

Levi Checketts, PhD

Education

The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA January 2018
Doctor of Philosophy in Ethics and Social Theory
Comprehensive Exams passed with distinction November 2015
Dissertation: Homo Gubernator: A Moral Anthropology for New Technologies
Advisor: Lisa Fullam, ThD, DVM

Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Brighton, MA May 2012
Master of Theological Studies in Moral Theology
Thesis: Anonymous and Christian Ethics: Protests in the Twenty-First Century

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN May 2010
Bachelor of Arts in Arabic and Theology

Areas of Research

Ethics of Technology; Catholic Moral Theology; Science, Technology and Society Studies;
Theological Studies of Technology; Continental Philosophy; Transhumanism

Teaching Experience

Saint Mary's College of California, Moraga, CA October 2018-Present
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business Ethics

Holy Names University, Oakland, CA August 2014-present
Adjunct Professor in Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments

School of Ministry for the Diocese of Monterey, CA November 2019-December 2019
Instructor of Moral Theology

Institute for Leadership in Ministry, San Jose, CA January 2017-September 2019
Instructor of Moral Theology

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley, CA January 2018-May 2018
Adjunct Lecturer

The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA January 2017-May 2017
Newhall Fellow in Technology and Theology

The Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA August 2014-December 2014
Newhall Fellow in Industrial Revolution and Ethics

Other Experience

Cal-Nevada UMC Annual Conference Racial Ethnic Local Church Concerns Grant Principal	January 2020-December 2020
Jesus Love Korean United Methodist Church, Cupertino, CA English Ministry Associate Pastor	September 2018-Present
Oakland Korean United Methodist Church, Oakland, CA English Ministry Pastor	March 2013-September 2017
Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA AAAS Science for Seminaries Grant student assistant	September 2016-June 2017
Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA Bioethics Research Assistant for Lisa Fullam	September 2013-May 2014

Publications

"Idle Hands and the Omega Point: Labor Automation and Catholic Social Teaching." *Agathon: A Journal of Ethics and Value in the Modern World* 5 (2018): 153-171.

"The Persona of the Pastor on Social Media." *Communication Research Trends* 37, No. 2 (June 2018): 25-33.

"Thomas Aquinas Meets Joseph Smith: Toward a Mormon Ethics of Natural Law." *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 51, No. 1 (Spring 2018): 79-100.

"A Review of *The Good of Recognition: Phenomenology, Ethics and Religion in the Thought of Levinas and Ricoeur*." *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 37, No. 2 (Fall/Winter 2017): 207-208.

"New Technologies—Old Anthropologies?" *Religions* 8, No. 4 (2017): 52.

"The Cross and the Computer: Actor-Network Theory and Christianity." *Theology and Science* 15, No. 1 (February 2017): 116-127.

"Recognizing the Face and Facial Recognition." *Social Epistemology and Technology: Toward Public Self-Awareness Regarding Technological Mediation*. Ed. Frank Scalabrino. London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.

"The Mormon Godhead and the Christian Trinity." *Interreligious Insights* 8, No. 3 (December 2010): 38-47.

"The Sacrality of Things: On the Technological Augmentation of the Sacred." *Techné: Research in Philosophy and Technology*. Forthcoming (25, No. 1 (2021)).

“Homo gubernator as a Teilhardian-Catholic Response to Transhumanism.” *Religious Transhumanism and Its Critics*. Ed. Ted Peters, Arvin Gouw, Brian Green. Forthcoming.

Presentations

“Idolatry and AI” (January 2020). Artificial Intelligence: Implications for Ethics and Religion conference at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, NY.

“Through a Techno-Mirror Darkly: Created Co-Creators, AI and Consciousness Uploading” (November 2019). Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Public Forum in Berkeley, CA.

“The Christian Response to Entropy: Reading Pierre Teilhard de Chardin against Himself on Violence” (June 2019). Catholic Theological Society of America in Pittsburgh, PA.

“Transhumanism and the Need for a New Christian Ethic” (February 2019). Seeking the Sacred in the Digital Age Conference at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA.

“The Geoengineering Trolley Problem and a Jonasian Solution” (January 2019). Society for Christian Ethics 2019 Conference in Louisville, IN.

“The Technology Called Religion” (July 2018). Philosophy of Human-Technology Relations Conference in Twente, NL.

