

# Jana Marguerite Bennett

Curriculum Vitae

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*University of Dayton*  
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## EDUCATION

**PhD** Theology and Ethics, Duke University, 2005  
Major Area: Theology and Ethics  
Minor Areas: Patristic /Medieval History, Women's and Gender Studies

**MDiv** Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2001  
Focus Area: Liturgical & Sacramental Theology

**BA** The Colorado College, 1998,  
*Cum Laude* History  
Phi Beta Kappa  
Boettcher Scholar

## ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

**Department Chair** University of Dayton, Department of Religious Studies,  
2020-present

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Professor** University of Dayton, Department of Religious Studies,  
2018-present

**Associate Professor** University of Dayton, Department of Religious Studies,  
2012-2018

**Assistant Professor** University of Dayton, Department of Religious Studies,  
2008-2012

**Assistant Professor**      Hampden-Sydney College, Department of Religion,  
2005-2008

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*An American Catholic Roadtrip: Signs of Unity*. Under contract: New City Press.  
Forthcoming 2023.

*Singleness and the Church: Toward a New Theology of Singleness*. New York: Oxford  
University Press, 2017.

Reviewed in *America*, *Anglican Theological Review*; *Horizons*; *Journal of  
Biblical and Theological Studies*; *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*;  
*Reading Religion*; *Studies in Christian Ethics*

*Aquinas on the Web? Doing Theology in an Internet Age*. London: T&T Clark, 2012.

Reviewed in *Second Nature Journal*; *The Journal of Pastoral Theology*; *Journal  
of Religion, Media and Digital Culture*;

*Water is Thicker than Blood: An Augustinian Theology of Marriage and Singleness*.  
New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Reviewed in the *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*; *Modern Theology*;  
*Religious Studies Review*; *Ethical Perspectives: Journal of the European Ethics  
Network*; *Anglican Theological Review*; *Theology Today*

### Co-Authored Books

*Free to Stay, Free to Leave: Fruits of the Spirit and Church Choice*. Co-authored with  
Melissa Musick Nussbaum. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2009.

### Co-Edited Books

*Naming Our Sins: How Recognizing the Seven Deadly Vices Can Renew the Sacrament  
of Reconciliation*. Co-edited with David Cloutier. Washington, DC: Catholic  
University of America Press, 2019.

Catholic Press Association Award, August 2020

### Refereed Articles

“On Pilgrimage with Abraham: How a Patriarch Leads us in Formation in Faith” in *The  
Servais Pinckaers Papers*, Matthew Levering and William Mattison, eds.,  
*Journal of Moral Theology* (October 2021).

“Living the Eighth Day Online: Liturgies, Sacramental Life, and Building Human  
Relationships,” for *Journal of Theology and Sexuality* (Forthcoming, 2020).

“After Vatican II and Veritatis Splendor: Five Moral Theology Textbooks,” in *Studies in  
Christian Ethics* 33.1 (January 2020).

“Telling the Old Story in Gendered Keys: The Theological Revivals of Katherine  
Sonderregger, Kathryn Tanner, and Sarah Coakley,” in *Anglican Theological  
Review* (Spring 2019).

- “Blessed Silence: Explorations in Christian Contemplation and Hearing Loss,” in *Journal of Moral Theology* 6.2 (Fall 2017).
- “Is America Rome? A Response to Chanon Ross’ *Gifts, Glittering and Poisoned: Spectacle, Empire and Metaphysics*” in *Syndicate Theology* (March/April 2016): 31-36.
- “Spiritual But Not Religious: What Faith Formation Means in the Age of ‘Nones’” in *Liturgy* 30:3 (May 2015).
- “We Do Not Know How to Love: Observations on Theology, Technology and Disability,” in *Journal of Moral Theology*, 4.1 (January 2015): 90-110.
- “What Kind of Family is Needed for ‘Domestic Church’? A Mystagogy of the Family,” *The Household of God and Local Households*, Thomas Knieps-Port Le Roi, et al. eds, (Leuven: Peeters, 2013), 171-184.
- “Imposter Happiness or the Real Thing? Marriage, Singleness and the Beatitudes in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” *Ex Auditu* (Spring 2013): 21-40.
- “Stanley Hauerwas’s Influence on Catholic Moral Theology,” *Journal of Catholic Moral Theology*, inaugural issue, (January 2012):148-169.
- “*Sharing in Christ’s Virtues: Helping Moral Theologians Go Home to Rome*,” *Modern Theology* 20 no. 2 (2004).

