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### EDUCATION

**Doctor of Ministry,** Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary**. Master of Theological Studies** inCatholic Theology, St. Meinrad School of Theology, IN. **Master of Education** in Counseling and Student Personnel, University of Louisville, KY. **Master of Arts** in History, University of Kentucky, Lexington. **Bachelor of Arts** in History with Library Science minor, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA.

**Certifications: Catholic Campus Ministry**, CCMA under the auspices of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. **Frank J. Lewis Institute** for Catholic Campus Ministers, USCC. **Liturgy** and **Leader of Prayer** Office of Worship, Archdiocese of Louisville. **Archival Administration**, National Archives, Washington, D.C. **Four units (Level I and II) of Clinical Pastoral Education** with Louisville Cluster of ACPA. **Hebrew University of Jerusalem** Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Core and Scholars Curriculum; **Interfaith Leadership**, Dominican University and IFYC

**Doctoral Project**: *Theology of Discernment: A College Course in the Exploration of God’s Call.* 2008.

### Sabbatical: Cardinal Hume Scholar, Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology *Spiritual Practices for Discerning Retirement Vocations*

### EXPERIENCE

**Interfaith Chaplain** Independent (1999-present)

* Counsel individuals in interfaith relationships
* Serve as a spiritual companion for those transitioning into new faith traditions
* Work with those seeking spiritual growth and development, not met by their current religious affiliation

**Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology** (Cambridge Theological Federation, England).

* **Research Associate**, 2018-2021
* **Curriculum Reviewer** with Anglia-Ruskin University, 2018
* **Visiting Lecturer**, 2018-present *Thomas Merton: Model of Discernment, Pastoral Presence, and Social Justice.* Easter Term, 2018. *From Jesus to Nicaea: Judaism and Nascent Christianity*. Lent Term, 2019.

#### **Cambridge Theological Federation and Anglia Ruskin University**.

#### *Introduction to Western Spirituality* for MA candidates. Lent Term 2019

#### **Saint Meinrad School of Theology.**

#### *An Introduction to Campus Ministry*, graduate course. 2015 & 2017.

**Bellarmine University** – (pt time- 2000-01; full-time 2001-2018) **Director of Campus Ministry:** **Retired**, May, 2018.

* Coordinated Catholic liturgies, interfaith services, and spiritual development experiences for students, faculty, and staff; supervised retreat planning committees and service trips.
* Served as Sacristan for Our Lady of the Woods Chapel; Baccalaureate & Special Masses
* Advised the Interfaith Coalition -oversee faith-based organizations and activities; SGA Committee on Mission Identity; and, Better Together Chapter of Interfaith Youth Core.
* Advised Catholic Students Association and Hillel Foundation for Jewish Students.
* Directed the Center for CM and Service- coordinating service opportunities.
* Reported to the Vice-President for Student Affairs and work within the Division of Student Affairs to supply support services for all functions where Campus Ministry is needed.
* Served on Strategic Planning Committee; sub-committee on Mission and Identity; Task Force on Greek Life; and Task Force on Catholic Identity
* Chaired African-American History Month, 2003; served, Multicultural Task Force; Dialogue on Diversity Conference Planning Committee, 2010-16.
* Co-Instructor and Cultural Liaisonfor Masters in Spirituality course in Kerala, India 2010.
* Coordinated CIC NetVUE grant – see *Selected Service and Awards*, below
* Served on Task Force for Immigration and Refugee Studies; the Luther Quincentenary Committee; Angela Merici Center for Spirituality, and the Wellness Committee; Ursuline-Bellarmine 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee, 2018.
* Served on Service Learning Committee and Student Activities Advisory Board; Advised SGA VP for Campus and Community Service; Chaired Values and Catholic Identity Programming Committee; Served on Sixty Minutes in Student Affairs planning team; Spiritual advisor for Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity; Member of *Dorothy Day Engaged Faculty Scholars* and *Teaching as Contemplative Practice* Team.
* **Adjunct Faculty** (2008-2018) Taught Theology 200: *Ultimate Questions; Catholicism* & *Catholic Tradition, Theology of Discernment*, and *Spirituality of Sacraments* in Department of Theology; Sr Seminar in Interdisciplinary Core on *Decision-Making across Cultures*; *Freshmen Focus* – extended orientation program. IDC 401: *History of Human Rights and Social Justice* ; *Spiritual Assessment* for the Physical Therapy Doctoral Program; Guest lecturer for Communications Department on *Interreligious Dialogu.e*

