

MICHAEL D. TORRE

PERSONAL

Position

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of San Francisco (2130 Fulton Street, San Francisco, California 94117-1080); torrem@usfca.edu; office: (415) 422-2386

Education

Ph.D., 1983 Philosophical and Systematic Theology, Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, California)

B.A., 1972 *Magna Cum Laude* with Highest Honors in Religion, Williams College (Williamstown, Massachusetts)

Dissertation

"God's Permission of Sin: Negative or Conditioned Decree? A Defense of the Doctrine of Francisco Marín-Sola, O.P., According to the Principles of Thomas Aquinas." University Microfilms, 1983: since published by University of Fribourg Press (see **PUBLICATIONS**).

Specializations

(1) The Metaphysics of Thomas Aquinas, especially his Natural Theology, and in particular the relations between man's freedom and God's will, evil and providence, and nature and grace. (2) The work of Jacques Maritain, especially on the above topics. (3) The life and work of Francisco Marín-Sola, O.P., especially on the above topics.

Competencies

(1) The entire range of Aquinas's philosophy (2) Aristotle, especially his metaphysics and ethics (3) Plato, especially in his "early" and "middle" periods (4) Ancient Philosophy (5) Medieval Philosophy (6) Contemporary Thomism (7) Philosophy of Religion (8) Ethics

Main Courses Taught

(1) Ancient Philosophy (2) Medieval Philosophy (and Theology) (3) Plato (4) Aristotle (5) Aquinas (6) Contemporary Thomism (7) Philosophy of Religion (8) Ethics

Academic Employment

1995-2020 Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of San Francisco (Chair of Philosophy, 1996-2000; Coordinator of Ethics sections, 2005-2008)

1989-1995 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, USF

1984-1989 Lecturer, Saint Ignatius Institute, USF
Seminar Leader, Collegiate Seminar, St. Mary's College

1983-1984 Lecturer, Philosophy and Theology, Dominican College

Professional Memberships

American Maritain Association, 1985→
President, October, 2012, to February, 2016
General Editor of AMA Publications, 2007-2013
Istituto Internazionale Jacques Maritain.
Scientific Committee, 2014→
Vice-President, 1999-2002
American Catholic Philosophical Association

Languages

Spanish, French, Italian, Latin, German, Greek (in descending order of knowledge)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Wonder of Being: Reflections on Thomas's Metaphysics. Set for a final copyedit in 2020 and to be published either in that year or 2021 by Scepter Press, 230 pages.

The Philosopher's Calling: An Yves R. Simon Reader. Editor, with contributions from John W. Carlson and Anthony O. Simon. Being readied for publication by the University of Notre Dame Press and due out in 2020. Approximate length: 350 pages.

What Is: Introductory Reflections on Thomistic Metaphysics (Strongsville, Ohio: Scepter, 2020), 272 pages.

Do Not Resist the Spirit's Call: Francisco Marín-Sola on Sufficient Grace. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2013. 404 pages.

God's Permission of Sin: Negative or Conditioned Decree?: A Defense of the Doctrine of Francisco Marín-Sola, O.P., based on the Principles of Thomas Aquinas. Fribourg, Switzerland: Academic Press Fribourg [*Studia Friburgensis*], 2009. 537 pages.

Freedom in the Modern World: Jacques Maritain, Yves R. Simon, Mortimer J. Adler. Editor. Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1989; second printing, 1990. 289 pages

General Editor of the following American Maritain Association volumes:

Aquinas & Maritain on Evil: Mystery and Metaphysics. Edited by James G. Hanink. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2013. Distributed by The Catholic University of American Press.

Love and Friendship: Maritain and the Tradition. Edited by Montague Brown. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2013. Distributed by The Catholic University of American Press.

Distinctions of Being: Philosophical Approaches to Reality. Edited by Nikolaj Zunic. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2013. Distributed by The Catholic University of American Press.

Reading the Cosmos: Nature, Science, and Wisdom. Edited by Giuseppe Butera. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2011. Distributed by The Catholic University of America Press.

