

## CV

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### EDUCATION

- THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, Edinburgh, Scotland (UK) 2011  
**Doctor of Philosophy**
- Research Foci: Theological Ethics, Augustine, Karol Wojtyla/John Paul II, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Sport Ethics, Personalism, Theology of the Body and Theological Anthropology
  - Dissertation: *Sport and Christian Ethics: Toward a Theological Ethic for Sport* (Supervisor: Michael Northcott; Examiners: Oliver O'Donovan and Robin Gill)
- TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, Deerfield, IL 2001  
**Master of Arts, Philosophy of Religion (*summa cum laude*)**
- Thesis: *Wisdom and the Formation of the Moral Life in Proverbs* (Readers: Kevin Vanhoozer and Willem A. VanGemeren)
- TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL, Deerfield, IL 2000  
**Master of Divinity, Systematic Theology (*summa cum laude*)**
- INDIANA UNIVERSITY, Bloomington, IN 1989  
**Bachelor of Science, Business (Minor: Economics)**  
(Kelley School of Business)

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Systematic Theology, Theological Ethics/Moral Theology, Theology of Culture, and Sport Ethics

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Evangelism and Discipleship, Applied Ethics, and Sport Ministry

### WORK EXPERIENCE: ACADEMIC

Youth Spirituality and Sports Institute: Running the Race Well (Lilly Endowment) 2016-  
**Faculty Director**

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S GEORGE W. TRUETT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 2011-  
Waco, TX

- Associate Professor of Practical Theology, and Director Sports Ministry Program**
- *Holder of the Harold and Dottie Riley Professorship*
  - *Courses:* Introduction to Theology, Introduction to Christian Ethics, Studies in Historical Theology: Philosophical and Theological Backgrounds to Dialectic Theology, Philosophy and Theology of Sports Ministry, Theological Ethics of Sports, Community Organizing and Sports, Sports Literature and Film, Chaplaincy in the 21st Century, Sports for Social Change,

Christian Ethics and Hunting, Theology and Sports: Reading the Christian Tradition on Sports, and Integration of Faith and Sports

- Co-Director of Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Theology and Ethics* 2012-2014
- Awarded jointly to the Religion Department and George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University
  - Foci: 1) Organized an interdepartmental colloquia of Christian ethics between the Departments of Religion and Truett Seminary; 2) Collaborated on and co-authored two published research articles for Oxford University Press; 3) Collaborated on and taught two courses together in the Sports Chaplaincy Program
- THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, Edinburgh, Scotland (UK) 2006-2008  
***Tutor/Team Lecturer, Christian Ethics***
- A tutor in the British University system is equivalent to a teaching assistant. In addition, this role included an opportunity to lecture for Dr. Michael Northcott.
- BRIERCREST COLLEGE and SEMINARY, Caronport, SK (CANADA) 2006-2007  
***Adjunct Theology Instructor***
- Courses: Christian Ethics and Ministry
- TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL 1998-1999  
***Graduate Teaching Assistant***

### **WORK EXPERIENCE: MINISTRY AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- Raised over \$1.4 million for a non-profit organization* 1992-2018  
*Director of Ethics, Research and Teaching, AIA/CRU* 2003-2008  
*Co-Director of World Training and Resource Center, AIA* 2003  
*Director (AIA) and Chaplain at Central State University and Wilberforce University (HBCUs)* 2000-2003  
*Director (AIA) and Campus Minister at Kent State and The University of Akron* 1993-2000  
*Developmental Coach and Chaplain at Olympic Training Center Colorado Springs, CO* 1992  
*Pro-Am/National Cyclist in the USA and Europe* 1988-1992

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (SSCE)

### **PUBLICATIONS – Books**

White, John. *Theology and Sport*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2019/20. (*under contract*).

White, John. "Missing the Mark: How Fitness Centers Can Estrange Us from Our Bodies." *The Other Journal*. Cascade, 2016.

Hovey, Craig, Myles Werntz and John White, eds. *Sports and Violence: History, Theory, and Practice*. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars, 2017.

John White (with Myles Werntz), "The Violence of Everyone and No One: Sport, Banality, and Structural Change," *Sports and Violence: History, Theory, and Practice*. eds. Hovey, Craig, Myles Werntz, and John White. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars, 2017, 82-94.

Hill, Bracy V. and John White, eds. *God, Nimrod, and the World: Exploring Christian Perspectives on Sport Hunting*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press: Sports and Religion Series, 2017.

White, John. "Muscular Christianity and Sports Hunting: Missing the Target?" *God, Nimrod, and the World: Exploring Christian Perspectives on Sport Hunting*. eds. Hill, Bracy V. and John White. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press: Sports and Religion Series, 2017.

