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FACULTY POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Congregational Studies (with tenure), Department of Practical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary. 2016-present.

Research Fellow, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University. Fall 2023-present.

Adjunct Professor, Pepperdine School of Public Policy. July 2020, July 2021, and July 2022.

Visiting Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University. July 2019-June 2020.

Visiting Associate Professor of Sociology, Princeton University. September 2017-February 2018.

Associate Research Scientist, Department of Sociology, Yale University. July 2013-2016.

Faculty Resident Fellow, Calhoun College, Yale University. July 2013-2016.

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2007-2013.

Faculty Fellow, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2008-2013.

Faculty Fellow, Galapagos Science Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 2010-2013.

SCALA FOUNDATION

Founder, Executive Director, and Member of Board of Trustees of Scala Foundation (2016-Present).

- Founded 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization to promote art, the sacred and the common good.
- Ongoing leadership of fundraising and activities such as: reading groups, dinner seminars with guest speakers, webinars, educational trips, conferences, retreats, intensive summer seminars, and [The Way of Beauty Mentorship Program](#).
- Co-sponsorship of July 2025 conference on Thomism, Creativity and the Arts at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University. Builds on Scala's past conferences and engages with new partner organizations to promote cultural renewal in the academy, the church and the arts.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Princeton University. 2005.

- Dissertation Title: "Upward Climb or Downward Slide? Religion and Mediating Social Capital in the Haitian Immigrant Communities of Miami, Montreal and Paris."

M.A. in Sociology, Princeton University. 2000.

B.A. in Psychology, Yale University. 1995.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Office of Population Research, Princeton University. 2005-2007.

Lecturer in Sociology, Princeton University. 2005-2006.

- Managed the National Longitudinal Study of Freshmen (NLSF) project, including data coding, analysis, and user support.

Program Officer and Speechwriter, Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress (San Jose, Costa Rica). 1995-1998.

- Drafted and translated speeches for Oscar Arias, former President of Costa Rica and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Conducted research and authored reports on the Central American peace process. Translator, United Nations Human Settlements Program (San Jose, Costa Rica, office). 1997-1998.
- Conducted simultaneous translation (English-Spanish and Spanish-English) of meetings on human settlements in Central America. Translated written reports (English-Spanish and Spanish-English) on human settlements in Central America.

BOOKS

Margarita Mooney Clayton. *When Mary Calls: Surprising Encounters with the Mother of God.* Odysseus Press, 2026.

Margarita Mooney Suarez. [*The Wounds of Beauty: Seven Dialogues on Art and Education.*](#) Providence, RI: Cluny Media, 2022. Selected Reviews and Interviews about *The Wounds of Beauty*.

Margarita Mooney Clayton Interviewed by Sara Negri for the [Acton Line podcast](#) about The Wounds of Beauty: Seven Dialogues on Art and Education. November 30, 2022.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Annika Nordquist of Madison's Notes, the Podcast of the James Madison Program at Princeton University about The Wounds of Beauty. "[Beauty is Truth, and Truth is Beauty.](#)" February 14, 2023.

"The Fierce Reality of Beauty." Review of *The Wounds of Beauty* published by Sarah Christine George in [Law and Liberty](#). April 7, 2023.

"Why Beauty Matters." Review of *The Wounds of Beauty* published by Elizabeth Bittner in [University Bookman](#). September 24, 2023.

Margarita A. Mooney. [*The Love of Learning: Seven Dialogues on the Liberal Arts.*](#) Providence, RI: Cluny Media, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. *Faith Makes Us Live: Surviving and Thriving in the Haitian Diaspora.* Berkeley: University of California Press. 2009. Awards: Honorable Mention, First Book Award, World Christianity Group of the American Academic of Religion.

Camille Z. Charles, Mary S. Fischer, **Margarita A. Mooney**, and Douglas S. Massey. *Taming the River: Negotiating the Academic, Financial, and Social Currents in Selective Colleges and Universities.* Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. 2009.

TEACHING

Princeton Theological Seminary (2016-Spring 2025)

- Philosophy of Social Science (Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2022; Spring 2025)
- Research Methods for Studying Congregations (Spring 2017; Fall 2021; Spring 2026)
- Christianity and the Liberal Arts Tradition (January term 2019; January term 2021; Spring 2023; January Term 2025; January Term 2026)
- Intentional Communities (Spring 2018, Fall 2021, Spring 2022)
- Religion, Resilience and Vulnerability (Fall 2016, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)
- Beauty and Christian Education (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022—as Life Together class, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)

- Ecumenical Devotion to the Virgin Mary (January term 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)
- Religion and Immigration (Fall 2018, Spring 2022)
- Sociology of Religion (Spring 2019)
- Religion and Social Theory (Fall 2017)
- Monasticism and Christian Community Cohort Groups (2017-2020)

Princeton University (Fall 2017 and Fall 2005)

- Sociology of Religion (Fall 2017)
- Sociology of International Migration (Fall 2005)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2007-2013)

- Sociology 089/First-Year Seminar: Applied Social Theory: Towards a Positive Sociology
- Sociology/Management 415: Economy and Society
- Sociology/Religious Studies 429: Religion and Society (both in class and online)
- Sociology 460: Contemporary Social Theory
- Sociology 469: Medical Sociology: Positive Sociology of Well-Being
- Sociology 891: Sociology of Religion (graduate seminar)
- Sociology 950: Political and Cultural Sociology Workshop

ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “From Strangers to Friends of God: The Vocation of the Artist in Jacques Maritain’s Life and Work.” *New Blackfriars* 107, no. 2 (2026): 139–50.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/nbf.2026.10146>.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “Remembering a Mentor.” Pp. 159-162 in *The Liberating Arts: Why We Need Liberal Arts Education*. Edited by Jeffrey Bilbro, Jessica Hooten Wilson, and David Henreckson. New York: Plough Publishing, 2023.

