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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Dean, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 2011-
Interim Dean, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 2010–2011
Associate Dean, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 2008–2010
Assistant Dean, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 1999–2000
Associate Professor of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 1996–
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 1990–1996

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, with distinction, The Catholic University of America, 1988
Dissertation: “Husserl’s Concept of Categorial Form”
Director: Robert Sokolowski
M.A. in Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, 1982
Thesis: “Mastery and Method in Bacon’s *Novum organum*”
Director: Richard Kennington
B.A. in Philosophy, with high distinction, St. Michael’s College, The University of Toronto, 1979

AREAS OF INTEREST

Early modern philosophy; political philosophy; Husserlian phenomenology

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editor, *The Review of Metaphysics*, 2015-
Series Editor, *Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy*, The Catholic University of America
Press, 2011-
Board of Directors, Philosophy Education Society, 2008-

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

Editor, *Modern Enlightenment and the Rule of Reason*. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America
Press, 1998.

B. Articles & Book Chapters

“Bacon’s Third Sailing: The ‘Pre–Socratic’ Origins of Modern Philosophy,” in *Early Greek Philosophy: Reason at the Beginning of Philosophy*, edited by Joe McCoy (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2013), 157-88.

- “Seeing the Unseen,” in *Person, Being, and History: Essays in Honor of Kenneth Schmitz*, edited by Michael Baur and Robert E. Wood (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2011), 307–24.
- “Descartes’ Feeble Spirits,” in *Weakness of the Will from Plato to the Present*, edited by Tobias Hoffmann (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2008), 175–209.
- “Notes on Cartesian Freedom,” *The Incarnate Word*, 2 (2008), 3–39.
- “The Reach of Reason,” in *Ethics and Theological Disclosures: The Thought of Robert Sokolowski*, edited by James Hart and Guy Mansini, O.S.B. (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2003), 102–34.
- “Virtù,” *Nuova civiltà delle macchine* 20 (2002): 33–55.
- “The Descent of Science,” *Proceedings of the Varenna Conference on “The Origin of Intelligent Life in the Universe,”* edited by Elio Sindoni (Como, Italy: New Press, 1999), 329–354. Also, in revised form, in *The Review of Metaphysics* 52 (1999): 826–56.
- “Introduction” to *Modern Enlightenment and the Rule of Reason* (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 1998), 1–21.
- “Keeping up Appearances: the Moral Philosophy of Robert Sokolowski,” in *The Truthful and the Good. Essays in Honor of Robert Sokolowski*, edited by John Drummond and James Hart (Dordrecht and Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1996), 121–44.
- “The Being of the Maybe: Husserl on Doubting,” *Man and World* 28 (1995): 261–281.
- “Some Preliminary Remarks on ‘Cognitive Interest’ in Husserlian Phenomenology,” *Husserl Studies* 11 (1994–1995): 135–52.
- “The Modern Quarrel of Faith and Reason,” *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars* 22/1 (1999): 12–15.
- “Pascal on Certainty and Utility,” *Interpretation: a journal of political philosophy* 22 (1994): 247–69. Also in revised form, in *Modern Enlightenment and the Rule of Reason* (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University Press, 1998), 92–123.
- “How Knowing the World Completes the World: A Note on Aquinas and Husserl,” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 57 (1993): 71–86.
- “Parts, Wholes, and the Forms of Life: Husserl and the New Biology,” in *Phenomenology of Natural Science*, edited by L. Hardy and L. Embree, 135–56 (Dordrecht and Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1992). Also in translation, “Parties, touts, et formes de la vie: Husserl et la nouvelle biologie,” *Recherches Husserlienne* 3 (1995): 23–49.
- “Desire, Recollection, and Speech: On Augustine’s *Confessions* I,1,” *Communio: International Catholic Review* 14 (1987): 146–157.

C. *Reviews & Critical Notices*

- Leo Strauss and the Theologico–Political Problem* by Heinrich Meier, translated by Marcus Brainard, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=6903> (June 19, 2006).
- Michel de Montaigne, Accidental Philosopher* by Ann Hartle, *The Thomist*, 69 (April 2005): 317–22.
- “Amo Ergo Sum,” a review of *Prolegomena to Charity* by Jean–Luc Marion, *Crisis*, 20 (November 2002): 56–58.
- La sagesse du monde: Histoire de l’expérience humaine de l’univers* by Rémi Brague, *Review of Metaphysics* 55 (2001): 122–25.
- Nililism before Nietzsche* by Michael Allen Gillespie, *Review of Metaphysics* 54 (2000): 140–43.
- “The Novelty of the Old,” a review of *The End of the Modern World* by Romano Guardini, *The University Bookman* 40 (2000): 15–19.

“Keeping Modern Man in Mind,” a review essay of *The City of Man* by Pierre Manent, *Telos* 116 (1999): 175–87.

Self-Knowledge in the Age of Theory by Ann Hartle, *Reason Papers* 24 (1999): 117–20.

Encyclopedia of Phenomenology edited by Lester Embree et al., *Review of Metaphysics* 52 (1999): 677–79.

Nietzsche in Turin by Lesley Chamberlain, *The World and I* 13 (May 1998): 267–70.

Tocqueville and the Nature of Democracy by Pierre Manent, *Review of Metaphysics* 51 (1998): 945–7.

God Owes Us Nothing by Leszek Kolakowski, *Review of Metaphysics* 50 (1997): 669–71.

An Introduction to Husserlian Phenomenology by Rudolf Bernet, Iso Kern, and Eduard Marbach, *Review of Metaphysics* 49 (1995): 123–25.

