

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

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PRESENT POSITION

Assistant Adjunct Professor
Philosophy Department
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EDUCATION

Institution	Years	Degree	Date	Major
Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA	1990-92 1983-84	PhD	1992	Political Philosophy
Gregorian University Rome, Italy	1992-93 1984-87	PhL BA	1993 1987	Philosophy Theology
Fordham University	1979-81	MHum	1981	Philosophy
Cornell University	1975-77	BA	1977	History, Asian Studies

NON-DEGREE STUDY OR RESEARCH

B.J. Lonergan Institute Boston College	1997	post-doctoral fellowship	Philosophy
Hochschule für Philosophie and Ludwigs Maximilian Universität, Munich	1988-92	doctoral research	Philosophy
Campion Hall Oxford, UK	1987-88		Theology
Southern Illinois University language, linguistics	1973-74		Intensive Vietnamese
University of Minnesota	1965-67		Political Science

LANGUAGES

German	fluent, reading and speaking
Italian	fluent, reading and speaking
Latin	reading
Greek	reading
Vietnamese	speaking, reading (inactive)
Khmer (Cambodian)	speaking (inactive)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2006 Jun-July, prepare course for the Royal University of Cambodia, Phnom Penh.
- 2004-05 Dec.-Jan., Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, course for scholastics of the Society of Jesus: General ethics.
- 2000–present Boston College, Asst. Adj. Professor, Philosophy dept.
- 1999–00 Boston College, Part time philosophy dept.
- 1993–97 Gregorian University, courses and seminars offered annually in social ethics and political philosophy:
–*Introduction to Political Philosophy: The Political Thought of Plato and Aristotle*
–*Foundations of Political Liberalism: Machiavelli, Hobbes, and Locke*
–*Social Ethics* (every year, 130 + students)
–*Community, Law, and the Family*
- 1996 Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, course for scholastics of the Society of Jesus:
–General Ethics and Introduction to Moral Theology
- 1981–83 St. Peter’s Prep, Jersey City, N.J., courses:
–*World History and Faith and Justice*
–Director of Community Service Program for juniors

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- “Rights, Duties and the Problem of Humility,” in *Gladly to Learn and Gladly to Teach: Essays on Religion and Political Philosophy in Honor of Ernest Fortin, A.A.*, edited by Michael Foley and Douglas Kries (Lanhan, MD.: Lexington Books, 2002), pp. 125–43.
- “Abortion as Sacramental Moment?” *America*, 182, 11 (1 April 2000): 16–19.
- “‘Rights’ vs. Common Good” *Human Life Review*, 33, 1 (Winter 1997): 79–90.
- “Ne podvergaetsja li opasnosti političeskaja koncepcija «obščego blaga»?” in *Russkaya mysl’—Pensée russe*, 14 (24 April) 1997.
- “Bem comum: um conceito político em perigo?” *Brotéria* 144 (1997): 519–526.
- “The Crisis of Liberalism and the Future of Human Rights: The Challenge for Political Philosophy and Christian Ethics,” *Eglise et Théologie*, (October, 1997): 319–341.
- “Il ‘bene comune’: concetto politico in via d’estinzione?” *Rassegna di teologia* 38 (May–June 1997): 389–400.
- “Cambogia: fra guerra e pacea,” *Civiltà Cattolica*, 146, 11 (1 April 1995): 40–53.

Chapter in a book

Edited and wrote introductions to sections on “Church’s Social Teaching” in *The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church*, rev. 6th ed., edited by Jacques Dupuis, S.J. (New York: Alba, 1996).

Reviews

- Alasdair MacIntyre, *Dependent Rational Animals: Why Human Beings Need the Virtues* (London: Gerald Duckworth, 1999) in *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 13/2 (2000): 118–22.
- James B. Nelson, *Moral Nexus: Ethics of Christianity and Community*, new edition (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997) in *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 12/1 (1999): 119–22.
- Robin Gill, *Moral Communities: The Prideaux Lectures for 1992* (University of Exeter Press, 1992, Exeter, UK) in *Studies in Christian Ethics*, 7/2 (1994): 126–28.

Editor or co-editor

Proceedings of the Sixty-second and Sixty-third annual meetings of the Jesuit Philosophical Association, 2001 and 2002.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS or other TALKS

- “Catholic Teaching in a Technological Age,” Catholic Educators Collaborative, Stonehill College, Easton, Massachusetts, March 22, 2007.
- “Using WebCT in teaching the Humanities,” St. Joseph’s College, Standish, Maine, November 9, 2004.
- “Chastity and Abortion: The Challenge for Men,” University Faculty for Life Conference, St. Thomas University Law School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 4-6, 2004.
- “Abortion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Some Notes for Future Confessors,” Weston School of Theology, sponsored by Weston School of Theology and the Archdiocese of Boston Pro-Life Office, April 2, 2004.
- “Chastity and Sex: Choices for Men,” University of Scranton, sponsored by Catholic Studies program and University Campus Ministry, October 11, 2004.
- “Chastity and Courage: A Challenge to Men,” talk delivered to Boston College undergraduates, sponsored by St. Thomas More Society, February 19, 2004.
- “Marriage: Catholic or Gay?” Talk delivered to St. Paul’s Parish, Hingham, Massachusetts, January 18, 2004.
- “Chastity and Courage,” talk sponsored by Lasallian Honors Program and Philosophy department, St. Mary’s University, Winona, Minnesota, October 20, 2003.
- “Does the Catholic Church Have a Right to Teach about Morality?” Talk delivered to *Theology on Tap* series, sponsored by Kennedy School of Government Catholic Student Caucus, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 14, 2003.
- “Abortion: Not Just a Woman’s issue,” talk delivered to Harvard Law School Society for Law, Life, and Religion, *Conference on The Culture of Death*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 26, 2003.
- “Chastity and the Current Crisis in the Church,” talk delivered to St. Thomas More Society, Boston College Law School, Newton, Massachusetts, April 5, 2003.
- “The Catholic Catechism,” classes and lectures presented to the Prince of Lichtenstein Catholic Leaders’ Fellowship, Kalwang, Austria, June 9–11, 2002.
- “From Natural Justice to Natural Right: The Neglect of Political Philosophy in Catholic Social Thought and Priestly Formation,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Committee on Priestly Formation. Albany, New York, November 9, 2001.
- Presidential Address, *Jesuit Philosophical Association*, Albany, New York, November 9, 2001.
- “Rights, Duties, and the Problem of Humility,” conference on *Ernest Fortin and the Revival of Christian Political Philosophy*, sponsored by The Institute for the Study of Politics and Religion, The Institute of Medieval Philosophy and Theology, and the Lonergan Workshop, at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, October 25, 1997.
- “The Crisis of the Family and the Analogy of Gratitude,” presented at the annual conference of *American Political Science Association*, as a member of the discussion panel “Political Theory in the Catholic Tradition,” Washington, D.C., USA, August, 30, 1997.
- “La legge della fraternità: amicizia o contratto sociale?” conference on religious life with the Friars minor, program of continuing formation, Umbrian province (OFM), Perugia, Italy, June, 13, 1997.

