

# Jennifer E. Morel, S.T.D.

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## EDUCATION

### **S.T.D. in Moral Theology, Specialization in Catholic Social Doctrine, *Summa Cum Laude*, 2013**

Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy

*Dissertation Title: "The Family Capabilities Approach. Revisiting Amartya Sen's Capabilities Approach in Light of the Family and the Principle of Subsidiarity"*

### **Postgraduate Year of Studies, 2009-2010**

Pontifical John Paul II Institute of Marriage and Family, Rome, Italy

### **S.T.L. in Moral Theology, 2009**

Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy

### **S.T.B. in Theology, 2007**

Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Urbe, Rome, Italy

### **B.A. in Theology, 2002**

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH

## ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Assistant Professor of Theology, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Baton Rouge, August 2023-Present**

- Teaching general theology and moral theology courses for health care majors, traditional theology majors, and the diocesan permanent diaconate.

### **Lecturer, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy, May 2022-2025**

- Taught Doctoral course, *Gender nella Tradizione Cattolica*, in May 2022 for the Faculty of Church Communications; then voted "Professore Incaricato" for the next three academic years in which the same was developed as a longer Licentiate course.

### **Co-founder and Director of Research, then Research Scholar, International Institute of Culture and Gender Studies, May 2019-July 2023**

- Within the context of a study group investigating anthropological and gender questions in Scripture and Tradition, co-founded an institute with the aim of involving greater cultural and linguistic tools in said study. Transitioned from Director of Research to Research Scholar in June 2022, in order to focus more on research and on position as professor for the Institute's *Gender in the Catholic Tradition*, an annual international online course involving 13 countries, as well as the international Gender Seminar.

### **World Tour for the Development of a Theology of Masculinity and Femininity, May 2019-July 2020**

- Visited 14 cultures around the world in North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa, Israel, and Europe, interviewing male and female experts on masculinity and femininity in each culture

(theologians, folklorists, workers for human rights, film producers, musicians, etc.), in English, Spanish, Italian, and French, and giving talks to universities, local parishes, and ministry groups. The initial published result of this work is the popular youth study guide, *Woman and Man He Resurrected Them*, and the work is currently being further developed into an academic piece, *Redeeming Gender: A Theology of Masculinity and Femininity*.

**Adjunct Professor, College of Business, Loyola University**, New Orleans, Summer 2021

- Taught MBA *Ethics and Social Justice Week* intensive online course.

**Professor of Moral Theology, Notre Dame Seminary**, New Orleans, July 2014-December 2020

- Taught *Catholic Social Teaching*, *Virtuous Morality*, *Principles of Moral Theology*, *Human Sexuality and States of Life*, *Catholic Feminism*, *The Holy Praxis of Marriage and Family*, and *Virtuous Preaching*, heavily rooted in primary sources and ecclesial documents and conversant with scholarship within the United States and Europe.

**Lecturer, Tulane University Catholic Student Center**, New Orleans, Spring 2017-Spring 2020

- Created and taught *Catholic Feminism*, an annual course focused on exploring the meaning of the feminine genius, its lived expression in marriage, and its lived expression within society. Course included visiting professors from different states of life, countries, and careers.

**Lecturer, Aquinas Institute for Theology and Catholic Studies**, Lafayette, LA, Spring 2019, Summer 2009

- Taught *Gender Identity*, a course on masculinity and femininity within Scripture and the Tradition, and *Principles of Catholic Morals*.

**Researcher, Director of Studies, then Visiting Professor, Markets, Culture and Ethics Research Centre (MCE) at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross**, Spring 2011 – Spring 2015

- As member of Markets, Culture, and Ethics Research Centre, worked as research assistant to Msgr. Martin Schlag, professor of Catholic Social Doctrine at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross and consultant for the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, was subsequently named Director of Studies, and then nominated Visiting Professor. In addition to research and publication in the field of Social Doctrine, specifically economics and business ethics, involved in the cultivation of MCE's published series, the elaboration of curricula, and teaching.

