**Benjamin N. Parks, Ph.D.**

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics

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EDUCATION

2016 – 2020 **Saint Louis University**

Joint Ph.D. Theology and Health Care Ethics

Dissertation: *Techno-Wizards and Despairing Dragons: On Magic, Chaos, and Acedia in Modern Medical Technology*

Chair: Jeffrey P. Bishop, MD, PhD

Committee: Jason T. Eberl, PhD and David Vincent Meconi, SJ, PhD

2013 - 2016 **Trinity Evangelical Divinity School**

Advanced M.Div., *cum laude*

2013 – 2015 **Trinity International University**

M.A. Bioethics, *cum laude*

2009 – 2013 **Wheaton College (IL)**

B.A. Biblical/Theological Studies and Philosophy

AOS: Bioethics/Medical Ethics, Philosophy of Technology, Disability Studies, Philosophical Ethics, Philosophical Theology, Science and Religion, Transhumanism, Theological Ethics, and Augustine of Hippo

AOC: Philosophy of Science, English Literature, Philosophy/Theology and Popular Culture, and Biblical Studies

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

**Parks, Benjamin N.** In Preparation. “Chaos Control: A Genealogy of Transhumanism’s Ontology.” *International Journal for the Study of Religion*.

**Parks, Benjamin N.** In Preparation. “Highway to Cocytus: On Bio-moral Enhancement and *Apatheia*.’” *Christian Bioethics.*

**Parks, Benjamin N.** In Revision. “Neoplatonic Ableism or a Failure of Imagination? Rereading Augustine on Disability.” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.

**Parks, Benjamin N.** 2021, forthcoming. “Whose Religion? Which Secularity? Religion and Irreligion in Bioethics.” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.

**Parks, Benjamin N.** 2020. “Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment Concerns with the BOP Guidelines for Advance Directives.” *Voices in Bioethics* 6 (February). https://doi.org/10.7916/vib.v6i.5906

**Parks, Benjamin N.** 2020. “A Thousand and One Thebaidian Noons: Transhumanism and Acedia.” *The Heythrop Journal*. (January 21). https://doi.org/10.1111/heyj.13481.

**Parks, Benjamin N.** 2019. “From the Waters of Babylon: *Frankenstein,* Transhumanism, and Cosmogony.” *Trinity Journal* 40 (December).

**Parks, Benjamin N.** 2019. “The Case for Conserving Monsters: Rosemarie Garland-Thomson and the Body of Christ.” *Journal of Disability & Religion* (October 25). https://doi.org/10.1080/23312521.2019.1682103.

**Parks, Benjamin N.** 2019. “Simon Says: On the Magical Impulse of Empirical Studies on Intercessory Prayer.” *Christian Bioethics* 25, no. 1 (March). https://doi.org/10.1093/cb/cby020.

EDITED VOLUMES

Bishop, Jeffrey P. and **Benjamin N. Parks**, ed. “Perfection, Enhancement, and the Incarnation.” Special issue, *Christian Bioethics*. Forthcoming 2022.

Bishop, Jeffrey P. and **Benjamin N. Parks,** ed. “Religion and Irreligion in Bioethics.” Special issue, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. Forthcoming 2021.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

ESSAYS

**Parks, Benjamin N.** “Frankenstein’s Scientific Chaoskampf.” *The Church Life Journal*. September 13, 2018. https://churchlife.nd.edu/2018/09/13/frankensteins-scientific-chaoskampf/

BOOK REVIEWS

**Parks, Benjamin N.** “Review of *Medical Ethics, Law and Communication at a Glance*.” Doody’s Review Service.

**Parks, Benjamin N.** “Review of *Parental Responsibility in the Context of Neuroscience and Genetics*.” Doody’s Review Service.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 **Voices in Bioethics**

Runner-Up: 2019 Voices in Bioethics Essay Contest – Clinical Ethics Category

2018 **Carl F. Henry Center**

Winner: Harold O.J. Brown Award for Student Scholarship

2018 **Conference on Medicine & Religion**

Winner: 2018 Student Essay Contest

2018 **Saint Louis University Health Care Ethics Research Symposium**

Winner: Best Presentation

2018 **American Society for Bioethics and Humanities: Disability Ethics Affinity Group**

First Runner-Up: Graduate Student Paper Competition

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED

2018 “The Case for Conserving Monsters: Rosemarie Garland-Thomson and the Body of Christ”

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities: Disability Ethics Affinity Group, October.

2018 “Response to Stephen C. Meredith.”

International Academy for Bioethical Inquiry, August.

2018 “Every (Dis)abled Must Converge: Rosemarie Garland-Thomson, Flannery O’Connor, and the Body of Christ.”

6th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, April.

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PANELS

2020 “One Thousand and One Thebaidian Noons: Transhumanism and Acedia.” Paper. 2020 Conference on Medicine and Religion, March.

2019 “Pygmies and Astomi and Sciopods, Oh My!: Augustine, Disability, and the Resurrection.” Paper. Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, June.

2019 “Pygmies and Astomi and Sciopods, Oh My!: Augustine, Disability, and the Resurrection.” Paper. 2019 Conference on Medicine and Religion, March.

2018 “Know it All: Good, Evil, and the Failings of Technocratic Bioethics.” Panel

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, October.

2018 “Transhumanism’s Violent Founding Myth.” Paper

Ian Ramsey Centre (Oxford) Summer Conference, July

2018 “Simon Magus Physicus: On the Magical Impulse of Empirical Studies on Intercessory Prayer.”

Paper. Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, June.

2018 “From the Waters of Babylon: *Frankenstein*, Transhumanism, and Cosmology.” Paper

Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature, April.

2018 “The Magical Foundation of Empirical Studies of the Efficacy of Intercessory Prayer.” Paper.

6th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, April.

2017 “Medical Anarchy: Jacques Ellul, Technique, and Modern Western Medicine.” Paper.

5th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, April.

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 – Present **Mercy College of Ohio**

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics

REL 290 – Medical Ethics (2 Sections)

REL 311 – World Religions (2 Sections)

2016 – Present **Trinity International University**

Adjunct Assistant Professor

BE 5900 – Bioethics Conference Course

2016 – Present **Conference on Medicine & Religion**

Abstract Review Administrator

Reviewer

2017 – Present **International Academy for Bioethical Inquiry**

Planning Committee

2016 – 2020 **Saint Louis University**

Graduate and Teaching Assistant

HCE 2010 – Foundations in Clinical Health Care Ethics, Instructor of Record (2 Sections)

HCE 4240 – Geriatrics and Health Care Ethics, Instructor of Record

PHIL 3600/THEO 2820 – Religion and Science, Assistant

Undergraduate Health Care Ethics Minor Enrollment Administrator

2019 – 2020 **Ignatian Pedagogy Academy**

Member

2013 – 2016 **C2 Education**

Teacher

High School Humanities and Standardized Test Preparation

2014 – 2016 **The** **Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity**

Research Intern

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

American Academy of Religion

The Society of Christian Ethics

The Conference on Christianity and Literature

LANGUAGES

Greek (Reading)

Hebrew (Working)

Latin (Beginning)