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**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

<b>Degree/Diploma/</b>	<b>Conferring Body</b>	<b>Year Conferred</b>	<b>Major Subjects</b>
Certificate			
Baccalaureate in Theology & Arts	Pontifical University, Maynooth,	1983	Theology & Mathematics
Higher Diploma in Education	NUI, Maynooth	1984	Education: Theory & Practice
Diploma in Computers in Education	NUI, Maynooth	1984	Computer Systems: Theory & Applications
Master of Arts	NCEA	1992	Spiritual Theology
PhD in Theology	NCEA	1998	Liberty God: A Heuristic Study of Contemporary Irish Urban Spirituality as Manifest in Dublin's Liberties

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

### 1. Current Position

Employer	Academic Affiliation	Date of Commencement	Position
All Hallows College	DCU	1 November 2008	Director of Research

#### Description of Present Duties and Responsibilities :

- Provide leadership for the development of research activity and a research culture in All Hallows College
- Co-ordinate and direct the research experience of students in taught and research postgraduate programmes
- Foster high quality research and knowledge transfer between research and teaching
- Prepare applications for research funding
- Represent All Hallows College on the Graduate Studies Board and Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences Research Board in DCU
- Manage the quality procedures for research activity across taught and research awards
- Created the regulations and ethical review procedures that correspond to best practice
- Manage the ongoing professional development of staff who provide research supervision
- Ensure budgetary compliance in research activities
- Contribute actively to policy development and planning in All Hallows College
- Take initiatives in hosting international conferences, establishing research centres, publishing and representing Research at All Hallows in external fora so as to develop the profile of All Hallows College in the humanities research community

### 2. Previous Employment / Positions

Dates From	To	Employer	Position Held	Reason for Leaving
Jan 08	Nov 08	Milltown Institute	Head of Dept of Spirituality	Impending Closure of NUI College
Dec 06	Dec 07	Milltown Institute	<b>Acting President</b>	Expiry of Term of Office
Dec 01	Dec 06		<b>Registrar</b>	Interim Activation of Role as Acting President
Aug 03	July 06	Milltown Institute	Head of School of Postgraduate Studies & Research	Establishment of School Completed
Aug 99	July 05	Milltown Institute	Head of Department of Spirituality	Expiry of Term of Office
Aug 93	July 99		Lecturer / Senior Lecturer / <b>Associate Professor</b>	
Sept 90	July 93	Tallaght VEC	Adult Maths Tutor	Taking up Milltown

				Institute position
Sept 87	Aug 90	Presentation Secondary School, Terenure, D6	Maths, Religion & Biology Teacher	Commencing Postgraduate Study
Sept 84	Sept 87	Presentation Secondary School, Thurles, Co Tipperary	Maths, Religion & Biology Teacher	Seeking access to postgraduate study opportunities.

