

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Professor of the Practice, Religious Education *July 2021 to present*
Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry
Associate Professor of the Practice, Youth and Young Adult Faith *July 2015 to June 2021*
Faculty Director, Contextual Education
Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry
Assistant Professor of the Practice, Youth and Young Adult Faith *July 2006 to June 2015*
Faculty Director, Contextual Education
Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry
Interim lecturer, Youth and Young Adult Faith *September 2005 to June 2006*
Faculty Director, Contextual Education
Boston College, School of Theology and Ministry

EDUCATION:

PhD, Theology and Education, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 2006

- DISSERTATION: *Identity across Difference: The Catholic-Jewish Encounter as an Educational Moment*. Director, Jane Regan, PhD

MEd, Religious Education, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1990

- THESIS: *The Implications of Women’s Ways of Knowing for the Religious Education of Adult Women in the Roman Catholic Church*. Faculty advisor, Mary C. Boys, EdD

BA, Religious Studies, St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, 1985

COURSEWORK AT BOSTON COLLEGE

Youth and young adult:

The Practice of Ministry with Youth and Young Adults [on campus and online]
Identity: From Discovery to Integration
Mapping Campus Ministry

Religious education:

Education for Justice and Peace
Mission, Curriculum, and Pedagogy: Teaching High School Religion

Ministry formation:

Contextual Education [on campus and remote] (2005-2021)

Additional curricular innovations

STM Academic Integrity Online Tutorial (2011-2019)

FUNDED GRANTS

- 2021-2022 **Boston College, Faculty Fellowship**
- 2019-2020 **Boston College, Research across Departments and Schools (RADS), (\$10,000)**
Co-Investigator (PI: L Ludlow) *LAMP Measurement Project* Intended to create scenario-based scales that will measure the concept of “leading a life of meaning and purpose” through Guttman sentence mapping procedures based upon Rasch measurement theory principles.
- 2018-2019 **Boston College, Faculty Cohorts on Teaching (\$2,500)**
Simulations in the Classroom. Selected for a nine-month program wherein faculty from across the university developed and refined simulations for enhanced learning for online or on-campus teaching and learning.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

O’Keefe, Theresa A. *Navigating toward Adulthood: A Theology of Ministry with Adolescents*. New York: Paulist Press, 2018. Catholic Publishing Association 2019, 2nd place award winner, Pastoral Ministry – Catechetical.

Edited Book

Ospino, Hosffman and Theresa O’Keefe, eds. *Together Along the Way: Conversations Inspired by the Directory for Catechesis*. New York, NY: Crossroad, 2021.

Book chapters

- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Cultivating Relationality: Mentoring for Transformation.” In *Formative Theological Education*, edited by Hosffman Ospino and Colleen Griffith. New York: Paulist Press, 2023 (in press).
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “The Horizon and the Guiding Community.” In *Together Along the Way: Conversations Inspired by the Directory for Catechesis*, edited by Hosffman Ospino and Theresa O’Keefe, 157-174. New York, NY: Crossroad, 2021.
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “The Adolescent and the Transforming Spirit.” In *The Holy Spirit: Setting the World on Fire*, edited by Richard Lennan and Nancy Pineda-Madrid, 152–61. New York, NY: Paulist Press, 2017.
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Making Connections: Neurobiology and Developmental Theory.” In *Neuroscience and Christian Formation*, edited by Mark Maddix and Dean Blevins, 111-20. Charlotte, NC, Information Age Publishing, 2016.
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Companioning Adolescents into Adulthood: Schools as Communities of Care and Growth.” In *At the Heart of Education: Chaplaincy, Guidance, and Pastoral Care*, edited by James O’Higgins Norman, 132-46. Dublin: Veritas Publications, 2014.

