

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

2026 – Present: McGrath-Cavadini Director, The McGrath Institute for Church Life
2023 – 2026: Dean, School of Theology and Religious Studies
2016 - Present: Ordinary Professor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
2016 - 2023: Executive Director, The Institute for Human Ecology at The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
2015 - 2017: Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
2005 - 2016: Associate Professor of Theology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
1998 - 2005: Assistant Professor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
1997 -1998: Instructor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
1996 - 1997: Instructor, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (1998), Theological Ethics, John A. O'Brien Fellow, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; *Dissertation, "A Development of Doctrine: The Challenge of Slavery to Moral Theology,"* Jean Porter, Director; Richard McCormick, S.J., John Howard Yoder, and Jay Dolan, Readers
M.A. (1994), Theological Ethics, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame
M.T.S. (1992), Salutatorian, The Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
B.A. (1989), Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS; HONORS & AWARDS

2023 - 2026: Dean, The School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America
2016 - 2023: Executive Director, The Institute for Human Ecology, The Catholic University of America
2013 - 2015: Research Fellow, The Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
2009 - 2019: Fellow, Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies
2009 - 2022: Fellow and Liaison, *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice*
2008-2013: Academic Area Director, Moral Theology and Ethics, The School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America
2014 - 2015: Chair, Ph.D. Committee, The Catholic University of America, Chair, A.T.S. Accreditation Committee, 2014-Spring 2015

2012-2013: Academic Senator, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America
 2009- 2018: Member, Committee on Appointments and Promotions, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America
 2009-2010: Member, Dean's Search Committee, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America
 2006 - 2009: Consultant, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on Doctrine
 2005 - 2010: Executive Council, *The Law, Philosophy, and Culture Initiative*, The Catholic University of America
 2004 - 2008: Senior Fellow in Religion and Ethics, *Culture of Life Foundation*, Washington, DC,
 2003 - 2004: Cardinals' Chair for Justice and Peace, *The Intercultural Forum for Studies in Faith and Culture*, *The John Paul II Cultural Center*, Washington, DC
 2003 - 2004: Director, *The Intercultural Forum for Studies in Faith and Reason*, *The John Paul II Cultural Center*, Washington, D.C.
 2004: Bruno Damiani "Teacher of the Year," Graduate Student Association, The Catholic University of America

GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN BIOETHICS

2006 – 2009: Maryland Stem Cell Commission Member (appointed by Governor Robert Ehrlich)

BOOKS

1. *Festschrift for Jean Porter*, edited with William Mattison, III, (forthcoming)
2. *The Right to Property in the Catholic Tradition* (in progress)
3. *Politics, Justice, and War: Christian Governance and the Ethics of Warfare*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
4. *A Catechism for Business: Tough Ethical Questions and Insights from Catholic Teaching*, with Andrew Abela, The Catholic University of America Press, March, 2014.
 - a. *A Catechism for Business: Tough Ethical Questions and Insights from Catholic Teaching* Second Edition, Italian, and Spanish translations, The Catholic University of America Press, 2016
 - b. *A Catechism for Business: Tough Ethical Questions and Insights from Catholic Teaching* Third Edition, The Catholic University of America, 2021

SELECT ESSAYS AND REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

1. "Free Speech and Its Christian Roots," *International Journal of Catholic Jurists*, 2025 (Paper delivered September 25, 2025). To be published in 2026
2. "Just War and Judgment in Pope Francis' *Fratelli Tutti*," *Studies in Christian Ethics*, volume 37, issue no. 3, (2024) 471-483.

