

Katharine E. Lassiter, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018 – Director of Theological Field Education, Chicago Theological Seminary
2017 – 2018 Associate Professor, Religious & Pastoral Studies, Mount St. Joseph University
2012 – 2017 Assistant Professor, Religious & Pastoral Studies, Mount St. Joseph University
2011 – 2012 Visiting Instructor, Institute for Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago

HIGHER EDUCATION

- 2012 **Ph.D., M.A., Vanderbilt University**
Primary area: Religion, Psychology, & Culture, Graduate Department of Religion
Minor: Theology & Practice, Graduate Department of Religion
Minor: Community Research & Action, Peabody College
Dissertation: Recognizing Other Subjects in Feminist Pastoral Theology
- 2004 **M.A., University of Dayton**
Theological Studies
Thesis: Returning Home: A Christian Ethics of Housing for Persons with MR/DD
- 2001 **B.A., DeSales University**
Major: Theology
Minor: Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Books & Monographs

- 2015 Katharine E. Lassiter, *Recognizing Other Subjects: Feminist Pastoral Theology and the Challenge of Identity*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications (2015).

Book Chapters & Edited Volumes

- 2020 Katharine E. Lassiter, “Where there is hurt, there must be healing’: Native Values, Restorative Justice, and Feminist Bridgework” in *Bridge Theology in the Church of the 21st Century* edited by Thomas Kelly and Robert Pennington. New York: Herder & Herder (2020).
- 2015 Mary Froehle, Diane Maloney, and Kate Lassiter, “Complex Identities in Ministry Formation: Processes of Reflection, Refraction, and Diffraction in the Context of Difference in Theological Field Education” in *Complex Identities in a Shifting World: Practical Theological Perspectives* (Summer 2015).

2009 Kate Lassiter, “We All Wear Uniforms” in *From the Pews in the Back: Young Women and Catholicism* edited by Kate Dugan and Jennifer Owens. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press (2009).

Refereed Publications

2018 Katharine E. Lassiter and Melinda A. McGarrah Sharp, “Immersion Pedagogy,” in *Sacred Spaces*, Vol. 10 (2018).

2018 Katharine E. Lassiter, “From the Pedagogical Frontlines,” in *Sacred Spaces*, Vol. 10 (2018).

2018 Katharine E. Lassiter, “Flipping Immersions: Decolonizing Pedagogies of Disability and Theology,” in *Sacred Spaces*, Vol. 10 (2018).

2017 Kate Lassiter, “On Not Keeping ‘the Best Kept Secret’: Catholic Social Teaching as Formational Source for Revolution in the 4th Area,” in *Journal of Pastoral Theology*. Vol. 27 (Fall 2017).

2014 Mary Froehle, Kate Lassiter, and Diane Maloney, “Fieldnotes: Facilitating Conversations about Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Field Education” in *Journal of Reflective Practice: Formation & Supervision in Ministry*, Vol. 34 (Spring 2014).

2013 Kate Lassiter, “No Easy Resolution: Feminist Pastoral Theology and the Challenge of Identity” in *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 23 (Summer 2013).

2011 Kate Lassiter and Patricia Conway, “Opportunity Knocks: At the Intersection of Community Social Work and Food Justice Praxis” in *Aretê*, Vol. 32 (Spring 2011).

2011 Darcy A. Freedman, Kate Lassiter, Cassi Johnson, Patricia Conway & Yvonne Joosten, “Introduction to the Special Issue: Food Security and Food Justice” in *Aretê*, Vol. 32 (Spring 2011).

2010 Kate Lassiter and Andrea Tucker, “It’s Queer Up in Here!: Excess, Experience, and Performance in the Divinity Classroom” in *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, Vol. 39 (November 2010).

2010 Kate Lassiter, “Seeking Wisdom, Naming Puzzles: Pastoral Hopes for Theological Ethnography” in *Practical Matters*, Vol. 3 (Spring 2010).

Book Reviews

2015 Kate Lassiter, “Review of *Good Food: Grounded Practical Theology* by Jennifer R. Ayres” in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* (April 2015).

- 2015 Kate Lassiter, “Review of *A Ministry of Presence: Chaplaincy, Spiritual Care, and the Law* by Winnifred Fallers Sullivan” in *Choices* (March 2015).
- 2014 Kate Lassiter, “Review of *Pastoral Work: Engagements with the Vision of Eugene Peterson* edited by Jason Byasee and L. Roger Owens” in *Choices* (March 2014).
- 2011 Kate Lassiter, “Review of *Injustice and the Care of Souls* edited by Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook and Karen B. Montagno” in *Practical Matters*, Vol. 4 (Spring 2011).