**Kentucky Country Day School. Teacher** **&** **Student Development Counselor** (1990-2001) Gr.7-12.

* Organized a proactive counseling program with student development seminars, career exploration programs, parenting skills workshops, and teacher training sessions on critical issues.
* Served on the Curriculum Committee; coordinated new teacher orientation; chaired a faculty committee to increase multicultural awareness; compiled comprehensive documents on diversity and on learning challenges.
* Coordinated trips and retreats for Ninth Grade including white water rafting, leadership training and health topics – AIDS, chemical dependency, human reproduction and abstinence, nutrition and wellness.
* Supervised Upper School Advisor program; maintained student club meetings and activities calendar. Co-chaired a leadership development program for Upper School students;
* Taught ancient/medieval history, modern civilization, European history, psychology, introduction to human rights, study skills, life skills, and a college-survival course.
* Served as advisor for Amnesty International, Community Service Club, Wellness Education Team, Biannual Bloodmobiles, Multicultural Club and Gourmet Society.

**Catholic Community of the Epiphany. Adult Formation** and **Worship Committees**

* Facilitate retreats, education seminars, and meetings; and adult formation classes.
* Served as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion.
* Served on a team that prepared Sunday Liturgies.
* Served on the Worship and the Re-visioning Liturgy committees.

**Sisters of the Eucharistic Covenant. Lifetime Associate**

* Represented SEC at regional and international meetings of associates in religious communities.
* Facilitate Annual Assembly Days for SEC Associates and Sisters (1996-present)

**Alpha Delta Pi. International Officer and Foundation Volunteer**

**Foundation Committee for Scholarship Review** (2005-present) **Chair,** 2008-present

* Match qualified recipients with available awards; oversee policies and procedures

**National Academic Enhancement Chair** and **Seminar Facilitator** (1986-1992)

* Implemented a challenging program of academic enhancement for over 130 collegiate chapters in the United States and Canada.
* Worked with officers and advisors to set goals and programming strategies. Successfully improved cumulative grade point average of over 75 chapters.
* Served on international committee to abolish hazing by reorganizing programs to create equality in membership (eliminated pledgeship).

**Province Director** (1984-86)

* Oversaw officer training and initiatives for four collegiate chapters in Kentucky

**J.B. Speed Art Museum. Registrar** and **Collections Department Head** (1980-86)

* Oversaw the collections- catalogues, insurance, condition, and maintenance
* Supervised national and international traveling exhibitions: arranged insurance, transportation, customs, contractual agreements, security requirements for art works, travel arrangements for couriers, special receptions, lectures and programs.
* Served on executive team for all operations during 12 month search for a director.

##### Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission. Architectural History Research Assistant

##### Kentucky State Archives and Records Center. Records Manager

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

**Bellarmine Magazine.** *The Gift of Sabbatical*. Summer, 2017. pp. 32-25 [www.bellarminemagazine.com/the-gift-of-sabbatical](http://www.bellarminemagazine.com/the-gift-of-sabbatical)

USCCB Dept of Education and Catholic Apostolate Center. *Three Little Words*March 16, 2016. <http://empoweredcampusministry.org/blog>

#### *Whispers, Nudges & A Couple of Kicks: A Guide for those who Teach and Practice Discernment*. Louisville, Kentucky: Bellarmine University Press, 2009.

**Bellarmine Magazine.** *How Catholic Are You?* Fall/Winter 2003-04, pp. 16-17. *A Passage to India:**Walking in Sacred Spaces*. Fall, 2009,pp. 38-39

**Crossroads. Catholic Campus Ministry Association**, *Facilitating Person Development: Teaching Discernment*, Feb/Mar 2010, p. 10.

#### **Horizon. Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference.** *The Theology of Discernment: A College Course in the Exploration of God’s Call*. Fall, 2008

**Leo Weekly**. *Just what the doctor ordered: Festival of Faiths looks at how spirituality can help heal mind, body and soul.* November 8, 2000, p. 20.

**Louisiana Journal of Counseling.** *Ethics and Counseling: Focus on Asian Indians and Old Order Amish*. Volume V, Fall, 1994, pp. 34-42.

**American Retreaders Association.** *Half-Soles, Kettles, and Cures. Milestones in the Tire Retreading and Repairing Industry.* Louisville, Kentucky. American Retreaders Association, 1989.

