

2011 Slate of Nominees

Ballots will be distributed at the Business Meeting

For Vice President

Miguel De La Torre



- Ph.D.:** Temple University, 1999 (Ethics)
- Position(s):** Professor of Social Ethics, Iliff School of Theology; Founding Editor of the Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion; Director of the Iliff Justice and Peace Institute (2005-2009); Assistant Professor of Religion, Hope College (1999-2005).
- Publications:** 12 singly authored books; 6 edited volumes; a 2-volume encyclopedia; 25 book chapters; and 20 articles in scholarly journals. Among his numerous publications are the award-winning: *Reading the Bible from the Margins*, (Orbis, 2002); *Santería: The Beliefs and Rituals of a Growing Religion in America* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2004); and *Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins*, (Orbis, 2004). His most recent publication is: *Latino/a Social Ethics: Moving Beyond Eurocentric Moral Reasoning* (Baylor, 2010).
- Participation:** Board Director of the Society (2006-2011); Founder of Ética Latina Group 1998-2001 which became the Latino/a Working Group in 2006; Editorial Board Member of the *The Annual* (2000-2002); Member of the Committee for the 21st Century (1999-2001); Member of the Program Committee (2005, 2008); Co-convener for the Latino/a Working Group (2006-2009); Solo papers presented (2000, 2002, 2009); Published in *The Annual* (2001); Panel participant (2005, 2009); Plenary Session (2006); Chair/convener for sessions (once); Breakfast with the Author (2001, 2002, 2005-2010); Referee for *The Annual* and *Journal of the SCE* (multiple times); annual meeting attendance: 1996, 1998-2001, 2004-2010.
- Other:** Member of the AAR Board of Directors (2009-2010); Co-Chair of the AAR Ethics Section (2006-2012); Chair of the AAR Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee (2009-2010); Founding member and Treasurer of *Tulipanes*, the Latino Art and Film Festival (2001-2005); Vice-President of Latin Americans United for Progress (2000-2002).

Cheryl Kirk-Duggan



- Ph.D.:** Baylor University, 1992 (Theology and Ethics)
- Position(s):** Professor of Theology and Women's Studies; Director of Women's Studies, Shaw University Divinity School (2004 to present); Director, Center for Women and Religion; Resident scholar, Graduate Theological Union (1997-2003); Meredith College (1993-1996).
- Publications:** *Exorcising Evil: A Womanist Perspective on the Spirituals*, Orbis Press, 1997; *Refiner's Fire: A Religious Engagement of Violence*, Augsburg/Fortress, 2000. *The Undivided Soul: Helping Congregations Connect Body & Spirit*, Abingdon, 2001; *Misbegotten Anguish: A Theology and Ethics of Violence* Chalice Press, 2001; *Violence and Theology*, Abingdon, 2006; *The Sky is Crying: Racism, Classism, and Natural Disaster*, contributor and editor, Abingdon, 2006; *Women and Christianity in the World*, co-editor with Karen Torjesen, Greenwood/Praeger, 2009; *The Africana Bible*, contributor and co-editor, Fortress, 2009; *Mother Goose, Mother Jones, Mommie Dearest: Mothers and Their Children in the Bible*, contributor and co-editor with Tina Pippin, Atlanta: Semeia/SBL, 2009.
- Participation:** Solo papers presented (1988, 2005); Published in *The Annual* (1998); Panel participant (once), Chair/convener for sessions; Co-convener for the African and African American Interest Group (1998-2009), Co-Convener for African and African American Working Group, (2000-2009); Referee for Annual Program (twice); Nomination Committee (twice); annual meeting attendance: 1987-1998, 2001-2008, 2010.
- Other:** Excellence in Academic Research Award, Shaw University, 2009; American Theological Society, Elected 2007; Executive Committee, Society for the Study of Black Religion, (1997-2008); Consultant, Domestic Violence and Abuse; Sexual Abuse with North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2004-); Two Plenary Presentations: *Mimesis Unbound: Liturgical, Aesthetic Drama of Reconciliation (in Seven Movements)*, (for voice, piano, viola, flute, and four speakers): lyricist and vocal soloist; *Up from Violence: Choreopoem for Three Voices*, author and performer; Colloquium on Violence and Religion, 2006 Conference: "Mimesis, Creativity, and Reconciliation," St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, May 31 to June 4, 2006. Circle of Faith (Clergy) Fellowship with InterAct, a nonprofit agency supporting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

