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St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI  
Curriculum Vitae

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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. *History of Christianity* The Divinity School, The University of Chicago  
M.A. *Religious Studies* The Divinity School, The University of Chicago  
B.A. *English Literature* Lawrence University, Appleton, WI

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Associate Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI 2016-present  
Assistant Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI 2008-2017  
Postdoctoral fellow, Department of Religious Studies, Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 2006-2008  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Religious Studies, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI 2005-2006

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*American Patroness: Marian Shrines and the Making of US Catholicism*, co-edited with Katherine Dugan, Ph.D., Fordham University Press (forthcoming, 2023)

## Refereed Articles, Essays, and Book Chapters

2022 *The National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima Meaning Making at a Niagara Falls Tourist Shrine* in “American Patroness,” Fordham University Press, 2023.

2022 *Much More for Use in This Present Age: Augustine Baker and Life Writing at Our Lady of Consolation Abbey at Cambrai* Forthcoming in “Reading Certainty: Epistemology and Exegesis on the Threshold of Modernity,” Brill, 2022

2017 *Adele Brise: Pioneer, Prophet, and Priest*, Special Issue, Nova Religio, November 2017

2017 Review Essay *Marian Apparitions in Trans Historical and Cultural Contexts-Recent Scholarship on Marian Apparitions* (6 titles) in Religious Studies Review Special Issue “*Studying the Extraordinary: Marian Apparitions and Anomalous Religious Experiences*,” Fall 2017

2017 *Citadel of Orthodoxy: Meaning, Message, and the Possibility of Pilgrimage at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, La Crosse, WI*. American Catholic Studies, April 2017

2015 Review essay on 50th anniversary of the year 1965 (Vatican II), *Fighter Pilot’s Daughter* by Mary Lawlor, *The Seer of Bayside* by Joseph P. Laycock, *The Catholic Labyrinth* by Peter McDonough, in American Studies Journal, July 2015

2012 *Adele Brise and the Negotiation of Authority at a Frontier Apparition Site*, Journal of American Catholic Studies, December 2012

## Public Scholarship (partial)

*Odd Comments by Michigan Football Coach Reveal Who Anti-Abortion Christians Think They’re Defending* Religion Dispatches, July 20, 2022.

*Anti-Vaxx Cardinal Burke is Becoming a Living Anti-Abortion Martyr* Religion Dispatches, August 21, 2021.

*Why Virginia Governor’s “God Is Everywhere” Statement Isn’t a Simple Answer to Those Who Want to Worship Together*, Religion Dispatches, December 22, 2020

*If Something about Trump’s Bible Photo-Op Felt Familiar There’s A Good Reason* Religion Dispatches, June 2, 2020

*Confronting Christian Anti-Semitism one Mascot at a Time*, Sojourners Magazine, May 2019

*How a 15th Century Book on Witchcraft Makes Sense of Trump’s Bizarre Baby Execution Story*, Religion Dispatches, April 29, 2019

*Is #MeToo Misogyny Unbiblical? Southern Baptist Women Test Limits of Biblical Inerrancy*, Religion Dispatches, June 8, 2018

*Trump's Easter Egg Roll, Inauthentic Christianity in a Bunny Suit*, Religion Dispatches, April 5, 2018

*The 17th Century Roots of Roy Moore's Refusal to Concede the Election* Religion Dispatches, December 13, 2017

*Southern Evangelicals Defend Peophilia Using Catholic Legends* Religion Dispatches, November 10, 2017

*Trump's Twitter Rant Helpfully Models Human Depravity, Spokesperson Suggests* Religion Dispatches, June 29, 2017

*The Case for Dragging your Bored Teens (and Tired Self) to Mass* America Magazine, May 18, 2017

*"Make Spain Great Again!" The Transhistorical Ties Between Donald Trump and Christopher Columbus*, The Los Angeles Review of Books, March 14, 2017

*How Trump God Absolved by a Widow's Suffering: Carynn Owens as "Victim Soul"*, Religion Dispatches, March 1, 2017

*Vatican Instruction on Cremation Rankles Many, But Give it a Second Look*, Religion Dispatches, November 4, 2016

*Forget "Nasty" Trump has a "Disgusting" Problem*, Religion Dispatches, October 24, 2016

*Trump and Evangelicals, No Works, Just Words*, Commonweal Magazine, September 12, 2016

*What We Think About Guns Reveals What We Think About God*, Sojourners, July 20, 2016

*When Auschwitz Becomes a Poke Stop*, Religion Dispatches, July 13, 2016

*God Occupies a Baby Crib*, Sojourners December 2012

*"It was so much fun I died of massive blood loss!": War Education in the Public Schools*, Rethinking Schools, Vol 23, No: 4, Summer, 2009

## **Book Reviews**

2021 *The Miraculous Flying House of Loreto: Spreading Catholicism in the Early Modern World* by Karin Velez, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Spring 2021

2020 *Monumental Jesus: Landscapes of Faith and Doubt in Modern America* by Margaret M. Grubiak, American Catholic Studies, Spring 2021

2017 *The Cruellest of All Mothers: Marie de l'Incarnation, Motherhood, and Christian Tradition* by Mary Dunn, Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society, June 2017

2015 *Sister Thorn* by Paula Kane, Church History, December 2015

2014 *The Lady of Angels and Her City: A Marian Pilgrimage* by Wendy M. Wright, American Catholic Studies, June 2014

2011 *English Women, Religion, and Textual Production, 1500-1625* edited by Micheline White, The Sixteenth Century Journal, Summer, 2011

2009 *Spirituality, Gender and the Self: Angela Merici and the Company of St. Ursula (1474-1540)* by Querciolo Mazzonis The Sixteenth Century Journal, Spring, 2009

