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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

*University of Florida*, Department of Religion. Professor, August 2002-present; Associate Professor, July 1998-August 2002; Assistant Professor, August 1993-June 1998.

Member, Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars (elected 2020).  
University Term Professor, 2021-2024.

Affiliate faculty member: Center for Latin American Studies; School of Natural Resources and the Environment; Tropical Conservation and Development Program; Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexualities Studies.

*Wesleyan University*, Department of Religion. Visiting fellow, September 1998-May 2000.

*St. Norbert College*, Religious Studies. Assistant Professor, August 1991-May 1993.

### **EDUCATION**

*University of Chicago Divinity School*. A.M., 1987; Ph.D. in Ethics and Society, 1991.  
Dissertation director: Robin Lovin. Committee members: Anne Carr (Theology) and John Coatsworth (History).

*University of California at Berkeley*. A.B. with highest honors in Religious Studies, 1985.  
Honors thesis advisor: Mark Juergensmeyer. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### *Single-author Books*

*With God on Our Side: Religion, Social Movements, and Social Change*. Berlin: De Gruyter. 2024. In the Series "De Gruyter Contemporary Social Sciences."

*Works Righteousness: Material Practice in Ethical Theory*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

*Being Animal: Beasts and Boundaries in Nature Ethics*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2013. In the series "Critical Perspectives on Animals: Theory, Culture, Science, and Law."

*Everyday Ethics and Social Change: The Education of Desire*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2009.

\* A Choice outstanding academic book of 2010

*Seeds of the Kingdom: Utopian Communities in the Americas*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

*Being Human: Ethics, Environment, and Our Place in the World*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001.

*Martyrdom and the Politics of Religion: Progressive Catholicism in El Salvador's Civil War*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997. Second printing, October 2001.

\* A Choice outstanding academic book of 1997

#### *Co-Authored Books*

*Cats and Conservationists: The Debate over Who Owns the Outdoors*. With Dara Wald. Purdue University Press, 2020. In the series "New Directions in the Human-Animal Bond."

*Working Toward Sustainability: Ethical Decision Making in a Technological World*. With Charles Kibert, Martha Monroe, Richard Plate, and Leslie Paul Thiele. Hoboken: John Wiley, 2011.

#### *Co-Edited Books*

*Religion and Ecological Crisis: The "Lynn White Thesis" at 50*. Co-edited with Todd LeVasseur. New York: Routledge, 2016.

*Latin American Religions: Histories and Documents in Context*. Edited and with introductions, with Manuel Vásquez. New York: New York University Press, 2008.

*Christianity, Social Change, and Globalization in the Americas*. Co-edited with Manuel Vásquez and Philip Williams. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 2001.

#### *Journal Articles*

"Ideas, Activism, and Social Change." *Radical Philosophy Review*. In press.

"Association of Religious End Time Beliefs with Attitudes Toward Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss." With Benjamin Lowe (lead author), Susan Jacobson, and Glenn Israel. *Sustainability* (2023).

"Theorizing Social Movement Practices." With Christopher Lomelín. *The Journal of Social Encounters* 7, no. 2 (2023): 209-226.

“Religion and the Possibility of a Materialist Environmental Ethic.” *Environmental Ethics* 44, no. 3 (2022).

“The Zoological Marx.” *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* (2022). [Published online](#) July 5, 2022. DOI: [10.1080/10455752.2021.1966485](https://doi.org/10.1080/10455752.2021.1966485).

“Problem Animals.” *Environmental Ethics*, 41, no. 2 (2020): 129-141.

“Canine Rescue as a Social Movement: The Politics of Love.” *Society & Animals* 26 (2018): 1-18.

“Foundations of Conduct: A Theory of Values and Its Implications for Environmentalism.” With William Jordan III, Nathaniel Barrett, Kip Curtis, Liam Henneghan, Randall Honold, Todd LeVasseur, Leslie Paul Thiele, and Gretel Van Wieren. *Environmental Ethics* 34 (2012): 291-312.

“Oscar Romero and the Politics of Sainthood.” With Manuel Vásquez. *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts and Contemporary Worlds* 5, no. 3 (2009) 265–291.

“Martyrdom, Sacrifice, and Political Memory in Central America.” With Brandt G. Peterson. *Social Research* 75 (Summer 2008): 511-542.

“The Left and the Reign of God.” *Rethinking Marxism* 19, no. 1 (January 2007): 72-91.

“Toward a Materialist Environmental Ethic.” *Environmental Ethics* 28, no. 4 (Winter 2006): 375-393.

“Ethical Dilemmas: Finding Common Ground on Controversial Issues.” With L. Blackner, R. Foltz, B. Blackwelder, L. Schiavinato, and A. Flournoy. *Journal of Land Use and Environmental Law* 17, no. 2 (2002): 441-463.

“In and Of the World? Christian Theological Anthropology and Environmental Ethics.” *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 12, no. 3 (2000): 237-261.

Reprinted in *This Sacred Earth*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by Roger Gottlieb (New York: Routledge, 2003).

Reprinted in *Worldviews and the Environment*, edited by Richard Foltz (Belmont, California: Wadsworth, 2002).

“Environmental Ethics and the Social Construction of Nature.” *Environmental Ethics* 21, no. 4 (Winter 1999): 339-357.

