

CURRICULUM VITAE (updated: 9/3/13)

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General Information

b. 2/28/49 in Detroit, Michigan; entered the Detroit Province of the Society of Jesus on 9/5/76; ordained to the priesthood on 5/9/87 in Detroit, Michigan; final vows on 6/12/03.

Education

1972 Honors Bachelor of Arts degree (with distinction), Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio. Major Fields: Classical Languages (Latin and Greek) and Philosophy.

1973-74 Graduate Philosophy Studies at the Athenaeum, Cincinnati, Ohio.

1979 M.A. (Philosophy), University of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan.

1984 Master of Divinity degree (summa cum laude), Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

1987 Licentiate in Sacred Theology (Thesis title: "An Argument for a Paschal Liberationist Soteriology"-Approved with distinction), Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, MA

1997 Ph.D. (systematic theology), Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
Dissertation: "Theology and Politics: The Dispute between Maurice Blondel and Pedro Descoqs, S.J." Director: Fr. Joseph Komonchak, Ph.D.
Readers: Frs. Avery Dulles, S.J., and Peter Phan, Ph.D.

Foreign Language Proficiency

Reading Knowledge: Latin, Greek, French, German, Spanish, Italian.

Speaking Ability: French; Spanish

Teaching and Ministry Experience

1982-84 Essayist, Canadian Institute of Religion and Gerontology.

1986-88 Parish Administrator, St. Brigid's Parish, Detroit, Michigan.

1987-88 Instructor (Latin, philosophy, theology), U. of Detroit.

1996-2000 Assistant professor of religious studies, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA.

1999 Acting Administrator of St. Peter & Paul Parish, Detroit, MI

2000-10 Associate professor of religious studies at Loyola University, New Orleans.

2002 Awarded Tenure

2009 Visiting teacher, Loyola University, Chicago.

Fall, 2010-- Associate Professor at Loyola University, Chicago.

July, 2010 Awarded Tenure at Loyola University, Chicago

Fall, 2012-- Research Intensive Status.

Undergraduate Courses Taught: Intro to World Religions (linked with Intro to Philosophy), Intro to Christian Theology, Catholicism, Jesus Christ, Experience of Grace, Church and Sacraments, Modern Christian Thought, Theology of Vatican II, Catholic Classics, Theology & Culture: The Drama of Belief.

Graduate Courses Taught: Theology of Vatican II; Classical Christian Thinkers I (patristic and early medieval texts); Dynamics of Salvation; Church, Sacraments & Ministry; NEW COURSE [Fall, 2011]: "John Henry Newman and Maurice Blondel: Precursors of Vatican II"; NEW COURSE [Spring, 2013]: "Faith and Reason" [team taught with philosophy professor].

Workshops and Addresses

Sept, 1995 "The False Mercy of Assisted Suicide" at Georgetown University Hospital.

Nov., 1995 Workshop on Ars Moriendi: The Christian Art of Dying at Bon Secours Spiritual Center, Marriottsville, MD.

May, 1997 "Liberation Theology: Looking Back to Blondel and Social Catholicism" (College Theology Society annual meeting).

July, 1997 Series of six presentations on Eucharistic theology, Grand Cayman, B.W.I.

March, 1998 "The Christian *Ars Moriendi*: A Response to the Assisted-Suicide Movement," Yamauchi Lecture Series, Loyola Univ., New Orleans, LA.

May, 1998 "Blondel, Social Modernism, and the *Semaines sociales*" at C.T.S. annual meeting

Sept., 1999 "The Condemnation of *Action Française: Remous en France*" at Boston College conference entitled "Christian Life and Thought: Confronting Authoritarianism/Totalitarianism in the 20th Century."

June, 2002 Presentation on "Primacy and Ecclesiology" at Boston College Conference.

March, 2003 Presentation on "Discernment" to Tau House Community at the Dominican Conference Center.

March, 2003 Presentation on "The Meaning of Lent" at Holy Name Parish.

March, 2003 Presentation on "Catholic Social Teaching" at Holy Name Parish.

January, 2004 Presentation on the *Da Vinci Code* at Annapolis, MD

May, 2004 Presentation on the "Resurrection of Jesus Christ" at Annapolis, MD

May, 2004 Presentation on "Maurice Blondel's Critique of Catholic *Intégrisme*" at the Woodstock Theology Center in Washington, D.C.

August, 2004 Guided Book Discussion of *A Concise History of the Catholic Church*

at Gesu Parish, Detroit, MI.

September, 2004 Presentation on the Papacy of Pope John Paul II at Annapolis, MD

March, 2005 TV interview (local New Orleans: WWL) on upcoming papal conclave.

March, 2007 “The Condemnation of *Action Française*” at American Catholic Historical Assoc. Meeting at Marquette Univ.

