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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, 2011

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

- Specialization in Religious Education
- Thesis title – Principles for a Creation-based Curriculum: With Particular Reference to the Writings of Dermot Lane

Master of Theology (with distinction), 2005

Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta

Master of Divinity (with distinction), 2002

Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta

Bachelor of Education - Elementary (with distinction), 1998

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Religious education
- Religion and sports, especially educational concerns and Catholicism
- Catholic education
- Educational leadership
- Religion and science, especially educational concerns

TEACHING AND RELATED EXPERIENCES

Assistant Professor, 2011-present

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

- Creatively engaging pedagogy and drawing from theological and educational resources for development of critical, sound perspectives
- Courses:
 - Christian Religious Education and the Adolescent and Young Adult (CHRTC 381)
 - Christian Religious Education and the Child (CHRTC 380)
 - Sport and Religion (CHRTC 220)
 - Introduction to Educational Improvement (EDU 511)
 - Leadership in Educational Settings (EDU 512)

- Directed Readings in Catholic Theology (CHRTC 501)
- Topics in Christian Tradition: Catholic Religious Education (CHRTC 609)
- Advanced Studies in Sport and Religion (CHRTC 407)
- The Theological Education of the Catholic School Teacher (CHRTC 250)

Adjunct Professor, 2017-

Department of Secondary Education, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

Catholic School Districts Liaison, 2016-17

- engaging educators and promoting College's role in Alberta Catholic education
- initiating "Dinner and a Course" Program and graduate course partnership with ECSD

Catholic Education Cohort Advisor, 2015-present

Masters of Educational Studies Program, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

- Planning and supporting students in the St. Joseph's College cohort partnership
- Reviewing student applications

Curricular Consultant, July 2013-present

St. Joseph's College and Edmonton Catholic Schools, Edmonton, Alberta

- Designing curricular modules about sport and spirituality for high schools
- Researching athletes and coaches in Catholic schools via contract-grant

Lecturer, 2009-11 and summers 2005-8

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Teaching Assistant, 2005-7

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

- Assisted professors with courses in religion and culture, morality and ethics, the Hebrew Scriptures, pastoral ministry
- Participated in professional development program supported by a Wabash grant

High School Religious Studies Teacher and Chaplain, 2002-4

John Paul II High School, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta

President of Student Association, 2001-2

Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta

Elementary School Teacher (Grade 6), 1998-9

St. Augustine School, Ponoka, Alberta

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Contract-Grant, Edmonton Catholic School District, 2013-present

- \$7500/year to compose a sport and spirituality module for high schools

STIR Grant, St. Joseph's College, 2015, 2017

- \$3600 for archival research in Toronto and Vancouver
- \$1300 for travel to conference in York, U.K.

Gerard S. Sloyan Scholarship and University Scholarship, full tuition, 2005-8

- The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE WORK

ARTICLES

“Sport as a Celebrative and Worshipful Act’: Taking Back Sport Through Theological Reflection.” *Practical Theology*, vol. 9, no. 3 (2016), 213-25. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1756073X.2016.1221641>.

Hoven, M., & Kuchera, S. “Beyond Tebowing and Superstitions: Religious Practices of 15-year-old Competitive Athletes.” *International Journal of Children’s Spirituality*, vol. 21, no. 1 (2016), 52-65. doi:10.1080/1364436X.2016.1150814.

“Faith Informing Competitive Youth Athletes in Christian Schooling.” *Journal of Research on Christian Education*, vol. 25, no. 3 (2016).

“Rare Beauty’ and Renewal: The Consortium Project for Alberta Catholic High School Religious Education,” *Historical Studies*, vol. 81 (2015): 53-72.

“Teaching Creation: Ancient Belief Meets Modern Science”, *Journal of Religious Education*, vol. 63, no. 1 (2015):1-12.

“Teaching about Science in RE: Some Strategies,” *Religious Education Journal of Australia*, vol. 31, no. 1 (2015): 41-42.

“Science, Faith and Young People,” *Fidelitas: Journal of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars*, Summer/Fall 2014, vol. 7, No. 2: 56-78.

“Recovering Spiritual Centres of Gravity Through Sport,” *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, vol. 15 (2013-2014): 51-78.

“Critical Guide to Resources in Religion and Science,” *Religious Education: The Journal of the Religious Education Association* 108, no. 5 (May 2013).

“How Catholic Schools Can Better Support an Ethic for Creation,” *Champagnat: An International Marist Journal of Charism in Education* 14, no. 1 (2012): 33-43.

"Who Made the World?" *The Furrow: A Journal for the Contemporary Church* 63, no. 5 (May 2012): 310-15.

"A Made-in-Alberta High School Religious Education Program," *NewsJournal of the Religious and Moral Education Council* (accepted by not yet published).

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Re-Characterizing Confidence Because of Religious and Personal Rituals in Sport: Findings from a Qualitative Study of 15 Year Olds," Resubmitted to *Sport in Society*, May 2017.

"Toward the Integral Development of Youth in Catholic School Athletics: Major Findings from a Qualitative Research Study," Initially submitted for special issue in *Religion and Society*, December 2016.

Hoven, M., Parker, A., and Watson, N., eds. *Christian Practices for Sport: An Introduction*. To be published with T&T Clark. Submission deadline: December 2018.

EDUCATIONAL MODULES

Confidence. (2017). A Sport and Spirituality Module produced for Edmonton Catholic School District (ECSD).

On Christian Mindfulness: Sport Psychology and Ignatian Spirituality. (2015). Module produced for ECSD.

The Habit of Winning. (2014). Module produced for ECSD.