**Lexington-Fayette County Historic Commission. Research Assistant.** *National Register Nomination Forms,* 1978-80.

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

**Association of Clinical Pastoral Education- East Central Regional Conference. Plenary** *Educating for Justice* with Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ

**Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities**. Wrap-around meeting with CCMA, 2013; Panel on *Campus Ministers and Mission Officers: Collaboration, Programming, and Best Practices;* Wrap-around meeting with Mission Officers, 2014; wrap-around panel with **Interfaith Youth Core,** *A History of Interfaith Relations at BU: In our DNA*. 2016.

**Association of Student Affairs on Catholic Colleges and Universities.** 2012. *Whispers, Nudges and a Couple of Kicks: Discernment and Career Counseling.*

**Catholic Campus Ministry Association** webinar*. Discernment and Learning: Teaching Discernment*, 2016.

**Catholic Campus Ministry Association National Conventions** *The Theology of Discernment: A New Way for Campus Ministers, Vocation Directors and Theology Professors to Work Together, 2009; Student Death on Campus: How to Cope, How to Grieve, How to Pray 2013*

**National Religious Vocation Convocations** *Discernment workshops, 2008, 2010, 2012*

**USCCB- *Frank J. Lewis Institute* for New Campus Ministers.** Instructor, 2012, 2014, 2015.

**USCCB and CCMA Conference** at University of Notre Dame, 2004 *Eucharistic Imagination as a Paradigm for Strategic Planning*

**Interfaith Youth Core** webinar, *Catholic Colleges and Universities Interfaith Leadership-Practices-Action"*  2016.

**SECA Assembly Days,** *A Day of Reflection* on the Seder and our Eucharist, with reference to Ronald Rolheiser’s book, *Our One Great Act of Fidelity*. June 2012; *Psalms,* 2015; *Creative Prayer*, 2016; *A Morning of Wonder and Wisdom*, 2018.

**Council of Independent Colleges Chaplains Conference.** Responder to the Plenary of Prof. L. Gregory Jones, *Discerning Hope***;** Panel presenter on*Engaging Religious Partners beyond the Campus*, Atlanta, 2014.

**Kentucky Country Day School** Matt O’Brien Lecturer, 2012; *Invocation* and *Benediction*, Commencement, 2018.

**Seeking the Light-** Symposium for Campus Ministers on Catholic Campuses, 2008 Workshop, *Theology of Discernment* and Case Study: *Muslim Students Prayer Room*

**Saint Meinrad School of Theology**. Lay Formation- *Theological Reflection*. 2003-2010; *Discernment*. 2011 & 2013; Seminarians- *An Introduction to Campus Ministry*, 2012-14;  
**College Personnel Association of Kentucky** Annual Meetings

*The Geometry of Student Development, 2007*

*Using Spiritual Autobiography in Career Counseling, 2004 and 2005*

“*God has chosen me” and other opening lines: Student spirituality on campus, 2002*

**Joy in the Truth: The Catholic University in the New Millennium.** University of Notre

Dame, 2005-- *Administry: Transforming Administration into Ministry* (co-presenter)

**North American Conference of Associates and Religious**. Xavier University, 2006

*What are the spiritual and ministerial hungers of young people today?* (co-presenter)

**Bellarmine University**

**Staff Development.** *Matthew, Mark, Luke and Lunch: The gospels on time management and stress. 2006*

**Student Life**. *Conscience Development: Making Moral Choices*. 2012

**Dialogue on Diversity** **Conference.** *Storytelling and Interfaith*. 2018

**Resident Assistants Training** *Ethical Decision Making*, Bellarmine, August 2008–2011; *Serving as a Role Model*, 2012–2017.  
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. *A Walk-Through Mass: Liturgy’s origin and meaning for us today.*

Our Lady of Lourdes. 2004 & 2005; St. Albert the Great Parish. October 2004- present & Region IX parishes 2006- 2008; St. Aloysius, Shepherdsville, 2005*;* St. Bernadette North and South, 2009; Community of the Epiphany, 2010 – present.

**St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center. CPE** Didactics on Spirituality, 2010-present

**A Mothers’ Retreat.**Archdiocese of Louisville parishes. *Hey Mom: A Call to Holiness,* 2003.

**Parish Nurses Retreat**. *Bread for the Journey: Lectio Divina as Spiritual Nourishment for Pastoral Nurses.* 2001.

**Kentucky Country Day School**. Community Programs. *Community; Senior Angst; The Life Lessons of White Water Rafting,* 1993-98

**Adult Formation**, Catholic Community of Epiphany

September 12, 1999: Presentation on *Keeping the Sabbath Wholly* by Marva J. Dawn.

