

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal

Professor of Philosophy
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Education

A.B. Calvin College (1959)
M.A. Fordham University (1961)
Ph.D. Fordham (1965)
Yale University - Post Graduate Study

Honors

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship
Yale-Sterling Fellowship
Newman Alumni Scholarship
Danforth Asian Religions Fellowship
Weathersfield Homeland Foundation Fellowship

Teaching

Full-time: Villanova University, 1962-65
Boston College, 1965-present

Part-time: Fordham University, St. Peter's College, Haverford College, Rosemont College, La Salle College, St. Joseph's College, St. Charles Seminary, Emmanuel College, Regis College, Newton College of the Sacred Heart, Boston State College, Berklee College of Music, Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Boston Center for Adult Education, Jesuit Center for Adult Education, Gordon College, St. John's Seminary, Our Lady of Grace Seminary,

Courses Taught

Logic, Epistemology, Cosmology, Metaphysics, Ethics, Nursing Ethics, Philosophy of the Person, Philosophy in Literature, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Human Sexuality, The Future of Man, The Creative Person, Death and Dying, Life After Death, Science Fiction, Philosophy of Love, Oriental Philosophy, Now and Zen, Greek Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Contemporary Philosophy, Socrates, Plato, Augustine, Aquinas, Pascal, Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Marcel, Teilhard de Chardin, C.S. Lewis, Tolkien, Augustine's Confessions, Aquinas' Summa, Plato's

Republic , Lost in the Cosmos, Christian Existentialism, Thinking About Religion, The Meaning of Life, Philosophy of Happiness, Philosophy of Love, Peacemaking, Abortion as a Philosophical Problem, Philosophy in Fantasy, Socrates and Jesus, The Three Greatest Men in the World, World Religions, Catholicism: A Philosophical Inquiry; Angels, Devils, Ghosts and Miracles; Three Philosophies of Life; Philosophy in the Bible; Philosophy of Education, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy in Cinema, Perspectives in Western Culture

Published Books

1. C.S. Lewis: A Critical Essay (Christendom College Press '88; Eerdmans '69) Short, 50 p. introduction
2. Love is Stronger than Death (Ignatius '87; Harper '79) Death as enemy, stranger, Mend, mother, lover
3. Heaven, the Heart's Dearest Longing (Ignatius '89, Harper '80) Explores what CSI called "irony"
4. Everything you Ever Wanted to Know About Heaven (Ignatius '89; Harper '82) What's in Heaven?
5. Between Heaven and Hell (InterVarsity '81) CSL, JFK, & Aldous Huxley alter death argue about' Jesus
6. The Unaborted Socrates (InterVarsity '82) Socrates argues vs. prochoice doctor, lawyer, & psychologist
7. The Best Things in Life (InterVarsity '83) Socrates, on campus, argues the meaning of life wi students
8. Philosophical QuestIons (wI It Purtill & G. MaDona1d, Prentice-Hall '84) Intro philosophy 'anthology
9. Yes or No? Straight Answers to Tough Questions about Christianity (Ignatius'91; Servant '84) Dialogs
10. Prayer: the Great Conversation (Ignatius '92; Servant '85) Dialogs on prayer & sanctity for beginners
11. Back to Virtue (Ignatius '92; Nelson '86 as For Heaven's Sakel Virtues & vices, natural & supernatural
12. Making Sense out of Suffering (Servant '6) Clues front myth, philosophy, art, literature, & scripture
13. Socrates Meets Jesus (InterVarsity '87) Conversion of Socrates as a student at Harvard Divinity School
14. A Turn of the Clock (Ignatius'87) short book of short proverbs for wise people in unwise worlds
15. The God Who Loves You (Servant '88) How God's love explains everything in theology & scripture
16. Fundamentals of the Faith (Ignatius'88) Introductory essays In traditional Catholic apologetics
17. Advent: Meditations for the Season (Twin Circle '88)
18. Two Arguments from the Heart for Immortality (Eerdmans '89; Stob Lectures) From CSL & Ci. Marcel
19. Letters to Jesus: Answered (Ignatius'89) Jesus' sayings in Matthew as answers to modern questions

