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## **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.—Practical Theology with a concentration in Christian Spirituality**  
The University of Chicago, 1997. Qualifying exams passed with distinction.

### **Master of Divinity**

The University of Chicago, 1993.

### **Postgraduate Diploma in Pastoral Studies**

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland, 1995.

### **B.A.—Major, Religious Studies**

Yale University. 1990. *Cum laude* with distinction in the major.

## **GRANTS AWARDED**

- Louisville Institute, Sabbatical Grant for Researchers. \$40,000 to support sabbatical research: “Bridging the Gap: Christian Spiritual Traditions and the Quotidian Practices of Lay Women.” Awarded 2011.
- Lilly Endowment Grant of nearly \$1 million for five-year continuation project to advance research of “Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence” project and to integrate findings in theological education and congregational life. Co-Principal Investigator. Awarded 2007.
- Lilly Endowment Grant of \$2 million to establish the Center for Practical Theology at Boston University. Co-Principal Investigator. Awarded 2004.
- Lilly Endowment Grant of \$2 million to support five-year project on “Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence.” Principal Investigator. Awarded 2002.
- Lilly Endowment Grant of \$1.5 million to support initiatives in Practical Theology. Co-Principal Investigator. Director (with Peter Berger) of the “Church and Theology in the Contemporary World” Project. Awarded 1998.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Spiritual Formation***  
***Boston University School of Theology***  
***Faculty Member, 1997-Present. Tenured, 2003.***

- Core Advisor in PhD Program in Practical Theology. Concentration advisor in Spirituality in PhD Program in Practical Theology.

- Primary Advisor for Doctor of Ministry, Concentration in Spirituality
- Primary Advisor for Doctor of Theology, Minor in Spirituality.
- Advisor to Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Theology (specialization: Spirituality), and Master of Theological Studies students.
- Courses Designed and Taught:
  - “Practices of Faith”  
(Required course for all entering Master of Divinity students, designed with a team of faculty colleagues and co-taught with Mary Elizabeth Moore and Elizabeth Parsons)
  - "Church and Theology in the Contemporary World" (Doctoral Seminar)  
(Taught solo and team-taught with Peter Berger)
  - “Proseminar in Practical Theology” (Doctoral Seminar)  
(Taught solo and team-taught with Bryan Stone and with Mary Elizabeth Moore)
  - “Classics in Christian Spirituality” (Doctoral Seminar)
  - "Spiritual Guidance in the Christian Tradition"
  - "Spiritual Autobiographies"
  - “Sabbath: Theology and Practice” (Team-taught with Jewish teaching partners)
  - “Work and Faith”
  - “Prayer and Social Engagement”
  - "Spiritual Resources and Disciplines"

***Visiting Lecturer, Boston College, Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, Post Master’s Certificate Program in the Practice of Spirituality.***

- 2009 “Historical Models of Spiritual Guidance”
- 2007 “Historical Models of Spiritual Guidance”
- 2005 “Historical Models of Spiritual Guidance”
- 2004 “Spirituality and One’s Work Community”
- 2002 “Spirituality and One’s Work Community”
- 2001 “Spiritual Guidance in the Historic Christian Tradition”

***Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University, 1993-1996.***

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

- "Business, Ethics, and Society"
- "The Christian Experience: Historical Introduction to Christianity"
- "Introduction to Religion: World Religions"

**PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP**

- President, International Academy of Practical Theology, 2011-2013.
- President, Association of Practical Theology, 2008-2010.
- Vice President, International Academy of Practical Theology, 2007-2009.
- President Elect, Association of Practical Theology, 2006-2008.
- American Academy of Religion Theological Education Steering Committee, 2009-2011.
- Governing Board, Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, 2004-2007.

