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Biography

Brett C. Hoover, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Pastoral and Practical Theology at LMU and Associate Chair for Graduate Education for the Theological Studies department. Dr. Hoover focuses on how Christian life, practice, and ministry shape and are shaped by both social and cultural context as well as interpretations of the Christian (especially Roman Catholic) tradition. He teaches courses on ministry, immigration, faith and culture, and US Catholicism. Dr. Hoover also serves the Church by teaching pastoral leaders locally and around the country, especially about ministry in culturally diverse parishes, the focus of much of his recent research. He is the author of several books and articles, including the forthcoming *IMMIGRATION AND FAITH: CULTURAL, BIBLICAL, AND THEOLOGICAL NARRATIVES* (Paulist, July 2021). He regularly consults with parishes and offers workshops for various organizations. He co-founded the Catholic seeker website, BustedHalo.com, and he currently serves on the board of LMU's Center for Religion and Spirituality. Before coming to LMU in 2011, he taught graduate students in ministry at the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago, and in the various seminaries of the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

Areas of Expertise

Practical Theology, Parish life, Religious disaffiliation, Sociological of religion in theological research, Qualitative Research, Pastoral Theology, American Catholicism

Education

Graduate Theological Union

Ph.D. 2010

Washington Theological Union

M.A. 1997

University of California, Santa Barbara

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