- Book reviewed in [*The Wall Street Journal*](#) by Jennifer Frey, September 28, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “The Art of Virtue and the Virtue of Art.” Preface to *The Shape of the Artistic Mind: A Search for the Metaphysical Link Between Art and Morals in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas*. Pontifex University Press, 2023.

Margarita A. Mooney. “The Benedictine Charism as Poetry: Sacramental Living that Sows the Seeds of Order.” *Introduction to A Benedictine Education: A Collection of Essays by Saint John Henry Newman*. Providence, Rhode Island: Cluny Media, 2020.

Margarita A. Mooney. “Human Agency and Mental Illness.” *Journal of Critical Realism*. Volume 15 (4) 2016: 376-390 DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14767430.2016.1193675>

Nicolette Manglos-Weber, **Margarita A. Mooney**, Kenneth Bollen and Micah Roos. *Sociology of Religion*. “Relationships with God among Young Adults.” Volume 77 (2), June 2016: 193-213. DOI: 10.1093/socrel/srw012

Margarita Mooney. “Narratives, Religion and Traumatic Life Events Among Young Adults.” *Social Thought and Research*, Volume 33 (2015), pp. 45-82. DOI:10.17161/STR.1808.18445.

Margarita Mooney. “Virtues and Human Personhood in the Social Sciences.” Pp. 21-44 in *The Palgrave Handbook of Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity: Formulating a Field of Study*. Vincent Jeffries, editor. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.

Margarita Mooney, Lin Wang, Jason Freeman and Matt Bradshaw. “Does Believing or Belonging have a Greater Protective Effect on Stressful Life Events Among Young Adults?” Pp. 289-310 in *Religion and Inequality*, Lisa Keister and Darren Sherkat (editors), Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Margarita Mooney. “Religion and the Incorporation of Haitians in Montreal.” Pp. 201-217 in *Religion in the Public Sphere: Canadian Case Studies*. Solange Lefebvre and Lori Beaman, eds. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

Margarita Mooney. “Religion as a Context of Reception: The Case of Haitian Immigrants in Miami, Montreal and Paris.” *International Migration*. Vol. 51 (3), June 2013, pp. 99-112.

Margarita Mooney. “Mediating Institutions and the Adaptation of Haitian Immigrants in Paris.” Pp. 113-134 in Regine O. Jackson (ed). *Geographies of the Haitian Diaspora*. New York: Routledge, 2011.

Margarita Mooney. “Religion, College Grades and Satisfaction Among Students at Elite Colleges and Universities.” *Sociology of Religion*. Vol 71 (2), Summer 2010, pp. 179-215.

Margarita Mooney. “Narratives, Religion and Traumatic Life Events Among Young Adults.” *Social Thought and Research*, Volume 33 (2015), pp. 45-82. DOI:10.17161/STR.1808.18445.

Stephanie Potochnick and **Margarita A. Mooney.** “The Decade of Immigrant Dispersion and Growth: A Cohort Analysis of Children of Immigrants’ Educational Experiences 1990-2002”. *International Migration Review*. Online article published 2014. Print version forthcoming 2015.
DOI: 10.1111/imre.12111

Margarita Mooney. “Virtues and Human Personhood in the Social Sciences.” Pp. 21-44 in *The Palgrave Handbook of Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity: Formulating a Field of Study*. Vincent Jeffries, editor. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.

Margarita Mooney, Lin Wang, Jason Freeman and Matt Bradshaw. “Does Believing or Belonging have a Greater Protective Effect on Stressful Life Events Among Young Adults?” Pp. 289-310 in *Religion and Inequality*, Lisa Keister and Darren Sherkat (editors), Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Margarita Mooney and Nicolette Manglos-Weber. “Prayer and Liturgy as Constitutive-Ends Practices in Black Immigrant Communities.” *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*. Vol 44(4), December 2014: 459-480.

Margarita Mooney. “Religion and the Incorporation of Haitians in Montreal.” Pp. 201-217 in *Religion in the Public Sphere: Canadian Case Studies*. Solange Lefebvre and Lori Beaman, eds. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2014.

Margarita Mooney. “Religion as a Context of Reception: The Case of Haitian Immigrants in Miami, Montreal and Paris.” *International Migration*. Vol. 51 (3), June 2013, pp. 99-112.

Margarita Mooney. “Mediating Institutions and the Adaptation of Haitian Immigrants in Paris.” Pp. 113-134 in Regine O. Jackson (ed). *Geographies of the Haitian Diaspora*. New York: Routledge, 2011.

Margarita Mooney. “Religion, College Grades and Satisfaction Among Students at Elite Colleges and Universities.” *Sociology of Religion*. Vol 71 (2), Summer 2010, pp. 179-215.

Deborah Rivas-Drake and **Margarita Mooney.** “Neither Colorblind Nor Oppositional: Perceived Minority Status and Trajectories of Academic Adjustment among Latinos in Elite Higher Education.” *Developmental Psychology*. Vol 45(3), May 2009, 642-651.

Margarita Mooney. “Structures de médiation et intégration des immigrants haïtiens à Paris.” *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales*. Vol. 24 (1), 2008, pp. 80-114. [“Mediating Structures and Haitian Immigrants in Paris.” *European Review of International Migration*.]

Deborah Rivas-Drake and **Margarita Mooney.** “Profiles of Latino Adaptation at Elite Colleges and Universities.” *American Journal of Community Psychology*. Vol. 42 (No. 1/2), September 2008, pp. 1-16.

Douglas Massey, Camille Charles, and **Margarita Mooney** and Kim Torres. “Black Immigrants and Black Natives Attending Selective Colleges and Universities in the United States.” *American Journal of Education* Vol. 113 (February 2007), pp. 243-271.

Douglas Massey and **Margarita Mooney.** “The Effects of America’s Three Affirmative Action Programs on Academic Performance.” *Social Problems* Vol. 54 (1), February 2007, pp. 99-117.