The Vocation of the Catholic Philosopher: From Maritain to John Paul II. Edited by John P. Hittinger. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2010. Distributed by The Catholic University of America Press.

The Renewal of Civilization: Essays in Honor of Jacques Maritain. Edited by Gavin T. Colvert. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2010. Distributed by The Catholic University of America Press.

Maritain and America. Edited by Christopher M. Cullen, S.J., and Joseph Allen Clair. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2009. Distributed by The Catholic University of America Press.

The Human Person and a Culture of Freedom. Edited by Peter A. Pagan Aguiar and Terese Auer, O.P. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2009. Distributed by The Catholic University of America Press.

Articles

“Sexual Complementarity: The Contribution of Plato and Aristotle”. Given in Saginaw, Michigan, on November 9th, 2019, and to appear in 2021 in a *festschrift* dedicated to the three-volume work *The Concept of Woman*, recently completed by Sr. Prudence Allen, R.S.M.

“The Final Task of Metaphysics and the Intellectual Vocation of Jacques Maritain”. Given in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in March, 2019, at the annual conference of the American Maritain Association and to appear in 2021 in the book edited by James Keating on that conference: *Restoring Ancient Beauty: The Revival of Thomistic Theology*.

“La Conferencia de Unesco de 1947 y La Declaración de Derechos Humanos de Las Naciones Unidas de 1948: Commemorando La Contribución de Jacques Maritain a La Lucha Por Los Derechos Humanos”. Given (in Spanish) in Rome in April, 2018, and to be published in *Notes et Documents*, a journal of the Institut International Jacques Maritain.

“Yves R. Simon, Disciple of Maritain: The Idea of Fact and the Difference Between Science and Philosophy”. Given in Philadelphia in March, 2018, at the annual conference of the American Maritain Association and to appear in 2020 in the book edited by Matthew Miner on that conference.

“Jacques Maritain on the Cause of Moral Evil”. In *Jacques Maritain*. Edited by Hubert Borde, Dossiers H. Paris: Éditions Pierre Guillaume de Roux, 2019, 412-31.

“The American Maritain Association: A Summary Account”. In *Jacques Maritain*. Edited by Hubert Borde. Dossiers H. Paris: Éditions Pierre Guillaume de Roux, 2019, 688-93.

“La defense des droits humains et *Humanisme Intégral* de Jacques Maritain: une vision personaliste de la foi et la politique pour aujourd’hui”. In *Jacques Maritain* Edited by Hubert Borde, Dossiers H. Paris: Éditions Pierre Guillaume de Roux, 2019, 547-559.

“La defense des droits humains et *Humanisme Intégral* de Jacques Maritain: une vision personaliste de la foi et politique de nos jours”. In *In between: Studii ecumenice*. Edited by Călin-Daniel Pațulea and Alin Tat. Cluj: Editura Napoca Star, 2018, 9-54.

“Un Bras d’Athlète et Une Haute Voix du Lamentateur’: Why I Love Jacques Maritain”. In *The Things that Matter: Essays Inspired by the Later Work of Jacques Maritain*. Edited by Heidi Geibel. Washington D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2018, 339-63.

“À propos de Marín-Sola sur la grâce suffisante”. *Revue Thomiste*, Tome CXVIII, No.2 (April-June, 2018), 293-312.

“Modest Reflections On The Term ‘Religious Experience’”. *Open Theology*, vol. 3, issue 1 (January, 2017): 360-69; published on-line by De Gruyter on July 18, 2017.

“The Nobility of Jacques Maritain’s Witness and Work in World War II”. In *Engaging the Times: The Witness of Thomism*.” Edited by Joshua Schulz. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2017, 3-29.

“The Importance of God’s Wisdom to Thomas’ Account of Nature and Grace”. In *Habitus fidei—Die Überwindung der eigenen Gottlosigkeit: Festschrift für Richard Schenk OP zum 65 Geburtstag*. Edited by Jeremiah Alberg and Daniela Köder (Hg.). Paderborn: Ferdinand Schöningh, 2016, 155-92.

