

Curriculum Vitae
Thomas P. Harmon, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology | Director, Honors Program Special Projects
Scholar of St. Augustine, classical thought, and liberal education
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Academic Appointments

Professor of Theology	Fall 2023-Present
Division Dean of Core and Centers for Excellence	Summer 2025-Summer 2026
Founding Director of the MA in Evangelization and Culture in partnership with the Word on Fire Institute	Fall 2023-Present
Associate Director, UST Catholic Studies	Fall 2021-Spring 2025
Scanlan Foundation Chair in Theology	Fall 2020-Spring 2026
Associate Professor of Theology	Fall 2019-Spring 2023
Assistant Professor and Interim Chair of Theology	Fall 2018-Spring 2019
Professor of Theology and Culture and Chair of Humanities at John Paul the Great Catholic University in Escondido, CA	Summer 2016-Spring 2018
Assistant Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas	Fall 2012-Spring 2016
Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas	Fall 2011-Summer 2012
Adjunct Instructor in Theology, Ave Maria University	Spring 2010-Spring 2011

Education

Ph.D. , Theology, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL	2012
Major field: Moral Theology; Minor field: Systematic Theology	
Dissertation Title: “Ignorance and Difficulty in Augustine” (218 pages)	
Committee: Marc D. Guerra (Director), Matthew L. Lamb, Stephen F. Brown (external reader, Boston College). UMI #3615135	
M.A. , Theology, Ave Maria University, Ave Maria, FL	2007
B.A. , Philosophy Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA	2003

Selected Scholarship in Theology, Political Thought, and Culture

Scholar of Augustinian and Thomistic thought with interdisciplinary expertise bridging theology, political philosophy, and culture. Experienced academic leader and program builder dedicated to renewing civic and liberal education through rigorous scholarship and formative teaching.

Monograph

The Universal Way of Salvation in the Thought of Augustine. London: Bloomsbury (T&T Clark). 238 pages. Publication date: July 25, 2024. First book in the series *T&T Clark Studies in Ressourcement Catholic Theology and Culture*, edited by Matthew Levering and Tracey Rowland

Endorsements:

"At a time when an abstract and sentimental 'universalism' is disorienting and hollowing out Western societies, Thomas Harmon's book judiciously helps us to grasp anew the unique import of the Christian offer of salvation to all human beings. Through a sober, learned and refreshingly clear reading of Augustine, it explains how the mediation of Christ is uniquely able to overcome and cure the otherwise intractable divisions among human beings and within every human breast. For those who have not given up on asking how they should live, this is a courageous, encouraging and illuminating book."

Pierre Manent, Emeritus Director of Studies at the EHESS, Paris and author of *Metamorphoses of the City: On the Western Dynamic* (2013) and *Pascal et la proposition chrétienne* (2022)

“In the preface to *Beyond Good and Evil*, Nietzsche famously quips that “Christianity is Platonism for the people.” Thomas Harmon’s Augustine gives the lie to that seductive simplification. Harmon shows us that in his deep engagement with the great scholastic Platonist, Porphyry of Tyre, Augustine chides Porphyry not simply for his metaphysical

mischievous—his tendency to pit intellect against affect—but also for his self-serving exultation of mental askesis. It is no liberation to exult your spirit to spite your flesh. Much of Harmon’s intricate exegesis of Augustine’s case for an incarnate, Christ-transfigured universalism centers on *City of God*. But the universalist thematic is not confined there, as Harmon also effectively shows. One of the many virtues of *Universal Way* is Harmon’s deft ability to tease out the (body) politics of an essentially transpolitical faith.”

James Wetzel, Professor of Philosophy and Augustinian Chair, Villanova University

“*The Universal Way of Salvation in the Thought of Augustine* sheds new light on an old distinction, that between the few and the many or the wise and the unwise. Thomas Harmon masterfully explores the writings of St. Augustine and discovers that although Augustine was well aware of the distinction and even influenced by it in the way that he categorized people, his Christian faith sought ways to minimize or transcend the gulf between the elite and *hoi polloi*, all in imitation of the Mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ. This volume is well poised to become the definitive word on the subject.”