Web-Based Publications

- 2016 Kate Lassiter, *Mercy for Prisoners*. November 2016.
- 2014 Kate Lassiter, *Not Just An Other Mother*. Mothering Matters, January 21, 2014.
- 2008 Kate Lassiter, *From the Pews in the Back*. October-December 2008

INVITED TALKS & PANELS

- 2018 Open Society Foundations, *U.S. Convening on Overdose*, Panel Facilitator & Discussant, NY, NY, April 10, 2018.
- 2018 Forum for Theological Exploration, *Disrupting White Supremacy*, Discussant, Atlanta, GA, March 12-15, 2018.
- 2016 The Vatican, Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy for Prisoners, Invitee, Rome, Italy, November 2-7, 2016.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Presentations

- 2019 *Lively Human Futures, Theopoetics, and Radical Theology*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2019
- 2019 *New Methods in Ethnographic Theology*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2019
- 2018 *Property, Theopoetics, and Radical Theology*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 18, 2018
- 2017 *Race, Theopoetics, and Radical Theology*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 19, 2017.

- 2017 *Emotionally Intelligent Leadership Development for Millennials Impacting the Globe*, with Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Ph.D. Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Study Conference, Dallas, TX, June 2017.
- 2017 *Development, the new name for peace: Advancing Reparation & Restoration as Double Decolonization*, Catholic Social Tradition Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 23, 2017.
- 2015 *Feminist Peripheries: Edgework, Pastoral Theology, & Marcella Althaus-Reid*, Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Study Conference, Denver, CO, June 2015.
- 2014 *Decolonizing Locations of Disability & Theology*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- 2014 *Shaping a Legacy of Socially Conscious Leadership for the Common Good* with Tim Bryant, Ph.D. & Mike Sontag, Ph.D. 16th Annual Global Conference, International Leadership Association, October 2014.
- 2012 *Addressing Gender and Sexuality in Theological Formation and Field Education* with Mary Froehle, Ph.D., and Diane Maloney, D.Min. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2012.
- 2012 *Transposing Keys: Developing Theological Themes from 'Non-Theological' Actors In Ethnographic Theology Methods*. American Academy of Religion Eastern International Meeting, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, May 2012.
- 2010 *Spiritual Vocations: Women's Psychological and Theological Reflections on Labor*. College Theology Society Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, May 2010.
- 2009 *"I Have This Morbid Sense of Excitement!": Brokenness and Desire in Community Food Systems Discourse*. College Theology Society Annual Conference, South Bend, Indiana, May 2009.
- 2007 *Trying on Trans/Formation: Place and Space in the Self*. National Conference on Civic Engagement, Texas Campus Compact, Austin, Texas, February 2007.
- 2005 *A Life in the Church: Theological Anthropology for Persons with Developmental Disabilities*. College Theology Society Annual Conference, Mobile, Alabama, June 2005.
- 2005 *Crossing Borders in Higher Education and the Self*. Michigan Service Learning Institute, Adrian, Michigan, February 2005.

Panels Organized/Presided

- 2019 *Lively Human Futures, Theopoetics, and Radical Theology*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2019. Sponsored by the Westar Institute.
- 2015 *Postcolonializing Practical Theology*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 21, 2015. Sponsored by Practical Theology Unit.
- 2014 *Decolonizing Immersion Pedagogies*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 23, 2014. Sponsored by Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogies Unit.

Conferences Organized

- 2016 *Restorative Justice: Developing Grassroots Leaders for Change*, Columbus, OH, November 18-20, 2016. Sponsored by National Society of St. Vincent de Paul Re-entry Organizing Project and Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 Women's Leadership and Advocacy Award, Mount St. Joseph University
- 2016 Excellence in Teaching Award, The Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities
- 2016 Emerging Scholar Award, Mount St. Joseph University
- 2006 Moccasin Award for Leveraging Community Service Partnerships, City Year
- 2006 Women Who Make a Difference, Women's Program, Cleveland State University
- 2001 George S. Salzman Award for Leadership, DeSales University
- 2001 Award of Excellence, Theology Department, DeSales University

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Coolidge Fellow, CrossCurrents and Auburn Seminary, New York, NY.
- 2015 SC Ministry Foundation – *Community-Engaged Leadership Development for Non-Violent Conflict Resolution & Racial Justice*. Funds granted: \$ 3,000. Principal Investigator. Accepted funding.

