

CURRICULUM VITAE

Richard B. Miller
<https://voices.uchicago.edu/richardbmiller/>

Position: Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Religion, Politics, and Ethics in the Divinity School and in the College

Address: The University of Chicago Divinity School
Swift Hall 202
1025 E. 58th St.
Chicago, IL 60637
rbm1@uchicago.edu

Education:

B.A. University of Virginia
M.A. Catholic University of America
Ph.D. University of Chicago

Scholarly Writings:

Books:

Interpretations of Conflict: Ethics, Pacifism, and the Just-War Tradition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991).
Bross Prize Winner
Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 1992

Editor, *War in the Twentieth Century: Sources in Theological Ethics* (Louisville: John Knox/Westminster, 1992)

Casuietry and Modern Ethics: A Poetics of Practical Reasoning (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996)

Children, Ethics, and Modern Medicine (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003)
Medical Ethics Series

Terror, Religion, and Liberal Thought (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010)
Columbia Series in Religion and Politics
Choice Outstanding Academic Title, 2011

Friends and Other Strangers: Studies in Religion, Ethics, and Culture (New York: Columbia University Press, 2016)

Why Study Religion? (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021).

Articles and Chapters: (*=refereed)

“‘Heartfelt Grief,’ Objectively Unjust Threats, and the Noncombatant’s Ordeal” (draft).

“Reinhold Niebuhr’s Critique of Christian Pacifism Revisited” (draft).

“Aquinas, Double Effect, and Moral Luck” (draft)

“The Ethics and Politics of Religious Ethics, 1973-2023” (forthcoming).

“Augustine, Moral Luck, and the Ethics of Regret and Shame,” *Journal of Religion* 100.3 (July 2020): 361-85.*

“Ground Rules for Grappling with the *Global Ethic*,” in *Multi-Religious Perspectives on a ‘Global Ethic’: In Search of a Common Morality*,” ed. Myriam Renaud and William Schweiker (Routledge, forthcoming)

“Prophetic Morality and the *Global Ethic*,” in *Multi-Religious Perspectives on a ‘Global Ethic’: In Search of a Common Morality*,” ed. Myriam Renaud and William Schweiker (Routledge, forthcoming).

“Alterity, Intimacy, and the Cultural Turn in Religious Ethics: A Response to Four Critics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 47.1 (March 2019): 203-16.

“On Religion, Ethics, and Cultural Criticism: A Reply to Six Critics,” at <https://voices.uchicago.edu/religionculture/2017/06/07/on-religion-ethics-and-cultural-criticism-a-reply-to-six-critics-by-richard-b-miller/>

“Normativity and Social Criticism in the Study of Religion,” at <https://www.bu.edu/cura/files/2016/11/paperforweb.pdf>

“Rules of Law and God: Liberal Democratic Reflections on Freedom, Equality, and Religion,” in *The Rule of Law and the Rule of God*, ed. Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Win-Chiat Lee, and J. Wilson Parker (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), 235-51.

“Justice, Reason, and Luck in Rationing Live-Saving Medical Resources,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 96.3 (2013): 315-332.

“Evil, Friendship, and Iconic Realism in Augustine’s *Confessions*,” *Harvard Theological Review* 104.4 (October 2011): 387-409.*

“The Moral and Political Burdens of Memory,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 37.3 (September 2009): 533-64.*

“Killing, Self-Defense, and Bad Luck,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 37.1 (March 2009): 131-58.*

“Just War, Civic Virtue, and Democratic Social Criticism: Augustinian Reflections,” *Journal of Religion* 89.1 (January 2009): 1-30.*

“On Duties and Debts to Children,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 91.1-2 (Spring/Summer 2008): 167-88.*

“Justifications of the Iraq War Examined,” *Ethics and International Affairs* 22.1 (Spring 2008): 43-67.*

“Art, (Human) Nature, and Social Criticism,” Introduction to *Human Nature* (Bloomington: SoFA Gallery, 2007), 3-6.

“On Medicine, Culture, and Children’s Basic Interests: A Reply to Three Critics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 34.1 (March 2006): 177-89.

“Rules,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics*, ed. Gilbert Meilaender and William Werpehowski (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), 220-36.

“On Making a Cultural Turn in Religious Ethics,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 33.3 (September 2005): 409-43*

“Role Responsibility in Pediatrics: Appeasing or Transforming Parental Demands?” in *Ethical Dilemmas in Pediatrics: Cases and Commentaries*, ed. Lorry R. Frankel, Ammon Goldworth, Mary V. Rorty, and William A. Silverman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), 21-29.