May, 2008 Presentation on St. Paul: “A Pauline Workout: Why Imitate Paul?”

September, 2008 Retreat Leader: Tree of Life Family Retreat at Blue Ridge Summit, PA

February, 2009 TV interview with Archbishop Hughes (New Orleans) on “Catholicism and the Holocaust” (broadcast on 2/12/2009)

March, 2009 Inaugural Michael Kerlin Memorial Lecture at LaSalle University, Philadelphia.

April, 2009 “Maurice Blondel, Social Catholicism, and Action Française”
Yamauchi Lecture Series, Loyola Univ., New Orleans, LA.

May, 2009 Presentation: “The Sacrament of the Poor” at Annapolis, MD

May, 2010 Presentation: “The Three Elements of Religion: the Institutional, the Theological, and the Devotional” at Annapolis, MD.

Jan. 2011 Conference Paper “Courageous Manifesto: the French Jesuit Response to *Intégrisme* during the Modernist Crisis” at the national American Catholic Historical Conference in Boston.

April, 2011 Presentation on Mysticism in the “Faith Matters” series sponsored by University Ministry at Loyola Univ., Chicago.

May, 2011 Presentation: “The Creed” at Annapolis, MD.

June 2011: Conference Paper: “Maurice Blondel and the Nature-Grace Relationship” given at the “What is Life?” conference, in Krakow, Poland.

Feb. 2012 Doctoral Seminar and Faculty Colloquium at the University of Dayton [Invited Presentations].

July 2012 Conference Paper: “French Jesuits and Action Française” given at Boston College international conference: “‘THE TRAGIC COUPLE’ ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN JEWS AND JESUITS.” [http://www.jesuitica.be/assets/file/Tragic_Conf_Progr_final.pdf]

Sept. 2012 Vatican II Symposium at Loyola Univ., Chicago: respondent to Jared Wicks, S.J.

Nov. 2012 Solicited Conference Paper: "Maurice Blondel's Social Philosophy" at the American Academy of Religion convention.

[http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/2012PrelimProgramBook.pdf]

Jan. 2013 Conference Paper: "The Rise and Fall of Louis Cardinal Billot, S.J." at the American Catholic Historical Association annual meeting in New Orleans.

[<http://www.achahistory.org/pdf/new-orledeans-2013-program.pdf>]

[Nov. 6, 2013 Lumen Christi sponsored symposium on my Blondel book with invited scholars.

[Feb. 2014 Solicited Presentation on Pope Francis [2-day conference at DePaul University: http://events.depaul.edu/event/new_world_pope_pope_francis_the_future_of_the_church#.UIdHL5LX8R5]

[May 2014 Book Discussion panelist at College Theology Society annual meeting.

[June 2014 Presentation on the Society of Jesus and Modernism for the conference "Jesuit Survival and Restoration: 200th Anniversary Perspectives" at Boston College, June 11-15, 2014.

Publications

Books:

2009 *Maurice Blondel, Social Catholicism and Action Française: The Clash over the Church's Role in Society During the Modernist Era.* Washington, D.C.: Catholic University Press of America, 2009. [go to: <http://cuapress.cua.edu/books/viewbook.cfm?Book=BEMB>]

[2011-2012: new reviews still appearing in Europe; for examples of the many positive reviews: see *Theological Studies* 71 (March 2010): 219-21 and the review posted at www.h-france.net/vol9reviews/vol9no127kselman.pdf]

Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

2013 "French Jesuits and Action Française" in *"The Tragic Couple": Encounters between Jews and Jesuits*, pp. 183-202. Eds. James Bernauer and Robert A. Maryks. Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2013.

2000 "Social Modernism: The Case of the *Semaines Sociales*" in *Catholicism Contending with Modernity: Roman Catholic Modernism and Anti-Modernism in Historical Context*, pp. 277-307. Ed. Darrell Jodock. Cambridge: C.U.P., 2000.

2000 "Maurice Blondel and the Nature-Grace Relationship" 26 *Communio* (Winter, 1999): 806-845.

1998 "Liberation Theology: Looking Back to Blondel and Social Catholicism" in *Theology: Expanding the Borders*, pp. 280-303. Eds. María Pilar Aquino and Roberto S. Goizueta. Mystic, CT: 23rd Publications, 1998.

Translations

2000 Maurice Blondel's "Third "Testis" Article," 26 *Communio* (Winter, 1999): 846-874.

Encyclopedia Articles

2000 "Opus Dei" in *Europe Since 1945: An Encyclopedia* (1000 words). Ed. Bernard Cook. New York: Garland Publishing, 2000.