Reprinted in *Environmental Ethics: Divergence and Convergence*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, edited by Susan J. Armstrong and Richard G. Botzler (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2003).

“Humans, Nature, and the End of the World.” *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas* (Fall 1998): 66-69.

“The New Evangelization in Latin American Perspective.” With Manuel Vásquez. *Cross*

*Currents* (Fall 1998): 311-329.

“Varieties of Popular Catholicism: A Parish Study.” *Social Compass* 45, no. 3 (September 1998): 399-415.

“Evangelicals and Catholics in El Salvador: Evolving Religious Responses to Social Change.” With Philip Williams. *Journal of Church and State* 38, no. 4 (Autumn 1996): 873-897.

“Religious Narratives and Political Protest.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LXIV, no. 1 (Spring 1996): 27-44.

“Cultural Critique and the Left in Latin America.” *Socialist Review* 1994, no. 3 (May 1995): 129-144.

“Sacrifice, History and Ritual in El Salvador.” *International Journal of Comparative Religion and Philosophy* 1, no. 1 (January-June 1995): 13-26.

### *Book Chapters*

“Ethics in the Public Sphere.” In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Doing Ethics*, ed. Timothy Weidel and Alan Preti. Wiley-Blackwell, 2026 (in press).

“Theorizing Religion, Social Movements, and Social Change.” In *Religion in Rebellions, Revolutions and Social Movements*, ed. Jean-Pierre Reed and Warren S. Goldstein. Routledge, 2022.

“Material Religion, Materialism, and Non-Human Animals.” In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Religion and Materiality*, ed. Vasudha Narayanan. Cambridge: Blackwell Press, 2020.

“Religion, Local Community, and Sustainable Agriculture.” In *Religion and Sustainable Agriculture: World Spiritual Traditions and Food Ethics*, ed. Todd LeVasseur, Pramod Parajuli, and Norman Wirzba. University Press of Kentucky, 2016.

“Progressive Catholicism.” With Manuel Vasquez. In *The Cambridge History of Religions in Latin America*, ed. Paul Freston and Virginia Garrard-Burnett. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.

“Latin America’s Religious Landscape.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Ecology*, eds. John Grim, Willis Jenkins, and Mary Evelyn Tucker. New York: Routledge, 2016.

“Recreate, Relate, Decenter: Environmental Ethics and Domestic Animals.” In “*Placing Nature on the Borders of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics*,” ed. Mark Dixon and Forrest Clingerman. Burlington, VT: Ashgate Press, 2011. Pp. 165-182.

“Ordinary and Extraordinary Sacrifices: Religion, Everyday Life, and Environmental Practice.” In *The Environmental Politics of Sacrifice*, ed. Michael Maniates and John Meyer. Cambridge,

Mass.: MIT Press, 2010.

“Ignorance and Ethics.” In *The Virtues of Ignorance: Complexity, Sustainability, and the Limits of Knowledge*, ed. Wes Jackson and Bill Vitek. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2008. Pp. 109-134.

“Boundaries, Politics, and Communities.” In *Nature's Edge: Boundary Explorations in Ecological Theory and Practice*, ed. Charles S. Brown and Ted Toadvine. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2007. Pp. 145-160.

“Talking the Walk: A Practice-Based Environmental Ethic As Grounds For Hope.” In *Ecospirit: Religion, Philosophy and the Earth*, ed. Laurel Kearns and Catherine Keller. New York: Fordham University Press, 2007. Pp. 45-62.

“Martyrdom and Christian Identity in Latin America.” In *More than a Memory: The Discourse of Martyrdom and the Construction of Christian Identity in the History of Christianity*, ed. Johann Leemans. Leuven: Peeters, 2006. Pp. 435-450.

Translated and reprinted as “Märtyrertum und christliche Identität in Lateinamerika (1970-1990).” *Theologie der Gegenwart* 51, 3 (2008), Pp. 196-210.

“Victims, Heroes, Enemies: Children in Central American Wars.” With Kay Almere Read. In *Minor Omissions: Children in Latin American History and Society*, ed. Tobias Hecht. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2002. Pp. 215-231.

“Introduction: Christianity and Social Change in the Shadow of Globalization.” With Manuel Vásquez and Philip Williams. In *Christianity, Social Change, and Globalization in the Americas*, ed. A. Peterson, M. Vásquez, and P. Williams. Pp. 1-22.

“The Only Way I Can Walk: Women, Christianity, and Everyday Life in El Salvador.” In *Christianity, Social Change, and Globalization in the Americas*, pp. 25-44.

“Upwards, Never Down: The Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Transnational Perspective.” With Manuel Vásquez. In *Christianity, Social Change, and Globalization in the Americas*, pp. 188-209.

“The Global and the Local.” With Manuel Vásquez and Philip Williams. In *Christianity, Social Change, and Globalization in the Americas*, pp. 210-228.

“History and Eschatology in *The Gospel in Solentiname*.” In *Liberation Theology and Sociopolitical Transformation*, ed. Jorge García Antezana. Burnaby, B.C.: Simon Fraser University Institute for the Humanities, 1992.

#### *Review Essays*

“Ethics and Human-Animal Relations.” *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 34, no. 23 (2021).