- Editorial Team, Religion and Contemporary Culture Series. Gottingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Publishers, 2007-2011.
- Editorial Board, *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006-present.
- Editorial Consultant, *The Way: A Review of Christian Spirituality Published by the British Jesuits*. Oxford, United Kingdom, 2005-present.
- Advisory Council, *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision for Ministry*. Decatur, Georgia: ACPE, 2007-present.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE (RECENT)**

- Co-Director and Co-Founder, Center for Practical Theology, Boston University, 2004-present.
- Chair, Area D (Practical Theology Area), Boston University School of Theology: 2010, 2011, Appointed to a four-year term: 2011-2015.
- Chair, Advanced Studies Committee (oversee doctoral programs, policies, petitions, admissions and fellowships), Boston University School of Theology: 2010, 2011.
- Director, Pastoral and Spiritual Formation program, Boston University School of Theology, 2001-2009.
- Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, Boston University School of Theology, 2010, 2011.
- Co-Director, Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Project, Boston University, 2003-present.
- PhD Program Committee, Boston University School of Theology, 2008-present.
- Chair, Professional Education and Life Long Learning Committee, Boston University School of Theology, Fall 2009.
- Faculty Council, Boston University School of Theology, 2010-2011.

#### **AWARDS, HONORS, and FELLOWSHIPS**

Book Award (Third Place), Catholic Press Association, May 2003. For *Navigating New Terrain: Work and Women's Spiritual Lives* (New York: Paulist Press, 2002).

Faculty Fellowship, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame. Awarded 1998.

Junior Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago, 1996-97.

Louisville Institute Dissertation Writing Fellowship (offered 1997).

Rotary Scholarship to support graduate study at St. Patrick's College, Ireland, 1994-95.

Elsa Marty Entering Fellowship in Ministry, University of Chicago Divinity School, 1990-91.

James Reed Roberts Scholarship, Yale University, 1986.

Younger Scholars Grant, The National Endowment for the Humanities, 1986.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS**

- *Sabbath in the City: Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence*. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008. Co-authored with Bryan Stone.
- *Lord, Have Mercy: Praying for Justice with Conviction and Humility*. San Francisco: Jossey Bass, 2006.
- *Navigating New Terrain: Work and Women's Spiritual Lives*. New York: Paulist Press, 2002.
- *American Catholics Through the Twentieth Century: Spirituality, Lay Experience, and Public Life*. New York: Crossroad Publishing Company, 2001.

### **ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS**

“‘Practices of Unsayings’: Michel de Certeau, Spirituality Studies, and Practical Theology.” *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*, forthcoming 2012.

"Spirituality." In *The Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology*, edited by Bonnie Miller McLemore, 328-336. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2011.

“Re-Claiming Sabbath as Transforming Practice: Critical Reflections in Light of Jewish-Christian Dialogue.” In *Religion, Diversity, and Conflict: Proceedings of the International Academy of Practical Theology*, edited by Edward Foley, 247-258. Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2011.

“Standing at the Gap: Reading Classics and the Practices of Everyday Life.” *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*, vol. 10, no. 2 (2010): 250-255.

“Pastoral Excellence: Research Findings and Visions for Future Work.” In *Engaging Pastors: Papers and Reflections from the Summative Conference*. Elkhart, Indiana: Institute of Mennonite Studies and the Church Leadership Center, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2010.

“Animating Questions: Spirituality and Practical Theology.” *International Journal of Practical Theology*, vol.13 (2009): 121-143.

“New Currents in Spirituality and Their Impact on Marital Spirituality.” In *Companion to Marital Spirituality*, edited by Thomas Knieps-Port Le Roi and Monica Sanders, 47-58. Leuven, Belgium: Peeters, 2008.

“Creation and Newness of Life: Reflections on Formation.” *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision for Ministry* 27 (Spring, 2007): 6-18.

"Devotion and the Struggle for Justice in the Farm Worker Movement: Practical Theological Approaches to Research and Teaching." *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*. 5:2 (2005): 158-175.

"Public Life." In *New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, edited by Philip Sheldrake, 515-516. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.

"Spirituality and the Social Sciences." In *New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, edited by Philip Sheldrake, 68-73. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.

"Work." In *New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, edited by Philip Sheldrake, 651-652. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.

"Modernization and Religion: An Exploration of Women's Changing Economic Roles as a Practical Theological Challenge." In *Poverty, Suffering, and HIV-AIDS: International Practical Theological Perspectives*, edited by Pamela Couture and Bonnie Miller-McLemore, 105-115. Cardiff, Wales: Cardiff Academic Press, 2003.

