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FORMAL EDUCATION

PhD Practical Theology (Concentration: Spiritual Care and Counseling; Clinical Spiritual Care) (with distinction) Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA	2019
MA Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA	2018
MDiv Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA	2011
BA University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO	2006

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Union Presbyterian Seminary Assistant Professor of Practical Theology	2023-Present
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PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Moral Injury among Returning Veterans: From Thank You for Your Service to a Liberative Solidarity. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, September 2021. Paperback, March 2023. Peer-review in *Journal of Military Ethics*: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15027570.2021.2006870>.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Contours, Care, and Community: Moral Injury’s Emergence and a Potential for Solidarity,” *Currents in Theology and Ministry* 50, no. 3 (July 2023): 28-32 (Solicited).
- “I was Born into Moral Injury?: Viral Implications of COVID-19 on Healthcare Chaplaincy.” *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 32, no. 1 (2022): 55-61 (Solicited).
- “Veteran Support and Antonio Gramsci: Counterhegemony as a Pastoral Theological Intervention.” *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 30, no. 3 (2020): 207-221.
- “‘Thank You for Your Service’: Mapping Counter-Memories as a Form of Spiritual Care Support for Moral Injury.” *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 28, no. 1 (2018): 34-44.
- “The Army Chaplain as Counselor: An Exploration of Self-Reflexivity and Denominational Particularities.” *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry* 37 (2017): 107-120.
- “Becoming Dad and Chaplain in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: An Autoethnographic Pilgrimage.” *PlainViews, the professional chaplaincy and palliative care publication of HealthCare Chaplaincy Network* 13, no. 5. (2016).

Co-authored

- “Shifting the Pastoral Theology Conversation on Moral Injury: The Personal is Political for Soldiers and Veterans, Too.” *Pastoral Psychology* (February 2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11089-023-01059-x>. Co-authored with Adam Tietje.
- “Physician Moral Distress: A Reckoning with Unmet Needs.” *Minnesota Physician: The Independent*

Medical Business Journal.” Vol. 34, no. 9 (December 2020). <http://mppub.com/mp-s4-1220.html>. Co-authored with Timothy J. Usset and Mike Koopmeiners.

“Stronger and More Vulnerable: A Balanced View of the Impacts of the NICU experience on Parents.” *Pediatrics: Official Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics*. 138, no. 3 (2016).

CHAPTER IN AN EDITED BOOK

“Military Moral Injury: Mapping Support for Veterans and Families.” In *Injustice and the Care of Souls*, 2nd edition, edited by Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook and Karen Brown Montagno. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, September 2023 (Solicited).

“Military Chaplaincy in the USA: An Unfolding of Roles and Functions.” In *Care, Healing and Human Wellbeing Within the Interreligious Discourse*, edited by Helmut Weiss, Karl H. Federschmidt, Daniël J. Louw, and Linda Sauer Bredvik, 319-333. Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling (Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung e.V.) South Africa: African Sun Media, 2021. (Solicited).

BOOK REVIEWS

Dayne Edward Nix. *Moral Injury and a First World War Chaplain: The Life of G.A. Studdert Kennedy*, for *Anglican Theological Review* (2023) (Solicited). DOI: 10.1177/00033286221141418

Laura E. Shay. *Exploring Hope in Spiritual Care: A Practical Theological Guide for Chaplains* for *Anglican Theological Review*, 104, no. 4 (October, 2022) (Solicited).

Jill L. Snodgrass, ed. *Navigating Religious Difference in Spiritual Care and Counseling: Essays in Honor of Kathleen J. Greider*, for *Anglican Theological Review*, 103, no. 1: 91-92 (Solicited).

Zachary Moon, *Warriors Between Worlds: Moral Injury and Identities in Crisis*, for *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 30, no. 3: 227-229. (Solicited).

Joseph McDonald, editor., *Exploring Moral Injury in Sacred Texts* for *Anglican Theological Review*, 102, no. 4: 208-209 (Solicited).

William D. Roozeboom, *Neuroplasticity, Performativity, and Clergy Wellness: Neighbor Love as Self-Care*, for *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 29, no. 2 (2019): 141-142 (Solicited).

Larry Kent Graham, *Moral Injury: Restoring Wounded Souls* for *Anglican Theological Review* 100, no. 2 (Spring 2018): 415-417 (Solicited).

