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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant to the Dean for Catholic School Initiatives, Saint Louis University School of Education

Assistant Professor, Educational Studies, Saint Louis University School of Education

EDUCATION

Ed.D.	Vanderbilt University, the Peabody College of Education Educational Leadership and Policy	Expected 2022
S.T.L	Boston College Thesis: <i>The Reception of Vatican II at Jesuit High Schools in the USA, 1963-1973</i>	2015
M.Div	Boston College	2015
M.A.	Saint Louis University Educational Leadership, Catholic Education	2011
M.A.	Saint Louis University Philosophy, thesis approved <i>with distinction</i>	2009
B.A.	The Catholic University of America Philosophy	2005

PRACTICE AREAS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teacher Formation	School Change	Equity in Education
Leadership Formation	Community Partnerships for Urban School Sustainability	
The Emerging Church	Spiritual Capital	Vatican II Studies

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 – 2020 Program Director, Billiken Teacher Corps, Saint Louis University School of Education

As the first director, responsibilities included developing strategy around community partnerships, recruitment and placements, coursework in MAT program, licensure requirements, human and spiritual formation of fellows, establishing an instructional coaching program, instituting Catholic

Schools' Week Olympics, fundraising, and creating a program culture and establishing norms.

- 2016 – Present Saint Louis University, School of Education, Assistant Professor
Assistant Clinical Professor, Educational Studies (2016 – 2019)
- Institute for Catholic Education, Member
- Undergraduate Review and Retention Committee, Member (Fall 2018 – Present)
- Foundations of Catholic Education, EDF 5835/4835 (Fall 2020)
- Leadership and Service Seminar, EDL 3892 (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- 2017 – Present Saint Louis University, Adjunct Professor, Department of Theological Studies
- Christian Sacraments, THEO 2610 (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2020)
- Independent Study, THEO 4980 (Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020)

K-12 LEADERSHIP AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2012-2015 Saint Mary of the Assumption, Religious Education Teacher (middle school), Revere, MA.
- 2009 – 2012 De Smet Jesuit High School, Director of Student Activities, Theology Teacher, St. Louis, MO.
- Spring 2007 Loyola Academy of St. Louis, Instructor of Religion (middle school), St. Louis, MO.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

O'Dwyer, R. & Barstow-Melley, K. (2019). *The Annual Faculty Retreat: Problems and Possibilities*, Annual Convention of the National Catholic Education Association, Chicago, IL (April).

O'Dwyer, R. (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019). *Cultivating Spiritual Leadership*, Emmaus Leadership Series, Boston College Roche Center for Catholic Education, 3 day intensive summer workshop for principals and heads of school, Boston, MA (July).

O'Dwyer, R. (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018). *Recognizing Jesus on the Road: Emmaus as Model for Life*, Emmaus Leadership Series, Boston College Roche Center for Catholic Education, 3 day intensive spring workshop for principals and heads of school, Boston, MA (May).

O'Dwyer, R. (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019). *So What's This All About? The Jesuit Mission of St. Louis University*, Oriflame Orientation Leaders, Saint Louis University Office of Student Life, a morning of recollection for orientation leaders, St. Louis, MO (August).

O'Dwyer, R. (2018). *To Lead as Jesus Did: Spiritual Leadership and the Catholic School Principal*, Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Missouri, a day of recollection for diocesan principals and pastors, Springfield, MO (August).

O'Dwyer, R. (2018). *Teaching as Joyful Witness*, Archdiocese of St. Louis, North Country Federation of Catholic Schools, a day of recollection for regional Catholic school educators, St. Louis, MO (August).

O'Dwyer, R. (2018). *To Teach as Jesus Did*, Bishop DuBourg Catholic High School, a day of recollection for faculty and staff, Lemay, MO (August).

O'Dwyer, R. (2017). *Waiting in Joyful Hope: An Ignatian Advent Evening*, Advent by Candlelight Speaker Series for Catholic Women, Assumption Catholic Church, St. Louis, MO (December).

O'Dwyer, R. (2017). *The Characters of Advent: An Ignatian Reflection*, Serra Club of St. Louis, annual Christmas luncheon keynote, St. Louis, MO (December).

O'Dwyer, R. (2017). *An Ignatian Saturday: A Day of Prayer*, Benefactors and Friends of the Jesuits, U.S. Central and Southern Province, Regis University, Denver, CO (August).

O'Dwyer, R. (2017). *An Ignatian Lent: Standing with Jesus in His Passion*, Saint Louis University High School Ignatian Speaker Series, a morning of recollection, St. Louis, MO (March).

O'Dwyer, R. (2017). *Standing with Jesus in His Passion*, Saint Louis University Women's Commission, a morning of recollection, St. Louis, MO (March).

O'Dwyer, R. (2017). *A Spirituality for February: The Hidden Life of Jesus in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola*, St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, adult religious education speaker series, St. Louis, MO (February).

O'Dwyer, R. (2016, 2017). *To Teach as Jesus Did*, Archdiocese of St. Louis Federation of Urban Elementary Schools, a day of recollection for faculty and staff, St. Louis, MO (November).