### **Book Chapters**

- “Ability and Disability,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, William Schweikert, ed (Forthcoming, 2022).
- “Mariology: Marriage, Family, and Singleness,” in D. Stephen Long ed., *Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics* (New York, NY).
- “Singleness as a Vocation of Love” in *Love, Sex and Families: Catholic Perspectives*, Jason King and Julie Hanlon Rubio, eds (Liturgical Press, 2020): 185-195.
- “Life and Death,” in *Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology*, eds. Lewis Ayres and Medi Ann Volpe. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019)
- “A Gender Roadmap,” in *Catholic Social Bioethics: The Praxis of U.S. Catholic Health Care in a Globalized World*, eds. M. Therese Lysaught and Michael McCarthy. (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2019): 199-215.
- “Digital Reality and Locality,” in *The Local Church and the Place of the Catholic Ethicist*, Antonio Autiero and Laurenti Megesa, eds (Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2018): 270-281.
- “Not So Private: A Political Theology of Church and Family,” in *Christian Political Witness*, George Kalantzis and Gregory W. Lee, eds. Chicago: IVP Academic, 2014.
- “Women, Disabled” in *Disability in the Christian Tradition*, John Swinton and Brian Brock, eds. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 2012.
- “Singular Christianity: Marriage and Singleness as Discipleship” in *Leaving and*

*Coming Home*, a collection of essays on sexual ethics from the noted young Catholic moral theologians' group New Wine New Wineskins. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010.

"Being 'Stuck' Between Stanley and the Feminists (Or The Proverbial Rock and a Hard Place" in *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas' 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010.

"Catholic Social Teachings and Papal Social Encyclicals" in *Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics*, co-authored with Stanley Hauerwas. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, October 2005.

#### **INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

[2022] "Being a 'Worthless Servant': Reflections on Eucharistic Community and the Nones", University of Notre Dame, July 13.

[2022] "Disability and the Technological Revolution," Invited Keynote Speaker, Global Conference for Higher Education Chaplaincies, Sheffield UK, June 15-19.

2019 "Marriage, Singleness, and the Way of the Cross," Invited Seminar Presenter, Western Theological Seminary, Holland MI, October 15-19.

2019 "Abraham's Journey: Moral Formation, Scriptural Reflection, and Servais Pinckaers' Legacy," Pinckaers Conference, University of Notre Dame, May 6-7.

2018 "Digital Sacramental and Liturgical Theology," Invited Keynote Speaker, CODEC, Durham University, Durham, UK, April 19-20.

2017 "The Catholic Vote," Invited Panel Presentation on the 2016 election, Society of Christian Ethics, New Orleans, LA, January 7

2016 "Just War's Sliding Scale Conundrum, and Three Narratives," Mormon Ethics Conference, Utah Valley University, October 28

2016 "Families and the New Social Order," Society of Christian Ethics, Families and the Social Order interest group, Toronto ON, January 8

2015 "Singleness and the Holy Life," Benedictine University at Mesa, November 13

2015 "In the Beginning, *Who* Created? A Discussion of Theology, Identity, and Social Media," Seattle Pacific University, November 3.

2015 "Pope Francis, the Environment, and Christian Life," Invited Public Address, Ashland University, October 14

2015 "Augustine on Just War and Peace," Mormon Ethics Symposium, Brigham Young University, July 13-16

2014 "Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Relief Services," Catholic Relief Services Workshops, March 15

2014 "Aligning Conversations: From Seminars to Curriculum Reform," Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, February 3

2013 "In the Beginning, Who Created? Theology of the Cyborgs," STARS Research Symposium, University of Dayton, September 19

2013 "The Failure and the Hope: Practicing the Peace of Christ in the Church," Co-presented with Randy Cooper, Ekklesia Project, Chicago IL, July 12

2013 "Not So Private: The Public/Private Distinction in Contemporary Thought,"