Margarita Mooney. “The Catholic Church’s Institutional Responses to Immigration: From Supra-National to Local Engagement.” Pp. 157-174 in *Religion and Social Justice for Immigrants* Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo, editor. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2006.

Margarita Mooney. “The Catholic Bishops Conferences of the United States and France: Engaging Immigration as a Public Issue.” *American Behavioral Scientist*. Vol. 49 (11), July 2006, pp. 1455-1470.

Margarita Mooney. “Migrants’ Social Capital and Investing Remittances in Mexico.” Pp. 45-62 in *Crossing the Border: Research from the Mexican Migration Project*. Jorge Durand and Douglas S. Massey, editors. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2004.

Margarita Mooney. “Migrants’ Social Ties in the U.S. and Investment in Mexico.” *Social Forces*. Vol. 81 (4), June 2003, pp. 1147-1170.

Michèle Lamont, Ann Morning, and **Margarita Mooney.** “Particular Universalisms: North African Immigrants Respond to French Racism.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Vol. 25 (3) May 2002, pp. 367-389.

Alejandro Portes and **Margarita Mooney.** “Social Capital and Community Development.” Pp. 303-329 in *The New Economic Sociology: Developments in an Emerging Field*, edited by Mauro Guillén, Randall Collins, Paula England, and Marshall Meyer. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2002.

RESEARCH GRANTS (selected)

“Human Flourishing and Critical Realism in the Social Sciences.” Philip S. Gorski, Yale University, Project Lead. **Margarita Mooney, Co-Project Lead. Funded by the John Templeton Foundation. \$2.5 million.** November 2014-October 2017. Duties included: coordinating working groups of scholars on human flourishing, ethnography, and comparative-historical sociology; planning three conferences on

causation, human flourishing and research methods; co-teaching four summer seminars on critical realism to graduate students and junior faculty; organizing and moderating monthly webinars on critical realism; writing papers on critical realism and research methods, human flourishing and religion.

“A Virtue Ethics Perspective on Stress and Human Flourishing from Youth to Young Adulthood.”
Margarita Mooney, Project Lead. Nicolette Manglos-Weber, University of Notre Dame, Co-Project Lead. Funded by the John Templeton Foundation. \$730,186. July 2012-June 2015. Duties included: data collection, publications, and management of all project activities.

INVITED ACADEMIC LECTURES AND PANELS (2017-Present)

June 15, 2024. “[Tradition and Creativity in Music: A Conversation with Sir James MacMillan and Peter Carter](#).” Opening panel moderated by Margarita Mooney Clayton as part of the Catholic Sacred Music Project’s Composers’ Concert, co-sponsored by the Scala Foundation and hosted by the Princeton Theological Seminary Chapel.

David Clayton and Margarita Mooney Clayton. “The Training of Artists as an Inspiration for Christian Theology and Human Creativity.” Plenary Lecture at the Continuing Education Theology Summer School, Christ Church College, Oxford University. August 13, 2024.

David Clayton and Margarita Mooney Clayton. “The Sarum Rite and Devotion to Mary: Traditions in Anglicanism and English Catholicism.” Institute for Human Ecology, Catholic University of America, travel program to Oxford University. August 13, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “[Jacques Maritain and Creativity in Education](#).” Inaugural Jacques Maritain Lecture, Jacques Maritain Center, University of Notre Dame. February 21, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “Theology, Beauty and the Arts.” Lecture to the Graduate Student Association of Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford University. November 28, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “Jacques Maritain on Culture, Religion and Politics in the Modern World.” Taunton Talk, Grandpont House, Oxford. November 18, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “Beauty, Virtue, and Integral Human Formation.” Lecture at the Annual Meetings of the Consortium of Christian Studies Centers. Minneapolis, MN. June 30, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “Tradition and Freedom in the Educational Philosophy of Jacques Maritain and Luigi Giussani.” Lecture at the Adeodatus Conference on Catholic Education and Culture. Pasadena, CA. June 24, 2023

Margarita Mooney Clayton, opening lecture at the conference *Art, Sacred and the Common Good Conference*. “The Urgency of Beauty for our Common Life.” Co-Hosted by Scala Foundation and Princeton Theological Seminary. April 22, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “Liturgy and the Liberal Arts.” Keynote Presentation to the Society for Catholic Liturgy Annual Conference. Denver, Colorado. September 30, 2022.

Margarita Mooney Suarez, lecture at the *Art, Sacred and the Common Good Conference*. “From a Crisis of Beauty to a Culture of Reverence.” Co-Sponsored by Scala Foundation and Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary. April 23, 2022.

Margarita Mooney Suarez, lecture at Hillsdale College. “Education for Beauty and Wisdom: Experiential Education, Poetic Knowledge and the Soul of the University.” October 6, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. “Educating the Whole Person.” Online Lecture to the Hildebrand Project Eleventh Annual Summer Seminar. July 6, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. “Personalism and Suffering.” Online Lecture to the Hildebrand Project Eleventh Annual Summer Seminar. July 8, 2021.

Christopher Fisher (Portsmouth Institute), Fr. Paul Clarke (Providence College), and Margarita Mooney. “[Symposium on John Henry Newman’s *A Benedictine Education*](#).” Co-sponsored by the Providence College Humanities Forum, Cluny Media, and the Portsmouth Institute. April 9, 2021.

Joseph Capizzi (Institute for Human Ecology), Michael Gorman (Catholic University), and Margarita Mooney. “[The University in the Time of COVID-19](#).” Sponsored by the Institute for Human Ecology. Co-sponsored by Scala Foundation. April 14, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. “Being Human in the Modern World: Why Personalism Matters for Education and Culture.” Arete Institute, Kenan Institute for Ethics, and Center for Christian Scholarship at Duke. February 27, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. “[Culture, Nature, and God in the Social Sciences](#).” Lecture delivered at the Faith, Science, and Nature Conference. Princeton, NJ. February 20, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. “[Can A Liberal Arts Education Survive in the Burnout Culture?](#)” Pepperdine School of Public Policy. Los Angeles, CA. January 28, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. Panelist at “[Liberalism and Christianity Conference](#).” Co-sponsored by Harvard Law School and the Thomistic Institute. March 3, 2018.