3. "Legitimate Authority Again: A Response to Uwe Steinhoff," ed. Ned Dobos, *Philosophia*, vol. 51, 2327-2336 (2023).
4. "Catholic Just War Thinking," eds. Eric Patterson and J. Daryl Charles, *Just War and Christian Traditions*, Notre Dame University, 2022.
5. "The Sum-Total of Our Disagreements: Recent Catholic Teaching on the Common Good," *La società – rivista scientifica di dottrina sociale della Chiesa* no. 4, 2021.
6. "Just War and Conscience in the Christian Tradition," eds. Helen Alvare and Jeffrey Hammond, *Christianity, and the Laws of Conscience: An Introduction*, Cambridge University, 2021
7. "Giant: Review Essay of Oliver O'Donovan's *Ethics as Theology*," *Modern Theology*, Fall 2019
8. "Integralism and International Order," *Providence Magazine* September 6, 2018
9. "Do Soldiers Intend to Kill in War? On Intentionality in War," *Double Effect and Intentionality*, ed. John O'Callaghan, (forthcoming)
10. "What's Wrong with Human Trafficking?" presentation, *Catholic Theological Society of America*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 10, 2016.
11. "From Slave to Friend: Augustine, Slavery, and Friendship," *The Bible in Ancient Christianity: Sacred Scripture and Secular Struggles*, eds. Jeffrey Bingham and David Meconi, S.J. (Brill, 2015)
12. "War," *New Catholic Encyclopedia, Supplement 2012-2013: Ethics and Philosophy*, volume 4, 1635-1637
13. "Natural Law, Discourse on Public Affairs, and the Inevitable Move Upwards," *In Search of a Universal Ethics: A New Look at the Natural Law* editors William Mattison, III and John Berkman, (Eerdmans, forthcoming 2014)
14. Review of War by Francesco Francioni & Natalino Ronzitti's *Contract: Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, and Private Contractors*, *Journal of Law, Philosophy, and Culture*, Vol. VI, No. 1 (2012) 271-274
15. Entries, "Slavery I: In the Bible," "Slavery II: And the Church," and "Slavery III: History of," *The New Catholic Encyclopedia: Supplement, volume I* 2010
16. "Response to Robert P. George: Is the Natural Law Hearty Enough to Sustain a Culture?" *Journal of Law, Philosophy and Culture*, Vol. III, No. 1 (2009), 135-136
17. "Conscience and the Challenges of Military Service," *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Annual* 2009
18. "Consciousness in Human and Non-Human Animals," *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 2008, 1-9

19. "Just War Theory and the Problem of International Politics: On the Central Role of Just Intention," *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Spring 2006, pages 163-175, with Helmut David Baer
20. "The Author Replies," *The Journal of Religious Ethics*, vol. 34, no. 1, pages 193-199, 2006 with Helmut David Baer
21. "Just War Theories Reconsidered: Problems with Prima Facie Duties and the Need for a Political Ethic", *The Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2005, vol. 33, no. 1, pages 119-137, with Helmut David Baer
22. "War and International Order," *Communio: International Catholic Review*, vol. 31, 2004, pages 280-301
23. "For What Shall We Repent? Reflections on the American Bishops, Their Teaching, and Slavery in the United States, 1839-1861," *Theological Studies* December 2004, vol. 65, no. 4, pages 767-791
24. "The Influence of Bioethics on Moral Theology," *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, Summer/Fall 2003, vol. 10, no. 2
25. "Children of God: Natural Slavery in Aquinas and Vitoria," *Theological Studies*, March 2002, vol. 63, no. 1, pages 31-52
26. "Religion on the Defensive: Liberalism's Challenge to Religious Reason," *Societas Ethica Jahresbericht/Annual* (2001)
27. "On Behalf of the Neighbor: A Rejection of the Complementarity of Just-War Theory and Pacifism," *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 2001, vol. 14.2, pages 87-108
28. "Moral Analysis of U.S. Policy and the Ongoing Iraqi 'Slow War,'" *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, Winter/Spring 2001, vol. 8, no. 1, pages 27-42 with Tobias Winright
29. "Can Postmodern War Be Moral? Discrimination and Proportion in the War in Kosovo," *The Journal of Peace and Justice Studies*, 2000, vol. 11, no. 1, pages 1-16
30. "Selective Conscientious Objection in the United States," *Journal of Church and State*, Spring 1996, vol. 38, no. 2, pages 339-364

SELECT ACADEMIC LECTURES & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

1. "Just War and Judgment in Pope Francis' *Fratelli Tutti*," Just War/Just Peace Conference, Huize Heyendaal, Marijnenkamer, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, March 2-3, 2023
2. "Taking Measure of the 'Biden Effect': American Catholics and the President," 15th Annual John F. Scarpa Conference on Law, Politics, and Culture, April 4, 2023
3. "Does the Church (Still) Condemn Liberalism?" *John Paul II Conference*, University of Dallas, Dallas, Texas, April 15-16, 2021