- Christian Political Witness Conference, Wheaton College, April 5-7
- 2013 “Considering Marriage: Public and Private Things,” Cedarville University, March 30
- 2013 “Theology of the Cyborgs: Inventing Identity on the Internet,” Humanities Symposium, University of Dayton, March 5
- 2012 “Choosing God? Thoughts on Religion, Freedom and The Meaning of Life” Loyola Maryland, Baltimore MD, October 29-30
- 2012 “Doing Theology Well in a Web 2.0 World,” St. Mary’s Seminary and University, Baltimore Maryland, October 30
- 2012 “Marriage, Singleness and the Beatitudes,” North Park Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 27-29
- 2012 “Adoption: Reprise,” The University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK, May 26-29
- 2012 “Internet Pornography and the Human Person,” Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy and Doctrine, University of Dayton, April 11
- 2011 “Power and Authority on the Internet,” Ashland University Symposium Responding to the Powers, Ashland, OH, February 12
- 2010 “Theology of Adoption: Critical Reflections from Practical Theology and Christian Ethics,” Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, UK, May 24-26
- 2010 “What Type of Family is Needed for Domestic Church?” Co-sponsored conference on Domestic Church, by the INTAMS Chair for the Study of Marriage & Spirituality at the Theology Faculty of the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and the Ecclesiological Investigation International Research Network, Leuven, Belgium, March 10-13
- 2008 “Singleness: A Vocation and Lifestyle,” Fourth Annual Undergraduate Marriage, Family and Dating Conference, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, November 14-16
- 2007 “Acting on Faith: Women’s New Religious Activism in America,” Longwood University, Farmville, VA, March 5
- 2005 “Married Celibates and Monks with Children,” Here Comes Everybody Lecture Series, College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN, February 14
- 2004 “Marriage and The New Monasticism,” The New Monasticism, sponsored by the Fund for Theological Education, Durham NC, June 15-17

#### CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2019 “Pedagogy and Catholic Moral Theology,” *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics* (London, UK), September 5-7
- 2018 “Disabled Bodies as Dead Bodies,” *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics*, (Durham, UK), September 7-9.
- 2018 “Forming Christian Communities,” *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church* (Sarajevo, Bosnia) July 26-29.

- 2018 “Digital Pedagogy in the Humanities,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 5-8.
- 2016 “Sin: Toward a New Theology of the Confessional,” *College Theology Society*, June 2-5
- 2014 “The Grammar and Technology of Online Eucharist: A Conversation with Louis Marie Chauvet, David Power, and Herbert McCabe,” *Catholic Theological Society of America*, June 5-8
- 2012 “Children Who Are Not Yet Peaceful: Montessorian Thoughts about Peace Making,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 5-9
- 2010 “Singling Out Singles” *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church: International Catholic Moral Theologians’ Conference, Trento, Italy, July 24-27*
- 2010 “The Thomistic Internet? Theological Questioning in a Web 2.0/3.0 Age” *Society of Christian Ethics, San Jose, CA, January 7-10*
- 2009 “About a Family: Nick Hornby’s Novels and Sexual Ethics,” *American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Quebec, November 7-10*
- 2009 “Ruining the Church? Conversations on Catholic Moral Theology and Catholic ‘Converts’”, *New Wine, New Wineskins, University of Notre Dame, July 30-August 1*
- 2008 “Single in a Married Church,” *Catholic Theological Society of America Miami, FL, June 5-8*
- 2006 “The Domestic Church: Questions and Critiques,” *New Wine, New Wineskins Symposium for Young Catholic Moral Theologians, University of Notre Dame, July 27-30*
- 2006 “The Beauty of the Boards: The Use of Internet Chat Rooms to ‘do’ Ethics,” *College Theology Society, Denver, CO, June 1-4*
- 2005 “Early and Medieval Christian Representations of Ascetic Bodies,” *2<sup>nd</sup> Christina Conference on Women’s Studies, Helsinki, Finland, March 3-5*

## Book Reviews

- Learning from my Daughter: The Value and Care of Disabled Minds* by Eva Feder Kittay (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019). *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* (Summer 2020).
- Faith with Benefits: Hookup Culture on Catholic Campuses* by Jason King (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017). *Horizons* (Winter 2019).
- Mothering, Public Leadership, and Women’s Life Writing: Explorations in Spirituality Studies and Practical Theology* by Claire Wolfeich (Leiden: Brill, 2017). *Horizons*, (Winter 2018).
- Not By Nature But By Grace: Forming Families Through Adoption* by Gilbert Meilaender (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2016).