Michael P. Foley, Professor of Patristics, Great Texts Program, Baylor University

Reviewed in *Scottish Journal of Theology, Perspectives on Political Science* and *Pietas*.

Edited Volumes

1. *Augustine and Frontiers of Pluralism*, co-edited with Boleslaw Kabala (Tarleton State University) and Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo (Texas State University). London: Routledge, 2025. Contributors include, *inter alia*, Michael P. Foley, Peter Iver Kaufman, Mary M. Keys, Vincent Lloyd, Charles Mathewes, James Wetzel. 310 pages.
2. *Wisdom and the Renewal of Catholic Theology: Essays in Honor of Matthew L. Lamb*, co-edited with Roger W. Nutt (Ave Maria University). Eugene: Wipf and Stock (Pickwick), 2016. Contributors include, *inter alia*, Gerald Boersma, Matthew Levering, Amb. Michael Novak, Matthew Ramage. 242 pages.

Book Chapters and Scholarly Articles

1. “The Light Shines in the Darkness: A Media Theory of Christ’s Overthrow of the Idols,” Under review at *The International Journal of Systematic Theology*, submitted May, 2026.
2. “Pierre Manent and William Shakespeare on Christianity and the Roman Metamorphosis,” *Perspectives on Political Science* 54:4 (September 2025), 203–212.

3. "The Philosophy and Politics of Universalism in the Thought of Augustine," book chapter in *Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism*, edited by Boleslaw Kabala, Thomas P. Harmon, and Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo, Routledge (London: 2025), 28–38.
4. "Prophecy and Some Catholic Writers: Understanding the Catholic Novelist's Quasi-Prophetic Function." *Heythrop Journal* 62:5 (September 2021), 876–890, <https://doi.org/10.1111/heyj.14031>.
5. "Catholic Dogma vs. Social Science Dogmatism: A Catholic Counselor's Perspective," co-authored with Grant Sasse, *Catholic Social Science Review* 26 (2021), 263–279, <https://doi.org/10.5840/cssr20212637>
6. "The Few, the Many, and the Universal Way of Salvation: Augustine's Point of Engagement with Platonic Political Thought." Book chapter in *Augustine's Political Thought*, edited by Richard Dougherty, University of Rochester Press (Rochester, NY: 2019), 129–151.
7. "The Three Waves of Modernity and the Longer Cycle of Decline: Convergences in the Thought of Bernard Lonergan and Leo Strauss," in *Modern Theology* 32:3 (July 2016), 421–438.
8. "Historicism Versus History and Spirit: Henri de Lubac on What We Can Learn from Studying Origen," in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 19:3 (Summer 2016), 29–58.
9. Introduction to *Wisdom and the Renewal of Catholic Theology: Essays in Honor of Matthew L. Lamb* (see above). 1–10.
10. "Truth and History in 'Scrutinizing the Signs of the Times': History and Theology in Catholic Social Teaching," *Wisdom and the Renewal of Catholic Theology: Essays in Honor of Matthew L. Lamb*, ed. Thomas P. Harmon and Roger W. Nutt. Pickwick Press (Eugene: 2016). 150–175.
11. "Augustine and the Ancient Quarrel Between Poetry and Philosophy," *Antonianum* 90:2 (June 2015), 249–276.
12. "Augustine on Pilgrimage for the Whole Person," *Gregorianum* 95:1 (2014), 95–104.
13. "Reconsidering Charles Taylor's Augustine," *Pro Ecclesia* 20:2 (May 2011), 185–

14. "The Efficacy of the Sacraments for Christian Living: A Thomistic View," *Antiphon*, 14:3 (2010), 247–260.
15. "The Sacramental Consummation of the Moral Life According to St. Thomas Aquinas," *New Blackfriars* 91:1034 (July 2010), 465–480.

