

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION:

PhD International Academy of Philosophy (Principality of Liechtenstein), 2002.
Dissertation title: *Radical Ethical Altruism in Analytic Moral Philosophy: A Critical Analysis*.
Readers: Peter McCormick, Mariano Crespo
MA St. Bonaventure University (St. Bonaventure, NY), 1995. Franciscan Studies.
MPhil International Academy for Philosophy (Principality of Liechtenstein), 1993.
Thesis title: *A Philosophical Investigation of Sexual Shame*
Readers: Josef Seifert, Rocco Buttiglione
BS Franciscan University (Steubenville, OH), 1987. Mathematics, Philosophy minor.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy: Ethics, Philosophy of the Human Person, Medical-Health-Care-Bio-ethics, Continental Phenomenology (with focus on Scheler, von Hildebrand, Wojtyla)
Philosophical Theology: Medical Moral Theology; Catholic Social Teaching; Catholic Teachings on Marriage and Sexuality; The Thought of Pope John Paul II
Franciscan Studies: St. Francis of Assisi: history and spirituality

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Philosophy: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Continental Phenomenology.

CURRENT POSITION:

SEPTEMBER 2015 TO PRESENT
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Salve Regina University

Courses:

PHL 125 Philosophy of the Human Person
PHL 126 The Pre-Socratics, The Sophists and Socrates
PHL 225 Quest for the Good Life
PHL 230 Plato
PHL 260 Applied Ethics
PHL 299/399 Special Topics: Philosophy of the Human Person

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PHL 360 Phenomenology
PHL 450 Metaphysics
PHL 469/PEL 299 Philosophy and Neuroscience
UNV 101 St. Francis of Assisi: Life and Charism

PREVIOUS TEACHING POSITIONS:

JULY 2009 TO JUNE 2015

Associate Professor of Moral Theology (Promoted Fall 2013)

Assistant Professor of Moral Theology

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (Seminary for the Diocese of Philadelphia, PA)

Core Courses:

MTH 602 Catholic Social Teaching

MTH 701 Catholic Teachings on Marriage and Sexuality

MTH 702 Catholic Teachings on Issues of Life and Health

MTH 601 Theological and Moral Virtues

THL 401 Christian Life and Commitment

Elective Courses:

MTH 962 Dignitas Personae

GST 731/329 Catholic Social Teaching

GST 332 End of Life Issues

THL 356 St. Francis of Assisi: Life and Charism

MTH 966/GST 727/THL 355 John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*

AUGUST 1999 TO MAY 2008:

Franciscan University

Austrian Program in Gaming, Austria

Instructor of Philosophy/Assistant Professor of Philosophy (promoted fall, 2002)

Sabbatical 2007/2008 academic year

Courses:

PHL 113 Philosophy of the Human Person

PHL 211 Introduction to Metaphysics

PHL 212 Foundations of Ethics

PHL 311 Ancient Greek Philosophy

THE 301 St. Francis of Assisi: Life and Charism

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JANUARY 1997 TO MAY 1997:
Lebanon Valley College
Adjunct Professor

Course:
PHL 260 Business Ethics

AUGUST 1995 TO JUNE 1997:
Alvernia College
Adjunct Professor

Courses:
PHL 105 Foundations of Philosophy
PHL 350 Greek and Medieval Philosophy
THE 105 Foundations of Theology
THE 200 Christian Approaches to Morality
GER 101 Elementary German I
GER 102 Elementary German II

JANUARY 1995 TO MAY 1995:
Jamestown Community College
Adjunct Professor

Course:
PHL 100 Introduction to Philosophy

JANUARY 1994 TO MAY 1994:
St. Bonaventure University
Assistant to Fr. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap.

Course:
FS 523 Bonaventurian Texts

AUGUST 1993:
The Popular Autonomous University of the State of Puebla, Mexico
Invited lecturer

Course:
Personalistic Ethics, 400 level course taught in Spanish

1 YEAR RESEARCH/ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION (Assistant to Director):
AUGUST 2008 TO JUNE 2009:
Catholic University of America
Council for Research in Values and Philosophy

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PUBLICATIONS:

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

Christian Personalism versus Utilitarianism: An Analysis of Their Approaches to Love and Suffering. *The Linacre Quarterly*, 87.4 (November 2020): 425 – 37.

The Coronavirus and the Coming Fall Semester. *The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly*, 43.2 (Summer 2020): 183 – 91.

The Importance of Philosophical Arguments for the Reality of the Spiritual Soul in Pro-life Work. *Life and Learning XXIX, Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth University Faculty for Life Conference*, (2019): 107 – 21.

Discussing the Spiritual Soul in the Classroom. *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*. (Fall, 2018), 417 – 26.

The United States Bishops vs. the HHS Contraception Mandate: A Question of Religious Freedom, Moral Truth, or Both? in *Why Humanae Vitae Is Still Right*, ed. Janet E. Smith. (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 2018), 327 – 51.

A Catholic Anthropology and Medical Ethics. Chapter 2 in *Catholic Witness in Health Care: Practicing Medicine in Truth and Love*, eds. John Travaline and Louise Mitchell. (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2017), 31 – 69.

The HHS Mandate: A Question of Religious Freedom or the Life Issues? *Life and Learning XXV, Conference Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth University Faculty for Life*, (University Faculty for Life, Georgetown University, 2017), 159 - 188.
(Lightly revised reprint of my article in *Catholic Social Science Review*, 2015)

Ratzinger, Habermas and Pera on Public Reason and Religion. *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 19.3 (Summer, 2016), 148 – 169.