"The American Experiment: Religious Liberty, Roman Catholicism and the Vision of John Courtney Murray." *Journal of Human Rights* 2, no. 1 (March 2003): 31-47.

"Spirituality." In *Encyclopedia of Science and Religion*, edited by J. Wentzel Vrede van Huyssteen et al. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003.

"Attention or Destruction: Simone Weil and the Paradox of the Eucharist." *The Journal of Religion* 81, no. 3 (July 2001): 359-376.

"The American Experiment: Religious Liberty, Roman Catholics, and the Vision of John Courtney Murray." In *Tolerancija I Tradicija*, edited by Adam Seligman and Rusmir Mahmutcehajic, 105-130. Sarajevo: Forum Bosnae, 2001.

"Graceful Work: Practical Theological Study of Spirituality." *Horizons* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 7-21.

"A Difficult Love: Mother as Spiritual Guide in the Writing of Susanna Wesley." *Methodist History* 38, no. 1 (October 1999): 53-62.

"How Can Churches Help Families Live Safely in a Violent Society?" In *Religion and Family: A Practical Theology Handbook*, edited by Herbert Anderson et al., 181-186. Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1998.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *Reviving Christian Humanism: The New Conversation on Spirituality, Theology, and Psychology*, by Don S. Browning. *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*, Vol. 11, no.1 (Spring 2011): 143-146.

Review of *Caryll Houselander: Essential Writings*, by Wendy Wright. *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*, vol. 7, no. 2 (Fall 2007): 218-220.

Review of *Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Christian Families as Domestic Churches*, by Florence Caffrey Bourg. *Journal of Religion* 85:1 (January, 2005): 145-146.

Review of *Sociology, Theology, and the Curriculum*, edited by Leslie J. Francis." *Religious Studies Review* 27, no. 1 (January 2001): 51.

Review of *After Heaven: Spirituality in America Since the 1950s*, by Robert Wuthnow." *Society* 37, no. 1 (November/December, 1999): 108-110.

Review of *Christian Spirituality: Themes from the Tradition*, by Lawrence S. Cunningham and Keith J. Egan, and *Understanding Christian Spirituality*, by Michael Downey." *The Journal of Religion* 78, no.3 (July 1998): 458-460.

### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

"Time Use Research, Women, and Spiritual Practice: Bringing Theology to the Juggling Act." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Francisco. November 19, 2011.

"Time Poverty and Women: Implications for Religion and Spirituality." International Association of Time Use Research. University of Oxford, England. August 2, 2011.

"Women Speak: (Un)Godly Desires in Work and Family: A Practical Theological Analysis." International Academy of Practical Theology. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. July 20, 2011.

"Life in its Fullness and the Experience of 'Time Famine': A Practical Theological Analysis." British and Irish Association of Practical Theology. London, England. July 12, 2011.

"Reshaping Theological Education in Light of the Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Initiative." Lilly Endowment SPE Summative Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana. May 12, 2011.

"Practical Theology and Spirituality: Research Trajectories and Theological Education." St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida. "Social Sciences and Practical Theology" PhD seminar. February 24, 2011.

"Spiritual Practices, Religious Pluralism, and Theological Education: Christian Perspectives." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. November 1, 2010.

"Roman Catholic Moral Theology and Practical Theology: Points of Commonality and Difference." Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, June 12, 2010.

"Women's Autobiographies: Sources for Theological Reflection on Family, Labor, and Spirituality." International and Interdisciplinary Colloquium on the Family, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada. May 8, 2010.

"Revisiting the Desert: Implications of Domestic Church Theology for Models of Spiritual Renewal." The Household of God and Local Households: Revisiting the Domestic Church International Conference. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, March 12, 2010.

“Excellence in Ministry: Research Findings and Strategic Proposals.” Keynote Address: Engaging Pastors Summative Conference, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Indiana, via videoconferencing), December 2, 2009.

“Teaching Practices of Sabbath Keeping: Reflections in Light of Jewish-Christian Dialogue.” International Academy of Practical Theology Conference, Chicago, July 31, 2009.

