

# Brother Ken Homan, SJ

## Academic History

**Georgetown University – Doctoral Candidate** Anticipated May 2025

Dissertation Title: *A New Category of Analysis in Labor History: Jesuits and Labor in St. Louis, Missouri, 1891-1965*

Committee: Joseph McCartin (Chair), Michael Amezcua, Kathy Sprows-Cummings

**Boston College – School of Theology and Ministry** May 2020

MTS

Certificate in Jesuit Studies

**Creighton University – Graduate** Summer 2015

Coursework in classroom management, curriculum design

**Fordham University – Graduate** May 2015

MA: History

Thesis Title: “When St. Ignatius Met St. Joseph in St. Louis: The Jesuits of St. Louis and their Work for Labor Justice 1891 – 1962”

**Fordham University – Undergraduate** December 2014

BA: History, Theology Major

**Creighton University** August 2008 – May 2010

History, Theology Major

## Publications and Presentations

### *Peer Reviewed Publications*

“Education for Justice Before Arrupe: Law and the Institutes for Social Order and Social Sciences.” *Jesuit Educational Quarterly*, Expected Fall 2025. *Invited*.

“Whose Labor Law Do We Follow? St. Louis’s Jesuits and Labor Justice.” *St. Louis University Law Journal* 69, no. 2 (Spring 2025). *Invited*.

“Community Organizing and the Spiritual Exercises.” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, Fall 2024. Co-authored with David Inczauskis, SJ.

“Unlearning White Supremacy: A Spirituality for Racial Liberation by Alex Mikulich (Review).” *American Catholic Studies* 135, no. 2 (2024): 88–90. *Invited*.

“An Opportunity for Conversion: American Jesuits and the Response to *Laudato Si’*.” *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 3, no. 4 (September 30, 2016): 645–63. <https://doi.org/10.1163/22141332-00304006>. *Invited*.

### *Popular Publications*

“What Dr. King and St. Ignatius Taught Me About Ignatian Spirituality.” In *An Ignatian Reader*. CST and Community Organizing. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2025. (Originally in *The Jesuit Post*)

“Digging Into Jesuit Slaveholding, Digging Into the Exercises.” In *Praying for Freedom: Racism and Ignatian Spirituality in America*, 39–47. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2024. (Originally in *Review for Religious*)

“The Complicated History of American Jesuits & Racial Justice.” *Daily Theology*, October 2020. <https://dailytheology.org/2020/10/20/the-complicated-history-of-american-jesuits-and-racial-justice/>. *Invited*.

“I’m a Jesuit in Formation. Here’s Why I Decided to Take Care of My Mental Health.” *America Magazine*, May 4, 2020. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/05/04/im-jesuit-formation-heres-why-i-decided-take-care-my-mental-health>. (Originally in *The Jesuit Post*)

*America Magazine*. “Why Jesuit Schools Should Recognize Graduate Student Unions.” January 3, 2020. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2020/01/13/why-jesuit-schools-should-recognize-graduate-student-unions>.

*America Magazine*. “I’m a Jesuit. How Should I Respond to Toxic Masculinity and #MeToo?” October 24, 2017. <https://www.americamagazine.org/politics-society/2017/10/24/im-jesuit-how-should-i-respond-toxic-masculinity-and-metoo>. (Originally in *The Jesuit Post*)

“Unnatural Gas: The Spiritual Implications of Fracking.” *America Magazine*, August 15, 2013. <https://www.americamagazine.org/issue/faith-focus/unnatural-gas>.

### *Invited Presentations*

“St. Louis’s Jesuits and Labor Justice.” Presented at the St. Louis University Law Symposium, St. Louis, MO, April 2024.

“Spirituality and Community Organizing.” Presented at the Prophetic Communities, San Francisco, February 2023.

“Jesuit Education: Talking About Race in the Classroom.” Ignatian Solidarity Network and Jesuit Anti-Racism Sodality, September 12, 2020. Presented with Justin White.

## *Conference Papers*

“St. Louis Jesuits and the Creation of U.S. Catholic Normativity” of panel *American Catholicisms: New Directions for Religious History*. To be presented at the American Catholic Historical Association, New York, January 2025. Panel organizer.

“Inculturation, White Supremacy, and Jesuit Work for Racial Justice” of panel *Motivations and Hindrances in the Evangelization of Black Catholics*. Presented at the American Catholic Historical Association, San Francisco, January 4, 2024. Panel chair.

“Lived Religion and Lived Labor: The Role of Class in St. Louis’s Jesuit Labor Activism” of panel *Both a Christian and a Marxist?: Lived Realities and Resistance in the 20th-century Culture Wars*. Presented at the Labor and Working-Class History Association, Rutgers University, May 19, 2023. Panel organizer.

“The Race to Convert: American Jesuits and the Missionary Appropriation of Racism.” *Ad Missio* Conference, Spring 2020. (Conference canceled due to COVID).

“The Jesuit of St. Louis and Labor Justice.” Presented at the Fighting Inequality Conference, Washington, DC, May 2015.

“The Role of the Suppression and Restoration on the Jesuit Social Apostolate.” Presented at the Jesuit Suppression & Restoration Conference, St. Louis, MO, September 2014.

