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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Adult Faith Formation, Christ the King Catholic Church, Nashville, Tennessee, 2017-Present

Director of Marriage and Spiritual Formation, Christ the King Catholic Church, Nashville, Tennessee, 2015-2016

Assistant Director of Adult Formation, Christ the King Catholic Church, Nashville, Tennessee, 2015

Pastoral Counselor, St. Mark's Episcopal Church Counseling Center, Antioch, Tennessee, 2011-2014

Pastoral Associate for Liturgy and Youth Ministry, SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington, Indiana, 2006-2010

Director of Off-Campus Studies, Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana, 2006-2009

Overnight Assistant, Pathfinder Services, Huntington, Indiana, 2005-2006

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, Religion (*Religion, Psychology, and Culture*), August 12, 2016

Minor areas: Theological Studies, Developmental Psychology

Dissertation: "The Confessional, the Couch, and the Community: Analyzing the Sacrament of Penance in Theological, Psychological, and Cultural Perspectives"

Director: Bonnie Miller-McLemore

M.A., Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Theology, 2011

B.A., Huntington University, English, *summa cum laude*, 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Strayer University (Adjunct Professor)

- Critical Thinking (Spring 2014; Summer 2013)
- World Religions (Fall 2013, *online*; Summer 2014; Spring 2015; Winter 2016)

Vanderbilt Divinity School (Teaching Assistant)

- Formation of Christian Traditions (Fall 2014)
- Constructive Theology II (Spring 2014)
- History of Worship (Fall 2013)
- Suffering, Politics, and Liberation (Spring 2013)
- Pastoral Theology and Care (Fall 2012)

Huntington University (Adjunct Professor)

- Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose* (Winter 2007)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND RETREATS

Christ the King Catholic Church, Nashville, TN, 2013-2018

- “Be What You See, Receive What You Are: The Church as Communion,” Catechetical Seminar, September 27, 2018
- “A Kingdom in Exile: The Mission of the Church,” Catechetical Seminar, September 20, 2018
- “No Salvation Outside the Church? Finding the Church in the World,” Catechetical Seminar, September 13, 2018
- “On the Side of the Poor: Faith, Politics, and Liberation Theology,” Lecture series, August 12 and 19, 2018
- “I Will Be With You Always: The Many Presences of Jesus Among Us,” Catechetical Seminar, April 26, 2018
- “I am the Resurrection and the Life: The Impact of Jesus Rising from the Dead,” Catechetical Seminar, April 19, 2018
- “By His Stripes We Are Healed: What Jesus' Death Accomplished,” Catechetical Seminar, April 12, 2018
- “The Scriptures are Fulfilled in Your Hearing: What Jesus Intended to Do,” Catechetical Seminar, April 5, 2018
- “Roots, Fruits, and the Reign of God,” Retreat for Christ the King School Board, August 18, 2018
- “The Gift of Hospitality,” Retreat for Christ the King School Faculty/Staff, August 2, 2017
- “When Jesus Prays, Is He Talking to Himself? Chalcedon and the Two Natures of Christ,” Catechetical Seminar, January 25, 2018
- “God in a Meat Suit: The Humanity of Jesus After Nicaea,” Catechetical Seminar, January 18, 2018
- “Consubstantial with the Father? It’s All Greek to Me: The Divinity of Jesus and the Nicene Creed,” Catechetical Seminar, January 11, 2018
- “Jesus Christ, Batman or Superman? The Identity of Jesus in the New Testament” Catechetical Seminar, January 4, 2018
- “Very Superstitious: On Performing Magic, Praying to God, and Celebrating the Sacraments,” Catechetical Seminar, October 26, 2017
- “Three Who's and One What? On What It Means to Profess the Trinity,” Catechetical Seminar, October 19, 2017

