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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022 – Present Assistant Professor – Department of History, University of Notre Dame
- 2023 – Present Co-Director, Church Property Initiative – Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate, University of Notre Dame
- 2020 – 2022 Postdoctoral Fellow – The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame

EDUCATION

- 2020 Columbia University – PhD in History
Dissertation: “The Suburban Church: Catholic Parishes and Politics in Metropolitan New York, 1945-1985”
WINNER – 2019 *ACHA John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award*
WINNER – 2020 *Columbia University Bancroft Dissertation Award*
Advisor: Ira Katznelson, *Columbia University*
Committee: Courtney Bender, *Columbia University*
 Kenneth T. Jackson, *Columbia University*
 Rebecca A. Kobrin, *Columbia University*
 Thomas J. Sugrue, *New York University*
- 2015 Columbia University – MPhil in American History
- 2014 Columbia University – MA in History
Thesis: “The Mental Grandchildren of Monsignor John A. Ryan”: Monsignor George G. Higgins, Father John F. Cronin, S.S. and the Role of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Postwar American Politics
Seminar Instructor: Eric Foner
- 2012 Catholic University of America – MA in History
Thesis: “To Be Better Boys and Become Better Men:” *The Catholic Boy Magazine* and the Ideals of Masculinity in Catholic America, 1948-1970
Director: Leslie Woodcock Tentler
- 2006 University of Notre Dame – MDiv
- 1999 University of Notre Dame – BA in History

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS AND CHAPTERS

- Under Contract *Crabgrass Catholicism: How Suburbanization Transformed Faith and Politics in Postwar Long Island* (in *The University of Chicago Press’ Historical Studies of Urban America Series*)

Forthcoming "From Urban Parishes to Suburban Centers of Worship and Community" in Virginia Raguin and Juergen Schroeder, *Contemporary Traditional: Franz Schroeder & America's Figural Windows of the 20th Century*

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

In Progress "Postwar Suburbs in the Catholic Imagination" (invited to submit by editor of *Journal of Urban History*)

2019 "Crabgrass Catholicism: U.S. Catholics and the Historiography of Postwar Suburbia," *U.S. Catholic Historian* 37:4 (Fall 2019): 1-28

2016 "'It is the Mass that Matters Most:' Monsignor George G. Higgins and the Place of the Liturgy in Social Action," *American Catholic Studies* 127:2 (Summer 2016): 29-53

2015 "'The Mental Grandchildren of Monsignor John A. Ryan:' George G. Higgins, John F. Cronin, S.S. and the Role of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in Post-War American Politics," *U.S. Catholic Historian* 33:1 (Winter 2015): 99-136

2014 "The Strength and Limits of American Catholic Confidence: Fr. John F. Cronin, S.S. and His Political Friendship with Richard M. Nixon, 1947-1960," *The Journal of Church and State* 56:4 (Autumn 2014): 711-731

INVITED BOOK REVIEWS

2023 *Catholic Historical Review* 109:1 (Winter 2023): 147-150
"American Catholic History Classroom"

2021 *American Catholic Studies* 132:3 (Fall 2021): 19-23
"Parish Boundaries and Postwar Suburbia" in the roundtable "Forum: Parish Boundaries at 25"

2021 *Review for Religious* 1:2 (Fall 2021): 279-280
Margaret McGuinness, *Called to Serve: A History of Nuns in America* (New York: NYU Press, 2013)

2021 *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 48:1 (Spring 2021)
"An American, Catholic University: Thomas Blantz's History of Notre Dame"

2020 *American Catholic Studies* 131:3 (Fall 2020): 105-107
Thomas J. Shelley, *Upper West Side Catholics: Liberal Catholicism in a Conservative Archdiocese* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2019)

- 2018 *Sacred Architecture* 34 (Fall 2018): 36
Gretchen Buggeln, *The Suburban Church: Modernism and Community in Postwar America* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2015) and Jay M. Price, *Temples for a Modern God: Religious Architecture in Postwar America* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013)
- 2016 *American Catholic Studies* 126:4 (Winter 2016): 77-79
Patrick McNamara, *New York Catholics: Faith, Attitude and the Works!* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2014)
- 2012 *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 39:2 (Fall 2012): 12-14
Patrick J. Hayes, *A Catholic Brain Trust: The History of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs, 1945-1965* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2011)

