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Education

Ph.D., Duke University, 2008.

Major: Contemporary Christian thought/Christian ethics

Supporting Areas of Emphasis: political theory, medieval history

Dissertation Title: *As Soul to Body: The Interior Act of the Will in Thomas Aquinas and the Importance of First-person Perspective in Accounts of Moral Action*

M.Div., University of Notre Dame, 1999.

B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1993.

Major: Theology

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses taught

Development of Western Civilization 101, 201

DWC 202: Race, Marginalization, and Theologies of Liberation (with Jennifer Illuzzi)

DWC 202: The Sacred and the Secular in the Global Struggle for Human Rights and
Dignity (with Eric Hartman)

PSP 101: Introduction to Service in Democratic Communities

PSP 320/1 Practicum

THL 200: Foundations of Theology

THL 363: New Testament in the Eternal City

THL 370: Principles of Moral Decision

THL 372: Contemporary Moral Problems

THL 375: Global Service in Solidarity

THL 376: Catholic Social Thought

THL/PSP 470: Special Topics: Faith, Politics, and Discourse

THL 470: Special Topics: Race, Gender, and Christian Discipleship

HON 480: Colloquium: Are We Free? (with Bill Hudson)

EDU 471: Engaging PC: The First Year and Beyond (with Kristine Goodwin)

Graduate courses taught

THL 670: Fundamental Moral Theology
THL 675: Applied Moral Theology
THL 740: Special Topics: Moral Problems Today
THL 656: Major Documents of Vatican II

RESEARCH

Publications

Dillon, D. L., “Corrective Lenses: Overcoming Envy’s Distorted Vision.” In Jana M. Bennett and David C. Cloutier (Eds.), *The Seven Deadly Sins and the Sacrament of Reconciliation*. [Forthcoming from Catholic University of America Press, Spring 2019]

Dillon, D. L., “In the Image of an Intrinsically Social God: Theological Foundations for a Culture of Inclusion in Catholic Higher Education,” In Benjamin T. Peters and Nicholas Rademacher (Ed.), *American Catholicism in the 21st Century: Crisis, Crossroads, or Renewal?* [College Theology Society Annual Volume 2017] (Orbis Press, 2018).

Dillon, D. L., “Intrinsically Evil Acts as a *Sine Qua Non* of Virtue Ethics,” *Horizons* (June 2014).

Dillon, D. L., “Expanding in a Different Direction: Reclaiming the Twofold Nature of the Moral Object,” *Heythrop Journal* (July 2012).

Dillon, D. L. “Dissent.” In Joel B. Green (Ed.), *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic Press, 2011.

Dillon, D. L. “Intention.” In Joel B. Green (Ed.), *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic Press, 2011.

Dillon, D. L. “Human Rights, the Common Good, and our Supernatural Destiny.” In Frederick M. Shepherd (Ed.), *Christianity and Human Rights: Christians and the Struggle for Global Justice*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2009.

Dillon, D. L., McCarthy, D. M. “Natural Law, Law, and Freedom.” In David Matzko McCarthy and M. Therese Lysaught (Ed.), *Gathered for the Journey: Moral Theology in Catholic Perspective*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2007.

Research in Progress

“Disputed Questions and the Dominican Charism: A Case on the Ground” (with Jennifer Illuzzi and Laurie Grupp)

“Christoform Mercy and LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Catholic Higher Education”

Academic Conference Presentations

“In the Image of an Intrinsically Social God: Catholic Identity and a Culture of Inclusion in Catholic Higher Education,” College Theology Society (June 2017).

“The Dominican Charism and Disputed Questions: A Case on the Ground,” Dominican Colloquium, panel presentation (with Jennifer Illuzzi and Laurie Grupp) (June 2016).

“The Use of Philosophy in Theological Conversations about Human Rights,” Society of Christian Ethics, panel presentation (January 2015).