**Lecturer, Institute of Higher Religious Studies at the Apollinare, Rome**, 2013 - 2014

- Taught *Responsabilità sociale dell'impresa (Corporate Social Responsibility)*.

**Lecturer, Christendom College's Rome Campus**, Fall 2010

- Taught *Roman Perspectives*.

**Lecturer, Cultural Experiences Abroad GlobalCampus Rome**, Spring-Fall 2010

- Structured and taught Independent Study Projects on *World Religions* and *The New Testament*.

## LANGUAGES

- English: native language
- Italian: fluent

- French: proficient
- Spanish: working competency

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Articles

- *Redeeming Gender: A Theology of Masculinity and Femininity*, in progress.
- “Towards Compassionate Justice: An Analysis of the Invisibilization of the Vulnerable in the Institutions of Justice,” co-authored with Montserrat Salomon and Cecilia Coronado, in *Feminist Virtues* (in publication).
- “The Acadiana Virtue of Providence,” in *Joie de Vivre Journal* (Fall 2023).
- “An American Matriarchy,” in *Joie de Vivre Journal Online* (February 2023).
- *Woman and Man He Resurrected Them: A Gender in the Catholic Tradition Youth Study Guide*, Jennifer E. Morel (ed.) (Bangalore: ATC Publishers, 2022).
- “The Tension Between Sex and Gender,” in *Woman and Man He Resurrected Them: A Gender in the Catholic Tradition Youth Study Guide*, Jennifer E. Morel (ed.) (Bangalore: ATC Publishers, 2022), 3-13.
- “Discovering the Person as Male and Female,” in *Woman and Man He Resurrected Them: A Gender in the Catholic Tradition Youth Study Guide*, Jennifer E. Morel (ed.) (Bangalore: ATC Publishers, 2022), 14-32.
- “Feminism and Masculinism in the Tradition,” in *Woman and Man He Resurrected Them: A Gender in the Catholic Tradition Youth Study Guide*, Jennifer E. Morel (ed.) (Bangalore: ATC Publishers, 2022), 33-38.
- “Dante’s Woman as Savior and Masculine Receptivity,” in *Woman and Man He Resurrected Them: A Gender in the Catholic Tradition Youth Study Guide*, Jennifer E. Morel (ed.) (Bangalore: ATC Publishers, 2022), 39-48.
- “Re-Approaching Gender Theory,” in *Woman and Man He Resurrected Them: A Gender in the Catholic Tradition Youth Study Guide*, Jennifer E. Morel (ed.) (Bangalore: ATC Publishers, 2022), 105-123.
- “Discovering Feminism’s Roots,” in *Adamah* (April 12, 2021).
- “The Vocation to Love: Single Catholic Women,” in *International Institute of Culture and Gender Blog* (March 8, 2021).
- “Re-Discovering Our Feminist Roots: Feminism in the Catholic Tradition,” in *International Institute of Culture and Gender Blog* (January 20, 2021).
- “The Theology” Blog at <https://www.redeeminggender.com/the-theology>, a series of blogposts recounting phenomenological interviews on masculinity and femininity with worldwide gender experts.
- “Presidents and Precedents...” in *Adamah* (December 4, 2020).
- “Scripturally Nourished Moral Theology: An Arguably Viable Starting Point,” in *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, vol. 25, nos. 1 & 2 (2018): 113-140.

