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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Emory University, 2018
Master of Divinity, University of Notre Dame, 2010
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Whitworth College, 2006

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Theological Studies
Loyola Marymount University, 2018-present
Tenure Track

TEACHING/ADVISING

1. COURSES TAUGHT AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate

FFYS 1000 Bad Catholics
THST/CATH 1020 American Catholicism
THST 1050 In Search of a Way
THST/CATH 3231 Catholicism after Vatican II
THST 4090 Major Theol. Thinker: Elizabeth Johnson

Graduate

THST 6040 Liturgical Theology
THST 6075 Pastoral Liturgies
THST 6078 Supervised Pastoral Field Education
THST 6093 Research and Writing Seminar

2. COURSES TAUGHT AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate

REL 270W Nuns and Nones: Catholic Religious Identity in America
ENG 223 Rhetorical Grammar
REL 190 Suffering, Healing, and Redemption (Teaching Associate)

Graduate

ST/W 627 Theology of Church and Sacraments
P 501 Introduction to Preaching (Teaching Associate)
W 501 Introduction to Public Worship (Teaching Associate)

3. ADVISING RESPONSIBILITIES

Graduate student advising for MA in Theology and MA in Pastoral Theology

SCHOLARSHIP/CREATIVE WORKS

1. PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Caught in the Act: Karl Rahner, Brian Flanagan, and the Problem of Liturgical Failure,” *Horizons*, 50:1 (June 2023), 32-61.

“Mirror of the Church: Liturgy as Ecclesial Self-Recognition,” *Proceedings of the North American Academy of Liturgy* (2022): 71-83.

“A New Creation: Translating Lourdes in America,” *Liturgy*, 32, no. 3 (April 21, 2017): 29-37.

2. BOOK CHAPTERS

“Lay Preaching as an Authentic Expression of the Synodal Church,” *Preaching in the Light of the Word: Enlivening the Scriptural Imagination for Preaching*. Edited by Michael Connors, CSC. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, forthcoming April 2024.

3. EDITED JOURNALS

“Sacred Spaces, Sacred Journeys,” Edited by Layla A. Karst and Sara Williams, *Practical Matters*, 9 (2016). Introduction by Layla A. Karst. <http://practicalmattersjournal.org/category/issue-9/>

4. CREATIVE WORKS

Karst, Layla and Kim Harris, “Liturgy of Lament,” in *The Fire This Time: A Black Catholic Sourcebook*. Ed. Kim Harris, M. Roger Holland, and Kate Williams. (Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 2023): 207-220.

5. REFERENCE ENTRIES

“Fasting and Almsgiving,” in *The Liturgy and Life Study Bible*, edited by Paul Turner and John W. Martens. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press (June 2023), li-lii.

6. BOOK REVIEWS

“Book Review: *Commodified Communion: Eucharist, Consumer Culture, and Everyday Life*,” *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion (December 24, 2022). <https://readingreligion.org/9780823294114/>

“Book Review: *Liturgical Theology beyond Schmemmann: An Orthodox Reading of Paul Ricoeur*,” *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion (October 5, 2021). <https://readingreligion.org/9780823278756/>

7. PUBLIC THEOLOGY

Regular Contributor. “60-second Sermon,” *PrayTell* (blog). Liturgical Press. 2019-2023. <https://www.praytelltellblog.com/?s=layla+karst>

“Rebuilding Notre Dame.” *AquinasCenterThinks* (blog). The Aquinas Center at Candler School of Theology (April 24, 2019). <https://aquinasemorythinks.com/rebuilding-notre-dame/>

8. GRANTS AWARDED IN SUPPORT OF RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Teacher-Scholar Vital Worship Grant, 2023-2024
Project: “Online Pandemic Liturgies of the Word”

BCLA Research and Writing Grant, 2020

Project: “Broken Symbols and Subversive Liturgies”

9. WORK UNDER CONSIDERATION

“Broken Bodies, Broken Symbols: Liturgy and the Clergy Sex Abuse Crisis,” In *Harvesting and Sowing: Pastoral Ministry in a Time of Epochal Change*, ed. Maureen O’Brien and Michael Canaris. (Invited chapter: abstract and proposal accepted, full manuscript due October 31, 2023)

10. WORKS IN PROGRESS

Online Pandemic Liturgies of the Word: Ritual translations, Lay Ministry, and Liturgical Creativity in a Synodal Church (article)

The Pilgrim Church: A Liturgical Ecclesiology (book manuscript)

PRESENTATIONS

1. ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Eucharistic Preaching in a Synodal Church (March 2024). The Pastoral Charge for Lay Catholic Eucharistic Preaching: A Homiletic and Theological Symposium, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO. Keynote address.

Bold Speech: Lay Liturgical Preaching and the Synodal Church (June 2023). Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Church and Ecumenism Topic Session, Milwaukee, WI. Refereed.