Margarita A. Mooney. “[Creating Resilient Communities: The Necessity of Theology for Sociology](#).” Invited Talk Given at the Institute for Human Ecology, The Catholic University of America, November 13, 2017.

Margarita A. Mooney. “Catholic Intellectual Life in Sociology at Secular Universities.” Invited talk given at the Catholic University of America as part of the conference “Land O’Lakes at 50: The Future of Catholic Higher Education.” Friday, November 10, 2017.

PRINT AND ONLINE SCHOLARLY ARTICLES (2014-present)

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “[Why Have Children? The Global Population Decline and Human Happiness](#).” Published online by *Public Discourse*. May 11, 2025.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “[My Hope for the New Pope: Remember Your Mother Mary](#).” Published online by First Things. May 5, 2025.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “[Graced Imagination: Recovering True Creativity in the Age of Authenticity](#).” Published online by *Public Discourse*. May 13, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. Introduction to [Modeling the Master: Luigi Giussani, Rene Girard and the Role of Imitation in Catholic Education](#). Tyler Graham, published by Pontifex University Press, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. "[The Art of Virtue and the Virtue of Art](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*. September 18, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. [The Marian Gift of Dependence](#). Published online and in print by *Comment Magazine*. September 15, 2023. Two interviews about this article were released:

- "[Mary, The Mother of God and the Meaning of Dependence on God](#)." Webinar interview of Margarita Mooney Clayton with Brian Dijkema of *Comment* magazine. September 29, 2023.
- "[Nativity, Mary and Feminine Wisdom](#)." Conversation on *The Whole Person Revolution* Podcast, hosted by Anne Snyder of *Comment* magazine interviewing Margarita Mooney Clayton and Jennifer Banks of Yale University Press. October 15, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. "[Three Things Pope Benedict Taught Me about the Blessed Virgin Mary](#)." Published online by National Catholic Register. January 9, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. "[Moving From a Crisis of Beauty to a Culture of Relevance](#)." Published online by *The Raised Hand*. October 21, 2022.

Margarita Mooney Suarez. "[How Can Education Unite Us Rather than Fragment Us? Mystery is Greater than Ideology](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*. December 16, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez. "[Rafagas for My Birthday: Ending the Cycle of Violence in Nicaragua Required More than Collecting Guns](#)." Published online by *Plough Magazine*. November 1, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez. "[Why Choose Mystery Over Ideology?](#)" Published online and in print by *Comment Magazine*. October 15, 2021.

- On November 30, 2021. Margarita Mooney Suarez wrote for the [Reclaiming the Piazza](#) blog that mentions *The Love of Learning* book and her article "Why Choose Mystery over Ideology" in *Comment* magazine.
- On December 9, 2021. *Comment Magazine* featured Margarita Mooney Suarez's article "Why Choose Mystery over Ideology" as the lead piece in their newsletter to all their subscribers.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Death is a Veil—and Love is Eternal](#)." Published online by the *National Catholic Register*. June 23, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Already and Not Yet](#)." Published online by *First Things*. May 17, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Why on Earth? A Psychiatrist, Philosopher, Comedian, and Theologian Discuss Suicide, Darkness and Hope](#)." Published online by the *National Catholic Register*. February 18, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Lectio Divina and Online Learning](#)." Published online by *First Things*. October 27, 2020.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Pruning the Mind During a Crisis](#)." Published online by *Hedgehog Review*. April 16, 2020.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Fatima and Perseverance in Trials](#)." Published online by *Church Life Journal*. May 1, 2020.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Educating the Human Person](#)." Published online by *Real Clear Policy*, October 4, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Overcoming Flawed Educational Views of the Human Person](#)." Published online by *Church Life Journal*. October 17, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Forgiving the Unforgivable: A Lesson in Love](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*. October 12, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Engineering, Beauty, and a Longing for the Infinite](#)." Published online by *Scientific American*. October 22, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[The Love of Learning and the Lay Desire for God](#)." Published online in *Church Life Journal*. November 6, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Tradition and Authority in the Luigi Giussani's Educational Method](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*, April 15, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Fighting the Burnout Culture: How Personalist Philosophers and Benedictine Monks Can Help Stressed Out College Students](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*, August 28, 2018.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Being Human in the Modern World: Why Personalism Matters for Culture and Education](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*, June 25, 2018.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Happiness at Yale](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*, September 16, 2014.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[All the Single Ladies, Married Men, and...Everyone Else: Resisting the Mentality of 'Total Work'](#)." Published online by *Public Discourse*, May 8, 2014.

BLOG POSTS ON HOMEPAGE (selected)

55 blog posts published on margaritamoooneyclayton.com and scalafoundation.org January 2015-present

Margarita Mooney. "[History of Art as Philosophy of Humanity](#)." September 30, 2020.

Margarita Mooney. "[A Reflection on COVID-19 and the Life of the Mind](#)." March 20, 2020.

Margarita Mooney. "[A Crisis of Beauty](#)." March 25, 2020.

Margarita Mooney. "[Christian Hope in a Time of Crisis](#)." April 4, 2020.

Margarita Mooney. "[A Personalist Awakening in Education](#)." July 30, 2019.

Margarita Mooney. "[Newman's Vision of Liberal Arts Education](#)." May 7, 2018.

Margarita Mooney. "[Being a Contemplative Academic](#)." May 4, 2018.

Margarita Mooney. "[What Do You Teach? Sociology and Theology](#)." April 30, 2018.

Margarita Mooney. "[10 Things I Have Learned from Teaching about Intentional Communities](#)." April 15, 2018.

Margarita Mooney. "[Doing a Whole Lot of Nothing at a Monastery.](#)" April 15, 2018.