The HHS Mandate: A Question of Religious Freedom or the Life Issues? *The Catholic Social Science Review* Vol. 20 (2015), 53 – 73.

Bill of Rights for Children. *The Linacre Quarterly* Vol. 84. (2014), 298-301. Co-authored with William V. Williams, M.D.

Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, A preparatory catechism for the World Meeting of Families (Philadelphia, 2015), (Huntington, IN, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2014). I wrote the draft of Chapter V “Creating the Future” and I was a reviewer. As this book was created and distributed world-wide for the World Meeting of Families, the authors’ names, it was decided by the Vatican, would not appear in the book.

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Christian Personalism vs. Contemporary Utilitarianism: The Cognitive Dimension of Love and its Relation to Moral Decision Making. In *The Love of Truth: All Truth and in Every Thing. Essays in Honor of Josef Seifert on the Occasion of his 65th Birthday*, (San Tiago, Chile: Ediciones UC, 2010), 391 – 406.

John Paul II and Christian Personalism vs. Peter Singer and Utilitarianism: Two Radically Opposed Conceptions of the Nature and Meaning of Suffering. *Ethics Education*, vol. 15, No. 1 (2009), 20 – 41. (A publication of the Australian Catholic University system).

John Paul II and Max Scheler on the Meaning of Suffering. *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*, 12:3 (Summer 2009), 17 – 32. Lead article.

The Uniqueness of Persons in the Life and Thought of Karol Wojtyła/Pope John Paul II, with Emphasis on His Indebtedness to Max Scheler. Chapter 3 in *Karol Wojtyła's Philosophical Legacy*, eds. Nancy Mardas Billias, Agnes B. Curry and George F. McLean, (Washington, D.C.: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2008), 61 - 100.

Personhood, the Soul and Non-Conscious Human Beings: Some Critical Reflections on Recent Forms of Argumentation within the Pro-Life Movement. *Life and Learning XVII*, (Conference Proceedings of University Faculty for Life, Villanova University June 1-3, 2007), 277-304.

Mother Teresa, John Paul II and Christian Personalism vs. Peter Singer and Utilitarianism: Two Radically Opposed Conceptions of the Nature and Meaning of Family. Chapter 4 in *The Family in the New Millennium: World Voices Supporting the "Natural" Clan*, Vol. 3. Edited by S.A. Loveless and T.B. Holman. (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishing, 2007): 49-65.

The Intrinsic Worth of Persons: Revisiting Peter Singer and His Critics. *The Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*. XV (2003): 3-22. Lead article.

The Courage of Conviction: An Essay in Honor of Philotheus Boehner, O.F.M. *Franciscan Studies*. 59 (2001): 91-108. Co-authored with Conrad Harkins, O.F.M.

The Heresy of the Franciscan Spirituals. *The Cord*. 48.1 (1998): 7-17.

The Life of Blessed John Duns Scotus. *The Cord*. 45.3 (1995):5-10.

Biographical Register of the Franciscan Institute. *Franciscan Studies*. 51 (1991): 152-197. Co-authored with Rega Wood and Conrad Harkins, O.F.M.

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ONLINE ARTICLES:

May 20, 2021, *Rhode Island Catholic* (In print edition and online)

Let's Make Rhode Island a State Where the Vulnerable are Loved

<https://thericatholic.com/stories/lets-make-rhode-island-a-state-where-the-vulnerable-are-loved.12314>

March 18, 2021 *The Newport Daily News* (In print edition and online)

Suggestion is coercion when it comes to death

<https://www.newportri.com/story/opinion/letters/2021/03/18/letter-editor-suggestion-coercion-when-comes-death/4745838001/>

June 11, 2020 *The Imaginative Conservative*

The Coronavirus and the Coming Fall Semester

<https://theimaginativeconservative.org/2020/06/coronavirus-fall-semester-peter-colosi.html>

Pro Vita Newsletter Vol 3.4 (Winter 2015), 6-7.

(Online Newsletter of the University Faculty for Life)

Philosophy and Theology

http://www.uffl.org/Newsletters/UFL_ProVita_Winter_2015.pdf

November 2014 through August 2015

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Office for the New Evangelization

Homily Ideas

I was invited by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to write monthly reflections leading up to the World Meeting of Families. The Reflections were based on the 10 chapters of **Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive, A preparatory catechism for the World Meeting of Families (Philadelphia, 2015)**, (Huntington, IN, Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2014).

(No longer online)

August 19, 2012 *Our Sunday Visitor Newsweekly* (In print edition and online)

The Bioethics of Organ Donation

(No longer online)

July 2, 2012 *Crisis Magazine*

The HHS Mandate: What Now, In Light of the Supreme Court Ruling?

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2012/the-hhs-mandate-what-now-in-light-of-the-supreme-court-ruling>

June 28, 2012 *Crisis Magazine*

The HHS Mandate: This is About Contraception

<https://www.crisismagazine.com/2012/the-hhs-mandate-this-is-about-contraception>

June 27, 2012 *Crisis Magazine*

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The HHS Mandate: A Question of Religious Freedom or the Life Issues?