“Toward Truth as One: The Spirituality of Unity in a Divided Guild,” Catholic Theological Society of America, Moral Theology Session (June 2014).

“Intrinsically Evil Acts as a *Sine Qua Non* for Virtue Ethics,” College Theology Society Ethics Section (May 2013).

“Response to Michael Baxter: On the Limits of Translation,” College Theology Society Ethics Section (June 2012).

"Linguistic Animals: Herbert McCabe's Integrated Account of Moral Agency," Catholic Theological Ethics in a World Church, “In the Currents of History: From Trent to the Future,” Trent, Italy (July 26, 2010).

"Consuming Vision: Toward a More-than-Economic Politics," College Theology Society, Peace and Justice Section, University of Portland (June 2010).

"Expanding in a Different Direction: Reclaiming the Twofold Nature of the Moral Object," Catholic Theological Society of America, Catholic Moral Theology Section, Halifax, Nova Scotia (June 2009).

"Teaching Religion Through Blogging," (with Seth Dowland of Duke University and Brantley Gasaway of Drew University), American Academy of Religion, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion, Chicago, IL (October 2008).

"The Impact of the Decline of the Catholic Sub-Culture on the Next Generation of Catholic Moral Theologians," Catholic Theological Society of America, Selected Session, Miami, FL (June 2008).

“Responding to ‘Three Uses of Virtue Ethics in Contemporary Moral Theology’,” New Wine, New Wineskins, South Bend, IN (July 2007).

“Harry Potter and a Fate Worse than Death: Landscaping the Moral Imaginations of our Children,” American Academy of Religion, Children, Literature, and Religion Joint Session, Washington, DC (November 2006).

Invited Lectures and Presentations

“Faithful Catholic Hospitality to LGBT Students” (with Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., and Kristine Goodwin), Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Senior Student Affairs Officers’ Meeting, Washington, DC (January 2017).

“Gay and Catholic: Being a Faithful Catholic Ally,” University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (December 1, 2016).

“Responding to Student Demands with Love and Mercy” (with Kristine Goodwin), Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities, St. Norbert’s College, Green Bay, Wisconsin (July 2016).

Invited panelist on “Libertarianism, Society, and Culture,” *Why Libertarianism Isn’t Liberal: Fourth Annual Dean’s Conference on Religion and Public Culture*, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. Boston, MA (April 5, 2015).

“On Being a Catholic Woman in America,” St. Joseph’s College, Hartford, CT (March 2013).

Invited Panelist on “Reasons to Love or Lose Catholicism,” *Lost? Twenty-Somethings and the Church* conference, Fordham University Center for Religion and Curran Center for American Catholicism. New York, NY (January 29, 2011).

"Falling to Pieces: Original Sin and the Fragmentation of the Self," Faith and Reason St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series, Columbia University Catholic Ministry, Columbia University, New York, NY (November 10, 2010).

Providence College and Providence Area Lectures and Presentations

“Suicide, Mental Health, and the Catholic Moral Tradition,” Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (October 26, 2016).

Bishop’s Panel on *Laudato Si’*, Diocese of Providence, Providence, Rhode Island (November 12, 2015).

Respondent to John Corvino’s “Sinners, Haters, and the Rest of Us: The Gay Debate Today,” Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (April 24, 2014).

Panelist “From the Mind to the Heart: A Dialogue about Mental Illness,” Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (April 12, 2011).

Faculty respondent “Is Gay the New Black?” co-sponsored by SOAR and SHEPARD, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (March 9, 2011).

“The Dignity of Work and Workers in the Catholic Social Tradition,” Providence College Labor Alliance, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (November 3, 2010).

“World HIV/AIDS Crisis and Catholic Social Teaching,” Theology on Tap/World AIDS Day Event, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (December 1, 2008).

“America Goes to the Polls: Catholic Perspectives on Election 2008” (with Joe Cammarano), Center for Catholic and Dominican Studies, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (October 22, 2008).