“Thinking about War and Justice: A Reply to Jean Bethke Elshtain,” at <http://www.marty-center.uchicago.edu/webforum/052003/response.miller.shtml>

“Aquinas and the Presumption against Killing and War,” *Journal of Religion* 82.2 (April 2002): 173-204.*

Reprinted in *Thomas Aquinas (International Library of Essays in the History of Social and Political Thought)*, ed. John Inglis (Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 2006).

“The Virtues and Vices of Civil Society,” in *Civil Society and Government*, ed., Nancy Rosenblum and Robert Post (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2001), 370-96.

“Christian Attitudes toward Boundaries: Metaphysical and Geographical,” in *Boundaries and Justice: Diverse Ethical Perspectives*, ed. David Miller and Sohail Hashmi (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2001), 15-37.*

Reprinted in *Christian Political Ethics*, ed. John Coleman (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2007).

“Religion, Ethics, and Clinical Immersion: An Appraisal of Three Pioneers,” in *Caring Well: Religion, Narrative, and Health Care Ethics*, ed. David H. Smith (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2000), 17-42.

“Legitimation, Justification, and the Politics of Rescue,” in *Kosovo: Contending Voices on Balkan Interventions*, ed. William J. Buckley (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2000), 384-98.

“Humanitarian Intervention, Altruism, and the Limits of Casuistry,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 28.1 (Spring 2000): 3-35.*

“*The Politics of Religious Studies*: Too Coarse a Filter,” *Bulletin for the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion* (November 1999): 111-12.

“On Identity, Rights, and Multicultural Justice,” *Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics* 19 (1999): 261-83.*

“Religion and the American Public Intellectual,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 25.2 (Fall 1997): 369-92.*

“Introduction,” to Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, *Deterrence and the Crisis in Moral Theory* (New York: Peter Lang, 1996), xiii-xvi.

“Just-War Criteria and Theocentrism,” in *Christian Ethics: Problems and Prospects*, ed. James F. Childress and Lisa Sowle Cahill (Cleveland, Oh.: Pilgrim Press, 1996), 334-356.

“Love and Death in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit,” *Annual, Society of Christian Ethics* (1996): 21-39.*

“Divine Justice, Evil, and Tradition: Comparative Reflections,” in *The Ethics of War and Peace: Religious and Secular Perspectives*, ed. Terry Nardin (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1996), 265-81.*

“Truth-telling, Moral Sources, and Ordinary Life in Jeremy Taylor’s Casuistry,” in *Casuistry in Context*, ed. Thomas A. Shannon and James Keenan (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1995), 131-57.*

“Casuistry, Pacifism, and Just-War Tradition in the Post-Cold War Era, supplementing U.S. Catholic Bishops, *The Harvest of Justice is Sown in Peace*, the 1993 pastoral letter commemorating the 10th anniversary of *The Challenge of Peace* and the 30th anniversary of *Pacem in Terris* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Catholic Conference, 1994), 199-213.

“Narrative and Casuistry: A Response to John Arras,” *Indiana Law Journal* 69 (Fall 1994): 1015-20.

“Deterrence,” in *Dictionary of Catholic Social Thought* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1994), 276-78.

“On Transplanting Human Fetal Tissue: Presumptive Duties and the Task of Casuistry,” *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 14 (December 1989): 517-40.*

“Love, Intention, and Proportion: Paul Ramsey on the Morality of Nuclear Deterrence,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 16 (Fall 1988): 201-221.*

“The Morality of Nuclear Deterrence: Obstacles on the Road to Coherence,” *Horizons* 15 (Spring 1988): 21-42.*

Reprinted in *Ethics and Nuclear War: Strategy, Religious Studies, and the Churches*, ed. Todd Whitmore (Dallas, TX: Southern Methodist University Press, 1989).

“H. Richard Niebuhr’s War Articles: A Transvaluation of Value,” *Journal of Religion* 68 (April 1988): 242-262.*

“Violent Pornography: Mimetic Nihilism and the Eclipse of Differences,” *Soundings* 69 (Fall 1986): 326-346.*

Reprinted in *For Adult Users Only: The Dilemmas of Violent Pornography*, ed. Susan Gubar and Joan Hoff (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1989).

“Christian Pacifism and Just-War Tenets: How Do They Diverge?” *Theological Studies* 47 (September 1986): 448-472.

