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Academic Qualifications

STB 1978, Dominican House of Studies, Tallaght, Dublin, affiliated to the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas, Rome

STL 1983, Pontifical University of Saint Thomas, Rome

STD 1992, Pontifical University of Saint Thomas, Rome

Main Academic and Administrative Appointments

1984-90 Tallaght, Ireland

- lecturer in moral theology at the Dominican House of Studies, Tallaght
- lecturer in the philosophy of St Thomas at the Milltown Institute of Philosophy and Theology

1992-96 Tallaght, Ireland

- Regent of Studies of the Irish Dominican Province
- Moderator of the Dominican House of Studies
- lecturer in moral theology and in the thought of St Thomas Aquinas

1997-2004 London, England

- lecturer in theology at Digby Stuart College, Roehampton (1997-1999)
- senior lecturer in theology at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill (2000 -)
- lecturer and tutor in moral and pastoral theology and in the thought of St Thomas Aquinas at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford (1998 -)

2004-11 Oxford, England

- lecturer and tutor in moral and pastoral theology and in the thought of St Thomas Aquinas at Blackfriars Hall, Oxford
- member of the faculty of theology, University of Oxford
- director of the Aquinas Institute at Blackfriars (2008-2011)

- senior lecturer in theology at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill (until 2008)

2011-2020 Rome, Italy (Santa Sabina)

- socius of the Master of the Order for North-West Europe & Canada
- socius delegated for initial formation
- vicar of the Master of the Order (2012-2017)
- socius for fraternal life and formation (2017-2020)

2020- Rome, Italy (San Clemente)

- lecturing in spirituality at the Angelicum
- director of permanent formation at the Angelicum
- acting director of the Institute of Spirituality, Angelicum (2020-22)

Course Development Work

2000 Part of a team that developed a two-term course in pastoral care, on the ethics and theology of ministry, Blackfriars, Oxford

2001 Part of a team that developed MA programmes in pastoral theology and in bioethics, St Mary's University College, Twickenham

2002 Led the development of a joint honours degree in philosophy at St Mary's University, Twickenham

2007 Developed a course in psychology for theology students, Blackfriars, Oxford

2007 Developed a two-term course in moral theology, Blackfriars, Oxford

2008 Developed an 'advanced Aquinas reading class' as an option for students taking the MSt in Medieval Studies, University of Oxford

Consultancy and External Examining

1989-2004

Supervisor and examiner for STL examinations at Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Dublin (1989) and Blackfriars Hall, Oxford (2000, 2001, 2002, 2004)

2001-2005

External examiner for MA in Catholic Theology at Maryvale Institute, Birmingham (degree accredited by Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth)

2003-2004

External examiner for certificate courses in Pastoral Theology at Plater College, Oxford (award accredited by The Open University)

2008

Consulted by Maryvale Institute, Birmingham about the structure and content of a proposed MA pathway in Spiritual Theology (accredited by the Open University)

Consulted by The Priory Institute, Tallaght, Dublin about the structure and content of their distance learning BA in Theology (at the time accredited by the University of Wales Lampeter)

PhD external examiner at the Department of Philosophy, University College Dublin

2009

Consulted by St Mary's College, Oscott, about their formation programme for diocesan clergy

2020

External examiner for the BA in Theology programme at The Priory Institute, Tallaght (a programme accredited by Technological University Dublin)

Membership of Professional Bodies

- 1986-90 *Association of Moral Theology Teachers of Ireland*
- 1998-2020 *Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain*
- 2007-11 Board of Governors, *Anscombe Bioethics Centre* (formerly *Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics*)
- 2009- *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics*

Membership of Editorial Boards

- 2004 – 11 Reviews Editor for *New Blackfriars* (Oxford)
- 2005 - 19 *The Pastoral Review* (London)
- 2008 - *New Blackfriars* (Oxford)
- 2011 - *Studium. Filosofia y Teologia* (Tucuman, Argentina)
- 2011 - *Medieval Mystical Theology* (*The Journal of the Eckhart Society*, London)