Book Reviews and Review Essays

1. Review of Joseph R. Wood, *The Political Philosophy of Pierre Manent: Political Form and Human Action*, forthcoming in *Nova et Vetera*, English edition.
2. Review of Mary M. Keys, *Pride, Politics, and Humility in Augustine's City of God*, in *Nova et Vetera*, English edition, Spring 2024 vol. 22, no. 2, 687–689.
3. Review of Veronica Roberts Ogle, *Politics and the Earthly City in Augustine's City of God*, for *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 50, no. 4 (2021), 291–293.
4. Review of Roger W. Nutt, *General Principles of Sacramental Theology*, for *New Blackfriars*, vol. 100, no. 1088 (July 2019), 481–483.
5. "Unserious Docility," Review essay on James V. Schall, *Docilitas: On Teaching and Being Taught* and *On the Unseriousness of Human Affairs: Teaching, Writing, Playing, Believing, Lecturing, Philosophizing, Singing, Dancing*, for *Modern Age*, vol. 59, no. 3 (Summer 2017), 81–85.
6. Review of Craig G. Bartholomew, *Where Mortals Dwell: A Christian View of Place for Today*, in *Pro Ecclesia*, vol. 23, no. 4 (Fall 2014), 478–482.
7. Review essay on J. Brian Benestad, *Church, State, and Society* for *Perspectives on Political Science*, vol. 43, no. 1 (2014), 55–58.
8. Review essay on Matthew L. Lamb, ed., *Catholicism and America: Challenges and Prospects* for *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, vol. 12, no. 2 (2014), 575–582.
9. Review of James V. Schall, *The Regensburg Lecture*, in *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, vol. 7, no. 1 (2009), 276–280.

Works in Progress

1. Co-editor, *The Cambridge Companion to the Seven Deadly Sins* with Mary M. Keys (University of Notre Dame). Contracted. Manuscript delivery scheduled for November, 2028.
2. Monograph on Augustine's *De libero arbitrio*. Working title: *The Education of the Will in Augustine's De libero arbitrio*. Sixty pages completed, to be 180-200 pages. Expected completion in Summer 2027.
3. Monograph based on my essays "The Spirits of the Cloud" in *The American Mind* and "The Light Shines in the Darkness," to be 200 pages. Expected completion date: Fall 2028.

Teaching Experience

University of St. Thomas, Houston

EVNG 5330 Advanced Topics in Evangelization and Culture I
HNRS 4395 Contemporary Problems Seminar
HNRS 1391 The Tribe and the City (great books seminar)
HNRS 1392 From Empire to Christendom (great books seminar)
LS 1301 Foundations of Liberal Learning
MLTHE 5357/THEO/CS 3357 Catholicism and Literature
THEO 5362 Classic Readings of the Patristic Era
THEO 4393 Special Topics: St. Augustine's *Confessions*
THEO/CS 4393 Special Topics: Theology of Joseph Ratzinger
THEO 4374 Modern Challenges to Christianity
THEO 4337 Grace and the Human Condition
THEO 3345 Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas
THEO 3332 Theology of the Sacraments
THEO 3331 Catholic Church: Origin, Structure, and Mission
THEO 3323 Teachings of the Protestant Tradition
THEO 1301/3301 Introduction to the Sacred Scriptures
THEO 1301/3311 Teachings of the Catholic Church
THEOC 1301 Faith, Reason, and Revelation
THEOC 2301 Scripture and Salvation History

John Paul the Great Catholic University

ENTM 495 Catholicism and Art
ENTM 209 Literature and Film
PHIL 510 Philosophy in Film
THEO 532 Moral and Spiritual Theology

THEO 522 Morality, Theology, and Ethics
THEO 513 St. Augustine's *Confessions*
THEO 511 Liturgical Theology and Sacramental Theology
THEO 400 Catholic Social Teaching
THEO 321 Studies in John Paul II
THEO 311 Fundamentals of Catholicism
THEO 210 Catholicism and Literature
THEO 200 Scripture II
HUMA 131 Ancient Greece (great books seminar)