“The ‘Annex’ To Maritain’s 1914 Lectures On ‘The Spirit Of Modern Philosophy’: The Role Of Germany In Modern Philosophy”. In *The Wisdom of Youth: Essays Inspired by*

the Early Work of Jacques and Raïssa Maritain. Edited by Travis Dumsday. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2016, 78-98.

“Jacques Maritain and Yves R. Simon on Freedom of Choice”. In *Human Nature, Contemplation, and The Political Order: Essays Inspired by Jacques Maritain's Scholasticism and Politics*. Edited by Peter Karl Koritansky. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2014, 3-18.

“The Grace of God and the Sin of Man: The Drama of Man Before God”. In *Aquinas & Maritain on Evil: Mystery and Metaphysics*. Edited by James G. Hanink. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2013, 170-203.

“Maritain on the Natural Desire to See God: Reflections Appreciative and Critical”. In *Distinctions of Being: Philosophical Approaches to Reality*. Edited by Nikolaj Zunic. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2013, 128-44

“To Philosophize for the Faith: Maritain’s Intellectual Vocation”. In *The Vocation of the Catholic Philosopher: From Maritain to John Paul II*. Edited by John P. Hittinger. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2010, 110-31.

“Murray After 50 Years: Reflections on America and Its Proposition”. In *The Renewal of Civilization: Essays in Honor of Jacques Maritain*. Edited by Gavin T. Colvert. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2010, 59-81.

“The Surprising Way Home: On Teaching Flannery O’Connor at Williams”. Williams Catholic Network Newsletter, Williamstown (Massachusetts), Fall, 2007.

“Francisco Marín-Sola, O.P., and the Origin of Jacques Maritain’s Doctrine on God’s Permission of Evil”. *Nova et Vetera* 4:1 (Winter, 2006): 55-94.

"A Fellowship Founded on Truth: The History of The Saint Ignatius Institute". In *Truth Matters*, Edited by John G. Trapani. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2004, 66-75.

"Greene's Saints: The Whiskey Priest, Scobie, Sarah." *Logos* 7:1 (Winter, 2004): 63-77.

“The Portrait of Evil in *The Lord of the Rings*: Reflections Personal, Literary, and Theological”. *Logos* 5:4 (Fall, 2002): 65-74.

"The Dismissal of John Galten and the Demise of the Saint Ignatius Institute". *The New Oxford Review* (October, 2002), 25-43.

"From a Logical Point of View: Response to Nagel". *Logos* 5:2 (Spring, 2002): 169-71

"From a Logical Point of View: Rachel and the Ayalas". *Logos* 5:1 (Winter, 2002): 169-72.

"Aquinas and the Credibility of God". *Logos* 3:2 (Spring, 2000): 107-17.

"*Fides et Ratio* and the University: Reflections on Thinking Within a Tradition". *Dialogue and Universalism* (Polish Academy of Sciences), IX: No.7-8 (1999): 93-106.

"Erasmus Spyros Leiva-Merikakis". *The St. Ignatius Institute Newsletter*, University of San Francisco, Spring 1999.

"Damascene, Aquinas, and Maritain on the Human Person". *Études Maritainiennes*, 1998: 15-26.

"St. John Damascene and St. Thomas Aquinas on the Eternal Procession of the Holy Spirit". *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 38: #3 (1994): 303-27.

"Yves R. Simon. The Merit and Limit of Federalism". *Notes et Documents* (Institut International Jacques Maritain), #35 (September-December, 1992): 53-63.

"God and Evil: The Classical View". *Dialogue and Humanism* (Polish Academy of Sciences), I: No. 2 (1991): 93-109.

"Jacques Maritain: A Bridge to the Truth". *Lay Witness* 13: No. 3 (1991): 7-8.

