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EDUCATION

PhD, Theology and Religious Studies, 2011

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

- Specialization in Religious Education

MTh (with distinction), 2005

Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alberta

MDiv (with distinction), 2002

Newman Theological College

BEd (with distinction), 1998

University of Alberta

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Peter and Doris Kule Chair in Catholic Religious Education

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta

Associate Professor

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta

Assistant Professor, 2011-present

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta

Lecturer, 2009-11

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Hoven, M., Carney, J.J., and Engel, M. *On the Eighth Day: A Catholic Theology of Sport*. Cascade/Wipf & Stock. 2022.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

Hoven, M., Parker, A., and Watson, N., eds. *Christianity and Sport: Practices for the 21st Century*. T&T Clark/Bloomsbury. 2019.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“A Powerful Sporting Tradition among Canadian Basilians’: Early Twentieth-Century Catholic Priest-Coaches at St Michael’s College,” *The International Journal of the History of Sport* (2022), Vol 39 (4), 1-19.

Hoven, M and Egli, T, “The Influence of School Catholicity on Sport Educator-Coaches,” *Journal of Catholic Education* (2019), Vol 22 (2), pp. 26-46.

“Toward the Integral Development of Students in Canadian Catholic High School Athletics,” *Journal of Religion and Society*, (2019), Special issue on Catholics and Sport in a Global Context, Supplement 20, pp. 106-22, <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS20.html>.

“Re-Characterizing Confidence Because of Religious and Personal Rituals in Sport: Findings from a Qualitative Study of 15 Year Olds,” *Sport in Society* (2017), 1-15. Published on-line on August 4, 2017. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17430437.2017.1360582> 7900 words.

“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.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Hoven, M, and Egli, T, “How Do Sport Educator-Coaches Contribute to RE in Catholic Schools,” book chapter in *Global Perspectives on Catholic Religious Education in Schools, Volume II*, edited by M Buchanan and A-M Gellel, (2019), Springer, pp. 481-493.

Egli, T, and Hoven, M “Integrating Faith: Sport Psychology for Christian Athletes and Coaches,” in *Sport and Christianity: Practices for the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Hoven, Parker, and Watson, (2019), Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, pp. 109-119.

“Lived Religion in Sport,” in *Sport and Christianity: Practices for the Twenty-First Century*, edited by Hoven, Parker, and Watson, (2019), Bloomsbury/T&T Clark.

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

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Faith Permeation of the Curriculum: Don't Assume It's Happening," *Fully Alive: The News-journal of the Religious and Moral Education Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association*, Fall 2021. Vol 6 (1), 21-24.

"Religious Education and the Black Lives Matter Movement," *Fully Alive: The News-journal of the Religious and Moral Education Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association*, vol. 5, no. 1 (2020), 23-25. Reprinted in *Catholic Dimension: Published by the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association*, (2020), Winter.

"To Shape Hearts," *Catholic Dimension: Published by the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association*, Summer 2020, p.8, 500 words.

"Do Catholic Schools Make Churchgoers?" *Fully Alive: The News-journal of the Religious and Moral Education Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association*, vol. 4, no. 1 (2019), 5-6.

"That Catholic Thing": That Extra Responsibility of Catholic Educators," *Catholic Dimension: Published by the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association*, (2019), Winter.

"We All Have a Part to Play" *Catholic Dimension: Published by the Alberta Catholic Schools Trustees Association*, (2019), Summer, p. 14.

"Religion in Canada: Implications for Catholic Education," *Fully Alive: The Newsjournal of the Religious and Moral Education Council of the Alberta Teachers Association*, vol. 3, no. 1, (2018).

"The Future of High School RE?" *Fully Alive: The News-journal of the Religious and Moral Education Council of the Alberta Teachers' Association*, vol. 1, no. 2 (2017), 8-12.

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

REFEREE OF JOURNAL ARTICLES

I have reviewed articles for *Journal of Catholic Education*, *Journal of Research on Christian Education*, *Journal of Religious Education*, *Historical Studies*, *Practical Theology*, *Sport in Society*, *International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, *International Journal of the History of Sport*, *Religious Studies and Theology*, *Review of Religious Education and Theology*, and *Canadian Journal for Scholarship and the Christian Faith*.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

STIR Grant, St. Joseph's College, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019

- \$11,000 for travel and research expenses for interviews of chief superintendents in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and NWT
- \$5500 for archival and interview research in Calgary, Regina, and Southern Ontario
- \$3600 for archival research in Toronto and Vancouver
- \$1300 for travel to conference in York, U.K.

Contract-Grant, Edmonton Catholic School District, 2013-2017

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

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

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Early Basilian Sporting Tradition at St Michael's College," 2021 Pacific North West American Academy of Religion & Society of Biblical Literature, (this was to be hosted at SJC in 2020) (May 2020)

"The Shelving of the 1980 Canadian Men's Ice Hockey National Team (and the Dumping of Father David Bauer)," North American Society for Sport History, online meeting (May 2020).

