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Education

- 2010-14 Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland
 Master of Divinity
 Bachelor of Sacred Theology (accredited through the Pontifical
 faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC)
- 2007-10 The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
 Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, *magna cum laude*
 Licentiate in Philosophy, Thesis: "The Philosophical Significance of
 the History of Philosophy in the Thought of Etienne Gilson and
 Thomas Prufer"
- 2005-07 Saint Joseph Seminary College, St Benedict, Louisiana
- 2001-05 Lafayette High School, Lafayette, Louisiana

Pastoral Assignments

- 2022 **St. Thomas More Church, Eunice, Louisiana**
 Pastor
 Chaplain to the Catholic Student Center at LSUE
- 2015-17;
2019-22 **Family Missions Company, Abbeville, Louisiana**
 Chaplain / diocesan liaison
- 2014-17 **St. Joseph Church, Rayne, Louisiana**
 Associate pastor / parochial vicar
- 2013-14 **St. Benedict Church, Baltimore, Maryland**
 Transitional deacon intern

Diocesan Service

2016-17 **Presbyteral Council**
Secretary

2016-17 **Centennial Celebration Committee**
History and Education Coordinator

Employment / Teaching

2017-22 **Saint Joseph Seminary College, St. Benedict LA**

2017-20 Assistant Dean of Students / Formation Advisor

2020-22 Dean of Students / Formation Advisor

- Committees
 - Formation Council / Evaluation Committee
 - Admissions Committee
 - Academic Affairs Committee
 - Disciplinary Committee
 - Physical Plant Committee
 - SACS Reaccreditation Committee

2017-21 Instructor of Philosophy

- Courses taught:
 - PHI 3321: Introduction to Logic (Fall semesters 2017-21)
 - PHI 3322: Metaphysics (Spring semesters 2019-22)
 - PHI 3343: Introduction to Phenomenology (Fall 2020)
 - PHI 3344: Special Topics: Existentialism (Spring 2021)
 - PHI 4312: Contemporary Philosophy (Spring 2022)

2019-20 Philosophy and Theology Division Chair

2021-22 **Diocese of Biloxi, MS Diaconate Formation**

Instructor

- Introduction to the Catechism for first-year diaconate candidates

Continuing Education

2020 Advanced training in online instruction on Canvas LMS, Canvas/Instructure

- Webinar, August 2020

Intermediate training in online instruction on Canvas LMS to prepare for COVID-19 contingencies

- August 2020, St. Joseph Seminary College
- Presenter: Wendy Van Dalen,

2019 Basic training in online instruction on Canvas LMS

- August 2019, St Joseph Seminary College
- Presenter: Wendy Van Dalen

2019 Continuing education in outcomes based education and how to assess success and implement change at the course level.

- June 2019, St. Joseph Seminary College
- Presenter: Dr. Dianna Laurent

2018 “Understanding the Catholic Intellectual Tradition”

- August 2018, St. Joseph Seminary College
- Presenter: Dr. Cory Hayes

Conferences and Retreats Presented

2021 “Why Work: Facing the Problem of Labor, Career, and Vocation”, interactive presentation at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Needville, TX

2020 Annual Day of Recollection for the Daughters of Wisdom, Teresian Association, Lafayette LA

“Living the Liturgy of Holy Week,” retreat conference series recorded for remote participation during Covid19 quarantine

Lenten retreat for the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, Houston, TX

“Freedom and the Appropriation of the Natural Law: A Response to Dr. Jacobs”, lecture presented at the SJSC/NDS Faculty Colloquium, St Joseph Seminary College, St Benedict LA

2019 “The Long Loneliness: Rediscovering the Companionship of Christ” co-presented for the Abide Catholic Women’s Conference, Lafayette LA

Easter Retreat for the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, Lafayette, LA

Advent Retreat for the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, Houston TX

