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EDUCATION

Ph. D. Ave Maria University (Theology)
Naples, Florida (May 2007)

M.A. Assumption College (Theology)
Worcester, Massachusetts (May 1994)

B.A. Assumption College (Psychology)
Worcester, Massachusetts (May 1990)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assumption College (Worcester, Massachusetts)
Professor (2016-)
Director of Core Texts and Enduring Questions Program (2016-)
Associate Professor (2012-2016)
Theology Department Chair (2012-)

Ave Maria University (Naples, Florida)
Associate Professor (2010-2012)
Director of Graduate Programs in Theology (2007-2012)
Assistant Professor of Theology (2004-2009)

Assumption College (Worcester, Massachusetts)
Instructor of Theology (1999-2004)

SCHOLARLY CONCENTRATION

Relationship between Faith and Reason
Catholicism and the Political Order
Pope Benedict XVI

PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED BOOKS

Christians as Political Animals: Taking the Measure of Modernity and Modern Democracy (Wilmington, DE: ISI Books, 2010).

EDITED BOOKS

Liberating Logos: Pope Benedict XVI's September Speeches (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2014)

Pope Benedict XVI and the Politics of Modernity (London: Routledge Publications, 2014).

Jerusalem, Athens, and Rome: Essays in Honor of James V. Schall, S.J. (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine's Press, 2013).

The Science of Modern Virtue: On Descartes, Darwin, and Locke, coedited with Peter Augustine Lawler (DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2013).

Reason, Revelation, and Human Affairs: Selected Writings of James V. Schall (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2001).

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

“Scientist, Scholar, Soul” in *The New Atlantis*, (48) Spring/Summer 2016. 110-120.

“Moderating the Magnanimous Man: Aquinas on Greatness of Soul” in *Theology Needs Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Ralph McInerney*, edited by Matthew L. Lamb (The Catholic University of America Press, 2016), 253-265.

“Pierre Manent and the Dialectics of Augustine’s *The City of God*” in *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Proceedings: Freedom and the Moral Law*, 36th Annual Convention, 2014, 45-56.

“Descartes, Locke, and the Virtue of the Individual” in *The Science of Modern Virtue: Essays on Descartes, Darwin, and Locke*, edited by Peter Augustine Lawler and Marc D. Guerra (Northern Illinois University Press, 2013), 143-159.

“The University in a Pluralistic Society” in *Jerusalem, Athens, and Rome: Essays in Honor of James V. Schall, S.J.* edited by Marc D. Guerra (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine’s Press, 2013), 269-283.

“The Place of Liberal Education in Contemporary Higher Education” in *Society*, 46 (4), May/June 2013, 333-339.

“The One, the Many, and the Mystical Body” in *The Heythrop Journal*, 53 (6), November 2012, 904-914.

“Pope Benedict XVI as Theologico-Political Thinker” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 41 (1), January-March 2012, 1-3.

“Good and Bad De-Hellenization” in *Gained Horizons: Regensburg and the Enlargement of Reason*, edited by Bainard Cowan (South Bend, IN: St. Augustine’s Press, 2011), 41-48.

“Why We Need a ‘Stuck with Virtue’ Science” (co-authored with Peter Augustine Lawler) in *The New Atlantis*, (23), Summer 2011, 3-15.

“Can We Have a Public Bioethics? Reflections Occasioned by the President’s Council” in *Society*, 46 (4), July/August 2009, 333-340.

“Review Essay: The Not-Quite-Dead God” in *Modern Age*, 51 (2), Spring 2009, 170-175.

“Christianity and Contemporary Political Life” in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*, 11 (40), Fall 2008, 74-93.

“The Use and Abuse of *Thanatos* in Life” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 37 (3), Summer 2008, 136-141.

“Orestes Brownson Revisited” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 37 (1), Winter 2008, 5-7.

“Leo Strauss and the Recovery of the Theologico-Political Problem” in *The Political Science Reviewer*, XXXVI (2007), 47-80.

- “The Limits of Darwinian Natural Law” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 34 (3), Summer 2005, 144-152.
- “Profiles in American Thomism” in *Democracy and Its Friendly Critics*, Edited by Peter Lawler (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2004), 124-135.
- “Prudence and the Legislative Art in Book II of Aristotle’s *Politics*” in *Gladly to Teach and Learn: Essays Honoring Ernest L. Fortin, A.A.* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002), 163-180.
- “Beyond Natural Law Talk: Politics and Prudence in St. Thomas’s *On Kingship*” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 31 (1), Winter 2002, 8-14.
- “The Genuine Affirmation of Human Dignity in Catholic Social Thought” in *Markets & Morality*, 4 (2), Fall 2001, 295-301.
- “The Delusion of Darwinian Natural Law” in *Religion & Liberty*, 11 (4), July/August 2001, 8-11.
- “Christianity’s Epicurean Temptation” in *Faith, Reason, and Political Life Today* ed. Peter Lawler (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001), 227-241.
- “James Schall on Politics and the Problem of Faith and Reason” in *Gregorianum*, 82 (2), 2001, 357-383.
- “Declaration of the Rights of Land” in *Religion & Liberty*, 10 (2), March/April 2000, 11-13.
- “Living the Theologico-Political Problem: On Ernest Fortin’s Essays” in *The Political Science Reviewer*, 28 (1999), 219-271.
- “The Ambivalence of Classic Natural Right: Leo Strauss on Philosophy, Morality, and Statesmanship” in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 28 (2), Spring 1999, 69-74.
- “Aristotle on Pleasure and Political Philosophy: A Study in Book VII of the *Nicomachean Ethics*” in *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, 24 (2), Winter 1997, 171-182.
- “Leo Strauss and the Christian Academy” in *Religious Studies and Theology*, 15 (2-3), 1996, 19-29.