4. "Pondering Hiroshima," Sponsored by the Berkeley Center, Georgetown University, America Media, and the Lumen Christi Institute, August 6, 2020
5. Book Discussion, *Politics, Justice, and War: Christian Governance and the Ethics of Warfare*, Georgetown University, Washington DC, Spring 2016
6. "What's Wrong with Human Trafficking?" Catholic Theological Society of America, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 9-12, 2016
7. "*Laudato Si'* in the Context of Catholic Social Doctrine," *Laudato Si'* and the Protection of "Our Common Home" Faith & Science in Conversation, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, October 26, 2015
8. Invited Participant, "Legitimate Authority and Political Violence," The Stockholm Center for the Ethics of War and Peace, co-sponsored by the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict, Stockholm, Sweden, August 28-29, 2015.
9. "Jurisdiction and the Use of Force in Just War Ethics," The McCain Conference, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md, April 16, 2015
10. "Solidarity, Liberty, and Gift Theology," *Liberty and Solidarity: Living the Vocation to Business*, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., September 26, 2014
11. Invited Participant, *The Weighing of Lives in War: Combatants and Civilians in the Jus in Bello*, Center for Ethics and the Rule of Law, University of Pennsylvania, April 11-12, 2014
12. "War and the West: Strategic Challenges Past, Present, and Future, *Alexander Hamilton Institute's Seventh Annual Carl B. Menges Colloquium*, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, April 3-5, 2014
13. "Do Soldiers Intend to Kill in War?" *Intention & Double-Effect: Theoretical and Practical Challenges*, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, March 6-8, 2014
14. "The Presumption for Justice in the Just War Ethic," The Alexander Hamilton Institute, Hamilton College, New York, November 13, 2013
15. "Revisiting Retribution and the Death Penalty," *Where Justice and Mercy Meet: Catholic Opposition to the Death Penalty*, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, November 9, 2013
16. "Social Justice and the Right to Healthcare," Catholic Medical Association, Santa Barbara, California
17. Keynote Speaker, International Conference, "Institutions, Society and Markets : Towards a New International Balance?" Università Cattolica del S.Cuore, Fondazione Centesimus Annus – Pro Pontifice, Milan, Italy, May 5, 2012

18. Chair, "Just Causes and Their Ramifications," *Ten Years Later: Warfare Ethics Since 9/11*, The McCain Conference, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md, April 7-8, 2011
19. Invited Participant and Speaker, "On the Coherence of the Just War Theory," *War and Peace: An Orthodox-Catholic Conversation*, Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Los Angeles, March 25-26, 2011
20. Invited Participant and Speaker, "From Individuals to Neighbors to Brothers: An Augustinian Analysis of *Caritas in Veritate*," *Logic of Gift Seminar*, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Rome, February 26-28, 2011
21. "The Condemnation of Torture and Recent Catholic Teaching," *Catholic Theological Society of America*, Cleveland, June 11, 2010
22. Speaker, "A Very Peculiar Sacrifice: On Torture and the Readiness to Do Wrong in War," *The Summons of Freedom : Virtue, Sacrifice and the Common Good*, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Nov. 14, 2009
23. Keynote Speaker, *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice*, "Consumerism in the Thought of John Paul II and Benedict XVI," and "'Alienation' in Catholic Social Thought," Washington, DC, The Catholic University of America, September 25, 2009
24. Invited Major Presentation, "Conscience and Its Challenges to Service in the Military," *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars 31st Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, Texas, September 27, 2008
25. Keynote Speaker, *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice*, "Consumerism in the Thought of John Paul II and Benedict XVI," Washington, DC, The Catholic University of America, September 12, 2008
26. Invited Speaker and Participant, Conference on End of Life Issues, "Secularization in the Face of Pain, Suffering, and Death," Pontifical Academy on Life, Vatican City, February 25-28, 2008
27. "Just War and End Game Objectives in Iraq," The Heritage Foundation, Washington DC, December 13, 2007
28. Invited Speaker and Participant, "*Fede e ragione, libertà e tolleranza*: Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI's Discourse at the University of Regensburg," *Pontificio Istituto Giovanni Paolo II*, Rome, December 7-9, 2007
29. Invited Speaker and Participant, Conference on End of Life Issues, "Secularization in the Face of Pain, Suffering, and Death," Pontifical Academy on Life, Vatican City, October 18, 2007
30. Keynote Speaker, *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice*, "Culture, Secularity, and Catholic Social Teaching," Washington, DC, The Catholic University of America, September 27, 2007
31. Invited Participant and Speaker, *The University and the Social Doctrine of the Church*, Sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Congregation for Catholic Education, Rome, Italy, November 17-18, 2006

