

C. Walker Gollar

Xavier University
3800 Victory Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45207-4442
gollar@xavier.edu

319 War Horse Place
Crestview Hills, KY 41017
859/331-7456 (home)
513/745-4373 (work)

Education

Ph.D., Historical Theology	University of Saint Michael's College, Toronto, OH	1995
M.A., Theological Studies	University of Dayton, Dayton, OH	1983
B.S., Psychology	Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH	1981

Academic Experience

2001— Associate Professor of Church History, Xavier University
1997-2000 Assistant Professor of Church History, Xavier University
1993-1997 Temporary Full-Time Professor of Theology, Xavier University

Courses Taught

THEO 676 American Catholic History	THEO 309 West African Religions
THEO 579 Ministry With Youth	THEO 238 U.S. Catholicism: Past and Present
THEO 571 Black Theology	THEO 231 African American Religious History
THEO 391 Dialogue and Global Responsibility	THEO 219 Christianity in the Americas
THEO 350 God on the Underground Railroad	THEO 210 Christian Tradition II
THEO 322 Black Church in Theology	THEO 209 Christian Tradition I
THEO 313 Christian Sexual Ethics	THEO 111 Theological Foundations

Recent Honors and Awards

2007 Jesuit Faculty Research Fellowship (semester sabbatical given to one Xavier professor per year)
2006 E/RS Pilot Program Award (for integration of lecture series in Xavier University classroom)
2005 Best Feature Scholarly Journal, Catholic Press Association Award
2005 Information Fluency Award (for best use of technology in Xavier University classroom)
2004 Semester Sabbatical
2002 E/RS Teaching Award (for best integration of Ethics and Religion in Xavier University classroom)
2001 Philanthropy Award (for best use of philanthropic principles in Xavier University classroom)
2000 Summer Sabbatical
2000 Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities Celebration of Teaching Award
1999 Bishop Fenwick Teacher of the Year Award, Xavier University

Publications

“Slaves of Saint Louis University,” accepted (in August 2008) for publication in *Missouri Historical Review*.

“The Impact of Slavery on Jesuit Education in Kentucky,” accepted (in December 2008) for publication in *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*.

“The Historical Methodology of John Tracy Ellis,” *Catholic Historical Review*, January 2011.

“The Women in John Lancaster Spalding’s Life,” *American Catholic Studies*, vol. 118, no. 4 (January 2008), 1-16.

“The Role of Midwestern Christian Higher Education in the Abolition of Slavery,” *The Cresset—A Review of Literature, the Arts, and Public Affairs*, vol. 70, no. 4 (April 2007), 22-33.

“The Good People of Indiana,” in *To Prefer Nothing to Christ—Saint Meinrad Archabbey 1854-2004*, Cyprian Davis, OSB, ed. (St. Meinrad: Abbey Press, 2004), 1-53.

“The Role of Father Badin’s Slaves in Frontier Kentucky,” *American Catholic Studies*, vol. 115, no. 1 (Spring 2004), 1-24.

“Father John Thayer: Catholic Antislavery Voice in the Kentucky Wilderness,” *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, vol. 101, no. 3 (Spring 2003), 275-296.

“Religion in Louisville,” *The Encyclopedia of Louisville* (University Press of Kentucky, 2001), 754-756.

“John Lancaster Spalding,” *The Encyclopedia of Louisville* (University Press of Kentucky, 2001), 840.

“Early Protestant-Catholic Relations in Southern Indiana, and the 1842 Case of Roman Weinzaepfel,” *Indiana Magazine of History*, vol. 95, no. 3 (September 1999), 232-254.

“At Home by the Sea: Isabel Green SCN and the House of Prayer Experience,” *Review for Religious*, vol. 58, no. 4 (July-August, 1999), 372-383.

“The Controversial and Contradictory Anti-Slavery of Father John Thayer (1758-1815),” *Records of the American Catholic Historical Association of Philadelphia* vol. 109, no. 3 (Fall 1998), 113-146.

“Catholic Slaves and Slaveholders in Kentucky,” *Catholic Historical Review*, vol. 83, no. 1 (January 1998), 27-54.

“The Caldwell Sisters,” *Encyclopedia of American Catholic History*, XXX (Liturgical Press, 1997), 185.

“The Alleged Abduction of Milly McPherson and Catholic Recruitment of Presbyterian Girls,” *Church History*, vol. 65, no. 4 (December 1996), 596-608.