## **Professional Experience**

<b>Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor</b>	Summer 2020 to January 2025
Faith & Labor Organizer	

<b>Slavery, Memory, History, &amp; Reconciliation</b>	Summer 2020
Curriculum Development and Design	

<b>Marquette University High School</b>	August 2015 – May 2018
Teaching & Curriculum Design	
- Freshman Biblical Studies	
- Junior Catholic Social Teaching	

## **Adjacent Professional Experience**

**Ignatian Solidarity Network**  
Ignatian Family Teach-In Planning Committee  
National Advisory Council  
Education for Justice – writer and editor

**Newberry National Volcanic Monument**

Summer 2013

Interpretive Ranger

- National and local archival research, oral history interviews
- Develop 25-page human history guide for future rangers
- Redesign main display at Paulina Visitor Center
- Develop and lead ranger hikes, educational activities

**Wind Cave National Park**

Summer 2010

Interpretive Ranger Intern

- Develop and lead educational cave tours
- Create and guide evening programs
- Create and lead guided hikes on the natural and human history of the park

**Languages**

Spanish (intermediate)

**Professional Memberships and Experiences**

**Academic and Professional Associations**

American Catholic Historical Association

Labor and Working-Class History Association

American Historical Association

Catholic Labor Network

**Interreligious Network for Worker Solidarity**

Summer 2020 to Spring 2025

Founding Member & Board Secretary

**Archeological Dig at St. Inigoe's Plantation**

Summer 2021

Led by Dr. Laura Masur, Catholic University of America

**Anytown Institute**

Summer 2006

DEI Training and Formation

**Awards**

**Theta Alpha Kappa Theology Honors Society – Fordham**

Spring 2013

**The Thomas A. Grennan Awards – Creighton History Department**

December 2009

**The Joseph R. Robbie Awards – Creighton History Department**

December 2008

**Msgr. Shocklee Interfaith Justice Award**

October 2008

Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis

## **Activities and Experiences**

### **Wilderness Volunteers**

Summers

Facilitating trail maintenance trips

### **Historic Building Maintenance and Restoration**

Summers 2022-2024

St. Ignatius Mission, Montana

### **Spiritual Director**

### **Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice**

Emcee

Fall 2018, Fall 2023

The Scourge of Gun Violence

Fall 2023

Community Organizing 101

Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Faith & Fracking

Fall 2013

### **Arrupe Leaders' Summit**

Facilitator

Fall 2021, Fall 2022

## **Podcasts, Webinars and Blogs**

### *Podcasts*

“Spirituality and Community Organizing.” The Liberation Theology Podcast, March 6, 2025.

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/0kRKAExhZ6w1PIhqXrNbo0?si=ulT291gvTReC3ZHvrwSBYw>.

“Being on the Frontlines for Justice.” Sainly Witnesses, June 4, 2024.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/sainlywitnesses/episodes/Being-on-the-Frontlines-for-Justice-with-Br--Ken-Homan--SJ-e2kgmqm/a-abb3sko>.

“Labor History, Justice, and Jesuits.” All Who Labor, December 3, 2023.

<https://allwholabor.buzzsprout.com/2114890/12417854-labor-history-justice-and-jesuits>.

### *Webinars*

*Labor and Catholic Social Teaching.* CEPA Webinar Series, 2025.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Ca4J433elw>.

## *Blogs*

### **The Jesuit Post**

60+ publications

2012 – 2022

### **Ignatian Solidarity Network**

“Arduous Movement Building.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, January 22, 2024.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2024/01/22/arduous-movement-building/>.

“Organizing Like Apostles.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, May 8, 2023.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2023/05/08/organizing-like-apostles/>.

“Take Courage, Get Up.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, October 25, 2021.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2021/10/25/take-courage-get-up/>.

“Four Ways for White People to Challenge White Apathy.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, June 1, 2020. <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/06/01/white-people-challenge-white-apathy/>.

“The Time for Discipleship.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, May 25, 2020.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/05/25/discipleship/>.

“A Light for the Nations.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, January 13, 2020.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2020/01/13/light-nations/>.

“Day 4 | Repairer of the Breach.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, March 9, 2019.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2019/03/09/repairer-breach/>.

“The Radical Call of Advent.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, December 3, 2018.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2018/12/03/radical-advent/>.

“Food and Love.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, August 20, 2018.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2018/08/20/food-love/>.

“Day 11: The Law and the Park Ranger.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, February 24, 2018.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2018/02/24/park-ranger/>.

“Day 20: Lessons From a Woodworker.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, March 20, 2017.  
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2017/03/20/lessons-from-woodworker/>.

“I Hope the Papal Encyclical on Climate Change Inspires You.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, June 9, 2015. <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2015/06/09/i-hope-the-papal-encyclical-on-climate-change-inspires-you/>.

“Climate Change: Our Unity in Love for the Gift of Creation.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, September 30, 2014. <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2014/09/30/climate-change-gift-of-creation/>.

“Lent 2013 - Not Your Usual Water Fast.” Ignatian Solidarity Network, February 13, 2013. <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2013/02/13/lent2013not-your-usual-water-fast/>.