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2012/the-hhs-mandate-a-question-of-religious-freedom-or-the-life-issues>

March 28, 2012 *ISI American Liberal Arts Blog*

The Existence/Content Distinction within Natural Law and the UN

<http://faculty.isi.org/blog/post/view/id/514/>

February 23, 2012 *Crisis Magazine*

False Premises

<http://www.crisismagazine.com/2012/false-premises>

February 20, 2012 *Catholic Exchange*

Is the Catholic View of Contraception Immoral?

<https://catholicexchange.com/is-the-catholic-view-of-contraception-immoral>

February 7, 2012 *Catholic Exchange*

Contraception and the Fight Against the HHS Mandate

<https://catholicexchange.com/142703>

June 2, 2010 *ISI American Liberal Arts Blog*

Study, Travel and the Education of the Emotions

<http://faculty.isi.org/blog/post/view/id/376/>

February 25, 2005 *Godspy and CatholicEducation*

What's Love Got to Do With It? The Ethical Contradictions of Peter Singer

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/health/euthanasia-and-assisted-suicide/what-s-love-got-to-do-with-it-the-ethical-contradictions-of-peter-singer.html>

Fall, 2004, *Franciscan Way*

Unleashing Love: Why We Care for Those Who Suffer. (Lead article).

<http://www.calameo.com/books/00005685420484775bd68>

BOOK REVIEWS:

Book Review of *The Encyclical Humanae Vitae A Sign of Contradiction. An Essay on Birth Control and Catholic Conscience* [original German, 1968] by Dietrich von Hildebrand (Steubenville, Ohio: Hildebrand Press, 2018). *The Catholic Social Science Review*, 24 (2019): 212 – 15.

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Book Review of *Forced Exit: The Slippery Slope from Assisted Suicide to Legalized Murder*
by Wesley J. Smith (Dallas: Spence Publishing Company, 2003). *The Catholic Social Science Review*, 11 (2006): 319-23.

Book Review of *In Defense of Human Dignity* eds., Robert Kraynak and Glenn Tinder (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003). *The Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*. XVI (2004): 202-03.

TRANSLATIONS BY ME:

The Buttiglione Case as Seen by Buttiglione, by Rocco Buttiglione (Spanish to English).
Godspy.com January 28, 2005.

<http://oldarchive.godspy.com/reviews/The-Buttiglione-case-as-seen-by-Buttiglione.cfm.html>

The So-called Prayer of St. Francis. (German to English)
Greyfriars Review 10.3 (1996): 237-55. Translation of: Schulz, Frieder. "Das sogenannte Franziskusgebet." *Jahrbuch fuer Liturgik und Hymnologie*. 13 (1968): 39 - 53.

TRANSLATIONS OF MY WORK:

March 17, 2016, *XPTODOS.org*

Eutanasia - What's Love Got to Do with It?

<http://xptodos.org/inspiracoes/eutanasia-whats-love-got-to-do-with-it/>

Portuguese translation of my online article of Feb. 25, 2005 (see above)

Ratzinger, Habermas i Pera o racji publicznej i religii, *Chrześcijaństwo, Świat, Polityka*, No. 21, 2017, 36 – 53. Polish translation of my **Ratzinger, Habermas and Pera on Public Reason and Religion**. *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 19.3 (Summer, 2016), 148 – 169. Published in *Christianity-World-Politics* (www.chsp.waw.pl), Institute of Political Science, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw, Poland.

CONFERENCE PLANNING:

Theology of the Body International Symposia Co- founder, main organizer/co-organizer, lecturer, emcee

Website: <http://tobinternationalsymposia.com/>

- Kartause Maria Thron, Gaming, Austria, May 18 – 20, 2007.
- St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Ireland June 11 – 14, 2009.
(Main organizer: Monica Rapeanu)
- St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London UK, June 3 – 5, 2011.
- Convent Domus Carmeli, Fatima, Portugal, June 13 – 16, 2013.
- Rolduc Abbey, Kerkrade, Netherlands, June 28 – 30, 2019.

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Catholic Medical Association Medical Student and Resident Boot Camp

Co-founder, co-organizer, lecturer

- St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, June 2013, 2014, 2015, [2016](#), 2017.
- University of Saint Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL June [2018](#), 2019, 2021.
- Shortened online version via Zoom June 2020.
- Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, Florida June 2022.

The Sacred and the Secular: Complementary or Conflictual in Global Times?

Co-directed (with Fr. George F. McLean), Lecturer

This international and intercultural seminar was held at Catholic University of America from September 15 – October 17, 2008 and sponsored by the Council for Research in Values of Philosophy, www.crvp.org.

***Humanae Vitae*, the Person and the Thought of John Paul II**

Co-conceived and co-organized (with Professors Deborah Savage and Christopher Thompson) June 18-20, 2008, The St. Paul School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Sixth International Conference on Persons

Organizer, lecturer

Gaming, Austria, August 7-12, 2001.

Also organized excursions to places of interest in the by the region for the participants.

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES:

The Philosophy of Pope St. John Paul II. A 30-hour course taught for the Theology of the Body Institute at Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, PA. May 22-27, 2022.

Neuroscience, Psychology and Philosophy. A reading-discussion group sponsored by the Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project meeting once weekly for eight weeks (February 21 – April 11, 2022). Nine participants, representing professionals in all three fields. (On Zoom).

“Explaining the Wrongness of Physician Assisted Suicide in the Public Sphere, Concerning The Lila Manfield Sapinsley Compassionate Care Act in Rhode Island.”
The Annual Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH, October 29-30, 2021.

