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### **Current Positions**

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Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University/Berkeley

Visiting Professor, Catholic University of the Congo (UCC)

### **Education**

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- 2020. Ph.D. in Theological Ethics. Theology Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA, USA.
- 2020. Licentiate in Sacred Theology. School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College, Chestnut Hill MA, USA.
- 2014. Master of Arts in Moral Theology, Major: Ethics. Catholic Theological Union, Chicago IL, USA.
- 2003. Master in Sustainable Development (Desarrollo Sostenible). Universidad Pontificio Comillas de Madrid, Madrid, Spain.
- 2002. Master in Economics & Management. Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale (Catholic University of Central Africa), Yaoundé, Cameroon.
- 1994. Bachelor in Business Studies and Computer Sciences. Institut Supérieur de Commerce (Institute of Commerce), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

### **Teaching Experiences and Professional Development.**

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I taught as:

- Adjunct professor/Boston College, Fall 2020, *Engaging Catholicism*, Department of Theology.
- Part-time at Catholic Theological Union/Chicago, Summer Institute, June 2020 and June 2021, *Applying Catholic Social Teaching/The Preferential Option for the Poor* and *Women in Catholic Social Teaching*
- Teaching Fellow/Boston College/Theology Department, 2018-2019, *Introduction to Christian Theology I & II*
- Assistant/Boston College/Theology Department, 2016-2017. *Perspectives on Western Culture I & II*
- Guest lecturer for professors:
  - Erik Owens, *Ethics, Religion and International Politics*, Fall 2020, Boston College. Topic: “Environmental justice and peacebuilding in the Congo. How are environmental justice and peace related?”
  - Lauren Honig, *Natural Resources Politics*, Fall 2019, Boston College. Topic: “Conflicts Mineral – Resource War.”
  - Lisa Sowle Cahill, Majors Seminar, *Violence: Cross, War, Race, Gender*, Fall 2019, Boston College, Topic: “Gender and Gender-War Based Violence.”
  - Laurie Johnston, *Ethics, Religion and International Politics*, Spring 2018 and 2019, Boston College. Topic: “Justice after war? Grass-roots resistance to justice and reconciliation” and “*Peacebuilding and jus post bellum.*”
  - Meghan Clark, *Environmental crisis and gender conflict in Congo and Rwanda*, Spring, 2019. St. John University, New York. Topic: “Rape as a Weapon of War: Rights of Women to Protection & Reparation (Congo & Rwanda).”

- Stephen Pope, *Reconciliation and Forgiveness*, Fall 2016, Boston College. Topic: “The Challenges of the Rwandan Genocide.”

Prior to my doctoral studies, I had an intensive training as consultant in Organizational Development, organized by the Management and Organizational Development Training Center (CEFOMAD) in 2007. I worked as a Consultant/Researcher in political participation, governance, and gender for TROCAIRE (Irish), CORDAID (Dutch), and the Justice and Peace Episcopal Commissions (DRC).

### **Published Book**

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*A Christian and African Ethic of Women’s Political Participation: Living as Risen Beings*. Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc, 2023

### **Published Papers in Scholarly Journals**

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1. “Fratelli tutti: Toward a Community of Fraternity with the Wounded Women,” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, Volume 19, Issue 1, (Winter, 2022) : Pages 141-157
2. “The Politics of Forest Conservation: Ethical Dilemmas and Impact on Peacebuilding” In *Amazonia: Gift and Tasks*, edited by Geraldo L. de Mori, Michelle Becka y John Baptist Antony (eds.), *Concilium*, 2021/4; *International Journal of Theology*, (October, 2021): pages 49–60.
3. “Rape-Weapon of War: A Crime of War and A Crime Against Humanity Contemporary Challenges to Peace and Justice in Rwanda and the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).” *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, Vol. 28, no. 2 (July 2019): 40-59.
4. “Rectifying Political Leadership through a Just Peace Ethic.” *Journal of Moral Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (2019): 122-139. Co-authored with Eli McCarthy (Georgetown University).
5. “Education as the Practice of Freedom’ to Address Educational Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa.” *Asian Horizons* Vol. 12, no. 1 (March 2018): 52-65.
6. “Christological Foundations for Political Participation: Women in the Global South Building Agency as Risen Beings.” *Political Theology*, Vol. 18 no.5 (June, 2016): 399-422.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2016.1195592>
7. “Deforestation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Climate Change: An Ethical Analysis in Light of *Laudato Si’*,” *Asian Horizons* 9, no. 4 (December 2015): 724-740. <http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:107140>

### **Scholarly Publications/Book Chapters**

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8. "Virtue-Based Just Peace Approach and the Challenges of Rape as a Weapon of War...", in *A Just Peace Ethic Primer, Building Sustainable Peace and Breaking Cycles of Violence*, ed., Eli S. McCarthy, (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2020).
9. "Mitigating Deforestation in the Congo Basin and Global Climate Change: An Ethic of Environmental Responsibility based on African Spirituality," in *Nature and the Environment in Contemporary Religious Contexts*, ed., Muhammad Shafiq and Thomas Donlin-Smith (Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018).

