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Born: January 26, 1963 in Storrs, Connecticut

Married to Maria Consuelo Casarella; children: Francesca, Ana, Catalina, Antonio.

Education

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Yale University (1992). Specialization: Philosophy of Religion.

Special Student at University and Theological Faculty of Trier with courses in medieval philosophy and systematic theology (1988-90).

M.A., Yale University (1986).

B.A., Yale College (1985); summa cum laude, distinction in the Major (Religious Studies); Phi Beta Kappa.

Academic Appointments

- 2008-present Founding Director, Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology. Reappointed for a second three-year term in spring 2011.
- 2007-present Full Professor with tenure, Department of Catholic Studies, DePaul University
- 2008 Visiting Faculty Appointment, Divinity School at the University of Chicago.
- 1997-2007 Associate Professor of Systematic Theology with tenure at The Catholic University of America.
- 1998-2001 Director, Center for Medieval and Byzantine Studies (interdisciplinary program with its own B.A., M.A., Grad. Certificate, and Ph.D. degrees).
- 1993-1997 Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Catholic University.
- 1991-1993 Instructor and Assistant Professor of Theology, University of Dallas.

## Books and Edited Volumes

### In process:

1. Von Balthasar: *The Centrifugal Politics of Culture*, under contract for the series *Christian Theology in Context* (Series Editors: Timothy J. Gorringer, Serene Jones, Graham Ward), Oxford University Press.
2. *Religious Toleration: Nicholas of Cusa and the Call for Dialogue Today*, edited collection of essays from scholars working on a variety of medieval and early modern figures, which is based on a 2005 symposium in Tokyo. Under contract with Brill Academic Publishers.
3. *Word as Bread: Language and Theology in Nicholas of Cusa*, accepted for publication as *Buchreihe der Cusanus-Gesellschaft*, vol. 14. Münster: Aschendorff Verlag, in preparation.
4. *Reading Cruciform Wisdom: The Hermeneutics of the Lord's Paschal Beauty*, collection of my own previously published essays, under contract with Crossroad Publishing Company.

### Books in print:

1. *A World for All? Global Civil Society in Political Theory and Trinitarian Theology*, volume co-edited with Will Storrar and Paul Metzger. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Press, 2011.
2. *Cusanus: The Legacy of Learned Ignorance*. Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2006. Fourteen essays by scholars from different disciplines originally presented at the conference held at The Catholic University of America entitled "Nicholas of Cusa: 1401-2001."
3. *Cuerpo de Cristo: The Hispanic Presence in the U.S. Catholic Church*, volume co-edited with Raúl Gómez, S.D.S., New York: Crossroad, 1998, 1<sup>st</sup> ed.; Lima, OH: Academic Renewal Press, 2003, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.
4. *Christian Spirituality and the Culture of Modernity: The Thought of Louis Dupré*, volume co-edited with George Schnier, S.J., Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Press, 1998.

### Research Articles and Book Chapters

1. "Trinity and Creation: David L. Schindler and the Catholic Tradition," in *Being Holy in the World: Theology and Culture in the Thought of David L. Schindler*, ed., Nicholas J. Healy Jr. and D.C. Schindler (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011): 30-54.