“Zarathustra, Transhumanism, and the Homo Gubernator” (November 2017). Pacific Coast Theological Society Fall 2017 Conference in Berkeley, CA.

“Uploaded Anthropologies: Moral Theory and STS in the Transhuman Debate” (September 2017). Society for the Social Study of Science 2017 Conference in Boston, MA.

“The Persona of the Pastor on Social Media” (July 2017). TheoCom 2017 Conference at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA.

“The Sacrality of Things” (June 2017). Society for Philosophy and Technology 2017 Conference at Darmstadt University of Technology, Darmstadt, Germany.

“Can a Mormon Be a Transhumanist? A Response from an Apostate” (December 2016). Theologians Testing Transhumanism Meeting, Berkeley, CA.

“Vacek and Marion: Toward a Phenomenology of Erotic Love of God” (February 2015). Center for Advanced Research in European Philosophy 2015 Conference at Kings College, London, ON, Canada.

Works in Progress

“Being Light for the World in Silicon Valley: Faith Education and Science and Technology” ministry grant directed at young professional Asian/Asian American Christians working in the San Francisco Bay Area tech industry

Reprinting of Carl Mitcham and Jim Grote, eds. *Theology and Technology: Essays in Analysis and Exegesis* with Wipf and Stock

“Critiques of Technique” project collecting major classical theological critiques of technology for online publication through the Jacques Ellul Society

Adapting dissertation work into two publishable books, one on STS and philosophical ethics of technology, and a second on groundings for Catholic theological ethics of technology.

Scholarships and Awards

- **Racial Ethnic Local Church Concerns Grant**, UMC Discipleship Ministries, 2019
- **Dolores L. Christie Scholarship**, Catholic Theological Society of America, 2019
- **Charles H. Townes Fellowship**, Francisco J. Ayala Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, 2018
- **Travel Grant**, National Science Foundation, 2017
- **Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award**, Society for Philosophy and Technology Conference 2017
- **Newhall Teaching Fellowship**, The Graduate Theological Union 2014, 2017
- **Travel Grant**, The Graduate Theological Union 2015, 2017

Recent Courses Taught

<i>Moral Theology</i>	Diocese of Monterey, November 2019-December 2019
ORB 315 <i>Business Ethics</i>	St Mary's College of California, Autumn 2018-Autumn 2019
PHIL 020W/120W <i>Moral Choices</i>	Holy Names University, Fall 2014-Fall 2019
ORB 411 <i>Ethics</i>	St Mary's College of California, Autumn 2019
ISAC 102 <i>The Premodern World</i>	Holy Names University, Fall 2017-Fall 2019
<i>Fundamentals of Morality</i>	Institute for Leadership in Ministry, Winter 2017-Fall 2019
RLSTA 175 <i>World Religions</i>	Holy Names University, Summer 2015-Spring 2019
PHIL 156 <i>Ethics at Work</i>	Holy Names University, Fall 2014-Spring 2019
ISAC 103 <i>The Modern World</i>	Holy Names University, Spring 2018-Spring 2019
RSST 8200 <i>Technology and Theology</i>	Jesuit School of Theology SCU, Spring 2018
ISAC 104 <i>The Contemporary World</i>	Holy Names University, Spring 2017-Spring 2018
RSST 3784 <i>Technology and Theology</i>	The Graduate Theological Union, Spring 2017
PHIL 040W <i>The Human Person</i>	Holy Names University, Spring 2015-Fall 2015
CE 2502 <i>Industrial Ethics</i>	The Graduate Theological Union, Fall 2014

Service

Pontifical Council on Culture Committee for AI Concerns	March 2020-Present
AAR Committee Human Enhancement and Transhumanism	October 2018-Present
Joint Labor-Management Committee, Holy Names University	January 2018-Present
Referee, <i>Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology</i>	February 2015-Present
Collective Bargaining Team, Holy Names University	May 2017-December 2017
Doctoral Council Member, Graduate Theological Union	September 2016-May 2018

Memberships

Society for Christian Ethics	
Catholic Theological Society of America	
Society for Philosophy and Technology	
Society for Social Study of the Sciences (4S)	
American Academy of Religion	
Center for Science, Technology, and Medicine Studies affiliate	September 2014-Present
Francisco J. Ayala Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences affiliate	September 2017-Present

References

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Sophia Park, SNJM	Associate Professor of Religious Studies
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