Book Reviews

[forthcoming] Review of *Rethinking Fundamental Theology: Toward a New Fundamental* by Gerald O'Collins, S.J., in *Heythrop Journal*. [542 wds]

2012 Review of *Reason Fulfilled by Revelation: The 1930s Christian Philosophy Debates in France*, ed. and trans. by Gregory B. Sadler, *The Catholic Historical Review* 98 (July, 2012): 599-601. [605 wds]

2011 Review Essay: *Maurice Blondel: A Philosophical Life* by Oliva Blanchette in *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* [<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/24630-maurice-blondel-a-philosophical-life/>] (2872 wds).

2010 Review of *Christology: A Biblical, Historical, and Systematic Study of Jesus* (second ed.), by Gerald O'Collins, S.J., *Horizons* 37 (Fall, 2010): 353-4.

2010 Review of *The Reception of Pragmatism in France & the Rise of Roman Catholic Modern* 2010): 495-496.

2006 Review of "*Because He Was a German!": Cardinal Bea and the Origins of Roman Catholic Engagement in the Ecumenical Movement*, by Jerome-Michael Vereb. *America* 195 (Sept. 18, 2006): 26-28. (1009 words)

2004 Review of *The Blindfold's Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth* by Sister Dianna Ortiz with Patricia Davis. Posted at "www.catholicbooksreview.org" (930 words)

2004 Review of *Newman* (Outstanding Christian Thinkers Series) by Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. Posted at "www.catholicbooksreview.org" (633 words)

2004 Review of *Awake My Soul: Contemporary Catholics on Traditional Devotions*, edited by James Martin, S.J. Posted at "www.catholicbooksreview.org" (661 words)

2004 Review of *Catholic Theologians in Nazi Germany*, by Robert A. Krieg. Posted at "www.catholicbooksreview.org" (817 words)

2004 Review of *Why Jesus Died*, by Gerald Sloyan. Posted at www.catholicbooksreview.org (620wds)

2004 Review of *A Brief History of Heresy*, by G.R. Evans. *Religious Studies Review* 30 (January, 2004): 74. (259 words)

2004 Review of *A Brief History of Heaven*, by Alister E. McGrath. *Religious Studies Review* 30 (January, 2004): 74. (234 words)

2002 Review of *Ecumenism, Christian Origins and the Practice of Communion*, by Nicholas Sagovsky. *Religious Studies Review* 28 (July, 2002): 280. (250 words)

2002 Review of *Renewing Christianity: A History of Church Reform From Day One to Vatican II*, by Christopher M. Bellitto. *Religious Studies Review* 28 (July, 2002): 280. (250 wds)

2000 Review of *The Tripersonal God: Understanding and Interpreting the Trinity*, by Gerald O'Collins, S.J. *Horizons* 27 (Fall, 2000): 404-405. (505 words)

2000 Review of *The Human Person and the Church*, edited by Gillian T.W. Ahlgren.

Religious Studies Review 26 (November, 2000): 382. (250 words)

Essays in Edited Volumes

- [2015] Solicited contribution to Festschrift for Joseph Komonchak.
- 2007 "Primacy and Collegiality: A Response" in *Pope John Paul on the Body: Human, Eucharistic, Ecclesial Festschrift Cardinal Avery Dulles* (Philadelphia: St. Joseph's University Press, 2007): 195-201.
- 2003 "Dr. Death's Dreadful Sermon" in *Christianity Today Library*: an online research collection (reprint of 1994 article)
- 2001 "Individuals Do Not Have a Right to Die" [online-version]
- 2000 "Individuals Do Not Have a Right to Die" in *Problems of Death: Opposing Viewpoints*, pp.59-62. Ed. James D. Torr and Laura K. Egenorf. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, Inc. (reprint of 1996 article)
- 2000 "Physician-Assisted Suicide is Unethical" in *The Sundance Writer*. Ed. Mark Connelly. New York: Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 2000. (reprint)
- 1998 "Dr. Death's Dreadful Sermon" in *The Flexible Writer*, pp.398-400. Ed. Susann Rich. 3rd Edition. Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 1998. (reprint of 1994 article)
- 1998 "Is Death a Right?" in *Effective Argument: A Writer's Guide with Readings*, pp.290-295. Ed. James R. Nicholl. Boston: Allyn and Bacon. (reprint of 1996 article)
- 1995 "Reflections on Physician-assisted Suicide" in *Suicide*, pp. 132-137. Ed. Robert E. Long. New York: Wilson Co. (reprint of *America* article)
- 1995 "Assisted Suicide" in *Euthanasia: Opposing Viewpoints*, pp. 55-60. Ed. David Bender and Bruno Leone. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, Inc. (reprint)

Pamphlets

- 2006 Reprint of *The Christian Art of Dying*. Liguori pamphlet series.
- 2001 *The Christian Art of Dying*. Liguori pamphlet series. Liguori, MO: Liguori Press.
- 2000 *The Truth about Physician-Assisted Suicide*. Liguori pamphlet series. Liguori, MO: Liguori Press. 4th printing, revised.