2. "Thinking Out Loud about the Triune God: Problems and Prospects for a Trinitarian Social Ethic in a Procedural Republic," in *A World for All? Global Civil Society in Political Theory and Trinitarian Theology*, volume co-edited with Will Storrar and Paul Metzger. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Press, 2011, 122-34.
3. "Hans Urs von Balthasar, Erich Przywara's *Analogia Entis*, and the Problem of a Catholic *Denkform*," in *The Analogy of Being: Invention of the Antichrist or the Wisdom of God?*, ed., Thomas Joseph White, O.P. Grand Rapids, MI; Eerdmans Press, 2011, 192-206.
4. "Searching for the Face of the Lord in Ratzinger's *Jesus of Nazareth*," in *The Pope and Jesus of Nazareth: Christ, Scripture, and the Church*, ed., Adrian Pabst and Angus Paddison. London: SCM Press, 2009, 83-93.
5. "Disciples in the Midst of the World: Collaboration of the Lay Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests," in: *Called to Communion and Holiness: Vatican II on the Church*, eds. Stephen Boguslawski, O.P. and Robert Fastiggi. Scranton: University of Scranton Press, 2009, 215-63.
6. "Latino/a Spirituality and the Universal Call to Holiness,"<sup>1</sup> book chapter in *Misa, Mesa, Musa*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Kenneth Davis. Franklin Park, IL: World Library Publications.
7. "'The Great Task of the University': Reflections on the Regensburg Address of Pope Benedict XVI," *Cultural Encounters – A Journal for the Theology of Culture* Volume 4, Issue 1: 21-32.
8. "Cusanus on Dionysius: The Turn to Speculative Theology," *Modern Theology* 24/4 (October 2008): 667-678. The same article appeared soon thereafter as a chapter of a book: *Re-Thinking Dionysius the Areopagite*, ed. Sarah Coakley and Charles M. Stang (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), 137-148.
9. "Recognizing Diversity after Multiculturalism," *New Theology Review* 21/4 (November 2008):17-26.
10. "Modernity and Post-Modernity," in *Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, ed. Frederick C. Bauerschmidt, James J. Buckley, and Trent Pomplum. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2007.
11. "Selbstgestaltung des Menschen nach Nikolaus von Kues und modernes Verständnis des Menschen: aufgezeigt an Hans-Georg Gadamer," *Mitteilungen und Forschungsbeiträge der Cusanus-Gesellschaft*, vol. 31 (Trier: Paulinus Verlag, 2006), 29-50 (followed by a report on the discussion at the colloquium in which the talk was presented).

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<sup>1</sup> This essay represents a translation and significantly expanded version of my earlier piece "La Mística Hispana: ¿Un nuevo camino a la santidad en los Estados Unidos?"

12. "Carmen Dei: Music and Creation in Three Theologians," *Theology Today* 62:4 (Jan 2006): 484-500. A brief synopsis of this article appears in Robin Knowles Wallace, "Hymns in Periodical Literature," *The Hymn* 57/4 (Autumn 2006): 48.
13. "La productividad de la imagen en San Buenaventura y Nicolás de Cusa," in *El problema del conocimiento en Nicolás de Cusa: genealogía y proyección*, eds. Jorge M. Machetta and Claudia D'Amico (Buenos Aires: Editorial Biblos, 2005), 49-65.
14. "Contemplating Christ through the Eyes of Mary: The Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* and the New Mysteries of Light," *Pro Ecclesia* 14:2 (Spring 2005): 161-73.
15. "Art and U.S. Latina and Latino Religious Experience," in *Introduction to the U.S. Latina and Latino Religious Experience*, ed. Hector Avalos (Boston: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004), 143-69.
16. "The Sacramental Theology of Nicholas of Cusa," in *Introducing Nicholas of Cusa: A Guide to a Renaissance Man*, ed. Christopher M. Bellitto, Gerald Christianson, and Thomas M. Izbicki (New York: Paulist Press, 2004), 347-72.
17. "Eucharist: Presence of a Gift," in: *Rediscovering the Eucharist: Ecumenical Conversations*, ed. Roch A. Kereszty (New York: Paulist Press, 2003), 199-225.
18. "Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464), On Learned Ignorance: Byzantine Light en route to a Distant Shore," in: *The Classics of Western Philosophy*, ed. Jorge J.E. Gracia, Gregory M. Reichberg, and Bernard N. Schumacher (Basil Blackwell: Oxford, 2003), 183-89.
19. "Heymeric of Camp," in: *A Companion to Philosophy in the Middle Ages*, ed. Jorge J.E. Gracia and Timothy B. Noone (Basil Blackwell: Oxford, 2003), 316-17.
20. "Sacra ignorantia: Sobre la doxología filosófica del Cusano," *Concidencia Dos Opostos e Concordia: Caminhos do Pensamiento em Nicolau de Cusa*, ed. João Maria André and Mariano Alvarez Gómez (Coimbra: Faculdade de Letras, 2002), 51-65.
21. "Introduction to the 2000 edition," in: Henri de Lubac, S.J. , *Scripture in the Tradition* (New York: Crossroad/Herder, 2000), xi-xxii.
22. "Waiting for a Cosmic Christ in an Uncreated World," *Communio: International Catholic Review* 28 (Summer 2001), 230-64.
23. "Solidarity as the Fruit of Communio: Ecclesia in America, 'Post-Liberation Theology,' and the Earth," *Communio: International Catholic Review* 27 (Spring 2000), 98-123.
24. "Analogia donationis: Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Eucharist," *Philosophy and Theology*, 11,1 (1998), 147-77.