- 2014 Cambridge Foundation/Center for Ethical Leadership Research Grant – *Modeling and Expanding Social Change Leadership*. Funds granted: \$5500. Principal Investigator and Sole Author. Declined funding.
- 2013 Cincinnati Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training Community Health Grant – *Measuring Social Inclusion and Social Isolation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*. Funds requested: \$10,000. Second Author. Funding not granted.
- 2013 Theology & Practice Program at Vanderbilt University – Dissertation Publication Assistance Grant. Funds granted: \$1000. Accepted funding.
- 2009 Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality at Vanderbilt University – Travel Grant. Funds granted: \$1000. Accepted funding.
- 2006 – 2012 Lilly Theology & Practice Fellow, Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University
- 2004 University of Dayton Summer Research Grant – *Returning Home: A Christian Ethic of Housing for Persons with Mental Retardation and/or Developmental Disabilities*. Funds granted: \$1500. Principal Investigator and Sole Author. Accepted funding.
- 2003 University of Dayton Summer Research Grant – *Critiquing Homo Oeconomicus*. Funds granted: \$1500. Principal Investigator and Sole Author. Accepted funding.
- 2002 – 2004 Graduate Assistantship, Department of Religious Studies, University of Dayton
- 1997 – 2001 Trustee Scholarship, DeSales University
- 1997 – 2001 Vocal Scholarship, DeSales University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chicago Theological Seminary

Leadership and Ministry in Context
 U.S.-Mexico Borderlands Study Trip
 Policing Queer Bodies and Activist Theology

Mount St. Joseph University

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Christianity
 Introduction to Religion
 “Hands Up, Don’t Shoot!”: Practical Theology for Racial Justice
 Disabling Theology

“A Land Where You Can Eat”: Sustainable Foodways & Christian Spirituality
Personal Spirituality & Theology of Human Experience

Graduate Courses

Pastoral Care & Counseling
Seminar: Feminist and Queer Theology
Seminar: Theology & Method
Theology of Church

Master’s Thesis Advisor

Camisha Chambers, “A Practical Theology of Healing & Power-Building in the Local Black Church,” (Fall 2017).

Pat Dual, O.P., “Mentoring Youth of Color: Trauma and Spiritual Practice” (Fall 2017)

Courtney Militello, “Taste and See: An Exploration in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Obesity, and Practical Theology” (Summer 2015)

Kara Warden, “Racial Justice in the Mega-Church Context” (Fall 2017)

Kim Williams, “Faith through Imagination” (Spring 2015)

Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University Chicago

Foundations of Social Justice
Diversity & Equity
Listening Skills for Social Justice Practitioners
Critical Race Theory (Directed Reading)
Service Learning and Social Ethics in Secondary School Contexts (Directed Reading)
Poverty, Appalachia, & Social Ethics (Directed Reading)

Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Teaching Fellow

Pastoral Care & Counseling – with Barbara McClure, Ph.D.
Theological Field Education – with Viki Matson, M.A.
Religious Education and Faith Formation – with Christine Gebhardt, Ph.D.
Poverty, Race, & Religion – with Graham Reside, Ph.D.

University of Dayton, Graduate Assistant

Introduction to Religion: Catholic Studies – Instructor of Record
Ethics in Healthcare – with M. Therese Lysaught, Ph.D.
Women in Religion – with Judy Martin, SSJ, Ph.D.
Introduction to Religion: Sacred Scripture – with Pam Thimmes, OSF, Ph.D.

PRIMARY PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Psychological Association, Div. 27, Society for Community Research and Action

Association for Theological Field Education
Society for Pastoral Theology

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 2012 –
Guest Editor, *Sacred Spaces*, Volume 10 (2018).
Digitization & Migration Coordinator, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 2012 – 2013.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Chicago Theological Seminary

Member, MDiv/DMin Committee
Member, Professional Advisory Group, Advocate Christ Medical Center
Member, Education Committee, Urban CPE Consortium

Mount St. Joseph University

University Committees

Member, Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policies, 2016 – 2018
Chair, Ethical Leadership Committee, 2013 – 2016
Member, Environmental Action Committee, 2013 – 2016

Department Committees

Member, M.A. in Religious Studies Curriculum & Assessment Committee, 2012 – 2018
Vice-Chair, Elizabeth Seton Award Medal Committee, 2012 – 2018
Chair, B.A. in Religious Studies Curriculum & Assessment Committee, 2012 – 2018
Member, Justice and the Common Good Core Curriculum Committee, 2012 – 2018

Other Committees as Assigned

Member, Theological Ethics Faculty Search Committee, 2015 – 2016
Vice-Chair, Interdisciplinary Disability Studies & Program Committee, 2013 – 2015
Member, Vice President of Academic Affairs Search Committee, 2013 – 2014
Chair, Safe Zone & Institutional Mission Committee, 2013 – 2015

ADDITIONAL CAMPUS TALKS AND SERVICE

- 2019 *Discernment and Vocation*. Field Education Commissioning. September 25, 2019.
- 2018 *Leading and Serving*. Field Education Commissioning. October 3, 2018.
- 2016 Citation for Sung Hae Kim, SC, Th.D., Elizabeth Seton Medal Award. November 14, 2016.
- 2016 *Healing the Whole Person: Religious Belief and the Health Sciences*. April 4, 2016.