- “The Virtue of Sobriety: The Full Flourishing of the Natural (Moral) Law in Integral Ecology,” in *Nova et Vetera*, vol. 16, no. 1 (2018): 205-229.
- *The Challenge of Charity*, MCEBooks, Martin Schlag, Juan Andrés Mercado, and Jennifer E. Miller (eds.), (Roma: ESC, 2015).
- “Solidarity: A Stranger in the Market?” in *The Challenge of Charity*, MCEBooks, Martin Schlag, Juan Andrés Mercado, and Jennifer E. Miller (eds.) (Roma: ESC, 2015), 171-194.
- “Vita e amore: il Vangelo della famiglia,” in *Economia & società: le sfide della responsabilità cristiana. Domande e risposte sul Compendio della Dottrina Sociale della Chiesa*, MCENotebooks vol. 5, a cura di Martin Schlag (Roma: ESC, 2015), 61-66; reprinted in English as “Life and Love: The Gospel of the Family,” in *Handbook of Catholic Social Teaching* (Washington, D.C.: CUA Press, 2017), 55-60; in Portuguese in *Manual Da Doutrina Social Da Igreja* (São Paulo: Principia, 2018); and in Spanish in *Manual De Doctrina Social De La Iglesia* (Madrid: Didaskalos, 2021), 111-121.
- *The Family Capabilities Approach: Revisiting Amartya Sen’s Capabilities Approach in Light of the Family and the Principle of Subsidiarity*, MCEBooks vol. V (Roma: ESC, 2014).
- “Un ospedale d’ispirazione cristiana sotto pressione,” in *Riscoprire il carisma fondazionale vivendone le virtù sul lavoro*, a cura di Martin Schlag (Bari: Edizioni di pagina per Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, 2013), 167-172.
- “Human Development: Work and Working Mothers,” in *Human Development in Business. Values and Humanistic Management in the Encyclical Caritas in Veritate*, Domènec Melé and Claus Dierksmeier (eds.) (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012), 237-253.

### Theses Directed

- 2023-2024: Directing Doctoral Thesis, “The Song of Songs and Healing from Abuse,” by Katherine O’Brien, MA, Pontifex Student.

### Podcasts

- “From Uganda to Cajun Culture: A Personalist Pilgrimage,” *The Being Human* Podcast, with Dr. Greg Bottaro, CatholicPsych Institute (April 11, 2025).
- “Gender, Culture, and Catholicism,” *The Being Human* Podcast, with Dr. Greg Bottaro, CatholicPsych Institute (January 24, 2023).
- “Gender Complementarity and the Single Life,” Facebook Live, *International Institute of Culture and Gender Studies*, MRes Maria Guadalupe Rodríguez Garcia (September 3, 2022).
- “On Sex, Gender, and Culture,” *Always Hope* Podcast, with Catholic Marriage and Family Therapist, Dr. Mario Sacasa. (June 7, 2022).
- “What is Gender?” *Lust is Boring* Podcast with Jason Everet, Chastity Speaker (February 17, 2022).
- “Live on Masculinity,” Facebook Live, *International Institute of Culture and Gender Studies*, MRes Maria Guadalupe Rodríguez Garcia (January 18, 2022).
- “Sexual Intimacy and Difficulties in Marriage,” *Always Hope* Podcast (May 18, 2021).
- “The Sexes: Equal and Different?” *Always Hope* Podcast, Facebook Live (September 9, 2019).

- “Redeeming Gender,” *Chi Rho Scope* Podcast, Anglican Pastor, Dr. Rev’d Randall M. Graf (June 19, 2019).
- “Catholic Feminism,” *Always Hope* Podcast (May 14, 2019).
- “Authentic Masculinity,” *Always Hope* Podcast (September 10, 2018).