“John Lancaster Spalding on Academic Freedom: The Influence of Louvain on an American Catholic Bishop,” *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses*, vol. 72, no. 1 (November 1996), 112-130.

“The Mammoth Cave Stagecoach Robbery and Effectiveness of Kentucky Judicial System in 1880s,” *Filson Club History Quarterly*, vol. 69, no. 4 (October 1995), 337-361.

“The Double Doctrine of the Caldwell Sisters,” *Catholic Historical Review*, vol. 81, no. 3 (July 1995), 372-397.

Book Reviews:

Review of *Frontiers of Faith—Bringing Catholicism to the West in the Early Republic*, by John R. Dichtl (2008), *Catholic Historical Review* (Fall, 2008), 636-637.

Review of *Passing for White—Race, Religion, and the Healy Family, 1820-1920*, by James M. O’Toole

(2002), *Catholic Historical Review* (Fall, 2004), 820-823.

Review Essay of *Rome and the New Republic*, by Dale Light (2000), *American Catholic Studies*, vol. 112, no. 1-4 (Spring, Winter, 2001), 81-95.

Review of *A Consuming Fire—The Fall of the Confederacy in the Mind of White Christian South*, E.Genovese (1998), *Catholic Historical Review*, (Summer, 2002).

Review of *Religion in Antebellum Kentucky*, by John B. Boles (1995 reprint of 1976 edition), *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, vol. 94, no. 3 (Summer, 1996), 345.

Review of *American Catholics and Slavery: 1789-1866* by Kenneth Zanca (1994), *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* (November, 1995), 247.

Other:

“The Underground Railroad in Kentucky,” Public Television Video produced by Kentucky Educational Television, 2000.

“A History of African-American Catholics in Kentucky,” Public Television Video produced by Archdiocese of Louisville, 1995.

Occasional Commentator on Religious and Historical Topics (Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, etc.) for local media (ABC, CBS, NBC affiliates, newspapers, etc.)

Academic Presentations

“Cincinnati Connections to the Underground Railroad,” Heartland Delta Conference IV, Xavier University, May 26, 2010.

“Jesuit Schools and Slavery,” American Catholic Historical Association, LaSalle University, April 17, 2009.

“Drawing the Line Between What Should, and What Should Not Be Told in American Catholic History—John Tracy Ellis and David Francis Sweeney’s *Life of John Lancaster Spalding*,” American Catholic Studies Seminar, Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame, September 27, 2007.

“The Role of Midwestern Christian Higher Education in the Abolition of Slavery,” Keynote Address, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and Arts 16th National Conference, Cincinnati, OH, October 2006.

“The ‘Malicious Conspiracy’ against Fr. William Hogan (1790-1848),” American Catholic Historical Association, Philadelphia, PA, January 2006.

“Slaveholder-Turned-Abolitionist, James Gillespie Birney,” Historic New Richmond Annual Meeting, New Richmond, OH, November 3, 2005.

“‘The Most Serious Scandal that Ever Afflicted the Church of Kentucky’: The 1827 Marriage of a Priest

and a Nun,” American Catholic Historical Association, Dayton, OH, April 2005.

“The Catholic Church, Slavery, and the Underground Railroad,” George C. Findley Memorial Lecture, Athenaeum of Ohio, Cincinnati, OH, September 2004.

“Black Power Before Politics,” Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Pittsburgh, PA, September 2004.

“Discretion and Truth: A Reappraisal of Monsignor John Tracy Ellis,” American Catholic Historical Association, Miami, FL, March 2004.

“Self-Help and Solidarity in Cincinnati’s Antebellum Black Churches,” 86th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of African American History and Life, Milwaukee, WI, October, 2003.

“Rediscovering Harriet Tubman on the Underground Railroad,” Legacies in the Borderlands Conference, Northern Kentucky University, January 2003.

“Harriet Beecher Stowe and Nineteenth Century Presbyterian Women of Cincinnati,” Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Cincinnati Conference, April 2002.

“Thomas Merton on War and Terrorism,” College Theology Society, Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY, March 2002.

“A History of Religion in Louisville from 1900 to 2000,” Beargrass-St. Matthews Historical Society, Louisville, KY, February 2002.

“Cincinnati’s Second Stop on the Underground Railroad: The (African) Union Baptist Church,” Borderlands Conference on Underground Railroad, Northern Kentucky University, May 2001.

