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CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D., The University of Notre Dame Australia (2019)**
 - Recipient: International Fee Remission Research Scholarship
 - Thesis: “Encountering the Living God: The Integral Formation of Teachers as 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
 - LDR 700: Innovation and Change in Catholic School Environments
- **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

PUBLICATIONS

- Roberts, Amy. Book review of “Listening for God in Everyday Life.” *The Catechetical Review* 7, no. 4.
- Roberts, Amy. “The Patriarchs.” In *Sacred Scripture*, edited by Michael Gutzwiller, et. al. Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute for Teachers, 2020.
- Roberts, Amy. “The Exodus.” In *Sacred Scripture*, edited by Michael Gutzwiller, et. al. Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute for Teachers, 2020.
- Roberts, Amy. “Joshua, Judges, and Ruth.” In *Sacred Scripture*, edited by Michael Gutzwiller, et. al. Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute for Teachers, 2020.
- Roberts, Amy. “Samuel, Saul, and David.” In *Sacred Scripture*, edited by Michael Gutzwiller, et. al. Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute for Teachers, 2020.
- Roberts, Amy. “Catholic Education: Directing Students to God.” *The Catechetical Review* 6, no. 4 (2020): 14-15.
- Roberts, Amy. “Classrooms in Catholic Schools: Gold Mines of Evangelization.” *The Catechetical Review* 6, no. 1 (2020): 16-18.
- Roberts, Amy. “The Sacramental Nature of the Church.” In *Sacraments as Privileged Encounters with Jesus Christ*, edited by Michael Gutzwiller, et. al. Manchester, NH: Sophia Institute for Teachers, 2019.
- Roberts, Amy. Book review of “Reclaiming the Piazza II: The Catholic School and the New Evangelisation.” *The Catechetical Review* 5, no. 1 (2019): 41.
- Roberts, Amy. “Nurturing Hope through Beauty.” *Faith and Culture: The Journal of the Augustine Institute*. May 15, 2018. <https://www.faithandculture.com/home/2018/5/15/nurturing-hope-through-beauty?rq=amy%20roberts>
- Roberts, Amy. “The Cultivation of Hope.” *The Catechetical Review* 3, no. 4 (2017): 40-42.
- Roberts, Amy. “Catholic Schools: Making Citizens and Saints.” *Momentum* (February-March 2015).
- Roberts, Amy. “What Is Love?” *The Sower* 35, no. 4 (2014): 42-43.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS: INVITED AND PEER-REVIEWED

- **McGrath Institute for Church Life/University of Notre Dame**
 - “From ‘Anthropological Crisis’ to ‘Cultures of Formation’: Trinitarian Anthropology and the Formation of Catholic School Teachers,” conference paper delivered at the “Cultures of

Formation: Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment” conference in preparation for the 2018 Synod, March 2018

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS: INVITED

- **Bishop O’Gorman Catholic Schools**
 - “Fully Alive!” keynote presentation at the professional development in-service for teachers in Catholic Schools, Sioux Falls, SD, January 2022

- ***Duc in Altum* Catholic Schools Summit**
 - “Growing a Catholic School Culture Rooted in Collaboration,” co-presented with Dr. Rebecca Rook, sharing best practices for the revitalization of Catholic schools at their annual summit, October 2021, Nashville, TN

- **John Carroll University**
 - “Crafting Engaging Lessons that Reach both Head and Heart,” at the “Theology for Teachers” professional development in-service for Catholic high school religion teachers in Cleveland, OH, October 2021

- **The Diocese of Venice (FL)**
 - “Sharing Faith with Children and their Parents,” at the annual diocesan catechetical conference, September 2021

- **Sophia Institute for Teachers**
 - “Jesus-Centered Solutions in a ‘Self-Care’ World,” *Christ in the Classroom* podcast episode 15, professional development credit for Catholic School teachers, 2021
 - “Crafting Engaging Lessons that Reach the Whole Person,” virtual professional development presentation for Catholic School teachers in the Diocese of Albany, NY, 2020
 - “Knowing Jesus in Prayer,” professional development presentation for Catholic School teachers in the Diocese of Wilmington, DE, 2019
 - “Lord, Teach Us to Pray,” professional development presentation for Catholic School teachers in the Diocese of Wilmington, DE, 2019
 - “Who Do You Say that I Am?” professional development presentation for Catholic School teachers in the Diocese of Austin, TX, 2017
 - “The Love that Never Ends,” professional development presentation for Catholic School teachers in the Diocese of Austin, TX, 2017
 - “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 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
- **The Diocese of Steubenville**
 - “Crafting Engaging Lessons that Reach Head and Heart,” professional development presentation for Catholic school teachers, 2015
- **Ohio Catholic Education Association**
 - “Teaching High School Religion with an Apologetics Mentality,” professional development presentation for high school teachers attending the biennial convention, 2013
- **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
- **Aquinas College**
 - “Crafting Engaging Lessons that Reach both Head and Heart,” workshop for catechists at the Diocese of Nashville Catechetical Conference, 2013

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY

- **Franciscan University of Steubenville** (as faculty member)
 - “Newman on Personal Influence,” for Conversations with Colleagues, 2019
 - “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
- **Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University of Steubenville**
 - “The Mission of Catholic Schools,” series of online presentations for teachers’ professional development certification, 2018
 - “Liturgy and Catechetical Methodology,” series of online presentations for teachers’ professional development certification, 2016
- **St. John Bosco Catechetical Conference**
 - Keynote: “The Beauty of Hope: Jesus our Anchor in Every Storm,” 2017
 - Presentations targeting teachers seeking professional development credits:
 - “The Educational Leader in a Catholic Setting,” 2021
 - “Nurturing Hope through Beauty,” 2021
 - “Integrated Formation for Integrated Persons,” 2019
 - “Facilitating Encounters with God through Liturgy,” 2018
 - “Teaching to Form vs. Teaching to Inform,” 2018
 - “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

OTHER INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- **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
- **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

COMMITTEES

- **Franciscan University of Steubenville**
 - **Learning Technology committee:** appointed by Vice President for Academic Affairs to advocate for the needs of faculty and students regarding learning technology, 2021-2022.
 - **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, 2016-2018
 - **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**

- **Program Developer and Coordinator** for the Catholic Schools track for the Catechetical Institute, 2017-present
 - **Mentor** to Center for Leadership students, providing vocational coaching for 1-2 female undergraduate leaders, 2018-present
 - **Mentor** to Women’s Ministry Core Team Member, providing twice-a-month Christian formation for a female undergraduate leader, 2016-2017
 - **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
- **The University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney**
 - Secondary supervisor for Ph.D. candidate, 2020-2021
- **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

- ***Duc in Altum Catholic Schools Summit* for Catholic School Educators, Nashville, TN, 2021**
Sponsored by the Duc in Altum Catholic Schools Collaborative
Three-day conference sharing best practices for the revitalization of Catholic Schools
- **“Cultures of Formation: Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment” conference in preparation for the 2018 Synod, March 2018**
Sponsored by the McGrath Institute for Church Life and the University of Notre Dame
Three day conference addressing present and potential cultural influences on youth
- **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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- **National Catholic Education Association, 2011 – present**

PARISH LIFE

- **St. Peter's Catholic Church, Steubenville, OH, 2011 – present**
Parishioner
Guardian for weekly hour of perpetual adoration at neighboring parish
- **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
Guardian for weekly hour of perpetual adoration
Member of school board
- Sponsored numerous students for Confirmation in various parishes, 2002 – 2009

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- **Woodland Garden Club member, Steubenville, OH, 2019-present**