32. Invited Participant and Speaker, *The Widening Gap: Living and Forgotten Christian Roots in Europe and the United States*, Sponsored by the European Union and Cardinal Schönborn, Vienna, Austria, April 26-29, 2006
33. Invited Participant and Speaker, *On The Definition Of 'Human Embryo' And The Criteria For Distinguishing The Human Embryo From Non-Embryonic Entities*, Sponsored by the Westchester Institute on the Human Person, Washington, DC, March 2 - 3, 2006
34. Invited Participant and Coordinator, *Religious & Ethical Perspectives on the End of Life*, Sponsored by the Culture of Life Foundation and the Ethics & Public Policy Center, Washington DC, June 21, 2005
35. Invited Participant, *On the Morality of Altered Nuclear Transfer*, Army Navy Club, Sponsored by the Westchester Institute on the Human Person, Washington DC, April 28-29, 2005
36. Invited Participant, *Stem Cell Research: Moral Questions and Answers*, Regina Apostolarum University, Rome, Italy, January 2005
37. Presentation, "Just War Theory and the Problem of International Politics: The Permissions and Restrictions Implied by Legitimate Authority and Just Intention," *The Society of Christian Ethics*, Miami, Florida, January 8, 2005
38. Invited Participant, *Catholic Scholars Consultation on Catholic theology and the Environment*, Sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota, (October 29-31, 2004)
39. Speaker, *Ethics, Public Policy and Law: The Stem Cell Debate in the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany*, The Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Religion, The Columbus School of Law and The School of Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., (October 4-5, 2004)
40. Lecture, "If Not a Moral Government, Then What?" *Diverse Visions in American Health Care: Conflict, Conscience, and the Law*, The Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Religion, The Columbus School of Law and The School of Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., (April 2-4, 2003)
41. Lecture, "The Use of Force and the Demands of Power: A Rejection of Just War Theory as a System of Prima Facie Duties," with H. David Baer, *2003 Annual Conference of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (January 10, 2003)
42. Invited and Paid Participant, *The Achievement of John Paul II: Community, Family, and Culture* The Pontifical John Paul II Institute of Family and Culture at the Catholic University of America and the School of Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, (September 6-8, 2002)
43. Lecture, "War Remains a Church-Dividing Issue," The Roman Catholic – Mennonite Dialogue (Summer 2002)

44. Lecture, "Catholic Social Thought: Past, Present, and Future," *Faith and Reason Institute* Washington, D.C. (December 18, 2001)
45. Lecture, "Catholic Abolitionism and the Death Penalty," *The Morality of the Death Penalty: The Challenge for Law, Society and Religion*, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. (March 29-30, 2001)
46. Lecture, "The Just War and Holy War in Catholic Theology," *Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue*, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (November 12, 2001)
47. Keynote Lecture, "Interpreting Recent Catholic Teaching on the Death Penalty," *Theological Students' Association Speaker Series* The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. (December 2000)
48. Lecture, "The Authority To Punish? Catholic Teaching on Capital Punishment in the Context of Tradition," *Notre Dame Conference on the Culture of Death*, Notre Dame, Indiana (October 2000)
49. Lecture, "The Triumph of Politics Over Religion: Slavery and the American Catholic Bishops, 1839-1861," *Societas Ethica* Askov, Denmark (August 26, 2000)
50. Lecture, "A Theological Analysis of U.S. Immigration Policy," *Law, Culture, and Humanities Conference*, Georgetown University (March 10-12, 2000)
51. Lecture, "Solidarity, Conversion, and Communion," *The Unsettling of America: A Communion Conference with Wendell Berry*, The Catholic University of America, (January 8-10, 2000)
52. Keynote Lecture, "Repealing Curran's Law," *Missouri Valley Association of Catholic Theologians*, (Fall, 1999)
53. Lecture, "Are Tradition and Historicity Compatible?" *The Catholic Theological Society of America*, (Spring, 1999)
54. Lecture, "Francisco Vitoria and Francisco Suarez on Natural Slavery in the New World," *Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference*, Villanova University (Fall 1998)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Multiple Interviews on a range of topics at media outlets such as The Economist, Our Sunday Visitor, The Washington Post, The Baltimore Sun, CNN, NBC, ABC, Good Morning America, Fox News, WTTG-TV and CNS.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- The American Political Science Association, 2009 - Present
- Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, 2005 - Present
- *Societas Ethica*, European Society for Research in Ethics, 1999 – Present

- The Catholic Theological Society of America, 1998 – Present
- The Society of Christian Ethics, 1994 – Present

References and a full listing of media appearances are available upon request.