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Area of Specialization

The political, philosophical, and theological thought of St. Augustine of Hippo.

Areas of Competence

1. Early and medieval Christian theology.
2. Classical and modern political philosophy.
3. Liturgical studies.

Education

- 9/93-5/99 **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA
Ph.D., Systematic Theology with an Ethics minor
Dissertation: "The *De ordine* of St. Augustine"
Committee: Matthew Lamb, Thomas Hibbs, Stephen Brown
- 9/92-5/93 **Boston College**, Chestnut Hill, MA
Master's Student, Systematic Theology with an Ethics minor
- 9/88-6/92 **Santa Clara University**, Santa Clara, CA
B.S. in Political Science, B.A. in Religious Studies
Double minor: French & International Studies

Academic Appointments

- 6/08- **Associate Professor of Patristics**, Great Texts Program, Baylor University
8/04-6/08 **Assistant Professor of Patristics**, Great Texts Program, Baylor University
9/01-8/04 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
- 9/00-5/01 **Part-Time Faculty**, Philosophy Department, Boston College
9/99-5/00 **Part-Time Faculty**, Theology Department, Boston College
9/98-5/99 **Teaching Fellow** at Boston College
1/97-5/97 **Teaching Fellow** at Boston College

Academic Publications

Books

1. *St. Augustine's Against the Academics: Translation and Commentary* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2019)
2. *St. Augustine's On the Happy Life: Translation and Commentary* (New Haven, CT: Yale

- University Press, 2019)
3. Editor of *Ever Ancient, Ever New: Ruminations on the City, the Soul, and the Church: Collected Essays of Ernest L. Fortin, Volume 4* (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2007)
 4. Editor of *The Confessions of Saint Augustine*, trans. F.J. Sheed, 2nd ed. (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett, 2006)
 5. Editor, with Douglas Kries, of *Gladly to Learn and Gladly to Teach: Essays on Religion and Political Philosophy in Honor of Ernest L. Fortin, A.A.* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002)

Writings Accepted for Publication and under Contract

1. *St. Augustine's On Order: Translation and Commentary*—to be published in 2020 by Yale University Press
2. *St. Augustine's Soliloquies and On the Immortality of the Soul: Translation and Commentary*—to be published in 2020 by Yale University Press
3. Peer-reviewed article, "The Fruit of Confessing Lips: St. Augustine's *Confessions* as Sacrifice"—to be published in *Augustinianum* 59/2 (December 2019)
4. Book review of Daniel Cardó, *The Cross and the Eucharist in Early Christianity: A Theological and Liturgical Investigation* (Cambridge University Press, 2019)—to be published in *Questions Liturgiques* in 2020
5. Book review of Erik Kenyon, *Augustine and the Dialogue* (Cambridge University Press, 2018)—to be published in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* in 2020
6. Book review of Yves Chiron, *Annibale Bugnini: Reformer of the Liturgy*, trans. John Pepino (Angelico Press, 2018)—to be published in *Antiphon* in 2020

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. "The Origins and Meaning of Ordinary Time," *Antiphon: A Journal of Liturgical Renewal* 23:1 (2019), pp. 43-77
2. "Does Nature Abhor a Vacuum of Patriarchy? Missing Fathers in the Films of Whit Stillman," *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 20:3 (Summer 2017), pp. 18-42. Excerpts reprinted in *Lumen* (Fall 2017), pp. 10-11
3. "The Difference Theology Makes: a Reflection on the First Margin Note in Thomas More's *Utopia*," *Moreana* 54.1 (2017), pp. 71-85
4. "The Quarrel Between Poetry and Philosophy in the Early Dialogues of St. Augustine," *Philosophy and Literature* 39:1 (April 2015), pp. 15-31
5. "A Spectacle to the World: The Theatrical Meaning of Saint Augustine's *Soliloquies*," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 22:2 (Summer 2014), pp. 243-260
6. "Coins and Care-Cloths: The Mystagogical Value of Traditional Wedding Customs," *Antiphon* 18:2 (Summer 2014), pp. 115-143
7. "Augustine on the Use of Liberal Education for the Theater of Life," *Arts of Liberty: A Journal on Liberal Arts & Liberal Education* 2:1 (2014), pp. 18-34
8. "The Mystery of the Mystery Genre," *Anamnesis* 2:1 (2012), pp. 53-74
9. "Male Subjection and the Case for an All-Male Liturgical Ministry," *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 15:3 (2011), pp. 262-298
10. "*Rituale Romanum*: Fulfilling the Jots and Tittles," *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 15:1 (2011), pp. 78-91
11. "Paradoxes of Pain: The Strategic Appropriation by St. Thomas More of Pico della Mirandola's *Spiritual Works*," *Moreana* 47:179-180 (June 2010), pp. 9-22