Main Publications

- 1994 'San Tommaso: Lettore e Maestro di Lettura', *Studi 1994*, Istituto San Tommaso, Pontificia Universitas a S.Thomas Aq. In Urbe, MCMXCIV, pp.45-49
- 1995 'Some Questions on "Religion, Politics and Human Rights"', *Religion, Morality and Public Policy*, Dominican Publications, Dublin, pp.62-67
- 1996 *Ideas in God according to Saint Thomas Aquinas: Sources and Synthesis*, Studies in the History of Christian Thought, edited by Heiko A.Oberman, Volume LXIX. E.J.Brill, Leiden-New York-Köln
- 1998 'Non solum discens sed et patiens divina: the wanderings of an Aristotelian fragment', in *Roma, magistra mundi: Itineraria culturae medievalis*. Mélanges offerts au Père L.E.Boyle à l'occasion de son 75e anniversaire, édités par J.Hamesse, Fédération Internationale des Instituts d'Études Médiévales, Textes et études du moyen âge X, Louvain-la-Neuve, volume I, pp.55-69
- 1999 'On Reading *Evangelium Vitae* as a Social Encyclical', *New Blackfriars* 80 (1999) 73-81
- 2000 'Albertus Magnus' and 'Theology: Western Christian: Dominican', in William M. Johnston, editor, *Encyclopedia of Monasticism*, Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, Chicago and London, 2000, Volume 1, pp.21-23 and Volume 2, pp.1262-64
- 2001 'Aquinas and Simplicius on Dispositions: A Question in Fundamental Moral Theory', *New Blackfriars* 82 (2001) 24-28
- 2002 'Thinking About Good – Thomas Aquinas on *Nicomachean Ethics* I, *Divine Names* IV-V and *de Ebdomadibus*', *New Blackfriars* 83 (2002) 384-400
- 2003 'There's Life in the Dumb Ox yet', *Priests and People* 17 (2003) 292-296
- 'Kenny on Aquinas on Being', *New Blackfriars* 84 (2003) 388-399
- 'Being reasonable, for goodness' sake' *Priests and People* 17 (2003) 376-380
- 2004 *Reconciliation: the Mercy of Christ*, Catholic Truth Society, London
- 2005 'Analogy', 'Aristotelianism', 'Scholasticism' and 'Thomist Spirituality' in *The New SCM Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*,

edited by Philip Sheldrake, SCM Press, London, 2005, pages 106-07, 124-26, 565-67, 618-20

- 2006 *Watchmen Raise Their Voices: A Tallaght Book of Theology Essays to mark the 150th anniversary of the Dominican House of Studies in Tallaght (1855-2005)*, editor, Dominican Publications, Dublin
- “Get into the River”: The Dominican Passion for Study’, in *Watchmen Raise Their Voices: A Tallaght Book of Theology*, edited by Vivian Boland OP, Dominican Publications, Dublin, pp.107-25
- ‘Boring God: Theology and Preaching’, in Michael Monshau OP, editor, *The Grace and Task of Preaching*, Dominican Publications, Dublin, pp.52-70
- 2007 ‘The healing work of teaching: Thomas Aquinas and education’, in Gabrielle Kelly OP and Kevin Saunders OP, editors, *Towards the Intelligent Use of Liberty: Dominican Approaches in Education*, ATF Press, Adelaide, pp.32-41
- Spiritual Warfare: Fighting the Good Fight*, Catholic Truth Society, London
- 8 Deadly Sins: Learning to Defend the Life of Grace*, Catholic Truth Society, London
- St Thomas Aquinas* Continuum Library of Educational Thought, Continuum, London and New York (republished in paperback in 2014)
- 2008 *Don't Put Out the Burning Bush: Worship and Preaching in a Complex World*, editor, ATF Press, Adelaide
- “Gestis verbisque’: Proclaiming the Mystery of Christ in Actions and Words’, in *Don't Put Out the Burning Bush: Worship and Preaching in a Complex World*, edited by Vivian Boland OP, ATF Press, Adelaide, pp. vii-xxvii
- 2009 *Thomas Aquinas: the Mind in Love*, Catholic Truth Society, London
- 2010 ‘The Meaning of Suffering and Death in the Catholic Faith’, *European Journal of Palliative Care* 17 (2010) 18-21
- Patterns of Personal and Communal Spirituality: Learning from Monasticism* (A Coursebook for the MA in Catholic Pastoral and Educational Studies, Maryvale Institute, Birmingham, 2010)
- ‘Aquinas, Thomas’, ‘Scholasticism’ and ‘Thomism’ in Mark Bevir, editor, *Encyclopedia of Political Theory* (Sage Publications 2010) Volume One, pages 60-64, Volume Three, pages 1234-35, and Volume Three, pages 1361-68