What is Liturgy? A Roman Catholic Response (January 2022). North American Academy of Liturgy Annual Meeting, Critical Theories Seminar, Kansas City, MO. Refereed.

Broken Bodies and Broken Symbols: Liturgy and Clerical Abuse in the Catholic Church (June 2020). Abuse in Yoga and Beyond: Cultural Logics and Pathways for the Future Conference, Los Angeles, CA (online). Invited.

Symbolizing Sin and Sanctity: A Holy, Sinful Church? (January 2020). North American Academy of Liturgy Annual Meeting, Critical Theories Seminar, Atlanta, GA. Refereed.

Practices that Count: Inclusion, Exclusion, and the Writing of Liturgical Practice (January 2019). North American Academy of Liturgy Annual Meeting, Critical Theories Seminar, Denver, CO. Refereed.

The Pilgrim Church: Implications of the Turn to Practice (June 2017). Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Theology and Ethnography Selected Session, Albuquerque NM. Refereed.

Liturgy and Popular Piety: Pilgrimage as Sacramental-Liturgical Practice (January 2017). North American Academy of Liturgy Annual Meeting, Critical Theories Seminar, Washington, DC. Refereed.

Of Pilgrims and Tourists: The Hybrid Nature of the Holy Land Pilgrim (November 2016). American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Ritual Studies Group, San Antonio, TX. Refereed.

Landscape, Memory, and Narrative: Replicating Lourdes in America (October 2015). Annual Symposium for Pilgrimage Studies, Williamsburg, VA. Refereed.

2. INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Webinar. *Becoming a Pilgrim People*. (February 2023). Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

Workshop. *Lay Preaching in the Catholic Church*. (June 2022). Marten Preaching Conference, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

- Lecture. *Reading Theologically: Using Ethnographic Scholarship in Theological Research*. (June 2021). Theology and Ethnography Working Group at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (online).
- Workshop. *How Shall We Pray?: Subversive Liturgies in a Time of Ecclesial Crisis* (October 2019). Women of the Church Conference at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN.
- Keynote. *Imprints: Suffering and Pilgrimage* (March 2017). National Gathering of The American Pilgrims on the Camino, Hampton, GA.
- Workshop. *Preaching (and) the Liturgy* (March 2017). Bandy Preaching Conference at the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA.

3. PEDAGOGICAL PRESENTATIONS

- Workshop Panelist. *Student Reading: Teaching Practices and Skills*. (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023). Center for Teaching Excellence at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA.
- Guest Lecture. *Catholic Ecclesiology: Theology and Ministry*. (October 2021). Presented for the Ministerial Leadership course at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL.
- Workshop Presenter. *Digital Storytelling* (November 2019). Center for Teaching Excellence at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA.
- Workshop Panelist. *Digital Storytelling* (October 2018). Center for Teaching Excellence at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA.
- Guest Lecture. *Staying Alive... Yet Assigning Writing: Scaffolding, Responding, Evaluating, and Handling the Paper Load* (August 2017). Presented with Joonna Trapp as part of the Graduate Division of Religion "Teaching Religion" Summer Workshop at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

4. TEACHING FOR CONGREGATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER GROUPS (SELECTED)

- Lenten Reflections: Origins, Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, and Baptism* (Spring 2022). Video series recorded for American Martyrs Catholic Community, Los Angeles, CA.
- Cutting a New River: Liturgical Ministry during a Pandemic* (October 2020). Retreat given for St. Monica's Catholic Community, Santa Monica, CA.
- Ite Missa Est: Liturgical Living beyond the Mass* (November 2019). Presented at Santa Sophia Parish, San Diego, CA.
- Breaking the Stained Glass Ceiling: Exploring the Role of Catholic Women Deacons* (September 2017). Presented with Phillip Thompson at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, *Aquinas Center Major Catholic Speaker Series: Women's Leadership in the Catholic Church* (February 2017). Presented at Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
- Panelist, *Aquinas Center Discussion Panel: What Happened at the Synod on the Family?* (December 2015). Presented to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Atlanta GA.
- Places of Pilgrimage: Traditions of prayer and pilgrimage at the University of Notre Dame*. (August 2012). Presented to the Association for Student Affairs at Catholic College and Universities, Notre Dame, IN.
- Walking with...: An Overview of Church Teaching and Pastoral Strategies to Serve our LGBTQ Students* (April 2012, August 2012, April 2013). Presented at the University of Notre Dame's Network training for faculty, staff, and student leaders, Notre Dame, IN.
- Breaking Boundaries: Engaging Students in Faith-based Conversations* (March 2013). Presented with Amanda Downey at the National Association for Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education, Orlando, FL.

