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Curriculum Vitae

Biographical Data

Professed member of the Province of Saint Mary of the Order of Capuchin Friars Minor
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Ordained: Yonkers, New York, April 8, 1967

Education:

Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception (Brooklyn, NY) 1952-1955
St. Mary Seminary (Garrison, NY) 1955-56

St. Anthony College Seminary (Hudson, NH) 1957-1961
Capuchin Theological Seminary (Garrison, NY) 1961-1967

Academic Degrees

M.Div. Capuchin Theological Seminary, 1966

M.Th. Capuchin Theological Seminary, May 1967

M.S.Ed. Iona College, May 1971

PhD. Fordham University, May 1978

Doctoral Dissertation: The Spiritual Theology of the *Legenda Major*
of St. Bonaventure

Academic Appointments:

Assistant Professor:

Maryknoll Seminary, Maryknoll, NY: 1977 - 1981

St. Joseph Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, NY: 1977-1980

Adjunct Professor

Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y.:

Summer Sessions 1977 -1989; Academic Year 1980-1981;

Associate Professor

Franciscan Institute of Spirituality, Pontificio Atheneo "Antoniano", Rome, Italy: 1982 -
1988

Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y.: 1989-1993

Professor:

Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, N.Y.: 1993 - 1998

Visiting Professor:

Franciscan Institute of Asia, Manila, Spring 1980, 1982, 1984, 1986, 1989

Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury, England 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001,
2002

The Catholic University of America, 2002-

Doctoral Dissertations Directed

- 1982 Paul LaChance. "The Mystical Theology of Angela of Foligno."
1984 Michael Hart, "Fraternity and Obedience: The Creative Tension of Franciscan Spirituality."
1983 Noel Muscat, "The Life of Saint Francis in light of St. Bonaventure's Theology of the Verbum Crucifixum."
1986 Margaret Carney, "The Rule of Saint Clare and the Feminine Incarnation of the Franciscan Ideal." (Trade Book: The First Franciscan Woman: Clare of Assisi and Her Form of Life. Quincy, IL: Franciscan Press, 1993).
1994 Jesmond Micallef, "Continuing Education and Contemporary Needs of Religious," University of Malta.
2005 Elizabeth-Jane Pavlik, "'Such Harmony Is in Immortal Souls': The Spirituality of Music Explored through the Life and Work of Ralph Vaughan Williams"
2012 Shannon McAllister, "A 'Father' Who Conceives and Gives Birth: Thomas Aquinas and Bonaventure of Bagnoregio on Whether God the Father May Be Called a 'Mother'"
2012 Louis Rouleau, "Eros, Desire, and Fulfillment: St. Bonaventure's Anthropology and Mysticism of Desire"
2012 Brendan Sammon,

Administrative Appointments:

Academic:

Associate Director of Spiritual Development Program, Archdiocese of New York 1974 - 1982
Co-Founder, Franciscan Institute of Asia, 1978. Manila, The Philippines
International Inter-Franciscan Academic Commission, Rome, Italy: 1983, 1984 - 1987
Vice President of International Formation Commission, Rome, Italy: 1982-1988
Vice Rector Magnificus, Pontificio Atheneo "Antoniano", Rome: 1984-1987
Vice President, General International Commission of Continuing Formation, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin: 1982 - 1988
Consultant: International Missionary Formation Resources, Bonn, Germany
Advisory Board: Institute of Contemporary Franciscan Life, St. Joseph College, Loretto, Pa. 1990 - 2001
Board of Governors, Franciscan International Studies Centre, University of Kent, Canterbury, England: 1999- 2002

Awards/Honors

Franciscan International Award for Franciscan Scholarship 2002
Franciscan Institute Medal: Honoring Lifetime Contribution to Franciscan Scholarship, St. Bonaventure University, 2007
The John C. and Gertrude P. Hubbard Professor of Religious Studies, 2008
Doctor of Humane Letters: Honoris Causa, Felician College 2011

Professional

Director of Formation, Province of St. Mary of Capuchin Order, 1970 - 1974
Provincial Councilor, Board of Trustees, Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order (New York-New England): 1993-1999
Provincial Vicar, Vice President of Board of Trustees, Personnel Director, Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order (New York-New England): 1996-1999
Representative of American-European English Capuchins on General Commission Studying Complete Updating of Capuchin Constitutions 2002-2004
Elected Capitular at General Chapter of Order of Capuchin Friars Minor 2012

Editorial Responsibilities:

Editor-in-Chief: *Greyfriars Review* 1989 - 2002
Editor-in-Chief: *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents*, 3 Volumes 1990-
Associate Editor: *The Cord: (St. Bonaventure)* 1978 - 1995
Laurentianum: (Rome) 1982 – 1988

Publications:

Books:

FRANCIS AND CLARE: THE COMPLETE WRITINGS. The Classics of Western Spirituality.
Ramsey: Paulist Press, 1983. Translation with Ignatius C. Brady. Introduction by Regis J.
Armstrong.

