

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1991 PhD, Philosophical and Systematic Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
Dissertation: *Religious Authority: A Conflict of Interpretation.*
Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms International, 1992.
- 1985 STL, Systematic Theology, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- 1973 MA, Scripture and Systematic Theology, Aquinas Institute of Theology, Dubuque, IA
- 1966 BA, French and Theology, magna cum laude, Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING POSITIONS

- 2008- Associate Professor, Systematic Theology, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- 2000-2008 Assistant Professor, Systematic Theology, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- 1999-2000 Visiting Professor, Systematic Theology, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- Fall, 1998 Professoressa Invitata, Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy
- 1995 Summer Faculty, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO
- 1991-1992 Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland, OH
- 1985-1991 Instructor of Systematic Theology, St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland, OH
- 1976-1979 Instructor of Religious Studies, Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI
- 1972-1976 Teacher of Christian Philosophy, Regina Dominican High School, Wilmette, IL
- 1966-69 Teacher, Junior High, Queen of Heaven, Albuquerque, NM

AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

Courses

STH-D503	Introduction to Theology and Theological Method (Fall 2000)
STH-D516	Christian Anthropology (Spring 2000-2004; Fall 2004-2005, 2007)
STH-D521	Christology (Fall 1999-2003, Spring 2005, 2006, 2008)
STH-D537/CFS-D537	Ecotheology and Spirituality (Spring 2003, Fall 2004 [STH-D537-PST-D540], Summer 2008)
STH-D560	Contextual Theology (Fall 2005)
STH-D564/PST-D564	Dominican Mystics (Spring 2005)
STH-D594	Theology of Grace (Spring 2000, 2002, 2004)
CFS-D503	Vowed Life in Religious Community (Fall 2003, 2007)
CFS-D571	Contemporary Issues in Spirituality (Fall 1999)
MAHCM-T520	Christology (Fall 2001, Spring 2004, Fall 2005, 2007)
MAHCM-T525	Ecclesiology (Spring 2006)
MPM-T520-OK	Christology (Fall 2002)
	Trinitarian Spirituality (June 1995)

Committees

2007-	Assessment Committee
	Faculty Development Committee, Chair
2005-2006	ATS Self-Study Subcommittee on Institutional Purpose and Planning
	ATS Self-Study Subcommittee on Theological Scholarship
2005-	MA Adhoc Committee, Chair
2003-2005	Lay Spiritual Formation Committee
2002-	Faculty Representative to the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board
2000-	Faculty Development Committee
2000-2002	Admissions Committee

Administration

2002-2006	Director of the Master of Arts in Theology program
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ST. MARY SEMINARY AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Courses

Christian Spiritual Classics	Mariology
The Christian Church	The Paschal Mystery (Christology)
Foundational Theology	Readings in Christology

Images of God for the Modern World
Justice and the Christian Moral Life

Suffering and Evil
Theological Anthropology II: Sin and Grace

Committees

1988-1992 Library Committee
1988-1989 Social Concerns Committee

SIENA HEIGHTS COLLEGE

Courses

Basic Catholic Beliefs	Special Questions in the New Testament
The Church	Suffering and Evil
Jesus Christ	Values I
Introduction to the New Testament	Values II (team taught)
Prayer and Religious Experience	Values III (team taught)
Religion and Public Education	

Committees

1977-1979 Teaching Faculty Executive Committee
1977-1979 Values Committee
1977-1979 Freshman Orientation Committee

Administration

1977-78 Chair, Religious Studies Department
1977-1978 Chair, Teaching Faculty Assembly
1976 Coordinator, Graduate Summer Program in Theology

PUBLICATIONS

Co-editor, *Parable: Dominican Theological Reflections for the 21st Century*. 2006- .

“How Great Thou Art: Connecting Science and Theology.” *Signatures* (Spring/Summer 2008): 6-9.

“At Home in Wisdom’s Tent: Study, Contemplation and the Pursuit of Truth.” In *At Home in Wisdom’s Tent: Celebrating 800 Years of Dominican Life*, ed. Nadine Foley, OP, 59-70. Proceedings of the Dominican symposium at Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI, 15 May 2007. Adrian, MI: Adrian Dominican Sisters, 2008.

