

# Dr. C. Colt Anderson

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## Field

Historical Theology/Spirituality

## Educational History

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| Ph.D. | Marquette University, Religious Studies (1998)  |
| M.A.  | University of Georgia, Religious Studies (1991) |
| B.A.  | University of Georgia, Philosophy (1989)        |

## Dissertation

*Bonaventure's Collationes in Hexäemeron and the Joachite Controversy.*

Director: Dr. Wanda Zemler-Cizewski. Defended: April 28, 1998.

## Teaching Competencies

### Historical Theology/Church History:

John Cassian, Byzantine Church History, Medieval Church History, Medieval Historical Theology, Preaching in the Middle Ages, Mysticism in the Middle Ages, Gregory the Great, Medieval Augustinianism, Medieval Christology, Francis and Clare of Assisi, Bonaventure, Thomas Aquinas, Reformation Church History, Luther, Women Mystics in the Middle Ages, and History of Spirituality.

### Systematic Theology/Spirituality

Carmelite Spirituality, Dominican Spirituality, Franciscan Spirituality, Ignatian Spirituality, Introduction to Religious Studies, Introduction to Theology, Introduction to Western Religious Thought, Ecumenism, Ecclesiology, Introduction to Spirituality, Monastic Spirituality, Prayer, Spirituality East and West, The Spirituality of Reform, and Trinity.

### Biblical Studies

Introduction to the New Testament, New Testament Method, and The History of Christian Exegesis.

Professional Experience

2017-Present

Full Professor of Christian Spirituality, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fordham University. My responsibilities include teaching systematic theology and spirituality in MAPS, MACS, MARE, and D.Min. programs.

2012-2017

Academic Dean, Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education, Fordham University. My responsibilities include oversight of all academic affairs for the school as well as all advertising, marketing, recruiting, and development initiatives. Special projects include the creation and implementation of a collaborative governance structure, a curriculum assessment and revision for the school, the creation of new distance learning and hybrid programs, revision of financial aid processes, and restoring the school to balanced budgets.

2008-2011

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Academic Dean, Washington Theological Union. My responsibilities included overseeing all academic programs, information technology, admissions, and library operations. Special projects included developing an institutional outcomes assessment program, overseeing a comprehensive curriculum revision, launching a distance learning program, and planning the closure of the school.

2008-2011

Associate Professor, Washington Theological Union. I taught courses in spirituality for the Union's M.A., M.A.P.S., M.Div., M.T.S. and D. Min. programs.

1999-2008

Associate Professor, University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. I taught courses in church history, historical theology, and spirituality in the seminary's Lay Ministry, M.Div., D. Min., and S.T.L. programs.

1998-1999

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Georgia. I taught courses introducing students to philosophical theology, Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

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| 1995-1998 | Writer/Associate Producer, COMPRO Productions, Atlanta, Georgia. In order to support my research, I wrote and produced over twenty film and video projects for domestic and international audiences. My clients included AT&T, The Coca-Cola Company, Monsanto, Continental Airlines, and IBM. I also served as the sales and marketing director during this time. |
| 1992-1995 | Teaching and Research Assistant, Department of Theology, Marquette University.   |
| 1989-1991 | Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, University of Georgia.  |
| 1989-1990 | Instructor, University of Georgia Night School.  |

#### Professional Societies and Activities

American Catholic Historical Association (1999-2012), Catholic Theological Society of America, American Academy of Religion, Medieval Sermon Society (1999-2011), Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages (2000-2009), The Medieval Academy of America (1998-2012), Roman Catholic/ Jewish Dialogue for Ecumenical Institute of Chicago (2000-2007), United States Roman Catholic/Pentecostal Dialogue (2004), editorial advisor for *Chicago Studies* (2004-2007), judge for *Theological Studies* (2002-2006), editorial board for *New Theology Review* (2008); Committee for the Preservation of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition (2009-2010); judge for Catholic University of America Press (2010); judge for Brill Press (2012); Vice President AJCU Pastoral, Theological, and Ministerial Conference (2014-2015); President AJCU Pastoral, Theological, and Ministerial Conference (2015-2016); United States Roman Catholic/Pentecostal Dialogue 2016.