Articles in Periodicals

- 2006 "The Decoded Scoop on Jesus, Judas, and Mary Magdalene" *Clarion Herald* (5/13): 2.
- 2005 "A Passion for Unity: Yves Congar's Doctrinal Service" *America* 192 (April 4): 8-11.
- 2003 "Radical Dependence on God" *Company* 21 (Fall, 2003): 3 (insert).
- 1996 "Is Death a Right?" *Christianity Today* 40 (May 20): 29-30.
- 1995 "The Hidden Engines of the Suicide Rights Movement" *America* 172 (May 6): 14-17.
- 1994 "Dr. Death's Dreadful Sermon" *Christianity Today* 38 (August 15): 30-32.
Reprinted in *Christian Legal Society Quarterly* 15 (Fall, 1994): 8-9.
- 1994 "Coming Soon: Your Neighborhood T.S.C." *America* 170 (April 30): 6-9.
Reprinted in *OSV* (10/2/94).

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP

Proposal Accepted for June, 2014 conference to mark the bi-centennial anniversary of the restoration of the Jesuit order. The tentative title of my paper: "100 Hundred Years Ago: The Jesuits, The Pope, and the Integrists."

Chapter for Festschrift volume: essay on the mentality that opposed Vatican II's Decree on Religious Liberty.

Journal Submission: Essay on Maurice Blondel and the Second Vatican.

Article on The Jesuits and Modernism.

Longer range: Paper on Sacred Heart Devotion and the French Jesuits during "la grande guerre."

On back burner awaiting a sabbatical: Book Project [tentatively entitled: *A Paschal Liberationist Theology of Salvation*]: In *A Secular Age*, Charles Taylor highlighted the problem of religion and violence in a time of "theologically-inspired terrorism." (685) Though some Christian theologians have criticized understandings of redemption that sacralize violence, a "hyper-Augustinian juridical-penal" reading of the significance of Christ's redemptive work that endorses divine violence still resonates with many Christians. The success of the film *The Passion of the Christ* (directed by Mel Gibson), which represents this type of "Atonement" theology, is evidence of this. Robert Daly has observed: "All this seems to connect with the readiness to think of a violent God, or at least of the existence of some violence in God. It contributes both to the widespread human tendency to look for scapegoats, and to the widespread tendency to take violence for granted in human affairs." [*Theological Studies* 68 (2007): 47] I am in sympathy with Lisa Sowle Cahill's remark: "The atonement paradigm of salvation, when tied to resurrection and complemented by soteriologies of incarnation and ethics of the reign of God and option for the poor, can inspire communities of vicarious sacrifice for others that can make a difference in the world around us." [*Theological Studies* 68 (2007): 432] Thus the concern that prompts my book project: the articulation of a theology of redemption that does not sacralize violence and that also does not jettison the sacrificial understanding of Christ's death. While I propose to address the relationship of religion and violence using the resources of the Christian tradition, the problem obviously has significance beyond this tradition.

Memberships

American Academy of Religion; Catholic Theology Society of America; College Theology Society; American Catholic Historical Association.

Service

2013-2015: CTSA "Fundamental Theology" Session committee member.

2011-12 Referee for TS submissions.

2011 Referee for CTS annual volume.

2009 Referee for College Theology Society annual volume.

2007 Organized colloquium with visiting scholar Rev. Jared Wicks, S.J., and local Lutheran ministers on the topic of apostolicity.

2005 Referee for College Theology Society annual volume.

2013-2016 Section Convenor for CTSA fundamental theology#

Offices Held

1997-99, 2001- Member of Steering Committee of the N.O. area College Theology Society.

2002 Member of Catholic Theological Society of America Local Preparation Committee

1999-2009 Chair of the Catholic Studies Minor Committee at Loyola University, N.O.

Theology Department Service at Loyola University, Chicago

2012-- Service on graduate comprehensive committees and a reader on two dissertation committees.

2010-12 Member of the Undergraduate Program Committee

2010-- Member of the Intellectual Life/Events Committee

2011-12: I participated in several meetings between the IPS and the Theology Dept.

Awards:

2009 Research Grant to work in French Jesuit archives in Vanves, France.

2008 First Year Experience grant: "Quests for Meaning & Transcendence": Linked Courses

2004 Visiting Research Fellow at the Woodstock Theological Center, Washington, D.C.

2003 Grant: Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J. event

2002 Proposal funded by Loyola's Institute for the Study of Catholic Culture and Tradition to organize a two-lecture series to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Vatican II.

2002 Release time proposal to develop a Catholic Studies "Capstone" Course: approved and funded by Loyola's Institute for the Study of Catholic Culture and Tradition.

1999 Loyola University Research Grant

1988 Board of Trustees Scholarship, Catholic University of America