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CURRENT POSITIONS

Director, Honors Program; Associate Professor of Philosophy; Associate of Center for Thomistic Studies.

EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Philosophy (with Distinction), The Catholic University of America (1990). Dissertation: *Civil Association and the Common Good in the Philosophy of Michael Oakeshott*. Director: Robert S. Sokolowski

M. A. in Philosophy, Oklahoma State University (1975).

B. A. in Humanities, Oklahoma State University (1971).

Areas of Specialization: political philosophy; history of philosophy; Thomistic natural law.

Areas of Competence: philosophy of the human person; philosophy of history; ethics; Plato and Aristotle.

Additional Areas of Interest: "Great Books"; philosophy and literature

COURSES TAUGHT

Ancient Philosophy; Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of the Human Person; Ethics; Political Philosophy; Philosophy of History and Culture; Philosophy of Education; Contemporary Catholic Moral and Political Philosophy ; Senior Seminar (Philosophy); Philosophical Themes in Literature; Liberalism and Political Philosophy; The Tribe and the City (Honors Seminar); Revolution and the New Empires (Honors Seminar); Thomistic Political Philosophy (grad); Political Philosophy of Plato and Aristotle (grad); Machiavelli and Hobbes (grad); Contemporary Theories of Natural Law (grad); The Catholic Moralism in the Modern World (MLA Program); Identities (MLA Program);

PUBLICATIONS

"Dirty Hands in Politics? Maritain's Answer to Machiavelli," forthcoming in *Proceedings of the American Maritain Association*.

"Signs and Reversals of Identity in Sophocles' *Oedipus Tyrannus*." In *Semiotics 2008*. Ed. John Deely and Leonard G. Sbrocchi. New York, Ottawa and Toronto: Legas, 2009.

"Beyond the Procedural Republic: The Communitarian Liberalism of Michael Sandel." Revised and Expanded Version. In *Liberalism at the Crossroads*. 2nd edition. Ed. Christopher Wolfe and John Hittinger. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2003.

"Neutral Frameworks, the Rule of Law and the Common Good." In *The Failure of Modernism: The Cartesian Legacy and Contemporary Pluralism*. Ed. Brendan Sweetman. Mishawaka, IN: American Maritain Association, 1999.

"Natural Law and Legislation." In *Natural Law and Public Policy*. Ed David L. Forte. Washington: Georgetown University Press, 1998.

“Sophistry and Wisdom in Plato’s *Meno*.” *Proceedings of the Philosophy of Education Society: 1996*. Pp. 110-113.

“Beyond the Procedural Republic: The Communitarian Liberalism of Michael Sandel.” In *Liberalism at the Crossroads*. Ed. Christopher Wolfe and John Hittinger. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 1994.

Review of *The Voice of Liberal Learning: Michael Oakeshott on Education*. Ed. Timothy Fuller. *Review of Metaphysics* (September 1989)

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

“Lies, Damned Lies and Noble Lies: Justice and Truth in the *Republic*,” Association for Core Texts and Courses, 2013 Conference (April 25-28), Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada.

“Enjoying the Fruits of the Earth Without Pain: Philosophy as Mastery of Nature,” Association for Core Texts and Courses, 2012 Conference (March 29-April 1), Carthage College, Milwaukee, WI.

“The Interminability of Socratic Education for Excellence, Association for Core Texts and Courses, 2011 Conference (April 14-17), Yale University, New Haven, CT.

“Work, Leisure and the *Vita Contemplativa*,” Association for Core Texts and Courses, 2009 Conference (April 16-19), Rhodes College, Memphis, TN.

**THESES AND
DISSERTATIONS
DIRECTED
(Center for Thomistic
Studies)**

Robert M. Bunting, “Universals and Laws of Nature.” Ph. D. Dissertation, Center for Thomistic Studies (1998)

Maria Fontana Magee, “Finnis’ Need for Prudence: Limitations of the Practical Reasonableness View.” M.A. Thesis, Center for Thomistic Studies (1997)

**COLLOQUIUM
PRESENTATIONS
(Center for Thomistic
Studies)**

“Judicial Brinkmanship: The Courts on Physician-Assisted Suicide”

“Glaucón’s Challenge in *Republic II*: Virtue, Publicity and Privacy”

“Life, Dignity and Justice: Can a Thomist Support Capital Punishment?”

“Natural Law and the Legislator”

“Speech and the Human Good”

“Aquinas on Tyranny”

“Yves Simon’s Theory of the Common Good”

**UNIVERSITY
COMMITTEES**

Honors Program Committee, Chair (current)

Task Force on Faculty Workload

Core Curriculum Review Committee

Catholic Studies Advisory Committee

Strategic Vision Work Group on Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Retention

First Year Interdisciplinary Course Committee

Undergraduate Research Committee

Scholarship Committee

Graduation Committee

Faculty Development Committee

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Extra University Scholarship Committee