- translated and reprinted in Indian Dialect, 1986
- translated and reprinted in Chinese edition, Taiwan, ROC, 1993
- translated and reprinted in Vietnamese. 1995

TRUE JOY: THE WISDOM OF FRANCIS AND CLARE. Translation and Introduction together
with Ignatius Brady. Paulist Press, 1996.

CLARE OF ASSISI: EARLY DOCUMENTS. Ramsey: Paulist Press, publication:
November 1988. Translation and Introduction

- translated and reprinted in Chinese edition, Taiwan, ROC, 1991
- reprinted in Filipino edition, Manila, 1991

CLARE OF ASSISI: EARLY DOCUMENTS, Revised and Expanded. St. Bonaventure:
Franciscan Institute Publications, November, 1993. Translation and Introduction

CLARE OF ASSISI: EARLY DOCUMENTS, Revised and Expanded. 3rd Edition. Hyde
Park: New City Press, 2006.

TOWARDS THE DISCOVERY OF CLARE OF ASSISI, VOLUMES I, II, III, IV. St.
Bonaventure, Franciscan Institute Publications, 1992

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: WRITINGS FOR A GOSPEL LIFE. New York: Crossroad, 1994

FRANCIS OF ASSISI: EARLY DOCUMENTS New York: New City Press.

- Volume I: The Saint, 1999
- Volume II: The Founder, April, 2000
- Volume III: The Prophet, April, 2001
- Index, 2002

THE FRANCISCAN TRADITION Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2010

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE ORDER OF THE CAPUCHIN FRIARS MINOR. Translation with
critical apparatus and indices, North American Capuchin Conference. Lawrence, Kansas,
1991. Translation and Critical Apparatus.

TOWARDS RENEWAL: THE DOCUMENTS OF THE PLENARY COUNCILS OF THE
CAPUCHIN FRIARS MINOR (1973-1987) North American Capuchin Conference, 1993.
Translation and Critical Apparatus.

Articles:

- "The Service of Loving Obedience", *The Cord* 32 (1982): 195-207.
- "The First Encyclical Letter of St. Bonaventure", *The Cord* 33 (1983): 179-183.
- "The Second Encyclical Letter of St. Bonaventure." *The Cord* 33 (1983): 342-346.
- "Clare: The Mirror Mystic", *The Cord* 34 (1984): 195-202
- "The Ecclesial Vision of the Capuchin Constitutions of 1982", *Laurentianum* 2 (1984).
- "Mira Circa Nos: Gregory IX's view of the Saint, Francis of Assisi", *Laurentianum* 3 (1984)
– reprinted, *Analecta TOR* 146, vol. XXI, 1989, 261-289.
– reprinted *Greyfriars Review* 4:1: 75-100
- "St. Bonaventure: Prologue to the Third Book of Sentences." *The Cord* 35 (1985): 131-134.
- "Prophetic Implications of the 'Admonitions'" in. *Francescanesimo e Profezia*. Roma: Laurentianum (1986)
- "Towards 'A Civilization of Love'" in *Contact* (1986): 2-6.
- "Towards an Unfolding of the Structure of Bonaventure's *Legenda Major*." *L'Ermeneutica Francescano*. Rome: *Laurentianum*, 1988.
– reprinted: *The Cord* January, (1989): 3-17.
- "Clare of Assisi, the Poor Ladies and Their Ecclesial Mission in the 'First Life' of Thomas of Celano." *Laurentianum*, (1990)
– reprinted *Greyfriars Review*, Volume 5:3
– Italian translation in *Chiara*, 1192-1992, Roma: Istituto Franciscano di Spiritualità, 1992
– Dutch translation
– Chinese translation
- "Clare of Assisi," *Collectanea Franciscana* 61/3-4, 1991, pp. 649-654.
- 'Starting Points: Images of Women in the Letters of Clare of Assisi to Agnes of Prague' *Collectanea Franciscana*, 62/1-2, 1992, pp. 63-100.
– reprinted in Spanish translation
– reprinted in Italian translation in *Forma Sororum*, 1997
– reprinted in Dutch translation *Vrouwengestalten in de Brieven van de Heige Clara. Uitgangspunten en bron van inspiratie ('San Damianoreeks', 12)*. [NL-Vlaanderen], Werkgroep San-Damianoreeks.
- "Francis of Assisi: Prisms of Theologizing," *Collectanea Franciscana*, 1995
- "*Vita Consecrata*: Anointed with Joy," *Review for Religious*, March 1999
- "'If My Words Remain in You...' Foundations of the Evangelical Life," *Early Documents: An Introduction*, ed. Jay Hammond III, New City Press, 2003.
- "Francis's Charism, Tree-Huggers, and the Eucharist," *Review for Religious* 65.2 (2006): 138-152
- "Minority: The Sacramental Intuition of Francis of Assisi," *Collectanea Franciscana*
- "Hermes and The Co-Incidence of San Damiano," *Franciscan Studies* 66 (2008): 414-459
- "Novellus Pazzus in Mundo: The Call to Foolishness," *Collectanea Franciscana*
- "Plunging into Mystery," in *Her Bright Merits: Essays Honoring Ingrid Peterson*, OSF (St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Publications, 2012)
- "'Lex Gratiae, Lex Sancitatis': Homage to a Saint by a Saint," *Collectanea Franciscana* 83/1-2 (2013): 55-105.

