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SCHOLARLY AND RESEARCH PROJECTS:

AREAS OF CURRENT PERSONAL RESEARCH:

1. Virtue Ethics of Aquinas.
2. Metaphysics in the Aristotelian tradition: Avicenna [Ibn Sina], Aquinas, Bonaventure.

GROUP PROJECTS (ongoing):

1. *International Medieval Congress*, Kalamazoo, Michigan: Organizer of sessions on the thought of Aquinas, sponsored by the Center for Thomistic Studies at this annual conference; three sessions with nine papers each year: June 1990-present. (Since 1999, I have co-ordinated with John F. Boyle, who organizes three different sessions each year, also on the thought of Aquinas).
<http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/index.html>

2. *Aquinas and the Virtues*: Editor. I have a formal agreement with The Catholic University of America Press for a series of seven books, each one to contain ten to fourteen essays devoted to the thought of Thomas Aquinas on one of the seven major virtues—the four cardinal and the three theological virtues. I am the Series Editor; Dr. Benjamin Smith, Aquinas College, Nashville, a former student, is Assistant Series Editor; and Dr. Mary Catherine Sommers is Associate Editor.

3. *Bonaventure Texts in Translation Series*: Editorial Board member. Since 2001 I have served on the Editorial Board, Bonaventure Texts in Translation Series, Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, NY. <http://www.sbu.edu/FranciscanInstitute.aspx?id=4950> . Our volume on God was published in 2014; our volume on creation is being written.

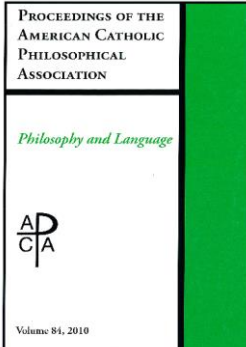
4. *Aquinas Translation Series, The Catholic University of America Press*: Editorial Board member, appointed in 2007.

5. *Aquinas and 'the Arabs' International Research Project*. In 2008 I was invited to participate in this international collaborative research project. President: Richard C. Taylor, Marquette University, Milwaukee; Vice President: Luis Lopez-Farjeat, Universidad Panamericana, Mexico City.
http://web.mac.com/mistertea/Aquinas_%26_the_Arabs/Aquinas_%26_the_Arabs.html

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS PUBLISHED:

	<p>1. Editor and author, <u>Medieval Masters: Essays in Memory of Msgr. E.A. Synan</u>. <u>Thomistic Papers VII</u>. Houston: Center for Thomistic Studies; South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 1999. Pp. Xiii; 287.</p> <p>Review: Desmond Fitzgerald, <u>The Thomist</u> 67(2003) 331-4. R. E. Houser, the editor of this volume, contributes a lengthy examination of "Bonaventure's Three-Fold Way to God." He shows that Bonaventure used different approaches to the demonstration of the existence of God. Well aware of the logical requirements presented by Aristotle, Bonaventure had a certain enthusiasm for the approach of Anselm which Houser prefers to call the "noetiological" rather than the Kantian "ontological." He shows Bonaventure working to present a more effective version of Augustinian <i>illumination</i> as well as a cosmological argument (effect to cause) which Houser calls "aitiological," using transcendental Truth as the starting point. The argument reminds one of Aquinas's fourth way, since it concludes via a theory of participation in a God who is Truth Itself, and consequently Being Itself. This collection of essays does honor to Fr. Synan and is another fine contribution to the series of Thomistic Papers published by the University of St. Thomas Center for Thomistic Studies.</p>
	<p>2. Translator and author, <u>The Cardinal Virtues: Aquinas, Albert, Philip the Chancellor</u>. <u>Mediaeval Sources in Translation 39, Studies in Medieval Moral Teaching 4</u>. Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, 2004. Pp. x; 256.</p> <p>Review:</p> <p>Raymond Dennehy, <u>Review of Metaphysics</u> (2005): 666-7: "Houser's introduction to the translations, some 83 pages, offers the reader a masterful overview of how the doctrine of the cardinal virtues developed from Socrates down to Aquinas. ... <i>Houser's masterful unfolding</i> of the history of thinking about the cardinal virtues, from Socrates and the Greek and Roman philosophers, to the early Church Fathers and finally to the Medieval theologians reveals Philip, Albert, and Aquinas to be part of a continuous tradition of thinkers devoted to the search for truth and wisdom in the pursuit of which they displayed an intellectual rigor and sophistication that was the equal of the Greek and modern thinkers."</p> <p>Comment: In his article, "Thomas's Categorization of Virtue: Historical Background and Contemporary Significance," <u>The Thomist</u> 74 (2010): 213, n. 75, William Mattison, Theology, The Catholic University of America, comments: "Houser's work on the cardinal virtues in the thirteenth century is the closest English equivalent to Lottin's magisterial work in <i>Psychologie et morale</i>, 3.2."</p>