#### Professional Development

September 2008- 2009 Foundations of Christian Leadership, Duke Divinity School. The program was sponsored by the Lilly Foundation and supported by Fuqua School of Business at Duke.

#### Professional Awards

2008 Catholic Press Association Award for *The Great Catholic Reformers: From Gregory the Great to Dorothy Day* (Paulist Press, 2007).

Books

November 2015      *Priesthood and Holy Orders in the Middle Ages*, ed. Greg Peterson and C. Colt Anderson (Leiden: Brill, 2015).

September 2007      *The Great Catholic Reformers: From Gregory the Great to Dorothy Day* (New York: Paulist Press, 2007).

October 2004      *Christian Eloquence: Contemporary Doctrinal Preaching* (Chicago: Hillenbrand Press, 2004).

August 2002      *A Call to Piety: Bonaventure's Collations on the Six Days* (Quincy, Illinois: Franciscan Press, 2002).

Articles, Essays, and Reviews

April 2018      “Franciscan Prophets and the Inquisition (1226-1326),” *Religions* 9, no. 4 (2018) 108-130.  
doi:10.3390/rel9040108.

January 2017      “Discernment of Spirits in the Theology of John Cassian: A Potential Bridge for Dialogue,” *Ecumenical Trends* (46) 10-12.

April 2016      “St. Bonaventure’s Apologetic for Christian Humanism as a Foundation of Pastoral Care,” in *Medieval Christian Humanism*, ed. John Bequette (Leiden: Brill, 2016) 232-257.

November 2015      “Reforming Priests in the High Middle Ages: The Diverse Rhetorics of Ordination and Office 1123-1418,” in *Priesthood and Holy Orders in the Middle Ages*, ed. Greg Peterson and C. Colt Anderson (Leiden: Brill, 2015) 281-306.

November 2012      “Polemical Preaching at the University of Paris: Bonaventure’s Use of Paul as a Forerunner of Francis,” in *Franciscans and Preaching: Every Miracle from the Beginning of the World Came about through Words*, ed. Timothy Johnson (Leiden: Brill, 2012) 91-113.

November 2012      “St. Paul and Reform Rhetoric in the High Middle Ages,” in *A Companion to St. Paul in the Middle Ages*, ed. Steven Cartwright (Leiden: Brill, 2012) 325-348.

November 2012     "The Six Errors: Hus on Simony," in *Reassessing Reform: An Historical Investigation into Church Renewal*, ed. Christopher Bellitto and Zach Flanagin (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2012) 105-123.

June 2010         "Ritual Purity and Pastoral Reform in the Thirteenth Century," in *Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages*, ed. Ronald J. Stansbury (Leiden: Brill, 2010) 73-94.

June 2010         Review of *Reforming Saints: Saints' Lives and their Authors in Germany, 1470-1530*, by David J. Collins, S.J., *Theological Studies* (June 2010) 460-461.

May 2010         "Recovering the Apologetics of Humility," *New Theology Review* (May 2010) 25-34.

May 2009         Review of *The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day*, ed. Robert Ellsberg, *New Theology Review* (May 2009) 92-93.

March 2008       "Early Franciscan Preaching," in *Franciscan Evangelization: Striving to Preach the Gospel* (St. Bonaventure, NY: The Franciscan Institute, 2007) 33-54.

November 2007      "The Problem with Hierarchy Today," *New Theology Review* (November, 2007) 25-33.

June 2007         Review of *Cusanus: The Legacy of Learned Ignorance*, by Peter J. Casarella, *Theological Studies* (June, 2007) 434-436.