"The Freedoms of Man and Their Relation to God". In *Freedom in the Modern World*. Notre Dame, Indiana: American Maritain Association, 1989, 263-76.

"Introduction: Reading Between the Lines". In *Freedom in the Modern World*. Notre Dame, Indiana: American Maritain Association, 1989, 1-11.

"The 1988 American Maritain Association: *Freedom in the Modern World*". *Notes et Documents* #26 (September- December, 1989): 110-12.

"The Sin of Man and the Love of God". In *Jacques Maritain: The Man and His Metaphysics*. Edited by John F. X. Knasas. Notre Dame, Indiana: American Maritain Association, 1988, 203-21.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (mostly at academic conferences)

"Modest Reflections on Being a Thomist Today". Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on March 6th, 2020.

"Sexual Complementarity: The Contribution of Plato and Aristotle". Paper given at a *festschrift* conference dedicated to the three-volume work *The Concept of Woman*, recently completed by Sr. Prudence Allen, R.S.M., in Saginaw, Michigan, on November 9th, 2019.

“The Final Task of Metaphysics and the Intellectual Vocation of Jacques Maritain”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on March 30th, 2019.

“Reflecting on John Paul II’s *Fides et Ratio* and the Work of Jacques Maritain”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on March 29th, 2019, as part of a panel of AMA Presidents (past ones and the present one) reflecting on the topic of “Maritainian Themes in *Veritatis Splendor* and *Fides et Ratio*”.

“La Conferencia de Unesco de 1947 y La Declaración de Derechos Humanos de Las Naciones Unidas de 1948: Commemorando La Contribución de Jacques Maritain a La Lucha Por Los Derechos Humanos”. Address delivered in Spanish, at an international conference co-sponsored by Unesco and the Institut International Jacques Maritain in Rome on April 13th, 2018.

“Yves R. Simon, Disciple of Maritain: The Idea of Fact and the Difference Between Science and Philosophy”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Philadelphia on March 3rd, 2018.

“La defense des droits humains et *Humanisme Intégral* de Jacques Maritain: une vision personaliste de la foi et politique de nos jours”. Invited lecture, delivered in French in Cluj, Romania, on January 18th, 2018.

“Jacques Maritain’s Defense of Human Rights and His *Humanisme Integral*: A Personalist Vision of Faith and Politics for Our Time”. Invited lecture in Bucharest, Romania, given on January 11th, 2018.

“Modest Reflections On The Term ‘Religious Experience’”. Paper given to The Circle in Phenomenology of Religious Experience at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, on November 4th, 2016.

“Un Bras d’Athlète et Une Haute Voix du Lamentateur’: Why I Love Jacques Maritain”. Presidential Address given to the American Maritain Association in New York City on February 27th, 2016.

“The Importance of God’s Wisdom to Thomas’ Account of Nature and Grace”. Inaugural lecture to the Bay Area Association of St. Thomas (BASTA) in Oakland on June 6th, 2015.

“The Nobility of Jacques Maritain’s Witness and Work in World War II”. Paper given to the American Maritain Association in San Francisco on February 27th, 2015.

“How Consoling is Philosophy?: Another Look at Rachel”. Paper given at the American Catholic Philosophical Association (AMA section) in Washington, D.C., on October 10th, 2014.

“The American Maritain Association: An Account”. Address given in French at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Instituto Internazionale Jacques Maritain in Rome on March 7th, 2014.

“The ‘Annex’ to Maritain’s 1914 Lectures on ‘The Spirit of Modern Philosophy’: The Role of Germany in Modern Philosophy”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association, Providence, Rhode Island, on February 28th, 2014.

“The Ecumenical Vision of *The Pope’s Guest: An Appreciation*”. Paper given at the celebration of the English publication of *The Pope’s Guest* and the establishment of the Vladimir Volkoff archive at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, on November 16th, 2013.

“Revisiting *Brideshead*”. Paper given to the Cardinal Wisemen Society in Palo Alto on April 14th, 2012.