“Tradition and Modernity in the Nuclear Age,” *Journal of Religion* 64 (April 1985): 258-270.

“The French Bishops on Deterrence,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 40 (May 1984): 58-59.

“Final Draft of the Pastoral Letter,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 39 (August-September, 1983): 55-56.

“The Catholic Bishops on War,” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 39 (May 1983): 9-13.*

White Paper:

“Intelligent Design, Science Education, and Public Reason,” with Robert A. Crouch (principal author) and Lisa H. Sideris. Available at <http://poynter.indiana.edu/science.shtml> (2006).

Work in Progress:

Love and Luck in Kierkegaard’s *Works of Love*

Augustine on Love, Conflict, and the Goods We Hold in Common

Anger, Revulsion, and Incomprehension: Moral Reasoning and Responses to Terror

Arguing for and against the Presumption against Killing and War

Nature and the Ethics of Belief in Hume’s *The Natural History of Religion*

Essays on Teaching:

Entries on “Sophocles,” “Augustine,” and “Conrad,” for Annotated Bibliography of Artistic and Literary Works Used in the Teaching of Ethics, *1988 Society of Christian Ethics Annual* (Georgetown University Press, 1988).

“Rhetoric, Pedagogy, and the Study of Religions,” (with Laurie Patton and Stephen Webb) *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 62 (Fall 1994): 819-50.

“Critical Representations,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 65 (Winter 1997): 727-44.*

Letters, Commentary

New York Times

Chronicle of Higher Education

Hastings Center Report

Previous Positions:

1985-6	Visiting Lecturer/Visiting Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University
1986-92	Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, IU
1992-96	Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, IU
1994-2014	Adjunct Faculty, American Studies Program, IU
1996-2014	Professor, Department of Religious Studies, IU
1997-2001	Finkelstein Fellow, College of Arts and Sciences, IU
2000-03	Chair, Department of Religious Studies, IU
2002-14	Affiliate Faculty, Center for Bioethics, IU

2003-09 Adjunct Faculty, Center on Philanthropy, IU
 2003-13 Director, Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, IU
 2013-14 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Philosophy, IU
 2012-14 Provost Professor, IU

Select Grants, Fellowships, Awards:

1975 Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude (B.A.)
 1979-83 Annual Grant from Charles M. Ross Trust
 1981 Entering Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago
 1983 Divinity School Fellowship, University of Chicago
 1986-87 Multidisciplinary Ventures Fund, IU: "The Experience of War"
 1988 NIH Grant to research the ethics of transplanting human fetal tissue
 1988 Curriculum enrichment grant to develop Ph.D. at IU
 1989 Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, IU
 1990 IU Summer Faculty Fellowship (declined)
 1990 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend
 1990 2nd Prize in the Bross Competition (\$7500) for *Interpretations of Conflict*. The Bross Prize is an international manuscript competition on any topic in Christianity in relation to another discipline. It is held every 10 years and in 1990 awarded three prizes.
 1991 Inaugural Workshop on Teaching Religion sponsored by the Midwest AAR, the Lilly Endowment, and Wabash College
 1991-92 Project Director, "Religion and Moral Discourse," a pilot project funded by the Lilly Endowment
 1993-95 Co-PI, "Religion, Morality, and the Professions in America," funded by the Lilly Endowment (\$361,609)
 1994 IU Summer Faculty Fellowship
 1995 IU President's Council on International Program Grant to support travel to Oxford University
 1997-98 Residential Fellow, Program in Ethics and the Professions, Harvard University
 1997-98 Research Leave Supplement, IU
 1998-99 Participant, "Religion, Ethnography, and Professional Life," funded by the Lilly Endowment (\$377,951)
 2000 IU Overseas Conference Grant to present work at colloquy on "Ethics and Global Affairs," University of Leeds, UK
 2004 IU Summer Faculty Fellowship
 2004 IU College of Arts and Humanities Institute Fellowship
 2006-07 IU New Frontiers Grant for "Privacy in Public: Ethics, Privacy, and the Technology of Public Surveillance"
 2007 James P. Holland Award for Exemplary Teaching and Service to Students, College of Arts and Sciences, IU
 2010-12 PI, "Virtuous Empathy: Scientific and Humanistic Investigations," grant from the University of Chicago "New Science of the Virtues" competition (\$199,617)
 2012 Tracy M. Sonneborn Prize, IU

Professional Organizations

American Academy of Religion
 Society of Christian Ethics
 Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
 Society of Midland Authors