“To Vote or Not to Vote: Faithful Citizenship and Imperfect Options,” Holy Apostles’ Parish, Cranston, Rhode Island (October 9, 2008).

SERVICE

Theology Department Service

Department Representative to Faculty Senate. (2013-15; 2009-2011).

Department Coordinator of Core Curriculum implementation (January 2014 – present).

PC in Rome Committee (September 2012 – May 2014)

Faculty Advisor, Theta Alpha Kappa. (January 2008 – May 2011).

Member, Core Curriculum Review Subcommittee (January 2011 – May 2011).

Member, Moral Theology Search Committee. (July 2007 - February 2008).

Public and Community Service Studies Department Service

Department Representative to Faculty Senate. (September 2015-present).

Chair of Department Committee on Curriculum Revision (November 2017-present).

Providence College Service

Chair of Faculty Senate Student-Faculty Liaison Committee (September 2017-present)

Academic Integrity Committee (May 2017 – present)

Chair of Committee on NEASC Standard #1: Mission and Purpose and member of NEASC Steering Committee (March 2016-October 2017)

Advisor, Undeclared Advising Program (June 2016-present; June 2009 – June 2011).

Chair of Faculty Senate Diversity Committee (September 2015-2017)

Coordinator of CTE Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar on Value (January – May 2015)

Member of Difficult Dialogues Implementation Team (January 2014-present)

Faculty representative to Board of Trustees Subcommittee on Catholic and Dominican Mission (May 2014-present)

Faculty Resident Director, CEA/PC Center for Theology and Religious Studies in Rome (August 2011 – May 2012)

Member/ethicist, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (September 2009 – June 2011).

Committee Member, Learning Management System Task Force (April 2010 – May 2011).

Committee Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Departmental Affairs (September 2009 – May 2011).

Service to the Academy

Executive Coordinator of Digital Media (and ex officio Board Member), College Theology Society (May 2016-present)

Planning Committee for Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities' Senior Student Affairs Officers' annual pre-conference meeting (March 2016-present).

Convener, Ethics Section, College Theology Society (May 2013-May 2016).

Founding Member and Contributor, CatholicMoralTheology.com (Jan 2011-present).

Member. Catholic Conversation Project (Aug 2010 – present).

Director, Board of Directors, New Wine, New Wineskins, Notre Dame, Indiana (July 2009 – August 2011).

Associate Director, Board of Directors, New Wine, New Wineskins, Notre Dame, Indiana (July 2006 – July 2009).

Service to the Community

President of the Board of Directors, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Rhode Island (November 2015-present)

Teacher, Facilitator and State Trainer in the Family to Family Education Program and Family Support Group Program, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island (September 2008 - Present).

Board Member and Corporation Secretary, Harbor House Clubhouse, Providence, Rhode Island (November 2010 – June 2014).

Board Member, Providence Clubhouse Development Group, Providence, Rhode Island (May 2009 - November 2010).

Awards

Friar Four Collaborative Colleague Award, Providence College Division of Student Affairs, 2016-17.

Helen M. Downey Volunteer of the Year Award, National Alliance on Mental Illness-- Rhode Island. (May 26, 2010).

OTHER

Professional Memberships

College Theology Society (June 2010 - Present).

Society of Christian Ethics (January 2005 - Present).

Catholic Conversation Project (formerly the Fordham Conversation Project) (August 2010 - present).

New Wine, New Wineskins (July 2002 - 2012).

Development Activities

"Value" Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar Coordinator and Participant, Providence College Center for Teaching Excellence (January 2015 - May 2015).

Rhode Island Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Program (August 2014 – June 2015).

"Are We Free?" Interdisciplinary Faculty Seminar Participant, Providence College Center for Teaching Excellence (January 2009 - May 2009).

Fides et Ratio Seminar in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, hosted by the Faith and Reason Institute, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island (July 2008).