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Conferences and Academic Presentations

- 2024
  - *The Passionate Aquinas*, Aquinas Symposium, The Life and Legacy of St. Thomas Aquinas, Lafayette, LA, November 23.
- 2023
  - *Catholic Social Doctrine Directed Independent Study*, Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee.
  - *To Be or Not to Be a Christian: Benedict XVI and Christian Identity*, The Life and Legacy of Benedict XVI Symposium, Lafayette, LA, February 25.
- 2022
  - *Does Gender Really Matter? Cracking Open the Gender Question for Catechists and Youth Ministers*, International Gender Seminar, in collaboration with Dumb Ox Ministries and Équipe Ignis, June 9, 16.
  - *Theology of Place: The Importance of Sacred Spaces for the Church*, Real Estate and the New Evangelization Conference, co-sponsored by the University of Notre Dame, Fitzgerald Institute for Real Estate, and Global Institute of Church Management, Rome, Italy, April 28.
  - *Catechist Introduction to Theology of the Body*, Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 21.
- 2021
  - *Contemporary Issues on Gender and Culture in the Light of the Gospel*, International Gender Seminar, sponsored by the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India, in collaboration with the Institute for World Evangelization, and SetFree Ministry, September 9, 11.
  - *Male, Female, and Natural Family Planning*, NFP Conversations Interview with Dr. Theresa Notare, Assistant Director for the Natural Family Planning Program at the Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
  - *Hombres et Mujeres in Diferentes Culturas*, at 16° Encuentro de Centros de Cultura: La vocación al amor y la utopia de lo neutro, Universidad Popolar Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, Mexico, February 23.
- 2020
  - *Aristotle’s Breakfast: Seminar on Masculinity and Femininity*, Strathmore University Masters of Applied Philosophy and Ethics, Nairobi, Kenya, February 21.

- *Theology of Masculinity & Femininity* Public Lecture, co-sponsored by Strathmore University Institute for Family Studies and Ethics and Strathmore University Law School, Nairobi, Kenya, February 20.
- *Catholic Social Doctrine* mini-course, Diocese of Alexandria permanent diaconate academic formation, Louisiana, January 18-19.
- 2019
  - *La redención del género*, at I Seminario Persona y Sociedad. Dignidad, vulnerabilidad y violencia, Facultad de Filosofía, Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, Mexico, September 25.
  - *Redeeming Gender*, at Man and Woman in Dialogue, Catholic Women's Forum 2019 Symposium, Washington, DC, June 26-27.
  - *Human Sexuality and States of Life* mini-course, Diocese of Alexandria permanent diaconate academic formation, Louisiana, June 15-16.
  - Participated in the Academy of Catholic Theology Annual Meeting, "Sexual Difference in the Catholic Tradition," May 21-23.
  - *Created to Be Loved: Understanding Women's Dignity*, Montana Native Women's Coalition 2019 Annual Conference, May 14-16.
  - Conference paper *A Theology of Masculinity and Femininity: Sacred Scripture and Thomistic Exegesis*, Aquinas the Biblical Theologian, The Aquinas Center and St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, February 7-9.
  - *Principles of Moral Theology* mini-course, Diocese of Alexandria permanent diaconate academic formation, Louisiana, January 19-20.
- 2018
  - Participated in the Hildebrand Project, "Love, Sex, and the Human Person," Eighth Annual Summer Seminar, May 29-June 3.
  - Participated in The Catholic University of America School of Theology and Religious Studies, "*Humanae Vitae*: A Fiftieth Year Anniversary Symposium," April 4-6.
  - *Incarnate Love Approaching Gender Theory: A Theology of Masculinity and Femininity*, a four-part series for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City Spring Clergy Days, January 29-30.
  - *A Culture of Hope: The Social Expression of Justice as Mercy*, Go! Gulf Coast Faith Formation Conference, New Orleans, January 12.
- 2017
  - Conference paper *An Incarnational Solidarity: In the Light of Scripture and the Impetus of Tradition*, University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Conference, November 11.
  - Conference paper *Employment for Rehabilitation: Solidarity and Subsidiarity*, Inclusive Growth Summit at IPADE Business School, Mexico City, June 27.
  - Participated in the St. John Vianney Theological Seminary Conference, "Framing a Response to Gender Ideology," Denver, May 16-18.
  - *Roman Insights: Pope Francis and the Entrepreneur*, Legatus New Orleans, April 25.

