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## Short bio

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Katelyn Walls Shelton is a Visiting Fellow in the Ethics and Public Policy Center's Bioethics, Technology and Human Flourishing Program and a 2025–2026 Robert Novak Journalism Fellow. A former Special Assistant for Global Women's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, she writes on reproductive technology, women's health, and the beginning of life. She is an inaugural opinion contributor to WORLD, and her work has appeared in *The Dispatch*, *National Review*, *Christianity Today*, *First Things*, and elsewhere. She holds a master's degree in ethics from Yale Divinity School.

## Full bio

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Katelyn Walls Shelton is a Visiting Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center's Bioethics, Technology and Human Flourishing Program. She is a women's health policy expert and, as a 2025–2026 recipient of the Robert Novak Journalism Fellowship, is conducting a year-long research project on reproductive biotechnology and human nature.

As the former Special Assistant for Global Women's Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Ms. Shelton assisted in executing the Protecting Life in Global Health Policy (PLGHP) initiative at the United Nations and World Health Organization. A former Paul Ramsey Bioethics Fellow, she often writes on women's reproductive health and the beginning of life.

Katelyn received a master's degree in ethics from Yale Divinity School and a dual bachelor's degree from Union University. She's an inaugural opinion contributor to WORLD Magazine and her work and commentary have appeared in a diverse range of outlets, including *Fox News*, *The Gospel Coalition*, *Washington Examiner*, *Slate*, and *Mother Jones*, among others.

She and her husband, John, live with their four young children near Washington, D.C.

## Speaking topics

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- **Technically human: reproductive technology and human dignity.** IVF, embryo screening, and gene editing, and what new reproductive tools mean for parents and children.
- **Restorative reproductive medicine and the future of women's health.** Treating the causes of infertility, and what policymakers can do to support it.
- **Rethinking hormonal birth control.** Why a growing number of women are questioning the pill.
- **Toward a Protestant theology of the body.** What our bodies are for, and why the church needs an answer.
- **Pro-life strategy after Dobbs.** Lessons from Lincoln on law, persuasion, and changing hearts and minds.

**Past appearances include** The Federalist Society National Convention, The Fund for American Studies Journalism Awards Dinner, National Pro-Life Summit (Students for Life of America), March for Life Leadership Institute, Frontline HQ (Frontline Policy Council), WORLD Radio, Ave Maria Radio.

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