“Cincinnati’s First Stop on the Underground Railroad: The (African) Union Baptist Church,” College Theology Society, Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY, March 2001.

“God on the Underground Railroad—The Faith and Integrity of James Gillespie Birney (1792-1857),” Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, February 2001.

“The Role of Father Stephen Theodore Badin’s Slaves in Evangelizing the Frontier (1793-1819),” Society of American Church Historians, Sante Fe, NM, May 2000.

“Slaves in the Family: The Catholic Experience in Kentucky,” 19th Annual Keenan Lecture, Spalding University, Louisville, KY, March 2000.

“Interfaith & Interracial Cooperation along the Underground Railroad—The Cheney & Dunlops of Mt. Healthy,” College Theology Society, Cincinnati, OH, September 1999.

“Vatican II and the House of Prayer Experience,” College Theology Society, Cincinnati, OH, September 1998.

“Catholic Renewal for Female Religious Orders and the House of Prayer Movement (1968-1986),”

History of Women Religious Conference, Chicago, IL, June 1998.

“Faith, Family, and Freedom in the African American Experience of Antebellum Kentucky,” American Church History Society, Tallahassee, FL, April 1998.

“Early Hoosier Anti-Catholicism and the 1842 Case of Roman Weinzaepfel,” American Catholic Historical Association, Indianapolis, IN, March 1998.

“At Home by the Sea: Isabel Green, SCN, and the House of Prayer Movement (1968-1986),” American Academy of Religion, Knoxville, TN, March 1998.

“The Catholic Opinion on Slavery,” American Catholic Historical Association, Richmond, Virginia, April 1997.

“The Underground Railroad in Northern Kentucky,” Keynote for Kentucky Historical Society, Northern Kentucky University, March 1997.

“Missionaries Among the Slaves of Kentucky, Black Family Ties, and the Underground Railroad,” College Theology Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 1996.

“Engaging the Student in a Course on American Catholic History,” College Theology Society, Dayton, Ohio, May 1996.

“The Catholic Intellectual Life From a Jesuit Perspective,” Conference of Midwestern Jesuit Universities, Columbus, OH, April 1996.

“The Women in John Lancaster Spalding’s Life,” American Catholic Historical Association, Houston, TX, March 1996.

“The Rape of a Catholic Priest: the 1842 Case of Roman Weinzaepfel,” Keynote for Indiana Historical Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 1995.

“Slander Against a Catholic Priest: the Seduction of Milly McPherson,” College Theology Society, Cincinnati, OH, September 1995.

“John Lancaster Spalding on Academic Freedom,” Conference on Theological Education, Milwaukee, WI, August 1995.

“Catholic Slaves and Slaveholders on the Kentucky Frontier,” American Catholic Historical Association, Milwaukee, WI, March 1995.

“Catholic Slaves in Kentucky,” College Theology Society, Cincinnati, OH, September 1994.

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion
American Catholic Historical Association
American Historical Association

Catholic Theological Society of America
Cincinnati Historical Society
College Theology Society
Filson Club Historical Association
Indiana Historical Society
Kentucky Historical Association
Seminar in American Religion, Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame
Society for the Study of African American History and Life

Recent Service:

University:

Chair Peace Studies Committee (since 2003; member of committee since 2002).

Chair Academic Service Learning Committee (since 2003; member of committee since 2002).

Member E/RS Committee (2002-2004).

Community:

Chair of Oral Traditions and member of History Committee for National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH (since 1997).

President of College Theology Society, Louisville Region, 1998-2003.

Historical Consultant to John P. Parker Historical Society, who with my aid restored the John P. Parker home, through which numerous fugitives slaves ran in Ripley, Ohio (since 1999).

Historical Consultant to Union Baptist Church Historical Preservation Committee, Cincinnati, OH (since 1999).

Historical Consultant to "Let Freedom Ring," a project that investigated the connection of First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati to the Underground Railroad (1999-2002).

Member of Board of Directors, NorthStar Productions, which oversees outdoor drama presentation on the Underground Railroad, to premier in Bracken County, Kentucky, in conjunction with the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center (since 2000)

Historical Consultant to Behringer-Crawford Renovation Committee, Behringer-Crawford Museum, Covington, Kentucky, 2001-2003.

Member of John P. Parker Award Committee which, with the sponsorship of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, grants annual prize for person in the Greater Cincinnati area who has demonstrated outstanding effort in race relations (since 2003)