

KIMBERLY F. BAKER

Curriculum Vitae

September 2023

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

(812) 357-6430
St. Gregory Hall 217
kbaker@saintmeinrad.edu

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. History of Christianity, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2008
Dissertation: "Augustine on Action, Contemplation, and Their Meeting Point in Christ"
Candidacy Exam Areas: Patristic and Medieval Theology, Comparative Theology
- M.Div. Pastoral Ministry, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 1995
- B.A. History, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-present Associate Professor of Patristics, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- 2016-2020 Associate Professor of Church History, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- 2012-2016 Assistant Professor of Church History, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- 2008-2012 Assistant Professor of Theology, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania
- Spring 2008 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2005-2007 Instructor, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 1998-2001 Religion Teacher, Assumption High School, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1996-1998 Dean of Student Life and Instructor, Saint Catharine College, St. Catharine, Kentucky
- 1990-1992 Journeyman Missionary for Southern Baptist Convention, Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters

- "Augustine of Hippo on Conversion of the Restless Human Heart." *Conversatio: A Journal in the Tradition of Catholic, Benedictine and Liberal Education* 2 (2022):1-12.
- "Preaching as Spiritual Formation: Augustine as a Guide." In *Preaching as Spiritual Leadership: Guiding the Faithful as Mystic and Mystagogue*, edited by Michael E. Connors, 60-69. Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2021.
- "A Preached Theology: Augustine's Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*." In *Studia Patristica CXIX: Papers Presented at the Eighteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2019*, vol. 16, edited by Markus Vinzent, 59-66. Leuven: Peeters, 2021.
- "Basilio y Agustín: Predicando sobre el cuidado de los pobres." *Augustinus* 64 (2019): 1-12.
- "Basil and Augustine: Preaching on Care for the Poor." In *Studia Patristica XCV: Papers Presented at the Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2015*, vol. 21, edited by Markus Vinzent, 251-259. Leuven: Peeters, 2017.
- "'The Mystery Meaning You': Augustine's Mystagogical Preaching on the Church as the Body of Christ." In *Prisms of Faith: Perspectives on Religious Education and the Cultivation of Catholic Identity*, edited by Robert E. Alvis and Ryan LaMothe, 33-51. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2016.

“Proclaiming a Dynamic Understanding of Grace: The Spiritual Foundation for Sacramental and Liturgical Catechesis.” *Worship* 89, no. 6 (November 2015): 506-525.

“*Transfiguravit in se*: sacramentalidad de la doctrina agustiniana del *totus Christus*.” *Augustinus* 60 (2015): 559-567.

“*Transfiguravit in se*: The Sacramentality of Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*.” In *Studia Patristica LXX. Papers Presented at the Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2011*, vol. 18, edited by Markus Vinzent, 559-567. Leuven: Peeters, 2013.

“Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*: Reflecting on the Church as Sacrament of Unity.” *Horizons* 37, no. 1 (Spring 2010): 7-24.

“Hebrews 11--The Promise of Faith.” *Review and Expositor* 94, no. 3 (Summer 1997): 439-445.

“The Great Honesty: Remembering Thomas Merton. An Interview with Abbot Timothy Kelly.” Conducted by George A. Kilcourse, Jr. Edited by Kimberly F. Baker. *The Merton Annual* 9 (1996): 193-220.

Pastoral Articles

“Young people are key to life and mission of the Church, Archbishop Thompson says.” *The Criterion* 58, no. 35 (June 15, 2018): 1, 8.

“‘I hope women will continue to speak the truth’: A conversation with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin.” *America Magazine* 218, no. 2 (January 22, 2018): 40-41.

“An Interview with Kimberly Baker: ‘Women of the Church’ Conference.” *Church Life* (February 9, 2017).

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries

Book review of *Saint Augustine on the Resurrection of Christ: Teaching, Rhetoric, and Reception*, by Gerald O’Collins. *Augustiniana* 68.2 (2018): 360-363.

“Bowman, Thea,” “Davis, Cyprian,” “Hustad, Donald Paul,” “Riepp, Benedicta,” “Wimmer, Boniface,” and “Wolff, M. Madeleva.” In the *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark Lamport and George Thomas Kurian. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016.

Book review of *Tales of Grace: Reflections on the Joyful Mysteries*, by Luigi Santucci, trans. Demetrio S. Yocum, *Spiritus* 15, no. 2 (Fall 2015): 250-252.

Book note on *Language in the Confessions of Augustine*, by Philip Burton. *Religious Studies Review* 35, no. 4 (December 2009): 277.

Book note on *Homilies on the First Epistle of John*, by Augustine, trans. Boniface Ramsey. *Religious Studies Review* 35, no. 4 (December 2009): 277-278.

