

# AMY ELIZABETH ROBERTS

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. (candidate), University of Notre Dame Australia (2019)**
  - Research Scholarship recipient
  - Thesis: “Formation of Teacher Witnesses in Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools”
- **Master of Arts, Theology and Christian Ministry  
Franciscan University of Steubenville – 1998**
- **Bachelor of Arts, English & American Language and Literature University of Tennessee at  
Chattanooga – 1992**
  - *cum laude*, Departmental Honors
  - William E. Brock Scholar
  - University Honors Program
  - Honors thesis: “The Role and Nature of Hades in the Odyssey and the Aeneid”

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Franciscan University of Steubenville; Steubenville, OH; 2011 – present**
  - Received *Mandatum*, August 2011
  - Undergraduate courses taught:
    - CAT 301: Content and Curriculum
    - CAT 302: Scriptural Foundations of Catechetics
    - CAT 401: Catechetical Methods I
    - CAT 402: Catechetical Methods II
    - CAT 430: Teaching in a Catholic School
  - Graduate courses taught:
    - THE 641: Content and Curriculum
    - THE 660: The Catholic School: Pedagogy and Identity
    - CAT 750: The Mission of Catholic Schools
- **Knoxville Catholic High School; Knoxville, TN; 2000 – 2011**
  - Religion department co-chair
  - Religion teacher
  - Courses taught:
    - Sacred Scripture
    - Christian Vocation
    - Introduction to Catholic Christianity

- **Aquinas College; Nashville, TN; 2010 – 2011**
  - Lecturer for catechist training certification for the Dioceses of Knoxville and Nashville
  - Developed and presented lessons:
    - Eucharistic Adoration, Fall 2010
    - Teaching with the Saints, Spring 2011
  - Presented lessons:
    - Our Father, Spring 2010
    - Seventh, Eighth, and Tenth Commandments, Fall 2010
    - Sacramentals, Spring 2011
  
- **St. John’s Central Catholic High School; Bellaire, OH; 1998 – 2000**
  - Religion teacher
  - Courses taught:
    - Old Testament
    - New Testament

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- **Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University of Steubenville**
  - “Liturgy and Catechetical Methodology,” series of online presentations for certification, 2016
  
- **Sophia Institute for Teachers**
  - “He Is Mercy from Generation to Generation,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Arlington, VA, 2016
  - “You Did It to Me,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Arlington, VA, 2016
  - “God Is With Us: The Incarnation and a Sacramental Worldview,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, 2015 and the Diocese of San Jose, CA, 2017
  - “Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock: Union with God in the Eucharist,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, 2015 and the Diocese of San Jose, CA, 2017
  
- **Diocese of Cleveland, OH**
  - “Crafting Engaging Lessons that Reach both Head and Heart,” workshop for parish catechetical leaders at the Diocese of Cleveland professional formation meeting, 2017
  
- **Diocese of Winona, MN**
  - “Christian Prayer and the Teacher’s Ministry,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers, 2015
  - “Praying with Scripture,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers, 2015
  
- **Aquinas College**
  - “Crafting Engaging Lessons that Reach both Head and Heart,” workshop for catechists at the Diocese of Nashville Catechetical Conference, 2013
  
- **Ohio Catholic Education Association**
  - “Teaching High School Religion with an Apologetics Mentality,” workshop for high school teachers attending the biennial convention, 2013

- **Franciscan University of Steubenville** (as faculty member)
  - “Teaching Jesus in High School,” formation session for Priestly Discernment Program, 2012 and 2015
  - “Relational Ministry,” in-service for Resident Assistants, 2012
  - “What Makes a Catholic School Catholic?” guest lecture for Catechetical Practice Today (THE 694), 2012
  - “Chastity Education,” guest lectures for Catechetical Ministries in the Church (CAT 405), 2012
  
- **Franciscan University of Steubenville** (as guest speaker)
  - “Teaching in a Catholic School,” Catechetical Immersion Day workshop, 2010 and 2011
  - “Single through the Stages of Our Lives,” Catholic Women’s Conference workshop, 2000
  
- **St. John Bosco Catechetical Conference** (at Franciscan University of Steubenville)
  - Presentations include:
    - “The Beauty of Hope: Jesus our Anchor in Every Storm,” 2017 (keynote)
    - “To See Your Beauty: Using Beauty in Catechesis,” 2015
    - “How to Make Your School a Top 50 Catholic School,” 2015
    - “Praying with Scripture,” 2015
    - “Crucial Questions and Essential Answers for High School Discipleship,” 2014
    - “Making Disciples through Effective Lesson Planning,” 2014, 2016
    - “Teaching Theology of the Body to Teens,” 2008 - 2013
    - “Introduction to Religious Education through the USCCB Doctrinal Framework,” 2012-2013
    - “How to Teach the Father,” 2008, 2013
    - “How to Teach the Holy Spirit,” 2007, 2012
    - “How to Teach Jesus,” 2011
    - “How to Teach the Universal Call to Holiness,” 2010
    - “How to Teach the Church,” 2009
    - “How to Teach Mary,” 2009
  
- **The Diocese of Steubenville**
  - “Crafting Engaging Lessons that Reach Head and Heart,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers, 2015
  
- **The Diocese of Knoxville**
  - “The Sacraments,” Adult Faith Formation program, 2009-2011
  - “Fundamentals of the Mass,” Knoxville Catholic High School Teacher In-Service, 2006-2010
  - “Chastity: Living a Life of Love,” presentation for Hispanic Ministry high school girls’ retreats, 2007 and 2008
  - “The Single Life: Holiness in Preparation,” Knoxville Scouts retreat presentation, 2007
  - “Why Do Catholics Do That?” workshop for diocesan teacher in-service, 2004
  
- **St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Farragut, TN**
  - “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun,” high school girls’ retreat chastity presentation, 2002
  - “Praying with Scripture,” adult education series, 2002
  
- **All Saints Catholic Church, Knoxville, TN**
  - “A Journey to the Father’s House,” adult education series on salvation history, 2001

## PUBLICATIONS

- “The Cultivation of Hope,” in *The Catechetical Review* (October – December 2017).
- “Catholic Schools: Making Citizens and Saints,” in *Momentum* (the official journal of the National Catholic Education Association, February-March 2015).
- “What Is Love?,” in *The Sower* (October – December 2014).

