

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. (with distinction)(1980), Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion,  
Department of New Testament and Christian Origins.  
Student-at-large (1976-77), Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rabbinic literature.  
M.A. (1973), Loyola University of Chicago (Jesuit School of Theology in Chicago),  
theology.  
Student of philosophy (1967-69), Loyola University of Chicago (Jesuit School of  
Theology).  
Litt. B. (*summa cum laude*)(1967), Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, classical  
languages (Greek and Latin).

THESIS:

The Creation of Man: Philo and the History of Interpretation. Advisor: Prof. John  
Strugnell; Readers: Dieter Georgi, George MacRae, Zeph Stewart (awarded  
distinction).

ACADEMIC AWARDS:

Academic leave of absence (sponsored by the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus),  
September 2001 through August 2002)  
Academic leave of absence with pay, Loyola University of Chicago, September 1996  
through May 1997.  
Academic leave of absence with pay, Loyola University of Chicago, September 1989  
through May 1990.

Academic leave of absence with pay, Loyola University of Chicago, January through May 1983.

Arthur Darby Nock Memorial Fellowship, Harvard University (1978–79).

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Professor of Theology, Loyola University of Chicago (2004– )

Academic Director of the Jesuit First Studies Program (1997–01)

Acting Chairperson of the Theology Department, Loyola University of Chicago (September–December 1990).

Director of the Graduate Program in Theology, Loyola University of Chicago (1985–89).

Associate Professor of Theology with tenure, Loyola University of Chicago (1985–2004).

Assistant Professor of Theology, Loyola University of Chicago (1980–85).

Instructor in Elementary and Intermediate Coptic, Harvard University (1978–80).

Tutor in the Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University (1977–78), New Testament and Intertestamental Literature.

Instructor in the Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University of Chicago (summers of 1972, 1973, 1975), Pauline literature, the Gospel of John.

Instructor in the Department of Theology, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio (1969–70), Introduction to Philosophical Theology, Introduction to the New Testament, Studies in the Synoptic Gospels.

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas

Catholic Biblical Association of America

Society of Biblical Literature

Chicago Society of Biblical Research

North American Patristic Society

American Theological Society

#### LANGUAGES:

Ancient Languages: Latin, Greek, Hebrew (Biblical and Mishnaic), Aramaic (Biblical, Targumic, and Talmudic), Syriac, and Coptic.

Modern Languages: French, German, Italian, and Hebrew.

#### PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, AND BOOK REVIEWS:

Books:

Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., *The Creation of Man: Philo and the History of Interpretation* (Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series 14; Washington, D.C.: Catholic Biblical Association of America, 1983).

- Timaios of Locri, *On the Nature of the World and the Soul*, introduction, translation, and notes by Thomas H. Tobin, S.J. (Texts and Translations 26, Graeco-Roman Religion Series 8; Chico, CA: Scholars Press, 1985).
- Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., *The Spirituality of Paul* (Message of Biblical Spirituality 12; Wilmington, DE: Michael Glazier, 1987).
- Of Scribes and Scrolls: Essays in Honor of the Sixtieth Birthday of John Strugnell*, eds. Harold W. Attridge, John J. Collins, and Thomas H. Tobin, S.J. (Washington, DC: University Press of America/College Theology Society, 1990).
- Thomas H. Tobin, S.J. *Paul's Rhetoric in Its Contexts: The Argument of Romans*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 2004.