20. Three Philosophies of Life (Ignatius '89) Ecclesiastes (vanity), (suffering), Song of Songs (love)
21. Does God Exist ? (Nelson, '90) introduction & conclusion to debate by J.P. Moreland & KM Nielson
22. Making Choices (Servant '90) Seeing clear and detailed goods and evils in a world of moral confusion
23. You Can Understand the Old Testament (Servant '90) Book-by-book introduction for beginners
24. Reading and Praying the New Testament (Servant '91) Ditto; expanded treatment of & Revelation
25. Summa of the Summi (Ignatius '91) Best intro, to Aquinas' philosophy: his jgg edited & footnoted
26. A Shorter Summa (Ignatius 93) 350 page book (above, #25) cut to 100 pages, for beginning students
27. Christianity for Modern Pagans (Ignatius '93) Pascal's Pensees edited, outlined, explained, & applied
28. The Snakebite Letters (Ignatius '93) Application of CSL's Screwtape genre to modern Catholic issues
29. Handbook of Christian Apologetics (InterVarsity '93) w/ B. Tacefli; all the basic arguments outlined
30. Your Questions. God's Answers (Ignatius '94) Scripture's answers to modern young people's questions
31. Shadowlands of C.S. Lewis (Ignatius '94) Edited excerpts from CSL on 5 basic themes in the movie
32. Women and the Priesthood (Franciscan U. Press, '94) w/ Alice von Hildebrand explaining why 'no'
33. The Angel and the Ant (Servant, '94) Collection of varied short topical essays in Christian living
34. C.S. Lewis for the Third Millennium (Ignatius '94) Is The Abolition of Man a prophecy of our future?
35. Angels and Demons (Ignatius '95) 101 common questions answered by scripture, tradition & Aquinas
36. Ecumenical Jihad (Ignatius '95) Call for radically new interfaith cooperation. "the culture of death"
37. The Journey (InterVarsity '96) Socrates teaches 10 basic philosophy & theology lessons, in dialog
38. A Refutation of Moral Relativism (Ignatius '99) Eleven Interviews with a moral absolutist
39. Prayer for Beginners (Ignatius '00) Elementary, practical advice . '
40. Catholic Christianity (Ignatius '01) the new Catechism of the Catholic Church for busy people; 30 10-page } (nights of Columbus pamphlets collected into one book, covering all of Catholicism
41. Socratic Logic (St. Augustine's Press, '01) practical Aristotelian logic text for do-it yourselfers
42. How To Win The Culture War (Inter Varsity, '01) guideposts for spiritual warfare

today

43. Three Approaches to Abortion (Ignatius '02)

Books in Progress

44. Philosophy 101 by Socrates (introduction to philosophy via the Apology)

45. Socrates Meets Machiavelli (cross-examination of The Prince)

46. Socrates Meets Marx (cross-examination of The Communist Manifesto)

47. Socrates Meets Sartre (cross-examination of Existentialism and Human Emotions)

48. Socrates Meets Freud (cross-examination of Civilization and its Discontents)

49. Socrates Meets Descartes (cross-examination of Discourse on Method)

50. Socrates Meets Kant (cross-examination of Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic of Morals)

51. Socrates Meets Kierkegaard (cross-examination of Philosophical Fragments)

52. Socrates Meets Marcel (cross-examination of "On the Ontological Mystery")

(All nine of these books will probably be issued by Ignatius in 2002 or 2003 as a series. They are Socratic dialogs where the authors appear in Purgatory (it is their Purgatory and Socrates' Heaven) to undergo a sort of Oxford "Great Books" tutorial at the hands of Socrates.)

53. An Ocean Full of Angels (a long novel of spiritual warfare, in progress for over 10 years)

54. Sanity (most basic philosophical sanity for an insane world: 100 controversial conunonsense theses)

55. The Golden Key (on the difference Jesus makes)

Topical Outline

(4) books on death: 2,3,4,18

(6) books on C.S. Lewis: 1,3,5,28,31,38

(8) books of Socratic dialogs completed: 5,6,7,9,10,13,37,38

(8) books of Socratic dialogs in progress: 45-52

(5) books on great philosophers completed: 20,25,26,27,44

(8) books on great philosophers in progress: 45-52

(5) introductions to philosophy: 8,37,41,44,54

(5) books on philosophical issues: 18,21,37,38,43

(8) books of apologetics: 5,9,13,16,21,27,29,37

(6) books of theology or theological issues: 13,15,21,35,36,40

(7) books on spirituality: 10,12,15,17,33,39,40

(6) books on Jesus: 5,13,15,19,37,55

(5) books for young people: 9, 10,19,30,37