“Where Is God? Suffering and the Sacred.” 2007 Mary Ward lecture at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, England. Monograph, Cambridge University Printing, 2007.

“Complete Joy: Theological Reflection in a Dominican School,” with Ann Garrido. In *Towards an Intelligent Use of Liberty*, ed. Gabrielle Kelly, OP and Kevin Saunders, OP. Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2006.

“Religious Life in its Ecclesial Context.” In *Journey in Faith and Fidelity*, ed. Nadine Foley, OP, 80-94. New York: Continuum, 2000.

“Democracy in Dominican Government.” *The Tabu of Democracy within the Church (Concilium)* 5 (1992): 59-64.

“Religious Life in Church Documents.” *Review for Religious* 51 (July - Aug. 1992): 550-561.

“Review of *Celibacy, Prayer and Friendship: A Making-Sense-Out-of-Life Approach* by Christopher Kiesling, OP.” *Spirituality Today* 31 (March 1979): 91-92.

“A Developmental Approach to Values Education,” with Donna Kustusich, OP. In *Values Pedagogy in Higher Education*, ed. Michael Donnellan and James Ebben. Adrian, MI: Siena Heights College, 1978.

BOARD SERVICE

2002- 1992-1998	Board of Trustees, Siena Heights College/University, Adrian, MI Academic Affairs Committee, 2002- ; Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, 2004- Executive Committee, 1992-1998
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- 1999-2001 Directorium, Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy
- 1992-2000 Board of Trustees, Barry University, Miami, FL
Academic Affairs Committee
- 1992-1998 President of Corporate Members
Regina Dominican High School, Wilmette, IL
Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, FL
Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI
St. Joseph Academy/Montessori Children's House
President of Corporate Members and Chair of the Boards of Trustees
Dominican Consultation Center
Dominican High School
Corporate Member, Collaborative Dominican Novitiate, St. Louis, MO
- 1995-1998 Regional Councilor, International Union of Superiors General, Rome, Italy
- 1992-1995 Chair of the Board of Trustees, Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, FL
Corporate Member, Catholic Healthcare West, San Francisco, CA
- 1992-1993 Governing Board, Collaborative Dominican Novitiate, St. Louis, MO

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

- 1992-1998 Prioress of the Congregation, Dominican Sisters of Adrian, MI
- 1993-1994 Coordinator, Congregational Theology Study Week, Weber Center, Adrian, MI
- 1985-1991 Instructor in the Permanent Diaconate Program, Cleveland Diocese
- 1983- Lectures and workshops on authority, ecclesiology, religious life and women in ministry
- 1981-1992 Facilitator for parish, diocesan and congregational groups
- 1987- Retreat Director, Parable Retreats
- 1972-1976 Chair, Christian Philosophy Department, Regina Dominican High School

FURTHER INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- August 2007- Member of "Speaking the Truth in Love," an international working group of the Dominican Order
- July 2005 Dominican Sisters of Eastern Europe, Slovakia. Course on

Dominican Spirituality and Formation

- July 2003 Dominican Sisters of Eastern Europe, Czech Republic. Course on Dominican Charism, Vows and Community.
- July 2001 Dominican Sisters of Eastern Europe, Hungary. Course on Dominican Charism and Spirituality.
- September 1999 Assisted at the first meeting of Dominican Sisters of Africa, Nairobi, Kenya
- December 1996- January 1997 Retreat Director, Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of Remedies, San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines
- May 1995, 1998 Delegate Assembly, the International Union of Superiors General, Rome, Italy
International Assembly of Dominican Prioresses, Rome, Italy
(founding member of Dominican Sisters International)
- May 1993, 1995, 1998 International Assembly, International Union of Superiors General, Rome, Italy
- February 1994 Representative for the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, VI Inter-American Assembly, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2003 Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, Barry University, Miami, FL
- 2000- Trustee emerita, Barry University, Miami, FL
- 1997 Adrian Dominican Educational Leadership Award, Barry University, Miami, FL
- 1996 Saint Dominic Award, Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI
- 1993 Regina Medal, Regina Dominican High School, Wilmette, IL
- 1962-1966 Royal Neighbors of America, competitive full tuition scholarship
- 1963 Lambda Iota Tau, Siena Height College Chapter

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Compass Points for the Journey: Theology and Dominican Spirituality.” Conference on Dominican Spirituality for Contemporary Seekers, Great Schools of Spirituality Series, The Retreat Center at St. John’s, Plymouth, MI, 9-12 June, 2008.

