Intentional Spiritual Communities," in *Encyclopedia of Spiritual and Religious Development in Childhood and Adolescence*, ed. E. Dowling and W. Scarlett (Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2006).

### **Book Review Essays:**

Review essay on Joseph Fahey, *War and the Christian Conscience: Where Do You Stand?* (Orbis Books, 2005) and Glenn Paige, *Nonkilling Global Political Science* (Xlibris, 2002), in *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice* 19:2 (2007), pp. 281-287.

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of Gus Gordon, *Solitude and Compassion: The Path to the Heart of the Gospel* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2009), in *Catholic Studies*, <http://www.catholicbooksreview.org>.

Review of Howard Richards and Joanna Swanger, *The Dilemmas of Social Democracies: Overcoming Obstacles to a More Just World* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2006), in *Journal of Peace Education* (March 2009).

Review of Dan McKanan, *The Catholic Worker After Dorothy: Practicing the Works of Mercy in a New Generation* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2008), in *Catholic Studies*, <http://www.catholicbooksreview.org>.

Review of Brian McLaren, *Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007), in *International Journal on World Peace* 25:1 (2008), pp. 120-122.

- Review of Ira Chernus, *American Nonviolence: The History of an Idea* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2004), in *Horizons: Journal of the College Theology Society* 35:1 (2008), pp. 165-166.
- Review of Marco Prouty, *César Chávez, the Catholic Bishops, and the Farmworkers' Struggle for Social Justice* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2006), in *H-Catholic: History and Culture of Catholicism*, <http://www.h-net.org/~catholic>.
- Review of Kathleen Maas Weigert and Alexia Kelley, eds., *Living the Catholic Social Tradition: Cases and Commentary* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), in *H-Catholic: History and Culture of Catholicism*, <http://www.h-net.org/~catholic>.
- Review of Henri Nouwen, *Peacework: Prayer, Resistance, Community* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2005), in *Catholic Studies*, <http://www.catholicbooksreview.org>.
- Review of Joseph Grassi, *Peace on Earth: Roots and Practices from Luke's Gospel* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2004), in *Catholic Studies*, <http://www.catholicbooksreview.org>.
- Review of Joe Holland, *Modern Catholic Social Teaching* (New York: Paulist, 2003), in *Catholic Studies*, <http://www.catholicbooksreview.org>.
- Review of John McNerney, *Footbridge Towards the Other: An Introduction to the Philosophy and Poetry of John Paul II* (London: T&T Clark, 2003), in *Horizons: Journal of the College Theology Society* 31:2 (Fall 2004), pp. 484-485.
- Review of George Soares-Prabhu, *The Dharma of Jesus* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2003), in *Catholic Studies*, <http://www.catholicbooksreview.org>.
- Review of Irene Lape, *Leadings: A Catholic's Journey Through Quakerism* (Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2003), in *Catholic Studies*, <http://www.catholicbooksreview.org>.

#### CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Catholic Social Teaching and Economic Globalization," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, June 2010
- "The Ecological Impacts of Our Dietary Choices," presentation prepared for the Ignatian Solidarity Network teach-in on environmental sustainability, Wheeling Jesuit University, March 2010 (unable to attend due to illness, but workshop materials were submitted to be posted on the ISN website)
- "Food, Justice, and Jesuit Education," Conference on Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, June 2009
- "Grace at Our Meals? The Impacts of Our Dietary Choices on God's Creation," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, June 2009
- "Dietary Choices and Christian Ethics," Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 2009
- "The Social Teaching of Pope Benedict XVI," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, June 2008
- "Faith and Public Life: Implementing Catholic Social Teaching," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, June 2007
- "Resources in Catholic Social Teaching for Critiques of War and Economic Injustice," Annual Conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association, October 2005
- "Peace Studies after 9/11," Address to a plenary session of the Annual Conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association, October 2005
- "Catholic Teaching on War, Peace, and Nonviolence Since Vatican II," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, June 2005

- "Catholic Social Teaching and Economic Rights," Conference on Christianity and Human Rights, Samford University, November 2004
- "The Social Ethics of Pope John Paul II: A Critique of Neoconservative Interpretations," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, June 2003
- "Catholic Social Teaching and Critics of Neoliberal Globalization," Conference on Christianity and Economics, Baylor University, November 2002
- "Economic Globalization and Christian Ethics," Symposium of Young Catholic Moral Theologians, University of Notre Dame, July 2002
- "Vegetarianism and Christian Ethics," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, June 1999
- "The Church and Social Change: John Howard Yoder and Catholic Social Teaching in Dialogue," Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 1999
- "Catholic Social Teaching and Economic Globalization," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, May 1998
- "The Catholic Worker and Socially Engaged Buddhism: A Dialogue," Conference to Commemorate the Legacies of Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton, Rivier College, April 1998; Conference to Commemorate the Centenary of Dorothy Day, Marquette University, October 1997
- "Christian Ethics and Global Injustice: The Case of Third World Debt," Annual Convention of the College Theology Society, May 1997
- "Sustaining a Commitment to Justice and Peace," Concluding Address, Regional Peace Studies Conference, University of Notre Dame, April 1997
- "Third World Debt: An Ethical Evaluation," Annual Meeting of the Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, March 1997