“The Animal Turn in Religious Studies.” *History of Religions* 56, no. 2 (November 2016): 232–245.

“Indigenous Religion and Culture: Before and Since the Conquest.” *Latin American Research Review* 36, no. 2 (Spring 2001): 237-254.

“Recent Studies and Issues in Animal Welfare.” *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 12, no. 2 (Spring 2000): 215-222.

“Alternatives, Traditions, and Diversity in Agriculture.” *Agriculture and Human Values* 17, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 95-106.

“Religion and Society in Latin America: Ambivalences and Advances.” *Latin American Research Review* 31, no. 2 (Summer 1996): 236-251.

“Religion in Latin America: New Methods and Approaches.” *Religious Studies Review* 21, no. 1 (January 1995): 3-8.

#### *Encyclopedia Entries*

“El Salvador.” In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, ed. Wade Clark Roof and Mark Juergensmeyer. Sage Publications, 2011.

“Animals in Christian Theology and Ethics.” With Samuel Snyder. *Encyclopedia of Animal-Human Relationships*, ed. Marc Bekoff. Greenwood, 2007.

“Animals in the New World.” With Gavin Van Horn. *Encyclopedia of Animal-Human Relationships*, ed. Marc Bekoff. Greenwood, 2007.

“Definitions of Humanness.” With Lucas Johnston. *Encyclopedia of Animal-Human Relationships*, ed. Marc Bekoff. Greenwood, 2007.

“The Social Construction of Nature.” *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, ed. Bron Taylor. Continuum, 2005.

“Roman Catholicism and Nature in Latin America.” *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, ed. Bron Taylor. Continuum, 2005.

“David Kline [Introduction and excerpts].” *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, ed. Bron Taylor. Continuum, 2005.

“Latin America: Wars in Central America.” *History of Childhood*, ed. Paula S. Fass. MacMillan, 2004.

“Religion and Animal Behavior.” *Encyclopedia of Animal Behavior*, ed. Marc Bekoff. Greenwood, 2004.

## NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“[No Justice, No Peace: Why Catholic Priests Are Kneeling with George Floyd Protesters.](#)” *The Conversation*, June 15, 2020.

“[Environmental Ethics and the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)” Berkley Forum, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, April 2020.

“[I Teach Ethics at the University Where Richard Spencer Spoke.](#)” *The Conversation*, Oct. 19, 2017.

“Climate Change and the Right to Hope.” Invited article for special issue on “The Place of Hope in an Age of Climate Disaster.” *Tikkun*, Spring 2015.

### *Book Reviews*

Review of Brad Christerson, et. al., *God's Resistance: Mobilizing Faith to Defend Immigrants*, in *The Journal of Social Encounters* 9, no. 1 (2025): 320-321. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.69755/2995-2212.1355>

Review of Leigh Binford, *From Popular to Insurgent Intellectuals: Peasant Catechists in the Salvadoran Revolution*, in [Americas](#) (2024).

Review of Clair Linzey, *Developing Animal Theology: An Engagement with Leonardo Boff*, in *Modern Believing* 64, no. 3 (Summer 2023): 276-77.

Review of Molly Todd, *Long Journey to Justice: El Salvador, the United States, and Struggles Against Empire*, in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 101, no. 4 (2021): 762-764.

Review of Kyle B. T. Lambelet, *Presente! Nonviolent Politics and the Resurrection of the Dead*, in *Journal of Social Encounters* 5, no. 1 (2021): 95-97.

Review of Reiko Ohnuma, *Unfortunate Destiny: Animals in the Indian Buddhist Imagination*, in *History of Religions* (2018): 216-219.

Review of Whitney Bauman, *Religion and Ecology: Developing a Planetary Ethic*, in *Worldviews* 21, no. 1 (2016).

Review of Nicola Hoggard Creegan, *Animal Suffering and the Problem of Evil*, in *The Journal of Religion* 96, no. 1 (2016).

Review of Willis Jenkins, *The Future of Ethics: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Religious*

*Creativity*, in *Environmental Ethics* (2015).

Review of Tatjana Višak, *Killing Happy Animals: Explorations in Utilitarian Ethics*, in *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* (2015).

Review of Gretel van Wieren, *Restored to Earth: Christianity, Environmental Ethics, and Ecological Restoration*, in *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* (2014).

Review of Kathy Rudy, *Loving Animals: Toward a New Animal Advocacy*, in *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* (2012).

Review of Richard P. Haynes, *Animal Welfare: Competing Conceptions and Their Ethical Implications*, in *Agriculture and Human Values* (2011).

Review of Sallie McFague, *A New Climate for Theology: God, the World, and Global Warming*, in *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism: A Journal of Socialist Ecology* (June 2011).

Review of Ellen F. Davis, *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible*, in the *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 3, no. 3 (2009): 428-430.

Review of Donna Haraway, *When Species Meet*, in *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 21, no. 6 (Fall 2008): 609-611.

Review of Roger Gottlieb, *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Ecology and A Greener Faith: Religious Environmentalism and Our Planet's Future*, in *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 21, no. 6 (Fall 2008): 607-608.