A formal debate on the question: “Are neurological criteria for the determination of death morally acceptable in Catholic Health care?” at the annual Catholic Medical Association on Oct. 8, 2021. Peter J. Colosi and Dr. Michel Accad (cardiologist) debated

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against Fr. Tad Pacholczyk (NCBC) and Dr. Dennis Wells (heart transplant surgeon), the debate can be viewed here:

<https://player.performedia.com/cma-aec21/player/a-formal-debate-on-the-question-are-brain-death-criteria-ethically-acceptable-under-catholic-moral-thought-and-bioethics/>

Preparing for the end of life: A consideration and conversation of Catholic teachings. Co-presented with Timothy P. Flanigan, M.D. St. Barnabas Church, Portsmouth RI. September 15, 2021

Teaching Philosophy at the High School Level. Seminar Presented to the Theology Faculty at Lancaster Catholic High School, Lancaster, PA. August 17, 2021

The Embodied Person (Co-presenter: Michael Matheson Miller) and **Personalism and Suffering** (Co-presenter: Margarita Mooney)

Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project Eleventh Annual Summer Seminar: The Personalist Vision, July 5 – 9, 2021 (On Zoom).

A Catholic Understanding of Compassion, Suffering and Death and the Current Euthanasia Debate. St. Thomas More Parish, Narragansett, RI July 29, 2021

Foundational Bioethical Principles and How to Apply Them and Metaphysics of the Human Person and Medical Ethics and Defining Death (Explaining *Ars moriendi* and a presentation of the arguments that brain death is not actual death) and **Defining Death Panel Discussion** (with Dr. Bill Toffler and Dr. Bill Perez).

Presentations delivered at the 9th Annual Catholic Medical Association Medical Student & Resident Boot Camp, University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein Seminary), Mundelein, Illinois, June, 13 – 20, 2021.

A Catholic Understanding of Compassion, Suffering and Death and the Current Euthanasia Debate. St. Thomas More Parish, Narragansett RI, June 29, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJjW6X9M8JM>

***Ars moriendi* vs. Euthanasia**

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Rhode Island
May 17, 2021 (On Webex)

The Philosophy of Pope St. John Paul II

A 30-hour course taught for the Theology of the Body Institute at Malvern Retreat Center, Malvern, PA. July 19 – 24, 2020.

The Heart in a Time of Pandemic (Co-presented with Professor Derek Jeffreys)

The Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project

The Heart: Virtual Seminar July 6 – 10, 2020

(Topics: effects of isolation, hope and hopelessness, the expression of the face, the value of human

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contact, and other topics).

I was also a small group discussion leader throughout the week

Christian Anthropology Panel Discussion

Co-leader and discussant

Catholic Medical Association

2020 Virtual Medical Student & Resident Boot Camp

June 18 – 20, 2020

Brain Death: A Violation of Catholic Social Teaching. The Society of Catholic Social Scientists 27th Annual Conference, Franciscan University, October 25 – 26, 2019.

Catholicism, Consumerism and Environmentalism. lecture in the series of the Diocese of Providence, RI entitled “Care for Creation: The Catholic Church and Ecology”, October 22, 2019.

The Place of Theology of the Body in the History of Church Teaching. The 5th International Symposium on John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, Rolduc Abbey, Kerkrade, Netherlands, June 28 – 30, 2019.

Brain Death: Is it Death or is it a Disability? University Faculty for Life Twenty-Ninth Annual Conference, Mundelein Seminary/University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL, June 6-7, 2019.

A Catholic Understanding of Death and Dying vs. Euthanasia. 52nd Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation (Diocese of Providence, RI), Bryant University, Smithfield, RI. March 16, 2019.

The Moral Question of Lying. Theology on Tap, Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry. Uncle Tony’s Pizza and Pasta, Johnston RI. Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Capital Punishment in America: A Round Table Discussion on Sr. Prejean’s Convocation Remarks. Pell Center Roundtable discussion co-leader with Dr. Craig Condella, Salve Regina University, September 11, 2018.

Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel: The connection between Christian Joy and the moral teaching of the church: How to express this to the faithful in our times, and Pope Benedict XVI: Deus Caritas Est: God’s Love and the Catholic view of Ars moriendi vs. euthanasia: pastoral approaches to dealing with this issue, and Pope St. John Paul II: Theology of the Body and Humanae vitae: pastoral approaches to explaining the reasons behind the goodness of Catholic teaching on human sexuality.

Three lectures delivered at the Annual Seminarian Summer Gathering for the Catholic Diocese of Lansing, Sponsored by The Department of Vocations, Vocations Director, Fr. John Linden.

Bethany House, St Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, Michigan, August 17 – 18, 2018.

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Metaphysics of the Human Person and Medical Ethics and *Ars Moriendi* (The Art of Dying) vs. Euthanasia: Understanding the Terms of the Debate and Philosophy and Physicians (panel discussion)

Three presentations delivered at the 6th Annual Catholic Medical Association Medical Student & Resident Boot Camp, University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein Seminary), Mundelein, Illinois, June, 17 – 24, 2018.

Pedagogical Principles for Meaningfully Engaging College Students on *Love and Responsibility*.

Life & Learning XXVIII: 28th Annual Conference of The University Faculty for Life. University of Dallas, Irving TX, June 8 – 9, 2018.

