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2009, Ph.D. in Theology

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

Dissertation: Your Spirit Breathed on the Waters:

A Trinitarian Gift of Identity in Postconciliar Infant Baptism

Nathan D. Mitchell, director

Candidacy Exam Areas: Liturgical theology, Liturgical history, Systematics (High Honors)

2003, M.T.S.; concentration: Liturgical Studies (Highest Honors)

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

2001, B.S. in Chemistry and Mathematics (Highest Honors)

University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, USA

2016-present, Tisch Family Assistant Professor of Theology

University of Notre Dame, Department of Theology

Notre Dame, Indiana

2013-2016, Assistant Professor

University of Notre Dame, Department of Theology

Notre Dame, Indiana

2009-2013, Assistant Professor

College of St Benedict and St John's University Department of Theology

St John's University Graduate School of Theology · Seminary

Collegeville, Minnesota

PUBLICATIONS

A. Monographs

Efficacious Engagement: Sacramental Participation in the Trinitarian Mystery (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2011).

B. Peer-reviewed articles and chapters

“Ritual Systems and the Laws of Liturgical Reception,” *Studia Liturgica* (forthcoming).

“To Return to the Eucharistic Task: Thanksgiving and the Bracketing of the Gift,” *Challenge of God*

conference proceedings (title, date, and publisher to be determined).

“A Spirit of Improvement Abroad'? Jane Austen and Liturgical Reform in 1813,” *Worship* 92:2 (2018) 157-75.

“The Givenness of Thanks and the Eucharist: Marion, Acknowledgments, and Anaphora,” *Louvain Studies* 40 (2017) 347-367.

“*Ex Opere Operato* and Sacraments of Faith: A Trinitarian Proposal,” *Worship* 90:3 (2016) 225-45.

“My Body Free to God': Pilgrimage as a Technology of Self in the *Book of Margery Kempe*,” *Spiritus* 15:2 (2015) 155-171.

“Overflowing the Mar Thoma Cathedral: Sacred Time and Space in a Syro-Malabar Cathedral Dedication,” *Ecclesia Orans* 32:1 (2015) 167-87.

“Ritual Identity and Cultural Transition in the Syro-Malabar Rite Catholic Church in Chicago,” *Transfer and Spaces, Ritual Dynamics and the Science of Ritual*, vol 5 (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2010), 27-42.

C. Invited articles and chapters

“Pray Without Ceasing: Alexander Schmemmann and Christian Time,” *We Give Our Thanks Unto Thee*, Wipf and Stock (forthcoming).

“Sacramental Exposure: The Iconic Gaze,” in *Sacramental Imagination*, Catholic University of America Press (forthcoming).

“Trinitarian Hymns (East and West),” in *A Legacy of Hymnists: Historical and Theological Introductions*, vol I (Cascade Books, 2018).

“Can a Mother Forget Her Nursing Child? Flesh, Blessing, and the Eucharist,” in *At the Heart of the Liturgy: Reflections on Nathan D. Mitchell's Amen Corners 1992-2012*, edited by Maxwell Johnson, Tim O'Malley, Demetrio S. Yocum (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2014), 1-12.

“Sacramental and Liturgical Theology: 1900-2000,” in *Oxford Handbook for Catholic Theology*, edited by Lewis Ayres (New York: Oxford University, 2014), chapter 49.

“The Feast of Peace: The Eucharist as a Sacrifice and a Meal in Benedict XVI's Theology,” in *Explorations in the Theology of Benedict XVI*, edited by John Cavadini (Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria, 2012), 254-75.

D. Non-academic publications

Reflections on the mass readings for December 9, 2018; July 4, 2018; November 19, 2017; February 2, 2017; February 7, 2016; April 25, 2015; September 28, 2014; October 10, 2013; April 26, 2013; September 22, 2012; August 8, 2011; “Within the Word” for Triduum, 2017; September 6, 2015; “Teach Us to Pray” for June 1, 2016 in *Give Us This Day* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press).

“What Can Catholicism Still Draw from the Wells of Ecumenism?” *Church Life Journal* (churchlife.nd.edu), January 23, 2018.

Regular blog posts for PrayTell, a professional liturgy blog hosted by the Liturgical Press, 2010–2017. See www.praytellblog.com.

“Sharing Airspace,” *GIA Quarterly* 28:3 (2017) 18-20.

“Celebrating the Christian Mystery,” a column for the quarterly *Church Life: A Journal for the New Evangelization*, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4.