Review of Francien De Jonge and Ruud van den Bos, eds., *The Human-Animal Relationship: Forever and a Day*, in *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 21, no. 5 (Summer 2008): 503-505.

Review of D. Lodge and C. Hamlin, eds., *Religion and the New Ecology*, in *Environmental Ethics* 29, no. 4 (Winter 2007): 439-440.

Review of Sharon Erickson Nepstad, *Convictions of the Soul: Religion, Culture, and Agency in the Central America Solidarity Movement*, in *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research* 31, no. 4 (October 2006).

Review of José Comblin, *People of God*, in *Americas* 62, no. 2 (October 2005): 275-76.

Review of Lisa Sideris, *Environmental Ethics, Ecological Theology, and Natural Selection*, in *Environmental Ethics* 27, no. 2 (Summer 2005): 217-220.

Review of Allan Greer and Jody Bilinkoff, eds., *Colonial Saints: Discovering the Holy in the Americas*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 72, no. 2 (June 2004): 534-36.



Review of Richard Fern, *Nature, God, and Humanity: Envisioning an Ethics of Nature*, in *Environmental Ethics* 26, no. 2 (Summer 2004): 221-22.

Review of Marco Tavanti, *Las Abejas: Pacifist Resistance and Syncretic Identities in Globalizing Chiapas*, in *Journal of Religion* 84, no. 2 (April 2004): 327-329.

Review of Roger Gottlieb and David Landis Barnhill, eds., *Deep Ecology and World Religions: New Essays on Sacred Ground*, in *Environmental Ethics* 25, No. 2 (Summer 2003): 215-219.

Review of Calvin Redekop, ed., *Creation and the Environment: An Anabaptist Perspective on a Sustainable World*, in *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion* 6, no. 3 (2002): 343-47.

Review of Eric Katz, Andrew Light, and David Rothenberg, eds., *Beneath the Surface: Critical Essays in the Philosophy of Deep Ecology*, in *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion* 6, no. 2 (2002): 208-214.

Review of Dieter Hessel and Rosemary Radford Ruether, eds., *Christianity and Ecology: Seeking the Well-Being of Earth and Humans*, in *Environmental Ethics* 24, no. 1 (Spring 2002): 105-108.

Review of Audrey Chapman, Rodney Petersen, and Barbara Smith-Moran, eds., *Consumption, Population, and Sustainability: Perspectives from Religion and Science*, in *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion* 5, no. 1 (Spring 2001): 100-105.

Review of Frank Fischer and Maarten Hajer, eds., *Living with Nature: Environmental Politics as Cultural Discourse*, in *Environmental Ethics* 22, no. 2 (Summer 2001): 103-106.

Review of Peter Coates, *Nature: Western Attitudes since Ancient Times*, in *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 12, no. 3 (Summer 2000): 353-58.

Review of Thomas Berry, *The Great Work*, in *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion* 4, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 5-8.

Review of Carol Ann Drogus, *Women, Religion, and Social Change in Brazil's Popular Church*, in *Church History* 68, no. 1 (March 1999): 240-242.

Review of Philippe Descola and Gisli Palsson, eds., *Nature and Society: Anthropological Perspectives*, in *Agriculture and Human Values* 15, no. 2 (Spring 1998): 179-83.

Review of Frans de Waal, *Good Natured: The Origins of Right and Wrong in Humans and Other Animals*, in *Environmental Ethics* 20, no. 4 (Winter 1998): 437-440.

Review of Roy Ellen and Katsuyoshi Fukui, eds., *Redefining Nature: Ecology, Culture, and Domestication*, in *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion* 2, no. 1 (April 1998): 81-82.

Review of Bron Taylor, ed., *Ecological Resistance Movements*, in *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion* 1, no. 1 (April 1997): 90-92.

Review of Gustavo Gutiérrez, *Las Casas*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LXIV, no. 3 (Fall 1996): 698-702.

Review of Alfred Hennessey, ed., *Santo Domingo & Beyond*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LXIII, no. 4 (Winter 1995): 863-866.

Review of Joseph Murphy, *Working the Spirit: Ceremonies of the African Diaspora*, in *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 7, no. 2 (1995): 207-211.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES**

### *Invited Lectures*

“Urban Animals and Wild Nature.” College of Charleston Department of Philosophy, March 2025.

“What is Ethics and Why Is It Necessary?” Annual meeting of the International Society of Arboriculture, “Trees Florida.” Palm Coast, Florida, June 8, 2021.

“Euthanasia: Human and Other.” Keynote lecture at conference on “The Human Difference.” Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, University of Oxford, July 23, 2015.

“Means and Ends in Social Ethics.” University of Chicago Divinity School, December 2013.

“Are Animals Nature? Religious Ethics and the Animal Rights-Environmental Ethics Debate.” College of Charleston, November 11, 2013.

“Are Animals Nature? Rethinking the Animal Rights-Environmental Ethics Debate.” Michigan State University (Religious Studies Department and Animal Studies Program), December 2, 2011.

“Recreate, Relate, Decenter: Environmental Ethics and Domestic Animals.” Keynote lecture at “Recreate, Replace, Restore: Exploring the Intersections Between Meanings and Environments.” Ohio Northern University, April 17, 2009.