12. "The Whence and Whither of the Kiss of Peace in the Roman Rite," *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 14:1 (2010), pp. 45-94
13. "The Mystic Meaning of the *Missale Romanum*," *Antiphon* 13:2 (2009), pp. 103-125
14. "A Saint on Trial," *Moreana* 46:176 (June 2009), pp. 25-29
15. "Comedy, Tragedy, and St. Thomas More," *Moreana* 46:176 (June 2009), pp. 143-155
16. "High Humanism and Plebeian Piety: St. Thomas More's Defense of Catholic Devotions," *Thomas More Studies* 3 (2008), pp. 18-23
17. "Variations on a Utopian Diversion: Student Game Projects in the University Classroom," *Thomas More Studies* 1 (2006), pp. 188-95
18. "Plato, Christianity, and the Cinematic Craft of Andrew Niccol," *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 9:2 (Spring 2006), pp. 43-67
19. "The Sacramental Topography of the *Confessions*," *Antiphon* 9:1 (Spring 2005), pp. 30-65
20. "Thomas Aquinas' Novel Modesty," *History of Political Thought*, 25:3 (October 2004), pp. 402-423
21. "Augustine, Aristotle, and the *Confessions*," *The Thomist* 67:4 (October 2003), pp. 607-622. A Spanish translation by Enrique A. Eguiarte appeared as "Agustín, Aristóteles y las 'Confesiones'" in *AVGVSTINVS* 54 (Enero-Junio 2009), pp. 185-197
22. "Comedy, Tragedy, and the Truth," *The Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford), NS, 54:2 (October 2003), pp. 601-613
23. "The Other Happy Life: The Political Dimension to St. Augustine's Cassiciacum Dialogues," *Review of Politics* 65:2 (Spring 2003), pp. 165-183. A Spanish translation by Enrique A. Eguiarte appeared as "La otra vida feliz: dimensión política de los Diálogos de Casiciaco de san Agustín" in *AVGVSTINVS* 53 (Enero-Junio 2008), pp. 82-98
24. "Betrothals: Their Past, Present, and Future," *Studia Liturgica* 33:1 (Spring 2003), pp. 37-61
25. "Just Visiting and the Wages of Solipsism," *2001-2 Film & History CD-ROM Annual*, Peter C. Rollins, John E. O'Connor, Deborah Carmichael, eds. (Film & History: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Film and Television Studies, CD-ROM)
26. "Cicero, Augustine, and the Philosophical Roots of the Cassiciacum Dialogues," *Revue des Etudes Augustiniennes* 45:1 (1999), pp. 51-77. A Spanish translation by Enrique A. Eguiarte appeared as "Cicerón, Agustín y las raíces filosóficas de los diálogos de Casiciaco" in *AVGVSTINVS* 54 (Julio-Diciembre 2009), pp. 315-344

Book Chapters and Forewords

1. Foreword to *The Conversion and Therapy of Desire: Augustine's Theology of Desire in the Cassiciacum Dialogues* by Mark E. Boone (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2016), pp. vii-ix
2. "The Reform of the Calendar and the Reduction of Liturgical Recapitulation," in *Liturgy in the Twenty-First Century: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives*, ed. Alcuin Reid (London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark, 2016), pp. 321-41
3. "Political Theology, Eschatology, and the Sacred Liturgy," in *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars*, ed. Elizabeth C. Shaw (Notre Dame, Ind.: Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, 2015), pp. 263-280
4. "St. Augustine: *The Confessions*," in *Finding a Common Thread: Reading Great Texts from Homer to O'Connor*, eds. Robert C. Roberts, Scott H. Moore, and Donald D. Schmeltkopf (South Bend, Indiana: St. Augustine's Press, 2013), pp. 81-97
5. "Augustine, the University, and the So-Called Liberal Arts," in *The Idea of the American University*, ed. Bradley C. S. Watson (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2011), pp.

129-139

6. "An Interview with Ernest Fortin," in *Gladly to Learn and Gladly to Teach: Essays on Religion and Political Philosophy in Honor of Ernest L. Fortin, A.A.*, eds. Douglas Kries and Michael P. Foley (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002), pp. 279-302
7. "The Paradox of Christian Tradition," in *Gladly to Learn and Gladly to Teach: Essays on Religion and Political Philosophy in Honor of Ernest L. Fortin, A.A.*, eds. Douglas Kries and Michael P. Foley (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002), pp. 3-15

Encyclopedia Entries

1. "World Soul (*Anima Mundi*)," in *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-2013: Ethics and Philosophy*, ed. Robert L. Fastiggi (Farmington Hills, Michigan: Gale, Cengage Learning, 2013), pp. 1654-1657
2. "Ernest L. Fortin, A.A.," *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, eds. J. Varacalli, S. Krason, R. Myers, and M. Coulter, vol. 1 (Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press, 2007), pp. 434-35
3. "Modesty," *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science, and Social Policy*, eds. J. Varacalli, S. Krason, R. Myers, and M. Coulter, vol. 2 (Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press, 2007), pp. 708-9

Non-Refereed Essays

1. "The Paschal Triduum," *Christian Reflection* 50 (2014), pp. 19-26
2. "Casiciaco y el denominado 'giro al sujeto,'" trans. Enrique A. Eguiarte, *AVGVSTINVS* 56 (Enero-Junio 2011), pp. 97-105
3. "L'importance d'être...Ernest: Fortin, les Ancients et les Modernes," trans. Françoise Ollier, *Pierre d'angle*, no. 14 (2008), pp. 57-72
4. "The Liturgical Structure of St. Augustine's *Confessions*," *Studia Patristica*, vol. 43, eds. F. Young, M. Edwards, and P. Parvis (Leuven: Peeters Press, 2006), pp. 95-99. A Spanish translation by Enrique A. Eguiarte appeared as "La estructura litúrgica de las 'Confesiones' de san Agustín" in *AVGVSTINVS* 52 (Enero-Diciembre 2007), pp. 83-88

Book Reviews

1. Gerald P. Boersma's *Augustine's Early Theology of Image: A Study in the Development of Pro-Nicene Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2016), *Nova et Vetera* 17:4 (2019), pp. 1265-1269
2. Frederick Lawrence's *The Fragility of Consciousness*, eds. Randall S. Rosenberg and Kevin Vander Schel (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2017), *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy* 45:1 (Fall 2018), pp. 125-128
3. Joseph Pucci's *Augustine's Virgilian Retreat: Reading the Auctores at Cassiciacum* (Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 2014), *Classical Review* 65.2 (August 2015), pp. 1-2
4. Daniel G. Van Slyke's *Liturgy 101: Sacraments and Sacramentals* (Ligouri, Missouri: Ligouri Press, 2010), *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal* 15:3 (2011), pp. 322-23
5. *Benedict XVI and the Sacred Liturgy*, eds. Neil J. Roy and Janet E. Rutherford (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2010), *Usus Antiquior* 2:1 (January 2011), pp. 80-82
6. "The ABCs of Good Liturgical Theology: Aquinas, Berger, and Candler," Review of *The Blessed Sacrament and the Mass*, ed. F. O'Neill (Fort Collins, CO: Roman Catholic