Hill, Bracy V. and John White. "Introduction: The State of the Field: Surveying the Issues of Sport Hunting." *God, Nimrod, and the World: Exploring Christian Perspectives on Sport Hunting*. eds. Hill, Bracy V. and John White. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press: Sports and Religion Series, 2017.

Parker, Andy, Nick J. Watson, and John B. White, eds. *Sports Chaplaincy: Trends, Issues and Debates*. New York: Routledge, 2016.

White, John B. "Gospel-shaped Sport Chaplaincy: A Theologically-driven Sport Ministry." *Sports Chaplaincy: Trends, Issues and Debates*. eds. Parker, Andy, Nick J. Watson, and John B. White. New York: Routledge, 2016, 107-119.

Parker, Andy, Nick J. Watson, and John B. White. "Introduction: Trends, Issues and Debates in Sports Chaplaincy." *Sports Chaplaincy: Trends, Issues and Debates*. eds. Parker, Andy, Nick J. Watson, and John B. White. New York: Routledge, 2016, 1-6.

White, John B., Nick Watson, and Andrew Parker. "Conclusion: Game Over and Rewind." *Sports Chaplaincy: Trends, Issues and Debates*. eds. Parker, Andy, Nick J. Watson, and John B. White. New York: Routledge, 2016, 195-200.

Deardorff, Don and John White, eds. *The Image of God in the Human Body: Essays on Christianity and Sports*. New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 2008.

White, John. "Idols in the Stadium: Sport as an Idol Factory." *The Image of God in the Human Body: Essays on Christianity and Sports*. eds. Don Deardorff and John White. New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 2008, 127-172.

### **PUBLICATIONS – Articles in Journals**

White, John. "Sacramentally Imagining Sports as a Form of Worship: Reappraising Sport as a Gesture of God." *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*. 11.1 (Jan 2018): 1-21.

White, John (with Andy Meyer). "How Can We Help? The Role of the Church and Other Religious Organizations When the (Olympic) Games Come to Town." *Practical Theology*. 9.3 (2016): 1-17.

White, John. "Missing the Mark: How Fitness Centers Can Estrange Us from Our Bodies." *The Other Journal*. 26 (Spring 2016): online.

White, John. "Pursuit of Bodily Excellence: Paul Weiss's Platonic (Religious) Imagination of Sports." *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*. 7.4 (Dec 2013): 391-411.

White, John. "The Enduring Problem of Dualism: Christianity and Sports." *Implicit Religion*. 15.2 (Aug 2012): 225-241.

Watson, Nick and John White. "C.S. Lewis at the 2012 London Olympics: Reflections on Pride and Humility." *Practical Theology*. 5.2 (July 2012): 153-168.

White, John. "John Paul II's Interpretation of 1 Corinthians 9:24-27: "A Paradigm for a Christian Ethic of Sport." *Studies in Christian Ethics*. 25.1 (Feb 2012): 73-88.

### **PUBLICATIONS – Essays**

White, John (with Myles Werntz ). "Retribution," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Ethics*, ed. Robert L. Brawley. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

White, John (with Myles Werntz). "Morality (vs. Ethics)," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Ethics*, ed. Robert L. Brawley. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Watson, Nick J. and John White, "Winning-at-all-costs in Modern Sport: Reflections on Pride and Humility in the Writings of C.S. Lewis." *Sport and Spirituality*. eds. J. Parry, S. Robinson, N.J. Watson & M. Nesti. London: Routledge, 2007, 61-79.

### **PUBLICATIONS – Mission Driven Scholarship**

White, John B. "Missional Coaching: Coaching as Priest, Prophet and King." *Pontifical Council for the Laity: Church and Sport Section*, August 10, 2015.

<http://www.laici.va/content/laici/en/eventi/seminari-e-congressi/allenatori-educatori-di-persone.html>

Published Lenten Devotion for 2015 Lent on UBC Blog, "Kyrie Eleison: Thumbs Up in Our Coliseum Culture," February 20, 2015.

<http://www.ubcwaco.org/blog/?offset=1427735504735>

"Sports and Film," *Sports Spectrum*, Summer 2013, 20.

"Keeping First Things First," *Sports Spectrum*, Spring 2013, 20

"The Tragic Comedy of Lance Armstrong," *Sports Spectrum*, Winter 2012, 20.

"Ethics 101: Why 'Bountygate' is Morally Wrong," *Sports Spectrum*, Fall 2012, 20.