- 2018-20 Annual Days of Recollection for Teachers, John Paul the Great Academy, Lafayette, LA
- 2018 “Biblical Christology,” The Alleluia Community School for Spiritual Direction
- Presented a week-long course for the ASSD, Augusta, GA
- “Ecclesial Women: Growing in Holiness in the Example of the Saints”
- 5-day Women’s Retreat, Visitation Monastery, Mobile AL
- Day of Recollection, Secular Carmelite Community of St Joseph, Lafayette, LA
- “Living the Spiritual Childhood of Jesus”
- Three lectures presented at the Come, Lord Jesus! Annual Conference, Lafayette Louisiana
- 2017 “Fruit of our Hands: Rediscovering a Theology of Work”, lecture presented at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Needville TX
- 2016 “St. Anselm and the God of Philosophy”, lecture presented to the Newman Society, Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Student Center, Lafayette, LA
- Charism Retreat: 3-day annual retreat for the Missionaries of Charity, Lafayette, LA
- Rayne Catholic Elementary Faculty Retreat, Rayne LA
- “The Spirituality of Dorothy Day”, presented for the “Faith and Action” lecture series, Catholic Charities of Acadiana, Lafayette, LA
- 2015 “The Mother of God in Sacred Art,” lecture presented at St. Thomas More Church, Eunice, LA
- “St Joseph: Light of the Patriarchs”, Lenten mission presented at Our Mother of Mercy Church, Rayne, LA
- “What Can We Expect From The Priest,” lecture presented at the monthly meeting of the Lafayette Priestly Fraternity

- 2014 “Rediscovering the Sabbath Day”, three-day Advent mission presented at St. Joseph Church, Rayne, LA
- “Eucharistic Doctrine Through History”, lecture presented to the Newman Society, Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Students Center, Lafayette, LA

Original Projects

- 2016 Acadiana Encounter
- Planned, promoted, and co-chaired an original 2-day cultural conference in Lafayette; topics included poetry and the art of writing, racial divisions in Louisiana, transgender issues, environmental and cultural decline, the Year of Mercy, the testimony of Iraqi Christians
 - Co-presented a discussion entitled “Acadiana’s Changing Face and Steadfast Heart,” with C. E. Richard on the cultural identify of Acadiana
- 2016 Dorothy Day Practicum on Christian Economics
- Organized a free, day-long workshop on Catholic social teaching and the practical economics of dairy husbandry
- 2016 2nd Peter Maurin Symposium: on the Philosophy of Work
- Organized a public discussion of the encyclical *Laborem exercens* and the possibility of a theology of work
 - Collaborated with theologians, business professionals and agriculturalists
- 2015 1st Peter Maurin Symposium: on Christian Agrarianism
- Organized a day-long meeting to discuss the social vision of Peter Maurin and the encyclical *Laudato Si*
 - Collaborated with agriculturalists, teachers, business professionals
 - Presented: “Peter Maurin’s Christian Agrarianism”

Conferences Attended

- 2021 Virtual Symposium on Human Formation, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO

- 2019 Institute for Priestly Formation, Symposium: on the *Ratio Fundamentalis*,
St Vincent de Paul Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL
- 2019 Annual Conference of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors
Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- 2019 Fides et Ratio: "Priesthood and the Priest", Oxnard, CA
- 2018 Annual Conference of the Federation of Seminary Spiritual Directors
St. Joseph Seminary, Camarillo, CA
- 2017 Fides et Ratio: "Christian Learning, Catholic Education, Christian Living", St.
Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, CA
- 2012-18 New York Encounter, Communion and Liberation, NYC
 - Regularly participated as an attendee
 - Served on the planning committee and presented a panel discussion
entitled: "The Simply Joy of Eating Well: rediscovering a friendly
relationship with food" (2017)
- 2016 "Light of the World: the Thought of Joseph Ratzinger," Our Lady of Wisdom
Catholic Student Center, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- 2015 "Following Christ into the Heart of the World: The Christian Task according
to Hans Urs von Balthasar," Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Student Center,
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- 2015-16 Proclaim: Catholic Missions Conference, Family Missions Co., Lafayette, LA
- 2015 "Dorothy Day: Past, Present, Future," University of St. Francis, Ft. Wayne, IN
- 2009 Sacred Music Colloquium, Church Musician Association of America, Loyola
University, Chicago, IL

References upon request