Margarita Mooney. 90 blog posts published by Patheos on the [Black, White, and Gray collaborative blog](#). October 2011-January 2014. Approximately 20,000 page views per month.

PRESS CITATIONS AND INTERVIEWS (selected)

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Tammy Peterson about "[Finding Mary: The Role of Women in the Church](#)," September 2, 2024 and about "[Miracles, Mary and Modern Faith](#)," September 10, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Jan Bentz for *Reality Check*, the podcast of The European Conservative magazine. "[The Liberal Arts and Perennial Truths](#)." June 30, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Zach Elliot about *The Wounds of Beauty* for [Lab the Podcast](#). May 3, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Eric Metaxas about *The Wounds of Beauty* for [Socrates in the Studio](#). December 5, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton was interviewed about *The Wounds of Beauty* by Annika Nordquist of Madison's Notes, the podcast of the James Madison Program at Princeton University. "[Beauty is Truth, and Truth is Beauty](#)." February 14, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Jeremy Tate on Anchored, the podcast of the Classical Learning Test podcast. "[On the Power of Great Books to Heal and Unify](#)." July 4, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Robert Borins of Classical Conversations on the Refining Rhetoric Podcast. "[Beauty, Wisdom and the Liberal Arts in the Bible with Dr. Margarita Mooney Clayton](#)." July 3, 2024.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Robert Jackson of the Great Heart Institute for YouTube and a podcast. "[Educating for Virtue](#)." June 20, 2023

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Eric Metaxas for [the Eric Metaxas Radio Show/YouTube](#) about *The Wounds of Beauty: Seven Dialogues on Art and Education*. June 5, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton by Peter Lipsett for the [Donors Trust podcast](#) about beauty and liberty. February 14, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Shannon Watkins of the [James Martin Center for Academic Renewal](#) YouTube series on education books about *The Wounds of Beauty: Seven Dialogues on Art and Education*. February 2, 2023.

Margarita Mooney Clayton interviewed by Sara Negri for the [Acton Line podcast](#) about *The Wounds of Beauty: Seven Dialogues on Art and Education*. November 30, 2022.

[Margarita Mooney Suarez interviewed on the Follow to Lead podcast](#) sponsored by the *Duc en Altum* Schools Collaborative. July 8, 2022.

Margarita Mooney Suarez interviewed by Michael Mattheson Miller on the podcast the Moral Imagination. Episode entitled: “[Nicaraguan Journey: From Technocracy to Solidarity through Small Acts of Love](#).” May 15, 2022.

[Margarita Mooney interviewed on the Mars Hill Audio Journal](#) with Ken Myers. Volume 153. May 1, 2022.

[Margarita Mooney Suarez interviewed by the Classical Wisdom and Civic Renaissance podcast](#). Episode entitled “Bringing Beauty to Education.” April 28, 2022.

Interview with Margarita Mooney Suarez about *The Love of Learning* on [Radio Free Hillsdale](#), Hillsdale College, Michigan. October 9, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez and Michael West on *Liberal Learning for Life*, the University of Dallas podcast. “[Love of Learning with Dr. Margarita Mooney \[Suarez\]](#).” July 27, 2021.

Margarita Mooney and Bradley Jackson. Institute for Humane Studies web video, “[The Love of Learning, A Conversation with Margarita Mooney](#).” June 25, 2021.

Margarita Mooney and Dan Hugger. *Acton Line* podcast, “[The Love of Learning](#).” June 23, 2021.

Margarita Mooney and Eric Metaxas on *The Eric Metaxas Show*, “[The Love of Learning: Seven Dialogues on the Liberal Arts](#).” June 16, 2021.

Margarita Mooney, Dr. Michael Poliakoff, and Nathaniel Urban on *Higher Ed Now*, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA)’s podcast. “[Margarita Mooney: The Enduring Value of a Liberal Education](#).” February 16, 2021.

Margarita Mooney and Eric Metaxas on *The Eric Metaxas Show*, “[The Love of Learning: Seven Dialogues on the Liberal Arts](#).” June 16, 2021.

Intercollegiate Studies Institute Weekly Roundup of Conservative Thought featured Margarita A. Mooney. “[Pruning the Mind During a Crisis](#).” April 2020.

[Interview on the Eric Metaxas Radio Show](#)/You Tube Channel January 2, 2020 (more than 12,000 views on YouTube).

[Interview on the Eric Metaxas Radio Show](#)/You Tube Channel February 3, 2020 (more than 6,000 views on YouTube).

Duke Divinity School Faith and Leadership Magazine Interview. “[Connecting Sociology and Theology is Important for Students and the University](#).” July 9, 2019.

Acton Institute Interview. “[Margarita Mooney on Communism, Freedom and the ‘Irreducible Person’](#).” March 20, 2019.

Public Discourse article on Personalism cited by Kathryn Jean Lopez in *National Review Online*, “[Ten Things that Caught My Eye Today](#).” June 27, 2018.

Blogs on Personalism cited by David Brooks in the *New York Times*, “[Personalism: The Philosophy We Need](#).” June 14, 2018.

VIDEOS/WEBINARS/ONLINE EVENTS/SPIRITUAL FORMATION (selected)

November 12, 2024. "[Meditation on Mary in Scripture, Art and Music](#)." Led a prayer service with Scripture, music and art for students at the Princeton Theological Seminary focusing on Mary, the Mother of God.

June 11, 2024. "[Silence and Music: A Scotsman's Song](#)." Video Conversation with Sir James MacMillan and Margarita Mooney Clayton sponsored by Scala Foundation, recorded in the studios at Princeton Theological Seminary.

July 6, 2023. "[An Artist's View of Creativity and Culture: A Conversation with David Clayton and Margarita Mooney Clayton](#)." Interview sponsored by Scala Foundation, recorded in the studios at Princeton Theological Seminary.