- Books, 2006); David Berger, *Thomas Aquinas and the Liturgy* (Ann Arbor, MI: Sapientia, 2004); and Peter Candler, *Theology, Rhetoric, Manuduction* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2006), *Antiphon* 13:2 (2009), pp. 175-182
7. *Lexicon of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Loreto Publications, 2004), *The Thomist* 73:1 (January 2009), pp. 158-160
 8. “Manliness Unmasked,” Review of James Bowman, *Honor: A History* (New York: Encounter Books, 2006), and Harvey Mansfield, *Manliness* (New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press, 2006), *Catholic Social Science Review* 13 (Fall 2008), pp. 257-65
 9. Catherine and Michael Zuckert, *The Truth About Leo Strauss: Political Philosophy and American Democracy* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2006), *Catholic Social Science Review* 12 (Fall 2007), pp. 389-392
 10. *The Oxford History of Christian Worship*, Geoffrey Wainwright and Karen B. Westerfield Tucker, eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), *The Journal of Early Christian Studies* 15:1 (Spring 2007), pp. 108-110
 11. “A Reply to Mary Keys’s ‘Monkish Virtue,’” June 2004, Religion & Culture Web Forum, The University of Chicago Divinity School Martin Marty Center, <http://www.uchicago.edu/forum/read.php?f=166&i=3&t=3>
 12. *An Inculturation Model of the Catholic Marriage Ritual*, David William Antonio (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2002) in *WORSHIP* 78:2 (March 2004), pp. 177-179
 13. *The Theology of Ordained Ministry in the Letters of Augustine of Hippo*, Lee F. Bacchi (San Francisco: International Scholars Publications, 1998, 2001), *Augustinian Studies* 34:1 (Winter/Spring 2003), pp. 145-148
 14. *Serious Comedy: The Philosophical and Theological Significance of Tragic and Comic Writing in the Western Tradition*, Patrick Downey (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2001), *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 9:2 (Summer/Fall 2002), pp. 322-324
 15. *Augustine Through the Ages: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Allan D. Fitzgerald, O.S.A. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1999) in *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 9:1 (Winter/Spring 2002), pp. 162-164. A variation of the review appeared in *Catholic Issues* (October 2001), www.adelphi.edu/ci/REVIEWS/2001/FITZGERD.HTM

Articles under Consideration

“That Famous Tuscan Quarrel? A Hypothesis about *Tuscum Illud Iurgium* in Augustine’s *Contra Academicos* 3.4.9” – *Augustinian Studies*

Articles in Progress

1. “The Topsy-Turvy Feast of St. Augustine’s *On the Happy Life*”
2. “Recovering the Lost Passage of the *De beata vita*”
3. “St. Augustine, Leo Strauss, and the Tradition of Esoteric Writing”
4. “A Girardian Analysis of Augustine, and Vice Versa”
5. “Flight of the Honeybee: An Apian Odyssey in Philosophy and Theology”
6. “A Tale of Two Collects: Saturday, Lent II, in the Roman Rite,” co-authored with Rev. Neil J. Roy

Op-Ed Pieces

1. “The Language of Prayer,” Houses of Worship Column, *Wall Street Journal* (June 23, 2006), p. W11
2. “Justice Kavanaugh Likes Beer, and So Did the Saints,” *Washington Examiner* (October

- 20, 2018), <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/justice-kavanaugh-likes-beer-and-so-did-the-saints>
3. "Professor Clarifies Myths About Practice of Indulgences," *The Baylor Lariat* 108:80 (March 31, 2009), p. 2
 4. "The Twists of Traditionalism," *Park Cities People* 24:13 (April 6, 2006), p. 9A

Academic Presentations and Responses

Invited Presentations

1. "A Theology of Feasting," second annual Blessed Alcuin of York Lecture, Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 4, 2019
2. "St. Augustine and the Quest for Self-Knowledge," University of West Florida, September 9, 2019
3. "Take the Stage," Commencement Address, Providence Academy, Plymouth, Minnesota, May 31, 2019
4. "Reevaluating and Rehabilitating Augustine's Cassiciacum Dialogues," Seminar on the Development of Early Catholic Christianity, Southwestern Center for Early Christian Studies, Dallas, Texas, April 11, 2019
5. "A Pinch of Moderation, or Moderation with a Pinch?" Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture, Founders Classical Academy of Leander, Texas, February 27, 2019
6. "Liturgical Drinking," keynote speaker, Liturgical Institute, Mundelein, Illinois, June 16, 2018
7. "Does Nature Abhor a Vacuum of Patriarchy? Missing Fathers in the Films of Whit Stillman," the 2015 Faith, Film and Philosophy conference, Gonzaga University, October 12, 2017
8. "The Radiation of the Liturgy and Drinking with the Saints," The Liturgical Institute's Hillenbrand Distinguished Lecture series, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois, July 20, 2016
9. "The Hidden Unity of St. Augustine's *Confessions*," Constantin College Galbraith Lecture Series, University of Dallas, April 14, 2016
10. "The Reform of the Calendar: The Reduction of Recapitulation," Sacra Liturgia USA Conference, June 4, 2015, New York City
11. "St. Augustine and the Perils of Liberty," Jacksonville State University, Alabama, November 13, 2014
12. "Political Theology, Eschatology, and the Sacred Liturgy," 2014 Fellowship of Catholic Scholars conference, Pittsburgh, September 28, 2014
13. "The Easter Season and the Hidden Unity of St. Augustine's *Confessions*," St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, April 29, 2014
14. "Beauty, Poverty and Simplicity Theologically Understood Through the Eyes of St. Augustine," The Liturgical Institute, Mundelein, Illinois, March 14, 2014
15. "The Metaphysics of Elfland," The "Faith, Film and Philosophy 2013" conference, Gonzaga University, October 11, 2013
16. "What St. Augustine Might Say about a So-Called Liberal Arts Education in the Twenty-First Century," Boston College, sponsored by the Lonergan Institute and the Institute of Medieval Philosophy and Theology, February 7, 2013
17. "Augustine, the Liberal Arts, and the Theater of Life," inaugural speaker of the Fortin Memorial Lecture for the Center for Thomas More Studies at the University Dallas, November 9, 2012
18. "The Mystery Genre: Christian Heir or Nemesis?" The "Faith, Film and Philosophy 2011" conference, Gonzaga University, September 30, 2011