“Trinity and Teamwork.” Aquinas Business Forum. Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO, 13 February 2008. Presentation.

“Images of Christ.” Internovitiate Collaborative Network, St. Louis, MO, 16 January 2007. Presentations.

“Theology of Religious Life.” Institute of Religious Formation, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, 16 November 2007. Presentations.

“Homely Truths” and “Homing Instincts.” Dominicans and other religious, Houston, TX, 2 June 2007. Lectures.

“At Home in Wisdom’s Tent: Study, Contemplation and the Pursuit of Truth.” Symposium celebrating 800 years of Dominican Life, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI, 15 May 2007. Lecture.

“Where Is God? Suffering and the Sacred.” Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, England, 28 February 2007. 2007 Mary Ward Lecture.

“In Conversation: The Gospel and the New Cosmology.” Weber Center, Adrian, MI, 1-2 December 2006. Workshop.

“Images of Christ.” Internovitiate Collaborative Network, St. Louis, MO, 22 March 2006. Presentations.

“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?” American Jewish Committee Series on Suffering, St. Louis, MO, 5 March 2006. Keynote address.

“This Is the Time of Fulfillment.” Aquinas Alumni Faith Community Lenten Day of Reflection, St. Louis, MO, 4 March 2006. Presentation.

“A Contemplative Journey into Vision.” Adrian Dominican Midwest Assembly, Wheaton, IL. 12 November 2005. Presentations.

“Eucharist, Women and the Universe Story.” Adorers of the Precious Blood, Ruma, IL, 4 October 2005. Lecture.

“Gospel, Tradition, and the Universe Story.” Vision Integration Study Week, Weber Center, Adrian, MI, 25 June 2005. Presentation.

“Religious Life in the Life of the Church.” Archdiocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life with Cardinal George, Chicago, IL, 12 February 2005. Lecture.

“Dominican Charism and History.” Leadership Council of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, Santa Cruz, CA, 19-22 January 2005. Workshop.

“Theology of Religious Life and Its Implications for Leaders and Formators,” “Centered and Eccentric: Vocation and Mission,” “Religious Life in the Church.” Religious Formation Conference, “A Movement in Hope: Continuing the Conversation on a Theology of Religious Life.” Region IV (Villa Maria, PA, 2-3 April 2004); Region VI (Dayton, OH, 12-13 November 2004); Region X (St. Louis, MO, 15-16 April 2005). Lectures.

“The Future of Religious Life: Refounding and Transformation.” Annual assembly of the Sisters of the Humility of Mary, Villa Maria, PA, 12 August 2004. Keynote address.

“There Are No Wallflowers in the Dance Hall of God.” Centennial Speakers Series, Stanford Catholic Center in Stanford, CA, 18 May 2004. Lecture.

“Dominican Charism and Spirituality,” Aquinas Institute Faculty Summit, St. Louis, MO, 15-16 April 2004. Presentation.

“Jesus and the Reign of God.” Ignatian Volunteers in Chicago, IL, 15 January 2003.

“Walking Through Fire.” Leadership Conference of Women Religious, National Assembly in Albuquerque, NM, 20 August 2000. Presentation.

“A Graced World: Spiritual and Ecological Perspectives.” Dominican Hospital Sister Sponsors in Santa Cruz, CA, 3-4 March 2000.

“A Graced World: Theology of Karl Rahner.” Center for Religious Development in Detroit, MI, 12 February 2000. Presentation.

“As the World Turns. . .” and “‘Til Turning, Turning, We Come Round Right. . . .” Assembly of the Springfield Dominican Congregation in Springfield, IL, 31 December 1999. Keynote addresses.

“Spirituality in a Post-Modern World.” Conference on Spirituality and Education sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence, St. Louis University in St. Louis, MO, 12 November 1999. Lecture.