- 2015 Citation for Gloria Schaab, SSJ, Ph.D., Elizabeth Seton Medal Award. November 11, 2015.
- 2015 *To Be Made*. Book of Names Ceremony. August 20, 2015.
- 2015 *Report on Student Learning of Justice & Common Good Learning Outcomes*. Faculty Convocation. August 18, 2015.
- 2014 *Who's Afraid of Civic Engagement?* Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. October 28, 2014.
- 2014 *Just Eating: Challenges in the Food System*. Environmental Ethics Symposium. September 18, 2014.
- 2014 *Co-Becoming*. Faculty Convocation. August 19, 2014.
- 2014 *Lament and Hope in Syria: Doing Community Development & Care in Humanitarian Crisis*. Celebration of Teaching and Learning. April 15, 2014.
- 2014 Panel organizer, *Women's and Children's Rights are Human Rights* with Mary Kay Fleming, Nazneen Kane, and Jennifer Morris. Celebration of Teaching and Learning. April 15, 2014.
- 2014 *Ecological Mourning: To Bear Witness to What is Passing Away* with Adam Konopka, Bill Lonneman, and Karl Zuelke. Environmental Ethics Symposium. March 5, 2014.
- 2014 *Why I Read*. Faculty Assembly. February 10, 2014.
- 2013 Invocation, St. Elizabeth Seton Medal Award, Oct. 26, 2013.
- 2013 *Religious Visions and 'Personal' Decisions in the Age of the Anthropocene*. Environmental Ethics Symposium, October 2, 2013.
- 2013 *Fertile Ground*. Book of Names Ceremony. June 19, 2013.

RECENT PREACHING, TRAININGS, & COMMUNITY LECTURES

- 2019 "Seminary Sunday: Responding to God's Call for Justice & Mercy," Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, February 24, 2019.
- 2018 "Esther, #MeToo, and Religious Leaders for the Next," Edgebrook Community Church, October 28, 2018.
- 2018 Restorative Practices Training, Tristate Trauma Network, January 11-12, 2018
- 2017 Restorative Practices Training, Cincinnati Restores Coalition, May 31-June 2, 2017

- 2017 “Restoring Survivors of Crime,” Tristate Trauma Network, May 25, 2017
- 2017 “Conflict Resolution & Restorative Practice,” Community Responses to Policing Disparities, Xavier University, April 5, 2017
- 2017 “The Good News of Racial Justice,” City Gospel Mission, April 4, 2017

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY & CIVIC SERVICE

- 2019 – 2020 Organizational Consultant, Institute for Christian Socialism
- 2018 – 2019 Board Member, Chicago Women’s Health Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 – 2018 Chair, Leadership Team, Cincinnati Restores Coalition
- 2015 – 2018 Mentor, HELP Program for Returning Citizens, Cincinnati, OH
- 2013 – 2015 Counseling Supervisor, St. Lydia’s House, Cincinnati, OH
- 2012 – 2015 Co-founder, Sankofa House, Cincinnati, OH
- 2007 – 2011 Mental health support person, Jesuit Volunteer Corp, Nashville, TN

PREVIOUS POSITIONS: ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE, PROFESSIONAL, OTHER

- 2008 – 2011 Acquisitions Bibliographer, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library
- 2007 – 2011 Co-founder & Co-director, Nashville Urban Harvest
- 2007 – 2010 Residential counselor for at-risk youth, Oasis Center (Nashville, TN)
- 2006 – 2009 Pastoral Counselor Trainee (Nashville, TN)
- 2004 – 2006 Director, Service-Learning & Civic Engagement, Cleveland State University
- 2002 – 2004 Liturgical Coordinator, University of Dayton (OH)
- 2001 – 2002 Program Manager, Community Residences, Inc. (Arlington, VA)
- 2001 Campus Ministry Intern, Chaplain’s Office, Lehigh University
- 2000 Prison Ministry Intern, Sisters of St. Joseph, Hagerstown, MD

LANGUAGE AND METHODOLOGICAL PROFICIENCIES

- Spanish – advanced to fluent speaking, reading, & writing
- German – intermediate reading & writing; basic speaking
- Russian – intermediate speaking, reading, & writing
- French – intermediate reading & writing; basic speaking
- Koine Greek – basic reading, writing, & speaking.

Participatory action research; Ethnographic research; Mixed qualitative and quantitative methods.

CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS

- 2020 Yoga & Elemental Coaching 500 Hour Instructor Certificate, Cincinnati Yoga School
- 2013 Yoga & Meditation 200 Hour Instructor Certificate, You Do Yoga, Cincinnati, OH
- 2012 Quality Matters Online Course & Program Design Certificate, Cincinnati, OH
- 2008 Circle Facilitator Certificate, The Circle Center, Nashville, TN
- 2006 Master Composter Certificate, Tennessee Extension, Nashville, TN