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

“Women of the Church: Strength of the Past. Hope for Tomorrow. A Catholic Leadership Conference.” Co-founder of Women of the Church Catholic Leadership Forum. Advisor to the third national conference at Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota, July 2023. Chair of the 2022 regional event. Advisor to the second national conference at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 2019. Co-chair of the inaugural conference in Ferdinand, Indiana, October 2016. This inaugural national conference received a letter of blessing from Pope Francis.

ACADEMIC LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

- “Care for the Poor: Patristic Themes,” invited workshop leader, 2023 Notre Dame Preaching Conference on “Visions of the Reign of God: Preaching and Catholic Social Teaching.” University of Notre Dame, June 2023.
- “A Preached Theology: Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*,” paper presentation, 18th International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford, August 2019.
- “Preaching as Spiritual Formation: Augustine as a Guide,” invited workshop leader, 2019 Notre Dame Preaching Conference on “Mystic and Mystagogue: Preaching as Spiritual Leadership,” University of Notre Dame, June 2019.
- “Looking for God in All the Right Places: Augustine on the Present Life,” The Annual Bishop Simon Bruté Lecture, Marian University, April 2018.
- “From Exegetical Dilemma to Theological Conviction: The Roots of Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois, May 26, 2017.
- “Basil and Augustine: Preaching on Care for the Poor,” paper presentation, 17th International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford, August 2015.
- “Christ Spread Throughout the World: Augustine’s Sacramental Theology of Church,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, May 2014.
- “Augustine of Hippo, Conversion, and the Restless Human Heart,” Spring Lecture, Chapman Seminary, Oakland City University, Oakland City, Indiana, April 2014.
- “A Heart Transformed: Augustine on Christian Conversion,” paper presentation, Catholic Theological Society of America, June 2013.
- “Augustine on the Value of the Present Life,” Patricia H. Imbesi St. Augustine Fellow lecture, Villanova University, March 2013.
- “Augustine’s Preaching on the Church as the Body of Christ,” a two-part seminar for graduate students and faculty in Humanities, Villanova University, Spring 2013.
- “*Transfiguravit in se*: The Sacramentality of Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*,” paper presentation, 16th International Patristics Conference, University of Oxford, August 2011.
- “Graced Action: Augustine on Christ’s Way of Love,” paper presentation, College Theology Society, May 2009.
- “Moving Beyond Ourselves: Augustine on Living as the Body of Christ,” paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, November 2004.
- “Engaging in ‘Journey Business’: Augustine’s Preaching on the Here and Now,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, May 2004.
- “Contemplation of God Through a Life of Service: The Christian Life in the Writings of Augustine,” paper presentation, North American Patristics Society, May 2002.

AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- Patricia H. Imbesi Saint Augustine Fellowship, Augustinian Institute of Villanova University, Spring 2013.
- Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for best theological essay by a new scholar, The Catholic Theological Society of America, June 2011.
- James L. and Josephine S. Baggott Outstanding Senior Award, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 1995.
- Clyde T. Francisco Preaching Award, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, May 1995.

MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS AND PREACHING

- “Women’s Contributions and Leadership in the Catholic Church,” Presentation for the *El Camino* Propaedeutic Year program, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, March 8, 2023.
- “God’s Transforming Love,” Parish Mission, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Mount Vernon, Indiana, January 22-24, 2023.
- “The Incarnation: God’s Mission of Love—In Person!” Advent conference, Saint Meinrad Archabbey, December 14, 2022.
- “Growing in Friendship with God,” Day of Reflection, Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House, November 9, 2022.
- “Charity,” reflection, Forty Hours Devotion, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, August 27, 2022.
- “An Evening with Dr. Carolyn Woo, host and interviewer, Women of the Church Zoom event, July 27, 2022. <https://vimeo.com/735086260>
- “Telling Our Stories: Past, Present, and Future,” plenary address, Women of the Church regional forum, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, June 17, 2022.
- “Global Friendship: The Story of a Well in Togo,” breakout session, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology Alumni Reunion, August 2, 2020.
- “Be Transformed in the Body of Christ,” day of reflection, Holy Redeemer Parish, Evansville, Indiana, October 5, 2019.
- “The Trinity” and “Trinitarian Spirituality,” workshops for the Parish Catechetical Leadership Institute, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, July 2014, July 2015, July 2016, July 2017, July 2018, July 2019.
- “Transformed in Christ: Augustine’s Doctrine of the *Totus Christus*,” workshop for the One Bread, One Cup College Ministerial Internship Program, July 12, 2019.
- “St. Francis: The Man, The Saint, The Parish,” three-part adult faith formation series, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Dale, Indiana, March 20, March 27, and April 3, 2019.
- “Transformed in Christ,” women’s morning of reflection, held at Saint Meinrad Archabbey for St. Bernadette Parish, Louisville, Kentucky, November 10, 2018.
- “Images of Mary,” parish leadership retreat presentation for “A Re-encounter with Mary,” Diocese of Evansville, November 8, 2018.
- “Transforming Love,” women’s morning of reflection, St. Bernadette Parish, Louisville, Kentucky, June 2018.
- “Transforming Love,” Lenten parish mission (three sessions), St. Nicholas Church, Santa Claus, Indiana, February 2018.
- “Intercultural Friendships: The Story of a Well in Togo,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, October 2017.
- “Sacramentality and My Encounter with God in India,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, September 2016.
- “Cross-Cultural Ministry Experiences: Lessons of Faith from Cross-Cultural Service,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, April 2016.
- “Women in the Church Yesterday and Today,” University of Evansville Newman Catholic Student Center, Evansville, Indiana, January 2016.
- “History of Celibacy,” January-term workshop (three sessions), Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, 2013-2016.
- Stewardship Reflection, Saint Francis of Assisi parish, Dale, Indiana, October 25, 2015.