Peer reviewed articles

- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Design for Belonging: On Becoming an Antiracist Ministry Educator” *Journal of Youth Ministry*. Under review.
- Ludlow, L.H., O’Keefe, T., Braun, H., Anghel, E., Szendey, O., Matz, C., & Howell, B.. “An Enhancement to the Theory and Measurement of Purpose.” *Practical Assessment, Research & Evaluation*, (2022) 27(4). <https://doi.org/10.7275/c5jb-rr95>

- Anghel, E., Ludlow, L., Szendey, O., Matz-Costa, C., O’Keefe, T., & Braun, H.. “Measuring Purpose in Life in College Students: An Assessment of Invariance Properties by College Year and Undergraduate School.” *International Journal of Educational Methodology*, (2021) 7(4), 603-614. <https://doi.org/10.12973/ijem.7.4.603>
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. & Emily Jendzejec. “A New Lens for Seeing: A Suggestion for Analyzing Religious Belief and Belonging among Emerging Adults through a Constructive-Developmental Lens.” *Religions* 2020, 11, 573. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel11110573>
- Ludlow LH, Anghel E, Szenday O, O’Keefe T, Howell B, Matz-Costa C, & Braun H. “The Boston College Living a Life of Meaning and Purpose (BC-LAMP) Portfolio: An Application of Rasch/Guttman Scenario Methodology.” *Journal of Applied Measurement*. 21 (2020): 134-153.
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Colliding Ecosystems: Interpreting the Complex Social World of Adolescent Children of Immigrants.” *Christian Education Journal*. 15 (2018): 465-478. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0739891318805107>
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Growing up Alone: The New Normal of Isolation in Adolescence.” *Journal of Youth Ministry*. 13 (2014): 63-84.
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Relationships across the Divide: An Instigator of Transformation.” *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*. 5 (2010). <https://doi.org/10.6017/scjr.v5i1.1553>
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “Learning to Talk: Conversation across Religious Difference.” *Religious Education*. 104 (2009): 197-213. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00344080902794665>
- O’Keefe, Theresa A. “The Same But Different: The Culture in which our Adolescents Live.” *Journal of Youth and Theology*. 7 (2008): 41-59. <https://doi-org.proxy.bc.edu/10.1163/24055093-90000188>

Book reviews

- Reciprocal Church: Becoming a Community Where Faith Flourishes Beyond High School*, by Sharon Galgay Ketcham. *Religious Education*. 117 (2022): 343-344.
- God’s Quad: Small Faith Communities on Campus and Beyond*, edited by Kevin Ahearn and Christopher Derige Malano. *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*.
- How Youth Ministry Can Change Theological Education – If We Let It: Reflections from the Lilly Endowment’s High School Theology Program Seminar*, by Kenda Creasy Dean, and Christy Lang Hearlson. *Theological Studies*. 78 (2017): 541.
- It’s Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens*, by dana boyd. *Journal of Youth Ministry*. 14 (2016): 122-124.
- When God Shows Up: A history of Protestant Youth Ministry in America*, by Mark H. Senter III. *Religious Education*. 107 (2012): 208-210.
- Many Religions – One Covenant: Israel, the Church and the World*, by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College (Spring 2002). http://www.bc.edu/content/dam/files/research_sites/cjl/texts/cjrelations/resources/reviews/mroc.htm

