

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Education:

Degree	Institution	Year	Subject
Ph. D.	Université Laval (Québec)	1966	Philosophy
S.T.L.	Weston College	1961	Theology
M.A.	Boston College	1958	Philosophy
Ph. L.	St. Albert de Louvain	1954	Philosophy
A.B.	Boston College	1953	Philosophy

Work Experience:

Professor of Latin, Greek, and English, Boston College High School 1954-1957  
Instructor in Philosophy, Boston College 1964-1965  
Assistant Professor, Boston College 1965-1967  
Associate Professor, Boston College 1967-1974  
Dean, School of Philosophy 1968-1973  
Director, Institute for Social Thought 1972-  
Professor, Boston College 1974-

Professional Organization Membership:

The Metaphysical Society of America  
Hegel Society of America  
International Society for Metaphysics  
Society for Philosophy and Technology

Listings:

Who's Who in America 1989, 1991, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2006  
2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century 2004  
Dictionary of International Biography 1981, 1989, 2000, 2004  
International Authors and Writers Who's Who 1979, 1986  
International Who's Who of Intellectuals 1988  
Directory of American Scholars 1982

Areas of Interest and Teaching:

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of History  
Ethics, Social Ethics, Health Care Ethics  
Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Blondel

Publications:

**A. Books:**

*Initiative in History: A Christian-Marxist Exchange.* An occasional paper published by the Church Society for College Work, 1967.

*For a Fundamental Social Ethic: A Philosophy of Social Change.*  
New York: Philosophical Library, 1973.

*Action (1893)* by Maurice Blondel. Translation with Introduction.  
Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1984. Paperback edition published in 2003.

*The Perfection of the Universe According to Aquinas: A Teleological Cosmology.*  
College Park: Penn State University Press, 1992.

*Philosophical Challenges and Opportunities of Globalization.* Ed. Oliva Blanchette, Tomonobu Imamichi and George McLean. Washington, DC.: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2001.

*Ethical Judgment in Health Care: Overcoming the Technological Bias.* The Boston College Press, 2003

*Philosophy of Being: A Reconstructive Essay in Metaphysics.* Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2003.

*Philosophy of Human Existence: Notes for Reflection.* Revised edition. The Boston College Press, 2006

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- "The Wisdom of God in Isaia." *The American Ecclesiastical Review*, CXLV (1961): 413-23.
- "Does the *CHEIROGRAPHON* of Col 2, 14 Represent Christ Himself?" *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, XXIII (1961): 306-12.
- "Saint Cyril of Alexandria's Idea of the Redemption." *Sciences Ecclésiastiques*, XVI (1964): 455-80.
- "The Order of Generation and Time in the Philosophy of Saint Thomas Aquinas." *Laval Théologique et Philosophique*, XXII (1966): 45-72.
- "The International Symposium on Marx and the Western World." *International Philosophical Quarterly*, VII (1967): 129-37.
- "Law and Morality." *Nexus*, X (1967): 9-12, 35-39.
- "Transcendence and the Past." *Continuum*, V (1968): 757-60.
- "A New Look at the Postulancy." *Sisters Today*, XXXIX (1968): 618-21.
- "History and Nature in Karl Marx." Abstract in *The Journal of Philosophy*, LXV (1968).
- "The Four Causes as Texture of the Universe." *Laval Théologique et Philosophique*, XXV (1969): 59-87.
- "Atheism and Christology." *Cross Currents*, XIX (1969): 257-71.
- "History and Nature in Karl Marx." *The Philosophical Forum*, II, no. 1 (1970): 24-35.
- "The Future of a Dialogue Now Possible: To Become Actual or Remain Impossible?" Translation of an article by Gaston Fessard, S.J. in *Demythologizing Marxism*, *Boston College Studies in Philosophy*, II (1969): 96-165.
- "History and Nature in Karl Marx." Abstract in *The Philosopher's Index*, 1971.
- "Philosophy and the University." *The Journal of General Education*, XXIII, no. 1 (1971): 29-41.
- "La société américaine: une autocritique." *Projet*, 59 (Novembre 1971): 1031-36.
- "History and Language." *The Word in the World: Essays in Honor of Frederick L. Moriarty, S.J.* (Weston College Press, 1973): 221-35.