April 22, 2023. "[Jonathan Pageau and Aidan Hart on the Transfiguration: Glory and Grace in the World](#)." Video conversation with Jonathan Pageau, Aidan Hart and Margarita Mooney Clayton sponsored by Scala Foundation, recorded in the studios at Princeton Theological Seminary.

April 21, 2023. "[Aidan Hart on the Annunciation: Discernment and Hopeful Expectation](#)." Video conversation with Aidan Hart and Margarita Mooney Clayton sponsored by Scala Foundation, recorded in the studios at Princeton Theological Seminary.

March 9, 2023. [Classical Education and African-American History: A Conversation with Anika Prather and Angel Adams Parham](#). Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

January 30, 2023. [The Burning Bush: Marian Prototypes in Sacred Art: A Conversation with Jonathan Pageau](#). Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

December 6, 2022. [Beauty, Matter and the Sacred: A Conversation with Aidan Hart](#). Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

October 19, 2022. Beauty as Enchantment and Clarity: An Online Conversation with Dana Gioia and Margarita Mooney Clayton. Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

November 9, 2021. Margarita Mooney Suarez Panelist for the webinar "[Overcoming Academic Pressure with Intellectual Character](#)." Webinar sponsored by Heterodox Academy.

October 27, 2021. Francis X. Maier, Ethics and Public Policy Center, and Margarita Mooney Suarez. "[Idle Hands, Distracted Minds: Roger Scruton and the Attempt to Save Beauty from Meaninglessness](#)." Webinar sponsored by the Scala Foundation and co-sponsored by the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

September 30, 2021. David Clayton, iconographer and Provost of Pontifex University, and Margarita Mooney Suarez. "[The Way of Beauty: A Catholic Iconographer Reflects on Art, Education, and Cultural Renewal](#)." Webinar sponsored by the Scala Foundation and co-sponsored by The McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.

July 27, 2021. Daniel Lipinski, former Representative from Illinois, and Margarita Mooney Suarez. "[Education, Faith, and Politics: From Blue-Collar Chicago to a Ph.D. and the U.S. House of Representatives](#)." Webinar sponsored by the Scala Foundation.

July 15, 2021. George Harne, University of St. Thomas in Houston, and Margarita Mooney Suarez. "[Everyday Glory: Practical Living and the Human Desire for Beauty](#)." Webinar sponsored by the Scala Foundation.

May 20, 2021. James Matthew Wilson (University of Saint Thomas, Houston) and Margarita Mooney. "[Art is a Jealous God: The Imperative of Beauty for Human Happiness](#)." Webinar sponsored by Scala. Co-sponsored by the Institute for Human Ecology at the Catholic University of America, the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, the University of St. Thomas (MN) Center for Catholic Studies, the Portsmouth Institute, and the Providence College Humanities Forum.

March 18, 2021. Jocelyn Jekel (Martin Saints Classical High School) and Margarita Mooney. "[Exemplary Educators at Martin Saints Classical](#)." Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

Feb 25, 2021. Mother Noella Marcellino, OSB, and Margarita Mooney. "[The Beauty of God in Cheese-Making and Chanting](#)." Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the University of St. Thomas (MN) Center for Catholic Studies.

February 18, 2021. Margarita Mooney. "[Virtue, Vocation and Resilience: Catholic Ethics in a Risky World](#)." Online lecture Presented to the Leonine Forum NYC.

February 14, 2021. Aaron Kheriaty (UC Irvine), Jeremy McLellan (comedian), Mary Townsend (St. John's University), Margarita Mooney. "[Why on Earth?](#)" Moderator and Panelist at New York Encounter.

January 31, 2021. Margarita Mooney. "[Freedom in Education](#)." Webinar sponsored by Project Arizona.

January 21, 2021. Makoto Fujimura (Artist) and Margarita Mooney. "[Art & Faith: A Theology of Making](#)." Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the University of St. Thomas (MN) Center for Catholic Studies.

January 11, 2021. Andrew Hansen (Anselm House at the University of Minnesota) and Margarita Mooney. "[Exemplary Educators at Anselm House](#)." Sponsored by Scala Foundation

January 5, 2021. Darryl De Marzio (University of Scranton and Columbia Teachers College) and Margarita Mooney. "[The Ethics of Teaching](#)." Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

January 3, 2021. Margarita Mooney. "[Life, Influence, & Ganas](#)." Webinar sponsored by the Charles Koch Foundation's Koch Associate Program.

December 4, 2020. Margarita Mooney. "[Humanizing Education Policy](#)." Webinar sponsored by Faith and Law, Washington, D.C. Co-sponsored by Scala Foundation.

October 7, 2020. Dana Gioia (Poet) and Margarita Mooney. "The Dialogue of Art and Philosophy: How We Come to Comprehend the Beautiful." Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

June 24, 2020. William Damon (Stanford University) and Margarita Mooney. "[Every Child Has a Spark: The Tandem of Internal Motivation and Co-Learning](#)." Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the Pepperdine School of Public Policy.

June 15, 2020. Elizabeth Corey (Baylor University) and Margarita Mooney. “[Learning in Love: Authentic Friendships and Liberal Learning](#).” Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the Pepperdine School of Public Policy.

May 21, 2020. Timothy O’Malley (University of Notre Dame) and Margarita Mooney. “[Experiential Education: Comparing John Dewey and Luigi Giussani](#).” Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the McGrath Center for Church Life at Notre Dame and the Pepperdine School of Public Policy.

May 8, 2020. George Harne (Magdalene College) and Margarita Mooney. “[Liberal Education and Beauty](#).” Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the Abigail Adams Institute and the McGrath Center for Church Life at Notre Dame.

April 24, 2020. Robert George (Princeton University) and Margarita Mooney. “[Does Human Nature Matter for Education?](#)” Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the James Madison Program at Princeton University.

April 15, 2020. Carlo Lancellotti (CUNY) and Margarita Mooney. “[St. Benedict and Education: Bringing Order out of Chaos](#).” Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation. Co-sponsored by the Portsmouth Institute.