## RESEARCH ACTIVITY

### 1. Dissertations supervised to completion: 29 MA / 1 PhD

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|-----|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1.  | All Hallows College | <i>Radical Newness; An Examination of the Parish Cell Movement as an Expression of the New Evangelisation</i>     | 2010 / PhD in Pastoral Theology   |
| 2.  | RCSI                | <i>Providing Spiritual Care for the Bereaved: The Challenge to Ministers</i>                                      | 2009 / MSc in Bereavement Studies |
| 3.  | Milltown Institute  | <i>Ancient-New Approaches to the Spiritual Food Practices</i>   | 2009 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 4.  | Milltown Institute  | <i>Epigenetics and the Spirituality of Laying on of Hands: A Surgeon's Perspective</i>                            | 2009 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 5.  | Milltown Institute  | <i>Spiritual Care of Patients in the Fourth Age of Life</i>   | 2009 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 6.  | RCSI                | <i>Bereavement and Spiritual Change: A Qualitative Study for Cancer Care Services in Laois-Offaly.</i>            | 2008 / MSc in Bereavement Studies |
| 7.  | Milltown Institute  | <i>Foundations for a Spirituality of Detachment</i>   | 2008 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 8.  | Milltown Institute  | <i>Passion Play Spirituality: A Wexford Case Study</i>  | 2007 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 9.  | Milltown Institute  | <i>Spiritual Themes for Today from the Writings of Julian of Norwich</i>  | 2007 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 10. | Milltown Institute  | <i>The Spiritual Journey to Recovery for Adult Female Victims of Clerical Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church</i> | 2006 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 11. | Milltown Institute  | <i>Models for Passing on the Charism of a Catholic Women's Healthcare Congregation</i>                            | 2006 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 12. | Milltown Institute  | <i>Sexual Abuse: A Silent Sin?</i>  | 2005 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 13. | Milltown Institute  | <i>Embracing Female Embodiment as a Spiritual Resource</i>  | 2005 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 14. | Milltown Institute  | <i>Theological Foundations for a Catholic Gay Spirituality</i>  | 2005 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 15. | Milltown Institute  | <i>Exploring the Emergence of New Forms of Community in Irish Female Catholic Religious Life</i>                  | 2004 / MA in Spirituality         |
| 16. | All Hallows College | <i>The Spiritual Needs of Migrant Workers in Ireland : A Case Study in the Catering Industry</i>                  | 2004 / MA in Pastoral Theology    |
| 17. | All Hallows College | <i>Reframing Liturgical Celebrations in a Dublin Peripheral Urban Estate</i>                                      | 2004 / MA in Pastoral Theology    |
| 18. | Milltown Institute  | <i>A Theological Exploration of Embodiment in the Sources of Ignatian Spirituality</i>                            | 2004 / Licentiate in Theology     |
| 19. | Milltown Institute  | <i>Spirituality, Wounded Women and the Arts: The Work of Marie Pizelo</i>   | 2003 / MA in Spirituality         |

20.	All Hallows College	'Spiritual Conversation': A Pastoral Response to Women in Mid-Life	2003 / MA in Pastoral Theology
21.	All Hallows College	<i>Dimensions of Male Spirituality in a Matriarchal Society</i>	2003 / MA in Pastoral Theology
22.	Milltown Institute	<i>Homeless God : A Case Study of the Spiritual Journey of Men in Dublin's Morning Star Hostel</i>	2002 / MA in Spirituality
23.	All Hallows College	The <i>Interior Cell</i> in the Carmelite tradition: Its Possible Applications for the Pastoral Care of Male Prisoners	2002 / MA in Pastoral Theology
24.	Milltown Institute	<i>The Contemporary Literature of Male Spirituality : A Brief Survey</i>	2001 / MA in Spirituality
25.	All Hallows College	Adult Faith Development through the Exploration of Symbols and Images	2001 / MA in Pastoral Theology
26.	Milltown Institute	<i>The 'Anamcharadas' Movement: History, Vision and Future Challenges</i>	2000 / MA in Spirituality
27.	All Hallows College	An Investigation of the Spirituality of Young People in the Dioceses of Cork & Ross	2000 / MA in Pastoral Theology
28.	Milltown Institute	<i>An Exploration of the Theme of 'Freedom' in the Writings of Teresa of Avila</i>	1999 / MA in Spirituality
29.	All Hallows College	<i>Towards a Vision of Family Spirituality</i>	1995 / MA in Pastoral Theology
30.	All Hallows College	Sexuality and Spirituality: Rivals or Partners?	1994 / MA in Pastoral Theology

## 2. Dissertations supervision in Progress

1.	All Hallows College	<i>Spirituality and Motherhood: Traditions and Future Trajectory</i>	PhD
2.	All Hallows College	<i>An Examination of the Relationship between RCIA and the New Evangelisation</i>	PhD

## 3. Dissertations Examined Externally

1.	University of East Anglia	<i>An Investigation of Discernment Education in Spiritual Accompaniment/Direction Training Programmes in the UK</i>	PhD
2.	Liverpool Hope University	<i>The Pursuit of Eudaimonia and the Apophatic Turn: Exploring Connections</i>	PhD