Ave Maria University

Course taught: THEO 105 Sacred Scripture

Course assisted: THEO 309 Christ and His Church (Prof. Marc D. Guerra)

Scholarly Interests

Thought of St. Augustine
Thought of St. Thomas Aquinas
The Importance of Political Philosophy for Theology
Faith and reason
Catholic social teaching
Christianity and literature
Christianity and media

Memberships in Learned Societies

Academy of Catholic Theology

2015-present

Southern Political Science Association

From time to time

Grants and Awards

\$1,000,000 Collaborative Proposal, "Educating for Liberty," National Endowment for the Humanities. Term of grant Summer 2026–Summer 2028. Funds five projects: Honors program expansion, Core civics integration, AI and Thomism, Virtuous Citizenship survey, Religion and the Founding public humanities project. Program Director/PI.

\$30,000 Independent Chairman's Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, to expand the UST Honors Program and re-design HNRS 3391 "Foundations of Service" into "Virtuous Citizenship in America." With Michael Boler.

\$10,000 grant to develop a program in sexuality and gender in Catholic Studies, awarded by Scanlan Foundation, Spring 2023.

Academy of Catholic Theology, elected May 2015

Each member of the Academy must be nominated by members and elected by the board of the Academy.

University of St. Thomas Faculty Development Grant (totaling \$1322) to present at the Society of Catholic Social Scientists annual conference, Oct. 24-25, 2025 at Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH.

University of St. Thomas Faculty Development Grant (totaling \$1692)

Awarded September 2024. Funded travel and lodging to present at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute American Politics and Government Summit, Nov. 7–9 in Wilmington, DE.

University of St. Thomas Faculty Development Grant (totaling \$2500)

Awarded October 2023. Funded travel and lodging to present at two conferences: the DeNicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, Nov. 2-4, 2023 and the Aquinas Conference at Ave Maria University, Feb 1-3, 2024.

University of St. Thomas Faculty Development Grant (\$1740)

Awarded: April 2022. Funded travel and lodging for the Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism conference, which I helped organize together with Bolek Kabala and Ashleen Menchaca-Bagnulo and also chaired a panel, “Augustine and the Ancients,” and presented a paper, “The Philosophy and Politics of Universalism in the Thought of Augustine.”

University of St. Thomas Faculty Development Grant (\$750)

Awarded: January 2019. Funded travel and lodging for the Southern Political Science Association annual conference in Austin Texas where I presented my paper, “Augustine on the Few, the Many, and the Universal Way of Salvation.”

University of St. Thomas Faculty Development Grant (\$1840)

Awarded: Fall 2014. Funded travel and lodging for the conference I organized, *Wisdom and the Renewal of Catholic Theology*, in February, 2015. See <http://theology.avemaria.edu/post/109896201825/fr-matthew-lamb-conference-this-weekend-february>.

University of St. Thomas Faculty Development Grant (\$1260)

Awarded: Spring 2014. Funded the hiring of a proofreader to assist me in preparing my dissertation for submission to a scholarly press.

Ernest Fortin Memorial Foundation Travel Scholarship (\$600)

Awarded: Fall 2009. Funded travel to the Northeast Political Science Association's 2009 conference to deliver the paper, "Nature, Sin, and Human Happiness," which I later turned into "Augustine and the Ancient Quarrel Between Philosophy and Poetry," see above.

Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal Doctoral Fellowship

Awarded: academic year 2008-2009. Merit-based award to recognize excellence in doctoral studies at Ave Maria University.

