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Most important awards, prizes and academies

Member of the Congregation of St Catherine of Siena of Newcastle, Natal (Dominicans) since 1994; Senior Adviser to the “Blueprint for Better Business”; Consultor to the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development; Expert of the Holy See's Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties (AVEPRO).

Summary of scientific research

Her research mostly looks at the role and impact of ethics and Christian social thought in the field of management.

Main publications

Member of the Editorial Boards of various academic journals, including Journal of Catholic Social Thought, Finance and the Common Good, Transforming Business, OIKONOMA: Journal of Ethics and Social Sciences.

Books and Contributions to Books: Helen Alford, “Impresa” in Francesco Compagnoni et al, *Nuovo*

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Ethics in the Twentieth Century, Dublin, Dominican Publications, 2007; Helen Alford "Justice and Peace in Religious Formation" in *Vita Consacrata e Dottrina Sociale della Chiesa: Percorsi di Formazione*, a cura della Congregazione per gli Istituti di Vita Consacrata e le Società di Vita Apostolica, il Pontificio Consiglio "Giustizia e Pace" e I Religiosi e le Religiose Promotori di Giustizia, Pace, Integrità del Creato, Bologna, Editrice Missionaria Italiana, 2007, pp. 362-368; Helen Alford, Charles M.A. Clark, Michael J. Naughton and Steve Cortright (eds), *Rethinking Wealth Creation and Distribution: Interdisciplinary Essays within the Catholic Social Tradition*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2006; Helen Alford, "Equitable Global Wealth Distribution: A Global Public Good and a Building Block for the Global Common Good" in Helen Alford, Charles M. A. Clark, Michael J. Naughton and Steve Cortright (eds), *Rethinking Wealth Creation and Distribution: Interdisciplinary Essays within the Catholic Social Tradition*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2006, pp. 236-259; Helen Alford, "L'Equa distribuzione delle ricchezza globale: bene pubblico globale e base per il bene commune globale", in Francesco Compagnoni e Alberto Lo Presti (edd), *Etica e globalizzazione*, Roma, Città Nuova, 2006, pp. 137-162; Helen Alford, Intervento 4 sotto il titolo generale di "Ripensare l'economia sociale: prospettive economiche, etiche e giuridiche", in *Ripensare l'economia sociale per le sfide del XXI secolo*, Atti del Seminario di Alta Formazione Summer School 2005, no. 1 nella collana "Quaderni della Fondazione", Fondazione Ispirazione, 2006, pp. 131-142; Helen Alford and Alberto Lo Presti (eds), *Il Carcere degli esclusi: le condizioni civili degli stranieri nelle carceri italiane*, Milano, Edizioni San Paolo, 2005; Helen Alford, "Stakeholder e gestione strategica (storia del concetto di stakeholder nel management)" and "La Responsabilità sociale d'impresa nella dottrina sociale cattolica e nel pensiero cristiano europeo" in *Guida Critica alla Responsabilità Sociale d'Impresa: Linguaggio, Teorie e Strumenti*, Associazione Bancaria Italiana (ABI), Roma, 2005, pp 169-177, 311-318; H. Alford "La progettazione dei posti di lavoro: proposte dalla "Laborem Exercens" e dalla tecnologia incentrata sull'uomo", *Notiziario dell'Ufficio Nazionale per i Problemi Sociali e il Lavoro*, anno VIII, n.4, dicembre 2004, pp. 27-46; Helen Alford and Michael Naughton "The Common Good and the Purpose of Business: A Critique of the Financial Theory of the Firm" in Steve Cortright and Michael J. Naughton, *Rethinking the Purpose of Business: Interdisciplinary Essays in the Catholic Social Tradition*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2002; Helen Alford, "Job Design in the Perspective of Laborem Exercens", in Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, *Work as Key to the Social Question: The Great Social and Economic Transformations and the Subjective Dimension of Work*, Conference held September 12-15, 2001, Rome and Vatican City, Vatican City, Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2002, pp. 215-233; Helen J. Alford and Michael J. Naughton, *Managing As If Faith Mattered: Christian Social Principles in the Modern Organization*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2001 (Spanish translation: Colonia Tepeyac Insurgentes (Mexico), 2002; Russian translation: Kairos, Kyiv, 2003; Hungarian translation: Kairosz, Budapest, 2004; Chinese translation, Taipei, 2007); E. Garnsey and H. Alford, "Innovative interaction: a study of supplier relations among NTBF's", in Ray Oakey (ed), *New Technology-Based Firms in the 1990's*, volume II, Paul Chapman, London, 1996, pp. 130-140.