Courses (University of Chicago):

Contemporary Religious Ethics I: Method and History, 1970-1990
Contemporary Religious Ethics II: Identity and Difference, 1990-2010
Contemporary Religious Ethics III: Peril and Responsibility, 2010-2022 (TBA)
The Ethics of Belief
Contemporary Political and Social Ethics
Rights and Justice
The Ethics of War: Foundational Texts
Religion, Medicine, and Ethics
Religion and the Political Order
Augustine, Kierkegaard, and the Problem of Love
Religion and Democracy
The Ethics of War: Reading Michael Walzer's *Just and Unjust Wars* (College)

Editorial Boards

Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics
Journal of the American Academy of Religion
Journal of Religious Ethics
Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal

Lectures:

American Academy of Arts and Sciences
American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
Catholic Theological Society of America
American University
Ball State University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Davidson College
Ethikon Institute Conference, Jerusalem
Ethikon Institute Conference, New York City
Ethikon Institute Conference, Santa Fe, NM
Florida State University
Georgetown University
Lake Forest College
Northern Arizona University
Oregon State University
Oxford University
Princeton University
Rice University
Saint Mary's College, Ind.
St. Olaf College
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University

University of Chicago
University of Georgia
University of Leeds
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of Virginia
U.S. Institute of Peace
U. S. Military Academy
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Western Michigan University
Youngstown State University

Select Service Activities:

Referee, *Journal of Religion*, *Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Ethical Perspectives*, SUNY Press, Fortress Press, Indiana University Press, *Encyclopedia of Bioethics*, Cambridge University Press, University of Notre Dame Press, Columbia University Press, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Oxford University Press

Book reviews or notes for *Journal of Religion*, *Ethics*, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, *Theology Today*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Interpretation*, *American Historical Review*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Journal of Law and Religion*

Steering Committee, Ethics Section, American Academy of Religion (1987-1991)

Convener, "Theology and Ethics Colloquy," American Academy of Religion (1988-2018)

Peer Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities (1990, 1991)

Director of Graduate Studies, IU Department of Religious Studies (1993-97, 1999-2000)

Coordinator of Juries, Awards for Excellence, American Academy of Religion (1995-99)

Chair, IU Department of Religious Studies, (2000-03)

Co-editor, with Eric Meslin, IU Press Book Series, *Bioethics and the Humanities* (2003-2013)

Chair, Inquiry Committee, Research Integrity Office, Indiana University (2005, 2012)

IU-Bloomington Provost Search Committee (2007)

IU College of Arts and Sciences Tenure Committee (2008-2010)

External Review Committees: Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University; Department of Religious Studies, University of Georgia; Bioethics Program, University of Virginia; M.A. in Ethics and Society, Fordham University

Tenure, promotion, or appointment review and consultation: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Florida State University, Miami University (Fla.), Harvard Divinity School, Princeton University, Arizona State University, Stanford University, Catholic University of America

Executive Board Member, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, *ex officio* (2003-13)

Chair, Search Committee for Department Chair, Religious Studies (2011-12)

IU Foundation Ethics Committee (2011-13)

Search Committee, Environmental Ethics, University of Chicago (2014-15)

Chair, University of Chicago Divinity School Dean Search Committee (2015-16)

Tenure and Promotion Committee, University of Chicago Divinity School (2019-21)

Board of University Publications, University of Chicago Press (2016-19)

Chair, Religious Ethics Area, Divinity School (2015-17, 2019-21)

Areas Committee, Divinity School (2018-20)

Chair, Divinity School Doctoral Admissions Committee (2020-21)

IU Press Series, *Bioethics and the Humanities* (co-edited with Eric Meslin, 2003-13):

The Dream of the Perfect Child

Joan Rothschild (2005)

Is There an Ethicist in the House? On the Cutting Edge of Bioethics

Jonathan Moreno (2005)

Bioethics and Organ Transplantation in a Muslim Society: A Study in Culture, Ethnography, and Religion

Farhat Moazam (2006)

Profits Before People? Ethical Standards and the Marketing of Prescription Drugs

Leonard J. Weber (2006)

Dark Medicine: Rationalizing Unethical Medical Research

William LaFleur, Gernot Böhme, and Suumu Shimazono, eds. (2008)

The Ethics of Autism: Among Them, but Not of Them

Deborah R. Barnhaum (2008)

The History of Eugenics in America

Paul Lombardo, ed. (2010)