March 30, 2020. Roosevelt Montás (Columbia University) and Margarita Mooney. “[Is A Liberal Arts Education Elitist?](#)” Webinar sponsored by Scala Foundation.

READING SEMINARS FOR STUDENTS

In addition to the courses listed under teaching, I have led numerous intensive summer seminars and reading groups for students.

Scala Foundation Intensive Seminars Taught (2016-present)

- Fall 2023. “Mondays with Mary: An Ecumenical Fellowship at Oxford University” (3 meetings for fellowship, informal lecture and discussion, followed by [a half-day Marian pilgrimage](#)). Participants were 25 graduate students in theology at Oxford University. Fall 2024. Hosted by Blackfriars Hall, and included students from Blackfriars as well as St. Cross College, Oriel College, Pusey House and other colleges and halls at Oxford.
- July 5-July 31, 2022. “[Humanizing Education Policy: A Study of Foundational Philosophies](#).” Taught (in person) 8 students in the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy DC Summer Scholars Program. Co-sponsored by Scala Foundation.
- July 6-July 31, 2021. “[Humanizing Education Policy: A Study of Foundational Philosophies](#).” Taught (online) 18 students in the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy DC Summer Scholars Program. Co-sponsored by Scala Foundation.
- July 6-August 1, 2020. “[Humanizing Education Policy: A Study of Foundational Philosophies](#).” Taught (online) 18 students in the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy DC Summer Scholars Program. Co-sponsored by Scala Foundation.
- February 28-29, 2020. “[Being Human in the Modern World: The Enduring Importance of the Person](#).” I taught 5 sessions on personalist philosophy to 12 faculty and graduate students from the Boston region who gathered at Harvard University. The program was co-sponsored by the Abigail Adams Institute and Scala Foundation.
- July 2-9, 2019. “[Rediscovering Integral Humanism](#).” Scala Foundation summer program for 12 new students from various universities and 7 alumni from previous seminars. Portsmouth Abbey and School, Rhode Island.

- July 22-31, 2019. Coordinated and helped lead an excursion on engineering and beauty as part of a six-week study abroad course entitled “[Two Millennia of Structural Architecture in Italy](#),” sponsored by the Princeton University Institute for International and Regional Studies, and co-sponsored by Scala Foundation.

Yale University (2013-2016)

- *Phronesis Yalensis* (Prudential Wisdom at Yale). Spring 2016. Six undergraduate students met weekly to discuss philosophy of education, critical race theory, and faith and science.
- Philosophy of Social Science Seminar for Graduate Students in Sociology (a two-week course for 15 graduate students that I helped lead in August 2013, August 2015, and August 2016)
- Philosophy of Social Science Seminar for Junior Faculty in Sociology (a one-week course for 15 junior faculty that I helped lead in August 2015 and June 2016)
- Calhoun Happiness Project. Fall 2013 and Spring 2014. Twenty Yale students met monthly in my faculty apartment in Calhoun College to read and discuss philosophy, psychology and sociology of happiness.
- Yale Summer Seminar on Happiness, Virtues, and the Common Good. June 2014. Fourteen Yale students meet for two sessions each day for five days to read and discuss philosophy, psychology and sociology of happiness.
- *Urim et Thummim* (Lights and Perfection). Fall 2014 and Spring 2015. Six Yale students met weekly at my faculty apartment in Calhoun College to read and discuss philosophy of the person, virtues, and the social sciences.
- Graduate Reading Group on Narratives, Causation, and Critical Realism in the Social Sciences. Spring 2015. Directed a group of four Yale students who met weekly to read theory and empirical studies of narratives and causation in the social sciences.

TALKS TO STUDENTS, K-12 TEACHERS, CHURCHES, ARTISTS AND OTHERS (selected)

Margarita Mooney Clayton. August 14, 2025. “The Vocation of an Artist.” Talk Given at the Summer 2025 Writing the Light Iconography Intensive Workshop.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. August 19, 2025. “Why Everyone Should Study and Practice Art.” Talk Given at the Summer 2025 Writing the Light Iconography Intensive Workshop.

Margarita Mooney Clayton. “[Why have Children?](#)” Moderator of a panel sponsored by the New York Encounter on February 15, 2025 on global population decline.

Margarita Mooney Clayton and David Clayton. “Friendship, Art and Faith in *Brideshead Revisited*.” Portsmouth Abbey School (Rhode Island) summer school trip to Oxford University. August 9, 2024.

“Imagination and Reverence in Culture and Liturgy.” Talk given at Mount Calvary Catholic Church, Baltimore, MD. February 25, 2024.

“Forming the Imagination in K-12 Education.” Talk given [with David Clayton] to parents and administrators of St. Thomas More Classical Catholic Academy, South Bend, Indiana. February 20, 2024.

“[Revolutions in Art and Aesthetics](#).” A three-part seminar taught online for high school students in January-February 2024. Sponsored by the Witherspoon Institute.

“Beauty, Classical Education and Holistic Formation.” Continuing Education lecture for teachers at Koinonia Academy, Planfield, NJ. June 5, 2023.

“Beauty and the Liberal Arts,” Lecture to students, teachers and board members of The Chesterton Academy of St. James, Palo Alto, CA. February 13, 2023.

“Classical Education, Beauty, and Unity in Diversity.” Keynote Lecture to the Society for Classical Learning Annual Meeting. Dallas, TX. June 16, 2022.

“Beauty and Classical Education.” Co-led day-long workshop with Jessica Hooten Wilson for K-12 teachers. Society for Classical Learning annual meeting, Dallas, TX. June 15, 2022.

“Beauty and Worship: Building Wonder and Joy in our Churches, Schools and Homes.” Lecture at Trinitas Classical School (with David Clayton). Grand Rapids, MI. June 21, 2022.