Personalism and *Humanae Vitae*: A Close Reading of *Theology of the Body* Audiences 118 – 125: “The Ethical Problem” (Plenary session) and **The Relation of Theology of the Body to the History of Church Teaching on Marriage, Family and Sexuality** (Plenary session) and **Pedagogical tips on teaching *Love and Responsibility* to College Students** (Special track meeting 3 times with a smaller group)

Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project, Eighth Annual Summer Seminar: Love, Sex, & the Human Person, Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH, May 29 – June 3, 2018.

Deceived by Lying: The Moral Question of Lying. Pius V Young Adult Group. St. Pius V Catholic Church, Providence RI. April 26, 2018.

What is Community? South County Young Adults. St. Thomas More Parish, Narragansett, RI. April 13, 2018.

Contemporary Neuroscience and Classical Philosophy: Reunited on the Brain-Mind/Soul Question.

The American Maritain Association 41st Annual International Meeting March 1 – 3, 2018 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Wynnewood, PA

Neuroscience and Philosophy: Friends or Foes in the Search for the Mind?

39th Annual Humanities and Technology Conference: Morality and Creativity in a Technological Age. Salve Regina University, Newport, RI. November 2 – 4, 2017.

Best-selling Autobiographies and Philosophy: A Winning Combination in Bringing Students to See the Reality of Their Own Souls and the Dignity of All Persons.

25th Anniversary National Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists. Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH. October 27-28, 2017

St. Francis of Assisi: His Life and Times and Charism

Pius V Young Adult Group. St. Pius V Catholic Church, Providence RI. September 28, 2017.

St. Augustine and Contemporary Medical Ethical Dilemmas: Is There a Proof for the Soul?

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Pius V Young Adults, Pius V Church 55 Elmhurst Ave, Providence RI, August 24, 2017

***Ars Moriendi* (The Art of Dying) vs. Euthanasia: A Catholic Understanding of Compassion, Suffering and Death and The Current Euthanasia Debate.**

St. John of Rochester Parish, Fairport, NY. August 3, 2017.

The Philosophy of Pope St. John Paul II.

A 30-hour course taught for the Theology of the Body Institute at Black Rock Retreat Center, Quarryville, PA. July 16 – 22, 2017.

Metaphysics of the Person and Medical Ethics and Foundational Bioethical Principles/Applications

Two talks delivered at the Catholic Medical Association Medical Student & Resident Boot Camp. St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA. June 19-25, 2017

Best-selling Autobiographies and Philosophy: A Winning Combination in Bringing Students to See the Reality of Their Own Souls and the Dignity of All Persons.

Life & Learning XXVII: 27th Annual Conference of The University Faculty for Life. University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, MN. June 9 - 10, 2017

***Ars Moriendi* vs. Euthanasia: A Catholic Understanding of Suffering and Death and The Euthanasia Debate**

Presented at Pius V Young Adults, Saint Pius V Church, 55 Elmhurst Ave, Providence, February 23, 2017.

Christian Anthropology and Bioethics and Foundational Bioethical Principles and How to Apply Them

Presented at the 2016 Annual Medical Student & Resident Boot Camp of the Catholic Medical Association Held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood PA, June 21 – 25, 2016.

The Philosophical Arguments of St. Augustine and of Realist Phenomenology for the Reality of the Spiritual Soul and How Those Arguments Pertain to the Contemporary Brain Death Debate

Presented at the XXVI Annual University Faculty for Life Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, June 10 – 11, 2016.

St. Augustine and Contemporary Medical Ethical Dilemmas: Is There a Philosophical Proof for an Immaterial Soul?

Keynote Address at the Phi Sigma Tau induction ceremony at Salve Regina University. April 25, 2016.

The Relationship between Faith and Reason in the Academic Life at a Catholic University

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Keynote Address at the Delta Epsilon Sigma induction ceremony at Salve Regina University. April 11, 2016.

St. Pope John Paul II on The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering and Pope Francis on The Joy of Living the Christian Life and The Connection between Sacrifice, Repentance and True Happiness. Three day Lenten Mission at St. Matthew Church, 1299 Elmwood Ave., Cranston RI on February 29, March 1, and March 2, 2016.

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute and the Filene Foundation invited and paid all expenses for 16 professors from 11 New England Universities to participate in **What So Proudly We Hail: American Civic Education through Literature** held at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, Nov. 12-15, 2015. We were provided with a reading list of famous American short stories and some letters written by American Founders, and discussed these in a well-directed interactive dialogue.

Interviewed Templeton prize winner Tomas Halik in front of a live audience at the New Literature from Europe Festival in New York City. Held at Scandinavia House, Victor Borge Hall 58 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016, Nov. 6-9, 2015.

Realist Phenomenology vs. New Natural Law Theory

September 18-21, 2015: Presented at, “Realist Phenomenology, Josef Seifert and the Christian Tradition”, The Institute of Philosophy Edith Stein – International Academy of Philosophy, Granada, Spain. This was a conference in honor of Professor Josef Seifert, founder of the International Academy of Philosophy, on his 70th birthday.

The Catholic Church and Capitalism

A lecture sponsored by the Neumann Forum and held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, Oct. 9, 2014.

The Catholic Church and Capitalism

Society of Catholic Social Scientists Annual Conference, Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD, Oct. 24-25, 2014.

Catholic Anthropology and Medical Ethics

Delivered at the Catholic Medical Student and Resident Boot Camp of the Catholic Medical Association, held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, PA, June 17-21, 2014.