“Environmental Values and Sustainable Practices.” Environmental Sciences Institute, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, September 12, 2008.

“Bridging the Gap between Environmental Values and Ecological Practice.” Paul Lamont Thompson Lecture, Kalamazoo College, April 3, 2008.

“Religious Values and Environmental Practice.” Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, April 2, 2008.

“The Politics of Sacrifice.” Invited workshop participant. Allegheny College, Sept. 18-20, 2007.

“Talking the Walk: A Practice-Based Environmental Ethic as Grounds for Hope.” Presented at the Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium V, “EcoSophia: Religion, Democracy and Earth.” Drew University School of Theology, October 1, 2005.

“Human Exceptionalism in Western Tradition.” Graduate Theological Union, May 2, 2005.

“Ignorance, Ethics, and Activism.” Presented at “The Need for an Ignorance-Based Worldview.” The Land Institute, Matfield Green, Kansas, June 3-5, 2004.

“Religious Ethics and the Reign of God.” Department of Theology, Georgetown University, January 30, 2003.

“Boundaries and Communities.” Presented at “Toward a Taxonomy of Boundaries: Interdisciplinary Seminar on Ecological Theory and Practice.” The Land Institute and Emporia State University Department of Philosophy, Matfield Green, Kansas, May 30-June 2, 2002.

“The Catholic Charismatic Movement in Transnational Perspective.” With Manuel Vásquez. Workshop on “Transborder Peoples and the Intersections between Latino and Latin American Studies,” co-sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Indiana University and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Bloomington, Indiana, June 1-2, 2001.

“What Does Religion Do? Insiders, Outsiders, and the Value of a Good Story.” The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, March 30, 2000.

“Progressive Catholicism in Latin America: Justice, Violence, and Utopias.” Keynote lecture at conference on “The Futures of Catholic Radicalism: Dialogues with Daniel Berrigan.” DePaul University, October 19, 1999.

“Roman Catholic Moral Theology and the Problem of Violence.” Providence College, October 21, 1998.

“Progressive Catholicism in El Salvador during the Civil War and Today.” The Archbishop Romero Lecture, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, March 17, 1998. Published by the Kellogg Institute.

### *Selected Conference Presentations*

“Conservation Narratives.” Presented at the Public Interest and Environmental Law conference, University of Florida. February 21, 2025.

“What May We Hope?” Presented at the International Society for Environmental Ethics meetings at the 2023 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 5-8, 2023.

“Ideas, Activism, and Social Change.” Radical Philosophy Association annual meeting. Jacksonville, Florida, Nov. 16-19, 2022.

Respondent, panel on “Romero and Contemporary Central American Politics and Society.” Latin American Studies Association conference. San Francisco (online), May 5-8, 2022.

“Values, Practices, and Consequences.” Presented at “Climate Change and Ethics: Where are We?” Center for the Study of Ethics in the Professions. Illinois Institute of Technology (online), March 25-26, 2022.

“Spaces of Public Philosophy.” With Ali Mian and Jaime Ahlberg. Workshop at the Public Philosophy conference. George Mason University (online), October 21-23, 2021.

“Public Philosophy, Ethics, and Activism.” With Sam Snyder. Public Philosophy conference. George Mason University (online), October 21-23, 2021.

“Teaching Environmental Values and Practices Across the Curriculum.” Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum annual meeting. Colorado School of Mines (online), October 7-9, 2021.

“Shared Space and Problem Animals.” International Society for Environmental Ethics annual meeting. Finland (online), June 30-July 3, 2021.

“Religion and the Possibility of a Materialist Environmental Ethic.” International Society of Environmental Ethics sessions, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division meeting, Portland, Oregon (online), April 2021.

“Teaching About Economic Inequities in the Age of Trump.” With Jaime Ahlberg. SECSOR (Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion) annual meeting, Athens, Georgia, Feb. 29, 2020.

“Problem Animals: Abundant Deer and Feral Cats.” International Society of Environmental Ethics/American Philosophical Association Eastern Division annual meeting, Savannah, GA, January 3-4, 2018; session cancelled due to weather. Published on the [APA blog](#).

“Sustainability, Community, and Labor in a University Context.” Roundtable panel. Marxist Reading Group annual conference: “Nature of the Contradiction.” University of Florida, April 1, 2011.

“The Zoological Marx.” Marxist Reading Group annual conference: “Nature of the Contradiction.” University of Florida, March 31, 2011.

“Promised Land: The Peasant Catholic Left in El Salvador.” Latin American Studies Association conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15-18, 2006. (Session organizer, “Progressive Catholicism, Present and Future.”)

“Eco-Communities and Bioregionalism: Nature and Religion in Two Agrarian Communities.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia, November 2005.

“The Left and the Reign of God.” Marxist Reading Group annual conference, “Catastrophe Now: The Wreckage of Utopia.” University of Florida, March 27, 2004.

Respondent to film “Enemies of War.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting. Denver, November 2001.

“Drawing the Line: Ethics and the Definition of the Human.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting. San Francisco, November 1997.

Respondent to panel on “Defending Livelihoods: Religious Movements toward Ecological Justice.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting. Philadelphia, November 1995.

“Religion and Politics in Latin America and the U.S.: Towards a Comparative Framework.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting. Philadelphia, November 1995.

