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Education

- Loyola University Chicago** August 2015
PhD Theology (Christian Ethics)
Research: *Social Justice and Ecological Responsibility: A Moral Case for International Collaborative Action on Environmental Degradation and Climate-Induced Displacement*
- University of Chicago** September 2011
Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainability Management
Capstone: “Building Undergraduate Discourse on Environmental Ethics through Course Development”
- Loyola University Chicago** May 2008
MA Social Justice
Research: “Ethical Implications of the IPCC Report, *Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability*, for Faith Communities and the Poor they are compelled to Serve”
- AuSable Institute of Environmental Studies** August 2004
Environmental Analyst Certificate
Field Naturalist Certificate
- North Park University** May 2004
BS Environmental Studies

Experience

- Loyola University Chicago** August 2012-Present
Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Theology
- Design and develop 4 unique courses with up to 40 students in each class, up to 2 classes per semester
 - Global Religious Ethics (Fall 2017 x2, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2013)
 - Christian Theology (Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015)
 - Theology of Sacraments (Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2015)
 - Moral Problems: Ecology Crisis (Fall 2012)
- Center for Urban Environmental Research & Policy** April 2009-August 2012
Web and Communications Coordinator
- Collaborate on projects with a variety of stakeholders from different disciplines and backgrounds
 - Navigate complex bureaucratic environments while pushing the boundaries of innovation and sustainability
 - Work effectively with limited supervision and under pressure to meet deadlines
 - Organize and communicate ideas via public presentations, social media, web sites and blogs
- Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter** April 2008-April 2009
Global Warming Solutions Advocate
- Explain complex concepts in basic terms with simplified language to the public and elected representatives
 - Motivate others to take action on important issues in a timely manner
 - Identify sources of information applicable to an array of problems and issues presented by member inquiries
- Loyola University Chicago** August 2006-May 2008
Editorial Assistant
- Facilitate peer review for the *Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health* and pre-production assistance to Dr. William Schmidt, Editor, and Professor, Loyola University Chicago’s Institute of Pastoral Studies

Books

Mastaler, James S. *Woven Together: Faith and Justice for the Earth and the Poor*. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2019.

Scholarly Articles

Mastaler, James S. "Social Justice and Environmental Displacement." *Environmental Justice* 12, no. 1 (2019): 17-22.

Mastaler, James S. "The Role of Christian Ethics, Religious Leaders, and People of Faith at a Time of Ecological and Climate Crisis." *New Theology Review: A Catholic Journal of Theology and Ministry* 26, no. 2 (2014): 43-48.

Mastaler, James S. "A Case Study on Climate Change and its Effects on the Global Poor." *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 15, no. 1 (2011): 65-87.

Book Chapter

Mastaler, James S. "Social Justice and Ecological Consciousness: Pathways to Climate Justice," in *A Research Agenda for Climate Justice*, edited by Paul G. Harris for the Research Agenda series, Edward Elgar (*forthcoming*).

Mastaler, James S. "The Magdalene of Internet, New Age, Goddess, and Nature Spiritualities," in *A Spouse for the Christ: Mary Magdalene from New Testament to New Age*, edited by Edmondo F. Lupieri for the Themes in Biblical Narrative series, Brill (*forthcoming*).

Presentations

"Theology and Christian Ethics in the Midst of Ecological Concern," at the Loyola University Chicago and Marquette University 12th Annual Graduate Theological Colloquium, February 2014

"Responding to the Moral Challenges of Climate Change," at the National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference hosted by Loyola University Chicago, April 2011

"Moral Approaches toward Climate Change and its Effects on the Global Poor," at Loyola University Chicago's 4th annual interdisciplinary research symposium, *Breaking Boundaries: Bold Approaches to Global Questions*, April 2011
*Session award winner

"Marginalized Communities in a Changing Climate," at the Ignatian Solidarity Network's Ignatian Family Teach-in For Justice at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, November 2010

"Thomas Berry: A Legacy for the Commons," at Loyola University Chicago, hosted by the Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, April 2010

"Approaching Social Justice by Changing Social Institutions: Techniques in Change-Making," sponsored by Loyola University's Women's Studies Program as part of a documentary film screening of *Fish Out of Water*, February 2010

"National Teach-In on Global Warming Solutions 2009," sponsored by Loyola University's Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy as part of a nationwide teach-in forum organized by the Presidential Climate Action Plan, February 2009

"Mistakes to Avoid When Implementing a Green Fleet Initiative," at the 2008 Green Fleet Conference and Expo, moderated by Dan Hannan, Donlen Corporation with fleet managers of Coca-Cola Bottling, Shire, Inc., Genuine Parts Company, and Scientific Games, October 2008

"History of the Environmental Movement in the U.S. and the Sierra Club's Advocacy Efforts Today," guest lecture at the special request of Illinois Rep. Mike Quigley for his Environmental Policy class at Loyola, September 2008

Graduate Student Supervision

“A Pastoral Response to an Ecological Crisis: Seeking hope through faith while working toward human flourishing and ecological integrity in response to the greatest oil spill into marine waters in U.S. history” by Sarah Coles, Loyola University Chicago, Institute of Pastoral Studies Master of Divinity Integrative Paper, Fall 2010

Service

- Chair, Alumni Relations/Damen Award Task Force for Loyola University Chicago’s Institute of Pastoral Studies Advisory Council (a three-year term, December 2012-2015)
- Observer delegate to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change for Conferences of the Parties in Qatar (2012), South Africa (2011), and Mexico (2010)
- Manuscript reviewer for *Environmental Justice* (March 2009-Present) and *New Theology Review* (May 2017-Present)
- Task Force responsible for creating a “Cool Congregations Carbon Checklist & Action Menu” for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s Chicago synod in cooperation with Faith in Place (June 2009)
- Teacher of English as a Second Language for Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh, in rural Dumki, Bangladesh (August 2005-January 2006)
- Site Coordinator for the Knox County, Illinois YMCA After-School Program and Public Housing Authority (August 2004-May 2005)
- Community Supported Agriculture sustainable farm summer of service (Summer 2005)
- Program coordinator for the North Park University Green Team (August 2002-May 2004)

Competencies

- Research competencies in Spanish and French, Bangla language immersion at the HEED Language Center in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- United States and European Union dual citizenship
- Cross-cultural competency: extensive study and travel across Asia (Bangladesh, India, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, and China), graduate research in Kenya, undergraduate marine and aquatic research on the Shedd Aquarium’s research vessel in the Exumas, Bahamas (2003), immersion experiences in Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, and Costa Rica.
- Technology: Apple ecosystems and Windows; Blogging and social media experience, including Twitter (1,200+ followers)
- Media experience: profiled in editions of *The North Parker* on pedagogy and service-learning, as well as quoted in regional outlets like Medill Reports Chicago (available upon request)
- Published public advocacy on environmental and social issues: 5 editorials or newspaper articles in national periodicals such as *The Hill* and regionals like *The State Journal-Register* (available upon request)

Professional Society Memberships

- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Christian Ethics
- The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture
- International Society for Environmental Ethics
- American Teilhard Association

Honors and Awards

- American Academy of Religion Mentoring Program, 2015-2016
- Alpha Sigma Nu, Jesuit Honor Society, Loyola University Chicago, 2007
- Robert Tofte Award for Environmental Leadership, North Park University, 2004
- Beta Beta Beta, National Biological Honor Society, Theta Mu Chapter, North Park University, 2003
- Sigma Delta Pi, National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, Pi Mu Chapter, North Park University, 2003