Play in Sport. (2013). Module produced for ECSD.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Sport, Religion and Disability*, edited by Nick Watson and Andrew Parker (2015), New York: Routledge. Review in *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, Vol. 17, 2015-16, R1-R3.

Review of *The Games People Play: Theology, Religion and Sport*, by Robert Ellis, (2014), Eugene, OR, USA: Wipf & Stock. Review in *Practical Theology*, Vol. 8, no. 1, March 2015, 63-74.

Review of *Urban Catholic Education: The Best of Times, the Worst of Times*, by Thomas C. Hunt, David J. O'Brien and Timothy Walch. Peter Lang, 2013. Review in *Religious Studies and Theology*, Vol. 34, no. 1, June 2015, 133-135. 492 words.

Review of *Aretism: An Ancient Sports Philosophy for a Modern Sports World* by M. Andrew Holowchak and Heather L. Reid in *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice* (United States) 16, no. 2 (2013): 444-446.

Review of *Teaching Religion and Science: Effective Pedagogy and Practical Approaches for RE Teachers*. By Tonie Stolberg and Geoff Teece. Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2011. Published in the *Religious Education Journal of Australia (REJA)* 59, no. 4 (2011): 65-66.

Review of *Defending Religious Diversity in Public Schools: A Practical Guide for Building Democracy and Deepening our Education*, by Nathan R. Kollar in *Religious Education* 105, no. 3 (2010): 353-4.

Review of *Overcoming Religious Illiteracy: A Cultural Studies Approach to the Study of Religion in Secondary Education*, by Diane L. Moore. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007. Published in *Religious Education* 103, no. 5 (2008): 590-1

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

"Youth Sport and Catholic Spiritual Practices," Inaugural Global Congress on Sport and Christianity, York, UK, 2016, invited and co-strand leader.

"Four-Point Model for Spirituality in Sport," Inaugural Global Congress on Sport and Christianity, York, UK, 2016.

"Inspiring Confidence: Religious Rituals in Youth Sport," Perspectives on Sport and Inspiration, Philadelphia, 2016.

"The Spirituality of Athletic Coaches: A Phenomenological Study," Religious Education Association Conference, Atlanta, 2015.

"Sport, Theology and Praxis," Canadian Theological Society, Ottawa, ON, 2015.

"Papal Teaching about Sport? What Can It Say to All Christians?" Christian Society in Kinesiology and Leisure Studies (CSKLS), Grand Rapids, MI, 2015.

"The History of Catholic High School Religious Education in Alberta," St. Joseph's College Speaker Series, Edmonton, 2015.

"Spiritual Practices of Adolescent Athletes," Faculty Lecture Series, St. Joseph's College, Edmonton, 2014.

"Muscular Popes? Critical Analysis of Papal Teaching about Sport," Religious Education Association, Boston, 2013.

"The Spiritual Side of Sport: A Means for Recovering Spiritual Centers of Gravity," Canadian Theological Society, Victoria, B.C., 2013.

"Science and Religion in Catholic School Curriculum: An Academic Minefield?" St. Joseph's College Speakers' Series, 2010.

"Government Funding for Catholic Schools: Strengthening or Impairing Identity in American and Canadian Catholic Schools?" CUA/STRSSA Student Day Conference, co-presented with Max T. Engel, 2008.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

"The Molson Cup Three Stars of Hockey and Religion: Notre Dame, Connor McJesus, and the Lucky Loonie," Pub Theology Teacher Night, St. Albert Catholic School District, St. Albert, 2017.

"Conversation in Catholic Education," Large Group Conversation Leader, hosted by Edmonton Catholic School District, 2017.

"Sport and Ignatian Spirituality," Elk Island Catholic School District, Sherwood Park, 2016.

"Get Your God Game On," SJC's Dinner and a Course program, Edmonton, 2016.

"Sport and the Catholic Church," for Sport and Religion (HP 4396), Baylor University, Waco, TX, Fall and Winter terms, 2015-16.

"Sport and Spirituality in Catholic Schools," Edmonton Catholic School District, Edmonton, 2015 and 2016; Evergreen Catholic School District, Spruce Grove, 2015.

"Sport and Religion," Archbishop Jordan High School, Sherwood Park, 2014.

"Infusing Curriculum with Faith: God's Creation," Edmonton Catholic School Teacher's Web Conference Professional Development Afternoon (all district teachers), 2013.

"Standing up to Scientific Atheism," and **"Quarterbacks and Quantum Mechanics: Making RE Relevant to Teens,"** National Catholic Education Association Conference, Houston, 2013.

"The Year of Faith," full day presentation, Board of Governors of the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association (ACSTA), Leduc, 2013.

"God, Play, and Cycling in the River Valley," Edmonton Catholic Schools' Faith Enrichment Afternoon, Edmonton, 2013 and 2014.

"It's Déjà Vu All Over Again: Reflections for Advent," St. Matthew's Parish, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, 2011.

"Teachers at the Crossroads/Crosshairs of Religion and Science," North Central Alberta Teachers' Convention, Edmonton, Alberta, 2011.

"Uncovering Meaning: Spiritual Wisdom for the Catholic School Teacher," Greater Edmonton Teacher's Convention, Edmonton, Alberta, 2005.

"Seeing Christ in Everyone: Together Through the Storms," Elk Island Catholic Schools' Administrators Retreat, Victoria, British Columbia, November 4-7, 2003.

ACTIVITIES

Member of the Religious Education Association, 2004-present

Member of Edmonton Catholic Schools District Faith Formation Committee, 2010-2014

Member of Archbishop Smith's Committee, 2014-15.

CERTIFICATIONS

Permanent Teacher's Certificate, 2004-present
Province of Alberta, Canada