REVIEWS

- S. Adam Seagrave, *The Foundations of Natural Morality: On the Compatibility of Natural Rights and the Natural Law* in *Perspectives on Politics*, 13 (4). December 2015, 19-21.
- Eric Gregory, *Politics and the Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship* in *The Review of Politics*, 71 (4). Fall 2009, 677-680.
- Kenneth L. Grasso and Robert P. Hunter, *Catholicism and Religious Freedom: Contemporary Reflections on Vatican II’s Declaration on Religious Liberty* in *Journal of Markets & Morality*, 10 (2), Fall 2007, 388-391.
- Peter Augustine Lawler, *Stuck With Virtue: The American Individual and Our Biotechnological Future* in *Society*, 44 (3), April 2007, 105-109.
- Chantal Delsol, *Icarus Fallen* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 35 (1), Spring 2006, 46-47.

- Robert Kraynak, *Christian Faith and Modern Democracy* in *Modern Age*, 46 (1&2), Winter/Spring 2004, 139-143.
- Peter Lawler, *Aliens in America* in *The Intercollegiate Review*, 38 (2), Spring/Summer 2003, 56-59.
- Robert George, *The Clash of Orthodoxies: Law, Religion, and Morality in Crisis* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 32 (1), Winter 2003, 59-60.
- Leon Kass, *Life, Liberty, and the Defense of Dignity* in *First Things*, (130), February 2003, 59-63.
- Francis Fukuyama, *Our Postmodern Society: Consequences of the Biotechnology Revolution* in *First Things*, (126), October 2002, 57-60.
- Michael Budde and Robert Brimlow, *Christianity Incorporated: How Big Business is Buying the Church* in *Religion & Liberty*, 12 (3), May 2002, 11-12.
- James V. Schall, *On the Unseriousness of Human Affairs* in *First Things*, (125) August/September 2002, 81.
- Thomas More, *The Last Letters of Thomas Moore* in *Religion & Liberty*, 10 (6), November/December 2000, 11-12.
- Vukan Kuic, *Yves R. Simon: Real Democracy* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 29 (4), Winter 2000, 246.
- Yves Simon, *Philosopher at Work* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 29 (3), Fall 2000, 59-60.
- George Carey, *Community and Tradition* and Peter Lawler, *Community and Political Thought Today* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 28 (4), Fall 1999, 219-220.
- Francis Fukuyama, *The Great Disruption: Human Nature and the Reconstitution of Social Order* in *Religion & Liberty*, 9 (4), July/August 1999, 11-12.
- James V. Schall, *Jacques Maritain: The Philosopher in Society* in *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly*, 22 (3), Summer 1999, 29-32.
- James V. Schall, *At the Limits of Political Philosophy: From "Brilliant Errors" to Things of Uncommon Importance* in *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 73, (2), Spring, 1999, 343-47.
- Pierre Manent, *Modern Liberty and Its Discontents* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 28 (2), Spring 1999, 117.
- Heinrich Rommen, *The Natural Law: A Study in Legal and Social History and Philosophy* in *Perspectives on Political Science*, 28 (1), Winter 1999, 59.
- Kenneth Hart Green, *Jew and Philosopher: The Return to Maimonides in the Jewish Thought of Leo Strauss* in *CRISIS*, 14 (2), February 1996, 51.
- John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope* in *Catholic International*, 6 (5) May 1995, 173.

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED LECTURES AND RESPONSES

Respondent to Douglas Kries' Fortin Lecture at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts on March 21, 2014.