“Linguistification and Legitimation: Habermas on Religion.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting. Washington, D.C., November 1993.

“The Local Nature of Social Movements: Towards a Definition,” with Kevin Snape. Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. Chicago, April 1993.

“In Defense of Socialism: Paul Tillich’s Political Ethics.” North American Paul Tillich Society annual meeting. San Francisco, November 1992.

“Religion and Collective Identity in El Salvador.” Latin American Studies Association conference. Los Angeles, September 1992.

“Women, Religion, and Political Participation in El Salvador and Nicaragua.” Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting. Chicago, April 1992.

*Selected Lectures and Presentations at the University of Florida*

Book talk, *With God on Our Side: Religion, Social Movements, and Social Change*. U.F. Department of Religion, Jan. 29, 2025.

Keynote speaker, “Social Change and Faith on Campus.” “Impact with Interfaith” event, sponsored by UF Interfaith Affairs. Dec. 4, 2024.

Participant. “Framing your Research for Engagement, Effectiveness, and Social Responsibility.” Panel for IFAS Research Symposium. April 30, 2024.

“Is It Possible to Teach Ethics in Florida?” [UFF-UF Teach In on Academic Freedom](#). Part of the NEA National Day of Action for Higher Education for the Public Good. April 17, 2024.

Participant, “Our Moral Obligations to Each Other in a Time of War.” Roundtable organized by Ethics in the Public Sphere. Nov. 1, 2023.

“Professional Ethics and Why it Matters.” Presentation for UF Office on Compliance and Ethics annual conference. October 24, 2023.

“Anthropocentrism, Nature, and Justice in Western Christian Discourse about Nature.” Response to Dorothy Ko. SONGS (Sustainable Online Network for Global-Cultural Studies) symposium. Oct. 13, 2020.

“Environmental Ethics and Climate Change.” For teacher workshop, “Florida Climate in an Era of Rapid Change.” Sponsored by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. June 21, 2016; revised version repeated June 21, 2017.

“Environmental Ethics and Florida’s Waters.” For student seminar, “Humanities and the Sunshine State: Rediscovering Florida’s Waters.” Sponsored by the Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere. June 15, 2016.

“Searching for Sustainability: Lessons and Questions from Communities in the Americas.” School of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of Florida, December 1, 2005.

“Sustainable Communities and Environmental Values in the Americas.” School of Natural Resources and the Environment, Interdisciplinary Ecology Graduate Seminar, University of Florida, September 6, 2005.

Response to Bill McKibben, “How Big Should We Be?” College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Presidential Inaugural, University of Florida, September 9, 2004.

“Ethics, Environment, and Our Place in the World.” Department of Wildlife Biology and Conservation, University of Florida, March 22, 2004.

“The Ethics of Sustainability.” In the series “Conversations for a Sustainable Future.” Greening UF Global Leadership Series, University of Florida, December 3, 2003.

“Environmental Ethics and Social Constructionism.” Tropical Conservation and Development Program Graduate Seminar, University of Florida, April 16, 2002.

“Ethics, Religion, and Nature.” Woodrow Wilson Teachers as Scholars Seminar, Center for Precollegiate Education, University of Florida, February 27, 2002.

“Ethical Dilemmas.” Public Interest and Environmental Law Conference, University of Florida College of Law, February 16, 2002.

“Religion and the Environment.” Center for Precollegiate Training, University of Florida, July 12, 2001 and July 24, 2002.

“Ethics in the Modern Academy.” Inaugural Lecture, College Forum, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida, February 22, 2001.

## **SCHOLARLY WORK IN PROGRESS**

### *Edited book*

*De Gruyter Handbook of Religion and Social Change*, co-edited with Jeyoul Choi, Victoria Machado, and Nelson Marín Alarcón. Under contract for 2026.

### *Articles and Chapters*

“Religion, Social Movements, and Social Change.” Chapter in *The DeGruyter Handbook of Religion and Social Change*.

“Editors’ Introduction,” with Jeyoul Choi, Victoria Machado, and Nelson Marín Alarcón. Chapter in *The DeGruyter Handbook of Religion and Social Change*.

“Conclusion.” with Jeyoul Choi, Victoria Machado, and Nelson Marín Alarcón. Chapter in *The DeGruyter Handbook of Religion and Social Change*.

“Teaching the Sustainability Ethics and the Practice.” With Natalie Triana. Journal article in progress. Initial draft completed, to be presented April 19 at the International Society of Environmental Ethics meetings.

“Teaching Ethics in the Public Sphere.” Journal article in progress. Outline and notes completed.

### *Lectures and presentations*

“Teaching Environmental Ethics and the Values-Practices Gap.” With Natalie Triana. To be presented at the International Society of Environmental Ethics sessions at 2025 Pacific meeting of the American Philosophical Society, April 19, 2025.

“Religión, movimientos sociales, y cambio social.” Invited lecture to be given at the Universidad de Chile, Dec. 2025.

### *Research collaborations*

“Student Perspectives Responses to Higher Education Initiatives in Florida.” With Aayushi Patel

(undergraduate). Funded by the Haskell Faculty Fellowships program of the Bob Graham Center.