“Jacques Maritain and Yves R. Simon on Freedom of Choice”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association in North Canton, Ohio, in October, 2010.

“The Grace of God and the Sin of Man: The Drama of Man Before God”. Plenary session paper given to the American Maritain Association in Houston in October, 2009.

“Maritain on the Natural Desire to see God: Reflections Appreciative and Critical”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association in South Bend, Indiana, in October, 2007.

“Frederick William Faber and John Henry Newman”. Paper given to the Cardinal Wiseman Society in San Francisco, in September, 2007.

“Aristotle on Pleasure”. Presentation to the part-time University of San Francisco Ethics faculty in San Francisco on May 10th, 2007.

“Matthew Dickerson’s *Ents, Elves, And Eriador: A Few Friendly Comments*”. Given at the Middle Earth Festival in Vacaville, California, in April, 2007.

“To Philosophize *for* the Faith: Maritain’s Intellectual Vocation”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Washington, D.C, in October, 2005.

“Is Tolkien’s Portrait Of Evil Compelling, And, If So, Why?” Comments delivered at the Tolkien Festival in Vacaville, California, in the Spring of 2005.

“The Influence of John Damascene on Thomas Aquinas”. Paper given at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, 2005.

“From Agnosticism Through Aquinas: A Homecoming Journey”. Invited address sponsored by the Catholic Chaplaincy of Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, on November 5th, 2004.

“Murray After 50 Years: Reflections on America and Its Proposition”. Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Atlanta in October, 2004.

“Greene’s Saints: The Whiskey Priest, Scobie, Sarah”. Paper given to the Cardinal Wisemen Society in San Francisco in May, 2004.

“Socrates as Saint and Hero: The *Euthyphro-Apology-Crito* Trilogy”. Presentation at a University of San Francisco Philosophy Department Colloquium in San Francisco shortly following 9/11, 2001 (probably in September or early October).

“The Liberal Arts in the SII Curriculum: Some Pointers”. Lecture (the last of about a dozen) to incoming Freshmen of the St. Ignatius Institute in Marin County on August 17th, 2000.

"Skating Close to Non-Being: Aquinas's Account of the Absurdity of Sin". Papers given at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, 2000.

"*Fides et Ratio*: Reflections on a Conference and on Two Realms of Truth". Paper given at The University of Warsaw, Poland, in September, 1999.

“Philosophy and Religion in Dialogue”. Presentation in a series of discussions sponsored by the University of San Francisco Philosophy department on the relation between Philosophy and various other departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, in late Spring of 1999.

"*Fides et Ratio* and the University: Reflections on Thinking Within a Tradition". Paper given at The University of San Francisco in May, 1999.

“The Idea of a Catholic University”. Lecture (given yearly and varied) to entering Freshmen of the St. Ignatius Institute on Laguna Honda, California, at the end of the 1990s.

Damascene, Aquinas, and Maritain on the Human Person". Paper given at the Canadian Jacques Maritain Association in Ottawa, Canada, in November, 1997.

"God as Artist: The Doctrine of Marín-Sola and Maritain's Use of It". Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, in October, 1997.

"A Man and A Book: Introducing Baron Friedrich von Hügel". Paper given to the Cardinal Wiseman Society in San Francisco in June, 1997.

"The Structure and Division of the Second Part of the *Summa*". Paper given at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, 1995.

"Aquinas and the Credibility of God". Panel discussion on 'Aquinas On the Role of Natural Theology in the Formation of Religious Belief,' at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, 1995.

“Courtesy: Reflections of a Moralist”. Faculty response to University of San Francisco Psychology Faculty Member Maureen O’Sullivan’s lecture on courtesy, given in San Francisco on April 4th, 1995.

“Reflections on *Dare We Hope That All Are Saved?*” Contribution to a Faculty Symposium of the St. Ignatius Institute at the University of San Francisco in October, 1994.

"The Presence of the Holy Spirit in Us: Aquinas's Doctrine of Uncreated Grace". Paper given at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, 1994.