19. "Layers of Meaning: The Mystery of Scripture According to the *Summa Theologiae* of St. Thomas Aquinas," Fall 2010 Institute of Philosophic Studies Colloquium, University of Dallas, September 24, 2010
20. "Finding the Hidden Fruit: The Use and Abuse of Books in St. Augustine's *Confessions*," at the colloquium "Reading Great Texts in the Christian University," Baylor University, October 16, 2009
21. "The Catholic Contribution to Western Law," Saint Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Dallas/Catholic Lawyers' Guild, Belo Mansion, Dallas, May 7, 2009
22. "Augustine, the University, and the So-Called Liberal Arts," at "The Idea of the American University" conference by the Center for Political and Economic Thought, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, April 3, 2009
23. "The Mystic Meaning of the *Missale Romanum*," plenary address, the 2009 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, Omaha, Nebraska, January 31, 2009
24. "Four and a Half Kinds of Catholic Film," The "Faith, Film and Philosophy 2007" conference, Gonzaga University, October 30, 2008
25. "The Potentially Permanent Value of Appropriating Ernest Fortin's Theological Scholarship, or the Importance of Being Ernest," at the conference "Religion, Politics, and Society: Two Revolutions, Two Visions: A Franco-American Dialogue," St. John's Seminary, Boston, October 20, 2007
26. "*Gattacca*, *The Truman Show*, and *SIMONE*: The Platonic Vision of Andrew Niccol," The "Faith, Film and Philosophy 2007" conference, Gonzaga University, September 28, 2007
27. "Sigrid Undset: The Greatest Catholic Novelist of the Twentieth Century?" Catholic Lecture Series, Notre Dame Center of Ethics and Culture, invited lecture, October 24, 2006
28. "Classical Political Philosophy and Its Relevance Today" and "Modern Political Thought – Critical Reflection," Christian Perspective and Free Society Seminar, sponsored by the Education Initiative for Central and Eastern Europe, Vienna, Austria, October 1 & 2, 2004
29. "A Duty to Shed Blood? A Biblical Perspective on War," for panel entitled, "Justice in War/After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?" A Week of Education on Peace and War, University of Notre Dame, November 12, 2001

Conference Presentations

1. "Chains of Knowing and Being in Augustine's *On Order*," 2019 American Catholic Philosophical Association conference, Minneapolis, November 22, 2019
2. "Great Texts and Character Formation," 2019 Institute for Faith and Learning conference, October 17, 2019
3. "An Introduction to Francis X. Weiser, S.J.," Society for Catholic Liturgy annual conference, Providence, Rhode Island, September 27, 2019
4. "Christian Environmental Stewardship and the Practice of Hunting," 2018 Institute for Faith and Learning conference, October 25, 2018
5. "The Word Became Flesh: Romano Guardini and Logocentrism," 2018 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, Miami, September 28, 2018
6. "Sacred Liturgy and the Three Waves of Modernity," 2017 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, Philadelphia, September 30, 2017
7. "The Difference Theology Makes: Dissimulation in St. Thomas More's *Utopia*," The Center for Thomas More Studies' 2016 conference, University of Dallas, November 4, 2016