“The Use and Abuse of Human Rights Discourse: Caught Between the Merely Useful and the Unattainably Noble,” international conference sponsored by *Family of the Americas*, *World Organization for the Family*, and *Alonso Latino Americana para la Familia*, for leaders and delegates of “Pro-Vita” and “Pro-Famiglia”, Rome, Italy, November, 11–12, 1996.

“Is the Common Good an Endangered Political Concept?” Fifth International Conference “Christian Democracy Today” organized by the Russian–Democrat Union (RCDU) under the auspices of the Christian–Democrat International (CDI), St. Petersburg, Russia, May, 27, 1995.

“The Crisis of the Family and the Response of the Church,” presented as part of the month–long quinquennial consultation of American (USA) Bishops, Rome, Italy, August, 1994.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Jesuit Philosophical Association

American Political Science Association

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES (Gregorian University)

Director, licentiate program in Political Philosophy, 1992 to present

Member, academic senate, 1996–97

Consultor to the dean, faculty of philosophy, 1996–97

MA and PhD comprehensive examinations (8–12 per semester)

Director of licentiate theses (5–8 per year)

BA comprehensive examinations (15–20 per year)

Advising for licentiate, doctoral, and political philosophy concentration students (30–50 per year)

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

President, Jesuit Philosophical Association, 2000–01

Vice-president, Jesuit Philosophical Association, 1999–00.

Associate European Editor for *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 1994–present.

Member (1995–97) of the planning commission for the international symposium on *Good and Evil after Auschwitz: Ethical Implications for Today*, sponsored by the Pontifical Gregorian University, Service International de Documentation Judéo–Chrétienne (SIDIC, International Jewish–Christian Documentation Service), and University of Rome “Tor Vergata,” held at the Gregorian University, Rome, 22–25 September 1997.

Coordinator of a two–day conference on *The Political Left and Right and the Common Good*, Gregorian University, Rome, May, 1995, among participants:

Prof. Philippe Bénéton, Prof. of Political Science, University of Rennes I, France,

Prof. Enrico Berti, Prof. of Philosophy, University of Padua, Italy,

Justice Antonin Scalia, USA Supreme Court.

Author of a report to the Rector of the Gregorian University on the political, cultural, and religious situation in Cambodia, 1994. (Report based on trip to Cambodia in summer of 1994).

Member of Gregorian University delegation to Peoples Republic of China to discuss seminarian formation and education with bishops: Beijing, Wuhan, Xian, Shanghai. (The same trip included similar discussions with bishops in Hong Kong and Taiwan), summer of 1994.

Administrator of the annual Joseph McCarthy Foundation visiting professor program, Gregorian University, Rome. Annual budget, ITLira 18,800,000 (USD \$ 10,500). Participants:

2000–01 Prof. Oliver O’Donovan, Christ Church, Oxford

1999–00 Prof. Leon Kass, University of Chicago

1998–99 Prof. Philippe Bénéton, University of Rennes I, France

1997–98 Prof. Mary Ann Glendon, Harvard University Law School
1996–97 Prof. Frederick Lawrence, Theology Faculty, Boston College

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Journalism

- Reporter for Associated Press, Republic of Vietnam, 1972 and 1974
- Television reporter for NBC affiliate, Minneapolis–St. Paul, MN., 1973.

Humanitarian relief and third–world development

- Summer of 1980, worked in refugee camps along Thai–Cambodian border with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Thailand.
- While with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Cambodia, 1974–75 (annual budget, \$ 36 million USD):
- Director of emergency relief programs (country–wide), Trained Khmer field representatives for emergency refugee census, housing, and food aid
- Director of agricultural and land–distribution programs for Kompong Speu Province.

NON-ACADEMIC HONORS

- Awarded *Chevalier du Sisowath* by the Government of the Khmer Republic (Cambodia) for humanitarian service to Refugees, 1974.
- Bronze Star with “V” (Valor), U.S. Army, Vietnam, 1971.
- Cross of Gallantry with Bronze and Silver Star, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, 1971.

MILITARY SERVICE

- 1st Lt., advisor to 22nd ARVN Division Reconnaissance Co., Republic of Vietnam, 1970–71, trained Vietnamese Reconnaissance and Montagnard Scout Companies.
- U.S. Army, Infantry, Special Forces, Ranger, and Airborne training, 1968–71.