#### **PRESENTATIONS TO XAVIER UNIVERSITY GROUPS**

- "Catholic Social Teaching," talk presented to two "Contemplatives in Action" groups, September 14 and 15, 2010
- Participated in panel discussion on child labor and slavery, sponsored by the Youth Empowerment Network, on November 18, 2008
- "Catholic Social Teaching," presentation as part of orientation for new staff of Peace and Justice Programs, August 27, 2008
- "Catholic Teaching on Immigration" presentation as part of a campus forum on immigration issues, November 8, 2007
- Presented talk on Christian vegetarianism (and coordinated the preparation of a vegetarian meal) for a student-organized Interfaith Retreat, February 24, 2007
- Presented talk/led discussion on Israel-Palestine issues following showing of the movie "Paradise Now," sponsored by the Holy Land student club, November 28, 2006
- "Genocide in Darfur: What Can Be Done?," presentation/discussion with students of Brockman Hall on April 26, 2005
- "Iraq: Was the U.S. Invasion Justified? What Should Be Done Now?," talk at a public forum for Xavier students on September 16, 2004

#### **PRESENTATIONS TO CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

- "Catholic Social Teaching," talk presented to Community Friends Quaker Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, January 31, 2010
- "Catholic Social Teaching and the Economic Crisis," talk presented at the Community of the Good Shepherd parish, Cincinnati, OH, January 20, 2010. Also participated in follow-up discussion on January 21, 2010

Led workshop on "Dietary Choices and Climate Change" for a conference on Catholics and Climate Change sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Climate Change Task Force, Xavier University, April 5, 2009

Presented workshop on "Catholic Social Teaching" at a regional St. Vincent de Paul Society conference, Cincinnati OH, July 18, 2009

Participated in panel discussion on Darfur (with Nick Clooney, Episcopal Bishop Thomas Breidenthal, and others) at Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati OH, December 4, 2009

"The Challenge of Peacemaking," talk presented to Community Friends Quaker Meeting, Cincinnati, OH, September 9, 2008

"Christians and War," talk presented to a young adult group at Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH, April 17, 2008

"Catholic Teaching on War, Peace, and Nonviolence," talk presented at the Community of the Good Shepherd parish, Cincinnati, OH, August 27, 2007

"Peace in the World," talk on Catholic social teaching and war, part of the Lenten speaker series at Guardian Angels parish, Cincinnati, OH, March 22, 2007

"Catholic Social Teaching and the Elections: A Look at Some Debated Issues," talk presented at St. Xavier Church, Cincinnati, OH, October 25, 2006

Presented a day-long workshop on Catholic Social Teaching as part of an annual retreat for all of the Catholic high school principals from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, September 27, 2006

"Just War Theory and the War in Iraq," talk presented at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH, October 9, 2005

"A Catholic Perspective on Economic Globalization," talk presented as part of St. Xavier Church 'School of Living' lecture series, Cincinnati, OH, October 13, 2004

"Faithful Citizenship: Catholics and Political Participation," workshop on the U.S. Catholic bishops' document *Faithful Citizenship* at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Cincinnati, OH, October 4, 2004

"Buddhist Teachings on Violence and Nonviolence," talk presented at an interreligious forum on peacemaking, New Jerusalem Community, Cincinnati, OH, October 2001

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Xavier University Faculty Development Leave | Fall 2007   |
| Xavier University Summer Fellowship         | Summer 2005 |
| Jacob K. Javits Fellow                      | 1990-1994   |
| Durand Peace Studies Scholar                | 1984-1985   |
| National Merit Scholar                      | 1981-1985   |

## **OTHER ACADEMIC HONORS**

Received award for "Best Scholarly Article of 2008" from the College Theology Society for "Implementing Catholic Social Teaching," published in the *Annual of the College Theology Society*

Received Catholic Press Association 2007 First Place Award for "Best Feature Essay in a Scholarly Journal" for "The Social Ethics of Pope John Paul II: A Critique of Neoconservative Interpretations," published in *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*

Passed Ph.D. Candidacy Exams with Honors, University of Notre Dame  
Major: Christian Ethics Minor: Political Economy

Graduated from Earlham College with College and Departmental Honors  
Valedictorian, Central Catholic High School (Pittsburgh, PA)

**COURSES TAUGHT AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY**

Theological Foundations (THEO 111)  
Christian Ethics (THEO 303)  
Contemporary Ethical Issues (THEO 315)  
The Challenge of Peace (THEO 345/POLI 344)  
Catholic Social Teaching – for M.A. students (THEO 540)  
Contemporary Ethical Issues – for M.A. students (THEO 615)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

College Theology Society  
Society of Christian Ethics  
Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies  
Peace and Justice Studies Association