

## Barrett H. Turner, Ph.D., M.Div.

### Summary

I am a moral theologian with science training who is passionate about educating future health care workers to make decisions consistent with their own and their patients' God-given dignity. I am an accomplished ethics communicator with over a decade of experience in the theological/ethical education of diverse learners. I am a committed Catholic seeking to help health care workers extend the healing ministry of Jesus to all people, especially the vulnerable.

### Experience

*Clinical Ethics Internship*, Mercy Health, St. Louis, MO, June to August 2023.

- 300-hour internship in ethics consultation, clinical education, and policy review under supervision of system executive director and two hospital directors of ethics.
- Researched and drafted policy for system discussion regarding new transplantation technique (thoraco-abdominal normothermic regional perfusion).
- Participated in weekly system-wide ethics council meetings, including case reviews.
- Educated care managers and chaplains in proxy decision-making for patients without advanced directives and unilateral code changes.
- Wrote case notes for consultations under supervision.
- Trained in electronic medical record (Epic).

*Clinical Ethics Shadowing*, Mercy Health, Rogers, AR, July 2022.

- 40-hour shadowing of ethicist in a regional Catholic hospital, including bedside and formal consults, formation sessions for executives and nurses, and a case review.

*Associate Professor of Theology and Program Director of Philosophy, Politics, & Economics (PPE)*, Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD, August 2015 to present.

- Designed and delivered courses in fundamental ethics, health care and biomedical ethics, and Catholic social teaching, as well as other courses in theology and spirituality, to a diverse student body. Biomedical ethics courses were keyed to USCCB's *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services*.
- Experience communicating Catholic health ethics, hospice care, and end of life planning to the public through lectures and panels.
- Served a term as the ethicist on the university's Institutional Review Board.
- Consultancy with a diocesan family life office on sexual and bioethical issues.
- Appointed by president to be sub-chair and project manager of the university's strategic planning committee; assisted in presenting final plan to the board of trustees.
- Trained student leaders in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.
- Planned and led experiential learning trips for undergraduate students.
- With faculty from philosophy, political science, and economics, designed curriculum for the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics program. Later appointed program director after presenting a data-informed vision for program growth.
- Using data analytics made successful recommendations to the theology department chair for theology program growth.
- Served on numerous curricular, assessment, and hiring committees.

- Researched theological questions for publication in peer-reviewed journals and presentation at academic conferences (CV available upon request).
- Achieved tenure in 2021, indicating excellent performance in all areas.

*Adjunct Professor*, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University, Baton Rouge, LA, June to December 2020.

- Delivered online health care ethics instruction to nursing students and MHA students, including a live ethics simulation, in a course entitled “Ethics and Medical Law.”

*Teaching Fellow & Teaching Assistant*, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., August 2010 to May 2014.

- Designed and delivered a health care ethics course after serving as a teaching assistant for two other health care ethics courses.
- Won Teaching Assistant of the Year award for handling well a conflict between students over a controversial point of Catholic bioethical teaching.

*Professorial Lecturer*, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., August 2012 to July 2013.

- Instructor of record for introductory theology sections of “Problem of God”.

*Independent Undergraduate Researcher & Laboratory Technician*, G. Paul Matherne Cardiac Lab, Department of Pediatrics, University of Virginia Health Systems, Charlottesville, VA, August 2003 to June 2004.

- Designed new protocols, maintained cell lines, and conducted experiments.
- Direct report to primary investigator, Amy R. Lankford, Ph.D.

## **Education**

M.S., Biotechnology and Management, Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD, (in progress). Completed coursework in Project Management, Data Science, and Biostatistics (GPA 3.91).

Ph.D., Moral Theology/Ethics, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, 2015. Dissertation *defended with distinction* (top decile of dissertations).

M.Div., Covenant Seminary, Saint Louis, MO, 2010. *Summa cum laude*.

B.A., Biology (minor: Religious Studies), University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2006.

## **Skills & Training**

Familiarity with Epic (EHR), Microsoft Office, RStudio (R), Minitab, Adobe Creative Cloud.

Loyola Chicago University, “Assessing Clinical Ethics Skills” training, 2022 (online).

NIH, “Protecting Human Research Participants” training, 2016 (online).

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts USA, 1999.

Research languages include Latin, Spanish, French, and Greek.