"The Portrait of Evil in *The Lord of the Rings*: Reflections Personal, Literary, and Theological". Paper given to the Cardinal Wiseman Society in San Francisco, in December, 1993.

"Person and Individual in Aquinas and Maritain". Paper given at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Maritain Association) in San Francisco in March, 1993.

"Thomas Aquinas and John Damascene on the Procession of the Holy Spirit". Paper given to the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, 1992.

"Aquinas's Criticism of Aristotle in *The Summa Contra Gentiles*, And Its Implications for A Realist Ethics". Paper given at the American Catholic Philosophical Association in San Diego, held on March 27th-29th, 1992.

"On Truths Accessible to Reason: Thinking with Thomas in *The Summa Contra Gentiles*". Paper given at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in May, 1991.

"Can We Teach Virtue?: A Reply". Reflections given at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, in San Francisco on March 28th, 1991.

“The First Causality of Man and the Independence of God”. Paper prepared for (and given to?) the American Catholic Philosophical Association in 1990.

“The Freedom of Man and the Wisdom of God.” Paper given at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Berkeley, March 25th, 1989.

"The Freedoms of Man and their Relation to God". Paper given at the American Maritain Association, South Bend, Indiana, in October, 1988.

"The Sin of Man and the Love of God". Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Montreal, Canada, in October, 1987.

"Maritain's Notion of Christian Politics". Paper given at the American Maritain Association in Houston in October, 1986.

"A Student Reflects on His Journey to Theology". Paper given to a Colloquium of the Theology Department at The University of Santa Clara in February, 1981.

COURSES TAUGHT

Philosophy (unless otherwise noted, at the University of San Francisco)

Upper Division Major Seminars

PHIL 482	Jacques Maritain
PHIL 482	Plato ("senior seminar")
PHIL 320	Plato
PHIL 480	Aristotle ("senior seminar")
PHIL 321	Aristotle
PHIL 404	Contemporary Thomism ("senior seminar")
PHIL 323	Aquinas
PHIL 374	Contemporary Catholic Philosophers
PHIL 382	Stoics and Neo-Platonists
PHIL 382	Augustine and Beyond
SII 404	Senior Seminar: Freedom
SII 390	Thomistic Philosophy: Joseph Pieper (summer course: Retz, Austria)

Lower Division Courses For Major

PHIL 100	Logic: LSAT Prep
PHIL 101	First Word
PHIL 110	Logic
PHIL 112	History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 210	Origins: Ancient Philosophy and Development
PHIL 211	Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 230	The Human Person (section for majors)
PHIL 240	Ethics (section for majors)
PHIL 310	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
SII 104	Ancient Philosophy (seminar)
SII 206	Philosophy of The Human Person

Core Courses (General Education Curriculum)

PHIL 100	Critical Thinking
PHIL 110	Great Philosophical Questions
PHIL 195	Lovers of Wisdom (Freshman Seminar)
PHIL 211	Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 203	Being and God/Metaphysics

PHIL 220 Plato
PHIL 380/302 Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 400 Ethics

Dominican College Descartes-Kant: Search For Certainty
The Philosophy of the Enlightenment
Makers of the Modern Mind

St. Mary's College Philosophies of Life

St. Patrick's Seminary (Archdiocese of San Francisco)—Ethics

University of Sacramento—The Philosophy of the Human Person
The Dignity of the Human Person and American Culture

Independent Studies

PHIL 399 Aristotle's Ethics and Politics
The Nicomachean Ethics
Aquinas
Aquinas's Treatise on the One God
Problems in the Thomistic Philosophy of God

Dominican College The Problem of Knowledge

Theology (unless otherwise noted, at the University of San Francisco)