8. "The Theater of Life and an Apologia for the Liberal Arts," 2016 Institute for Faith and Learning Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, "Higher Learning," October 27, 2016
9. "Sanctifying the Bar: Liturgical Drinking and the New Evangelization," 2016 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, Los Angeles, September 29, 2016
10. "Nature Abhors a Vacuum of Patriarchy: Missing Fathers in the Films of Whit Stillman," the 2015 Faith, Film and Philosophy conference, Gonzaga University, October 24, 2015
11. "Three and a Half Kinds of Christian Film," 2014 Institute for Faith and Learning Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, "Faith and Film," October 25, 2014
12. "Mystagogical Wedding Customs," 2014 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, October 4, 2014
13. "Something Old, Something New: Traditional Catholic Wedding Customs for Today's Weddings," 2013 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, October 4, 2013
14. "Ember Days and Their Lessons on Asceticism and Ecology," 2012 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, St. Louis, Missouri, January 27, 2012
15. "The Quarrel Between Poetry and Philosophy in the Early Dialogues of St. Augustine," Northeast Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 19, 2011
16. "The *Soliloquies* and the Turn to the Subject," The Center for Thomas More Studies' conference, "Augustine's and More's Use of Cicero," University of Dallas, June 18, 2011
17. "*Rituale Romanum*: Fulfilling the Jots and Tittles," 2011 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, Houston, Texas, January 29, 2011
18. "Male Subjection and the Case for an All-Male Liturgical Ministry," the 2010 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, Greenville, South Carolina, January 30, 2010
19. "No Pain No Gain: Thomas More and the Secrets of Spiritual Growth," 5th Annual Thomas More Studies Conference, University of Dallas, November 7, 2009
20. "Comedy, Tragedy, and St. Thomas More," 4th Annual Thomas More Studies Conference, University of Dallas, November 7, 2008
21. "The Grandeur of Reason at Cassiciacum" at "The Grandeur of Reason: Religion, Tradition, and Universalism" conference by the University of Nottingham Centre of Theology and Philosophy, Rome, September 1, 2008
22. Organizer of Panel, "The Use and Abuse of Reason for Life," and presenter of "The Greatest Cause is That Man Does Not Know Himself," at the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Conference, "Dialogue of Cultures," November 30, 2007
23. "High Humanism and Plebeian Piety: St. Thomas More's Defense of Catholic Devotions," at "Humanism and Heresy: An Investigation of Thomas More's 1529 *Dialogues Concerning Heresies*," 3rd Annual Thomas More Studies Conference, University of Dallas, November 2, 2007
24. "The Whence and Whither of the Kiss of Peace in the Roman Rite," 2007 Society for Catholic Liturgy conference, Columbus, Ohio, September 21, 2007. Reprinted in *The Fullness of Worship: The Sacred Liturgy and Its Renewal*, ed. Uwe Michael Lang (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2018), 81-142
25. "Cassiciacum and the So-Called Turn to the Subject," the 15th International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, August 10, 2007
26. "The Use and Abuse of Books: The Literary Unity of the *Confessions*," invited lecture co-sponsored by the University of Dallas' Institute for Philosophic Studies, Center for Christianity and the Common Good, Theology Department, Philosophy Department, and English Department, March 8, 2007
27. Organizer of Panel, "Athens and Jerusalem: Leo Strauss and the Christian Imagination," and presented, "Christianity, Leo Strauss, and the Three Waves of Modernity," The World and Christian Imagination Conference, Baylor University, November 10, 2006

28. "St. Augustine and the Tradition of Esoteric Writing," annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society in Chicago, May 27, 2006
29. "The Use and Abuse of Books: The Role of Reading in the *Confessions*," invited lecture sponsored by The University of Dallas Center for Christianity and the Common Good, Theology Department, and Braniff Graduate School, January 20, 2006
30. "Variations on a *Utopian* Diversion: Student Game Projects in the University Classroom," *Utopia*: 1st Annual Thomas More Studies Conference, University of Dallas, November 6, 2005
31. "The Ground of *Groundhog Day*," Baylor University Art & Soul conference, "Divine Comedies: Humor, Harmony, and Redemption," April 9, 2005
32. "The *Truman Show* and Beyond: Andrew Niccol's Platonic Craft," Epiphanies of Beauty: The Arts in a Post-Christian Culture, the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, November 19, 2004
33. "St. Augustine's *Confessions* as Sacrifice," annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society in Chicago, May 28, 2004
34. "Political Philosophy, Church Leadership, and Solidarity," Part II of the Conference, "A Call to Solidarity with Africa: Americans and Africans in Dialogue about Africa's Promise, Needs, and Image," in Enugu, Nigeria, January 7, 2004
35. "Augustine, Aristotle, and the *Confessions*," the 34th annual conference of the Committee for the Advancement of Early Studies (CAES), Ball State University, Muncie, IN, October 10 & 11, 2003.
36. "The Liturgical Structure of Augustine's *Confessions*," the 14th International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, August 18-23, 2003
37. "St. Augustine's *Confessions*," Invited lecture to the Boston College Perspectives Faculty Workshop, May 14, 2003 and May 12, 2001
38. "*Temperantia* and *Modestia* in the Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas," the 38th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9, 2003
39. "Snakes and Oysters: Ernest Fortin and the B.C. Perspectives Program," Presentation of the *Gladly to Learn and Gladly to Teach* festschrift, Boston College, October 18, 2002
40. "The Role of Weddings in Building the Good Life," University of Notre Dame Center for Continuing Education Conference, "From Death to Life: Agendas for Reform," September 28, 2002
41. "The Art of Reading in Augustine's *Confessions*," annual conference of the Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA) in New Orleans, June 7, 2002
42. "Abusing and Reusing: Solving Some of the Riddles of the *Confessions*," annual meeting of the North American Patristic Society in Chicago, May 25, 2002
43. "Civic-Mindedness & the Early Augustine," annual conference of the CTSA in San Jose, CA, June 9, 2000

Responses

1. To Robert L. Wilken's "The Many Faces of Augustine," Bradley Lecture Series, Boston College, November 11, 2006
2. To John Norris' "Augustine as Preacher: The Rhetoric of the Incarnate Word," Development of Early Catholic Christianity Seminar, Baylor University, October 21, 2004

Popular or Pastoral Publications

Books

1. *Drinking with Saint Nick: Christmas Cocktails for Sinners and Saints* (Washington, D.C.:

- Regnery Press, 2018).
2. *Gus Finds God*, illustrated by Andrea Dahm (Steubenville, Ohio: Emmaus Road Publishing, 2018)
 3. *The Politically Incorrect Guide® to Christianity* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Press, 2017)
 4. *Drinking with the Saints: The Sinner's Guide to a Holy Happy Hour* (Washington, D.C.: Regnery Press, 2015)
 5. *Wedding Rites: The Complete Guide to Traditional Vows, Music, Ceremonies, Blessings, and Interfaith Services* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2008)
 6. *Why Do Catholics Eat Fish on Friday? The Catholic Origin to Just About Everything* (NY: Palgrave MacMillan Ltd., 2005). Translated into Polish under the title, *Dlaczego jemy ryby w piątek? O katolickich korzeniach prawie wszystkiego*, trans. Janusz Winiarski (Warsaw: Świat Książki, 2010). Translated into Korean in 2012 by BONUS Publishing Company