The Nature of Marriage

Natural Law Symposium held at St John Fisher College, Rochester NY and sponsored by The St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild of Rochester, The Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York State Knights of Columbus, and The Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher College, Mar 28, 2014.

The Relation between Love and Morality in Catholic Moral Teaching

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Workshop presented to the Permanent Deacons and their wives of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, held at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Mar. 22, 2014.

St. Francis of Assisi: His Life, Times, Conversion and Charism

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Overbrook, PA, Mar. 19, 2014 and Catholic Young Adults of Chester County, Mar. 12, 2014.

Bioethics: A Legal Medical and Theological Perspective

Panel Discussant, Klein Hall Moot Court Room, Temple University, November 25, 2013.

Ratzinger, Habermas and Pera on Religion and Public Reason.

Annual National Meeting-Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, Franciscan University, Oct. 25 – 26, 2013.

***Ars Moriendi* (The Art of Dying) and Catholic Moral Teaching**

Toward a Wisdom of the Heart: A Pilot Program to Effect Cognitive and Affective Appropriation of Ethical and Moral Teaching in a Theological Seminary, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, September 28, 2013.

The Relation between Catholic Moral Teaching and *Theology of the Body*

IV Theology of the Body International Symposium, Fatima, Portugal, June 14, 2013.

Theology of the Body

Presented to the Institute for Culture and Society, Educación de la afectividad y sexualidad humana Project at The University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain, June 5, 2013

Ratzinger, Habermas and Pera on Public Reason and Religion

Presented to the Institute for Culture and Society, Religion and Civil Society Project at The University of Navarre, Pamplona, Spain, June 4, 2013

***Dignitas Humanae*: What the Document Says**

Vatican Council II, Pope John Paul II and Today. Seminar 3: *Dignitas Humanae*: Declaration on Religious Liberty, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Philadelphia, PA, May 25, 2013.

A Catholic Ethos in Health Care

Marquette University, 9th Annual Midwest Regional Bioethics Conference. Sponsored by The Milwaukee Guild of the Catholic Medical Association and The Marquette Chapter of University Faculty for Life. May 4, 2013

Ratzinger, Habermas and Pera on Public Reason and Religion

Franciscan University MA Philosophy Conference, Must Morality be Grounded on God? Apr. 5-6, 2013.

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The HHS Mandate: A Question of Religious Freedom or The Life Issues?

20th Anniversary Annual National Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists. Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, Long Island, NY. October 26 – 27, 2012.

End of Life Issues: What are They? What Does the Church Teach?

Holy Cross Parish Hall, Springfield, PA. Tuesday, October 23, 2012. Co-presented with Mr. Bobby Schindler, Executive Director of the Terri Schiavo Life and Hope Network.

Witness to Truth: Being Catholic in the Public Sphere

St. Pius X Parish, Broomall, PA Monday, October 22, 2012

Render Unto Caesar - A Community Discussion

Knights of Columbus Hall, West Chester, PA, October 20, 2012. A panel discussion on Archbishop Charles Chaput's book on religious freedom and the current situation in the U.S. Co-presented with Mr. Mark Henrie, Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Intercollegiate Studies Institute; Mrs. Katie van Schaijik, co-founder of the Personalist Project.

Bioethics: A Legal, Medical and Theological Perspective

Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI), Wanamaker Building, Juniper St., Philadelphia PA. June 23, 2012. I was a member of a panel composed of lawyers, medical doctors and philosophers/theologians for this CLE credit program approved by the Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board, and was organized and led by Alan Milstein.

John Paul II's Theology of the Body

- To the Seminarians of Almada Seminary in Setubal, Portugal, May 24, 2012
- To the seminarians of Caparide Seminary in Lisbon, Portugal, May 23, 2012
- Presented in Spanish to the Bishop (Bishop Gilberto Délio Gonçalves Canavarro dos Reis) and priests of the Diocese of Setubal, Portugal on May, 22, 2012.
- To the Catholic parish of Caldes, Portugal, May 22, 2012.
- At the Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon Portugal, May 21, 2012.

Humanae Vitae

Presented March 24, 2012 as one of the addresses in *Humanae Vitae as Seen Through the Lens of Theology of the Body*, A day-long seminar sponsored by: The Philadelphia Natural Family Planning Network; The Philadelphia Chapter of the Catholic Medical Association; St. Mary Medical Center and Archdiocese of Philadelphia Family Life Office. Held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Trinity Parish Center, 611 Knowles Ave. Southampton, PA 18966.

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End of Life Issues

Presented March 5, 2012 as one of the lectures in the *Life, Love and Sexuality* series sponsored by the Respect Life Committee of St. Peter Church, 2835 Manor Rd. West Brandywine, PA 19320.

An Introduction to Catholic Social Doctrine

Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC), August 24, 2011, West Chester PA.

John Paul II's Theology of the Body

A presentation to the teens and their parents of St. John of Rochester Parish, Fairport, NY. August 21, 2011.

How to Improve the Reading and Writing Skills of University Students

ISI American Studies Summer Institute, Princeton University, June 21, 2011.

Theology of the Body and Dignitas Personae: Reflections on Christian Anthropology as the Foundation of the Culture of Life: Transforming the Culture of Death from the Roots Up.