SII 200 The Early Church
SII 201 Catholic Tradition I (The CCC: Parts I and II)
SII 206 Medieval Synthesis (Seminar)
SII 390 The *Summa* of Aquinas (1 unit courses)
The One God
Trinity, Creation, and Governance
Happiness and Human Acts
Virtue and Vice
Law and Grace
Faith, Hope, and Charity
The Incarnation
The Sacraments
SII 399 Readings in the Church Fathers
The *Summa Contra Gentiles*
SII 405 Catholic Tradition II (The CCC: Parts III and IV)

University of Santa Clara Introduction to Catholic Theology

Dominican College Basic Truths of Christianity

The Nature of Revelation
Christology
Evil and the Problem of Suffering

School of Pastoral Leadership/Catholic Studies Institute (Archdiocese of San Francisco)

Introduction to Catholic Doctrine (The CCC: Part I)
Sacraments and the Spiritual Life (The CCC: Parts II and IV)
Life in Christ: Catholic Moral Teaching (The CCC: Part III)

Literature (unless otherwise noted, at the University of San Francisco)

SII 103 Writing Practicum
SII 302 Literature in Its Historical Context: The Modern World (Seminar)
SII 303 Literature in Its Historical Context: The Modern World (Lecture)
SII 390 Masterpieces of Cinema (1 unit courses)
Asian Cinema
Catholic Novels
Italian Cinema
War Films
Hitchcock
Audrey Hepburn
SII 404 Senior Seminar: War
HONORS 305 Baroque to Enlightenment/The Enlightenment

St. Mary's College Greek Thought (Collegiate Seminar)
Roman-Christian-Medieval (Collegiate Seminar)
Renaissance-17th and 18th Centuries (Collegiate Seminar)
19th and 20th Centuries (Collegiate Seminar)

Williams College The Work of Flannery O'Connor (Winter Study: January, 2007)

SERVICE

University

Students

Honorary Member, Alpha Sigma Nu, 1990→

Recommender, to Study Abroad and Graduate Study, 1989→

Supervisor, Independent Studies, 1989→

Advisor, Philosophy Majors, 1989→

Leader, Trips to Mt. Tabor and New Clairvaux Monasteries, 1992-2000

Moderator, Philosophy Club, "The Nature of Sexual Virtue", 1994

Participant, panel discussion for SII students ("Dare We Hope that All are Saved"), 1993

Program (The Saint Ignatius Institute)

Member, Saint Ignatius Institute Advisory Board, 1998-2001

Member, Saint Ignatius Institute Faculty, 1984-2001

Co-Leader and Professor, SII Summer Program in Retz (The Philosophy of Joseph Pieper), 2000

Participant, SII Orientation Retreat for Freshmen, 1989-2000

Lecturer, above retreats, on "Theology, Heart of a Catholic University" & "The Nature of a Catholic University", 1989-2000

Seminar leader, Model-Seminar, above retreats, 1989-94

Leader, 5 week summer Tour of Provence for SII students and friends ("Provence: Joy of Heaven and Earth"), 1986

Department

Search Committees (for the entire tenure-track Philosophy Department, as of 2020)

2016-2017, Asian: Geoffrey Ashton [non-voting at end (sabbatical)]

2014-2015, Metaphysics/Epistemology: Rebecca Mason

2008-09, Ethic Minority Development Fund: Quayshawn Spencer

2006-07, Diverse AOS: Marjolein Oele

2002, Diverse AOS: Ron Sundstrom, Jackie Taylor [non-voting at end (sabbatical)]

2001-02, Ethics: Manuel Vargas

2000-01, Social-Political: Jeffrey Paris

1997-98, Irvine Grant: David Kim

1994-95, Irvine Grant: Eduardo Mendieta

1993-94, Ethics: Tom Cavanaugh

1992-93, Ethics: inconclusive

1991-92, Philosophy of Science: David Stump

Member, WASC Academic Program Reviews, 2013-20

Coordinator of Ethics sections, 2005-08

Member, WASC Academic Program Review, 2005-06

Chair of Philosophy Department, 1996-2000

Established policy of rotating Philosophy Chair to next most-senior member, 1999

Hired (as Chair, with Sr. Moser) the former Philosophy Secretary: Annmarie Belda, 1997