### **Other Published Papers**

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10. "Ubuntu et les défis théopolitiques des proverbes sur la femme" dans *Cahiers des Religions Africaines presses de l'Université catholique du Congo*. Nouvelle série. Volume 2, n. 4 (décembre, 2021)
11. "The Feminization of Poverty. How Traditional Gender Bias and Sexual Violence Keep Women in Poverty in the Democratic Republic of the Congo." *Congo-Afrique*, no. 513 (March 2017): 231-242.
12. "The Contribution of Jacques Maritain on Political Participation of the Christians in the Temporal World." *Telema/Congo, Jesuit Journal*, Vol. 1, no. 16 (January-June 2016): 2-22.
13. "La déforestation en République Démocratique du Congo et ses effets sur le changement climatique : Une analyse éthique à la lumière de *Laudato Si'*." *Congo-Afrique*, no. 509 (Novembre 2016): 841-859.
14. "L'enseignement social de l'Église catholique et la lutte contre la pauvreté des femmes." *Congo-Afrique* no. 496 (Juin, Juillet, Août 2015) : 499-513 <http://hdl.handle.net/2345/bc-ir:107141>
15. "The Land of Gold and Blood: Congo suffers from the paradox of mineral wealth and human poverty," *SOJOURNERS. Faith in Action for Social Justice*. (Sept-Oct 2015). <https://sojo.net/magazine/septemberoctober-2015/land-gold-and-blood>.

### **Published Book Reviews and Forum Papers**

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1. "African Women Christology," *Catholic Theological Ethic in the World Church* (CTEWC), June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. <https://catholicethics.com/forum/african-women-christology/>
2. "The Church We Want: African Catholics Look to Vatican III. Ed. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator. New York: Orbis, 2016. Pp. Xxxi + 272." *Theological Studies*, Vol. 79, no. 1 (March 2018): 222-223. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0040563917746277>.
3. "Sustainable Abundance for All: Catholic Social Thought and Action in a Risky Runaway World," by Ted Nunez, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*.

### **Presentations Papers/Conferences**

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1. "Peacemaking and Nonviolence: A Catholic Approach. Lessons from Women Peacemakers." Augustana University-Interfaith panel, *Building Peace: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, March 2023.
2. *Catholic Peacebuilding in Times of Crisis: Hope for a Wounded World*, International Virtual Conference June 20-23, 2022; The Catholic Peacebuilding Network.

3. “The Challenges of Forgiveness and Reconciliation: How Grace Restores When Religion Annihilates,” AARWR/March 2022, *Grace, Mercy, & Atonement: Exploring Artistic, Ritual, and Social Action Through Forgiveness*, 2022 Annual Meeting | Virtual Conference | March 18-20, 2022
4. “Empowering the Disempowered,” on *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill’s Contributions to Christian Ethics*, on September 10 and 11, 2021 at Boston College.
5. “Catholic Peacebuilding in the DRC: Challenges, Opportunities, and Lessons for Sub-Saharan Africa,” July 2020, webinar project. Sponsors: Boston College International Studies Program; Boston College Department of Theology; Catholic Relief Services; Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame; Catholic Peacebuilding Network; Peace Studies Working Group of the International Federation of Catholic Universities; Sant'Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue.
6. “Rape Used as a Weapon of War and Women’s Anthropological Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges for the Preferential Option for the Poor in Catholic Social Teaching,” March 2019, University of Notre Dame. Topic: *Option for the Poor: Engaging the Social Tradition*.
7. “Partnering with Faith Communities: Challenges of Religious and Secular Literacy,” March 2017, Dayton University. Topic: *Local Humanitarian Leadership and Religious Literacy: Engaging with Religion, Faith, and Faith Actors*. Co-presented with Professor Kelly S. Johnson, Robert Brodrick, Anwar Kahn, and Edith Tapia.
8. “Deforestation in the Congo Basin and its impact on local and global climate change: Ethical and theological reflection on community forestry and participation of women,” May 2016, Nazareth College, Rochester. Topic: *Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: Nature and Environment in the Sacred Texts of World Religions*.
9. “The Challenges of Rape as Weapon of War: The Rights of Forced Migrants and Displaced Women to Protection and Reparations,” October 2016, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Topic: *Public Theology and the Common Good: The Contribution of David Hollenbach*.
10. “Religious and Cultural Differences and the Universal Idea of Human Rights,” November 2015, Boston University. Topic: Boston Theological Institute (BTI) Annual Conference.
11. “Feminization of poverty as source of violence against women: Traditional gender norms and sexual violence against women in DRC,” April 2015, School of Theology and Ministry, Boston College. Topic: *Engaging Rhetorics of Violence Against Women*, BTI Women’s Conference.
12. “Deforestation in the provinces of Northern and Southern Kivu (East of the DRC) and its impact on local and global climate change: an ethical analysis and theological/pastoral responses,” April 2013, Chicago, CTU.

### **Research in Gender Politics and Security (unpublished work)**

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1. Study evaluating the effective participation of women in the DRC and particularly in the Demobilization, Disarmament and Reinsertion (DDR) program in accordance with the Resolution 1325 of the Security Council of the United Nations/North and South Kivu/DRC, March-July 2010.
2. Participation in “Genre Politique” (Gender Politics), conducted with NGOs in collaboration with Professor Philippe de Leener from ENDA Intermonde/Belgique.

**Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 (basic) to 5 (excellent)

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Besides English, I am fluent in French and Spanish, and I am moderately competent in Italian. I also speak Swahili, Lingala, and Kikongo, these are three of the four national languages in the DRC.