- Annual Conference of The University Faculty for Life, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, June 10 – 12, 2011.
- Third International Symposium on John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*, June 3 – 5, 2011, St. Mary's University, Twickenham, London, UK.

Shame, Modesty and the Love between Man and Woman According to John Paul II

Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC), Oct. 13, 2010, West Chester PA.

The Natural Law, Personhood and the Nuremberg Trials

Natural Law Symposium, St. John Fisher College, Rochester NY, Oct. 9, 2010.

Nine Critical Questions Related to *Embryo: A Defense of Life* by Robert P. George and Christopher Tollefsen.

Presented at the conference: *The Value of Human Life* of the Institute of Bioethics at Franciscan University, October 23-25, 2010.

John Paul II's Understanding of the Relation between Love and Suffering

Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for Youth and Young Adults. The Catholic Philopatrinian Institute, 1923 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA, Thursday, August, 12, 2010.

Christian Personalism as Foundational for an Adequate Understanding of Theology of the Body.

The National Theology of the Body Congress, July 28 – 30, 2010. Normandy Farm Hotel and Conference Center, Blue Bell, PA.

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John Paul II's Approach to the Relation between Modern Science and Mystery

Immaculata University, Immaculata, PA, "Chronicle of Faith: A Conference Celebrating the Legacy of the Catholic Intellectual Tradition," Friday, April 30 and Saturday May 1, 2010.

Preparing for the Passion: John Paul II on the Christian Meaning of Suffering

Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC), March 31, 2010, Knights of Columbus Hall, 110 West Market St., West Chester, PA.

Why Modern Science Needs John Paul II

Presented at: *John Paul the Great Legacy Project* on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at The John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.

The Beauty of JP II'S Theology of the Body for Today's Married Couples

Presented at: *Building Awesome Marriages: The Key to Authentic Spirituality*: The St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, PA, Saturday, October 10, 2009.

The Ethical Problem (A study of TOB 118 – 125)

Presented at: Man and Woman He Created Them: Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body, 2nd International Symposium, June 11 – 14, 2009. Maynooth Campus, Maynooth, Ireland.

An Affirmation of Life: Love and Suffering According to Pope John Paul II

Presented at: The 24th "Evening Affirming Human Life and the Family" on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at The Church of St. Helena, Minneapolis, MN.

Subjectivity in Personalist Philosophy: K. Wojtyla

Presented at: Philosophy Emerging from Culture, Soongsil University, Seoul, Korea, July 27-28, 2008.

The Concept of Person in the Writings of Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II

Presented at: *Humanae Vitae*, the Person and the Thought of John Paul II June 18-20, 2008, The St. Paul School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Personhood of Embryos: Framing the Question

Presented at: The Eighteenth Annual University Faculty for Life Conference Marquette University, May 30 - June 1, 2008

Intuition as the Foundation of Knowledge in Aristotle and Phenomenology

Presented at: Notre Dame Center for Ethics & Culture Annual Fall Conference: The Dialogue of Cultures. Notre Dame University, November 29-December 1, 2007.

John Paul II and Christian Personalism vs. Peter Singer and Utilitarianism, Philosophical Reflections on the Foundations of Ethics with Emphasis on the Cognitive Dimension of Love and Its Relation to Moral Decision Making.

Presented at: The Society of Catholic Social Scientists 15th Annual Meeting. The St,

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John's University School of Law, Queens, New York, October 26 – 27, 2007.

A Body that Expresses a Person: Max Scheler's Impact on John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Presented at: Man and Woman He Created Them, John Paul II's Theology of the Body An International Symposium, May 18 – 20, 2007, Gaming, Austria.

Personhood, the Soul and Non-Conscious Human Beings: Some Critical Reflections on Recent Forms of Argumentation within the Pro-Life Movement.

Presented at: University Faculty for Life, Villanova University June 1-3, 2007.

The Meaning of Suffering in the Thought of Max Scheler and Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II.

Presented at: The Phenomenology of John Paul II, Dec. 1-2, 2006, sponsored by the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University.

A Growing Gap – Living and Forgotten Christian Roots in Europe and the United States.

This conference grew out of a critical discussion between Christoph Cardinal Schönborn and George Weigel related to Weigel's book *The Cube and the Cathedral* (Basic Books, 2005). I attended and participated in work group discussions, along with a group of approximately 65 international scholars and politicians, at the personal invitation of the Cardinal. The conference took place at his residence in Vienna, Austria from April 26 – 29, 2006.

The Uniqueness of Persons in the Thought of Karol Wojtyla/Pope John Paul II, with Emphasis on His Indebtedness to Max Scheler.

Presented at: Karol Wojtyla's Philosophical Legacy, a conference sponsored by Saint Joseph College, West Hartford, CT, March 22-23, 2006.

Personhood, the Soul and Non-conscious Human Beings: 4 arguments for the immorality of embryonic stem cell research.

Lecture delivered at The Pontifical University of Santa Croce, Faculty of Philosophy, Rome, Italy, November 16, 2004.

Mother Teresa, John Paul II and Christian Personalism vs. Peter Singer and Utilitarianism: Two Radically Opposed Conceptions of the Nature and Meaning of Family.

Presented at the European Regional Dialogue For the Doha International Conference on the Family for the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Year of the Family, Geneva, Switzerland, August 23-25, 2004

Personhood, the Soul and Non-conscious Human Beings.

Presented at: The International Christian Studies Association, VI. World Congress. Science and Religion: The Missing Link. Pepperdine University, Malibu, California. July 30 –

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August 1, 2004.