- Studies in Christian Ethics*, (Fall 2018).
- Spirits Rejoice! Jazz and American Religion*, Jason C. Bivins (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015) in *Horizons* (December, 2016).
- Deaf Gain: Raising the Stakes for Human Diversity*, eds H-Dirksen L. Bauman and Joseph J. Murray (University of Minnesota Press, 2014) in *Journal of Disability and Religion* (July, 2016).
- Conscience and Calling*, by Sr. Anne Patrick (Bloomsbury, 2014) in the *British Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* 28.4 (November 2015): 505-509.
- Virtue and the Moral Life: Theological and Philosophical Perspectives*, edited by William Werpehowski and Kathryn Getek Soltis (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2014) in *Journal of Political Theology* 16.6 (November 2015).
- God's Love Through the Spirit: The Holy Spirit in Thomas Aquinas and John Wesley* by Kenneth M. Loyer in *Anglican Theological Review* 97.4 (Winter 2015): 717-719.
- Divas in the Convent: Nuns, Music and Defiance in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Italy* by Craig Monson in *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* (June 2015).
- Theology on the Menu* by David Grummet and Rachel Muers in *Modern Theology* (January 2014).
- Children, Adults and Shared Responsibilities: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, edited by Marcia J. Bunge in *Anglican Theological Review* 95:4 (Winter 2013)
- Vatican II: Renewal within Tradition*, edited by Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering in *Pro Ecclesia* (Winter 2012).
- Reality is Broken: Why Games Make Us Better and How They Can Change the World* by Jane McGonigal in *National Catholic Reporter* (October 24, 2011).
- Christian Ethics in a Technological Age* by Brian Brock in *The Christian Century* (March 2, 2011). <http://www.christiancentury.org/reviews/2011-02/christianethics-technological-age>
- Singing the Ethos of God: On the Place of Christian Ethics in Scripture* by Brian Brock in *Pro Ecclesia* (Spring 2010).
- Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, by Bryan N. Massingale, in *Horizons* (Spring 2010).
- Conceiving Parenthood: American Protestantism and the Spirit of Reproduction* by Amy Laura Hall in *Modern Theology* 25 no. 3 (2009).
- Human Sexuality in the Christian Tradition*, edited by Kieran Scott and Harold Daly Horell in *Horizons* 36 no. 1(2009).
- Communion and Otherness: Further Studies in Personhood and the Church* by John D.

- Zizioulas in *Modern Theology* 24 no. 2 (2008).  
*Sharing Food* by L. Shannon Jung in *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* 27 no. 2 (2007)  
*The Moral Theology of Pope John Paul II* by Charles Curran in *Modern Theology* 23 no. 1 (2007).

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

- “Virtue Ethics and Children’s Formation: A Montessorian Approach,” in revision for journal submission.  
 “Disabled Bodies are Dead Bodies,” presented at the *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics* and in revision for journal submission.  
 “Holy Abortion? The Nun of Watton and Medieval Bioethics,” in revision for journal submission.

### **Web-Based Publications**

Co-editor, [Catholicmoraltheology.com](http://Catholicmoraltheology.com)

### **Other Publications**

- “Single Fellowship,” *US Catholic* 86.1 (January 2021): 21-23  
 Reader’s Guide for “*Amoris Laetitia*,” Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation on the Family, co-authored with Peg Eckherdt. (*National Catholic Reporter*, 2016).  
 “Mark Eight: Support for Celibate Singles Alongside Married Couples and their Children” in *School(s) for Conversion: 12 Marks of a New Monasticism*, Rutba House, ed. (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2005).

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

- 2021 Lilly Grant “Catholic Identity Crisis” with Margie Pinnell (\$12000)  
 2019 Outstanding Scholarship Award, University of Dayton College of Arts and Sciences  
 2018 University of Dayton Institute for Applied Creativity and Transformation Fellowship, \$5000  
 2016 University of Dayton Common Academic Program course development grant, \$2500  
 2014 University of Dayton Common Academic Program course development grant, \$2500  
 2011 University of Dayton Seed research grant, \$5000  
 2010 University of Dayton Forum for Catholic Intellectual Tradition research grant, \$4000  
 2009 University of Dayton Seed research grant, \$3300  
 2007 Teaching the Bible study grant, Presbyterian Church (USA), \$9000  
 2006 Hampden-Sydney faculty research grant, \$2800  
 2005 Hampden-Sydney faculty research grant, \$2800



2001 John Wesley Fellow, 3-year competitive grant for graduate studies  
 1998 Presidential Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1-year competitive grant  
 for advanced study

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING**

Director of Master's Theses and Projects: Sister Eucharia Gomba, Katherine Schmidt,  
 Nancy Romer, Karen Ross, John Allen, Colleen O'Grady, Maureen Wood, Susan Mohall,  
 Shelby Mongan, Amanda Scanameo, Devon James, Rachel Bell, Lillian Hynfield