	<p>3. Editor and author, <u>Laudemus viros gloriosos: Essays in Honor of Armand Augustine Maurer C.S.B.</u> South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007. Pp. 408.</p> <p>Review: Alexander Fidora, Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona, <u>Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews</u>, 2008.02.03. In his essay “Houser revisits the real distinction between essence and existence in Avicenna and Aquinas. He does so in a new and convincing way, placing the question in the larger context of how metaphysics arrives at its principles. Houser argues that these principles are neither demonstrated conclusions nor unproven theses, but that they are obtained through dialectical argumentation.”</p>
	<p>4. Co-editor, with Thomas Osborne, <u>Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Forgiveness</u>, Vol. 82, 2008, Charlottesville, Virginia: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2009, Pp. 346.</p>
	<p>5. Co-editor, with Christopher Martin, <u>Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Reason in Context</u>, Vol. 83, 2009, Charlottesville, Virginia: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2010, pp. 324.</p>
	<p>6. Co-editor, with Thomas Osborne, <u>Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: Philosophy and Language</u>, Vol. 84, 2010, Charlottesville, Virginia: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2011, pp. 316.</p>

	<p>7. Editor, <u>Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: Science, Reason, and Religion</u>, Vol. 85, 2011, Charlottesville, Virginia: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2012, pp. 329.</p>
	<p>8. Editor, <u>Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: Philosophy in the Abrahamic Traditions</u>, Vol. 86, 2012, Charlottesville, Virginia: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2013, pp. 330.</p>
	<p>9. Editor, <u>Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association: Aristotle, Now and Then</u>, Vol. 87, 2013, Charlottesville, Virginia: Philosophy Documentation Center, 2014, pp. 322.</p>
	<p>10. Translator and author, with Timothy Noone: <u>Bonaventure: Commentary on the Sentences, Book 1: Philosophy of God</u>. Translation, with introduction and notes. Bonaventure Texts in Translation Series. No. XVI. St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Press, 2014.</p> <p>Reviews have not yet come in. From the back cover:</p> <p>Timothy Johnson: “Bonaventure’s magnificent <u>Commentaries on the Sentences</u> have remained beyond the reach of Anglophone readers for far too long. This volume, with select questions from Books One and Three, presents the richness of Bonaventure’s little-known philosophy of God. With their superb translations and extensive annotations, R.E. Houser and Timothy B. Noone have provided students of the Seraphic Doctor with a resource they will treasure for years to come.”</p> <p>Christopher Cullen, SJ: “Noone and Houser have made a major contribution to the study of Bonaventure and medieval philosophy by providing a clear translation that introduces his <u>Commentary on the Sentences</u> to English-speaking readers. Their introduction to the volume is a model of scholarship and provides an invaluable tool for the study of Bonaventure and his</p>

	philosophy of God.
	11. Author: <u>Rhetoric and Reasoning: Logic as a Liberal Art</u> . Center for Thomistic Studies Publications. 2014. In press, being published by the Philosophy Documentation Center.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS:

12. Editor and author, Aquinas and Temperance. Essays by: Martin Tracey, Benedictine University; Mark Barker, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans; Kevin White, The Catholic University of America; Lianne Farber, University of Minnesota; Randall Smith, University of St. Thomas (Texas); James Jacobs, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans; Susan Selner-Wright, St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver; Janet E. Smith, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit; Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung, Calvin College;; R. E. Houser. I am General Editor of the series Aquinas and the Virtues for Catholic University of America Press; Dr. Benjamin Smith, Aquinas College, Nashville, is Assistant Editor of the project.