“Hello, I AM ... Named,” *Church Life: A Journal for the New Evangelization* 3.1 (2014).

“Our Embodied Worship,” *Pastoral Music* 38:4 (May 2014) 14–19.

“Reconciled to the Trinitarian God,” *Assembly: A Journal of Liturgical Theology* 35.1, January 2009.

E. Book Reviews

Book Review: “Sacramentality Renewed: Contemporary Conversations in Sacramental Theology,” Lizette Larson-Miller, *Worship* (forthcoming).

Book Review: “Christ’s Gift, Our Response: Martin Luther and Louis-Marie Chauvet on the Connection between Sacraments and Ethics,” Benjamin Durham, *Theological Studies* 78:1 (2017) 261–3.

Book Review: “The Eucharist: Origins and Contemporary Understandings,” Thomas O’Loughlin, *Theological Studies* 77/2 (June 2016): 504–5.

Book Review: “Worship in the Network Culture: Liturgical Ritual Studies, Fields and Methods, Concepts and Metaphors,” Marcel Barnard, Johan Cillers, and Cas Wepener, *Worship* 89/2 (March 2015): 183–5.

Book Review: “Take the Plunge: Living Baptism and Confirmation,” Timothy Radcliffe, *Worship* 88/2 (March 2014): 189–90.

Book Review: “Encountering Christ in the Eucharist: The Paschal Mystery in People, Word, and Sacrament,” Bruce T. Morrill, *Theological Studies* 74/3 (September 2013): 756–8.

Book Review: “Women and the Vatican: An Exploration of Official Documents,” Ivy A. Helman, *Theological Studies* 74/1 (March 2013): 209–10.

Book Review: “RCIA: Real Stories of Christian Initiation,” D. Yamane et al., *NDCL Bulletin*, Fall 2006.

F. Works in Progress

Giving Thanks: An Ecumenical Phenomenology of the Eucharist. A constructive Trinitarian theology of eucharistic change, presence, and sacrifice in the contemporary ecumenical context. Four chapters finished; estimated date of completion winter 2018.

“Eucharistic Adoration and Ecumenical Dialogue: Ritual Practice and Authority Among Catholic College Students,” submitted for peer review.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Scholarly

1. Outside Notre Dame:

“Ritual Time: Escaping the Cult of Busy,” Msgr. James A. Supple Lecture, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, April 9, 2018.

“Thanksgiving, Sacrifice, and the Roman Canon: Seeds for a Restored Synthesis,” at Multiple Reformations IV, “The Legacies of the Reformation: Paths Forward,” Tantar Institute for Ecumenical Studies, Jerusalem, March 12, 2018.

“Ritual Systems and the Laws of Liturgical Reception,” Societas Liturgica 26th Congress, Leuven, Belgium, August 8, 2017.

“The Eucharist Makes the Church; the Church Makes the Eucharist,” 2017 Hovda Lecture, National Association of Pastoral Musicians Annual Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio, July 14, 2017.

“The Triduum and Christian Space and Time,” American Guild of Organists Saint Joseph Valley Chapter Meeting, South Bend, Indiana, February 19, 2017.

“One Flesh, Given for Us: An Ecumenical Catholic Theology of the Eucharist,” Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies, North American Academy of Liturgy, Washington, DC, January 6, 2017.

“Ritual Authority: Catholic College Students and Eucharistic Adoration,” UMC-USCCB Methodist-Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue, Birmingham, Alabama, December 14, 2016.

“Charles Wesley, Festal Seasons, and Confessional Disarmament,” UMC-USCCB Methodist-Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue, Collegeville, Minnesota, June 2, 2016.

“*Conversio*: Eucharistic Change and Jean-Luc Marion’s ‘Givenness,’” in the interdisciplinary conference *The Challenge of God*, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, April 14-16, 2016.

“Sacramental Participation in the Reality of God,” presentation for *The Reality and Meanings of Sacramental Presence: Perspectives from Several Religious Traditions*, a workshop at the Harvard University Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard, Massachusetts, March 3-5, 2016.

“Conversion: Jean-Luc Marion’s Givenness as Grounds for Ecumenical Progress on the Eucharist,” Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies, North American Academy of Liturgy, Houston, Texas, January, 2016.

“Hearing Each Other, Speaking Together: A Theological Reflection on ‘Through Divine Love’ and ‘Heaven and Earth Are Full of Your Glory,’” UMC-USCCB Methodist-Catholic Ecumenical Dialogue,

Washington, DC, December 16, 2015.