Brett T. Litz, Leslie Lebowitz, Matt J. Gray, and William P. Nash, *Adaptive Disclosure: A New Treatment for Military Trauma, Loss, and Moral Injury* (New York: Guilford Press, 2016) for *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry* 37 (2017): 248.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PAPERS & WORKSHOPS

“Militarism and Moral Injury,” panelist. Presbyterian Church (USA) Connecting the Dots, series. Berlin, Germany (virtual). 2022.

“Healthcare and Moral Injury in a North American Context.” Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling (*Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung e. V.*) 33rd International Seminar on Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, Düsseldorf, Germany. “Spiritual Care and Violence: Vocational Callings and Perils.” 2022.

“Shifting the Pastoral Theology Conversation on Moral Injury: The Personal is Political for Soldiers and Veterans, Too.” *Pastoral Psychology*. Co-presented with Adam Tietje. Pastoral Theology with Men and Boys. Old Pine Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2022.

“Military Moral Injury through a Societal Frame: What Difference Does This Make?” Soul Repair Center Webinar, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas, 2022.

“COVID-19 and the Pediatric Hospital: Moral Distress Without the Surge” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 22nd Annual Conference, 2020. Co-presenter with John Lantos, M.D., Brian Carter, M.D., Angela Knackstedt, Ph.D.

Respondent to Plenary paper by Dr. Cemal Tosun’s “Theology in Turkey at the Crossroads of Religion and Politics” (solicited). Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling (*Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung e. V.*) 31st International Seminar on Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, Düsseldorf, Germany. “Conflict-transformation and Interfaith Peacebuilding: Impulses for intercultural and interreligious care and counseling.” Düsseldorf, Germany, 2019.

“Narratives of Moral Injury and Reintegration: Toward a Critical, Liberative Practical Theology.” Paper Presented to the Academic Network of Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling (*Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung e. V.*), Düsseldorf, Germany, 2019.

“Building Spiritual Strength: An Evidence-Based Approach for Trauma, Moral Injury, and Spiritual Distress.” Association of Professional Chaplains (APC), Professional Development Intensive (PDI) Annual Conference, 2019.

“Narratives of Moral Injury and Reintegration: Ideology, Interpassivity, and Irruption,” Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Group (*Moral Injury, Policy Making, and Activism*). American Academy of Religion, National Meeting, 2018.

“Advocating a Third Mechanism of Moral Injury Reintegration: From Ideology to Interpassivity,” session on *Moral and Spiritual Injury in Warriors, Families, and Societies*, International Military Ethics Symposium, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., 2018.

Respondent to Plenary paper by Dr. George Varughese’s “Human Dignity of the Sexually Marginalized: Exploring Wider Horizons of Care and Counseling in India” (solicited). Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling (*Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung e. V.*) 29th International Seminar on Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, Wittenberg, Germany. “Human Dignity: Challenges for care and counseling in interreligious and intercultural contexts.” *Menschenwürde: Herausforderungen für Seelsorge in interreligiösen und interkulturellen Kontexten*. Wittenberg, Germany, 2017.

“Thank You for Your Service:” Mapping Counter-memories as a Form of Spiritual Care Support for Moral Injury,” Intercultural and Interreligious Pastoral Theology Group, Society for Pastoral Theology, 2017.

PUBLIC THEOLOGICAL SPEAKING & WRITING

“Broadening the Definition of Moral Injury: Ethical Implications for Clinical Practice,” on *Pediatric Ethics Podcast*, Presented by the Bioethics Center, Children’s Mercy Hospital Kansas City, May 8, 2023. <https://www.childrensmercy.org/health-care-providers/bioethics-center/bioethics-webinars-and-podcasts/bioethics-podcast-series/>

“Moral Injury and the War on Terror,” on *Homebrewed Christianity Podcast*, September 9, 2021.

