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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- May 2013** **Ph.D.**, Theology, Boston College
 Major Field: Systematic Theology
 Minor Field: History of Christian Life and Thought
 Areas of Examination: Late Antiquity; Reformation/Early Modern Europe;
 Twentieth Century; Grace and Free Will
- May 2007** M.Div., Yale Divinity School
- May 2003** B.A., University of Notre Dame, *magna cum laude*
 Major: Political Science
 Minors: Theology; PPE (Philosophy, Politics, and Economics)
 Undergraduate Thesis: “The Bolaños Administration’s Anti-corruption
 Campaign and Prospects for Reform in Nicaragua” *Advisor:* Dr. Scott
 Mainwaring

DISSERTATION

The Politics of Original Sin: Reinhold Niebuhr’s Christian Realism and Its Cold War Realist Reception

Committee: Michael Himes (Director), Bruce Morrill (Vanderbilt Divinity School), and Robin Lovin (Center of Theological Inquiry).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

2017 *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans)

Articles

2017 “Establishment Radical: Assessing the Legacy of Reinhold Niebuhr’s *Reflections on the End of an Era*” *Political Theology*, 18.5.2017

2012 “Poets and Prophets in a Machine Age: Reinhold Niebuhr on Technology”

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- 2018 “The 1930s – Economic Crisis and the ‘End of an Era’” in *The Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr* (forthcoming, Fall 2018)

Reviews

- 2016 “The Politics of Jesús: A Hispanic Political Theology” by Miguel A. De la Torre. Reviewed in *Journal of Theological Studies*, 77.3.2016.
- 2016 “Why Church History Matters” by Robert F. Rea. Reviewed in *The Catholic Historical Review*, 2.1.2016.
- 2015 “The Rebirth of Latin American Christianity” by Todd Hartch, and “Latino Mennonites: Civil Rights, Faith, and Evangelical Culture” by Felipe Hinojosa. Reviewed in *Journal of Theological Studies*, 76.2.2015.
- 2008 “Christ Killers: The Jews and the Passion from the Bible to the Big Screen” by Jeremy Cohen. Reviewed in *Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations*, 3.1.2008.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2016 *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, s.v. “Howard Thurman;” “*Life is Worth Living* (Fulton Sheen);” “Luis Palau Association;” “Millenarian Movement;” “Personality Cult in American Christianity;” “Rescue Movement.” (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield)

Magazines and Blogs

- 2017 “Voices for Unstable Times,” *Christian Century* (forthcoming)
- 2017 “The Last Great American Public Theologian,” *Eerdword*, April 18, 2017
<https://eerdword.com/2017/04/18/the-last-great-american-public-theologian/>
- 2017 “The King’s Chapel Revisited” *American Conscience Blog*, April 4, 2017
<https://journeyfilms.com/kings-chapel-revisited-2/>
- 2015 “The Peril and Promise of World Community,” *Political Theology Today*, November 12, 2015. <http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/?s=sabella>
- 2015 “The Wisdom of the Serpent and the Harmlessness of the Dove” *Political Theology Today*, November 4, 2015. <http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/?s=sabella>
- 2015 “Invisible Racism,” *Reformed African American Network*, August 29, 2015.
www.raanetwork.org/invisible-racism

2007 “Palestinian Christians: Amid the Clamor, Voices for Peace,” *Notes from the Quad*, Yale Divinity School, January 2007. www.yale.edu/divinity/notes/060401/sabella.shtml

CONFERENCES AND PANELS

Presentations

2015 “God, Country, and Communism: The Construction of Cold War Political Theology,” American Religious History Working Group, Yale University, May 2015

2014 “Saints Go Marching: Conversion, Coercion and National Identity in Ríos Montt’s Guatemala,” American Academy of Religion, November 2014

2013 “Apocalypses Now: the Convergence and Clash of Millennial Visions in Cold War Guatemala,” American Academy of Religion, November 2013

2012 “‘Real Things:’ Reinhold Niebuhr’s Theological Pragmatism as Model for Cross-disciplinary Engagement,” Graduate Religion Conference at Harvard Divinity School, October 2012

2011 “Theological implications of technology in the thought of Reinhold Niebuhr” Northeast Regional AAR meeting, Syracuse, NY, May 2011

Panels

2017 *An American Conscience* documentary screenings at Boston College (February 1), Princeton Theological Seminary (March 15), and University of Notre Dame (April 10)

2016 *An American Conscience* premiere, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (Nov. 19)

INVITED LECTURES

2017 Thompson Lecture, Kalamazoo College: “An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story” May 4, 2017

2013 “Apocalypticism, Millennialism, and Cold War Violence: The Case of Guatemala.” Yale University, Nov. 19, 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kalamazoo College

Sports, Religion, and American Life (Fall 2017)
Religion and the American Presidency (Fall 2016)

Fairfield University

Peoples of the Book, Sacred Texts, and Their Communities (2015-17)
Common Questions, Traditional Responses: The Monotheistic Religions (2013-15)
Contemporary Moral Problems (Fall 2014)
Contemporary Morality: Basic Questions (Fall 2014)
Non-Traditional American Religious Groups (Fall 2014)

Yale Divinity School

Christian Ethics of War and Peace (Spring 2014)

Boston College

Introduction to Christian Theology II (Spring 2012)
Introduction to Christian Theology I (Fall 2011)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2016 *Arthur Vining Davis Grant*

Co-wrote grant application to fund curriculum development related to *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story* with Dr. Andrew Finstuen, Dean of Boise State Honors College
Grant amount: \$125,000

2015 *Lilly Foundation Grant*

Co-wrote grant application to fund the PBS documentary *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story* with Dr. Andrew Finstuen, Dean of Boise State Honors College
Grant Amount: \$550,000

2011 *Summer Research Grant*, Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy, Boston College

2011 *Fortin Grant*, Boston College

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Hispanic American Council, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Executive Council (appointed May 2017)

Responsibilities include grant-writing, financial oversight, launching new Council initiatives, and communications as board secretary.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Conference: “Creation: Our Shared Inheritance,” Istanbul, Turkey

Master Note Taker (2015)

Compiled session notes designed to be representative of conference proceedings and sensitive to the religious concerns and political safety of participants.

Palestine Travel Seminar

Participant (2006)

Traveled to Jewish settlements and Palestinian refugee camps; met with refugee camp leaders, peace activists, Knesset members, Palestinian Christians, and Orthodox Jews.

St. James Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT

Intern (2005–2007)

Prepared and delivered sermons in English and Spanish to bilingual congregation; assisted with after school reading program; helped coordinate Sunday services.

Connecticut Mental Health Center, New Haven CT; Hispanic Clinic, New Haven, CT

Spiritual Services Intern (Summer 2006)

Attended meetings between health care personnel and patients, facilitated spirituality-focused activities, met one-on-one with patients on request.

REFERENCES

Michael Himes
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