#### Articles:

- “Tradition and Interpretation in Philo’s Portrait of the Patriarch Joseph,” in *SBL Seminar Papers*. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1986, 271–77.
- “The Prologue of John and Hellenistic Jewish Speculation,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 52 (1990) 252–69.
- “4Q185 and Jewish Wisdom Literature,” in *Of Scribes and Scrolls: Essays in Honor of the Sixtieth Birthday of John Strugnell* (Washington, DC: University Press of America/College Theology Society, 1990) 145–52.
- “Romans 10:4: Christ the Goal of the Law”, *Heirs of the Septuagint: Philo, Hellenistic Judaism and Early Christianity*, eds. D. T. Runia, et al. (*The Studia Philonica Annual* 3; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1991) 272–80.
- “Logos” in *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*, eds. David Noel Freedman, et al.; 6 vols. (New York: Doubleday, 1992) 4.348–56.
- “Interpretations of the Creation of the World in Philo of Alexandria,” in *Creation in the Biblical Traditions*, eds. Richard J. Clifford and John J. Collins (Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series 24; Washington, DC: Catholic Biblical Association of America, 1992) 108–28.
- “Miracles, Magic and Modernity: Comments on the Paper of Marilyn McCord Adams,” in *Hermes and Athena: Biblical Exegesis and Philosophical Theology*, eds. Eleonore Stump and Thomas P. Flint (University of Notre Dame Studies in the Philosophy of Religion 7; Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1993) 275–81.
- “Controversy and Continuity in Rom 1:18–3:20,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 55 (1993) 298–318.
- “Was Philo a Middle Platonist? Some Suggestions,” *The Studia Philonica Annual* 5 (1993) 147–50.
- “4 Maccabees,” *The Harper Collins Study Bible* (London/ New York: Harper Collins, 1993) 1814–37.
- “Justification,” *The Modern Catholic Encyclopedia*, eds. Michael Glazier and Monika K. Hellweg (Collegeville: Liturgical Press/Michael Glazier, 1994) 472–74.

- “Apostle,” “Apostolic Age,” “Catholic Letters,” “Ephesus,” “Epistle,” “Pastoral Letters,” “St. Paul,” “Philemon,” “St. Timothy,” “St. Titus,” in *The HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism*, ed. Richard P. McBrien (San Francisco: Harper, 1995).
- “What Shall We Say That Abraham Found? The Controversy behind Romans 4,” *Harvard Theological Review* 88:4 (1995) 437–52.
- “Philosophy,” “Providence,” in *Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical Period*, eds. Jacob Neusner and William Scott Green (New York: Simon & Schuster Macmillan, 1996) 482–83, 506.
- “Philo and the Sibyl: Interpreting Philo’s Eschatology” *The Studia Philonica Annual* 9 (1997) 84–103.
- “The Beginning of Philo’s *Legum Allegoriae* 1,” *The Studia Philonica Annual* 12 (2000) 29–43.
- “The Jewish Context of Rom 5:12–14,” *The Studia Philonica Annual* 13 (2001) 159–75.
- “Response to John L. White’s *The Apostle of God: Paul and the Promise of Abraham*,” *Biblical Research* 48 (2003) 21–26.
- “The World of Thought in the Philippians Hymn (Philippians 2:6–11)” in *The New Testament and Early Christian Literature in Greco-Roman Context: Studies in Honor of David E. Aune*, ed. John Fotopoulos (Supplements to Novum Testamentum 122; Leiden: Brill, 2006) 91–104.
- “Wisdom of Solomon” and “4 Maccabees”, revised introductions and commentaries for *The HarperCollins Study Bible* (revised edition; San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2006), 1348–77, 1629–49.
- “Romans,” *Blackwell’s Companion to the New Testament*; ed. David E. Aune (Oxford: Blackwell), forthcoming.

#### Papers:

- Response to Nils Dahl, “The State of New Testament Scholarship Today” (Harvard University, May 1980).
- Response to Jacques Cazeaux, “Système implicite dans l’exégèse de Philon. Un exemple: le *De Praemiis*” (Society of Biblical Literature Convention, Nov. 1980).
- “Philo and the Fall” (North American Patristics Conference, May 1981).
- “Allegory in Hellenistic Philosophy and Religion” (Philosophy Department, Loyola University of Chicago, Feb. 1982).
- “The Creation of Man: Philo and Tradition” (Midwest Patristics Seminar, March 1982).
- “The Creation of Man in Hellenistic Judaism” (Catholic Biblical Association of America Convention, August 1982).
- “Gnilka and Pesch: Two Recent Commentaries on the Gospel of Mark” (Theology Department, Loyola University of Chicago, Oct. 1982).
- “Levels of Interpretation in Philo’s *De Sacrificiis*” (Society of Biblical Literature Convention, Dec. 1984).