“The Eucharist and the Three Days: Memory, Passing Over, and Christian Time,” Veritas Lecture, King’s University College, London, Ontario, November, 2015.

“Ritual Practice and Real Presence: College Students and Eucharistic Adoration,” Catholic Theological Society of America, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June, 2015.

“RCIA in the Future: Theological and Ritual Considerations,” Catholic Academy for Liturgy, Minneapolis, Minnesota, January 2, 2015.

Book discussion on Michel de Certeau, *The Practice of Everyday Life*, Emerging Critical Resources for Liturgical Studies seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Orlando, Florida, January 4, 2014.

Facilitated a discussion on *Efficacious Engagement* for the North American Academy of Liturgy’s Emerging Critical Resources for Liturgical Studies seminar, Montreal, Quebec, January 6, 2012.

“Does the ritual matter? The body of the baby and adults’ attitudes in Roman Catholic infant baptism,” Ritual Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia.

“The Speech that Keeps Silent: Jean-Luc Marion and the Anaphora of John Chrysostom,” Emerging Critical Resources for Liturgical Studies Seminar of the North American Academy of Liturgy, 2010, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

“Sacred Space, Festal Time, and the Construction of Identity at Mar Thoma Diocese in Chicago,” Religion and the Social Sciences section of the American Academy of Religion 2008, Chicago, Illinois.

“Ritual Identity at Mar Thoma in Chicago,” Ritual Transfer panel at Ritual Dynamics 2008, Heidelberg, Germany.

2. At Notre Dame

“The Eucharistic Prayer,” at “The Sacramental Catechist: The Art of Eucharistic Catechesis” Summer Symposium, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, June 28, 2018.

“The Eucharistic Prayer,” at “Liturgy and Life: The Eucharistic Life” Summer Symposium, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, June 20, 2018.

“Mixed Methods and Interdisciplinary Conversations: New Directions in Liturgical Studies,” panel presentation, Liturgical Studies colloquium, March 8, 2018.

“Co-teaching across disciplines,” a presentation on interdisciplinary pedagogy, Moral Theology colloquium, February 21, 2018.

“Post-Colonial Theology and Ritual Theory,” in THEO 83706, “The Modern Study of Religion,” co-presented with Peter Jeffery, February 5, 2018.

Facilitated a discussion on “The Future of Ecumenism and Liturgical Studies,” Liturgical Studies colloquium, October 23, 2018.

“Litany of the Saints: A Performed Eschatology,” presented at the Mennonite Catholic Theological Colloquium of Bridgefolk, “Intercessory Prayer: Catholic and Mennonite Perspectives,” October 1, 2016.

“*Conversio*: Eucharistic Change and Jean-Luc Marion’s ‘Givenness,’” Liturgical Studies and Systematic Theology joint colloquium, November 9, 2015.

“Sacramental Exposure: The Iconic Gaze,” presented at The Center for Spirituality at St Mary's College's conference, “Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart: Sacramental Imagination in the Age of Pornography,” March 26, 2015.

“Grace, Working: Active Participation and the *Ex Opere Operato* Effect of the Sacraments,” University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, November 29, 2012.

“Ritual Studies in Liturgical Theology,” University of Notre Dame summer session, Notre Dame, IN, June 27, 2012.

“The Feast of Peace: The Eucharist as a Sacrifice and a Meal in Benedict XVI's Theology,” presented at the Notre Dame Institute for Church Life Conference “God is Love: Explorations in the Theology of Benedict XVI,” Notre Dame, IN, on March 27, 2012.

B. Non-academic

“From Ashes to the Living Font,” a reflection on baptism and Lent for the first faculty chaplaincy retreat, February 15, 2018.

“Participation in the Mass,” a two-part mystagogical presentation for the RCIA new initiands, Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend, IN, April 21, 28, 2015.

“Sacramental Life and Grace,” Notre Dame Anchor Leadership Formation Night, Notre Dame, IN, October 15, 2014.

“Praying the Mass,” Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend, IN, March 30, 2014.

“Praying the Mass: Eucharistic Liturgy and Theology,” Xavier University, Dorothy Day Center for Faith and Justice, Cincinnati, OH, February 23, 2014.

“Liturgical Studies,” Pro seminar for theology majors, University of Notre Dame, February 21, 2014.

“Connect With Young Adults” video talk on “Liturgy and Community,” May 2012.

“Baptism: Into the Life of God,” Theology Day 2011, Naples, FL; Gainesville, FL; Alexandria, MN; Minneapolis, MN; and Collegeville, MN.