"How is the Gospel Relevant to Sports?" *Sports Spectrum*, Summer 2012, 20.

"Why We Should Not Pay Collegiate Athletes." *Sports Spectrum*, Spring 2012, 20.

White, John. "Sport is More than Play." *Christianity Today*, February 12, 2010 [on-line: "Speaking Out": A response to Shirl Hoffman's "Fanatics."]

White, John and Cindy White. *Game Day Glory: Life-Changing Principles for Sport*. Akron, OH: S.D. Myers Press, 2006.

## **REFEREED OR INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Sacramental Body Matters: Reimagining Sensual and Strenuous Bodies in Sports.” *Inaugural Global Congress on Sports and Christianity*: York St. John University, York, UK. August 24-28, 2016.

John White (with Myles Wertz). “The Violence of Everyone and No One: Sport, Banality, and Structural Change.” *2016 Sports and Violence Conference*. Ashland Center of Nonviolence: Ashland University. Ashland, OH. March 19, 2016.

“The Face and Soul of Sports: Who are We Becoming in the School of Sports?” *Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: The Spirit of Sports*, Baylor University’s Institute for Faith and Learning. Waco, Texas. Nov. 5-7, 2015.

“Missional Coaching: Coaching as Priest, Prophet and King,” Invited Paper Presentation for the International Seminar, *Coaches: Educating People* of the Pontifical Council for the Laity: Church and Sport Section. Vatican, Italy. May. 14-15, 2015.

Meyer A. R., & White, J. B. “How Can We Help? The Role of the and Other Religious Organizations When the Games Come to Town.” Theme: The social impact of mega-events at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Portland, Oregon. Nov. 5-8, 2014.

“Gospel and Sports: The Whole Gospel for the Whole Sportsperson and Whole Culture of Sports,” Inaugural Lecture for the Faith to Life Christian Worldview Center, Clearwater Christian College, Clearwater, FL, September 10, 2014.

“The Gospel as Transformation: Faithful Presence in Sports,” Inaugural Lecture for the Faith to Life Christian Worldview Center, Clearwater Christian College, Clearwater, FL, September 11, 2014.

“Body as Gift vs. Task in Sports: What difference does a Theology of the Body Make?” (with Dr. Natalie Carnes, Department of Religion, responding) *Interdepartmental Colloquium on Christian Ethics*, Baylor University, Waco, TX, November 2013.

“What does Christmas (Incarnation) have to do with Athletic Embodiment,” Plenary Lecture, *Christian Society of Kinesiology and Leisure Studies (CSKLS)*, Baylor University, Waco, TX, June 2013.

“On McMahan’s Moral Individualism: A Philosophical and Theological Assessment,” (with Shawn Graves) *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Annual Conference*, Cambridge University, UK, September 2012.

“The Social Imaginary of Modern Muscular Christianity: Pumping St. Paul’s Sport Images for Alternative Teloi,” *International Convention on Science, Education and Medicine in Sport (ICSEMIS)*, Glasgow, Scotland, UK, July 19-24, 2012.

“Credentialing Sports Chaplains in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Matters: A Panel Discussion on Pathways to Certification Mainstream,” Association Professional Chaplaincy Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, June 23, 2012.

“John Paul II’s Interpretation of 1 Corinthians 9:24-27: A Paradigm for a Christian Ethic of Sport,” *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics* Annual Conference, Cambridge University, UK, September 2011.

“On McMahan’s Moral Individualism” (with Shawn Graves), *Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: Human Dignity and the Future of Health Care*, Baylor University, October 2010.

“The Human Person at the Centre of Sport Drama: John Paul II’s Personalistic Norm for Sport” *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2009.

“Disordered Loves and Fragmented Lives” and “Good Friends and the Good Life” *Staley Lecture Series* (Thomas F. Staley Foundation), Crown College (Saint Bonifacius, MN), March 2009.

“Rethinking Sport and Life: Questionable Moral Foundations” *Bundesfachschaftstagung* (National Student Leaders for Sport Universities in Germany), Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Germany, February 2008.

“St. Augustine’s Moral Construct for Modern Sport” *International Conference on Sport and Spirituality*, York St. John University, UK, September 2007.

“Sport Ethics: Perspectives on the Good and Sport” Lecture at *Belarusian State University*, Minsk, Belarus, November 2005.

“Exegeting *Homo Sportivus*.” *Sport and Religion Conference*, St. Olaf College, Minnesota, June 2004.

### **GRANTS/FUNDING/AWARDS**

2017 The Forum for Theological Exploration, Capacity-Building Grant, *Principal Investigator* (\$5,000)

2017 Greenhoe Lecturer at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary’s annual *Festival of Theology*

2015-16 Nominated for Outstanding Professor (tenure-track) for Scholarship at Baylor University.