25. "The Painted Word," *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 6 (November 1998), 18-42.
26. "'Modern Forms Filled with Traditional Spiritual Content': On Louis Dupré's Contribution to Christian Theology," in *Christian Spirituality and the Culture of Modernity*, ed. Peter Casarella and George Schner, S.J. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Press, 1998), 275-310.
27. "Sisters in Doing the Truth: Dorothy Day and St. Thérèse de Lisieux," *Communio: International Catholic Review* 24 (Fall 1997), 468-98.
28. "'His Name is Jesus': Negative Theology and Christology in Two Writings of Nicholas of Cusa from 1440," in *Nicholas of Cusa on Christ and the Church: Essays in Honor of Chandler M. Brooks*, ed. Gerald Christianson and Thomas Izbicki (Leiden: Brill, 1996), 281-307.
29. "The Expression and Form of the Word: Trinitarian Hermeneutics and the Sacramentality of Language in the Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar," *Renascence* 48 (Winter 1996), 111-135. Reprinted in *Glory, Grace, and Culture: The Work of Hans Urs von Balthasar*, ed. Ed Block, Jr. (New York: Paulist Press, 2005).
30. "Evangelization and the Culture of Death," in *The Church's Mission of Evangelization: Essays in Honor of Archbishop Cacciavillan*, ed. William E. May (Steubenville, OH: Franciscan University of Steubenville Press, 1996), 103-128.
31. "On the 'Reading Method' in Rorem's Pseudo-Dionysius," *The Thomist*, 59 (October 1995), 633-644.
32. "Questioning the Primacy of Method: On Sokolowski's Eucharistic Presence," *Communio: International Catholic Review*, 22 (Winter 1995), 668-701.
33. "Wer schrieb die ex-greco-Notizen im Codex Cusanus 44?" *Mitteilungen und Forschungsbeiträge der Cusanus-Gesellschaft*, Vol. 22. Trier: Paulinus Verlag, 1995, 123-132.
34. "On Dupré's Passage to Modernity," *Communio: International Catholic Review*, 21 (Fall, 1994), 551-561.
35. "Language and *Theologia sermocinalis* in Nicholas of Cusa's *Idiota de sapientia* (1450)," *Old and New in the Fifteenth Century*, ed. Clyde Lee Miller (Binghamton: CEMERS, 1993), 131-142.
36. "Experience as a Theological Category: Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Encounter with God's Image," *Communio: International Catholic Review* (Spring 1993), 118-128.

37. "Neues zu den Quellen der cusanischen Mauer-Symbolik," *Mitteilungen und Forschungsbeiträge der Cusanus-Gesellschaft*, Vol. 19. Trier: Paulinus Verlag, 1991, 273-286.
38. "'Repräsentation': Zum Barockverständnis bei Hans Urs von Balthasar (1905-1988)," in *Reisen des Barock: Selbst- und Fremderfahrungen und ihre Darstellung*, ed. Regina Pleithner (Bonn: Romanistischer Verlag, 1991), 1-24.
39. "Nicholas of Cusa on the Power of the Possible," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 64/1 (Winter 1990), 7-34.

#### Book Reviews

1. Edward T. Oakes, S.J. and David Moss, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Hans Urs von Balthasar* in *The Thomist* 70 (2006): 292-96.
2. David Hart, *The Beauty of the Infinite: The Aesthetics of Christian Truth in Cultural Encounters* 2 (Winter 2005): 99-100.
3. M. Thurner, *Gott als das offenbare Geheimnis nach Nikolaus von Kues* in *The American Cusanus Society Newsletter* (Spring, 2003).
4. Madeleine Delbrêl, *We, the Ordinary People of the Streets* in *The Houston Catholic Worker* 21 (March-April 2001), 1, 8-9.
5. H. Lawrence Bond, ed., *Nicholas of Cusa: Selected Spiritual Writings* in *The Thomist* 62 (1998), 637-642.
6. James Alison, *Raising Abel: The Recovery of the Eschatological Imagination* in *Theological Studies* (Dec. 1996).
7. Jasper Hopkins, *A Miscellany of Nicholas of Cusa* in *The Review of Metaphysics*, 99 (Dec. 1995), 413-415.
8. Michael O'Carroll, C.S.Sp., *Verbum Caro: An Encyclopedia on Jesus, the Christ* in *Religious Studies Review*, 21 (1995), 38.
9. *Nicholas of Cusa in Search of God and Wisdom*, Gerald Christianson and Thomas Izbicki eds., in *Mitteilungen und Forschungsbeiträge der Cusanus-Gesellschaft*, vol. 22, 240-246.
10. Thomas O'Meara, *Church and Culture: German Catholic Theology, 1860-1914* in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 31.1 (1996), 110-113.
11. Michael Welker, *God the Spirit* in *Religious Studies Review*, 21,2 (April 1995), 115.

