

Lauren O'Connell
Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

PhD Department of Theology, Loyola University-Chicago, August 2015, New Testament & Early Christianity
MA University of Chicago Divinity School, 2008
BA University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004

Dissertation

“He Hath Given Us of His Spirit: The Search for Pneumatological Precedents in 1Jn”
Director, Urban C. von Wahlde, Loyola University-Chicago

TEACHING POSITIONS

Lecturer, 2019-present, Loyola University-Chicago
Instructor, 2015-2019, Loyola University-Chicago
Adjunct Instructor, 2015, Dominican University

Undergraduate Courses

Theology Capstone: Creation and the Fall in Popular Culture (Fall 2021)
Church and Global Cultures (formerly, Church and the World), Loyola University-Chicago (Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
Introduction to Christian Theology, Loyola University-Chicago (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
Religion and Interdisciplinary Studies: Religion, Fantasy and Popular Culture, Loyola University-Chicago (Spring 2017, Spring 2019)
Introduction to the New Testament, Loyola University-Chicago (Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2023)
Understanding the Bible, Dominican University (Spring 2015)
Jesus Christ, Loyola University-Chicago (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2014)
Introduction to the Bible, Loyola University-Chicago (Fall 2011, Spring 2012)

Graduate Teaching

Teaching Effectiveness Seminar (Teaching Fellow), Loyola University-Chicago (AY 2013-14)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE AND COMMITTEE WORK

Undergraduate Programs Director, Loyola University-Chicago, 2020-present
Ad Hoc Committee for Student Outreach, Chair, Loyola University-Chicago, 2022-2023
Undergraduate Learning Committee, Member, Loyola University-Chicago, 2017-2020
Theta Alpha Kappa (TAK), Faculty Advisor, Loyola University-Chicago, 2017-present
Service and Faith Learning Community, Faculty Partner, Loyola University-Chicago, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2022
Ad Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Learning, Member, Loyola University-Chicago, AY 2016-2017
Theological Pedagogy II, Guest Speaker, Fall 2016
Teaching and Learning Committee, Member, Loyola University-Chicago, AY 2015-2016

OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Advisor, Kappa Delta Sorority, Loyola University-Chicago, 2019-2021

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2021 Nomination; Ignatius Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Loyola University-Chicago
2018 Nomination; Ignatius Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching, Loyola University-Chicago
2013 Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship, Loyola University-Chicago
2012 Nomination (ineligible); Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshman, Loyola University-Chicago
2008-2013 Graduate Assistantship Merit Award (Renewed yearly), Loyola University-Chicago

OTHER PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2019 *All Things Ignatian: Catholic Intellectual Life and the Common Good*, Faculty Seminar, Loyola University-Chicago
2012 Theological Pedagogy II, Loyola University-Chicago
2011 Teaching Effectiveness Seminar, Loyola University-Chicago
2010 Theological Pedagogy I, Loyola University-Chicago

PUBLICATIONS

Lauren O'Connell and Roberto Sirvantes, "How to Be Free," in *The Ultimate Game of Thrones and Philosophy: You Think or You Die*. Edited by Robert Arp and Eric J. Silverman. Popular Culture and Philosophy Series, Volume 105. Chicago: Open Court Publishing Company, 2017.

'A Chronicle of the Golden Calf Conference' in *Henoch* 35(1/2013): 100-102.

'News Report: Construction of Christian Identities Section at the 2010 SBL Annual Meeting' in *Henoch* 33/1 (2011): 185-87.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

2023 "Creating a Course on Creation: Teaching Genesis 1-3 with Forde, Dolores, and the Man in Black." Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies

2016 "Seeing Eternity in an Hour: Use of Contemporary Parallels in Teaching Apocalyptic Outlook." Midwest Society of Biblical Literature

2010 "Comforting Beasts and an Unlikely Hero: Animal Imagery and Battle Motif in the Book of Revelation." Midwest Society of Biblical Literature

Additional Conference Participation

2020-present Midwest Student Religious Studies Conference, Regional Coordinator

2020-present Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies (formerly, Midwest Society of Biblical Literature) Section Chair, The Bible and Popular Culture Section

2019 Midwest Society of Biblical Literature Session Chair, Teaching the Bible Section

2018 Moderator, MWSBL Graduate Student Luncheon: *Biblical Studies in European Contexts*, Midwest SBL

2014 Review/Selection of Abstracts, 12th Annual Loyola-Marquette Colloquium

2012 Panel Moderator, 10th Annual Loyola-Marquette Colloquium

2010 Panel Moderator, Midwest Student Religious Studies Conference

LANGUAGES

Greek (Koine): reading proficiency, ability to teach

Greek (Attic): reading proficiency

Latin: reading proficiency, ability to teach

Hebrew: reading proficiency

French: reading proficiency

Spanish: reading proficiency

German: reading proficiency (with lexicon)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2007-present Society of Biblical Literature

REFERENCES

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