“Sabbath in the City: A Framework for Reflection and Research.” Keynote Address, Sabbath in the City Conference, Boston University. Conference co-sponsored by the Center for Practical Theology and the Lord’s Day Alliance. October 2, 2008.

“Cross-Cultural Theological Reflection: Women and Work in the Contexts of the United States and Aotearoa New Zealand.” Wellington Catholic Education Centre, Wellington, New Zealand. April 30, 2008.

“Practical Theology and Spirituality: Methods and Aims of Research.” Invited Presentation, University of Auckland, School of Theology, Auckland, New Zealand. April 18, 2008.

“Dialogue of Disciplines: Practical Theology and Spirituality.” Association of Practical Theology Biennial Meeting. Collegeville, Minnesota, April 12, 2008.

“Praying for Justice: Congregations, Spirituality, and Social Action.” Center for Congregations. Indianapolis, March 6, 2008.

“Women and Leadership: Religious Dimensions of Women’s Work.” Invited Lecture, Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. March 2, 2008.

“Prayer and Social Action: Theological Reflections.” Invited Lecture, Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. March 1, 2008.

“Division in the Body: Practical Theological Reflections on Prayer in the Pro-Life and Pro-Choice Movements.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 17, 2007.

“Teaching for Justice: Research and Teaching Strategies in Higher Theological Education.” Panelist at the annual meeting of The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality, San Diego, California, November 16, 2007.

“Sustaining the Spirit in Urban Ministry: Wisdom from Sabbath Rest.” Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence Project Concluding Conference, Boston University, October 9, 2007.

“Prayer and Struggles for Justice: Exploring Theological Complexities.” International Academy of Practical Theology Conference, Berlin, Germany, April 1, 2007.

“Wrestling with Faithful Practices: Prayer and Social Justice.” Practices of Faith: Embodying a Way of Life Conference. Cosponsored by the Center for Practical Theology, Boston University and the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of Persons in Faith. University Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts. April 26, 2007.

“Women in the Workforce: Grappling with Questions of Vocation and Holiness.” Invited Lecture, St. Mary’s College, South Bend, Indiana, October 25, 2006.

“Practical Theological Approaches to Research and Teaching in Spirituality: A Case Study of Devotional Practices in the Farm Worker Movement Led by Cesar Chavez.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 2004.

“Horizons in Practical Theology: Religious Practices as a Context for Interreligious Engagement: A Response to Rkia Cornell and John Berthrong.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 2004.

“Dilemmas of Public Faith: Theological Case Studies in Cross-National Perspective.” Opening Presentation, “Prayer and Social Engagement: Visions, Practices, and Complexities” Conference, Berlin, May 27-29, 2004. Co-hosted by the Church and Theology in the Contemporary World Conference and the Protestant Academy Berlin.

“The Taizé Community: Prayer as Communion and the Mission of Reconciliation.” Presented at “Prayer and Social Engagement: Visions, Practices, and Complexities” Conference, Berlin, May 27-29, 2004. Co-hosted by the Church and Theology in the Contemporary World Conference and the Protestant Academy Berlin.

“Critical Issues in Research on Women in the Workplace: Towards Formulating a Pastoral Response.” Invited Presentation, United States Catholic Conference, Committee on Women in Church and Society, Washington DC, September 12, 2002.

“Religion and Socio-Political Involvement: International Case Studies.” Invited Lecture, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, São Carlos, Brazil, March 7, 2002.

“The Public Role of the Church: Framing the Questions, Ireland and Comparative Perspectives.” Opening Address, Church and Theology in the Contemporary World International Conference, Co-Sponsored by the Conference of Religious in Ireland, Dublin, Ireland, February 11, 2002.

“Roman Catholic Women in the United Farm Workers Movement: Defining Religious Identity and Political Strategy.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 18, 2001.

“Public Religious Leadership: A Theological Exploration of Alternative Models.” Church and Theology in the Contemporary World Conference, Boston University, July 21, 2001.

“The Public Role of the Church in Changing Social Contexts: Theological and Spiritual Reflections.” Invited Lecture, Korean Association of Women Theologians, Korean Bible Society, Seoul, Korea, June 1, 2001.