- 2011 'Religious doubts and mental health in adolescence and young adulthood: The association with religious attitudes' [with Anikó Kézdy, Tamás Martos and Katalin Horváth-Szabó] *Journal of Adolescence* 34 (2011) 39-47
- 'Krisztus állhatatossága (2Tessz 3,5) és az erőszakmentesség lelkiisége' ['The fortitude of Christ (2 Thess 3,5) and a spirituality of non-violence'], *Vigilia* (Budapest) 76 (2011) 2-10
- 2012 *The Word is Flesh and Blood: The Eucharist and Sacred Scripture* [Essays honouring Wilfrid J. Harrington OP in his 85th year], edited with Thomas McCarthy OP, Dominican Publications, Dublin, 2012
- 'Does God think? Recent work on Aquinas's doctrine of divine ideas', in James McEvoy, Michael Dunne and Julia Hynes, editors, *Thomas Aquinas: Teacher and Scholar (The Aquinas Lectures at Maynooth, volume 2: 2002-2010)*, Four Courts Press, Dublin, 2012, pages 120-34
- 'Aquinas', in *Ethics: The Key Thinkers*, edited by Tom Angier, Bloomsbury Academic, London and New York, 2012, pages 83-103
- 'Wiedza, rozum oraz mądrość: cnoty intelektualne, edukacja i dary Ducha Świętego' ['Knowledge, reason and wisdom: intellectual virtues, education and the gifts of the Holy Spirit'], *Teofil* (Krakow) 30 (2012) 208-221
- 'An education in gratitude: initial formation between postmodernity and new evangelisation', *Religious Life Review* 51 (2012) 218-29
- 'St Thomas Aquinas: what is his relevance to Catholic education today?', *International Studies in Catholic Education* 4.2 (October 2012)
- 2013 'Thomas Aquinas, Catholic Education and the Transcendental Properties of Truth, Goodness, Beauty, and Integrity', in Stephen J. McKinney and John Sullivan, editors, *Education in a Catholic Perspective* (Ashgate, Farnham and Burlington VT, 2013) 49-64
- 2014 *St Thomas Aquinas* Bloomsbury Library of Educational Thought, Bloomsbury, London, 2014 [reprint of the book published by Continuum in 2007]
- 2016 'Bland Catholicism and the Most Ridiculous Decade', *Religious Life Review* 55 (2016) 359-364
- 2017 'Isten Igazsága és a teremtmények igazságai' ['The Truth of God and the truths of creatures'], in *Az Igazság ragyogása a Kinyilatkoztatás szívében: Domonkos megköselítések*, L'Harmattan

- Kiadó, Sapientia Szerzetesi Hittudományi Főiskola, Budapest, 2017, 55-68
- 2018 'Challenges Facing the Order of Preachers Today', *Dominican Ashram*, September 2018, pp.29-46
- 2019 'Hopes and Challenges for Formation for Dominican Preaching', *Dominican Ashram* 38 (2019) 13-21
- 2020 'No Mass in Rome: Reflections in a Time of Plague', *Pastoral Review* 16.3 (2020) 35-38
- 2021 *The Spirit of Catholicism* Bloomsbury Continuum, London, 2021 (paperback edition 2023)
- 'At Table with Saint Dominic: Unpacking the Jubilee Theme', *Dominican Ashram* 3.3 (2021) 99-107
- 'Sharing the Glory of God: Thomas's Philosophy of Education', Interview with Charles Rooney OP, *Dominicana* (Dominican House of Studies, Washington DC) LXIV (2021) 68-78
- 'Fostering Fraternal Life', *Dominican Ashram* 3.4 (2021) 147-53
- 'Dominican Education', *Educatio Catholica* Anno VII.3-4 (2021) 199-206
- 'A Tavola con san Domenico. Tema del Giubileo Domenicano 2021', *Vita Cristiana* 90.3 (2021) 289-300 [Italian translation of the article published in *Dominican Ashram* 3.3 (2021) 99-107]
- 'Thomas Aquinas and Education: Imagination at the Service of Reason?', *Lumen* (Fu Jen University, Taiwan) 9.1-2 (2021) 20-31
- 2022 'Saint Dominic in Rome 1205-1215', *Dominican Ashram* 4.1 (2022) 13-21
- 'Saint Dominic in Rome 1216-1221', *Dominican Ashram* 4.2 (2022) 86-93
- 'Il sermone *Puer Iesus* di san Tommaso d'Aquino: una fonte trascurata per la sua comprensione dell'insegnamento e dell'apprendimento', *Vita Cristiana* 91.1 (2022) 31-49 [Italian translation of the article published in *New Blackfriars* 88 (2007) 457-70]
- 'Catholic Preaching Since Vatican II', *The Pastoral Review* 18.4 (Oct-Dec 2022)
- 'I modi di preghiera di san Domenico', *Vita Cristiana* 91.3 (2022) 291-306

‘The Healing Work of Teaching: Thomas Aquinas and Education’,
Educatio Catholica VIII.4 (2022) 133-41 [slightly revised version of
the article first published in Kelly and Saunders, 2007]