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**EDUCATION**

- 2024        *In progress.* Master of Theology, Saint John’s School of Theology and Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota
- 2019        Master of Divinity (*cum laude*), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, Massachusetts
- 2016        Bachelor of Arts (*summa cum laude*), Biblical and Theological Studies, Crown College, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota

**PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

- 2020–        Chaplain, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Cloud VA Health Care System, St. Cloud, Minnesota
- 2019–2020    Chaplain Resident, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Cloud VA Health Care System, St. Cloud, Minnesota
- 2008–2013    Paratrooper and Joint Fires Observer, U.S. Army

**CERTIFICATIONS**

- 2023        Moral Injury Specialty Certification, National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains
- 2021        Board Certified Chaplain, National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains
- 2020        Certificate of Ordination Filing, Stearns County, Minnesota
- 2020–        Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy, Converge
- 2020        Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Converge
- 2019–2020    Clinical Pastoral Education, 5 Units (1 Level I Unit, 4 Level II Units), Association of Clinical Pastoral Education

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book Reviews**

“An Army Fights on Its Soul.” Review of Robert C. Doyle, *Men of God, Men of War: Military Chaplains as Ministers, Warriors, and Prisoners*. *Journal of Military History* (forthcoming November 2024).

“The Myth of the ‘Clean’ Air War in Literature.” Review of Kimberly K. Dougherty, *Airpower in Literature: Interrogating the Clean War, 1915–2015*. *The Wrath-Bearing Tree* 82 (November 2023).

“Humanity in Afghanistan.” Review of J. Malcolm Garcia, *Most Dangerous, Most Unmerciful: Stories from Afghanistan*. *The Wrath-Bearing Tree* 81 (October 2023).

### **Essays**

“From Ghosts to Ancestors: Honoring our War Dead on Memorial Day.” *Tablet Magazine*, May 21, 2020.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Invited Talks**

“The Temple of Mars: Recovering Spirituality and the Soul in Addressing Veteran Mental Health.” Keynote address at Military Mental Health Coalition 2024 Military Mental Health Conference, Camp Ripley, Minnesota, April 26, 2024.

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

### **Radio**

“Moral Injury and Veteran Suicide Prevention.” Interview with Ann Fleming and Jay Caldwell. *The WJON Morning NewsWatch with Jay Caldwell*. 1240 AM WJON, December 20, 2023.

“Holiday Stress.” Interview with Ann Fleming and Bob Hughes. *Bob Hughes KNSI Morning Show*. 1450 AM KNSI, December 6, 2023.

“Moral Injury and Veteran Suicide Prevention.” Interview with Jay Caldwell. *The WJON Morning NewsWatch with Jay Caldwell*. 1240 AM WJON, May 17, 2023.

“Moral Injury and Veteran Suicide Prevention.” Interview with Ann Fleming and Bob Hughes. *Bob Hughes KNSI Morning Show*. 1450 AM KNSI, May 1, 2023.

“Moral Injury and Veteran Suicide Prevention.” Interview with Ann Fleming and Bob Hughes. *Bob Hughes KNSI Morning Show*. 1450 AM, KNSI, June 7, 2021.

## **SERVICE**

### **Federal**

- 2024– Board Member, Health Care Ethics Advisory Board, VISN 23, Veterans Health Administration, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 2024– Chair, Health Care Ethics Committee, Health Care Ethics Consultation Service, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2024– Chief Health Care Ethics Consultant, Health Care Ethics Consultation Service, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2024– Chair, Professional Consultation Committee for Clinical Pastoral Education, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2023– Member, Suicide Postvention Team, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2022–2023 Member, Acute Psychiatric Ward Milieu Improvement Committee, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2022– Member, Veteran Rights and Grievance Committees (*ad hoc*), St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2021–2024 Member, Professional Consultation Committee for Clinical Pastoral Education, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2021–2023 Lead Facilitator, War Narrative Book Club, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2021–2024 Lead Facilitator, Moral Injury Community of Practice, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2020–2024 Health Care Ethics Consultant, Health Care Ethics Consultation Service, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2020–2023 Member, Caregiver Support Program Steering Committee, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2019 Member, Lean Management Consultant Committee, St. Cloud VA Health Care System
- 2019–2024 Member, Acceptance–Commitment Therapy Community of Practice, St. Cloud VA Health Care System

### **Professional**

- 2022– Member, Planning Committee for the Military Mental Health Coalition Annual Conference, Military Mental Health Coalition
- 2022– Board Member, Military Mental Health Coalition
- 2021– Panel Member, Board Certification Peer Review Panels (*ad hoc*), National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains

## **Academic**

2022– Article Referee, *Armed Forces & Society*, *Journal of Psychology and Theology*

## **Civic**

2023– Member, Security Committee, St. Cloud Christian School, St. Cloud, Minnesota

## **Student**

2017–2018 Resident Life Coordinator, Graham Hall, Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary

2017–2018 Byington Scholar (Research Assistant) for Dr. Richard Lints, Andrew Mutch Distinguished Professor of Theology and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary

2016–2019 Member, Gordon–Conwell Theology Forum, Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary

2016–2019 Fellow, Pierce Fellowship, Pierce Center for Disciple Building, Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary

2014–2016 Member, Crown College Socratic Society, Crown College

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

### **Federal**

2023 Individual Contribution Award, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

2019– Various informal recognition certificates, coins, and pins, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

2008–2013 Various military awards and coins, U.S. Army

### **Academic**

2016–2019 Reverend Timothy J. Keller Scholarship for Pastoral Ministry, Gordon–Conwell Theological Seminary

2016 Zondervan Academic Award in Hebrew, Crown College

2016 Baker Academic Publishing Award in Theology, Crown College

2016 Senior Honor Key, Crown College

2014–2016 Dean’s List, Crown College

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

### **Civic**

- 2012– Lifetime Member, 82nd Airborne Division Association
- 2011– Life Member, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 428, St. Cloud, Minnesota
- 2009– Life Member, 173rd Airborne Brigade Association

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2017–2019 Library Assistant, Goddard Library, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, Massachusetts
- 2013–2014 Merchandiser and Loading Crewman, Bernick’s Beverages and Vending, Waite Park, Minnesota