May 2006         "A Reappraisal of John Hus in Light of His Medieval Predecessors," *Chicago Studies* (Spring 2006) 14-29.

June 2005         "An Eleventh Century Scandal," *192 America* (Jun 6-13 2005) 20-23.

April 2005         "A Catholic and Ecumenical Response to the *Left Behind* Series, *Journal for Pentecostal Studies*, 13.2 (2005) 209-230.

December 2004      "Franciscan Reform of the Church," in "Go Rebuild My House:" *Franciscans and the Church Today* (St. Bonaventure, NY: The Franciscan Institute, 2004) 39-64.

December 2004      "When Magisterium Becomes Imperium: St. Peter Damian on the Accountability of the Bishops," *Theological Studies*, 65 (2004) 741-766.

December 2002      "Bonaventure and the Sin of the Church," *Theological Studies*, 63 (2002) 667-689.

April 5, 2001      "Catholic Identity in the South," *Chicago Studies* (Spring 2001) 35-46.

Presentations and Grants

June 13, 2015      Presentation: "Congar and the *Sensus Fidelium*: A Response to Dr. Rose Beal," Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Meeting, Milwaukee,

February 6, 2015      Presentation: "Pope Francis and Eloquentia Perfecta," Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Pastoral, Theological and Ministerial Conference, Orlando, FL.

October 29, 2014      Panelist, The Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University: "Religion and Politics: For Good or for Evil?"

April 24, 2014      Presentation and Consultation, General Theological Seminary: "Creating an ATS Outcome Assessment Program."

May 12, 2011      Paper Presentation, International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University: "Gilbert of Tournai at the Second Council of Lyons."

October 11, 2010      Paper Presentation, The Twelfth Biennial Conference of the International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology, Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary: "Franciscan Exegesis in Conflict."

August 2010      Raskob Grant, Catholic Leadership in Government Program. This program was created in conjunction with the Chaplain of the House of Representatives to provide a faith formation community for staffers in the House and Senate.

October 9-11, 2009      Wabash Grant, Reflecting on the Pedagogy of Online Theological Education, Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference brought together innovators and stakeholders in online education together to reflect on best practices and strategies for improving online education. It included online work before and after the conference.

May 26, 2007      Paper Presentation, Franciscan Symposium, Washington Theological Union: “Clerics, Laity and Preaching Among the Early Franciscans.”

May 10, 2007      Paper Presentation, International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University: “The Vision of Pastoral Care in the *Stella Clericorum*.”

May 5, 2006      Paper Presentation, International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University: “William of St. Amour’s Ecclesiastical Polemic Against the Friars and its Influence.”

January 8, 2006      Paper Presentation, American Historical Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: “A Reappraisal of John Hus in Light of His Medieval Predecessors.”

May 29, 2004      Paper Presentation, Franciscan Symposium, Washington Theological Union: “The Role of Franciscans in Church Reform.”

May 6, 2004      Paper Presentation, International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University: “A Flair for the Fabulous: Gregory the Great’s Homily on Luke 15:1-10.”

March 11, 2004      Paper Presentation for the Catholic/Pentecostal Ecumenical Dialogue held at the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Marquette University: “Apocalyptic Ecumenism: A Catholic Response to the Left Behind Series.”

May 9, 2003      Paper Presentation, International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University: “Bonaventure’s Use of St. Francis in Preaching about Secular Reform.”

April 26, 2003      Colloquium Panelist, Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago Divinity School: “Exegesis and the Future of Catholic Biblical Scholarship.”

August 12, 2002 Paper Presentation, Lilly Foundation Information Technology for Theological Teaching Conference, “The Need for Speed.”

July 2000 Lilly Endowment Grant: Information Technology For Theological Teaching.

November 1999 Symposium Panelist, Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago Divinity School: “Exegesis and Theology: A Symposium in Honor of the Translation of *Medieval Exegesis* by Pere Henri de Lubac.”