## COMMITTEES

- **Franciscan University of Steubenville**
  - **Curriculum committee:** elected by faculty vote to review proposals to changes in requirements for degrees, 2016-present
  - **Planning committee for new chapel:** appointed by University President to plan the iconographic program for the anticipated main chapel on campus, 2016-present
  - **Personal Vocation Task Force:** appointed by University President to identify means of assisting students in determining their unique call from God, 2016
  - **Academic Standards committee:** appointed by Vice President for Academic Affairs to review policies regarding the academic rights and responsibilities of students, 2015-2016.
  - **Learning Technology committee:** appointed by Vice President for Academic Affairs to advocate for the needs of faculty and students regarding learning technology, 2014-2015.

## OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- **Franciscan University of Steubenville**
  - **Mentor** to Women’s Ministry Core Team Member, providing twice-a-month Christian formation for a female undergraduate leader, 2016-present
  - **Planning committee member** for BeLoved, the annual on-campus retreat for women, 2014, 2015
  - **Presenter** for BeLoved, 2014: “The Unexpected Journey: Shining Light on the Path of the Feminine Vocation”
  - **Advisor** to Daughters of Jerusalem, an undergraduate women’s household, 2012-2016
  - **Retreat speaker** for various undergraduate women’s households, 2013-present
- **Knoxville Catholic High School, 2011**
  - **Consultant** in preparation for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation review, 2012
- **Knoxville Catholic High School, 2000 - 2011**
  - **Religion department co-chairman:** Evaluated department members and assisted with the hiring of new members; mentored new teachers. Represented Religion Department on Academic Council. Oversaw the development and implementation of the Religion Department curriculum in conjunction with the diocesan office.
  - **Campus Ministry:** Planned and implemented annual class retreats, all-school retreats, departmental evaluation and follow-up recommendations, Catholic Schools Week, parents’ orientation to Pope John Paul’s Theology of the Body, and other events relevant to cultivating faith life.
  - **Committees:** Strategic Planning Committee (2008), SACS accreditation preparation (2001, 2006).
  - **Student Life:** Advisor to classes of 2004, 2009, and 2014, and the newspaper staff.
- **Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, 2011**

- **Consultant** to Springfield Catholic High School to make recommendations for improving the faith formation program, 2011
- **Diocese of Knoxville**
  - **Search committees** (served at the request of the bishop):  
Diocesan Director of the Office of Family Life  
Diocesan Director of Religious Education
  - **Study group facilitator:**  
Karol Woltyla's Love & Responsibility, 2008  
Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body, 2008 – 2010
  - **School board member:**  
St. John Neumann Catholic School, 2005-2010
- **St. John's Central High School, 1998-2000**
  - **Student Life:** Advisor to National Honor Society and the class of 2002
- **Franciscan University of Steubenville, 1996-1998**
  - **Graduate assistant** to Scott Hahn, Ph.D.
- **Memorial Hospital, Chattanooga, TN; 1992-1995**
  - **Internal Communications Manager:**
    - Wrote, edited, and graphically designed all communications to 1,800 employees
    - Presented and promoted programs, including educational materials for employee benefits and corporate gain-sharing program (in conjunction with Human Resources and Executive Offices)
    - Designed programs and flyers for on-site United Way Campaign
      - Received Best Overall Communications Campaign Award (1994)
    - Liaison between employees and Executive Offices
    - Wrote press releases

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- **WISE (Witness + Inspire + Serve + Educate) Conference for Catholic School Educators, Nashville, TN 2016**  
Sponsored by Aquinas College  
Four day conference focusing on cultivating the mission of Catholic schools and forming teachers
- **Springtime of Evangelization Conference, Nashville, TN 2012**  
One day conference on the New Evangelization
- **Love and Life Conference, Nashville, TN, 2011**  
Sponsored by the Ruth Institute and Aquinas College  
Two day conference on current issues related to marriage and family
- **Forum on Pope Benedict XVI, Nashville, TN, 2011**  
Sponsored by Aquinas College  
Two day conference on the life and thought of Pope Benedict XVI

- **Teacher in-services, Knoxville, TN, 2000-2010**  
Sponsored by the Diocese of Knoxville  
Day workshops on a variety of topics to improve teaching and learning, including curriculum mapping, special needs instruction, brain development, and faith formation
- **Marriage and Family Conference, Knoxville, TN, 2008**  
Sponsored by the Diocese of Knoxville  
One day workshop addressing marriage and family issues
- **Theology of the Body Conference, Dallas, TX, 2007**  
Sponsored by the Theology of the Body Evangelization Team  
Two day intensive training on topics related to Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body

## **PARISH LIFE**

- St. Peter's Catholic Church (member) Steubenville, OH, 2011 – present  
Parishioner  
Guardian for weekly hour of perpetual adoration
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic Church, Knoxville, TN, 2010-2011  
Parishioner and lector
- St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Farragut, TN, 2000 – 2010  
Parishioner  
Participant in Renew and Cursillo  
Member of school board
- Sponsored numerous students for Confirmation in various parishes, 2002 - 2009