“Beauty and the Liberal Arts: A Workshop for Teachers.” Led full-day teacher training workshop at Trinitas Classical School (with David Clayton). Grand Rapids, MI. June 20, 2022. “

“Culture, Freedom, and Education Policy: How Debates about the Human Person Shape Educational Policy and Teaching.” Lecture at Acton University 2022. Grand Rapids, MI. (lecture also delivered online in 2020 and 2021). June 23, 2022. Also delivered on June 25, 2024.

“Liberal Arts, Beauty and Catholic Education.” Lecture at the conference “The Role of the Priest in Today’s Catholic School.” Sponsored by the Catholic Education Foundation. Palm Beach, FL. July 13, 2022.

Panelist for the conversation “I Cannot Say ‘I’ if I Do Not Say You.” Sponsored by The New York Encounter. New York, NY. February 19, 2022.

Margarita Mooney Suarez, lecture at Hillsdale College. “The Feminine Genius: How to Respond to Mixed Messages about Women’s Vocations.” October 6, 2021.

Panelist for an online panel, “[Cash or Childcare: What Do Hispanic Parents Want? A Conversation with Senator Romney](#).” Sponsored by *Deseret News* and the Institute for Family Studies. May 26, 2021.

Moderator for the online panel, “[Why on Earth: Suicide and the COVID Pandemic](#).” Sponsored by The New York Encounter. February 14, 2021.

Leonine Forum (NYC and Los Angeles) Lecture. “Virtue Ethics and Human Happiness: Integrating Catholic Moral Teaching and Psychology.” November 18, July 28, and February 12, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez, professional development for teachers and school administrators. “The Love of Learning with Margarita A. Mooney.” Sponsored by the Koinonia Academy, New Jersey. December 3, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez, professional development for teachers and school administrators. “The Love of Learning with Margarita A. Mooney.” Sponsored by the Society for Classical Learning (national network). November 12, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez led a John Jay Fellows dinner seminar on *The Love of Learning* and a liberal arts education to 12 students and signed their books (purchased by The John Jay Fellows Program Institute). September 16, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez led an Aquinas Institute at Princeton graduate group seminar on *The Love of Learning* and a liberal arts education to 25 graduate students and signed their books (purchased by The Aquinas Institute). September 9, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez addressed 23 NYC community college faculty about *The Love of Learning* and liberal arts education as part of the CoreBooks at CUNY Professional Development Program. August 26, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez addressed 32 classical charter school teachers in the Bronx, NY, about *The Love of Learning* and liberal arts education who are affiliated with the Brilla Schools Network, an initiative of Seton Education Partners. August 23, 2021.

Margarita Mooney Suarez led a Witherspoon Institute seminar on *The Love of Learning* and a liberal arts education to 20 high school girls and signed their books. June 20, 2021.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[You Are More than What You Achieve.](#)" Lecture to the senior class of St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, NJ. October 7, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. Co-Convener and panelist on a forum sponsored by Crossroads New York and Scala Foundation. "[An Education that Nurtures Freedom: What is the Goal of Schooling?](#)" December 6, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. Co-Convener and panelist on a forum sponsored by St. Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, NJ and Scala Foundation. "[Discovering the Benedict Option in the City: A Panel on Urban Education.](#)" December 4, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[A Eulogy to John Aroutiounian.](#)" St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, May 7, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Forgiving the Unforgivable? Reflections on Forgiveness of Violent Crime.](#)" Veritas Forum, Columbia University, April 3, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "Tradition and Authority in the Teaching of Luigi Giussani." Panel presentation hosted by Crossroads NYC, March 9, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "The End of Education? Education at the Crossroads in America Today." Lecture at North Carolina Christian Study Center, UNC-Chapel Hill. February 27, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[Personalism, Social Science and Christian Ethics.](#)" Guest lecture to Duke University class on Christian ethics (led by Dr. John Rose.) February 27, 2019.

Margarita A. Mooney. "[What My Seven Trips to Cuba Taught Me about Freedom.](#)" Alumna Convocation at the Acton Institute's Annual Gala. Grand Rapids, MI, October 7, 2018.

Margarita A. Mooney. "What Led Me to Luigi Giussani." Introductory remarks as moderator at the Giussani Series on Faith and Modernity event: "[Can a Modern Person Still Reasonably Believe in Divinity?](#)" New York, NY. May 1, 2018.

Margarita A. Mooney. “Living a Broken Life Beautifully: Finding Resilience in Faith.” Invited talk given at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Princeton, NJ. February 21, 2018.

Margarita A. Mooney. “What Does It Mean to Live a Broken Life, Beautifully?” Women in Ministry National Conference. Princeton, NJ. Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Margarita A. Mooney “The Church in the Modern World: What Sociology Can and Cannot Tell Us.” All Saints Episcopal Church, Princeton, NJ. October 29, 2017.

Margarita A. Mooney. Panelist at “[Think for Yourself: Princeton Faculty on Liberal Arts Ideals.](#)” Sponsored by the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. October 14, 2017.

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND NON-PROFITS (2017-present)

Academic Advisory Board, [The Classical Learning Test](#). 2023-present.

Faculty Scholar, [The Institute for Human Ecology](#). Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. 2016-present.

Associated Scholar, [The Hildebrand Project](#). Steubenville, OH. 2021-Present.

Member of the Academic Advisory Committee on Liberal Arts Education at the [Universidad Adolfo Ibañez](#). Santiago de Chile. 2021-2023.

- In December 2021, met for two days (online) with administrators, faculty and students to review liberal arts core curriculum and make recommendations for the future.
- In-person visit conducted in May 2023; met with administrators, faculty and students and co-authored a report (in Spanish).

Participant, [The John Templeton Foundation](#) Strategic Planning Meeting. Antigua, Guatemala. March 12-14, 2018.

Academic Advisory Board Member, [The Carver Center, Washington University in St. Louis](#). Washington University in St. Louis. 2017-present.

LANGUAGES

- Native Fluency in Spanish
- Fluency in French and Haitian Creole