Doctoral Dissertation Director: Robert Parks, Christine Dalessio, Lucas Martin, Nancy  
 Romer, Tyler Campbell, Julia Parks, Jeremy Dowsett

#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

##### **Society of Christian Ethics Board Member**

Society of Christian Ethics, 2019-2023

Chairperson, Personnel Committee, 2023

Junior Faculty Caucus, Society of Christian Ethics, 2010-2012

##### **Editorships**

*Journal of Religion and Disability*, 2016-

*Encyclopedia of Theology*, T&T Clark, 2016-

##### **Editorial Boards**

*Journal of Moral Theology*, 2012-

**Reviewer for tenure and promotion**, various universities, 2015-

##### **Manuscript reviews**

American Academy of Religion/Oxford University Press, 2015 -

Catholic University of America Press, 2013-

*Horizons*, 2011-

*Modern Theology*, 2010-

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Search committee member, College of Arts and Sciences Dean search, December 2021-  
 Convener, Marian Forum, 2021-; Provides academic reflection on Marian theology  
 campus wide.

International Marian Research Institute Steering Committee, 2020-;

Fellow, University Practical Wisdom Habits of Inquiry and Reflection Committee, 2018-  
 2019

Special Advisor to the Provost on Gender, Equity, and Climate,

2016-2017

University Maternity Leave Review Panel, 2014- 2017  
 ArtStreet/IAN/IACT Collaborator, 2013- present  
 Second-Year/Sophomore Year Study Group, 2014- 2015  
 University Business Ethics Colloquium, 2010-2011, 2012-2013

#### **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCE SERVICE**

College of Arts and Science Women's and Gender Studies Committee, 2008-  
 Dorian Borbonus 5<sup>th</sup> Year Review Committee, History Department, 2014  
 Alumni Chair Humanities Symposium Presenter, March 5, 2013

#### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Department Doctoral Committee, 2009- 2020  
 Department Executive Committee, 2009-2012; 2018-  
 Department Web Design Committee, 2018-2020  
 Chair, Neomi DeAnda's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Year, and Tenure Review Committees, 2014, 2016, 2017  
 Search committee, business ethics lecturer, 2013-2014  
 Search committee, business ethics assistant professor, 2009-10  
 Search committee, senior systematic theologian, 2008-09

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

##### **University of Dayton**

##### **Graduate Courses – Doctoral**

Bioethics  
 Theology and Gender  
 Theology of Sarah Coakley  
 Directed studies in Augustine; Marriage and Family

##### **Graduate Courses – Master's**

Catholic Moral Theology  
 Theology of Augustine  
 Approaches to Morality  
 Contemporary Christian Ethics

##### **Undergraduate Courses**

Augustine  
 ASI 3<sup>rd</sup> year Core: Globalization and History of Christianity in Africa  
 Business Ethics  
 Christian Ethics and Health Care  
 Christian Marriage  
 Faith Traditions: Women and Religion  
 Moral Reasoning: Asceticism and *Laudato Si'*

Theology of Humanity, Sexuality, and Marriage  
Women in a Global Church

### **Hampden-Sydney College**

#### **Undergraduate**

Introduction to Christian Ethics  
Introduction to Religion  
History of Christian Thought, Origins to 500  
History of Christian Thought, 500-1200  
Contemporary Christian Theology  
War and Peace  
Introduction to Sacramental and Liturgical Theology

### **Other Teaching**

Berry Scholars Summer Institute: Ethics of Inquiry (2015-2016)  
Study abroad teaching in Rome, Augsburg, and Dublin/Belfast

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

#### **Immaculate Conception Parish**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist and Program Director, 2009-  
Parish scripture reflections, [www.itemissaest.org](http://www.itemissaest.org), 2008-2015

#### **Other Involvement**

Board Member, Ekklesia Project, 2011-2017  
Interfaith Dayton, 2015-2016  
Presenter for Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Cincinnati

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Multiple quotes, interviews and op-eds in:  
*America*, Catholic News Service, Cox Media International, *Crux*, *National Catholic Reporter*, *New York Times* interactive, *The Tablet*, *USA Today*, *US Catholic*, *Washington Post*.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Academy of Religion, 2004-present  
Society of Christian Ethics, 2004-present  
College Theology Society, 2009-present  
Academy of Catholic Theology, 2014-present  
Society of the Study of Christian Ethics, 2019-present