"The New Technocrats' and 'Computerized Domination' of professional ice hockey: Father David Bauer's response to selling out the spirit of Canadian hockey," Christian Society for Kinesiology, Leisure, and Sport, online meeting (June 2020)

"Spiritual Inspiration for Sport in Catholic Schools: Insight from Philosopher and Ice Hockey Priest-Coach Father David Bauer," International Conference on Catholic Religious Education, Melbourne, Australia, 2020.

"Ice Hockey's Collared Coach: Father David Bauer and His Dream for Canadian Hockey," and **"A Philosopher and a Priest Enter a Hockey Rink: Catholics in Dialogue with Sport,"** Second Global Congress on Sport and Christianity, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 2019.

"Philosophical Vision of Hockey by Father David Bauer," Hockey Conference, University of Alberta, 2018.

"How do Sport Educator-Coaches Contribute to RE in Catholic Schools?" International Conference on Catholic Religious Education, Rabat, Malta, 2018.

"Encountering Sport: How Does Religious Affiliation of Schools Influence Educator-Coaches?" Matt Hoven and Trevor Egli, Religious Education Association Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2017.

“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.

GUEST LECTURES

“Father David Bauer: Shaping the Postwar Nation and Citizen,” Canadian History of Leisure, Sport, and Health, Faculty of Kinesiology, Recreation and Leisure Studies, 2018 and 2019.

COURSES TAUGHT

Assistant/Associate Professor

St. Joseph’s College, University of Alberta

- Teaching Religion: Secondary
- Teaching Religion: Elementary
- Integrated Learning in Catholic Education
- Sport and Religion
- Sport and Lived Faith
- Introduction to Educational Improvement
- Leadership in Educational Settings
- Directed Readings in Catholic Theology
- Topics in Christian Tradition: Catholic Religious Education

- The Theological Education of the Catholic School Teacher

Adjunct Academic Colleague, 2017-present

- Department of Secondary Education, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta
- Taught: Leadership in Catholic Education (EDU 596)

Lecturer, 2015-2017

- Master of Educational Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Alberta

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

- Dr. Dean Sarnecki, 2021, PhD, Sec. Ed/ Fac of Ed, co-supervisor with Dr. Jim Parsons. Topic: Catholic Education in a Secular Age.
- Mr. Gabriel Pérez Schulz, EdD candidate, Sec. Ed/ Fac of Ed, co-chair with Dr. Jim Parsons. Topic: Seventh-Day Adventist Schooling
- Mr. Tim Eaton, 2018, EdD, Sec. Ed/ Fac of Ed, Committee member. Topic: Homeschooling in Alberta
- Ms. Jean Stiles, 2016, M.Ed., Sec. Ed./Fac. of Ed, examiner. Topic: Educational Leadership

PARTNERS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Peter and Doris Kule Chair in Catholic Religious Education

- Revision of College's Certificate in Catholic Education
- Engaging educators and promoting College's role in Alberta Catholic education
- Led committee for writing course objectives for CHRTC 250, 380 and 381
- Initiating "Dinner and a Course" Program for professional development of teachers
- Support and participate in educational events hosted at the College
- Speaking at events in various school districts

Curricular Consultant, 2013-2017

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, 2005-7

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

High School Religious Studies Teacher and Chaplain, 2002-4

John Paul II High School, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta

Elementary School Teacher (Grade 6), 1998-9

St. Augustine School, Ponoka, Alberta

*Holder of Permanent Teacher's Certificate, Province of Alberta

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.

PRESENTATIONS TO EDUCATORS

"Sport and Faith," Keynote address at Edmonton Ukrainian Eparchy's Annual Men's Conference. 2020.

"Course Levels at the Undergraduate Level," Annual SJC Faculty Retreat, Edmonton. 2020.

"Catholic Education: A Look Forward," Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Sherwood Park. 2019.

"Connecting Faith and Sport," Leadership in Sport, Health, and Chaplaincy, Elk Island Catholic Schools, Sherwood Park. 2019.

"Hockey and Faith," invited presentation at Rogers' Place by Oilers Entertainment Group. 2019.

"Sport and Disability," co-presented at Rogers' Place practice arena (Edmonton) with Kieran Block, for a Faith Day with Edmonton Catholic Schools in May 2019.

"Catholic Education in Canada: Current Status," Pre-recorded video session, National Catholic Education Association Conference, Cincinnati, 2018.

"Renewal of Catholic Identity," Staff of the School of Alternative Education, Edmonton Catholic Schools, Edmonton, 2017.

"The Molson Cup Three Stars of Hockey and Religion: Notre Dame, Connor McJesus, and the Lucky Loonie," (A) Pub Theology Teacher Night, St. Albert Catholic School District, St. Albert, 2017, (B) District Staff Faith Day, ECSD, Edmonton, 2017, (C) Theology on Tap Teacher Night, Evergreen Catholic School District 2018.

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

“Sport and Faith,” Hockey and Soccer Academy students at St. Thomas More Jr. High School, ECSD, 2017.

“Faith Day,” all grades, St. Stanislaus Elementary School, ECSD, 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.