- “Catholics Don't Know What They're Talking About: On God, Mystery, and the Limits of Language,” Catechetical Seminar, October 12, 2017
- “Why Catholics Need to Be Better Atheists: On Magical Sky Wizards And Other gods We Don't Believe In,” Catechetical Seminar, October 5, 2017
- “How to Be Good: Reflections on *Amoris Laetitia*,” Retreat, November 12, 2016
- “Freud, Psychology, and the Catholic Church,” Lecture series, November 2, 9, and 16, 2015
- “The Evolution of Catholic Penance,” Lectures series, February 7, 14, and 21, 2015
- “Faith and Maturity: Development Across the Lifecycle,” Lecture, July 30, 2014
- RCIA: Monthly catechist in areas of sacramental theology, liturgy, and moral theology

Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana

- “The Importance of the Liberal Arts,” Panel discussion member, February 17, 2011

SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington, IN

- “Introduction to the Gospels and Mark,” Retreat, November 21, 2009
- “Understanding the End Times,” Retreat Presentation, December 7, 2008
- “Reflecting on the Advent Lectionary,” Retreat Presentation, December 7, 2008
- “Renewing the Parish Liturgies,” Presentation, May 20th, 2008
- “Acts 2 and Parish Renewal,” Retreat, March 1, 2008
- “Contemplation and Solitude,” Senior High Retreat at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, July 6-8, 2007
- “Reading the Gospel of Mark in a Day,” Retreat, November 10, 2007
- “The Four Cardinal Virtues,” Senior High Retreat, October 27-29, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

“Obedience as Belonging: Frequent Confession and Clerical Power in 20th Century U.S. Catholicism. *Religions*, Special Issue: Sacramental-Liturgical Theology, ed. Bruce T. Morrill (in preparation, manuscript due May 1, 2019).

“Calling Down God’s Mercy on the Body: Revisiting the Rite of General Confession and Absolution. *Liturgy* 34:1 (forthcoming, November 1 2018).

Review of *Rethinking Christian Forgiveness: Theological, Philosophical, and Psychological Explorations* by James K. Voiss. *Worship* (submitted, January 2016).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Calling Down God’s Mercy Upon the Body: Revisiting the Third Rite of Penance,” Catholic Theological Society of America, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 11, 2016.

“Homo religiosus, homo prociendus: Meaning-making as projection or sublimation?” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 22, 2015.

“Confessing Desire: Ritual, Guilt, Pathology, and Antoine Vergote,” Psychology and the Other, Cambridge, MA, October 11, 2015.

“Unseemly in the Academy: Jonathan Z. Smith and Paul J. Griffiths on ‘Us’ and ‘Them’ in the Academic Study of Religion,” Ways of Knowing Graduate Conference on Religion, Harvard Divinity School, October 26, 2012.

HONORS AND AWARDS / GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Catholic Theological Society of America Convention Scholarship, 2016
Graduate Department of Religion Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2011-2014
Lay Ministry Grant, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, 2009
English Outstanding Senior Award, 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion, 2011 - 2016
Catholic Theological Society of America, Associate Member, 2016 - 2017

COMMITTEE WORK AND SERVICE

Christ the King Catholic Church, Nashville, TN

- RCIA catechist, 2013-2015
- Spiritual director to lay men and women, 2013 - Present

Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN

- Archabbey Library board member, Spring, 2011
- Lay student representative to School of Theology Board, 2010-2011

Young Neighbors in Action Immersive Social Justice Program

- Team leader, St. Patrick’s Senior Center, Detroit, MI, June 20-26, 2010
- Team leader, Franciscan Center, Baltimore, MD, June 14-20, 2009
- Team Leader, Harvest House, Buffalo, New York, July 6-12, 2008
- Team Leader, Winnebago Tribal Reservation, Winnebago, Nebraska, July 14-22, 2007

SS. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Huntington, IN

- Parish renewal committee, 2008-2009
- Young Theologians’ Society leader, 2006-2009
- Editor for *Exsultet* quarterly parish newsletter
- Editor for *Catholicus*, monthly youth ministry newsletter

PERSONAL

Family

- Married to Natasha Hilton, 2012-present
- Three children (ages 1-5)

Recreational Interests

- Cooking, breadmaking (Sourdough, artisanal pizza, baguettes)
- Reading (Science fiction, fantasy, historical fiction)
- Hiking (Camino de Santiago, July 2006)
- Mobile phone, computer, and appliance repair