2007 *Redefining Female Religious Life: French Ursulines and English Ladies in Seventeenth-Century Catholicism* by Laurence Lux-Sterritt. The Sixteenth Century Journal Autumn, 2007

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS**

St. Norbert College Faculty Development Summer Scholarship Grant, Summer 2019

St. Norbert College Faculty Summer Research Grant, Summer 2012

St. Norbert College Academic Service Learning Course Development Grant, November 2009

Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Newberry Library Research grant, January 2007

Martin Marty Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago 2003-2004

University of Chicago Doolittle Fellowship, 2003

Divinity Students Association Doctoral Examination Fellowship, 1998

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION**

### **Panels Organized**

2018 *Redemptive and Communicative Suffering in the American Political Landscape* American Catholic Historical Association, Washington, D.C, Jan 4-6, 2018

2015 *Mary in Cold War America*, American Catholic Historical Association, University of Notre Dame, March 26-28, 2015

2013, *American Catholics and the Virgin Mary: Defining, Distancing, and Domesticating Marian Devotion*, American Catholic Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, Jan 3-6 2013

### **Papers Presented (partial)**

2021 "A Sacred Neighborhood" The National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Fatima as a Site of Immigrant Memory and Meaning, AAR, History of Christianity Section, November 20, 2021.

2018 The "Victim Soul" in American Political Theater: War Widow Carryn Owens as a Suffering Saint American Catholic Historical Association, Washington, DC Jan 4-6 2018

2016 "Mother of the Unborn" A Transgressive Re-Interpretation of Our Lady of Guadalupe at a New American Shrine, American Academy of Religion Conference, San

Antonio, TX, Nov 19-22, 2016

“Gianna Molla, Maria Goretti, and the Aesthetics of Sainthood at a Modern Marian Shrine”

American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, TX, Nov 19-22, 2016

2015 “Mother of the Unborn, a New Political Representation of Our Lady of Guadalupe and its Implications” Upper Midwest Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, St. Paul, MN, April 17-18, 2015

“Joseph Slawinski’s ‘Peace Mural’: Our Lady of Fatima and the Line between Scientific Harmony and Nuclear Annihilation” American Catholic Historical Association meeting, University of Notre Dame, March 26-28, 2015

“Adele Brise: Catholic Pioneer, Visionary and Priest” American Catholic Historical Association Annual meeting, New York City, January 2-5, 2015

2013 “Bottles and Cans for the Basilica: Our Lady of Fatima after the Cold War”, American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2-5, 2013.

2012 “The Strangites of Voree: Inherited Prophetic Authority and the Preservation of a Minority Mormon Tradition,” American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago, November 17-20, 2012

2011 “Gather the Children in this Wild Country:” Boundaries and Borders at a Frontier Marian Apparition Site” American Academy of Religion Conference, San Francisco, November 19-22, 2011

2007 ‘Kept a little suckling still’: The Infant Jesus as an Object of Ridicule in the Poetry of William Prynne” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 17-20 2007

2007 ‘More for use in this present age’’: Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 25-28 2007

2005 “*The Lady Falkland Her Life: A Benedictine Biography*,” Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, October 14-16 2005

“Death and the Soteriological Imperative in *The Lady Falkland Her Life*,” Renaissance Society of America, Toronto, March 27-29 2003,

“Nuns as Nurses in the American Civil War” Conference on Women Religious, Milwaukee, WI June 6-8 1996

### **Panels Moderated/Chaired**

2016 Invited Panelist, Exploratory Session on Visual and Material Elements of the Global Marian Movement, American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, TX, Nov 19-22, 2016

2013 Chair, Panel on Nineteenth Century American Catholicism, American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2-5 2013.

2007 Moderator, “Negotiating Religion” undergraduate panel, Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, St. Paul, MN, April 2007

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Undergraduate and Graduate Courses Designed and Taught**

*Who is Jesus?* St. Norbert College, 2021, 2022

*Christian Mysticism*, St. Norbert College, 2014, 2018

*History of Catholicism in America*, Lawrence University, 2003, 2007

*Religion in America*, St. Norbert College, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2017, 2020 Lawrence University, 2006, 2008

*Introduction to Theology/Theological Foundations* St. Norbert College, 2006, 2008-2021  
*Mary through the Ages*, Lawrence University, 2007, St. Norbert College, 2012, 2017, 2021  
*Luther, Calvin and the Radical Reformation*, Lawrence University, 2007, 2008  
*Conversion and Conquest*, Lawrence University, 2008  
*The Christian Tradition* St. Norbert College, 2009-2022  
*Historical Theology* St. Norbert College MTS Program, 2011-2022

### **DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Faculty Mediation Committee (2022-present)  
Faculty Personnel Committee (2021-2022)  
TRS Assessment Coordinator (2020-present)  
Dean's Climate Enhancement Council (2018-2019)  
Title and Compensation Project Team (2018-2019)  
Admissions Committee (2018-2021)  
Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees (2018-present)  
Discipline Coordinator, Theology and Religious Studies, (2016-2019)  
Chair, Killeen Chair Committee, 2014-2019  
Director, American Studies Minor, 2012-2022  
Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (CEDI) 2013  
Killeen Chair Committee, 2010-present  
Faculty Advisory Committee, 2011-2013  
Honor Code Task Force, 2012-2014  
Humanities and Fine Arts Advisory Committee, 2009-2011  
Academic Honor Court 2009-2011  
Seminar leader, Mission and Heritage Cornerstones Trip, 2009-2010  
Faculty Advisor, St. Norbert College Habitat for Humanity chapter, 2008-2010  
FYE mentor, St. Norbert College, 2009, 2012  
ALIVE team mentor, St. Norbert College 2010-2011

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion  
American Society of Church History  
American Catholic Historical Association