“Environmental Values and Practices in Congregations.” With Ben Lowe (A Rocha Foundation). Funded by the Lilly Foundation.

“Together.” Documentary film on mountain lion P-22, directed by Mike Mills. Member, Advisory Committee. NEH grant proposal in progress.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

### *External Grants*

National Science Foundation (NSF). Co-PI, with Charles Kibert (PI), Martha Monroe, and Les Thiele. “Teaching the Ethics of Sustainability.” Awarded August 2008, for two years (\$299,361).

Rockefeller Foundation. Co-director, with Philip Williams and Manuel Vásquez. Residential fellowships on “Religion and Globalization in the Americas,” University of Florida Departments of Religion and Political Science and Center for Latin American Studies, 1999-2003 (\$250,000).

Pew Charitable Trusts. Research Advancement Grant. Co-PI, with Philip Williams and Manuel Vásquez. For research on Christianity and social change in El Salvador, Peru, and U.S. Latino communities, 1996-1999 (\$299,000).

### *University of Florida Grants and Awards*

Teacher of the Year award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2023-24 (\$2000).

Haskell Fellowship, Bob Graham Center for Public Service. For collaborative public-facing research with an undergraduate, awarded Jan. 2024 (\$3750).

University Scholars Program Research Award. For mentoring an undergraduate research project, Fall 2023 (\$250).

University Term Professorship, 2021-2024 (\$15,000).

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, “Religion and Social Movements.” Awarded for Summer 2021 (\$12,000).

Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars. Elected March 2020.  
Chair, January 2022-present.

Co-Convener, Human-Animal Studies Reading Group, 2020-present. Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere.

“Uncommon Ground” teaching award, from the Honors Program, to teach a one-credit class on



*Animals and Why They Matter* by Mary Midgley, for Fall 2020.

Convener, “Ethics in the Public Sphere.” “Intersections: Teaching into Research” interdisciplinary group. Center for the Humanities in the Public Sphere (\$30,000), August 2018-August 2021). <https://public-ethics.humanities.ufl.edu/>

Team Teaching Award, for “Ethics and the Public Sphere,” co-taught with Prof. Jaime Ahlberg (Philosophy). Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, for 2018-19.

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund. Awarded for Summer 2018 (\$12,000).

Named Term Professorship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2016-18.

2015-16 Doctoral Dissertation Advising/Mentoring Award nominee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund. Awarded for Summer 2015 (\$12,000).

Undergraduate Course Development award for class in Global Ethics. International Center, awarded spring 2015 (\$5,000).

Elizabeth Wood Dunlevie Honors Term Professor, 2012-13.

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund. Awarded for Summer 2011 (\$10,000).

University of Florida Research Foundation Professorship, 2001-2003, 2009-2011.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Preliminary Study Grant. “Religious Values and Environmental Practices.” PI. Awarded April 2009 (\$15,000).

Transnational and Global Studies Program. “Global Religion in Practice.” Co-PI, with Vasudha Narayanan, Anita Anantharam, Whitney Sanford, Manuel Vásquez, and Philip Williams. Awarded March 2008 (\$5,000).

School of Natural Resources. “Closing the Gap between Values and Behavior to Protect Natural Resources and Land.” Co-PI, with Leslie Paul Thiele. Awarded September 2006 (\$23,840).

Center for the Humanities in the Public Sphere. Grant to support a lecture series on “Rethinking Environmental Values, Consumption, and Desire.” Awarded Spring 2006 (\$6,000).

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund. For “Everyday Ethics and Immanent Utopias: Cultural Narratives of Parenting.” Awarded Summer 2005 (\$7,000). Also selected as top U.F. proposal for 2005 NEH summer stipend competition.

Yulee Humanities Professorship, Spring 2001.

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund. For “Residence on Earth: Community and Nature in the Americas.” Awarded Summer 2000 (\$7000).

*Grants submitted but not funded*

National Science Foundation. “Science advocacy ethics: Building a dialogue on values in science as a means to protect trust in science.” Co-PI, with Sadie Hundemer (PI) and Jamie Loizzo (co-PI). Submitted January 2023.

National Science Foundation. “Wide and Deep Collaboration: Accelerating Responses to Contemporary Scientific Challenges.” Co-PI, with Sadie Hundemer (PI), Terry Harpold and Katie Stofer (co-PIs). Submitted January 2023.

*Grants in progress*

National Science Foundation. “The responsibility of knowledge: Preparing graduate students for the ethical challenges of scientific expertise.” Co-PI, with Sadie Hundemer (PI), Jaime Loizzo (co-PI), and Caleb Stair (co-PI). Total requested \$399,654. Submitted Jan 21, 2025.

MacArthur Foundation. “Higher Ed-Higher Trust: Restoring Confidence in America’s Universities.” Co-PI, with Sadie Hundemer (PI), Jaime Loizzo (co-PI); and Caleb Stair (co-PI). No amount indicated on initial submission. Submitted March 18, 2025.

## **STUDENT ADVISING**

*Graduate mentorship*

I have served as chair of 15 PhD committees, member of 23 PhD committees, chair of 11 MA committees, and member of 15 MA committees. Please contact me for a complete list.