OP-EDS AND PRESS INTERVIEWS

- 2023 Quoted in: Peter Feuerherd, “Still Hanging: Catholics of the Baby Boomer Generation,” *U.S. Catholic* (May 2023)
- 2021 Quoted in: Alexis Buisson, “Biden and the Bishops: Still Trying to Figure Each Other Out,” *LaCroix International* (April 28, 2021)
<https://international.la-croix.com/news/religion/biden-and-the-bishops-still-trying-to-figure-each-other-out/14199>
- 2021 Quoted in: Michael J. O’Loughlin, “The bishops were divided on how to approach Joe Biden. It’s not the first time a dispute has gone public,” *America* (February 16, 2021)
<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/02/16/joe-biden-catholic-bishops-disagreement-240011>
- 2020 “Drive-In Church is a 1950s Throwback – and may be the Future of Religious Practice,” *Washington Post* (May 10, 2020)
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2020/05/10/drive-in-church-is-1950s-throwback-may-be-future-religious-practice/>
- 2020 Interview with Edward Stourton for BBC 4 “Sunday” (May 17, 2020)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000j7pq>
- 2020 Quoted in: Nicholas Loud, “Decline of a NYC Institution: 26 Catholic Schools Closed During Pandemic,” *Untapped New York* (August 12, 2020)
<https://untappedcities.com/2020/08/12/decline-of-a-nyc-institution-26-catholic-schools-closed-during-pandemic/>
- 2019 Quoted in: Stephen Dinan, “Losing Our Religion: America becoming ‘pagan’ as Christianity cedes to culture,” and “St. Francis of Assisi a Guide for Revival in Modern Church,” *The Washington Times* (December 30, 2019)
- 2016 Quoted in: Patrick Healy and Farah Stockman, “Public Rattled as Campaign Turns Coarser,” *The New York Times* (October 17, 2016)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2023	Lead Instructor – University of Notre Dame “The Priest and Nun in American Culture”
Fall 2023	Lead Instructor – University of Notre Dame “University Seminar: Cities and Suburbs in Postwar America”
Spring 2023	Lead Instructor – University of Notre Dame “University Seminar: Cities and Suburbs in Postwar America”
Spring 2023	Lead Instructor – University of Notre Dame “Cities and Suburbs in Postwar America”
Fall 2022	Lead Instructor – University of Notre Dame “University Seminar: Cities and Suburbs in Postwar America”
Fall 2021	Lead Instructor – University of Notre Dame “Cities and Suburbs in Postwar America”
Fall 2021	Lead Instructor – University of Notre Dame “Cities and Suburbs in Postwar America”
Spring 2019	Teaching Assistant – Columbia University Professor Elizabeth Blackmar, “Making of the Modern American Landscape,” including guest lecture: “Making Space for Religion in Postwar Suburbia”
Fall 2018	Lead Instructor – Columbia University “Religion and Politics in Postwar America”
Summer 2016	GSAS Summer Teaching Scholar – Columbia University Course Developer, “Catholicism in the American Postwar Experience”
Spring 2014	Teaching Assistant – Columbia University Professor David Greenberg, “The American Presidency from George Washington to Barack Obama”
Fall 2013	Teaching Assistant – Columbia University Professor Rebecca Kobrin, “American Jewish History” including guest lectures: “Yiddish Socialism on the Lower East Side” and “Jewish-Catholic Relations in Postwar America”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023	Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate Conference “‘The Barriers of Fear, Prejudice, and Ignorance:’ Race, Ethnicity, and the Formation of Catholic Parishes in Postwar Long Island”
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- 2023 Urban History Association Biennial Meeting
 “‘The Barriers of Fear, Prejudice, and Ignorance:’ Race, Ethnicity, and the Formation of Catholic Parishes in Postwar Long Island”
- 2022 Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate Conference
 “The Church in Suburbia: How Postwar Suburbanization Changed American Catholicism”
- 2022 Presenter – American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting
 “‘Let the People Participate:’ Postwar Suburbanization and the Promise of Parish Councils”
- 2021 Presenter – Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Meeting
 “From Public to Private: Catholic Parishes and Religious Practice in the Postwar Suburbs”
- 2020 Presenter – American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting
 “*Parish Boundaries at Twenty-Five*” (accepted panel for COVID-cancelled conference)
- 2018 Presenter – American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting
 “The Church and the Suburbs: Andrew Greeley and the American Catholic Response to Suburbia”
- 2016 Presenter – American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting
 “‘You’ll Notice Our Boys Are Real Men:’ Masculinity and Catholic Difference in *Catholic Boy Magazine*, 1948-1970”
- 2015 Presenter – American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting
 “‘An Appropriate Spiritual Mission of the Bishops’?: Francis Cardinal Spellman, Bishop James E. McManus, C.Ss.R., and the Relationship of Church and State in the 1960 Puerto Rican Gubernatorial Election”
- 2013 Presenter and Panel Organizer – American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting
 “The Strength and Limits of American Catholic Confidence: Fr. John F. Cronin, S.S. and His Political Friendship with Richard M. Nixon, 1947-1960”
- 2012 Presenter – The Biennial Boston College Conference on the History of Religion
 “‘To Be Better Boys and Become Better Men:’ *The Catholic Boy Magazine* and the Ideals of Masculinity in Catholic America, 1948-1970”
- 2012 Presenter – The Catholic University of America Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference
 “‘It is the Mass that Matters Most:’ Monsignor George G. Higgins and the Place of the Liturgy in Social Action”