John Paul II and Christian Personalism vs. Peter Singer and Utilitarianism: Two Radically Opposed Conceptions of the Nature and Meaning of Suffering.

Presented at: The 3rd Global Conference: Making Sense of: Health, Illness and Disease July 5 - July 9, 2004 St Catherine's College, Oxford University.

The Life of St. Francis and the Town of Assisi and Surroundings.

Lecture to prepare 150 students for a pilgrimage/tour of Assisi, Fonte Columbo and Greccio Italy. Given at Gaming, Austria during the Fall and Spring semesters 2001 - 2007.

The Courage of Conviction: An Essay in Honor of Philotheus Böhner, O.F.M.

Main address of the *Festveranstaltung anlässlich des 100. Geburtstags von Pater Prof. Dr. Philotheus Böhner OFM* on March 24, 2001. I delivered in German this co-authored (with Conrad Harkins, O.F.M.) essay in Lichtenau, Germany, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Fr. Philotheus Böhner.

Objective Value in the Thought of Bl. John Duns Scotus and Dietrich von Hildebrand.

Lecture series of The Peace and Justice Task Force of Alvernia College, Alvernia College, Reading, PA, October 26, 1995.

MANUSCRIPT AND ARTICLE REVIEWER FOR:

- *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Catholic Social Science Review*
- *The Linacre Quarterly*
- *Nova et Vetera*
- *Catholic University Press*
- *Studia Gilsoniana*

INVITATION TO ENDORSE BOOK

I was invited to write one of the endorsements which appears on the back cover of this book: Susan Windley-Daost *Why You Shouldn't Kill Yourself*. (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2018).

TV, RADIO AND ONLINE APPEARANCES:

Doctor Doctor: The Official Radio Program of the Catholic Medical Association:

[DD #166 - Brain Death Debate Pt. 2: Brain Death is NOT Real Death](#)

Friday, July 3, 2020

[DD #83 - Charity and Clarity: Artificial Reproductive Technology](#)

Friday, September 6, 2019

[DD #51 - Charity & Clarity: Defending and Explaining Unpopular Health Care Ethics](#)

Friday, January 11, 2019

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The Hildebrand Legacy Project

Personalism in the Pandemic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tS9Q10c8bcI>

April 25, 2020

EWTN:

[EWTN “On Location”](#) “Ratzinger, Habermas and Pera on Religion and Public Reason” (Recorded Apr. 5, 2013)

The Drew Mariani Show on Relevant Radio:

Brain Death and Xenotransplantation. October 25, 2021.

<https://relevantradio.com/2021/10/pig-to-human-organ-transplants/> (scroll up to the 24 minute mark)

The Death Penalty. [Interviewed](#) on the Drew Mariani Show on Relevant Radio. February 28, 2019.

The Boy and the Gorilla. [Interviewed](#) about the Zoo Keeper who shot the silver back gorilla to save a young boy. June 1, 2016.

The Rich Zeoli Show 1210 AM CBS Philly [hosted by Christine Flowers on July 3, 2017.](#)

We discussed the Charlie Gard case and in that context: Catholic teaching on euthanasia, the 2 Vatican statements on Charlie Gard, Terri Schiavo, dying as a human act and redemptive suffering, palliative care, our culture, and the question of scarcity of resources. A few people called in as well.

Life Affirming Choices

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, this video presentation explores the meaning of life and suffering and the question of euthanasia from a Catholic perspective, interviewing professionals from various fields and a brain trauma survivor. I am the philosopher who is interviewed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwECztNhCCk&t=186s>

July 22, 2014

STUDENT TRAVEL/EDUCATION TRIP:

Co-director of Student Pilgrimage/Study travel to Italy, August 1999 to May 2007. This is a trip taken in the fall and spring semesters by the Gaming, Austria campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville with 130 – 175 students. My responsibilities included giving walking tours of Rome, Florence, Assisi, Fonte Columbo, Greccio and La Verna, Italy, and translation needs throughout the trip (between English, German and Italian). I also gave a detailed lecture before the trip on the life of St. Francis of Assisi, with special emphasis on the buildings and sites visited upon arrival in Assisi.

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LANGUAGES:

- German: Highly proficient speaking and reading
- Spanish: Very good speaking and reading
- Italian: Competent speaking and reading
- Latin: Basic competence

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- a. American Catholic Philosophical Association
- b. Society of Catholic Social Scientists
 - Member Board of Directors, Appointed 2021
- c. Catholic Medical Association
 - Appointed member of CMEC 2016 - 2020
(CMEC – Continuing Medical Education Committee)
 - Founding Member of organizing committee for Medical Student and Resident Boot Camp
 - Contributing Editor, *Linacre Quarterly*, Journal of the Catholic Medical Association (Appointed 2020)
- d. University Faculty for Life
 - Elected to Board 2016 – 2018; 2018 – 2020; 2020 – 2022
- e. Fellowship of Catholic Scholars
- f. Associated Scholar: Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS:

Outstanding Achievement Award for Franciscan Studies, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY, May 1995.

Graduate Assistantship, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY, September, 1993 to May, 1995.

Full Tuition Scholarship, The International Academy for Philosophy, 1987 to 1991.

Catholic Witness in Healthcare, 2nd place Catholic Press Club
(I authored Chapter 2, the whole book won the award)