Scholarship

Select Public Scholarship

"The Seminar and the Recovery of Civil Discourse," in *Public Discourse*, June 2026 (forthcoming)

"Catholic Education Needs Civic Formation", *What We Need Now*, Apr. 26, 2026.
<https://whatweneednow.substack.com/p/catholic-education-needs-civic-formation>

"Andreessen vs. Augustine," in *First Things* (March 27, 2026),
<https://firstthings.com/andreessen-vs-augustine/>

"The Real Significance of Moltbook," in *First Things* (February 18, 2026),
<https://firstthings.com/the-real-significance-of-moltbook/>

"Demons and ChatGPT," in *First Things* (June 17, 2025),
<https://firstthings.com/demons-and-chatgpt/>

"Doctrine, Not Indoctrination: Pope Leo XIV and the Transpolitical Nature of Catholic Social Doctrine," in *Public Discourse* (June 15, 2025),
<https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2025/06/98154/>

"In Illo Uno Unum: Augustine, Pope Leo XIV, and the Longing for Unity," in *Church Life Journal* (May 15, 2025), <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/in-illo-uno-unum-augustine-pope-leo-xiv-and-the-gift-of-unity-in-christ/>

“Bishop Barron, the Religious Liberty Commission, and the Transpolitical Mission of the Church,” in *Public Discourse* (May 12, 2025),
<https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2025/05/97895/>

“Spirits of the Cloud,” in *The American Mind* (July 17, 2023),
<https://americanmind.org/features/the-spirit-of-de-sade/spirits-of-the-cloud/>

“Reading C. S. Lewis in the Time of Covid,” in *America: The Jesuit Review* (October 16, 2020),
<https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2020/10/16/reading-c-s-lewis-time-covid>

“Prudence and the Pandemic,” in *Catholic World Report* (October 2, 2020),
<https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2020/10/02/prudence-and-the-pandemic/>

“Exhausted in Space,” in *Law and Liberty* (May 8, 2020), <https://lawliberty.org/exhausted-in-space/>.

“Who is God?” Review of Remi Brague, *On the God of the Christians (and on one or two others)*, in *Catholic World Report* (Jan. 29, 2014),
http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/2895/who_is_god.aspx, also posted at RealClearReligion:
http://www.realclearreligion.org/2014/01/31/who_is_god_258805.html

“The Thought of Benedict XVI,” in *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*, vol. CVII, no. 4 (January 2007), 72-75.

Conference Presentations and Academic Lectures

Paper Title: “Joseph Ratzinger’s engagement with the political thought of Roman Platonism,”
Invited lecture.

Venue: Ratzinger and Political Theology conference at Mundelein Seminary, Chicago, IL, April 8-10, 2027, organized by Rudy Assunção, Matthew Levering, and Alejandro Sada

Paper Title: “Spirits of the Air: Patristic Wisdom for a Disincarnate Age” (accepted)

Venue: at the Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, February 26-28, 2026.

Paper Title: Response to the panel, “Christ the Universal Mediator in the Imperial Political Form: A Panel on Thomas P. Harmon’s *The Universal Way of Salvation in the Thought of Augustine*” featuring Elly Long (University of Texas at Austin), Patrick Jones (Franciscan University of Steubenville) and Justin Brophy, OP (Providence College).

Venue: Society of Catholic Social Scientists annual conference, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Oct. 25, 2025.

Paper Title: “Expert in Humanity? The Signs of the Times, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Catholic Neglect of Politics,” Invited Lecture.

Venue: St. Patrick’s Theological Colloquium, Oct. 18, 2025 at St. Patrick’s Seminary and University, Menlo Park, CA.

Paper Title: “Christianity and the Roman Metamorphosis” on the panel “Pierre Manent and the Western Dynamic” with Daniel J. Mahoney, Paul Seaton, and Patrick Jones.

Venue: 2024 American Politics and Government Summit at the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, November, 2024.

Paper Title: “Digital Thomism and the Spirits of the Air: The Need for the Eucharist in the Internet Age”

Venue: Ave Maria University Aquinas Conference, February 2024, at Ave Maria University

Paper Title: “Humility, Embodiedness, and the Spirits of the Cloud: Patristic Resources for Digital Living”

Venue: De Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference, November 2–4, 2023 at the University of Notre Dame.

Paper title: “The Philosophy and Politics of Universalism in the Thought of Augustine”

Venue: Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism conference, June, 2022, at Villanova University.