INVITED TALKS, PANELS, AND WORKSHOPS

EXTERNAL

- Spring 2021 Presenter – Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Deacon Formation
“Modern Church History”
- Fall 2019 Guest Speaker – Harvard University
Rebecca Kobrin, HIST 1954: Jews and the City – An Introduction to Modern
Jewish Urban History
- Fall 2019 Presenter – Columbia University Seminar on Religion in America
“The Suburban Church: Catholic Parishes and Politics in Metropolitan New
York, 1945-1985”
- Spring 2019 Presenter – Columbia University Graduate History Association & The
Center for Teaching and Learning
“How to Maintain Professional Boundaries in Teaching”

INTERNAL

- Fall 2023 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Professor Aaron Michka – ANTH 13181 “The Haunted House”
“How Hell Moved from City to Suburb in Postwar America”
- Fall 2023 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Professor Timothy Matovina – THEO 60709 “Catholicism in the U.S.”
“The Priesthood in Postwar America”
- Fall 2023 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Professor Timothy Matovina – THEO 60709 “Catholicism in the U.S.”
“The American Catholic Parish: From City to Suburb”
- Summer 2023 Guest Lecturer – Remick Leadership Program, Alliance for Catholic
Education
Rebecca Edelman – EDU 70610 “School Organizational Culture”
“Catholic Education in the United States”
- Summer 2023 Guest Lecturer – Summer Scholars Program
Michael Macaluso – PCSE 00263 “Learning by Design”
“The History of the University and the Nation on the Campus of Notre
Dame”
- Summer 2023 Guest Lecturer – Alliance for Catholic Education
Michael Macaluso – EDU 60026, “Introduction to Teaching”
“Catholic Education in the United States”
- Summer 2023 Guest Lecturer – Sorin Seminar for Faculty, Office of Mission
Engagement & Church Affairs, University of Notre Dame
“The Congregation of Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame”

- Spring 2023 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Maddy Johnson & David Murphy – RE 30790 “Church Real Estate”
“The Church in the Urban Fabric”
- Spring 2023 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
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“The Church and Suburbanization”
- Summer 2022 Guest Lecturer – Alliance for Catholic Education
Michael Macaluso – EDU 60026 “Introduction to Teaching”
“Catholic Education in the United States”
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Professor Timothy Matovina – THEO 60709 “Catholicism in the U.S.”
“The Priesthood in Postwar America”
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Daniel Kelly & David Murphy – RE 30790 “Church Real Estate”
“The Suburban Expansion of American Catholic Real Estate”
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Kathleen Sprows Cummings – AMST 30129 “Notre Dame and America”
“Notre Dame and Postwar American Catholicism”
- Spring 2022 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Wilson Miscamble, CSC – HIST 33757 “Catholics & U.S. Public Life”
“Postwar Suburbanization and American Catholic Politics”
- Spring 2021 Moderator – Cushwa Center Webinar
Book Launch for Peter Cajka, *Follow Your Conscience: The Catholic Church
and the Spirit of the Sixties*
- Spring 2021 Panelist – Cushwa Center Webinar
“A Catholic in the White House: The Biden Presidency in Historical
Context”
- Spring 2021 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Kathleen Sprows Cummings – AMST 30129 “Notre Dame and America”
“Notre Dame and Postwar American Catholicism”
- Spring 2021 Guest Lecturer – University of Notre Dame
Wilson Miscamble, CSC – HIST 33757 “Catholics & U.S. Public Life”
“Postwar Suburbanization and American Catholic Politics”
- Fall 2020 Presenter – Colloquium on Religion in American History (CORAH)
“Postwar Suburbs in the Catholic Imagination”