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS

- O'Keefe, Theresa. "Christian Discipleship Seen Through a Constructive-Developmental Lens." Paper presented at Association of Youth Ministry Educators Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. October 22, 2023.
- O'Keefe T, Ludlow L, Matz C, Braun H, Anghel E, & Szendey O. "Measuring Growth in the Development of Meaning Making." Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association annual meeting. San Diego, CA. April 23, 2022.
- O'Keefe T, Ludlow L, Matz C, Braun H, Anghel E, & Szendey O. "Measuring Meaning Making." Paper presented at the New England Educational Research Organization annual meeting. Portsmouth, NH. April 8, 2022.
- O'Keefe, T., G. Baker, J. Nagle, and P. Manning. *A Conversation at the Boundaries of Affiliation*. Collaborative session at Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, July 6, 2021, Online.
- Ludlow, L. H., O'Keefe, T., Braun, H. I., Anghel, E., Szendey, O., Matz-Costa, C. & Howell, B. *Measuring Living a Life of Meaning and Purpose: A re-expression of the Claremont Purpose Scale*. Paper (accepted) for New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO) April 28-30, 2021 Virtual Conference.
- Ludlow, L. H., Anghel, E., Szendey, O., O'Keefe, T., Howell, B., Matz-Costa, C. & Braun, H. I. (2020, Apr 17 - 21) *The BC-LAMP Portfolio Project: Measuring Living a Life of Meaning and Purpose* [Poster Session]. AERA Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA <http://tinyurl.com/wjrpe8p> (Conference Canceled)
- O'Keefe, T. & E. Jendzejec. "By What Authority: Reading Research on Disaffiliation through the Lens of Constructivist-Developmental Psychology" Research Paper at Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2, 2019.
- Ludlow LH, Szendey O, Anghel E, O'Keefe T, Howell B, Matz-Costa, & Braun H. "The BC-LAMP Portfolio Project: Measuring Living a Life of Meaning and Purpose." Paper presented at the Northeast Educational Research Association annual meeting. October 17, 2019.
- Ludlow LH, Braun H, O'Keefe T, Howell B, Anghel E, Szenday O & Matz-Costa C. "Rasch/Guttman scenario scales." Paper presented at the New England Educational Research Organization annual meeting. Portsmouth, NH. April 25, 2019.
- Ludlow LH, Braun H, O'Keefe T, Howell B, Anghel E, Szenday O & Matz-Costa C. "The Boston College Living a Life of Meaning and Purpose (BC-LAMP) Portfolio: A series of Rasch/Guttman scenario scales." Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association annual meeting. Toronto, Canada. April 7, 2019
- O'Keefe, T. & Lockhart L. "The Language of Justice: The Place of the Arts in Religious Education for Prompting the Imagination, Both for Seeing and Responding to Domestic and Global Issues." Workshop at Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA. November 5, 2016.
- O'Keefe, T. "Digital Technology: Inhibitor of or aid to relationships?" Paper presented at Association of Youth Ministry Educators Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. October 24, 2015.
- O'Keefe, T. "Competing Value Worlds." Colloquium conversation at Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November 10, 2013.
- O'Keefe, T. "Competing Value Worlds: The Felt Reality of Emerging Adults." Paper presented at Association of Youth Ministry Educators Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. October 20, 2013.

- O’Keefe, T. "Growing up Alone: The New Normal of Isolation in Adolescence." Paper presented at Association of Youth Ministry Educators Annual meeting. Dallas TX. October 21, 2012.
- O’Keefe, T. “The Same But Different: The Culture in which our Adolescents Live.” Paper presented at the Religious Education Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. November 2, 2007.
- O’Keefe, T. “Knowing What You’re Doing: The Value of Qualitative Research for Christian Religious Education.” Panel at Religious Education Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. November 2005.
- O’Keefe, T. “Coming to Know the Other – Coming to Know Oneself: A Study of Jewish-Catholic Dialogue at the Congregational Level.” Paper presented at Religious Education Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. November 2004.