- “Tradition and Interpretation in Philo’s Portrait of the Patriarch Joseph” (Society of Biblical Literature Convention, Nov. 1986; Midwest Patristic Seminar, Dec. 1986).
- “The Prologue of John and Hellenistic Jewish Speculation,” (Catholic Biblical Association of America Convention, August 1988; Midwest Patristics Seminar, October 1988).
- “Gnosticism and Platonism: Major Points of Contact,” (Paper presented as part of a panel at the Society of Biblical Literature Convention, Nov. 1989).
- Response to a paper by Marilyn Adams, “The Role of Miracles in Luke--Acts,” at a conference on Philosophical Theology and Biblical Exegesis at the University of Notre Dame, March 15--17, 1990.
- “The Fate of Plato’s *Timaeus* in Middle Platonism.” (An invited paper for the 1990 Society of Biblical Literature Convention, November 1990, New Orleans).
- “Controversy and Continuity in Rom 1:18–3:20.” (Paper presented at the meeting of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research, February 17, 1991).
- “Interpretations of the Creation of the World in Philo of Alexandria” (Paper presented at the 1991 meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, August 1991).
- “Was Philo of Alexandria a Middle Platonist?” (Response presented at the 1992 Society of Biblical Literature Convention, November 22, 1992, San Francisco).
- “What Shall We Say That Abraham Found? The Controversy behind Romans 4” (Simultaneous session at the 1993 meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, August 1993 and Midwest Patristics Seminar, November 1994).
- Response to A. T. Kraabel, “Paul’s Place in the Roman Diaspora: New Assumptions” (Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas Meeting, August 1997, Birmingham, England)
- “Rethinking Romans: The Case of Romans 8–11” (Midwest Patristics Seminar, November 1997; University of Chicago, February 1998).
- “Was Eupolemus an Old Boy?,” response to Robert Doran, “The Cost of a Good Education: Reflections on the Gymnasium in 2 Maccabees” (Conference on Hellenism in the Land of Israel, April 1999, University of Chicago).
- “Structure and Argument in Philo’s *Legum Allegoriae* I–III” (Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Convention, November 1999, Boston).
- “Rethinking Romans: Literary Cues and the Legacy of Controversy” (Main address at the Catholic Biblical Association Meeting, August 2001).
- “Universality and Particularity in Philo of Alexandria Reconsidered” (Presented at conference on Natural Law: Ancient Origins and Contemporary Debates, September 2001, University of Notre Dame)
- Response to Gregory Sterling’s Commentary on Philo’s *Hypothetica* (Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, November 2001, Denver).
- “Issues of Eschatology in Paul” (Paper presented at the Chicago Society of

- Biblical Research, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003)
- “The Structure, Genre, and Purposes of Romans” (Paper presented at the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas conference in July 2003 at Bonn, Germany)
- “Philo and the Transformation of Tradition” (Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, November 2003, Atlanta)
- “Jesus Christ and the End of the World in Saint Paul,” Yves Simon Lecture at the University of Chicago, November 3, 2004
- “The World of Thought in the Philippians Hymn (Phil 2:6–11)” (Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, November 2004, San Antonio)
- “The Importance of Hellenistic Judaism for Studying Early Christianity,” invited paper for a conference sponsored by the Netherlands School for Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion at the Catholic University of Leuven (October 10, 2006).
- “Philo’s *Legum Allegoriae*: The Thread of the Argument” for the Philo of Alexandria Group at the Society of Biblical Literature Convention (November 20, 2006 in Washington, DC).

#### Book Reviews:

- L. William Countryman, *The Rich Christian in the Church of the Early Empire: Contradictions and Accommodations*, in *Religious Studies Review* 7 (1981) 259.
- Jesse Sell, *The Knowledge of the Truth – Two Doctrines: The Book of Thomas the Contender (CG II, 7) and the False Teachers in the Pastoral Epistles* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 46 (1984) 590–91.
- U. Schnelle, *Gerechtigkeit und Christusgegenwart: Vorpaulinische und paulinische Tauftheologie*, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 46(1984) 799–800.
- Yehoshua Amir, *Die hellenistische Gestalt des Judentums bei Philon von Alexandrien*, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 47(1985) 571–72.
- Two Treatises of Philo of Alexandria: A Commentary on De Gigantibus and Quod Deus Sit Immutabilis*, by David Winston and John Dillon in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 105 (1986) 352–54.
- David Alan Black, *Paul, Apostle of Weakness: Astheneia and Its Cognates in Pauline Literature* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 48 (1986) 130–32.
- Michael Newton, *The Concept of Purity at Qumran and the Letters of Paul*, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 49 (1987) 347–49.
- Dieter Georgi, *The Opponents of Paul in Second Corinthians*, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 50 (1988) 317–19.
- Cohen, Shaye J. D., *From the Maccabees to the Mishnah*, in *Journal of Religion* 69 (1989) 284–85.
- Runia, David T., *Philo of Alexandria and the Timaeus of Plato*, in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (1989) 378–81.
- Kurt Aland (ed.), *Text und Textwert der griechischen Handschriften des Neuen*