October 4, 1998: Book talk: *The Seven Secrets of Successful Catholics* by Paul Wilkes

**SERMONS AND REFLECTIONS**

**Rosh Hashanah 5776:** *To Study with the Chosen People,* Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2015.

**Louisville Melton Graduation**. *Reflections* on The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning: Congregation Adath Jeshurun, 2015 and 2017.

**Day of Reflection** *From the Community: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and the Care of the Sick.*Catholic Community of Epiphany, May 30, 2015.

**Advent Tea for St. Margaret Mary Catholic Community.** *Getting Ready for the gift:**Keeping the Spirit of Advent in our Hearts,* December 3, 2014.

**Community of Epiphany Liturgy Team Retreat.** *From our Hearts through Christ to the World: Full, conscious, active participation makes Christ visible.* September 20, 2014

**Good Friday Service**. Highlands Community Ministries. *Reflections*, 2004, 2011, 2012

**Bellarmine University** February 25, 2009 Our Lady of the Woods Chapel (OLW).

*What is it about Lent?* Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes

**Bellarmine University** Celebrations of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. *What will you promise to preserve, protect, and defend today?* In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr and the Inauguration of President Barack Obama, 2009; an *Imaginary Conversation* between Thomas Merton and Dr. King, based upon their quotes on life, faith, spirituality, and social justice, 2008 and 2015

**Bellarmine University** October 24, 2007, OLW *Do Not Worry: A Reflection on Luke 12:22-29* A Service of Healing for Campus

**Feast Day of St. Robert Bellarmine** September 17, 2007, OLW *Robert Bellarmine: Hero of Holiness*

**Interfaith Vigil for Virginia Tech**, April 22, 2007, OLW *Love is the best emergency plan*

**Christian Unity Sunday.** January 21, 2007 Douglass Boulevard Christian Church. *Living in Tension*

**School of Physical Therapy at Bellarmine University**. Annually 2005 – 2018 *A Celebration of Gratitude and Commendation (*Memorial service for those who dedicated their bodies to our human anatomy laboratory)

**Bellarmine University**, October 31, 2006, Frazier Hall *Blessed are they who mourn, for we are all connected*. (Commemoration Service for an international student who died in athletic practice)

**Mid-Kentucky Presbytery** January 19, 2006, LPTS Caldwell Chapel. *Ruth and Naomi: Commitment and Adventure.*

**Ash Wednesday**, March- 2006 and 2012, OLW *Becoming Real*

**Lenten Evening Prayer Service.** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Louisville. February 24, 2005 *Lent calls us to Transformation*.

**Advent Evening Prayer Service**. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Louisville. December 2, 2004 *Reflection on the Season*.

**World Communion Sunday.**  Edenside Christian Church, Louisville. October 2, 2004 *We receive what we are called to be.*

**Second Sunday Worship**. October 10, 2004, OLW *The faith to be dangerously generous*.

**Good Friday Service**. Highlands Community Ministries, 2004 *We stand at the foot of the cross.*

**Service of Prayer and Remembrance** October 16, 2003, OLW *God’s dream for us.*

**Unity Prayer Service for Black History Month**, 2003. OLW *Us and only us.*

**Bellarmine University**. March 25, 2003, Quad Assembly *Gathering for Peace.*

**Christian Unity Prayer Service for Highlands Community Ministries,** *.*March 17, 2002, OLW *A call to hear; a call to love; a call to live*

**BU Prayer Service for Unity and Peace.** *Unity and Identity* February, 2002, OLW

**SELECTED SERVICE and AWARDS**

Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

Campus Ministry Directors Great Lakes Regional Meeting, May, 2016.

**Design Team** for the *Mission Officers Institute*, 2014-15.

**Annual Meeting, Conference Staff**; **Coach** for student presenters, Washington, D.C., 2015

**Design Team** for Wrap Around with Annual Meeting of ACCU for Campus Ministry Directors, January, 2014.

With **CIC NetVUE** Annual Meeting. Wrap-around: *Challenges to Discernment in an Age of Instant Messages: Some Catholic Perspectives on NetVUE Initiatives* **Facilitator,** Saint Louis, 2015

CIC NetVUE **Grant Coordinator** for the *Little Way Learning Community*, incorporating discernment across disciplines, 2014-16; University Liaison for NetVUE, 2013-2018.