12. Avery Dulles, S.J., *The Craft of Theology: From Symbol to System*, in *The Thomist*, 58 (July 1994), 513-517.
13. Alfred Kaiser, *Möglichkeiten und Grenzen einer Christologie "von unten": Der christologische Neuanatz "von unten" bei Piet Schoonenberg und dessen Weiterführung mit Blick auf Nikolaus von Kues*, in *Theological Studies*, (December 1993), 757-759.
14. Terry J. Tekippe, *Theology: Love's Question*, in *Religious Studies Review*, 19/3 (July 1993).

#### Shorter Contributions and Translations

1. Response to Stanley Hauerwas, "A Worldly Church," in *Journal of Law, Philosophy, and Culture* 3/1 (Spring 2009): 461-465.
2. "The Mozarab Cross and Latino/a Spirituality: Are They Walking on the Same Path?" Response to Raúl Gómez-Ruiz's *Mozarabs, Hispanics, & the Cross*," *Perspectivas* (Fall 2008): 33-39.
3. Translation of Jorge Scampini, O.P.'s presentation on "Catholicity and Ecumenism" from Spanish into English for the Catholicity Colloquium at DePaul on January 16, 2009.
4. "HTI's Collaborations at Princeton and Beyond," *Perspectivas* (Fall 2007): 75-77.
5. "Preface to the Second English Edition," in Joseph Ratzinger, *Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2007), xi-xiii.
6. Translation of "Foreword to this Edition," in Joseph Ratzinger, *Eschatology: Death and Eternal Life*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2007), xxiii-xvi.
7. "How Much Time is there for Music in God's Plan of Creation?" in *Virginia Theological Seminary Bulletin* (September 2006): 52-58.
8. "Response to Avery Dulles, 'Eucharist as Sacrifice,'" in *Rediscovering the Eucharist: Ecumenical Conversations*, Roch A. Kereszty, ed. (New York: Paulist Press, 2003), 188-92.
9. "Reflections on the End of a Cusanus Jubilee Year," *American Cusanus Society Newsletter* XIX,1 (June 2002), 3-7.
10. "La Mística Hispana: ¿Un Nuevo Camino a la Santidad en los Estados Unidos?" *Amen. Publicación del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia* 14 (Fall 2001), 12-15.

11. "Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa: An Introduction," *Communio: International Catholic Review* 28 (Winter 2001), 843-7.
12. "On Frederick Bauerschmidt's 'Theo-Drama and Political Theology,'" *Communio: International Catholic Review* 25 (Fall 1998), 553-58.
13. "Reflections on Dr. Richard Gaillardetz's article 'Church as Communion: Universal and Local,' *Church* 13 (Winter 1997), 42.
14. Translation (from German) of "The Holy Spirit as Communion: Concerning the Relationship of Pneumatology and Spirituality in Augustine" by Joseph Ratzinger in *Communio: International Catholic Review*, 25 (Summer 1998), 324-39.
15. Translation (from German) of "Why are Japanese Scholars Interested in Cusanus?" by Kazuhiko Yamaki in *American Cusanus Society Newsletter*, X (June, 1993), 1-5.
16. Translation (from German) of "Communio: A Program" by Joseph Ratzinger in *Communio: International Catholic Review* (Fall 1992), 436-449.
17. Translation (from German) of "Cusanus' Concept of God and Man in Light of his Concept of Time" by Norbert Fischer in *Ultimate Reality and Meaning*, (December 1992), 252-274.