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10. "Healthy Drinking Culture," Convivium, Student Group, Baylor University, November 18, 2016
11. "How to Drink Like a Saint," the Austin, Texas chapter of Legatus, June 22, 2016
12. "How to Drink Like a Saint," the San Antonio, Texas chapter of Legatus, Maggiano's Little Italy at the Rim, June 21, 2016
13. "How to Drink Like a Saint," St. Peter's Catholic Student Center, April 19, 2016
14. "How to Drink Like a Saint," University of Dallas, April 15, 2016
15. "How to Date Like a Catholic Gentleman," St. Peter's Catholic Student Center, April 7, 2016
16. "How to Dress Like a Catholic Gentleman," St. Peter's Catholic Student Center,

- February 18, 2016
17. "The Catholic Communion of Saints and Five Ways to Drink Like a Saint," Waco Masonic Lodge #92, Waco, Texas, January 16, 2016
 18. "Drinking Like a Saint," Lake Brazos Rotary Club, Waco, Texas, December 16, 2015
 19. "Drinking with The Saints," Bioethics Defense Fund, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 6, 2015
 20. "How to Drink Like a Saint," St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, Allentown, New Jersey, October 4, 2015
 21. "Doing Austins: St. Augustine on the Intellectual Life," St. Peter's Catholic Student Center, August 28, 2015
 22. "The Perpetual Virginity and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary," St. Louis Catholic Church, Waco, November 20, 2014
 23. "St. Augustine of Hippo," St. Peter's Catholic Student Center, August 28, 2014
 24. "How the Mass Shaped the Western World," Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschool Conference, Houston, Texas, April 23, 2014
 25. "The Inquisition," St. Louis Catholic Church, September 26, 2013
 26. "The Catholic Origins to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschool Conference, Arlington, Texas, June 29, 2013
 27. "The Catholic Origins to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," Immaculate Heart of Mary Homeschool Conference, Houston, April 20, 2013
 28. "What the Traditional Latin Mass Can Teach the World," Vancouver Traditional Mass Society, Holy Family Parish, Vancouver, Canada, October 21, 2012
 29. "What about the Death Penalty?" St. Louis Catholic Church, November 8, 2012
 30. "What about Evolution?" St. Louis Catholic Church, October 4, 2012
 31. "Mystic Meanings: Unlocking the Secrets of the Traditional Latin Mass," Society of St. Hugh of Cluny, St. Mary Church, Norwalk, Connecticut, July 31, 2011
 32. "The Catholic Origins to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," the Las Vegas chapter of Legatus, Nevada, April 6, 2010
 33. "St. Augustine and the Sacrifice of the Cross," Onward and Upward Luncheon, Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men, Waco, April 2, 2010
 34. "On EWTN," Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men, Waco, October 27, 2009
 35. "How the Mass Shaped the Western World," at the "What's Happened to the Liturgy?" conference sponsored by Call to Holiness, held at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan, October 10, 2009
 36. "The Catholic Origins to Everyday Things—And Why It Matters," Serrans Club, Dallas, July 17, 2009
 37. "The Catholic Origins to Everyday Things," Young Serrans, Dallas, November 14, 2008
 38. "God, Cranes, and Pygmies," 2008 Inaugural Lecture for the William Carey Crane Scholars Program, Baylor University, September 9, 2008
 39. "On the Trinity," Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men, Waco, July 1, 2008
 40. "On the Saints," Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men, Waco, April 15, 2008
 41. Three lectures on the life and thought of St. Augustine of Hippo, part of the "Great Spiritual Guides Series," Cedarbrake Retreat Center (Diocese of Austin), Belton, Texas, June 6, 2008
 42. Presenter and co-moderator, with Dr. Daniel McInerney, of the colloquium "Movie Making in an Apocalyptic Time," sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, held at Family Theater Productions, Hollywood, California, March 8, 2008
 43. "Wedding Rites," Brooks College Weekly Tea, February 12, 2008
 44. "The Ground of *Groundhog Day*," Baylor Honors College and Baylor Film Club, February 2, 2008

45. "Happiness, Teaching, and the Three Parts of the Soul," Montrose School, Medfield, Massachusetts, October 19, 2007
46. "The (Lenten) Catholic Origin to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," the Catholics@Work breakfast series, Marriott Hotel, Los Angeles, March 16, 2007
47. "The (Lenten) Catholic Origin to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," the Santa Barbara California chapter of Legatus, Andalusia Hotel, March 15, 2007
48. "The (Lenten) Catholic Origin to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," the Pasadena California chapter of Legatus, Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center, March 14, 2007
49. "The Catholic Origin to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," keynote speaker, Dallas Catholic Homeschooling association, January 27, 2007
50. "The Catholic Origin to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," keynote speaker, Cardinal Newman Dinner and Lecture, College of Saint Thomas More, November 18, 2006
51. "The Catholic Origin to Everyday Things and Why It Matters," invited lecture, Francis X. Weiser Lecture, Holy Trinity German Catholic Church, Boston, July 30, 2006
52. "Hidden Catholicism in Film," invited lecture, Boston Leadership Forum, Boston, July 28, 2006
53. "What's in a Name: Why Catholic Should Revere God's Holy Name," Holy Name Society convention, Fall River, Massachusetts, 2001
54. "What's in a Name: Why Catholic Should Revere God's Holy Name," Francis X. Weiser Inaugural Lecture, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Holy Trinity German Church, Boston, October 1, 2000
55. "The Christian Transformation of Classical Latin," Oblates of the Virgin Mary Provincialate, Boston, MA, March 11, 1997
56. Series of Five Lectures on the Theology of the Roman Liturgy, Holy Trinity German Church, Boston, MA, September-October 1996