SELECTED WORKSHOPS and SEMINARS

- “Building Bridges: Conversation in a Time of Division.” Annual Ministry Renewal Day. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. November 15, 2019. <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/encore/main/2019/building-bridges.html>
- “Rethinking Curriculum.” Daylong workshop with all members of Theology and Mission and Ministry departments. Loyola Academy High School, Wilmette, IL. September 26, 2019.
- “Discussions amid Difference.” Post-Masters Certificate in Spiritual Formation, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. July 25, 2019.
- “Spirituality, Religion, and the College Student Experience.” Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. July 24, 2019.
- “Life is a Team Sport: Reflections on Holy Week.” The Birmingham Lecture, St. Sebastian’s School, Needham, MA. April 18, 2019.
- “Sharing Truth and Community with Young Adults: Dominican Spirituality for a Meaningful Life” and “*Adulthood* in Three Simple Steps: A Christian Path to Maturity.” The Albertus Magnus Lectures. Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT. November 14, 2018.
- “Navigating toward a Meaningful Life: Adolescents and Faith Formation.” Fourth Annual Religious Education Lecture. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. October 18, 2018. <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/encore/main/2018/navigating-meaningful-life.html>
- “Hitting ‘Reset’ on College Campus Ministry.” Paulist Campus Ministry Summit. Lake George, NY. July 25, 2018.
- “Managing Connections or Building Relationships: Teens and Digital Technology.” Presentation for Continuing Education. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. April 22, 2016. <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/encore/main/2016/teens-digital.html>
- “Understanding Mentorship.” Presentation for Arrupe Mentors. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. August 29, 2013.
- “Discussions amid Difference.” Presentation for Post Masters Certificate in Spiritual Formation. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. July 16, 2013.
- “Seeking the Holy with Youth and Young Adults.” The *New Evangelization: Renewing the Church* conference. Presentation for Continuing Education. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. April 20, 2013.

- “Understanding School Violence: An Interdisciplinary Panel.” Lynch School of Education. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. April 18, 2013.
- “Countering Fear and Anxiety.” Presentation for Peer Ministry Formation. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. August 13, 2012.
- “Understanding the Undergraduate Population.” Presentation for Campus Ministry Staff In-service. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. December 11, 2012.
- “Conversations that Matter: The Art and Skill of Dialogue.” Workshop with Barbara Quinn, RSCJ. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. October 2, 2012.
- “St. Mary’s as a Mentoring Community: Helping Young People Grow up in a Demanding World.” Faculty retreat day, St. Mary’s High School, Lynn MA. September 6, 2011
- “The Stress of it All: Faith Communities as Webs of belonging for Young Adults.” Keynote address, *38th Annual Spring Enrichment*, Diocese of Albany. Albany, NY. May 17, 2011.
- “So What: How it matters that we believe in God and what we believe about God,” Major presentation, *38th Annual Spring Enrichment*, Diocese of Albany. Albany, NY. May 17, 2011.
- “Growing Teens in Good Soil: Developing Mentoring Relationships in Parishes.” Presentation for Admissions Office. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA September 23, 2010.
- “Mentoring Relationships in Ministry to Youth and Young Adults.” Presentation for Continuing Education. School of Theology and Ministry. Boston College. Chestnut Hill, MA. October 29, 2009.
- <https://www.bc.edu/content/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/encore/main/2009/mentoring-relationships-young.html>

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

“Mapping Campus Ministry: Culture, Person, and Strategy” *July 20-24, 2015*

School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. .

A five-day conference investigating the place of Catholic Campus Ministry in higher education. Conceived of and organized the conference, including inviting and collaborating with five faculty from three schools across Boston College to develop and present plenary sessions. The landscape of college student health, behaviors and attitudes in the United States. Themes included:

- A Catholic theological anthropology of the college student.
- A developmental psychological framework of the college student.
- An analysis of student cultural practices on the college campus.
- An assessment of campus ministry for the mission of the student and the school.

Directed three doctoral candidates in developing and facilitating small group sessions.

“Peace and Reconciliation Project”

June 13-20, 2008

Benebikira Sisters Foundation, Kigali Rwanda.