Ph.D. Theses Directed (at The Catholic University of America):

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| 2011 | John Romanowsky, <i>Spousal Love in the Theological Anthropology of V.S. Solovyov: Systematic Analysis and Recent Roman Catholic Interpretation.</i>        |
| 2010 | Jeremy Sienkiewicz, <i>The Eucharist and Salvation in the Thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas.</i>  |
| 2007 | Keith Lemna, <i>Trinitarian Panentheism: A Study of the God-World Relationship in the Theology of Louis Bouyer</i>  |
| 2006 | Denis Obermyer, <i>The Relationship between Theology and Literary Form in the <i>Dream of the Rood</i></i>  |
| 2005 | Anthony T. Cirelli, <i>Form and Freedom: Patristic Retrieval and the Liberating Encounter between God and Man in the Thought of Hans Urs von Balthasar.</i> |
| 2005 | Barbara Sain, <i>Trinitarian Dimensions of Truth in the <i>Theologik</i> of Hans Urs von Balthasar.</i>   |
| 2003 | Thomas Curran, <i>The Trinitarian Foundation of Interreligious Dialogue in Selected Writings of Pope John Paul II.</i>                                      |

- 2003 Jeffrey Tranzillo, “The Silent Language of a Profound of a Profound Sharing of Affection:” The Agency of the Vulnerable in Selected Writings of Pope John Paul II.
- 2003 Michael D. Ross, The Unity of Spiritual and Political Exercises in Simone Weil’s Call for a New Saintliness.
- 2001 Christopher Malloy, Love of God for His own Sake and Love of Beatitude: Heavenly Charity according to Thomas Aquinas.
- 2001 Gregory F. LaNave, The Place of Holiness in the Task of Theology according to St. Bonaventure.
- 1999 Ralph McMichael, Trinitarian Apologetics: Walter Kasper’s Theology of God in Response to Modern Atheism.

I have also directed theses for the S.T.L., M.A., and B.A. degrees.

#### Selected Scholarly Papers

- July 6-9, 2009. Gave a plenary address “Panorama Teológico Contemporâneo: Desafios Norte/Sul” and a workshop presentation on “Nicolás de Cusa: Desafios da Mística para a Teologia Contemporânea” at Annual Meeting of Sociedade de Teologia e Ciências da Religião in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
- March 19, 2009. “Holiness, Culture, and Politics: On (Mis)Understanding the Thought of Hans Urs von Balthasar,” lecture given at Duke Divinity School under the auspices of the Warren Chair of Catholic Studies.
- August 19-22, 2008. Participated in II Congreso Internacional Cusano de Latinoamérica in Buenos Aires and delivered a paper in Spanish on “Identity and Difference in Nicholas of Cusa.” As part of that congress I also participated in a panel discussion with three other scholars on “What is Philosophy Today?” The paper on identity and difference was also delivered as an invited lecture to the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (Aug. 25, 2008) and to the Department of Philosophy of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA (Feb. 2, 2009).
- June 1-4, 2008. Attended annual colloquium of the Academy of Hispanic Theologians in the U.S. (AHTUS) on *Cultura en lo cotidiano: Intersections of Faith and Popular Culture* and delivered a plenary address on “The Voice of Shakira: An Approach to *lo popular*.”
- May 29-June 1, 2008. Participated in a conference at the Graduate Theological Union of Berkeley’s on “Beauty: The Color of Truth” and delivered a paper for a panel on “The Future of Theological Aesthetics.”
- Delivered a paper entitled “*Trinitas creatrix: Personal Procession and Creaturely Production in St. Bonaventure*” at Medieval Studies Congress in Kalamazoo, MI

(May 9, 2008) and at Boston College Colloquy on Historical Theology (Aug. 2, 2008).

- May 2, 2008. Presented on “‘The Fathers, the Scholastics, and Ourselves’: An Interpretation [of an Essay by Hans Urs von Balthasar]” for a panel presentation at the University of Chicago Divinity School with Rev. Brian Daley, S.J. of Notre Dame University.
- Dec. 14-20, 2008. Participated in Catholic-Baptist Conversations at the Baptist House of Studies at Duke Divinity School. This year my contribution included delivery of a paper I wrote on “Mary and Inculturation.”
- April 4-6, 2008. Participated in “The Analogy of Being: A Theological Symposium” at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. Delivered a plenary address entitled: “Christological *analogia entis*: Von Balthasar’s Unsystematic Definition of a Catholic *Denkform* in Karl Barth: *Darstellung und Deutung seiner Theologie*” that will be published in the conference proceedings.
- Nov. 16, 2007. Presented at a panel discussion of Mayra Rivera, *The Touch of Transcendence: A Postcolonial Theology of God* at the annual meeting of The American Academy of Religion in San Diego (Nov. 16, 2007).