Authored *Philosophy Department By-Laws* (still in use in 2020), 1996-97

Brokered retirement of Desmond FitzGerald and the hire of Bob Makus to tenure track coupled with the advancement of Tom Cavanaugh to tenure track, 1996-97

Member, WASC Academic Program Review, 1994-95

Author, Photographic Display of Faculty and Majors/Minors, 1994

Author, Section of Self-Study for Program Review: "The Philosophy Curriculum," 1994

Author, Section of Departmental Plan for Program Review: "The Philosophy Curriculum," 1994

Chair, Sub-committee for revising the Philosophy Major, 1994

Chair, Sub-committee for creating the new GEC course in Philosophy, *Great Philosophical Questions*, 1992-93

College

Member, College Curriculum Committee, 1992-2002

Member, College Council, 1996-2000

Member, Arts Council, 1996-2000

Member, College Peer Review Committee, 1995-98

Distinguished Service Award (jointly, with Pamela Balls-Organista), 1995

Co-Chair, College Curriculum Committee, 1992-95

Author, Photographic Directory of Arts and Science Faculty, 1994

Member, GEC Task Force: Humanities and Arts, 1991-92

Author, Analysis of St. Ignatius Institute for Program Review, 1991

University

Member, Academic Integrity Committee, 2011-20

Member, Academic Integrity Task Force, 2007-09

Member, Advisory Board of the Center for Child and Family
Development (School of Education), 1992-2002

Member, Joint University GEC Committee, 1992-95

Member, Joint University Curriculum Committee, 1992-93

Member, Space and Facilities Committee, 1990-92

Work for Admissions Office (various), 1990→

Profession

Member, Scientific Committee of the Instituto Internationale Jacques Maritain, 2014→

President, American Maritain Association, October, 2012- February, 2016

General Editor, American Maritain Association Publications (8 books published) 2007-13

Lecturer, University of Sacramento (“The Philosophy of the Human Person”) 2009 and
2006

Vice-President, Institut International Jacques Maritain, 1998-2002

Outside Member, Doctoral Committee of John Hamlon, Graduate Theological Union,
1993-98 [the phenomenological anthropology of Karol Wojtyła]

Participant, Collegium Summer Retreat, 1993

Executive Committee, American Maritain Association, 1990-92

President, Graduate Theological Union Alumnae/i Council, 1986-88

Member, Instituto Internationale Jacques Maritain
American Maritain Association
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Phi Beta Kappa (National and Northern California)

Alpha Sigma Nu

Community

- Lecture, “Current Threats to our Christian Culture According to Recent Papal Encyclicals”, St. Brendan’s Church (San Francisco), October 14th, 2006.
- Lecturer, School of Pastoral Leadership/Catholic Studies Institute, (Archdiocese of San Francisco), 2000-06
- Lecturer, Saint Patrick’s Seminary (Archdiocese of San Francisco), 2001
- Media, Appeared as an Expert (on Plato, the source of the Atlantis legend) in a “documentary”—*Atlantis in the Andes*—detailing various ideas on the place of this “lost continent,” 2001
- Member, Mission and Vision Committee, California Province of the Society of Jesus, 1998-2001
- Lectures, “*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*”. St. Isabella's Parish, San Rafael (California) January 5th, 10th, 19th, and 26th, 1995.
- Lecture, "Reflections on *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*." St. Isabella's Parish, San Rafael (California), September 14th, 1994.
- Lecture, "Some Reflections on *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and Its Social Teaching". Legatus Society [Catholic CEOs], St. Mary’s College, September 22nd, 1994.
- Volunteer, Certificate, San Francisco School Volunteers, for support of SF Public Education (SII students working as volunteers in public schools), 1992-93.
- Media, Appeared on ABC News (KGO, in SF) discussing the propriety of US Catholic Bishops using a PR firm to promote their pro-life message, August 8, 1990