2015 High School Theology Institute, Lilly Endowment Inc., *Principal Investigator* (\$600,000)

2015 Baylor University *Summer Sabbatical Research Grant*

2014-Current Associate Scholar, Centre for Sport, Spirituality and Religion, University of Gloucestershire

2014-15 Nominated for Outstanding Professor (tenure-track) for Scholarship at Baylor University.

2014-15 “A Declaration on Faith and Sport” (Collaborative Project) *Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship* (\$11,000)

2014 Gifts to the Sports Ministry program of Truett Seminary (\$165,000)

2014 Baylor University *Summer Sabbatical Research Grant*

2013 Baylor University *Summer Sabbatical Research Grant*

2012 Baylor University *Summer Sabbatical Research Grant*

2012 Baylor University *USRA* (Undergraduate Research & Scholarly Achievement) Grant, Principal Investigator (\$3,800)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND WIDER ACADEMY**

Invited Lecture (with Cindy White). "Sports: Does the Tail Wag the Dog?" Baptist General Convention of Texas-Youth Ministry Conclave, Dallas, TX. Oct. 2017.

Interviewed for article, "Football glory shouldn't mean moral bankruptcy," Tom Krattenmaker, September, 8, 2017, *USA Today*.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/09/08/end-baylors-sexual-assault-problem-they-need-cultural-shift-tom-krattenmaker-column/643636001/>

Scholarly Referee for *Routledge* to evaluate a book proposal on the integration of sport, psychology, and Christianity (2017)

Youth Theology Institutes' Advisory Group with Lilly Endowment and Forum for Theological Exploration for the High School Youth Theology Institutes Coordination Program.

Moderator for Keynote Speaker Session, "Sports Chaplaincy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Reflections on Serving Manchester United FC (1992-2016)," by John Boyers at the *Inaugural Global Congress on Sports and Christianity*: York St. John University, York, UK. August 24-28, 2016

Guest Co-editor, "Special Issue: Ethical and Social Issues in Sports: Christian Reflections" in *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*. 10.4 (Spring 2017): forthcoming.

Co-Organizer, *Inaugural Global Congress on Sports and Christianity*: York St. John University, York, UK. August 24-28, 2016.

Thematic Strand Leader, "Ethical and Social Issues in Sport: Christian Reflections" at the *Inaugural Global Congress on Sports and Christianity*: York St. John University, York, UK. August 24-28, 2016.

Sermon, "The Play's the Thing: We Play Because God Plays," George W. Truett Theological Seminary, *Community Gathering for Worship*. Baylor University, Waco, TX. April 19, 2016

Interviewed for Article, "Baylor Retreat to Focus on Christian Faith's Relation to Sports." Phillip Ericksen. January 10, 2016. *Waco Tribune*.

Interviewed for article, "Concussion Doctor's Catholic Faith Gave Him Courage to Tackle the NFL." Adelle M. Banks. December 23, 2015. *Religion News Service*.

Co-Convener, *Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: The Spirit of Sports*, Baylor University's Institute for Faith and Learning. Waco, Texas. Nov. 5-7, 2015.

Session Moderator, Tracy J. Trothen, "Hope: Looking at the Sport Enhancement Debate in a New Way." *Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: The Spirit of Sports*, Baylor University's Institute for Faith and Learning. Waco, Texas. Nov. 5-7, 2015.

Hosted, Organized and Moderated a luncheon on "A Holistic Response to Sexual Assault on College Campuses," Baylor's Truett Seminary, November 6, 2014.

Organized a Compliance Meeting led by Jessica Ham (Baylor Athletics, Compliance Officer) for sports chaplains at Truett Seminary, September 27, 2014.

Scholarly Referee for *Columbia University Press* (2014)

Scholarly Referee for *Routledge Research in Sport, Culture and Society* (2014)

Book endorsement for Robert Ellis, *The Games People Play: Theology, Religion, and Sport*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2014.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader for Honors Thesis in Baylor University's College of Health and Human Sciences. Emily Johnson, "Active Catharsis: Unleashing an Athlete's Spiritual and Emotional Energies," April, 23, 2014.

Hosted and Organized Joe Ehrmann February 2014 undergraduate chapel services, Truett chapel service, two luncheons, and forum with Baylor Athletics

Interviewed for article, "Praying for a Super Bowl Win Is a Hail Mary," Bob Smietana, January 30, 2014, *Wall Street Journal*.