Training on pastoral care and religious education skills with colleague John Shea. Worked with 26+ students from Kigali Institute of Education (KIE) and the National University of Rwanda. Themes included: Theology and identity of religious education; Educational and religious educational theory; Human psychological and spiritual development; Insights from trauma theory; and Skills of empathetic listening as pastoral care.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Academic Technology Advisory Board (ATAB)*, Boston College. 2023 ongoing.
- Faculty Search Committee, Religious Education*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2023.
- Faculty Search Committee, Ethics*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2022-2023.
- Faculty Search Committee, Practical Theology*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2019-2020.
- White Fragility Reading Groups*. Initiated and convened faculty and staff reading groups of Robin Diangelo's *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, October 2019.
- Provost Advisory Council*, Boston College. University-wide council that meets throughout the academic year. Fall 2012-Spring 2019.
- Faculty Search Committee, Pastoral Care*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2018-2019.
- Faculty Search Committee, Formative Education*, Lynch School of Education, Boston College. 2018-2019.
- ATS Steering Committee and Co-chair of Subcommittee on Curriculum, Library, and Faculty*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2018-2020.
- Strategic Planning, School-wide Formation Committee*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2017-2018.
- Doctoral (PhD and STD) EPC and Admissions Committee*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2009-2014; 2016-present.
- Educational Policy Committee*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. School-wide committee in service to the Dean's deliberations. Meets throughout the academic year. 2009-2012; 2015-2017. Chair, 2011-2012, 2016-2017.
- Faculty Search Committee, Pastoral Care*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2016-2017.
- Academic Integrity Committee*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. School-wide committee, arbitrating cases of academic integrity. Developed policies and procedures for the STM. Lead yearlong project (2010-2011) to develop an online tutorial for all incoming STM students. Chair 2009-2016.
- Program Review Committee*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. MTS 2011-2012; MEd 2011-2012; MAPM 2011-2012; MDiv 2015-2016.
- Faculty Search Committee, Spirituality*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2014.
- Faculty Search Committee, Patristics*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2014.
- Faculty Search Committee, Christian Ethics*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2012-2013.
- Faculty Search Committee, Pastoral Care*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. 2012.
- ATS Steering Committee and Chair, Subcommittee on Recruitment, Admissions, Student Life and Placements*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Two-year accreditation process. 2008-2010.
- Strategic Planning, Positioning Committee*, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Chair, 2010-2011.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Youth Ministry Educators (AYME) 2009-present. Board member (2020)
- Religious Educators Association (REA)/Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education (APPRE), 2002 - present.
- International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry (IASYM) 2009 – present.
- Catholic Association of Theological Field Educators (CATFE), 2005 – present.
- Association of Theological Field Educators (ATFE), 2005 – present.
- Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) 2008 – present.

PEER REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

- *Journal of Youth and Theology*
- *Teaching Theology and Religion*
- *Journal of Youth Ministry*
- *Religious Education Journal*
- *Religions*
- *Christian Education*
- *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*
- *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*

HONORS & AWARDS

- Catholic Publishing Association 2019, 2nd place award winner, Pastoral Ministry – Catechetical for *Navigating toward Adulthood: A Theology of Ministry with Adolescents* (New York: Paulist Press, 2018).
- Nominated as an “Emerging Women” for the Association of Theological Schools’ (ATS) *20th Anniversary Celebration of Women in Leadership Advisory Committee*. 2017.
- Nominated and selected for Association of Theological Schools’ (ATS) *Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty*, Orlando, FL, March, 2015.
- PhD Comprehensive Examinations, Boston College. *Pass with distinction*, 2003.
- PhD Scholarship, Boston College. One of three students selected for full 3-year funding, Fall 2000.
- MEd Comprehensive Thesis, Boston College. *Pass with distinction*, 1990.

EDUCATIONAL AND PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Diocesan Consultant on Religious Education

July 1990-June 2000

Director of Berkshire Regional Office

Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, Office of Religious Education, Springfield, MA.

Lay Ministry Formation, Lecturer

1998-2000

Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, Springfield, MA, in conjunction with St. Hyacinth College, Granby, MA

Adjunct Lecturer

September-May, 1996-1997

Our Lady of the Elms College, Chicopee, MA

OTHER COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS

Lector

September 2014 – present

St. Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill, MA

Parish Pastoral Council

September 2018 – present

St. Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill, MA

Chair

September 2021- present

Co-chair, Great Chase Race

September 2015 – 2021

Hull Yacht Club, Hull MA

Rhodes 19 Council, Fleet 46

September 2014 – 2018

Hull Yacht Club, Hull, MA