Courses Taught

BIC 2330	Social World I, Baylor University
BIC 2340	Social World II, Baylor University
GTX 2301	Ancient Intellectual Tradition, Baylor University
GTX 2302	Medieval Intellectual Tradition, Baylor University
GTX 3320	Medieval Tradition, Baylor University
GTX 4V99-01	Self-Knowledge and the Theater of Life, Baylor University
GTX 4V99-01	Christian Virtue in Modern Narrative, Baylor University
GTX 4V99-01	Sacred Liturgy as Great Text, Baylor University
GTX 4331-02/	PHI 5311-02/ PHI 4V99-09/ PSC 5311-02 Readings from Philosophers: The
	Cassiciacum Dialogues of St. Augustine, Graduate Seminar, Baylor University
HON 3200	Baylor Honors Colloquium, The short stories of Mark Helprin
PHI 4V99-01/5311-01	Augustine's <i>Confessions</i> , Graduate Seminar, Baylor University
THEO 100	Foundations of Theology: Biblical and Historical, University of Notre Dame
TH/PL 090	Perspectives on Western Culture I, Boston College

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Co-Director

1. John Spano, "Augustine's *Contra Academicos* as a Response to Cicero's *Academica*," Department of Philosophy, March 5, 2013

2. Mark J. Boone, "The Conversion and Therapy of Desire in Augustine's *Cassiciacum Dialogues*," Department of Philosophy, March 19, 2010

Reader

1. Emily Glass, "The Therapeutic *Symposium*: Poverty, Resource, and Shame in the Philosophic Condition," Department of Philosophy, June 30, 2015
2. Richard Brumback, "*De Fide Orthodoxa* and Gregory of Elvira's Trinitarian Vision," Department of Religion, October 15, 2014
3. Janelle Klapauszak, "Knowledge Revealed to the Heart: An Articulation and Defense of Pascal's Epistemology," Department of Philosophy, April 25, 2011
4. Marc C. Nicholas, "Jean Daniélou's Doxological Humanism: Trinitarian Contemplation and Humanity's True Vocation," Department of Religion, October 30, 2009

Outside Reader

1. Rachel Alexander, "Philosophical Foundations for Political Change: Aristotle's Inquiry into Beginnings in the *Nicomachean Ethics*," Department of Political Science, July 23, 2019
2. Sarah Clark, "Beauty as Transcendent in Evelyn Waugh, Graham Greene, Muriel Spark, and Rumer Godden," Department of English, May 13, 2019
3. Marjorie Jeffrey, "The Wars of Peoples: Science, Democracy, and International Politics in the Thought of Winston Churchill," Department of Political Science, August 6, 2018
4. Christine Basil, "Who Am I to Judge? Rhetoric, Passion, and Rule of Law in Aristotle's Political Thought," Department of Political Science, December 8, 2016
5. Jesse Hoover, "The Donatist Church in an Apocalyptic Age," Department of Religion, July 7, 2014
6. Jangho Jo, "Reclaiming Happiness of the City and the Soul: Augustine's Engagement with Cicero and Porphyry in the *City of God*," Department of Religion, June 27, 2014
7. Scott Cleveland, "Courageous Activity and the Virtue of Courage," Department of Philosophy, April 23, 2014
8. Millard Kimery, "Imagining Membership and Its Obligations: The Voice of John Ruskin in Wendell Berry's Fiction," Department of English, June 13, 2012
9. Stephen A. Block, "Rhetoric, Reason, and the Problem of Rule: Aristotle and J.S. Mill on Speech and Politics," Department of Political Science, March 7, 2012
10. Elizabeth Amato, "The Pursuit of Happiness and the American Regime," Department of Political Science, October 21, 2011
11. Ellen Condict, "Truth, Craft, and the Real in Chaucer's *House of Fame*," English Department, June 25, 2010
12. Patrick Cain, "Friendship, Rights, and Community: Aristotle and John Locke on the Family and Political Life," Political Science Department, March 17, 2010
13. Lewis Pearson, "Force and Persuasion in Plato's *Republic*," Philosophy Department, June 3, 2009
14. Stephen Schuler, "Augustinian Auden: The Influence of Augustine of Hippo on W. H. Auden," English Department, June 23, 2008
15. John Wolfe, "Entering into the Natural: The Metaphor's Role in the Structural Unity of Augustine's *Confessions*," Philosophy Department, May 16, 2008
16. Mark A. Tietjen, "Kierkegaard's Practice of Edification: Indirect Communication, the Virtues, and Christianity," Philosophy Department, May 30, 2006

Senior Honors / University Scholar Theses

Director

1. Dylan Landis, "Fasting and Health as a Primary Good: How a Sacred Practice Turned into a Secular Ritual," University Scholars Program, December 2018-present
2. Eliza Sims, "Martyrs of Charity: Catholic Priests during the Memphis Yellow Fever Epidemics," Biology, September 2018-present
3. Dorothy Tran, "The Role of Womanhood in St. Hildegard's Medical Practices," Biology, April 25, 2019
4. Jesse Watters, "Christ in Me: A Contribution to the Definition of Actual Participation," University Scholars Program, April 12, 2019
5. Wylie Wyman, "Martyrdom and Hospitality among the Recusants," University Scholars Program, April 23, 2013
6. Andrej Pogribny, "Nietzsche and Pope Benedict XVI," April 28, 2010
7. Megan Pinney Embry, "The Cassiciacum Dialogues: A Christology," Philosophy Department, April 28, 2008
8. Violet Slowey, "Augustine and Cicero," Great Texts Program, 2007