“A Journey of Discernment,” retreat talk for the Faculty/Staff Fellows of “The Little Way Learning Community,” Bellarmine University, held at Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House, October 2014.

Presentation on the Life and Art of Johann Schmitt, Heritage Day Mass and Celebration, St. Boniface Parish, Louisville, Kentucky, October 2013.

“The Trinity,” workshop for the Catechetical Leadership Institute, Diocese of Evansville, July 2013.

“Augustine on the Transforming Union of the Body of Christ,” Lenten speaker Series, Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, March 13, 2012.

“The Church: St. Augustine and the *Totus Christus*,” Lenten speaker series, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, February 28, 2012.

“Living Attentively,” Breakfast with Benedict series, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, January 23, 2012.

“Living as the Body of Christ,” Day of Recollection for the Parish Pastoral Council and Staff of St. Peter Parish of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, held at St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, January 7, 2012.

“Biblical Stories and Our Stories,” Aging and Spirituality lecture series, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, April 27, 2011.

“The Gift of Scripture: Generation to Generation,” Fall speaker series, Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, October 19, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

North American Patristics Society
Catholic Theological Society of America
National Association for Lay Ministry
College Theology Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Faculty Moderator, 2023-2024.

Personnel Committee, 2013-2015, co-chair 2014-2015; 2017-2019, chair 2018-2019; 2021-2023, chair 2021-2023.

Academic Committee, 2015-2017, 2019-2021, chair 2019-2020.

Library Committee, 2019-2020.

Graduate Theology Programs Advisory Board, 2018-2020.

Committee for Strategic Question on Lay Leadership Program, 2019-2020.

Committee for Strategic Question on Governance, 2014-2015.

Co-leader of Fall Formation Day, “Parish Twinning in Haiti,” 2014.

Liturgical/Sacramental Theology Faculty Search Committee, 2013.

Committee for Strategic Question on Faculty Involvement in Formation, 2013-2014.

Environmental Stewardship Committee, 2012-2013.

Saint Vincent College

Faculty Advisor for Theology Internships and Theology Majors, 2010-2012.
Co-leader of Calcutta service trip, May 2011, May 2012.
Retention Intervention Committee, 2009-2012.
Employee Grievance Board, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, alternate 2010-2011.
Co-leader of campus-wide celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, 2009-2012.
Convener of panel discussion on Haiti, Spring 2010.
Convener of panel discussion, "Saint Vincent College Women in Theology," Spring 2009.

University of Notre Dame

Faculty Co-leader, M.Div. Immersion Trip to Haiti, May 2007.
Graduate Theology Society, coordinator for Brown Bag Lunch speaker series, 2003-2004.
Representative to the Student Liaison Group of the American Academy of Religion, 2003-2004.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate

Patristics
Early Church History
Medieval Church History
Augustine the Preacher
Theology of Augustine
Christian Martyrdom: Witness of Faith
Caritas and Wealth: Patristic Perspectives

Undergraduate

First Theology
Systematics II
Christian Spirituality
Christian Martyrdom
Theology of Augustine
Ministry Field Experience
Exploring Religious Meaning
Theology of Early Christianity
Foundations of Theology: Biblical/Historical
World Religions
New Testament
College Life and Beyond

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Online Teaching Strategies for Ministry Education certificate course. United Theological Seminary, Summer 2020.

RECENT CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Project coordinator for Community Development Project for Togo, Rich in Mercy Institute, 2017-2023. This project has provided a water well, latrines, an elementary classroom building, and a preschool to the village of Datcha. It also supported a youth empowerment program with the construction of an agribusiness training center in Amoussoukoppé, Togo. Received a grant from the Loyola Foundation for the agribusiness training center project.
Lector, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Dale, Indiana, 2015-2022.
ESL Teacher, Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Dale, Indiana, 2014-2022.
Theology Curriculum Committee, advisor, Reitz Memorial High School, Evansville, Indiana, 2017-2018.