Cultivating an Ecclesial Spirituality (Summer 2011). Keynote address to ND Vision Campus and Youth Ministers Conference, presented at four weekly conferences at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

5. LITURGICAL DESIGN AND LEADERSHIP

Opening Liturgy, Morning Prayer, Closing Liturgy. Designed in collaboration with Ricky Manalo, CSP and celebrated at the National Conversation on Shared Parish Life Consultation, July 22-24, 2021.

Liturgy of Lament for Racial Trauma. Composed in collaboration with Kim Harris and celebrated at the Catholic Summit for Racial Justice, November 14-15, 2020.

LMU Extension Rite of Blessing. Designed and celebrated at the opening of the new administrative offices, November 13, 2019.

Morning and Evening Prayer. Designed and celebrated during LMU's Youth Theological Institute, June 17-21, 2019.

Liturgy of Lament for Sexual Abuse. Composed in collaboration with Kim Harris and celebrated in conjunction with the *Confess* art exhibit at Laband Art Gallery, Loyola Marymount University, February 19, 2019.

SERVICE

1. SERVICE TO LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

2023- **Committee on Committees, BCLA Representative**

2025 Faculty Senate

2023 **Marymount Institute Task Force**

Office of the Provost

2022- **Huffington Ecumenical Institute Advisory Board**

present Huffington Ecumenical Institute, BCLA

2022- **CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice Advisory Board**

present CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice

2022- **Marymount Institute Advisory Board**

2023 Marymount Institute

2022 **Faculty Mentor for Mission**

Center for Mission and Identity

2020- **Partners Network, LMU Representative**

2023 Taking Responsibility: Jesuit Educational Institutions Confront the Causes and Legacy of Sexual Abuse, Fordham University

2020 **De Colores Faculty Leader**

Campus Ministry

2019- **Subcommittee on Integrations and Engaged Learning**

2020 University Core Curriculum Committee

2019- **Social Justice Scholars Faculty Advocate**

2023 Social Justice Scholars Program

2. SERVICE TO THE BELLARMINE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2020- **BCLA College Council, Student Engagement and Success Committee (elected)**

2023 Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts (Committee Chair, 2022-2023)

3. SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

- 2023- **Graduate Curriculum Committee**
- 2024 Department of Theological Studies
- 2022- **Search Committee: Practical/Pastoral Theology Tenure Line**
- 2023 Department of Theological Studies
- 2019- **Mary Milligan Lecture Committee**
- 2024 Department of Theological Studies (Committee Chair, 2022-2024)
- 2021- **Anti-Racism in Theological and Religious Studies Working Group**
- 2022 Department of Theological Studies
- 2020- **Graduate Curriculum Committee**
- 2021 Department of Theological Studies
- 2020- **Anti-Racism Task Force, Organizer**
- 2021 Department of Theological Studies
- 2019- **Oversight Committee**
- 2021 Department of Theological Studies
- 2019- **ATS Graduate Programs Subcommittee**
- 2021 Department of Theological Studies
- 2018- **Task Force: Responding to the Clerical Abuse Crisis**
- 2019 Department of Theological Studies

4. SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

- 2023- **Convener, Critical Theories Seminar**
- 2024 North American Academy of Liturgy (Seminar Convener)
- 2023 **Ad Hoc Committee for Memorial Celebrations**
- Catholic Theological Society of America (Committee Chair)
- 2023 **Respondent, Critical Theories Seminar**
- North American Academy of Liturgy Annual Meeting
- 2022- **Executive Committee (elected)**
- 2025 Catholic Academy of Liturgy
- 2022- **Liturgical Coordinator**
- 2025 Catholic Theological Society of America
- 2022 **Moderator, Liturgy and Sacraments Topic Session**
- Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention
- 2022 **Peer Reviewer**
- Orbis Press, *Jesuit Higher Education: A Journal*
- 2020- **Webmaster**
- 2024 North American Academy of Liturgy
- 2020- **Co-Convener, Fieldwork in Theology Interest Group**
- 2023 Catholic Theological Society of America
- 2020 **Peer Reviewer**
- Wiley Blackwell Publishers

- 2019- **Peer Reviewer**
2021 Practical Matters Journal
- 2019 **Task Force, Academy Website Redesign**
North American Academy of Liturgy
- 2018- **Steering Committee, Women’s Consultation in Constructive Theology**
present Catholic Theological Society of America
- 2016- **Organizing Committee, Pre-Conference for Emerging Scholars**
2017 North American Academy of Liturgy
- 2016- **Managing Editor, Practical Matters Journal**
2018 Emory University, Atlanta GA
Managing Editor 2016-2018, Staff Editor 2014-2016

5. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2020- **Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission**
present Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Emory College Writing Program Fellow, 2017-2018
Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellow, 2014-2016
Laney Graduate School Fellow, 2013-2018

ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP

Catholic Academy of Liturgy
Catholic Theological Society of America
North American Academy of Liturgy