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EMPLOYMENT

- 2020–present Associate Professor of Theology, Loyola University Maryland (LUM)
2014–2020 Assistant Professor of Theology, LUM

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D. Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 2014
Dissertation: “An Ecological Theology of Liberation: Reconstructing Gustavo Gutiérrez’s Concept of ‘Integral Liberation’ in View of the Yahwist, the New Jerusalem, and the Human Ecology of Alf Hornborg”
Director: J. Matthew Ashley
- 2009 M.A. Systematic Theology, Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC,
M.A. Thesis: “Toward an Ecological Christology: A Theology of the Human Vocation”
Director: Ilia Delio
- 2002 B.A. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2023 Bunting Peace and Justice Studies Summer Research Grant
- 2020-21 Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies (University of Notre Dame)
Visiting Research Fellow for *Confronting the Age of Cain: Christian Faith in the “Anthropocene”*
- 2020-21 Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for *Confronting the Age of Cain: Christian Faith in the “Anthropocene”*
- 2020 College Theology Society Best Book Awardee for *An Ecological Theology of Liberation: Salvation and Political Ecology*

- 2019 Bunting Peace and Justice Studies Course Development Award (to develop course entitled “Violence and Holiness in 20th-Century El Salvador,” co-taught with history department)
- 2019 Interdisciplinary Course Development Award from the LUM Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences (to develop “Violence and Holiness in El Salvador”)
- 2017–2018 Louisville Institute First Book Grant for Underrepresented Scholars, for *An Ecological Theology of Liberation: Salvation and Political Ecology*
- 2015 Recipient of a Summer Research Grant from the LUM Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences
- 2015 Bunting Peace and Justice Course Development Award (to develop course entitled “Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation”)
- 2014 Grant from LUM’s Catholic Studies Program (this award was used to cover the expenses of the students in my Liberation Theology course who attended the 2014 Ignatian Family Teach-In on Justice and Solidarity)
- 2009-2014 Global Linkages of Biology, Environment, and Society Fellow (GLOBES, funded through the National Science Foundation)
- 2013 Recipient of GLOBES Mini-Grant (this grant was used toward the construction of an urban perennial garden)
- 2012 Notebaert Professional Development Travel Grant Recipient, 2012 (used to fund travel to South Africa for the Christian Faith and the Earth International Conference)
- 2009–2010 Hispanic Theological Initiative Doctoral Fellow
- 2006–2009 Washington Theological Union Sister Katharine Drexel Service Scholar
- 1998–2002 National Hispanic Scholar Award Recipient, University of Florida

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Confronting the Age of Cain: Christian Faith in the “Anthropocene” (in progress)

An Ecological Theology of Liberation: Salvation and Political Ecology, with Foreword by Gustavo Gutiérrez (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2019), (N.B. awarded College Theology Society's 2020 "Best Book Award"; trans. into Korean 2021)

Essays (*Peer Reviewed Journals*)

"The Age of Cain: The 'Anthropocene,' Western Extractive Colonialism, and the Christian Imagination," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 44.1 (2024): 27–45.

"The Meek Shall Inherit the Earth: Surfacing the Politico-Ecological Dimensions of Nonviolent Struggle," *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 20.2 (2023): 241–257.

"Reconfiguring Ignacio Ellacuría's symbol of 'the Crucified People': Jesus, the Suffering Servant, and Abel," *Theological Studies* 84.1 (2023): 8–29.

"The Dynamism of Integral Liberation: Reconsidering Gutiérrez's Central Concept After the 'End of History,'" *Political Theology* 18.1 (2017): 44–59.

"Integral Ecology as a Liberation Concept," *Theological Studies* 77.2 (2016): 353–376.

"Agony in the Garden? Evaluating the Cosmology of Alejandro García-Rivera in View of the 'Little Story' and the 'Principle of Foregrounding,'" *Diálogo* 16.2 (2013): 65–68.

"'The Time of No Room': Toward a Theological Critique of Contemporary Attempts at Earth Management," *Scriptura* 111.3 (2012): 312–322.

Essays (*Commissioned and Refereed*)

"On Grieving for the Garden of the World: Catholic Education and the Cultivation of an Ecologically Sensitive Conscience" in *Conscience and Catholic Education: Theology, Administration, and Teaching*, eds. David DeCosse and Kevin Baxter (Maryknoll: Orbis, 2022), 183–197.

"Sobre la Escritura, el método y el discipulado perspectivas del trabajo de Gustavo Gutiérrez," trans. Carmen Lora de Gautier in *Memoria, presencia, future: A los 50 años de Teología de la liberación*, eds. Andrés Gallego, et al (Lima: CEP, 2021)

"Sobre 'Superar Las Actitudes y Los Estilos De Vida Egoístas': Las Reflexiones y Limitaciones Ambientales de Ecclesia in America," trans. in *Ecclesia in América: Un Diálogo Teológico e Intercultural*, eds. María Clara Bingemer and Peter Casarella (Buenos Aires: Agape Libros, 2021), 245–268.