## 4. Funded Research

Project	Funding Agencies	Time-Frame
<i>The Place of Religion in the Lives of Young Irish Males Attempting Suicide</i>	National Suicide Review Group Nurture Institute	2002 - 2005
<i>Spiritual Dimensions of Sexual Abuse by Catholic Clergy</i>	John of God Applied Spirituality Research Fund	2006 – 2009

<i>Spirituality in Catholic Marriage Care Services</i>	ACCORD	2009
<i>Contemplative Education for Children in Inter-Faith Settings</i>	SCOTENS	2011 - 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

### 1. Books Published

Collection of Papers (Leuven: Peeters, 2008)

*With Wisdom Seeking God: Papers from the First European Conference on the Academic Study of Spirituality, co-edited with Una Agnew SSL & Greg Heylin*

Collection of Papers

*Lamplighters: Exploring Spirituality in New Contexts, co-edited with David Kelly OSA* (Dublin: Veritas, 2004).

Monograph

*The Spirit of the City: Voices from Dublin's Liberties* (Dublin: Veritas, 1999).

### 2. Current Book Commissions

Publisher / Year	Title	Author / Editor	Submission Date
Wipf & Stock / 2012	Embracing Solitude: Women and the New Monasticisms	Author	February 2011
Ashgate / 2011	Spiritual Capital: Spirituality in Practice in Christian Perspective	Co-Editor	October 2011
Continuum / 2013	Continuum Handbook of Pastoral Theology	Co-Editor	March 2013

### 3. Articles (Selection)

'Applied Spirituality: Reflections of an Educator' in *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 11/2 (Autumn 2011) Forthcoming

'Visionary Women: From Past Icons to Future Inspiration' in E. Howells and P. Tyler, eds, *Sources of Transformation: Revitalising Christian Spirituality* (London: Continuum, 2010) 73 - 92

'Time to take up the challenge of a 'monasticism without walls' in *Irish Times: Rite and Reason*, 28 April 2009

'Discerning the Spirituality of ACCORD: Reflections on the Research Report' in *Discerning Together our Spiritual Strengths and Needs* (Maynooth: ACCORD, 2009) 20 - 22

'Urban Spirituality: One Size Does Not Fit All' in A. Walker, ed., *Spirituality in the City* (London: SPCK, 2005) 90-104.

'World Congress on Consecrated Life', *Religious Life Review* 44/230(2005) 53-63.

'Women and Social Spirituality', in Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice, *Windows on Social Spirituality* (Dublin: Columba, 2003) 83 – 90.

'Newman and the Credibility of Faith', *Milltown Studies* 49(2002) 101-105.

'Sitting by the Well: Conversational Practice and Spirituality', *The Way* 101(2001) 20-29.

'Scientific Research in Spirituality' in M. Byrne, ed., *The Boundary Wall: Evolving Consciousness in Dublin's North Wall* (Dublin: Private Publication, 2001) 5-12.

'A Response from Spirituality to Street Drug Culture' in E. Walsh, *Beyond Maintenance* (Dublin: Veritas, 2000) 67-95.

'The New Age Movement' in M. Feheny, ed., *Beyond the Race for Points* (Dublin: Veritas, 1999) 217-226.

'Questions to the Catholic Church in Ireland' in *The Furrow* 50(1999) 323-353.

'Feminist Theology and the Catholic School' in M. Feheny, ed., *From Ideal to Action* (Dublin: Veritas, 1998) 134-144.

'Communities of Solidarity' in *Religious Life Review* 36(1997) 365-372.