“Write the Vision Down.” Remembering the Call, Regional Serra Conference in Cleveland, OH, June 1997. Lecture.

- “Women in the Gospel.” Lenten Series for South East Adrian, Nokomis, and Great Lakes Chapters of the Adrian Dominican Sisters in Detroit, MI, March 1997. Presentation.
- “The Power of Community as Mission” and “Community: A Pilgrim’s Progress.” Nokomis Chapter Assembly in Adrian, MI, November 1996. Lectures.
- “The Evolution of the Sponsorship Relationship between Barry University and the Adrian Dominican Congregation.” Barry University Board in Miami, FL, September 1996
- “Living in Love: The Challenge of Christian Discipleship.” National Serra Conference in Cleveland, OH, September 1995. Lecture.
- “Identity in Mission.” Adrian Dominican Overseas Mission Chapter Assembly in Adrian, MI, August 1995. Keynote address.
- “Dominican Life in Mission.” National Meeting of Dominican Associates in Chicago, IL, June 1995. Presentation.
- “Feminine Images of God.” Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital Sisters’ Retreat in Santa Cruz, CA, February 1995. Presentations.
- “We Renew Our Life in Mission.” Elected Leadership Assembly in Adrian, MI, September 1994. Keynote address.
- “A Question of Identity,” “Vision and Hope for Dominican Life.” Adrian Dominican Southwest Chapter Assembly in Adrian, MI, September 1994. Keynote addresses.
- “Dialogue and St. Catherine of Siena.” Fall Convocation, Siena Heights College in Adrian, MI, September 1994. Convocation address.
- “Alive in Christ: Images of Wholeness.” Adrian Dominican Theology Study Week in Adrian, MI, August 1994. Course.
- “Sisters in Flesh and Spirit.” Ursuline Leadership Assembly in Toledo, OH, May 1994. Keynote address.
- “Take Care of the Vine: Sponsorship in the Adrian Dominican Tradition.” Institutional Sponsorship Conference, in Adrian, MI, March 1994. Keynote address.
- “Adopting the Vision Statements.” Meeting of Catholic Healthcare Providers in Adrian, MI, October 1993. Keynote address.
- “To Preach the Visions.” Spring Forum, Adrian Dominican Michigan/Ohio Area Mission Chapters in Detroit, MI, March 1993. Keynote address.

- “To Preach and to Shape a Community.” Adrian Dominican Florida Mission Chapter Assembly in Miami, FL, November 1992. Keynote address.
- “Reflections on Community.” Adrian Dominican Chicago Mission Chapters Assembly in Chicago, IL, October 1992. Keynote address.
- “To Educate For Justice” Assembly of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Chardon, OH, July 1992. Keynote address.
- “Catholic Seminaries and Theological Leadership.” National Catholic Educational Association Convention in Chicago, IL, April 1991. Panel presentation.
- “Searching for Truth: Heresy, Story and Hope,” with Patricia Siemen, OP. Adrian Dominican General Assembly in Adrian, MI, August 1989. Keynote address.
- “Future of Religious Life.” Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Region VII Assembly in Donaldson, IN, November 1988. Presentation.
- “Obedience and Authority Today.” Adrian Dominican Southwest Chapter Assembly in Albuquerque, NM, December 1984. Keynote address.
- “Faith: Call to Conversion,” Adrian Dominican Midwest Chapter Assembly in Rockford, IL, September 1984. Keynote address.
- “Issues in the Church,” “Women in Ministry,” “Religious Life in the Church.” Tacoma Dominican Assembly in Tacoma, WA, December 1983. Lectures.
- “Crises in the Church.” Conference on Envisioning the Future in Adrian, MI, November 1983
- “Developmental Approaches to Authority,” “Authority Today.” Notre Dame College in Belmont, CA, October 1983. Lectures.
- “Theories of Value and Faith Development.” Dominican Faculty, Dominican College in San Rafael, CA, October 1983. Lecture.
- “Eschatology and Pareschatology.” Aquinas Lecture, Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI, November, 1978.
- “A Developmental Approach to Values in Education,” with Donna Kustusich, OP. Conference on Values in Higher Education, Siena Heights College, Spring 1978.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Catholic Theological Society of America

American Academy of Religion