- 2016
  - *Pope Francis and the Entrepreneur*, for the Legatus Denver Chapter, July 7.
  - Participated in the Academy of Catholic Theology Annual Meeting, “Faith and Sacramental Causality,” May 24-26.
  - Seminary Facilitator, Archdiocese of New Orleans’ Lights of Hope best practices among Catholic educators on sexual ethics, February 27.
  - Participated in the Catholic Relief Services Seminary Faculty Gathering in Baltimore, February 17-18.
  - *Catholic Social Teaching: The Death Penalty and Further Considerations*, St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association III Annual Law Conference, New Orleans, May 20.
- 2015
  - *Encounter in the Thought of Pope Francis*, Loyola University, New Orleans, March 26.
- 2014
  - Participated in *Fides et Ratio* Seminar on *Vocations: Marriage, Priesthood and Religious Life*, July 5-12.
  - Conference paper, *Solidarity as Kenosis: The Key to Personal and Economic Flourishing*, XXI Annual Conference of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, February 25.
- 2013
  - *La persona e il manager I. La svolta di Marco: la crisi personale*, for a course for entrepreneurs in Catania, “La vita nell’impresa: Rischi opportunità scelte,” December 14.
  - *Una visione del lavoro alla luce della fede* for ARTES (Associazione Toscana Ricerca E Studio), a workshop for businessmen in Florence, “Una nuova economia per un nuovo lavoro: sviluppo, servizio e dono,” November 30.
  - *The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, November 8.
  - *Prosperità per tutti: è possibile? La capabilities approach di Amartya Sen e la dottrina sociale della Chiesa*, for a seminar at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, “History of Economic Thought and the Christian Faith,” May 15.
  - *La fiducia in maiuscolo: innovazione come audacia*, for a course for entrepreneurs in Catania, “La fiducia e l’attività economica,” January 12.
- 2012
  - Participated in the *Global Executive Program, Pursuing Shared Value Program*, directed by Consorzio ELIS, in collaboration with Accenture and Markets, Culture and Ethics.
- 2011
  - Attended the Istituto Alti Studi Euro Mediterranee International Summer Meeting on “Strategie Euro-Mediterranee,” July 21-23 in Maratea, Italy.
  - Conference paper *Family as Society. Understanding the Nature of the Family in the Light of Subsidiarity*, 2nd International Colloquium, Christian Humanism in Economics and Business at IESE Business School in Barcelona, October 25.

- 2010
  - Conference paper *The Integral Human Development of the Working Mother*, 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Ethics, Business and Society at IESE Business School in Barcelona, May 15.

### **Popular Presentations and Projects**

- 2024
  - Rock the Vote: How to Vote as a Catholic, St. John the Evangelist, Prairieville, Louisiana, October 30.
  - *Voting as a Catholic*, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, St. Francisville, Louisiana, October 16.
  - *Embodiment and Personhood*, New Horizon Formation Program with Echo Community, October 1.
  - *Living in Color: The Beatitudes as Virtues*, Permanent Diaconate Study Day Presentation, Baton Rouge, March 23.
  - *Freedom in the Desert: Lenten Meditation for the Salesians*, Rosaryville, Louisiana, February 12.
- 2023
  - *Parents and the Question of Gender*, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, February 12.
- 2022
  - *Sex, Gender, and Women*, ECYD Regnum Christi's Youth Organization National Convention, July 25.
  - *Theology of the Body and Sexual Desire*, series of popular videos with Prof. Aleksander Sztramski (Poland) on the work of St. John Paul II, Roger Scruton, and Adrienne von Speyr, June 28-July 5.
- 2021
  - *The Joy of Marital Abstinence*, Natural Family Planning Leaders Study Session, Diocese of Phoenix, November 5.
  - *A Theology of Masculinity and Femininity*, John Paul II Junior College, Benque, Belize, September 27.
  - *Contemporary Gender Issues in the Light of the Gospel*, SetFree Theology of the Body Women's Forum, India, May 15.
- 2020
  - *Living in Color: The Beatitudes as Virtues*, Rayne Catholic Elementary, Louisiana, August 7.
  - *Gender Splendor: A Theological Response to the Gender Conundrum*, W\_MEN, Vienna, Austria, April 24.
  - *A Theology of Masculinity and Femininity*, YCA and Youth, Holy Eucharist Catholic Parish, Nairobi, Kenya, February 24.
  - *The Feminine Genius: Woman in the Image of God*, Dominican Sisters of the Gospel, Vinh, Vietnam, January 9.