- "Language, the Primordial Labor of History: a Critique of Critical Social Theory in Habermas." *Cultural Hermeneutics*, I (1974): 325-82.
- "Dialectic: Violence or Dialogue? The Issue Between Sartre and Aron." *Studies in Soviet Thought*, 14 (1974): 61-75.
- "Why Abortion?" *The Heights*, September 15, 1975.
- "Euthanasia/Three Views: Our lives are at stake in the Karen Quinlan case." *The Boston Sunday Globe*, November 9, 1975.
- "Philosophy and Theology in Aquinas: On Being a Disciple in Our Day." in *Tommaso d'Aquino nella Storia del Pensiero: II, dal Medioevo ad Oggi*. "Atti del Congresso Internazionale Tommaso d'Aquino nel suo Settimo Centenario--2." Napoli: Edizioni Domenicane Italiane, 1976:427-31.
- "Philosophy and Theology in Aquinas: On Being a Disciple in our Day." *Science et Esprit*, 28 (1976): 23-53.
- "Justice as Responsibility." Abstract in *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Association*, 50 (1977): 279-80.
- "Freedom and Determinism." *Boston College Studies in Philosophy*, V (1977): 46-63.
- "Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit Revisited." *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 5 (1978): 387-414.
- "Praxis and Labor in Hegel." *Studies in Soviet Thought*, 20 (1979): 257-69.
- "The Philosophic Beginning." *Thought*, 56 (1981): 251-62.
- "Recognition: the Foundation of Justice." *Cogito*, 1 (1983): 32- 50.
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- "To prolong or not to prolong?" *Hospital News Boston*, Premier Issue (Dec. 1985): 37.
- "Should Paul Brophy Be Left to Starve?" *Hospital News Boston*, vol. 1, no. 2 (Jan., 1986): 2, 38.
- "Technology and Health." *Philosophie et Culture*. Actes/Proceedings XVIIe Congrès mondial de philosophie, Montréal 1983. Editions Montmorency, 1988. Vol. II: 595-99.

- "Artificial Intelligence and Analogy." *Philosophie et Culture*. Actes/Proceedings XVIIe Congrès mondial de philosophie, Montréal 1983. Editions Montmorency, 1988. Vol. V: 549-50.
- "Are There Two Questions of Being?" *The Review of Metaphysics*, 45 (1991): 259-287.
- "The Silencing of Philosophy." *Fear and Trembling and Repetition*, "International Kierkegaard Commentary," Vol. 6: 29-65, ed. Robert L. Perkins. Macon: Mercer University Press, 1993.
- "Blondel's Original Philosophy of the Supernatural." *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*, XLIX (1993): 413-444.
- "The Logic of Perfection According to Aquinas." *Thomas Aquinas and His Legacy*, "Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy," Vol. 28: 107-130, ed. David M. Gallagher. Washington: The Catholic University of America Press, 1994.
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- "Method for a Metaphysics of the Concrete." *The Metaphysical Society of America* annual meeting, Mar. 15-16, 2002, at Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA.
- "Is Metaphysics Relevant for Contemporary Theology?" *The Catholic Theological Society of America* annual meeting, June 7-8, 2002, in New Orleans, LA.
- "Maurice Blondel." *The New Catholic Encyclopedia*, vol. 2, 440-42. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press and the Gale Group, 2003.
- "Cultural Foundation for Person and Community: A View from the Center." *International Conference on Dialogue of Cultural Traditions: A Global Perspective*, Aug. 8-9, in conjunction with *The World Congress of Philosophy*, in Istanbul, Turkey, Aug. 10-15, 2003.
- "Foreword." *The Human Being in History: Freedom, Power, and Shared Ontological Meaning* by H. Daniel Dei, tr. by James G. Colbert. New York: Lexington Books, 2003.

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**C. Book Reviews:**

"Social Research and Societal Values," Review of *A Time to Speak: On Human Values and Social Research*, by Herbert C. Kelman, in *Theory and Decision*, 4 (1974): 397-99.

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- A review of *The Road to Disillusion: From Critical Marxism to Postcommunism in Eastern Europe*, ed. Raymond Taras, in *Studies in Soviet Thought*, 45 (1993): 39-47.
- A review of *Aquinas on Human Action*, by Ralph McInerney, in *Speculum*, 69 (1994): 842-43.
- A review of *Individuation in Scholasticism: The Later Middle Ages and the Counter-Reformation, 1150-1650*, ed. Jorge J.E. Gracia, in *Revista Latinoamericana de Filosofia*, XXIII (1998): 185-87.
- A review of *Donation et consentement: une introduction méthodologique à la métaphysique*, by Emmanuel Tourpe, in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 76 (2002): 361-64.
- A review of *The Idealist Illusion and Other Essays*, by Maurice Blondel, tr. Fiacra Long, in *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 42 (2002): 116-18.
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