'The Feminist Challenge to Religious Education' in M. Feheny, ed., *Education and the Family* (Dublin: Veritas, 1995) 89-100.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTION)

Title of Presentation	Conference & Location	Year
Researching Spirituality: Form Descriptive Methods	Current Issues in the Study of Christian Spirituality, Zurich University	May 2011
The Emergence of the Monk Archetype in Contemporary Western Spirituality	1st Global Conference Spirituality in the 21st Century: At the Interface of Theory, Praxis and Pedagogy, Prague	March 2011
Trauma and Recovery: Resources from Christian Spiritual Classics	Trauma and Spirituality: An International Dialogue. Hosted by Northern Ireland Association for Mental Health, Belfast	March 2011

Leading with Wisdom	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European SPES Forum at the Centre for Economics and Ethics of the Catholic University of Leuven	April 2010
Emergent Intentional Discipleship	International Conference on Religious Life: Marking the Golden Jubilee of CORI	April 2010
Sources of Transformation: Revitalising Christian Spiritual Theology	Second European Conference for the Academic Study of Spirituality, St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill, London	June 2009
Lessons from Solitude in Auto/Biographies of Illness	First International Spiritual Care Conference, Killarney	April 2009
Qualitative Research Methods and the Study of Contemporary Spirituality	Festschrift Conference for Prof Hein Blommestijn, Radboud University, Nijmegen	Feb 2009
Contemporary Spiritual Experience in Western Europe	Launch of MA in Spirituality, University of Malta	Oct 2008
The Spirit of a European City: Lessons from Dublin's Liberties	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European SPES Forum at the Centre for Economics and Ethics of the Catholic University of Leuven	Sept 2007
Meeting God in the Heart of the City	Nordic Lutheran Ministry Conference, Copenhagen	April 2006

## MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES / COMMISSIONS

European Society of Catholic Theology (Ongoing Membership)

Irish Theological Association (Ongoing Membership & Chairperson 1999-2001)

International Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (Elected Member of Governing Board 2003-2006)

Irish Episcopal Theological Commission (Membership 2001-2007)

*The Way: International Review of Christian Spirituality* (Ongoing Editorial Correspondent since 2002)

American Academy of Religion (Ongoing Membership)

## LECTURING / TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### ***Doctoral Level:* MODULES TAUGHT**

Qualitative Research Methods for Practical Theology  
Spirituality: Forms, Foundations and Methods

### ***Masters Level:* MODULES TAUGHT**

Methods for the Academic Study of Spirituality  
Urban Theology  
Theology, Spirituality and Gender  
Spiritual Direction: Theology, History & Practice  
Consecrated Life: Theology, History & Spirituality



***Bachelor Level: MODULES TAUGHT***

Creation, Sin & Salvation  
Theology of Ministry  
Feminist Theologies  
Introduction to Theology  
Cults, Sects and New Religious Movements  
Prayer in Theology and Practice

***Adult Education Level: MODULES TAUGHT***

Catholic Social Teaching  
Theology and Ecology  
Contextual Theology  
Christian Humanism

**VOLUNTARY / COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Board of Governors	St Patrick's College, Thurles	Present
Board of Directors	Dominican Biblical Institute	Present
Management Committee	Dialogue Ireland, Veritas, Dublin 1	Present
Maths Tutor	Tallaght Home-School Liaison Programmes	1992 - 1996
Homework Club Tutor	St Anne's Homeless Girls Hostel, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin 1	1988 - 1999
Grant Applications Manager	Drop-in-Well Community Counselling and Adult Education Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9	1990 - 1996
Respite Centre Manager (Summer Season)	Rte de Bartres, 65100 Lourdes, France	1990, 1991, 1992

**LANGUAGES**

- Irish – excellent working knowledge
- French – satisfactory working knowledge
- Italian – basic working knowledge
- Latin – basic working knowledge

**FURTHER TRAINING / SKILLS / EXPERIENCE**

I have completed training programmes of varying lengths in:

- facilitation skills
- strategic planning
- creating innovative enterprises
- dignity in the workplace
- health & safety in the workplace
- recruitment and selection compliance

- interviewing skills
- creative leadership
- mediation
- emotional intelligence

#### **LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

Main leisure pursuits are gardening, sudoku, interior decorating, dining with friends, walking and cinema.