- Paper Delivered on “Augustine’s Theological Goal in *The City of God*” at The University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas on January 31, 2014.
- Paper Delivered on “Catholic Liberal Education: A Mixed Mode” at The University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas on January 30, 2014.
- Paper Delivered on “Covetousness: A Public and Private Sin” at The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts on October 7, 2013.
- Paper delivered on “The Place of Liberal Education in Contemporary Higher Education” at Berry College, Rome, Georgia, on April 19, 2012.
- Paper delivered on “The Common Good in Catholic Social Thought” at Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, California, on January 13, 2012.
- Paper delivered on “The One, the Many, and the Mystical Body” at Loyola University, Baltimore, Maryland, on November 2, 2011.
- Paper delivered on “Christianity and Pierre Manent’s Thought” at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, on September 27, 2011.
- 2010 Emmanuel D’Alzon Lecture titled “Taking Christianity and Democracy Seriously” delivered at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts, on November 11, 2010.
- Paper delivered on “Moderating the Modern Prometheus” at Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland, on October 21, 2008.
- Paper delivered on “The Two Lockes: A Mixed Blessing?” at Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, on February 20, 2008.
- Paper delivered on “The Rejection of Political Theology: A Note on the Regensburg Lecture” at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, on November 26, 2007.
- Paper delivered on “Democracy and the Encumbered Self: Ascending from Individualism” at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina on October 20, 2007.
- Paper delivered on “Good and Bad De-Hellenization” at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts on September 22, 2007.
- Paper delivered on “Educational Silences in Contemporary Christian Education” at Berry College, Rome Georgia on March 30, 2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Paper Delivered on “Margaret Edson’s *Wit*: A Play” at the American Catholic Philosophical Society Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts on October 9, 2015.
- Paper Delivered on “Further Thoughts on James V. Schall, S.J.” at APSA Annual Conference in San Francisco, California on September 4, 2015.
- Paper Delivered on “Augustine’s Case for Pagan Studies” at ACTC Conference on “The Intersection of Secular and Religious Cores” in Memphis, Tennessee on September 26, 2014.

Paper Delivered on “Teaching Theology in a Liberal Democracy” at the “Faith & Reason Annual Colloquium” at St. Anselm’s College, Manchester, New Hampshire on April 11, 2014.

Paper delivered on “Augustine, Pierre Manent, and the Christian Dialectics of *The City of God*” at the 36th annual convention of The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 27, 2013.

Paper delivered on “Dante’s Poetic Presentation of Faith” at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 21, 2009.

Paper delivered on “Can We Have a Public Bioethics?” at the Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, Massachusetts on November 15, 2008.

Paper delivered on “Religious Pluralism and the Catholic University” at the APSA convention in Chicago, Illinois on September 1, 2007.

Paper delivered on “The Philosopher and Revelation: Whether an Aristotelian or a Platonist Be?” at the Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 8, 1997.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OR INSTITUTES

Paper delivered on “The Nature of Nature in Natural Law” at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts on April 7, 2007.

Paper delivered on “Augustine: Moral Realist or Idealist?” at Berry College, Rome, Georgia on November 21, 2002.

Paper delivered on “Sin, Therapy and the Crisis in the Catholic Church” at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts on September 19, 2002.

Paper delivered on “The Justice of Justice War Theory” at Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts on April 17, 2002.

Paper delivered on “Cloning and the Conquest of Human Nature” at Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia on March 6, 2002.

Paper delivered on “The Genuine Affirmation of Human Dignity” at The Acton Institute, Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 9, 2001.

Paper delivered on “The Role of Virtue Ethics in Medieval Christian Theology” at the Medieval Institute of Theology and Philosophy at Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts on April 25, 2001.

Paper delivered on “The Flight from Particularity: On Nicholas Boyle’s *Who Are We Now? Christian Humanism and the Global Market from Hegel to Heaney*” at the Lonergan Center Workshop, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts on March 11, 2000.

COURSES TAUGHT

Partial Listing

Assumption College:
The Bible

The Early Church
Moral Theology
Catholicism Today
20th Century Religious Thinkers
Augustine
Thomas Aquinas
Religion and Modernity
Christianity and Democracy
Bioethics

Ave Maria University (Undergraduate):
Christ and His Church
Moral Theology
Living in Christ
Humanities Seminar I and II
Catholic Political Thought
Aristotle's *Politics*
Tocqueville

Ave Maria University (Graduate):
The Church
Sources of Moral Theology
Fundamental Moral Theology
Natural Law: Ancient and Modern
Bioethics and Human Dignity
Theology and Postmodernism
Sin and Free Will
Augustine's *Contra Academicos*
Catholic Social Thought
Graduate Colloquium
Ancients I and II
Moderns I and II

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

\$150,000.00 Grant Award from the University of Chicago's *A New Science of Virtues Project* (April, 2010).

Ave Maria University's Refiner's Fire Teaching Excellence Award (April 2010).

Assumption College's Paul Ziegler Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship (April 2016)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Stuck with Virtue Lecture Series (Co-Director)
The Academy of Catholic Theology (Member)
American Academy of Religion (Member)
American Catholic Philosophical Association (Member)
American Political Science Association (Associate Member)
The Fellowship of Catholic Scholars (Member)
Consulting Editor, *Perspectives on Political Science*, (2009-)
Contributing Editor, *Religion & Liberty*, (1999-2003)
John Adams Center (Advisory Board)

REFERENCES

J. Brian Benestad, *D'Amour Chair in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition* at Assumption College
Stephen F. Brown, *Professor of Theology* at Boston College
Thomas Hibbs, *Dean and Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Culture* at Baylor University
Peter Augustine Lawler, *Professor of Government* at Berry College
Daniel J. Mahoney, *Professor of Political Science* at Assumption College