

Curriculum Vitae
Kathryn Heidelberger

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. – **Boston University**, 2024

Theology, Ethics, and Philosophy

Dissertation: “Virtues on the Way to God: Thomas Aquinas and Abu Hamid al-Ghazālī on the Moral Life”

M.Div. – **Princeton Theological Seminary**, 2016

B.A. – **Wheaton College**, 2013

Biblical and Theological Studies

magna cum laude

APPOINTMENTS

2025- **Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy**
Berry College
Rome, GA

2023 **Instructor**
Boston College
Boston, MA

2019-2022 **Graduate Teaching Fellow**
Boston University
Boston, MA

2018 **Instructor**
Benedictine University
Lisle, IL

Courses Taught

Berry College Introduction to Religions and Spirituality, Women, Gender, and Islam

Boston College Islam and Christianity in Dialogue

Boston University Introduction to Christian Traditions, Christianity Encountering Modernity,
Theology and World Religions, Spiritual Guidance in the Christian
Tradition, Sociology of Religion and Immigration, Constructive Theology

PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Religious Hatred: Prejudice, Islamophobia, and Antisemitism in Global Context*, by Paul Hedges, New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021. *The Ecumenical Review*, vol.74, no.5, December 2022.

Review of *Divine Words, Female Voices: Muslima Explorations in Comparative Feminist Theology*, by Jerusha Tanner Lamptey, New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2018. *Reading Religion*. June 1, 2021.

Review of *Gender Justice in Muslim Christian Readings: Christian and Muslim Women in Norway: Making Meaning of Texts from the Bible, the Koran, and the Hadith* by Anne Hege Grung, Brill Rodopi: 2016. *Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology*. March 26, 2018.

Review of *Thomas Aquinas and Karl Barth: An Unofficial Catholic-Protestant Dialogue*, ed. Bruce L. McCormack and Thomas Joseph White. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2013. *Center for Barth Studies*. November 28, 2017.

“Are Wendell Berry’s Port William stories about racism?” Review of *The Place of Imagination: Wendell Berry and the Poetics of Community, Affection, and Identity* by Joseph R. Wiebe. Baylor, TX: Baylor University Press, 2017. *The Christian Century*. August 21, 2017.

Review of *The Analogy of Faith: The Quest for God’s Speakability*, by Archie J. Spencer. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2015. *Center for Barth Studies*. February 13, 2017.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“Human Capacity and Ends: Critical Considerations for Comparative Theology and Ethics from al-Ghazālī and the Islamic Ethical Tradition.” Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics Annual Meeting. Orange County, CA. January 2022.

“Playing with Polemics: The Virgin Mary’s Presence in Muslim Polemics as Occasion for Comparative Hagiology.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. November 2021.

“Mary’s Motherhood as Theological and Political Category.” Global Christian-Muslim Studies Network Conference. Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. October 11, 2019.

“‘Interfaith-ing’: Interfaith Cooperation as a Resource for Comparative Theology.” Engaging Particularities Conference. Boston College, Boston, MA. April 9, 2018.

“Prayer and Paint: Magnificat Illuminations.” Guest Lecture, “Mary, Mother of God” course taught by Dr. Matthew Milliner and Dr. Amy Peeler. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. October 23, 2017.

“Mary, the Prophet: A Constructive Proposal for Interreligious Relationships.” Reframing Christian-Muslim Encounter: Theological and Philosophical Perspectives: Global Christian-Muslim Studies Network Inaugural Conference, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh. September 4, 2017.

“Good Under Construction: Suffering and Eschatological Hope.” American Academy of Religion Midwest Region Annual Meeting. Ball State University, Muncie, IN. March 3, 2017.

PUBLIC-FACING PRESENTATIONS

“Grace in Pluralism.” Adult Education Catechesis, All Souls Anglican Church, Wheaton, IL. April 15, 2018.

“Achieving Interfaith Cooperation in Student Life.” Student Life Gathering, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL. August 7, 2017.

“Political Activism Workshop.” Teach-In on Social Justice and Racism Benedictine University, Lisle, IL. March 6, 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Lumen Christi Summer Seminar: Religion and Human Flourishing, August 2023.

Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics Annual Conference Paper Prize, January 2022.

Boston University Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Qasid Arabic Institute, Amman, Jordan. Summer 2021. (held remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic)

U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship, Arab American Language Institute in Morocco, Tangier, Morocco. Summer 2019.

Advisor of the Year, Movement of Students Achieving Interfaith Cooperation. Benedictine University, Lisle, IL. 2017-2018.

Healing the Heart of American Democracy Campus Innovation Grant. Awarded by Interfaith Youth Core and the Fetzer Institute to Campus Ministry at Benedictine University, Lisle, IL. 2017-2018.

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

Association of Ph.D. Students, Boston University, 2020-201
Vice-President

Interfaith Cooperation Committee, Benedictine University, 2016-2018
Member

Teach-In on Social Justice and Inequality Committee, Benedictine University, 2017-2018
Member

Teach-In on Social Justice and Racism Committee, Benedictine University, 2016-2017
Member

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Campus Minister, Coordinator of Ecumenical and Interfaith Engagement, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL
2016-2018

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion, 2018-present
Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics, 2020-present
Society for Christian Ethics, 2020-present

LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic – intermediate high (OPI certified evaluation)
Classical Arabic – intermediate
Koine Greek – intermediate
Biblical Hebrew – beginner—can read with dictionary
Latin – intermediate—can read with dictionary
French – intermediate—can read with dictionary
German –intermediate—can read with dictionary

REFERENCES

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Robert Hefner, Professor of Anthropology and Professor of Global Studies
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