“On the Challenge of Singing a New Church and a New World into Being: Liturgical Space and Prayer Amidst the Planetary Emergency” *Yale ISM Review* 6.1 (2021): <https://tinyurl.com/na37m9h9>

“Hacia una Teología Ecológica de la Liberación: A partir de la obra de Gustavo Gutiérrez,” trans. Pedro De Guchteneere *Paginas*, 254 (2019): 22–28.

“The Tree of Christ and the Tree of Satan: Ignatian Discernment in a Time of Eco-Social Crisis” *The Other Journal*, 28 (2018): 93–98.

“Speaking Structurally: Medellín’s Conception of the Socio-Structural Dimension of Human Life” in *The Legacy of Medellín* (Miami: Convivium, 2018), 124–135.

“Prophetic Mourning, Lament, and the Ecological Crisis” in *Our Fragile Earth*, ed. William T. Cavanaugh (Eugene: Cascade, 2018), 151–162.

“Against the Unity of Babel: Liberation Theology and the Language of Sustainable Development” in *Theology and Ecology Across the Disciplines*, eds. Celia Deane-Drummond and Rebecca Artinian-Kaiser (London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2018), 119–131.

“To Praise, Reverence, and Serve: The Theological Anthropology of Pope Francis” in *Everything is Connected: The Ecological and Theological Vision of Laudato Si’*, ed. Vincent Miller (London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2017), 95–107.

“To Cultivate and Care for Creation: The Human Vocation as the Unifying Principle for Ecological Theology and Soteriology,” *Koinonia: The Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Forum*, XXII (2010): 66-81.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

“Laudato Si’ and the Cry of the Poor” an invited paper for Creighton University (June 2023), virtual presentation

“The Age of Cain: The ‘Anthropocene,’ Western Extractive Colonialism, and the Christian Imagination” at the annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (Jan. 2023), Chicago, IL

“Ethical Imperatives Amidst a Planetary Emergency” an invited paper for St. Joseph’s University (Nov. 2022), virtual presentation

“Constructing an Ecological Theology of Liberation: One Methodological Consideration,” an invited paper for the virtual series “Teología de la Liberación: Perspectivas para el Tercer

Milenio. A 50 años de Teología de la Liberación,” organized by Pontificia Universidad Católica de Río de Janeiro, Duke University y Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (Oct. 2021), virtual presentation

“Contagion, Fascism, and Fear: Imagining a Way Out of the Anthropocene with Ignatius of Loyola,” an invited paper for the Center for World Catholicism at DePaul University (Jan. 2021), virtual presentation

“The Age of Cain: The Anthropocene, Extractive Colonialism, and the Production of Anti-Black Racism” an invited paper for the international symposium, “Vinte anos da Exortação Apostólica ‘Ecclesia in America,’” (Oct. 2019), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“Gustavo Gutiérrez and the Option for the Poor” an invited paper for a plenary panel at the University of Notre Dame for the Option for the Poor Conference (March 2019), South Bend, IN

“The Preferential Option for the Earth and Poor: The Task and Possible Contribution of Theology” an invited paper at the University of Notre Dame for the opening of the Ansari Institute of World Religions (October 2018), South Bend, IN

“Behold the New Adam: Christ, the Gardener, and the Eco-Social Crisis” at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA), (June 2018), Indianapolis, IN

“Toward an Ecological Theology of Liberation” an invited paper at the annual meeting of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (June 2018), Indianapolis, IN

Invited Response to Andrew Davison’s Address “Symbiosis and Mutualism: A Scientific Survey” at the Convention of the International Society of Science and Religion (Nov. 2017) Boston, MA

Invited Response to Anne Clifford’s Plenary Address “An Ecofeminist Response to *Laudato Si*” at the annual meeting of the CTSA (June 2017) Albuquerque, NM

“Pope Francis’ Call for Eco-Social Conversion,” an invited lecture presented at Villanova University’s Mendel Symposium (March 2017) Philadelphia, PA

“Integral Ecology as a Liberationist Concept,” presented at the annual meeting of the CTSA, (June 2016) San Juan, PR

“To Cultivate and Care for Creation: Can Nature (Alone) Be Our Guide?” an invited lecture presented at John Carroll University (April 2016) Cleveland, OH

“The Eco-Theological Anthropology of Pope Francis,” an invited lecture presented at the University of Dayton (March 2016) Dayton, OH

“The Gardener and the Image of God: Material Poverty, Ecological Degradation, and a Christian Understanding of the Human Person,” an invited lecture presented at the University of Utah (Sept. 2015) Salt Lake City, UT

“God, the ‘Gardener,’ and the Human Vocation: The Biblical Foundations of an Eco-Liberationist Theological Anthropology,” presented at annual meeting of CTSA (June 2015), Milwaukee, WI

“The Crucified Peoples and the Tree of Life: Ignacio Ellacuría, the Spiritual Exercises, and Political Ecology” presented at the annual meeting of the College Theological Society (CTS), (May 2015) Portland, OR