- <https://trippfuller.com/2021/09/09/josh-morris-moral-injury-the-war-of-terror/>
“The Conjunctural Analysis of Stuart Hall.” *Political Theology*. Critical Theory for Political Theology 2.0 Series (May 4, 2021), <https://politicaltheology.com/stuart-hall/>.
- “UCC Military Chaplains Address the Church in the Wake of the Use of Force during Protests.” June 15, 2020. Co-author of letter.
https://www.ucc.org/commentary_ucc_military_chaplains_address_the_church_in_the_wake_of_the_use_of_force_during_protests/
- “Moral Injury Panel,” on *Fortress on a Hill Podcast*. September 1, 2018.
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/ep-19-moral-injury-panel-feat-warax-tyson-manker-chaplain/id1330015680?i=1000418946788&mt=2>
- “From Afghanistan to Long Beach children’s hospital, this chaplain offers presence, prayer,” in *Long Beach Press-Telegram*. January 3, 2017. <http://www.presstelegram.com/social-affairs/20170103/from-afghanistan-to-long-beach-childrens-hospital-this-chaplain-offers-presence-prayer>
- “Leading Off,” in *Double Eagle: Twice The Citizen! Army Strong!* (Official Publication of the United States Army Reserve). October 2016, Volume 5(7), 22-25. http://www.usar.army.mil/Portals/98/Documents/DOUBLE_EAGLE/October%20DE.pdf?ver=2016-11-04-132306-287
- “Moral Injury,” on *Inefficiency Podcast*. April 18, 2016.
<http://www.inefficiencypodcast.com/podcast/2016/4/17/episode-29-moral-injury-w-josh-morris-zachary-moon>
- “How to help Veterans return home from war” in *World Religion News*. March 10, 2016. Online Edition at <http://www.worldreligionnews.com/issues/how-to-help-veterans-returning-home-from-war#>
- “Chaplaincy and complexity” on *Inefficiency Podcast*. March 6, 2015.
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-1-josh-morris-chaplaincy/id982725553?i=339126657&mt=2>

CLINICAL TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS, INVITED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, and SERMONS

- “Moral Injury,” Sacred Thirty Series, 2022 Kansas City, MO, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Nursing Ethics Forum.
- “Adventures in Missing the Point,” 2022, Sermon, Southwood United Church of Christ, Kansas City, MO.
- “From Moral Injury to Renewed Resiliency,” 2022 Kansas City, MO, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Patient Care Services Research Symposium.
- “Tomb of the Unknown Soldier: A Centenary and Our Current Predicament,” 2021, Kansas City, MO, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Veterans Day Service.
- “COVID-19, Healthcare, and Moral Injury,” 2020, Kansas City, MO, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Ethics Brown Bag Discussion Forum.
- “COVID-19, Healthcare, and Moral Injury,” 2020, Kansas City, MO, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Psychosocial Division Advisory Council meeting.

“Developing Strategic Religious Leaders,” 2019, Fort Bragg, NC, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) Unit Ministry Team Annual Training.

“Leader Care/Senior Leader Care,” 2018, Fort Bragg, NC, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) Unit Ministry Team Annual Training.

“Spiritual Assessment,” 2018, M.Div. Introduction to Chaplaincy course at Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO.

“Follow Me!” 2017, Sermon, First Congregational Church, Long Beach, CA.

“Building Resilience,” 2017, Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital, Long Beach, Pediatric Intensive Care Partnership Council.

“Chaplaincy and its Role in the Medical System,” 2016, California State University, Long Beach for a School of Nursing course on Child Development.

“Counseling Sexual Trauma Survivors,” 2016, Fort Bragg, NC, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) Unit Ministry Team Annual Training.

“Moral Injury,” 2016, Fort Bragg, NC, United States Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command (Airborne) Unit Ministry Team Annual Training.

“Do You See This Veteran,” 2016, Sermon, First Congregational Church, Long Beach, CA.

“Toward a Critical Theory for Healthcare Chaplaincy,” 2016, Claremont School of Theology, Interfaith Chaplains Group.

“The Dying Child and Chaplaincy,” 2016, California State University, Long Beach for a School of Nursing course on Child Development.

“Existential Suffering: Dilemmas for the Caregiver,” 2015 Pediatric Palliative Care Conference: Caring Along the Journey: Palliative Care for Children with Complex Chronic Conditions.

“The Child as Patient,” 2015, California State University, Long Beach for a School of Nursing course on Child Development.

“Death after Neurologic Criteria,” co-taught at Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Skills Day, 2014, Miller Children’s Hospital, Long Beach, CA.

“The Role of Spiritual Care in Pediatrics,” 2014, California State University, Long Beach for a School of Nursing course on Child Development.

