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## EDUCATION

2001                    Ph.D., Historical Theology, Saint Louis University.  
Concentration in Medieval Theology.  
Dissertation: *Constructing an Image of St. Francis: Rhetoric in Thomas of Celano's Vita Prima Sancti Francisci*.  
Qualifying examinations in Franciscanism, Theology of John Henry Newman, Roman Catholic Modernism.

1996                    M.A., Historical Theology, Saint Louis University.  
Concentration in the Protestant Reformation.

1992                    B.A., History, University of Missouri-Saint Louis.

## EMPLOYMENT

2005-present           Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Theology,  
University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

2011-present           Adjunct Professor, Department of History and Department of  
Political Science, Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort  
Wayne, Indiana.

2012-present           Adjunct Professor (online), Department of Theology, Lourdes  
University, Sylvania, Ohio.

2012-present           Adjunct Professor (online), Department of Religious Studies, Sacred  
Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut.

2012-present           Adjunct Professor (online), Department of Religious Studies, The  
College of Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota.

2001-2005              Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Saint  
Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana.

1999-200                      Adjunct Professor, Department of Theological Studies, Saint Louis  
University, St. Louis, Missouri.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

University of Saint Francis

The Catholic Church in History  
Introduction to Catholic Theology  
Introduction to Catholic Moral Theology  
Introduction to Christian Spirituality  
Introduction to the New Testament  
Christian Humanism  
Jesus, Person and Mystery  
Christianity, Judaism, and the Holocaust  
Peace and Justice  
Religious Themes in Media  
Church History (graduate level)  
The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition (graduate level)  
Christology (graduate level)  
Readings in Medieval Theology (graduate level)  
Spirituality and Spiritual Formation (graduate level)

Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne

Medieval Political Philosophy  
History of Christianity  
Western Civilization to 1500

Lourdes University

Introduction to the New Testament (online)

Sacred Heart University

Christian-Jewish Understanding (online)

College of St. Scholastica

Religious Perspectives in Health Care Ethics (online)

Saint Joseph's College

Introduction to Christian Scriptures  
The Sacraments  
Catholic Faith and Practice  
Christianity in History  
The Roots of Western Civilization  
The Christian Impact on Western Civilization  
Towards a Christian Humanism  
Christianity and the Human Situation: Arts/Literature

Saint Louis University

Theological Foundations

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Christian Thought in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages  
Hagiography  
Christian Humanism  
Theology and Rhetoric

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Books

*Rhetoric in the Monastic Tradition: A Textual Study* (New York: Peter Lang, 2012).

*Christian Humanism: Creation, Redemption, and Reintegration*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2007).

*The Eloquence of Sanctity: Rhetoric in Thomas of Celano's Vita Prima Sancti Francisci* (Quincy, IL: Franciscan Press, 2004).

Book Contract

*A Companion to Medieval Christian Humanism*, ed. John P. Bequette (Brill Academic Publishers). Anticipated publication date: Summer 2014.

## Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

"Theological Identity and Narrative Imagination: Narrative Theology in Newman's *Apologia* and *Loss and Gain*." *Downside Review* (forthcoming).

"Cassiodorus's *De Anima*: A Contribution to a New Christian Humanism?" *Josephinum Journal of Theology* (forthcoming).

"Monasticism, Evangelization, and Eloquence: Rhetoric in Bede's *Life of Cuthbert*." *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 48.3 (2013).

"Criteria for Graduation Speakers at Catholic Colleges and Universities." Co-authored with Adam DeVille and David Fleischacker. *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, April 2010.

"Sulpicius Severus' *Life of Saint Martin*: The Saint and His Biographer as Agents of Cultural Transformation." *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 13:2 (2010).

"Reclaiming the Heritage of the Apostles: *Haereditas* in Bernard's *Life of Saint Malachy*." *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 44:3 (2009).

"Aelred of Rievaulx's *Life of Saint Edward, King and Confessor*: A Saintly King and the Salvation of The English People." *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 43:1 (2008).

"Bede's Advent Homily on the Gospel of Mark: An Exercise in Rhetorical Theology." *American Benedictine Review* 57:3 (September 2006).

"Illumination, Incarnation, and Reintegration: Christian Humanism in Bonaventure's *De Reductione Artium ad Theologiam*." *Fides Quaerens Intellectum* III.1 (Autumn 2003).