#### Organization of and Participation in Scholarly Meetings:

- January 16, 2009. Organized and hosted DePaul Colloquium on “Two Forms of Catholicity in an Age of Globalization” with scholars from around the world.
- Nov. 13-15, 2008. Attended conference and moderated a session at John Paul II Institute for Studies of Marriage and the Family at The Catholic University of America. The conference was entitled: “Understanding the Body: Toward an Anthropology of Love.”
- Oct. 23-25, 2008. Participated in Cusanus Symposium hosted by the Institute for Cusanus Research in Trier, Germany and in the meeting of the Academic Advisory Board of the Cusanus-Gesellschaft. I also served as moderator of one session of the conference.
- Oct. 10-12, 2008. Attended and moderated a session at Eleventh Biennial Conference of the International Seminar on Pre-Reformation Theology at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary and the American Cusanus Society.
- Oct. 29-31, 2008. Co-Organizer of “Transformed by Hope: Building a Catholic Social Theology for the Americas.” Conference sponsored by DePaul University and Catholic Theological Union with 600 participants. For details, see <http://hope08conference.depaul.edu/> (schedule) and <http://ncronline.org/node/2453> (press coverage).
- May 15, 2008. Served as moderator of a discussion that dealt with St. Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist. The session included presentations by Denys Turner and

Reinhardt Huetter and was sponsored by Lumen Christi Institute at the University of Chicago.

- May 8-11, 2008. Attended 43<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies and annual meeting of the American Cusanus Society, moderated a panel, and attended Executive Committee and Membership meeting of the Cusanus Society.
- April 19-21, 2007. Attended International Colloquium on the Future of Theology held at The Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, N.J. (cf. my piece “HTI’s Collaborations at Princeton and Beyond” for details).
- Oct. 26, 2007. Attended annual meeting of the American Theological Society—Midwest Division at McCormick Seminary in Chicago.
- Nov. 2, 2007. Attended meeting of Evangelicals and Catholics Together sponsored by the Institute for Religion and Public Life in New York City: Nov. 2, 2007, May 26th and Oct. 20th, 2008 (to work on a joint statement on Mary).
- Dec. 2-9, 2007. Participated in International Roman Catholic-Baptist Conversations in Rome. This is the second year of a five year program directed toward a common statement. It is being sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance and the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Feb. 3, 2009. Invited lecture to the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA on “Latino/a Theology and its Critique of Multiculturalism.”
- October 16, 2008. Lectured at University of Chicago at event sponsored by Lumen Christi Institute on “The Spiritual Senses as a Patristic Legacy.”
- June 9-13, 2008. Delivered fifteen talks for priests’ retreat and professional development week at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boyton Beach, FL on the general theme of “Trinity, Church, and Civil Society.”
- March 27-30, 2008. Participated in conference on “A Common Morality for a Global Age” at The Catholic University of America and presented a prepared response to a plenary address by Dr. Stanley Hauerwas.
- March 26, 2008. Presented at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in conjunction with the anniversary of its Program in Hispanic Ministry: “Latino/a Theology as a School of Education: Response to Andrés Guerrero’s “A Chicano/a Theology.”
- Hispanic Theological Initiative, Mentor for a Latino Doctoral Student at Duke University. Presented at annual Summer Program at Princeton Theological Seminary for Latino/a Doctoral Students, August 2, 2008 and visited Duke on Dec. 11-14<sup>th</sup> to meet with the student and six of his professors.
- March 31-May 28, 2008. Taught a graduate seminar at the University of Chicago entitled “Hans Urs von Balthasar: Politics and Culture.”

- March 1-2, 2008. Attended Catholic Common Ground Initiative Conference on the Relationship between Ecclesial Movements and Parish Life. Techny Towers Retreat House, Techny, IL.
- Consultant, Committee on Doctrine, United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops. Meetings attended (not including conference calls): June 17, 2007 (Albuquerque); Sept. 10, 2007 (Washington); Nov. 11, 2007 (Baltimore); March 10, 2008 (Washington); September 8, 2008 (Washington), Nov. 9, 2008 (Baltimore).
- Reviewer of a manuscript, Journal of Religion.
- Hispanic Theological Initiative, Selection Committee. Attended meeting of Committee to interview Fellowship Candidates at Princeton Theological Seminary, March 12-15, 2008.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- Hispanic Theological Initiative: Recognition for Outstanding Service (2007).
- Residential Fellowship, Center of Theological Inquiry (2007-2008) for research on the relationship of politics and theology in the thought of Hans Urs von Balthasar (declined).
- Research Expense Grant, Association of Theological Schools (2003-2004).
- J. Houston Witherspoon Research Fellowship in Theology and Natural Science at the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, N.J. for research on “St. Bonaventure’s Trinitarian Theology and Emergence in Contemporary Science” (2003-2004).
- Service Award in recognition of outstanding performance as Upper Class Residential College Advisor (2000-2003).
- Grants in Aid of Research from The Catholic University of America (1994, 1997, 1998).
- Grant from The Louisville Institute (\$25,000) for the conference “The Hispanic Presence in the U.S. Catholic Church” (1996).
- First Annual Dean’s Faculty Award, School of Religious Studies (1995).
- University of Dallas Student Government “Outstanding Faculty Member” (1992-3).

#### MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICIAL POSITIONS:

- President, American Cusanus Society, elected in 2009 for a five-year, renewable term.

- Chair, Nominating Committee, Catholic Theological Society of America (2006-2009).
- Co-organizer (with Barbara Sain and Nicholas J. Healy) of the session of the Hans Urs von Balthasar Society at the Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America.
- Member, ACHTUS (Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the U.S.) and representative of ACHTUS to INSeCT (International Network of Societies of Catholic Theology). Participated in that capacity in INSeCT meeting at DePaul University June 19-21, 2008.
- Member, Comité académico, II Congreso Internacional Cusano de Latinoamerica (August 2008).

SERVICE: DePaul University:

- January 17, 2009. Taught a class in Spanish for ESFOR (Hispanic Catholic Youth Leadership Program) on the Bible and Catechesis.
- Sept. 24, 2008: Hosted Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, as a guest Lecturer in my Discover the Church of Chicago class.
- Participated in the production of a video by Jean Bryan promoting the use of DePaul's Art Gallery in the classroom. The video is now featured on DePaul's Teaching Commons: <http://teachingcommons.depaul.edu/Scholarship/video.html>.
- New Faculty Orientation (Aug. 29-30, 2007 and January 4, 2008).
- Vincentian Mission Institute (2008-). Information session: Oct. 15, 2007. The first meeting of four hours in length took place on January 25, 2008. I also attended the following sessions: May 15, 2008 (DePaul), June 16-20, 2008 (St. John's University), Oct. 3, 2008 (DePaul), Nov. 1 (Niagara University)
- Advisor, Latino Young Adult Leadership Formation (2007-). Meetings took place on Sept. 27, 2007. On
- Consulted on August 23, 2007 and subsequently by DePaul University Art Gallery (Laura Fatemi, Louise Lincoln) in connection with the exhibit of Santos that opened on January 10, 2008. Helped to organize the faculty panel that will take place on Feb. 26, 2008.
- Gave a presentation on January 9, 2008 on Joseph Ratzinger's book, *Jesus of Nazareth* to a student group (33) sponsored by University Ministry.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at DePaul:

- New Faculty Seminar, 2007-2008 (attended seminars on Sept. 7, 2007; Sept. 28, 2007; Nov. 9, 2007; and January 18, 2008, Feb. 15, 2008, March 7, 2008, and April 18, 2008).
- Member (2007-), Religious Dimensions Advisory Committee, Liberal Studies Program.
- Design of a new course: HON 111 (The Catholic Church of Chicago: Global and Local).

Program in Catholic Studies at DePaul:

- Chaired Search Committee (2008-2009) for two positions in CTH/WCIT.
- Member, Executive Committee for Catholic Studies (2008-2009).
- Assisted with the preparation of the tenure materials for Dr. Farrell O’Gorman by submitting a written evaluation of teaching and contributing to work of the drafting committee established to assist with the tenure process.
- Presenter for CTH, Fall Visit Day, Oct. 21, 2007.
- Program Committee (2007-).
- Ad Hoc Committee to Revise the By-Laws (2007).
- Search Committee (2007-2008).
- Planning Committee, Center for World Catholicism (2007).

Selected Service to the Community:

- Catechism Teacher, 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (2007-present)
- The Theology of the Second Vatican Council: An Introduction, two talks sponsored by Calvert House, Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Chicago (Oct. 4 & 11, 2007).
- Television interview with Telemundo (NBC) in Chicago to discuss the position of the Catholic Church on euthanasia and the rumors that Pope John Paul II’s death was the result of euthanasia.