13. Translator and author, with Richard C. Taylor and Luis Xavier Lopez-Farjeat. Aquinas and the 'Arabs': The Commentary on the Sentences, A Translation with Commentary. Vol. 1 on God; Vol. 2 on Creatures. This work consists in the first English translation of significant portions of Aquinas's *Scriptum*, accompanied by a detailed commentary that focuses on the influence of Muslim and Jewish thinkers on the thought of Aquinas. Houser is principal author of vol. 1, Taylor is principal author of vol. 2. This work was solicited by Cambridge University Press, with whom the three authors have a contract. Projected submission date: Fall 2015.

14. Author, The Virtue Ethics of Friar Thomas de Aquino. Monograph. After considering the essentials of Aquinas's moral theory in Summa theologiae 1-2, the book concentrates on Aquinas's presentation of the seven major virtues, the three theological virtues and the four cardinal virtues, and how they should interact in leading the moral agent to both imperfect and perfect happiness. Presentation focuses on Summa theologiae 2-2, but other works of Aquinas are incorporated in the argument.

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6. "Chronos and Logos: Rhetoric and the Rise of Philosophy", American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Annual ACPA Proceedings 68(1994) 247-258.
7. "Plato: The Human Person as Spirit". c. 1 of Images of the Human: The Philosophy of the Human Person in a Religious Context. ed. H. Brown, D. Hudecki, L. Kennedy, J. Snyder. Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1995, 1-47.
8. "Aristotle: The Human Person as a Besouled Body". c. 2 of Images of the Human: The Philosophy of the Human Person in a Religious Context. ed. H. Brown, D. Hudecki, L. Kennedy, J. Snyder. Chicago: Loyola University Press, 1995, 49-87.
9. "Transforming Philosophical Water into Theological Wine: Gilson and Aquinas." American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Annual ACPA Proceedings 69 (1995) 103-116.
10. "Let Them Suffer into Truth: Avicenna's Remedy for Those Denying the Axioms of Thought." Issue on "Medieval Islamic Thought," ed. T.-A. Druart. American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly. 73 (1999) 107-133.
11. "Bonaventure's Threefold Way to God." Medieval Masters: Essays in Memory of Msgr. E.A. Synan. In the series Thomistic Papers VII, ed. R.E. Houser. Houston: Center for Thomistic Studies, 1999, 97-154.
12. "Courage (IIa IIae, 123-140)" Solicited and accepted for Stephen J. Pope, ed., Essays on the Ethics of Thomas Aquinas. Washington, D.C: Georgetown University Press, 2002, pp. 304-320.
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16. "Cicero and Aquinas on the Precepts of the Natural Law," Jörgen Vijgen, ed., Indubitanter ad veritatem: Studies offered to Leo J. Elders SVD in Honor of the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood, Budel, Holland: Damon, 2003, pp. 244-263.
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18. "Maritain, Jacques," The Dictionary of Modern American Philosophy, John R. Shook, gen. ed. Bristol: Thommes Press, 2005, 3: 1616-1623.
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21. With Timothy Noone: "Bonaventure, St." Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy <http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html> (1 November 2005).
22. "The Real Distinction and the Principles of Metaphysics: Avicenna and Aquinas." in Laudemus viros gloriosos: Essays in Honor of Armand Maurer CSB. R.E. Houser, ed. Center for Thomistic Studies Series. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007, 75-108.
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4. Review of Thomas Aquinas, Disputed Questions on the Virtues, E.M. Atkins, ed. and trans., Thomas Williams, ed. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), for Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, ndpr.nd.edu/reviews, 18 July 2007.

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6. Review of Ide M. Ni Riain, trans., Denis the Carthusian, Ecstatic Doctor, Virtues and Vices, (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2009), for Journal of the History of Philosophy 48 (2010) 523-4.

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