"Conversion in Thomas of Celano's *Vita Prima Sancti Francisci*: Exemplar of Narrative Theology?" *Publications of the Medieval Association of the Midwest* 10 (2003).

## Articles in Popular Publications

"St. Thomas More: From Renaissance Man to Christian Martyr." *Crisis Magazine* (June 21, 2013).

"St. Anselm of Canterbury: Scholarship Rooted in Prayer." *Crisis Magazine* (April 21, 2013).

"Renouncing the World: St. Antony of Egypt." *Crisis Magazine* (January 17, 2013).

"St. Martin of Tours: Christian Valor Amidst Pagan Persecution." *Crisis Magazine* (November 8, 2012).

"Thomas of Celano's *Life of Saint Francis*: A Christian Humanist Appraisal." *The Cord* 62:3 (2012).

"St. Bernard of Clairvaux: Defender of the *Res Catholica*." *Crisis Magazine* (August 20, 2012).

### Book Reviews

*Gregory the Great, On the Song of Songs*, Mark DelCogliano, trans. (Collegeville, MN: Cistercian Publications, 2012). *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming).

Christopher Beeley, *Leading God's People: Wisdom from the Early Church for Today* (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2012). *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 48.1 (2013).

Jay Rubenstein, *Armies of Heaven: The First Crusade and the Quest for Apocalypse* (New York: Basic Books, 2011). *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* (2012).

Jonathan Riley-Smith, *The Crusades, Christianity, and Islam* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008). *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* (2011).

### PRESENTATIONS

"Heresy." Theology on Tap. September, 2013.

"The Venerable Bede: Prototype of Christian Humanism?" First Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, 2013.

"Christians, Jews, and *Nostra Aetate*." Public Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy and Theology, University of Saint Francis, February 2013.

"Christian Friendship." Public Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy and Theology, University of Saint Francis, November 2011.

"Christian Humanism and the Transformation of Desire in the Rule of Saint Benedict." 46<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 2011.

"Saints and Sages: Holiness in Christianity and Judaism." Public Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy and Theology, University of Saint Francis, January 2011.

"The Holocaust in Theological Perspective." Holocaust Symposium, sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Theology, University of Saint Francis, April 2010.

"Christians, Jews, and the Holocaust: Coming to Terms with a Troubling Past." Public Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy and Theology, University of Saint Francis, December 2009.

"Christian Humanism in the Lives of the Saints." Public Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy and Theology, University of Saint Francis, November 2008.

"The Saints, the Fathers, and Friendship: Taking Responsibility for Your Education." Commencement address for Northeast Indiana Catholic Home Educators, June 2007.

"Bede's Theology of History: An Exploration." 42<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 2007.

"St. Augustine's *City of God*: Christian Friendship and the Security of the Commonwealth." Historical Texts Lecture Series for The Remnant Trust, University of Saint Francis, March 2006.

"Bede's Advent Homily on the Gospel of Mark: An Exercise in Rhetorical Theology." 40<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 2005.

"Narrative Theology in John Henry Newman's *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* and *Loss and Gain*." Conference of the Venerable John Henry Newman Association, Saint Joseph's College, 2005.

"Reinterpreting Thomas of Celano's *Life of Saint Francis* According to Classical Rhetoric." 39<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 2004.

"Spirituality and the Political Order in Augustine's *City of God*." College Theology Society, Marquette University, 2003.

"Christian Humanism in Bonaventure's *De Reductione Artium ad Theologiam*." 37<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 2002."

“Conversion in Thomas of Celano’s *Vita Prima Sancti Francisci*: Exemplar of Narrative Theology?” 36<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, 2001.

“Narrative Theology in Thomas of Celano’s *Vita Prima Sancti Francisci*.” Annual Conference of the Medieval Association of the Midwest, College of St. Scholastica, 2000.

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

Currently serve on the Faculty Development Committee (2012-2015).

Served on the General Education Committee (2010-2013).

Served on the Committee for the Assessment of Student Academic Achievement (2009-2012).

Served on General Education assessment task force (Summer 2010).

Served as Chair of the Academic Council (2008-2009).

Served on the Library Committee (2007-2009).

Served as Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Theology (August 2005-February 2007). While serving as chair, directed the development of the Master of Arts in Theology program in close consultation with the Office of Catechesis in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Served on the Pope John Paul II Center Grand Opening Committee (2006).

Currently serve as faculty sponsor of USF Cougars for Life.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Medieval Academy of America, Intercollegiate Studies Institute

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Elliot Bartky  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne  
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