Panel for the Guthrie Theatre and the Minnesota Consortium of Theological Schools on Seamus Heaney's “The Burial at Thebes,” October 22, 2011.

“Baptism.” Theology on Tap, St John's University, Collegeville, MN. February 28, 2011.

“Life After Death: The Call of the Baptized.” Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Chicago. Presented at Holy Name Cathedral on July 12, 2009 and at St. Sylvester Church on July 13, 2009.

“Eastern Christianity,” guest lecture for “Religion in America” course at Loyola University Chicago, November 25, 2008.

“Into Deep Waters,” a presentation for lay Catholics on baptism as an entrance into the trinitarian life. Presented at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Chapel Hill, NC, on January 19, 2008.

TEACHING

Ph.D. seminars: Liturgical Sacramental Theology; Ritual Studies Seminar; Modern Liturgies; Ritual, Ethics, and Ethnography (co-taught with Todd Whitmore, crosslisted in Anthropology).
MTS/MDiv: Sacramental Theology.

Undergraduate: Foundations (University Seminar), Holy Communion and Christian Disunity (2nd theo requirement), Know Your Catholic Faith: The Mass (1 credit).

Dissertation Co-director for Christopher Ángel, “Ritual and Identity at the California Missions” (expected completion 2017) and Audrey Seah (expected completion 2019).

Ph.D. advisor for Noel Terranova (2019), Sarah Johnson (2020), and Laura Taylor (2021).

Dissertation committee member for Alex Neroth von Vogelpoel, Mark Roosien, Kevin Magas, Richard Klee, Meleah Ladd (2018), Sean Myers (2017), and Katharine Mahon (2016).

Candidacy exam committee member for Christopher Ángel, Nathan Chase, Christopher Haw, Sarah Johnson, Katharine Mahon, Alex Neroth van Vogelpoel, Anna Adams Petrin, Mark Roosien, Audrey Seah, and Noel Terranova.

Synthesis Seminar advisor for Dennis Strach, III, “Communion and Disunity: Examining the Practice of Blessing During the Communion Rite,” 2015.

Undergraduate thesis reader for Grace Mariette Agolia, “Signing the World: American Deaf Catholics, Liturgy, and the New Evangelization,” 2017; director for Joseph Krivos, “A Church of Hope,” 2015.

SERVICE

A. Notre Dame

Theology Department MTS Committee, 2013-present.

Theology Department Teaching Committee, 2017-present.

Ad-hoc committee producing a statement on the new core curriculum, 2017-present.

Planned “Walking Together: Commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation” liturgy for the Theology Department, October 31, 2017.

Theology Department Gender Concerns Committee, 2013-2017.

Ad-hoc committee on revisions to the document governing the Theology Department Committee for Acquisitions and Promotions, summer 2015.

Institute for Church Life, Life Fellows Program curriculum, “Eucharist and Hunger,” 2014-2015.

Led Kaneb Center-sponsored pedagogical book discussion of *Contemplative Practices in Higher*

Education for graduate students, summer 2015.
Theology Department Africa Initiative Committee, 2014-2015.
Screening committee for systematics search, 2014.

B. To the profession

Member of the editorial board for the North American Academy of Liturgy's *Proceedings*, 2016-2020.

Representative for the USCCB to the US Methodist-Catholic ecumenical dialogues, 2015-2020.

Co-chair of North American Academy of Liturgy Emerging Scholars pre-meeting, 2017-present.

Coordinator of Liturgical Awakening 2017 Collegetown workshop on the future of liturgical studies, 2016-present.

Editorial Consultant for Liturgical Press, 2013-present.

Epiphany morning prayer coordinator, North American Academy of Liturgy, January 6, 2018.

PrayTell contributor and editorial board member, 2010-2017.

Served on the dissertation committee for Layla Karst (Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion) and Jason Michael Smith (2018, Vanderbilt Graduate School, Religion).

Candidacy exam reader for Layla Karst, Emory University Ph.D. student, 2015.

Th.M. thesis director for Audrey Seah, Saint John's University, 2013.

L A N G U A G E S

Reading knowledge of Spanish, Latin, Greek, French, German.

P R O F E S S I O N A L M E M B E R S H I P S

American Academy of Religion (since 2008).

Catholic Theological Society of America (since 2013).

Catholic Academy of Liturgy (since 2011).

North American Academy of Liturgy, "Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies" Seminar (since 2011).

Societas Liturgica (since 2017).