Articles in Encyclopedia and Reference Works

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“Maurice Whelan,” “Christopher Plunkett,” “Luke Sheehan,” “Daniel Brady,” “Solanus
Casey,” Encyclopedia of the Irish in American Catholicism, University of Notre
Dame Press, 1999.

“Francis of Assisi,” Oxford Companion to Christian Thought, Oxford University Press,
1999

“Maurice Whelan,” “Christopher Plunkett,” “Luke Sheehan,” The New Catholic
Encyclopedia (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2002).

“Francis of Assisi,” Jesus the Christ: A Cultural Encyclopedia, Oxford University Press,
2002.

Reviews:

Spirituality Today: June 1982, pp. 169-172; Fall 1965: 275-276;

Collectanea Franciscana: 53 (1983), pp. 131; 137-139; 54 (1984): 118-120; 128-130; 56
(1986): 96-97; 135-136; 57 (1987):163-164; 190-192;

Canadian Theological Review: December 1984, pp. 465-466; January 1986

The Cord: “The Renewal of Reform: A Critical Review,” April, 1993.

Catholic Historical Review: (1999)

International Workshops/Seminars:

- 1978: Kiryu, Gumma-ken, Japan;
Franciscan Institute of Asia, Inaugural Session, Manila, P.I.
Agaña, Guam
Franciscans, Northwestern Canada, Alberta, Canada
- 1979: Capuchins, Nueva Ocotopeque, Honduras
Sisters of Saint Clare, Dublin, Ireland
Franciscan Family of Ireland, Mount Bellew, Galway, Ireland
- 1980: Franciscan Friars, Kiryu, Gumma-ken, Japan
Franciscan Institute of Asia, Manila, P.I.
- 1981: Capuchin Friars of England, Scotland, and Wales
- 1982: Franciscan Institute of Asia, Manila, P.I.
Poor Clares, Cheju-do, S. Korea
Franciscan Friars, Seoul, S. Korea
Poor Clares, Japan
Franciscan Families of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malauai, Endola, Zambia
Capuchin Superiors of Southwestern Africa, Seychelles Islands
Capuchin Superiors of Oceania, Guam, Mariana Islands
- 1984: Franciscan Family, Auckland, New Zealand
Franciscan Families: Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Australia
Franciscan Families, Papua New Guinea
Franciscan Institute of Asia, Manila, P.I.
Franciscan Family, Okinawa, Japan
- 1985: Capuchin Friars, Livingstone, Zambia
Capuchin Friars, Asmara, Eritrea, Ethiopia
Franciscan Family, Duala, Cameroon
- 1986: Franciscan Family, Lahore, Pakistan
Franciscan Institute of Asia, Manila, P.I.
Franciscan Family, Maçao
- 1987: Franciscan Family, Republic of China
- 1988: Franciscan Institute of Asia, Sabah, East Malaysia
- 1989: Franciscan Institute of Asia, Manila, P.I.
Franciscan Family, Republic of China
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Franciscan Family, Tokyo, Japan
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- 1990: Poor Clares, Dublin, Ireland
Capuchin Fraternity, Onitcha, Nigeria
- 1991: Franciscan Family, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
Formators of Franciscan Family: Nairobi, Kenya
Poor Clares, Dublin, Ireland

- 1993: Poor Clares, Japan,
Poor Clares, Korea,
Franciscan Family, Seoul, Korea
Franciscan Family, Hong Kong
Franciscan Family, Singapore
Poor Clares, Ireland
- 1997: Franciscan Family, Assisi, Italy
- 1999 Franciscan Family, Guam
Franciscan Family, Okinawa, Japan
Canterbury, England
Franciscan Family, Multyfharum, Ireland
- 2001 Center for Spirituality, North Wales
- 2002 Box Hill, Melbourne, Australia
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