“Toward the Formation of Public Religious Leaders in a Context of Religious Pluralism.” Presentation to the Fellows of the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nagoya, Japan, May 28, 2001.

“Modernization and Religion: Women’s Changing Economic Roles as Practical Theological Challenge.” International Academy of Practical Theology, Stellenbosch, South Africa, April 10, 2001.

“Women in the Workplace: Spiritual and Ecclesial Challenges.” National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Consultation with Diocesan Women Leaders, Chicago, Illinois, March 13, 2001.

"Work and Religion: Theological Issues Raised by Women's Changing Experiences in the Workplace, 1940-Present." National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Women in Society and in the Church, Chicago, Illinois, September 18, 2000.

"Christian Spirituality and the Church's Social Mission: Cross-Cultural Contexts." University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, May 6, 2000.

"Christian Faith, the Church, and Public Life: Questions about Belief, Identity, and Engagement." Church and Theology in the Contemporary World Conference, Boston University, April 29, 2000.

"A Fragmented Life?: Negotiating Vocations in Work and Family." Catholicism in Twentieth Century America Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 10, 2000.

"Setting the Scene: Women's Changing Work Patterns and the Religious Effects of Modernization." Working Group Meeting of the Catholicism in Twentieth-Century America Project, University of Notre Dame, October 23, 1999.

"Stewardship at the Heart of the Church: Contemporary Theological Perspectives." Invited Lectures. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America National Stewardship Meeting, Lisle, Illinois, February 4 and 5, 2000.

"The American Experiment: Roman Catholics, Religious Freedom, and the Vision of John Courtney Murray." Religious Toleration Project International Meeting, Vienna, Austria, April 28, 1999.

"Searching the Depths: Constructing Adequate Practical Theological Responses to Violence." American Academy New England/Maritimes Regional Meeting, April 16, 1999.

"Beyond Prayer: Spirituality and Expanded Notions of Spiritual Practice: Toward a Practical Theological Approach to the Study of Spirituality." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 22, 1998.

"'Keep Your Mitts Off My Spirit': American Catholic Lay Women's Experiences of Work and Spirituality, 1950-1995." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 23, 1998.

"Susanna Wesley: Spiritual Guidance and the Tension between Loving and Letting Go." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 22, 1998.

"The Family, Work, and Politics: Intersections with Spirituality." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 24, 1996.

"Spirituality and Family Life: Teachings of the Magisterium and Contemporary Reflections." All Hallows College, Lay Ministry Program, Dublin, Ireland, March 13, 1995.

"Defining and Preventing Harm: The Role of Religious Institutions." The Public World of Childhood Project Conference, University of Chicago, September 17, 1994.

#### **RECENT ACADEMIC SESSIONS CHAIRED**

"Michel de Certeau and Mysticism/Spirituality: Twenty Five Years Later." Christian Spirituality Group. American Academy of Religion. San Francisco. November 19, 2011.

“The Stories of Our Lives: The Academy, Faith Communities, and the Production of Spiritual Narratives.” Keynote Presentation by Nancy Ammerman. Responses by Rev. Dr. Martin McLee and Dr. Gordon Mikoski. Association of Practical Theology Biennial Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts. April 9, 2010.

“Sabbath Practices and Pastoral Leadership.” Association of Practical Theology Biennial Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 11, 2010.

“Practical Theology and Religious Pluralism: Possibilities and Challenges for Teaching.” Association of Practical Theology. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 7, 2009.

### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

- Faith Formation Commission, Adult Faith Formation Committee, and Religious Educator, Holy Family Parish, Concord MA.
- Advisor, United States Catholic Conference Bishops’ Committee on Women in Society and in the Church, 2001-2004.
- Lilly Endowment/ARIL Mentoring Program Faculty Participant, 1999-2000.
- Faculty-in-Residence, Boston University, 1999-2000.
- Director, The Public World of Childhood Project, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, 1992-94.
- Ministry Intern, St. Thomas the Apostle RC Parish, Chicago, IL, 1991-92.
- Assistant Director, Soup Kitchen for Women and Children, New Haven, CT, 1989-90. Awarded grant by Dwight Hall to establish soup kitchen for women and children, in coordination with local Episcopal church.