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Research Statement

My current research activities are focused primarily on two broad themes: the construction of sexual pedagogies within religious communities, and masculinities and same-sex desire.

I am working on a collection of essays which examines the ways in which the Roman Catholic Church has used adolescent saints as a privileged means of elaborating a sexual pedagogy for Catholic young people. Parallel with this, I am interested in looking at the place of children and youth within religious communities, their expectations and experiences, and the dynamics of their interchange with adult believers.

A second area of research, tied more generally to my already published work, is concerned with furthering my exploration of issues of same-sex desire, but more specifically how masculinity is understood and lived out within religious communities. I am currently looking at this experience with the Anglican tradition. My abiding interest remains that of same-sex relations and how they are understood, challenged and integrated within the religious experience.