Paper Title: “Politics, Perception, and Religion from Republic to Empire: Lessons from Shakespeare and Pierre Manent”

Venue: Southern Political Science Association annual conference, January 13–15, 2022

Paper title: “‘Is It Walls, Then, That Make Men Christians?’ St. Augustine on the Dignity of the Multitude.” Participant and organizer of the panel, “St. Augustine and Human Dignity”

Venue: University of Notre Dame DeNicola Center for Ethics and Culture annual Fall Conference, November 12, 2021

Paper title: “The Difficulty of Wisdom: Law, Philosophy, and Christian Faith in *De Libero arbitrio*, Book II.”

Venue: Southern Political Science Association annual conference, January 7, 2020.

Paper title: “Making sense of Prophecy in Politics: What We Can learn from Thomas Aquinas.”

Venue: Southern Political Science Association annual conference, January 7, 2020.

Paper title: “Augustine on the Few, the Many, and the Universal Way of Salvation.”

Venue: Southern Political Science Association annual conference in January, 2019.

Conference Dialogue Participant: “Atonement: A Catholic-Evangelical Dialogue”

Venue: Baylor University Honors College Wilken Colloquium, Feb. 26–27, 2016.

Paper title: “Truth and History in Reading the ‘Signs of the Times’: Theology and History in Catholic Social Teaching.”

Venue: Invited lecture for the University of St. Thomas Center for Thomistic Studies on March, 2015.

Paper title: “Truth and History in Reading the ‘Signs of the Times’: Theology and History in Catholic Social Teaching,”

Venue: Wisdom and the Renewal of Theology conference at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria, FL. February, 2015.

Paper title: “Truth and History in Reading the ‘Signs of the Times.’”

Venue: Catholic Theological Society of America conference, “Soothsaying, Saints, and the Signs of the Times: A debate about history as a source for theological ethics” with Laurie Johnston, Emmanuel College, and respondent Robert Daly, SJ, Boston College, June, 2011.

Paper title: “Nature, Sin, and Human Happiness: Augustine’s Theological Engagement with Natural Philosophy in *De libero arbitrio*.”

Venue: Northeastern Political Science Association annual conference, Philadelphia, PA, November, 2009.

Paper Title: “Three Waves and the Longer Cycle of Decline: Leo Strauss and Bernard Lonergan on Modernity.”

Venue: Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture annual conference, November, 2009.

Paper Title: “Love, Reason, and the Divine: The Ancient Quarrel Between Poetry, Philosophy, and Christianity.”

Venue: American Academy of Religion Annual Southeast Regional (SECSOR) Conference, Philosophy of Religion Unit, Charlotte, NC, March, 2009.

Paper Title: “Augustine on Pilgrimage for the Whole Person.”

Venue: Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Symposium, February, 2009.

Paper Title: “Aquinas on Virtue and the Human Law.”

Venue: Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal Graduate Student Conference at Ave Maria University, February, 2009.

Paper Title: “Halving the Mystery and the Yearning for the Infinite.”

Venue: Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture annual conference, December, 2006.

Lectures for a General Audience

“Learning in COVID Times” and “Prudence and the Pandemic”, invited lectures for the Blessed Stanley Rother Institute in Oklahoma City, OK, August 7, 2020.

“Ecclesiology,” at St. Michael’s Catholic Church RCIA lecture series in Houston, TX, November 7, 2018.

“Texting from the Edge of the Abyss: What our Tech Distractions Say about our Souls,” at John Paul the Great Catholic University, Escondido, CA, December 12, 2016.

“Divine Revelation,” at St. Michael’s Catholic Church RCIA lecture series in Houston, TX, September 23, 2015.

“Reading the Old Testament in Light of its Most Troubling Texts,” Theme for 3-day in-service session I conducted for St. Theresa’s Catholic School, Sugar Land, TX in November, 2015.

“Christianity and Politics,” Theme for a 3-day in-service session I conducted for St. Theresa’s Catholic School, Sugar Land, TX from August 11-14, 2015.