For Board of Directors

Jennifer Beste



- Ph.D.:** Yale University, 2003 (Religious Ethics)
- Position(s):** Associate Professor of Theological Ethics, Xavier University (2003-present)
- Publications:** (Select publications since 2007): *God and the Victim: Traumatic Intrusions on Grace and Freedom* (Oxford University Press, 2007); "Second-Grade Children Speak: Artistic Expressions of Sin and Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation," *Practical Matters: Ethnography and Theology*. Issue 3 (Spring 2010); "Catholic Children's Encounter with the Bible through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" in *Children in Religion: A Methods Handbook*, ed. Susan Ridgely Bales (New York: NYU Press, forthcoming); "The Status of Children within the Roman Catholic Church" in *The Child in American Religions*, eds. Don Browning and Bonnie Miller-McLemore. (New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 2009).
- Participation:** Solo papers presented (2010, 2002); Published in *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (2003); Convener for sessions (1 time), Co-convener for the Fieldwork in Christian Ethics Group (2008-present), active participant in the Ethics and Sexuality Group (Ethics and Sexuality), Breakfast with the Author (2009); Referee for the Annual (three times); annual meeting attendance: 2000-2002, 2004, 2007-2010.
- Other:** Board Member, Society for Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives (2010-present).

Melanie L. Harris



- Ph.D.:** Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, 2005 (Theology and Ethics)
- Position(s):** Assistant Professor of Religion and Ethics, Texas Christian University, 2005- present; Visiting Faculty, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, Fall 2009; Visiting Scholar, Ford Foundation Womanist Scholars Program at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA, Spring 2009; Teaching Faculty, Southern Methodist University Perkins Youth School of Theology; Summer Academy Theology and Ethics, Summer 2008-2010.
- Publications:** Books: *Gifts of Virtue, Alice Walker and Womanist Ethics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010); Co-editor (with Kate M. Ott) *Keeping the Light: Women of Faith, Scholarship, and Activism* (forthcoming). Articles: "Alice Walker Ecowomanist Spirituality" in *Spirit and Nature* edited by Tim Hessel-Robinson, (Wipf and Stock); "Bearing Wisdom: Scholarly and Moral Excellence in the Work of Peter J. Paris" in *Ethics That Matters: Christian Social Ethics in the 21st Century* edited by James Logan and Marcia Y. Riggs, Fortress Press, (forthcoming); "Womanist Humanism: A Deeper Look" in *CrossCurrents* Vol. 57, no. 3 (Fall 2007); "Womanist Methodologies: The Third Wave- Thriving," *The Society for the Study of Black Religion Journal*, Spring 2007.

- Participation:** "Building the SCE," Plenary Panel, 2006; African and African American Interest Group, 2006; Convener, 2007; Co-convener and Coordinator for the African and African American Working Group (2003-2007); Co-convener African and African American Interest Group Committee (2002-2007); Referee for the Annual (once); annual meeting attendance: 2003-2010.
- Other:** American Academy of Religion, Ethics Section Steering Committee, 2006-present, Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, 2006-present, Teaching Religion and Theology Steering Committee, 2007 – present, Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group Steering Committee, 2003-2005; Society for the Study of Black Religion, Nominating Committee, 2006-present; Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs National Research Council Philosophy and Religious Studies 2010.

Grace Kao



- Ph.D.:** Harvard University, 2003 (The Study of Religion)
- Position(s):** Associate Professor of Ethics, Claremont School of Theology (2009-present), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies & Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, Virginia Tech (2003-2009).
- Publications:** *Grounding Human Rights in a Pluralist World* (forthcoming in 2010, Georgetown University Press); recent or forthcoming articles on civil religion, rights discourse, or environmental/ecofeminist ethics in the *Journal of Religious Ethics* (2010), *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (2007, 2008), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2007), *Political Theology* (2011) and elsewhere.
- Participation:** Co-convener of the Asian and Asian American Working Group (2009-present); Nominations Committee (2008-2009); Solo presenter (2006, 2008); Panelist (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 in absentia); Reviewer for the JSCE (2008); Convener of a Session or Facilitator of Breakfast with the Author (2006, 2008); Women's Caucus (2005-present); annual meeting attendance: 2005-2009.
- Other:** Board of Directors, Center for Pacific and Asian-American Ministries (CPAAM) (2009-present); Editorial Board-Reviewer for the *Journal of Political Theology*, Co-chair of the Religion, Ethics, and Society section of the Southeastern regional AAR (2006-2009); Steering Committee of the Law, Religion, and Culture Group of the AAR (2005-present).