Congregation Adath Jeshurun. **Melton** **Advisory Board** (Jewish Adult Education), 2018-present

Spirit of Sophia, women’s spirituality initiative. **Board of Advisors**, 2018-present

**Exhibition Coordinator** of the Saint John’s Bible, 2014-16

Archdiocese of Louisville, Office of Worship. **Strategic Planning Team**, 2014

Assumption High School. **Strategic Planning** - Outside Advisor, 2015

St. Matthews Pastoral Counseling Center’s Clinical Pastoral EducationProgram

**Professional Advisory Board**, 2008-present

Highlands Court **Board of Directors,** 2007-2009, 2012-2018

Highlands Community Ministers **Board of Directors**, 2003-2006

Saint Meinrad School of Theology, **Lay Advisory Board** 2004-2008**; Board of Overseers** 2008-2014; **Trustee**, 2012-2014; **Vocations Advisory Board** 2013-15.   
Sisters of Saint Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana. **Vocations Advisory Council**, 2003-2006

Office of Vocations, Louisville Archdiocese, **Planting Seeds Committee** 2005-2009

Ursuline Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, **150th Anniversary Committee** for 2007-08  
Angela Merici Spirituality Center, **Advisory Committee** 2008-2011

Jewish Federation of Louisville. **Yom HaShoah** **Committee** (Holocaust Commemoration) 2008/5768; Host at BU, 2018/5778

Bellarmine Hillel. **Interfaith Seder**, Coordinator 2002-2018 (Sponsor for BU *Haggadah,* 2007)

Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Worship **Lecturer**, 2003-2012.

Ronald McDonald House, Louisville, Kentucky, **Volunteer** for the 1986-89, 2000-2005

Kentuckiana Children’s Home, Board of Directors, 1987-88

Kentucky Country Day School **Steering Committee for the Capital Campaign,** 1994.

Alpha Delta Pi Foundation**Scholarship Committee**, 2005- present; **Chair,** 2008-present

Alpha Delta Pi Alumnae KY State Association, **past President**: Louisville **past President, Secretary, & Treasurer**;

Alpha Delta Pi Louisville Alumnae Association **Service Award**, 1989

Bellarmine University Black Student Union ***Maya Angelou Faculty and Staff Award*.** 2015

Bellarmine Service Learning Committee ***Cardinal Newman Servant Leadership Award***, November, 2010

Center for Interfaith Relations. Named one of Louisville’s ***Fascinating Women of Faith***, 2013

Catholic Campus Ministry Association. ***Honorable Mention Exemplary Award*** for *Whispers* discernment project, 2011

Louisville City Panhellenic Association. **Outstanding Alumna Award***, 2000*

WLKY Bell Awards ***Honored Volunteer*** *2004, 2006, 2014*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and VOCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS** American Academy of Religion

Association for Clinical Pastoral Education   
 CCMA; Certification Committee- Regional Representative (past)

Interfaith Youth Core Ally/Educator  
 Kentucky Catholic Campus Ministers Association (past)  
 National Religious Vocation Conference (past)

NACUC-Nat’l Association of College and University Chaplains (past)   
 NetVUE-Council of Independent Colleges Network, Vocational Undergraduate Ed (past)

**GREEK Honoraries**

Phi Alpha Theta, History (1974); active at Bellarmine, 2014-2018.  
 Epsilon Alpha Epsilon, Senior Women (1974)

Phi Kappa Phi, Collegiate Academic Excellence (1974)

Order of Omega, Leadership *honoris causa* (1989)  
 Chi Sigma Iota, Counseling (1992)   
 Omicron Delta Kappa, Leadership (2012)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Certificate of Interfaith Leadership.** Dominican University (Chicago) and Interfaith Youth Core, 2018.

**Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning,** A project of Hebrew University Jerusalem and Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, Louisville. Graduate of *Core I and II* and *Scholars* programs, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018.

**Administrators in Catholic Higher Education (AICHE**). Boston College and Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, 2011.

**In the logos of love: Promise and Predicament of Catholic Intellectual Life Today**. University of Dayton and the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California. Dayton, OH, September 20-22, 2013.

**Directors’ Institute: Visionary Catholic Campus Ministry in Higher Education,** June 18-19, 2012. Dallas, TX