Francis Bacon and the Project of Progress by Robert K. Faulkner, *Review of Metaphysics* 49 (1995): 129–31.

God Without Being: Hors Texte by Jean Luc Marion, *Review of Metaphysics* 46 (1993): 627–29.

A Path into Metaphysics: Phenomenological, Hermeneutical, and Dialogical Studies by Robert Wood, *Review of Metaphysics* 46 (1992): 429–30.

Philosophical Apprenticeships by Hans-Georg Gadamer, *Review of Metaphysics* 40 (1987): 572–74.

The Imperative of Responsibility: In Search of an Ethics for the Technological Age by Hans Jonas, *Review of Metaphysics* 39 (1985): 362–64.

Anselm and a New Generation by G. R. Evans, *Review of Metaphysics* 36 (1982): 446–48.

LECTURES, CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“Von Hildebrand’s Struggle,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 10 October 2015.

“The Place of Philosophy within the University,” University of Mary, Bismark, ND, 21 August, 2014.

“Philosophy and Scholasticism,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, November 2, 2013.

“Hume’s Curious Love of Truth,” St. Thomas University, Houston, February 11, 2011. Also in the School of Philosophy fall lecture series “The Issue of Truth: In Honor of Robert Sokolowski,” The Catholic University of America, September 4, 2009.

“The Lord Chancellor’s Philosophy,” Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, California, October 17, 2008.

“Philosophy as a Discipline and the Discipline” of Faith,” in a conference on “Faith and the Disciplines,” St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, July 10–13, 2008.

“Some Notes on Cartesian Freedom,” Fulton Sheen House of Formation, Chillum, Maryland. March 14, 2008.

“Pope Benedict XVI as Educator,” Avalon School, Bethesda, Maryland, March 13, 2008.

“Bacon’s Third Sailing: The ‘Pre-Socratic’ Origins of Modern Philosophy,” in the School of Philosophy fall lecture series “Early Greek Philosophy: Reason at the Beginning of Philosophy,” The Catholic University of America, November 16, 2007.

“Faith and Reason in Christianity and Islam: A Dialogue,” with Wa’il Farouk, George Washington University, November 20, 2006.

“Christian Faith in Reason,” in the conference “Belief and Metaphysics,” Granada, Spain, September 16, 2006.

“Descartes’ Feeble Spirits,” in the School of Philosophy fall lecture series “Weakness of Will,” The Catholic University of America, October 22, 2004.

“Our Lives as Political and Ecclesial Beings,” in a panel discussion on “Our Lives as Political Beings,” The Catholic University of America, October 6, 2004.

- “The Writing of Thomas Prufer,” in the symposium “Commemorating Thomas Prufer,” School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, March 21, 2003.
- “The Good and the True in Early Modern Philosophy,” as part of “Natural Philosophy and Political Philosophy: A Panel in Honor of the Work of Richard Kennington,” American Political Science Association Convention, San Francisco, August 30, 2001.
- “The Range of Reason,” International Theological Institute, Gaming, Austria, April 8, 2001.
- “Virtù,” in a lecture series dedicated to “Le parole dell’etica,” Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta, Rome, Italy, March 8, 2001.
- “The Most Distinctive of Distinctions,” in a conference on “The Theology of Robert Sokolowski,” St. Meinrad’s Abbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana, April 6–9, 2000.
- “The Good and the True in Early Modern Philosophy,” in “Living Arguments: Richard Kennington and the History of Philosophy,” The Catholic University of America, March 24, 2000.
- “Remarks on Fides et Ratio,” St. Francis College, Brooklyn, New York, March 15, 1999.
- “John Paul II on Faith and Reason,” The Catholic University of America, November 1998.
- “Honoring Honor,” 1998 Induction Ceremony, Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman National Honor Society, The Catholic University of America Chapter, October 1998.
- “The Descent of Science,” Villa Monastero Conference on the Origin of Intelligent Life in the Universe, Varenna, Italy, October 1998.
- “Bacon’s Popular Mechanics,” American Political Science Association Convention, Boston, August, 1998.
- “Moral Appearances,” in a conference on “The Phenomenology of Robert Sokolowski,” The School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America, November 1994.
- “Francis Bacon, the Father of Modernity?” American Political Science Association Convention, New York, September 1994.
- “How Knowing Completes the World,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, March 1993.
- “Husserl on Taking an Interest,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Convention, Boston, October 1992.
- “Pascal on Certainty and Utility,” in the School of Philosophy fall lecture series “The Enlightenment: Anglo–French and German,” The Catholic University of America, December 1991.

RECENT COURSES

- Graduate: “Hume’s Religion”; “Descartes’ *Meditations*”; “Francis Bacon & the Mastery of Nature”; “Hume’s *A Treatise of Human Nature*”
- Undergraduate: “Human Action and Government”; “Political Philosophy”

DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED

- Jonathan Krause, “Hume’s Political Theology” (2015)
- Joseph Rice, “Karol Wojtyla on Acting Together with Others” (2007)
- Peter Vedder, “Science and Theology in Descartes’ *Meditations*” (1999)
- S. Mongo-Behon, “The Existential Analysis of Evil and its Impact on Freedom and Hope in the Philosophy of Gabriel Marcel” (1997)

FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Research Fellowship, Earhart Foundation, 2000–2001
- Doctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1983–1986

Board of Trustees Graduate Scholarship, The Catholic University of America, 1979-1983

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

American Catholic Philosophical Association