Reader

1. Luke Pederson, "Latin in the English Mystery Plays: Worship, Authority, and Liturgy," University Scholars Program, April 24, 2019
2. Rachel Arnall, "G.K. Chesterton's *Lepanto* and the First World War," Department of Classics, April 24, 2017
3. Gabriel Pederson, "The Sequence of *Themata* in the Collations of 'Frater Petrus'," Department of Classics, April 24, 2017
4. Anna McKay, "Ave Maria: Mary and Redemption in Renaissance Paintings of the *Visitation*," Department of Classics, April 22, 2016
5. Jacob Imam, "Liturgical Exegesis: Genesis 1-11 as Sung in the Qur'an," Department of Classics, April 19, 2016
6. Kelsey Bell, "Holy Ground: The Use of Sacred Space in Hellenistic, Roman, and Christian Religious Sites," Department of Classics, April 22, 2015
7. Rachel Zitzman, "The Nature of Female Virtue in Spenser's *Fairie Queene*," April 27, 2011
8. Faith Wardlaw, "The *Pearl* as a Mirror for the Soul," Great Texts Program, April 8, 2010
9. Scotty Ellis, "Creation, Fall, and Redemption: Sacramental Perception in the Poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins," University Scholars Program, April 21, 2008

Review Work**Presses**

1. Cambridge University Press
2. Catholic University of America Press
3. Classical Academic Press
4. IVP Academic
5. Palgrave MacMillan
6. University Press of Kentucky
7. University of Rochester Press

Journals

1. *American Political Science Review*

2. *Anamnesis*
3. *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal*
4. *European Journal of Political Theory*
5. *Journal of Early Christian Studies*
6. *Interpretation*
7. *Nova et Vetera*
8. *Perspectives in Religious Studies*
9. *Religions*
10. *Review of Politics*

Learned Society Appointments

2018-present	Board member, Society for Catholic Liturgy
2013-2015	President, Society for Catholic Liturgy
2011-2013	Vice President/Treasurer, Society for Catholic Liturgy

Other Service

Broader Academic Community

1. **Co-Moderator** of annual Fides et Ratio Seminar on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition at Thomas More College in Merrimack, New Hampshire (2012-2017) and in Denver, Colorado (July 9-16, 2011); **Participant** of Fides et Ratio Seminar in Lander, Wyoming (July 4-10, 2010)
2. **Executive Planning Committee Member** of “Uncommon Faithfulness: A Conference Celebrating African-American Catholicism,” Notre Dame, March 11-13, 2004

Baylor University

1. **Member** of University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, January 2017-present
2. **Assistant Director** of the University Scholars Program, Spring 2012 and Fall 2015-Spring 2016
3. **Member** of Faculty Development Committee, 2009-2015
4. **Member** of the Faculty Evaluation Criteria committee, 2009-2010
5. **Faculty Advisor**, Catholic Students Association, 2008-2012
6. **Faculty Partner**, Brooks College, 2008-2010
7. **Faculty Partner**, Memorial Residence Hall, 2005-2006
8. **Faculty Mentor** for the Junior Cohort, Crane Scholars Program, 2004-present

Phi Beta Kappa (Zeta Chapter, Baylor University)

1. **Chair** of the Roy B. Albaugh Lectureship Committee (2008-present)
2. **Member** of the Audit Committee (2007-2008)
3. **Member** of the Roy B. Albaugh Lectureship Committee (2006-2008)
4. **Member** of the Publicity Committee (2005-2006)
5. **Member** of the Intellectual Activity Committee (2004-2007)

Department (Great Texts Program)

1. **Creator/Coordinator** of the Great Texts Summer Teaching Seminar, 2012-present
2. **Chair** of the Dante Lectureship Committee, Great Texts Program, 2011-2014

3. **Social Chair** of the Great Texts Program, 2007-2016
4. **Member** of the search committee for Historical Theology position, 2014
5. **Member** of the search committee for History and Philosophy of Science position, 2013
6. **Member** of the search committee for Classical Literature position, 2012
7. **Member** of the search committee for Historical Theology position, 2010
8. **Member** of the search committee for English Literature position, 2007

Honors and Grants

10/19	Our Lady of Victory Medal , Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture, Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma
5/18-6/18	Summer Faculty Institute Fellow , Baylor University
05/11	Outstanding Faculty Award for the 2009-2010 Academic Year , Baylor University
03/10	Summer Stipend , National Endowment for the Humanities
11/08	Summer 2009 Sabbatical Grant , Baylor University
10/08	IFL (Institute for Faith and Learning) Formation Grant , Baylor University
11/07	Fellow , Center for Thomas More Studies, University of Dallas
02/07	Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation Grant
12/06	Honorary Fellow , College of St. Thomas More, Fort Worth
11/06	Summer 2007 Sabbatical Grant , Baylor University
04/06	Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation Grant
04/06	2006-2007 University Research Grant , Baylor University
03/06	Liberty Fund Stipend
11/04	Summer 2005 Sabbatical Grant , Baylor University
10/11/03	Novus Award , for outstanding essay, "Augustine, Aristotle, and the <i>Confessions</i> ," at the 2003 CAES Conference
9/98-5/99	Teaching Fellowship , Theology Department, Boston College
9/97-5/98	Bradley Fellowship , Boston College
9/92-5/97	University, Research, and Teaching Assistantships , Theology Department, Boston College
6/92	<i>Summa cum laude</i> , Santa Clara University Phi Beta Kappa , Santa Clara University

Languages

Proficiency in Latin and French
 Reading Competency in Hebrew and Greek