Travis Kroeker



- Ph.D.:** University of Chicago, 1988 (Christian Theology and Ethics)
- Position(s):** Professor and Chair of Religious Studies, McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario, Canada
- Selected Publications:** Articles: "Living 'As If Not': Messianic Becoming or the Practice of Nihilism?" *Paul, Philosophy and the Theopolitical Vision*, ed. Douglas Harink (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010); "The War of the Lamb: Postmodernity and Yoder's Eschatological Genealogy of Morals," in *The New Yoder*, ed. Peter Dula & Chris Huebner (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010); "Mennonite and Metis: Adjacent Histories, Adjacent Truths?" with Carole Leclair, *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 28 (2010); "Messianic Ethics and Diaspora Communities: Upbuilding the Secular Theologically from Below," in *Religious Voices in Public Places: Religion and Liberal Reason*, ed. Nigel Biggar & Linda Hogan (Clarendon: Oxford University Press, 2009); "Rich Mennonites in an Age of Mammon: Is a Messianic Political Economy Possible?" *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 27 (2009); "Sexuality and the Sacramental Imagination: It All Turns on Affection," in *Wendell Berry: Life and Work*, ed. Jason Peters (University of Kentucky Press, 2007); "Is a Messianic Political Ethic Possible? Recent Work by and about John Howard Yoder," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 33:1 (Spring 2005). Books: *Remembering the End: Dostoevsky as Prophet to Modernity*, with Bruce Ward (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2001); *Christian Ethics and Political Economy in North America: A Critical Analysis* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1995).
- Participation:** Paper presentations (1988, 1993, 1997, 2000, 2005); papers published in The Annual/JSCE (1988, 1997, 2000, 2005); convener; breakfast with an author; paper referee; editorial board of The Annual (1999-2004); nominating committee (1999); program committee (2000); annual meeting attendance: 1988-1989, 1992-1993, 1997-1998, 2000, 2003-2006, 2008-2009.

Paulinus Ikechukwu Odozor, C.S.Sp.



- Ph.D.:** S.T.D, Regis College, Toronto; Th.D., University of Toronto
- Position(s):** Associate professor of moral theology and the theology of world Church at the University of Notre Dame; (2005-); Senior Lecturer and Academic Dean, Spiritan International School of Theology (1993-1999); President of the Governing Council of Spiritan International School of Theology, Enugu, Nigeria (2005-)
- Publications:** Books: *Moral Theology in an Age of Renewal: A Study of the Catholic Tradition since Vatican II* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2003); *Sexuality, Marriage and Family: readings in the Catholic Tradition* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2001); *Richard A. McCormick and the Renewal of Moral Theology* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1995). Articles: "Truly Africa and Wealthy! What Africa can learn from Catholic Social Teaching about Sustainable economic prosperity" in *Catholic Social Teaching and the True Wealth of Nations*, ed., Dan Finn (Oxford, 2010), etc. A monograph on Tradition and Morality: An African Christian Inquiry is expected in 2011/2012. "Liturgy and Life: A Discussion from an African Christian Theological Perspective" *Worship* (2008); "An African Moral Theology of Inculturation: Methodological Considerations", *Theological Studies* (2008); "Africa's double-edged Inheritance" *The Tablet* (5 July, 2008); "Healthy Vision for Africa," *The Tablet* (26 July, 2008). This is an essay on the 40th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*; "Classical Catholic Moral Theology and the World Church," *Louvain Studies* 30 (2005); "The Challenge of Africa to the Western Conscience," *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology* 17 (2005).
- Participation:** Panel participant twice; Member SCE Professional Conduct Committee (2006-2009); Breakfast with an Author (2005); annual meeting attendance: 2002-2003, 2005, 2007, 2010.
- Other:** Invited by Pope Benedict XVI as special learned assistant for the 2nd Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops, Rome, October 2009.

Christopher Steck, S.J.



- Ph.D.:** Yale University, 1999 (Christian Ethics)
- Position(s):** Associate Professor, (2006-), Georgetown University; Assistant Professor, (1999-2006), Georgetown University.
- Publications:** *The Ethical Thought of Hans Urs von Balthasar* (Herder & Herder, 2001).
- Participation:** Solo papers presented (2001, 2003); Published in *The Annual* (2001); Panel participant (2010); annual meeting attendance: 1997-2008, 2010.
- Other:**