“Non-Pharmacologic Pain, Divine Struggle, and Spirituality,” 2013 ELNEC Pediatric Conference, Miller Children’s Hospital, Long Beach, CA.

“Cultural and Spiritual Considerations” module co-facilitator at the 2013 ELNEC Pediatric Conference, Miller Children’s Hospital, Long Beach, CA.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Union Presbyterian Seminary
Committee on Academic Programs 2023-

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS/EXPERIENCE

Saint Paul School of Theology
Adjunct Professor 2019-2022
Courses taught: Pastoral Theology and Care; Ministry with Veterans;
MACM Collaboration Group; Interreligious Pastoral Theology and Care

Claremont School of Theology
Adjunct Professor 2019 and 2021
Course taught: Moral Injury, Spiritual Care Implications, and Pathways to Recovery

Phillips Theological Seminary
Visiting Professor of Chaplaincy Studies 2021
Course taught: Introduction to Chaplaincy Studies

Research Assistant
For Duane Bidwell, PhD. Responsibilities include: 2015-2019
Edited, indexed, and proofread manuscripts for *Spirituality, Social Construction, and Relational Processes: Essays and Reflections*, edited by Duane Bidwell, PhD (Chagrin Falls: Taos Institute, 2016); *When One Religion Isn’t Enough: The Lives of Spiritually Fluid People* (Boston: Beacon Press, 2018).

Teaching Assistant, Claremont School of Theology; Spiritual Care and Counseling Department, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ordination in the Ministry of Word and Sacrament:

United Church of Christ (UCC); Missouri Mid-South Conference (previously: Southern California Nevada Conference)

Professional Body Affiliation:

Society for Pastoral Theology (SPT); Association of Practical Theology (APT); American Academy of Religion (AAR); Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling (*Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Seelsorge und Beratung e. V.*); Pediatric Chaplains Network (PCN); Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)

Association of Professional Chaplains (APC)

Board Certified Chaplain (BCC), January 14, 2014
Area 10 and 12 Board Certification committee member

Peer Reviewer

Journal of Health Care Chaplaincy, 2019-present
Clinical Pediatrics, 2021-present

U.S. Army Chaplain Corps Journal, 2022-present

Children’s Mercy Hospital

Institutional Review Board (IRB)	2022-2023
Organ and Tissue Advocacy Team	2022-2023
Director of Aftercare and Bereavement	2022-2023

Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital, Long Beach

Pediatric Palliative Care Steering Committee	2014-2017
Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Committee	2014-2017
Physicians Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Trainer	2012-2017
End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Trainer	2012-2017

CLINICAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri (367 licensed beds)

December 2021-July 2023, Assistant Director, Spiritual Services
September 2017-December 2021, Staff Chaplain

Miller Children’s and Women’s Hospital, Long Beach/Long Beach Memorial Medical

Center, Long Beach, California (324 licensed pediatric and women’s beds; 420 licensed adult beds)
August 2012-August 2017 Staff Chaplain, Pediatrics

United States Army Reserve

June 2008-Present Chaplain

Methodist Hospital of Southern California, Arcadia, California

Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPE) June 2012-August 2012
(Unit 4); March 2012-June 2012 (Unit 3); January 2012-March 2012 (Unit 2); September
2011-December 2011 (Unit 1)
Chaplain Resident

Building Spiritual Strengths (BSS) facilitator, 2019, Minneapolis, V.A.

PROFESSIONAL and ACADEMIC AWARDS

2022 Midwest Transplant Network, Excellence in Donation

2021 Children’s Mercy Hospital, Clinical Excellence in Allied Health Award

**2019 Claremont School of Theology, 2019 President’s Award for Academic Excellence by a
Doctor of Philosophy Graduate**

**2019 Children’s Mercy Hospital, Daisy Team Award Recipient for Excellence in
Nursing/Healthcare**

**2016 Military Chaplains Association (MCA), Distinguished Service Award for United States
Army Reserve (one chaplain, per branch, selected)**

**2013 MemorialCare Medical System, Applause recipient (distinguished employee award given
quarterly)**

REFERENCES

Rev. Duane Bidwell, PhD, Associate Professor of Health Professions Education, Educational and Research Associate, Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences, duane.bidwell@gmail.com

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