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
Faculty Success Program

- 2020 Certificate – Online College Teaching Series
Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame
- 2020 Advanced Certificate – Teaching Development Program
The Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University
- 2019 Seminar Participant – The Institute for Constitutional History
Professors Robert W. Gordon (Stanford Law School) and Daniel T. Rodgers (Princeton University), “Legal Thought in an Age of Fracture”
- 2015 Seminar Participant – The Innovative Teaching Summer Institute
Columbia University, Teagle Foundation Preparing Doctoral Students for 21st Century Teaching
- 2014 Seminar Participant – The Cushwa Center 2014 Rome Seminar:
American Catholicism in a World Made Small: Transnational Approaches to U.S. Catholic History
- 2013 Seminar Participant – Collegium 2013: *A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Bancroft Dissertation Award
Columbia University
- 2019 Msgr. John Tracy Ellis Dissertation Award
American Catholic Historical Association
- 2018-2019 GSAS Teaching Fellowship
Columbia University Graduate Schools of Arts and Sciences
- 2018 Brebner Travel Award
Department of History, Columbia University
- 2017 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant
The American Catholic Historical Association
- 2016 Dorothy Mohler Research Grant
The American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives at The Catholic University of America
- 2016 Research Grant
Sacred Heart Institute of the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre
- 2016 Research Travel Grant
Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism

- 2013 Brebner Travel Award
Department of History, Columbia University
- 2012 Richard Hofstadter Fellowship
Department of History, Columbia University
- 2006 Schumaker Award for Excellence in Preaching
Moreau Seminary, University of Notre Dame
- To a graduating seminarian for excellence in preaching.
- 1999 Citation of Merit – Student Affairs, University of Notre Dame
- To a graduating student for outstanding contributions to the residential mission of the University. Recipients are distinguished among their peers for outstanding dedication and commitment to community life.
- 1999 Graduated *Cum Laude* from the University of Notre Dame

PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY, AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2022 – Present Member – Undergraduate Studies Committee
Department of History, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 – Present Chaplain – Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 – Present Chaplain – ECHO Program, University of Notre Dame
- 2020 – Present Priest-in-Residence – Stanford Hall, University of Notre Dame
- 2015 – Present Article Referee for *U.S. Catholic Historian*
- 2023 Interview Committee – Raclin-Murphy Museum of Art, Lilly Fellowship Curator
- 2021 Team Member – Church Properties Initiative: “Revitalizing the Church and Communities in Need”
Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 Conference Organizing Committee – “An Urban World: The Changing Landscape of Suburbs and Cities,” Columbia University
- 2018 – 2021 Elected Graduate Student Representative to the Executive Council – American Catholic Historical Association
- 2018 Conference Organizing Committee – “Germany Past and Present: A Conference in Honor of Volker Berghahn,” Columbia University
- 2017 Conference Organizing Committee – “America in a Time of War: City, Economy, and Politics in World War I and After,” Columbia University

2015	Judge – New York City History Day Museum of the City of New York
2014	Contributor, “American Catholics and the Religious Right,” in Joseph Locke and Ben Wright, ed., <i>The American Yawp</i> http://www.americanyawp.com/index.html
2014 – 2015	Appointed Member of Graduate Fellows Advisory Council – <i>Collegium: A Colloquy on Faith and Intellectual Life</i>
2013 – 2015	Elected Student Representative to the Graduate Education Committee – Columbia University Department of History
2012 – 2013	Conference Organizing Committee – The Graduate History Association of Columbia University’s 2013 Spring Symposium
2012	Volunteer – The Sixth Biennial Urban History Association Conference

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2018 – Present	Membership – The Urban History Association
2015 – Present	Membership – Society for United States Intellectual History
2014 – Present	Membership – Organization of American Historians
2010 – Present	Membership – American Historical Association
2010 – Present	Membership – American Catholic Historical Association

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2016 – 2021	Rapporteur – Columbia University Seminar on the City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized and facilitated six faculty seminars each year, including all communications with presenters and participants, taking minutes, and liaising with the seminar chair and Office of University Seminars.
2009 – 2010	Intern – The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted Center staff in hosting academic conferences and lectures; wrote for and assisted in editing the <i>American Catholic Studies Newsletter</i>. Gained experience in academic writing and editing; gained insight into the mission and operation of a university level academic institute.
2009 – 2010	Assistant Director – Old College Undergraduate Seminary, University of Notre Dame <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oversaw the academic, spiritual, and human formation of twenty undergraduate seminarians studying for priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Gained experience in one-on-one spiritual counselling, in academic advising, and in writing personal evaluations of student performance.

2006 – 2009

Associate Pastor – Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Portland, OR

- Was responsible for sacramental and preaching ministry in a parish of 700 families. Directed Liturgy and Music, Marriage Preparation, Baptismal Preparation, and Youth Ministry.
- Oversaw an \$800,000 restoration of a 100-year-old church building. Was responsible for coordinating parish planning committee, architect, and contractors.
- Taught two year-long sections of eighth grade religion
- Gained experience in leadership, organization, and budget oversight.