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## Education

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### 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*

- Define a complex problem, identify possible causes and solutions, form and defend independent conclusions

### 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”

### North Park University

May 2004

BS Environmental Studies

## Experience

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### Loyola University Chicago

August 2012-Present

Adjunct Lecturer

- Design and develop 4 unique courses with up to 40 students in each class, up to 2 classes per semester
- Identify goals and tasks that others are motivated to accomplish in a realistic timeframe
- Maintain flexibility in the face of changing circumstances while ensuring an environment of fairness
- Facilitate small and large group discussions on highly sensitive topics
- Respond regularly and appropriately to positive or negative feedback

### 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 or difficult concepts in basic terms and 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

## Skills

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Technology: Apple ecosystems and Windows; Blogging and social media experience, including Twitter (700+ followers)

Cross-cultural competency: dual citizenship; research competencies in Spanish and French, Bangla language immersion; 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)

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)

## Publications and Presentations

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Publications: 5 editorials or newspaper articles, 2 peer-reviewed journal articles, 1 book chapter (in translation, pre-publication)

Presentations: 9 invited lectures, conference or panel presentations