*Undergraduate mentorship*

I have supervised over a dozen undergraduate honors theses, multiple University Scholars Program (USP) and CLAS Scholars Program research projects, and multiple interns from the CAIRES Center’s Active Learning Program (ALP) for the Ethics and the Public Sphere project.

In 2024-25, I am supervising one honors thesis, one USP research project, one peer teacher for an honors “Uncommon Read” class, one research project supported by the Bob Graham Center’s Haskell Faculty Fellowship award, and three ALP interns.

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Reviewer, ACLS Fellowships, American Council of Learned Societies, 2022-23; 2023-24.

Reviewer, Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships, American Council of Learned Societies, 2021-22.

Book review editor, *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*

Manuscript reviewer for scholarly journals including *Journal of Religious Ethics*; *History of Religions*; *Religion*; *Agriculture and Human Values*; *Journal of Social Encounters*; *Religions*; *Sustainability*; *Environmental Ethics*; *Ethics, Place and Environment*; *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*; *Worldviews*; *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*; *Latin American Politics and Society*; *Journal of Latin American Studies*; *The Latin Americanist*; *Animals & Society*; *Catholic Historical Review*; and *American History Review*.

Manuscript reviewer for publishers including Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, De Gruyter, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Press, Oxford University Press; Pennsylvania State University Press, Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield, Rutgers University Press, State University of New York Press, Temple University Press, University Press of Florida, and the University of California Press.

Guest editor, special issue of *Religions* on “Animals and World Religions” (2019)

Tenure and promotion reviewer for colleges and universities including Indiana University, Southern Methodist University, Northwestern University, Michigan State University, University of Toronto, Florida International University, and DePaul University.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

### *Department of Religion*

Undergraduate committee, 2025-26

Post-tenure review committee, 2024

Merit pay committee, 2023-24

Undergraduate Coordinator, 2019-23

Executive Committee, 2019-23

Chair, Search Committee, Visiting Lecturer, Christianity, spring 2023

Sustained Performance Review Committee, 2022-23

Search Committee, African American Studies cluster hire, spring 2022

Search Committee, Jewish studies/Religion joint hire, spring 2022

Search Committee, Sheikh Chair in Global Islamic Studies, 2018-19

Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2016-17, 2018-19

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2008-09, 2014-15, 2016-17, 2019-2023

Search Committee for Asian Religions, 2014-15

Associate Chair, 2009-2012 (interim, 2008-09)

Departmental Review Committee, 2007-08

Graduate Advisory Committee, 2006-07

Search Committee in Religion and Nature, Chair, 2005-06

Search Committee for Department Chair, 2003-04

Steering Committee, 1996-98, 2003-05.  
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2002-04  
Search Committee for the Samuel S. Hill Chair in Christian Ethics, Chair, 2001-02  
Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2001-02  
Graduate Coordinator, 2000-02  
Ph.D. Proposal Committee, 2000-01

*College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)*

Search Committee, Associate Dean, spring 2021  
CLAS Assembly Steering Committee, 2006-07  
Nominating Committee, 1994-96; 2005-07; Chair, 2006-07  
Travel Awards Committee, 2003-04  
Selection Committee, University of Florida Research Professorships, 2002

*Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars*

Chair, fall 2021-August 2025

*Academic Personnel Board*

Member, fall 2023-present

*Center for Latin American Studies*

Executive Committee, 2009-2010  
Admissions/Fellowship Committee, 2010  
Admissions/Fellowship Committee, 2008  
Steering Committee, Annual Conference, "Rural Social Movements in Latin America," 2006  
Co-organizer, Bacardi Lecture Series, 2001-02  
Rockefeller Humanities Fellowship Selection Committee, 2001  
Co-organizer, Annual Conference, "Religion and Social Change in the Americas," 1998

*Tropical Conservation and Development Program*

Travel Grant Review Committee, 2021  
Fellowship/Assistantships Review Committee, 2014  
Curriculum Committee, 2002-05

*Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere*

Co-coordinator, Ethics and the Public Sphere working group, 2022-present.  
Convener, Intersections Teaching into Research Group on Ethics in the Public Sphere, 2018-22  
Co-convener, Human-Animal Studies working group, 2020-21

*Center for Teaching Excellence*

Member, Honors Faculty Learning Community, 2019-20

*Faculty Senate, Senator, 2013-16*

*College of Design, Construction, and Planning, Sustainability Governing Board, 2013-15*

*Office of Research*, Evaluator for NEH Summer Stipend competition, 2010

*Office of Sustainability*, Program Planning Committee, statewide conference, 2006

*School of Natural Resources and the Environment*, Curriculum Committee, 2004-06

*Student Organizations*

Faculty advisor, Climate Action Gators, 2024-present

Faculty advisor, Florida PIRG, 2021-2023

*United Faculty of Florida (NEA/AFT)*

NBI Committee Concerning the Termination of former ED Candi Churchill, 2023-24

Executive Council, 2021-present

State Senator, 2021-present, 2005-18, 2003-04; alternate, 2004-05

Florida Education Association representative, 2021-22

Religion Department Representative, 2002-present

Chair, Collective Bargaining Task Force on Salary, 2001-02

Faculty Council, 1997-98

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

International Society for Environmental Ethics

American Academy of Religion

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences

Radical Philosophy Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

American Philosophical Association (affiliate member)