“‘Blessed Mourning’: The Church as a Site of Lament in the Midst of Ecological Crisis,” an invited paper presented at The Conference on World Catholicism at DePaul University (April 2015) Chicago, IL

“‘My Eyes Have Seen You’: The Formation of the Christian Prophetic Imagination in the Theology of Gustavo Gutiérrez.” Presented at the annual meeting of CTS (May 2014) Latrobe, PA

“Climate Change, Mourning, and Repentance.” Presented at the National Conference on Climate Change and the Common Good (March 2013) Notre Dame, IN

“‘The Time of No Room’: A Theological Critique of the Totalized Fiscal Quantification of the Earth.” Presented at the Christian Faith and the Earth International Conference (May 2012) Cape Town, South Africa

“‘Now and Forever Here’: Wendell Berry’s Port William Novels as Metzian Dangerous Narratives.” Presented at the annual CTS meeting (May 2012), San Antonio, Texas

“From Babel to Pentecost: An Eco-Theological Critique of the World Bank and the Language of ‘Sustainable Development.’” Presented at the annual CTS meeting (May 2011), New Rochelle, NY

“If Only You Had Eyes to See: The Threat of the ‘Mythologizing Cross’ in the Space of Empire.” Presented at the International conference of the Colloquium of Violence and Religion (June 2010), Notre Dame, IN

“‘To Cultivate and to Care’: The Human Vocation as the Unifying Principle for Ecological Theology and Soteriology.” Presented at the *Koinonia* Conference (2010) Princeton, NJ

COURSES TAUGHT

- ❖ Introduction to Theology
- ❖ Liberation Theology
- ❖ Christian Environmental Ethics
- ❖ The Resurrection
- ❖ Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation
- ❖ World Christianity
- ❖ Violence and Holiness in Twentieth Century El Salvador

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Completed LUM Service-Learning Workshop (Summer 2016)

Completed LUM Ignatian Pedagogy Workshop (Summer 2016)

Member of LUM Peace and Justice Reading Group (2014–2017)

Interdisciplinary Working Group on the Environment, University of Notre Dame (2012-2014)

GLOBES Interdisciplinary Reading Group (2011-2014)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Society of Christian Ethics (2019–present)

Member, Catholic Theology Society of America (2012-present)

Member, American Academy of Religion (2010-present)

Member, College Theology Society (2009-present)

Member, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (2013-2019)

SERVICE TO ACADEMY & COMMUNITY

Director of LUM M.T.S. Program (Spring 2020–2024)

Co-Chair of LUM Laudato Si' University Steering Committee (2022–2024)

Member of LUM Steering Committee for Environmental Studies (2021–present)

Co-Coordinator for LUM Committee on Catholic Social Thought (2018–present)

Post-Doctoral Fellow and Junior Faculty Mentor (2023–present)

Lead organizer for Public Lectures at LUM:

J. Matthew Ashley, “Hope at the End of the Anthropocene” (Spring 2024)
Elizabeth Gandolfo, “The Struggle for Our Common Home” (Spring 2024)
Cecelia Lynch, “Wrestling with Violence” (Fall 2023)
Willie James Jennings, “Acts” (Fall 2023)
Peter Fritz, “Healing the Sick Economy: Insights from CST” (Spring 2023)
David Lantigua, “Pope Francis on the Global Signs of the Times” (Spring 2022)
Paul Scherz, “Entrepreneurial Science, and the Reproducibility Crisis” (Fall 2019)
Michael Lee and Orfilio Valiente, “The Witness of Saint Óscar Romero” (Fall 2019)
Margie Pfeil, “White Complicity in U.S. Hyper-Incarceration” (Spring 2016)
Kelly Brown Douglas, “Jesus and Trayvon” (Spring 2016)
Willis Jenkins “Rather than a problem to be solved...” (Fall 2015)

Member of LUM Service-Learning Committee (2018–2019)

Peer Reviewer for *Religions*, *Political Theology*, *Modern Theology*, and *Theological Studies*

Co-Convener of the “Theology, Ecology, and the Natural Sciences” section of College Theology Society’s Annual Convention (2016-2018)

Instructor at Holden Village (Summer 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Community Lectures on Christian Environmental Ethics:

Baltimore Sisters of Carmel Community (Fall 2021)
Grace United Methodist Church (Spring 2018)
St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Spring 2016)
All Saints’ Episcopal Church (Spring 2016)
Pius X Parish (Spring 2015)

Member of the Advisory Council to the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame (2016–2019)

Faculty Liaison to the LUM Peace and Justice Club (2016-2017)

Community member of Jubilee House, the Gainesville Catholic Worker House, Gainesville, FL (2004–2006)

Community member of Karen House, the St. Louis Catholic Worker House, St. Louis, MO,
(2003–2004)

Jesuit Volunteer Corps, St. Louis, MO (2002–2003)