O'Dwyer, R. (2017). *Fifty Years Later: Institutional Crisis, the JSEA Preamble, and the Reception of Vatican II by Jesuit High Schools in the United States*, Annual Meeting of Presidents and Leaders of Jesuit Secondary Schools, Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, Baltimore, MD (September).

O'Dwyer, R. (2015). *Opening the Doors to Mercy: Reflections on Pope Francis and Catholic Education*, St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic High School, a day of recollection for faculty and staff, Belize City, Belize, Central America (August).

O'Dwyer, R. (2015). *A Guided Day of Recollection and Planning*, Roche Center for Catholic Education, Boston College, Boston, MA (January).

O'Dwyer, R. (2014). *To Teach as Jesus Did: Using Technology in the Catholic School Classroom*, South Boston Catholic Academy, a day of recollection for faculty and staff, Boston, MA (August).

O'Dwyer, R. (2014). *Sin and Reconciliation: An Ignatian Perspective from the Spiritual Exercises*, Ignatian Colleagues Retreat, Jesuits of the Missouri Province, 5 day retreat for leaders in Jesuit education, Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat, Sedalia, CO (July).

O'Dwyer R. (2014). *Preparing for Easter with an Ignatian Lent*. Center for Ignatian Spirituality, a lunch-hour speaker series for staff members at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA (March).

O'Dwyer, R. (2013). *Spirituality of Service in the Ignatian Tradition*. Center for Ignatian Spirituality, an evening of recollection for undergraduate students returning from spring break service projects at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA (March).

O'Dwyer, R. (2012). *Faith and Doubt in the Jesuit High School Classroom*, Alumni Service Corps, Jesuits of the Missouri Province, a presentation as part of summer orientation for teacher corps, St. Louis, MO (July).

O'Dwyer, R. (2012). *Spirituality and Active Faith Development of Minority Students*, Boys Hope Girls Hope of St. Louis, a morning of recollection for residential counselors and staff, St. Louis, MO (March).

O'Dwyer R. (2012). *Hearts on Fire and the Love of God*, Youth and Young Adult Ministry of the Apostleship of Prayer USA, a presentation for day of recollection for young adults, St. Louis, MO (February).

O'Dwyer, R. & Giacabazi, V. (2011). *Vocation Promotion in the Jesuit High School*, High School Leadership Group, Jesuits of the Missouri Province, a presentation on a program for vocational discernment in the high school years, St. Louis, MO (Spring).

PUBLICATIONS

O'Dwyer, R. & Moret, A. (expected 2020). A Spiritual Vision for Catholic Educator Prep in a Time of Disruption. *Journal of Catholic Education*.

O'Dwyer, R. & Barstow-Melley, K. (2018). Open Letter to Parents of the Young Church. *Catholic School Matters*, vol. 13.

O'Dwyer R. (2016). Francis of Rome & Francis of Assisi: A New Springtime for the Church. Book Review. *Journal of Catholic Education*, 20, 355-357.

GRANTS

O'Dwyer, R. & Freeburg, B.W. (2017). Spark Grant, Saint Louis University, *Searching for Meaningful Work: Social Inequities that Impact the Employment of Parents of Children in the ACCESS Schools in St. Louis City, MO*.

SERVICE TO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

2020 – Present	Creighton University, Board Trustee Associate, Omaha, NE.
2020 – Present	Rockhurst High School, Board of Trustees, Kansas City, MO.
2016 – Present	University Consortium for Catholic Education, member.
2009-2012; 2015 - Present	Boys Hope Girls Hope of Saint Louis, Governing Board and Program Committee Chair, St. Louis, MO.
2018 – Present	De Smet Jesuit High School, Board of Members, St. Louis, MO.
2009-2012; 2017 – Present	Loyola Academy of Saint Louis, Board of Members; Mission and Identity Committee Chair, St. Louis, MO.
Spring 2018	Jesuits of the U.S. Central and Southern Province, Jesuit Sponsorship Review Committee for Loyola Academy, St. Louis, MO.
2014 – 2016	Operation Equitable Services (ESSA, Title 1), Advisory Committee, Boston College Roche Center for Catholic Education, Chestnut Hill, MA.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE

2016 – Present	Saint Louis University, Campus Ministry, Sacramental Minister: retreats, residence hall liturgies, spiritual counseling, St. Louis, MO.
2016 – Present	Saint Francis Xavier (College) Church, St. Louis, Missouri Homilist and Presider, St. Louis, MO.
2015 – Present	Weekend Preached Retreat Ministry, White House Jesuit Retreat, twice yearly, Saint Louis, MO.
2015 – Present	Weekend Preached Retreat Ministry, Manresa House of Retreats, twice yearly Convent, LA.
2014 – 2016	Saint Ignatius of Loyola Parish, Homilist and Presider, Chestnut Hill, MA.
Spring 2016	Saint Peter Claver Parish, assisted in all parish and school functions, Punta Gorda, Belize, Central America.
Summer 2015	Saint Martin de Porres Parish, assisted in all parish functions, Belize City, Belize, Central America.

AWARDS

De Smet Jesuit High School, Father Ron Windmueller, S.J. Ignatian Educator Award, (2012).

Boys Hope Girls Hope of St. Louis, Youth Opportunity Development Award, (2012).

PERSONAL

Member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), 2005 – Present.

Ordained a Roman Catholic Priest, 2015.