- 2019
  - *Gender Splendor*, JesusYouth ProLife Ministry, Bangalore, India, December 29.
  - *Living in Color: Virtue Ethics and the Beatitudes*, Theology on Tap, Baton Rouge, November 14.
  - *Exploring Catholicism: Gender Theory*, St. Francis of Assisi University Parish and Student Center, University of Alabama, October 28.
  - *Jesus Christ: The Disruptive Guest at the Gender Party*, McNeese State University Catholic Student Center, Lake Charles, LA, October 2.
  - *The Phenomenology of Masculinity and Femininity*, LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans Catholic Student Association, September 18.
  - *Gender and Human Identity and The Masculine and Feminine Genius*, ECHO Theology of the Body Camp, Alexandria, LA, July 19-21.
  - *A Theology of Masculinity and Femininity*, St. Angela Merici Parish, New Orleans, April 3.
  - *Theology of the Body and Crucified Suffering*, Community of Jesus Crucified, Lafayette, LA, February 17.
- 2018
  - *St. Catherine of Siena and St. Juan Diego: Lay Saints for the Renewal*, Catholic Women in Action, New Orleans, December 12.
  - *The Virtues of the Holy Family*, Houma-Thibodeaux Diocesan Staff Advent Day of Reflection, December 6.
  - *The Feminine Genius: Women in the Image*, Women of Sts. Martha and Mary, New Orleans, November 27.
  - *Living in Color: The Beatitudes*, Tulane Catholic Center, New Orleans, February 21.
- 2017
  - *Woman in the Image: Woman as Bride*, St. Angela Merici Parish, New Orleans, November 6.
  - *Martha and Mary*, three-part series for a women's mission, Granada, Nicaragua, October 13-18.
  - *Judgment Day*, Notre Dame on the Northshore Series, Covington, LA, July 11.
  - *Mercying and Choosing: "Woman, Behold Your Son,"* Catholic Women in Action, North Shore, New Orleans, March 14.
- 2016
  - *Catholic Feminism in Advent: Becoming a Suffering Bride*, Catholic Women in Action, New Orleans, December 7.
  - *Faithful Citizenship: Voting as a Catholic*, Tulane Catholic Center, New Orleans, November 2.
  - *Liberal or conservative? Pope Francis and Catholic Social Doctrine*, Tulane Catholic Center, New Orleans, February 24.

- 2015
  - *If you knew the gift of God, Mulieris Dignitatem, Part IV*, New Orleans women's study group, October 8.
  - *Pope Francis and Primerear: Living the Divine Initiative of Love*, Priestly Association of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Priest and Victim, of the Diocese of Lafayette, LA, August 6.
- 2012
  - Created a curricular module *Business Ethics and Diversity* for Österreichischer Integrationsfonds, an organization for the linguistic, professional, and social integration of immigrants in Austria.
  - Protagonist of a series of brief videos for an Italian evangelization organization called "Arguments Italia".
  - *La torta e l'amore*, Celimontano (Fondazione RUI) University Residence in Rome, which explained and elaborated the different concepts of the common good found in political philosophy and economics.
- 2011
  - Wrote a series of articles on Amartya Sen's capabilities approach for Österreichischer Integrationsfonds, on the family and subsidiarity in immigration, as regards Austria.