March 12, 1999 Paper Presentation, SESCOR Conference, Duke University: “The Academic as an Antichrist: Joachim’s Anti-Intellectual Polemics.”

May 5, 1996 Keynote address, Candidate Training Seminar, Democratic Party of Georgia: “Defusing the Rhetoric of the Religious Right.”

Invited Lectures

Roman Catholic Pentecostal Dialogue, San Dimas, CA: “Discernment of Spirits in the Theology of John Cassian: A Potential Bridge for Dialogue.”

April 3, 2014 St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York: “Clare of Assisi: The Power of Humility.”

January 23, 2013 Center for Religion and Spirituality, Theology Department, History Department, Division of Student Affairs, and Campus Ministry at Loyola Marymount University: “Lessons of History: What Can the Church of the Middle Ages Teach Us about the Modern Sex-Abuse Scandal?”

October 18, 2006 Franciscan Lecture, Washington Theological Union: “The Problem with Hierarchy: A Bonaventuran Analysis.”

November 4, 1998 Aquinas Institute and the Theology Department, Emory University: “Bonaventure and the Joachite Franciscans.”

University and Ecclesial Presentations

December 28, 2014 Panelist: "None of His Business? Pope Francis on Capitalism – A Conversation," Gabelli School of Business and the Curran Center for American Catholicism.

July 12, 2014 Formation presentation for the opening of the diocese of Bridgeport's Synod, Trumbull CT.

March, 15, 2014 Lecture: "Francis of Assisi and Ignatius of Loyola: Two Ways of Reforming," "Fordham University Conference, Franciscans, Jesuits, and the New Pope.

November 9, 2013 Lecture, Archdiocese of New York, Adult Faith Formation and Evangelization Forum: "Learning How to Witness as a Form of Evangelization."

September 13, 2013 Lecture, Fordham University, Fridays at Westchester Lecture Series: "What the Middle Ages can Teach Us about the Sexual Abuse Scandal."

April 20, 2013 Presentation, Fordham University, Conference, The New Evangelization: Obstacles and Opportunities: "A New Rhetoric for the New Evangelization."

March 1, 2013 Presentation, Fordham University, Conference, Reflecting in the Aftermath: The Ministry of Spiritual Care for Trauma Victims and Spiritual Care for the Self: "Making Sense of Evil?"

January 9-12, 2012 Presenter/Retreat Leader, Convocation for the Diocese of Owensboro.

October 6, 2011 Lecture, Archdiocese of Washington, Cathedral Lecture Series: "What is the New Evangelization?"

September 30, 2011 Presentation, Washington Theological Union, Conference, Faith in Action: Exploring the New Evangelization: "Evangelizing Squares."

November 17, 2010 Annual Franciscan Lecture, Washington Theological Union, "Holy Church and Holy Writ: St. Bonaventure's Contribution to the Debate of the Meaning of Tradition."

September 21, 2010 Presentation, Catholic Staffers Association and the Chaplain of the House of Representatives. Lecture: "The Gift of Discernment and How it Can Inform Public Service."

September 2001-2007 Regular presentations and lectures for minor seminaries, lay ministers, Catholic school teachers, campus ministry offices, and parishes for dioceses in Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Mississippi

Fordham Committee Work

Technology Leadership Committee (Chair), 2015-present

Fordham Social Innovation Collaboratory, Spring 2014

Strategic Taskforce on Liberal Arts, 2013-2014

Library Director Search Committee, Spring 2013

Fordham, Professional and Graduate School Deans Council, 2012-present

Fordham, Online Learning Group, 2012-present

Fordham, CRM Steering Committee, 2012-2014

Civic Activities and Honors

Interfaith Alliance Coordinator, Georgia, 1996-1998.

Theological Consultant for the Democratic Party of Georgia 1995-1996.

Certificate of Commendation for Heroism, Milwaukee Police Department, 1995.

Project Literacy Coordinator, Jessup, Georgia, 1991-1992.