Interviewed for article, "Does God Watch The Super Bowl? Sports and Spirituality Linked For Fans," Brandon Mercer, January 29, 2014, *CBS Sports SF Bay Area*.

Interviewed for article, "Will God Decide Super Bowl Winner?" Jim Forsyth, January 31, 2014, *1200 News Radio WOAI San Antonio*.

Interviewed for article, "NFL Violence a Moral Thorn for Christians," Tom Krattenmaker, October 9, 2013, *USA Today*.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2013/10/09/nfl-concussions-football-christians-column/2955997/>

Interviewed for article, "Ultimate Training Camp Integrates Faith, Sports, Sweat," Rachel Miller September 3, 2013, *Baptist Standard*.

<http://www.baptiststandard.com/news/texas/15491-ultimate-training-camp-integrate-faith-sports-and-sweat>

Interviewed for article, "Game Changer: Pastors Blame Kids' Sports for Attendance Dips," Ruth Moon August 27, 2013, *Christianity Today*.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2013/september/game-changer.html>

Collaborated with Joshua Sims, Truett Seminary Director of Development, to raise funds for Sports Ministry Program (\$165,000)

*Invited Delegate: Think Tank on Sports: Sports Summit*, January 2013, Raleigh-Durham, NC; January 2013, Baylor University; June 2013, Calvin College.

Invited Lecture. "Thinking Christianly about Sports," Baylor University LEEDS presentation April 25, 2013.

Professor of Record for Student Presentation, Austin Tiffany, *USRA Scholars Week*, April 2013.

Report featured and published in *Research Tracks* Baylor University, April 15, 2013 <http://blogs.baylor.edu/researchtracks/2013/04/15/undergraduates-research-helps-churches-minister-to-their-communities-during-major-international-events/>

Interviewed for article, "How Can Congregations Compete with Demands of Youth Sports?" David Briggs April 8, 2013, *Beyond the Ordinary: Insights into U.S. Congregational Life*. <http://presbyterian.typepad.com/beyondordinary/2013/04/how-can-congregations-compete-with-demands-of-youth-sports.html>

Interviewed for article, "Does God Care Who Wins the Super Bowl," Mark Oppenheimer Feb. 4, 2013 *Sports Illustrated* (Cover Article)

Session Moderator, Paul Martens, Cambridge University, *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics*, September 2012.

"Theology of Competition: What it Means to be Human in Sports," *CSRM Sports Ministry Summit* Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas, April 2012.

Interviewed for article, "The State of Sport Ministry," in *Kinesiology Today* 5.1 (Feb 2012): 1, 21-22.

Co-Director of the recipient of the *Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Theology and Ethics* awarded jointly to the Religion Department and George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic year.

Scholarly Referee for *Journal of the Christian Society for Kinesiology and Leisure Services*, December 2011.

Editorial Review Board Member for the *Family and Community Ministries Journal: Resources for Christian Leaders* (FCM), 2012-15.

Scholarly Referee for *Catholic University of America Press*

- Muller, Norbert and Kevin Lixey, ed. *Sport and Christianity: A Sign of the Times in the Light of Faith*. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2012.

### **SERVICE TO THE CHURCH (PRO ECCLESIA)**

Leader of an immersion experience for college athletes and coaches at the annual *Athletes in Action Winter Retreat*, Dallas, Texas. January 15-17, 2016.

Sermon: Prophetic Voices (Part 3): "ProphetABLE Thinking and Living," July 26, 2015, UBC, Waco, Texas. <http://ubcpodcast.libsyn.com/prophetic-voices-part-3-prophetable-thinking-and-living>

Published Lenten Devotion for 2015 Lent on UBC Blog, “*Kyrie Eleison: Thumbs Up in Our Coliseum Culture*,” February 20, 2015.

<http://www.ubcwaco.org/blog/?offset=1427735504735>

“Gospel According to Sports,” Chapel Service, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa, FL, September 13, 2014.

Ordination Review Committee at University Baptist Church

Invited Lecture, “Creating a Gospel Culture in Sports,” on evangelism at the annual *Athletes in Action Winter Conference*, Fort Worth, Texas. January 2012.

Life-Group (Mi Casa) Leader at University Baptist Church, 2013-Current.

Sunday School Teacher Fall 2013 at University Baptist Church.

Invited Lecture, “Theology of Sports,” on sports to *Church Recreation Summit*, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. February 2012.

Speaker, Princeton University (sponsored by AIA Princeton chapter) lecture for university athletes, Fall 2004

Speaker, Princeton University Luncheon for Coaches: “Right and Wrong in Sports,” *Athletes in Action*, Fall 2004.