“The Holy Trinity,” at St. Michael’s Catholic Church RCIA lecture series in Houston, TX, October, 2014 and April, 2014.

“Texting from the Edge of the Abyss,” as part of the University of St. Thomas Department of Theology’s Lenten Lecture series, April, 2014.

“Grace, Sacrament, and the Sacraments of Initiation,” at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Houston, TX, November, 2013.

“Genesis 24-28,” at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Houston, TX, March, 2013.

Service

Journals Refereed

Augustinian Studies

Nova et Vetera, English Edition

Perspectives on Political Science

University Service

Administrative Appointments and Major Initiatives

- Manager, Archbishop Miller Endowed Lecture Series Fall 2018–present
- Member, Core Curriculum Review Committee Fall 2018–present
 - Designed the Core Fellows department
 - Core Goal #3 Revision Task Force Member Fall 2018
- Presenter, Formation For Mission 2021–2025
- Member, Cameron School of Business Guiding Coalitions 2018–2019
 - Leadership Program
 - McNair Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

Search Committees (As Vice President for Academic Affairs Representative)

- International Studies, assistant professor Spring 2025
- BS, Nursing Director Fall 2023–Spr 2024
- Albritton Art Institute Director (two separate searches) Summer 2022–Spr 2024
- Master's of Public Policy and Administration Director Fall 2021–Spring 2022
- Communications Chair (four separate searches) Fall 2020–Spr 2025
- Management and Marketing, assistant professor Fall 2021
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling Fall 2019–Spring 2020
- Center for Thomistic Studies Fall 2018–Spring 2019
- School of Theology Fall 2015

Search Committees (As Committee Chair or Member)

- Theology, open rank Fall 2023–Spr 2023
- JP II Institute Director Fall 2022–
Spring 2023
- History, open rank Fall 2021–Spring 2022
- Dean of Arts and Sciences Fall 2018–Spring 2019
- Director, MA in Theology Spring 2019
- Director of McNair Center for Entrepreneurship Fall 2018–Spring 2019
- Professor of Acting Fall 2017
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology Spring 2014

Program Design and Development

- Chief Designer, B.A. in Humanities, JPGCU Summer 2016
- Designer, Curriculum Integration Plan, JPGCU Summer 2017

- Collaborator with the Board of Trustees on Faculty Handbook Revision Summer 2017
- Co-Chair, Intellectual Salon “Automation and the Future of Work,” Fall 2017

Departmental Service

- Associate Director, Catholic Studies Fall 2022–Spring 2025
- Director, M.A. in Evangelization and Culture Fall 2023–present
- Associate Director, Catholic Studies Fall 2022–Spring 2025
- Advisor, Theology and Humanities Majors (15–25 students per term) Fall 2013–2018
- Member, Catholic Studies Task Force Fall 2013
 - Determined integration of Catholic Studies within Theology Dept
- Member, Core Assessment Task Force Fall 2013–Spring 2014
- - Developed assessment strategies for core offerings

Earlier Institutional Service

- Member, Committee on Student Research Fall 2013–Spring 2015
 - Student Funding Subcommittee Fall 2013–Spring 2015
- Member, Student Life Disciplinary Committee, JPGCU Spring 2018
- Faculty Advisor, Chi Rho Student Theology Club 2015–2016
- Faculty Board Member, Conversation Generation Fall 2014–Spring 2016
- Organizer, Public Lectures by Marc D. Guerra, University of St. Thomas Fall 2013

Service to the Local Community

Addressed the clergy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on the topic of AI. November, 2025.

Scripture Catechetical series at St. Michael’s Church, Houston Spring 2025-present
 Conducted in-service instruction for St. Theresa’s Catholic School, August 12-14, 2015 in Sugar Land, TX.

Topic: “Christianity and Politics”

Conducted in-service instruction for St. Theresa’s Catholic School, November 2015, in Sugar Land, TX.

Topic: “Reading the Old Testament in Light of its Most Troubling Texts”

References

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