- Testaments*. I. Die Katholischen Briefe. 4 vols. In *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 25 (1988) 179–80.
- Collins, Raymond F., *Letters That Paul Did Not Write: The Epistle to the Hebrews and the Pauline Pseudepigrapha* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 52 (1990) 551–52.
- Michael Edward Stone, *Fourth Ezra: A Commentary on the Book of Fourth Ezra* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 55 (1993) 777–79.
- Porphyry, *On Aristotle's Categories*, trans. Steven K. Strange (Ithaca, NY: Cornell, 1992) in *Religious Studies Review* 20.1 (1994) 55.
- Kurt Aland (ed.), *Text und Textwert der griechischen Handschriften des Neuen Testaments*; Part III: *Die Apostelgeschichte* (Berlin/New York: de Gruyter, 1993) in *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 30.3–4 (1993) 179–80.
- Willem Cornelis van Unnik, *Das Selbstverständnis der jüdischen Diaspora in der hellenistisch-römischen Zeit* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 57 (1995) 197–98.
- Albert Pietersma, *The Apocryphon of Jannes and Jambres the Magicians* (Leiden: Brill, 1994) in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 114 (1995) 548–50.
- Dale B. Martin, *The Corinthian Body* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1995) *Theological Studies* 57 (1996) 740–41.
- Anthony J. Guerra, *Romans and the Apologetic Tradition, Genre and Audience of Paul's Letter* (SNTSMS 81; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995) in *Anglican Theological Review* 78 (1996) 503–04.
- John D. Moores, *Wrestling with Rationality in Paul: Romans 1–8 in a New Perspective* (SNTSMS 82; Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1995) in *Anglican Theological Review* 78 (1996) 664–65.
- Raymond E. Brown, *An Introduction to the New Testament* (New York: Doubleday, 1997) in *Commonweal*, vol. 125, no. 22 (December 18, 1998) 17–18.
- James D. G. Dunn, *The Theology of Paul the Apostle* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999) in *Theological Studies* 60 (1999) 350–52.
- Understanding Josephus: Seven Perspectives*, ed. Steve Mason (JSPSS 32; Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 62 (2000) 184–84.
- Odette Mainville, *Un playdoyer en faveur de l'unité: la lettre aux Romains* (Montréal/Paris: Médiaspaul, 1999) in *Review of Biblical Literature* 2002 446–48 (Online: [www.bookreviews.org/Print/2894201710-P.html](http://www.bookreviews.org/Print/2894201710-P.html)).
- Hans Dieter Betz, *Antike und Christentum: Gesammelte Aufsätze IV* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1998) in *The Journal of Religion* 80 (2000) 667–68.
- John R. Levison, *Texts in Transition: The Greek Life of Adam and Eve* (SBLEJL 16; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2000) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 64 (2002) 381–82.
- Flavius Philostratus, *Heroikos*, trans. by Jennifer K. Berenson Maclean and Ellen Bradshaw Aitken (SBL Writings from the Greco-Roman World 1;

Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2001) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 66 (2004) 161–62.

Mark Nanos, *The Irony of Galatians: Paul's Letter in First-Century Context* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2002) in *Theological Studies* 64 (2003) 839–40.

Pieter W. van der Horst, *Japheth in the Tents of Shem* (Leuven: Peeters, 2002) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 66 (2004) 348–50.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

A two-volume commentary on Philo of Alexandria's *Legum Allegoriae* I–III (part of a new commentary series on the treatises of Philo of Alexandria which is being published by E. J. Brill in Leiden).

#### NATIONAL SOCIETIES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Chair of the Philo of Alexandria Group of the Society of Biblical Literature (1998–2004).  
Member of the Program Committee of the Catholic Biblical Association Meeting (1989–95)

#### EDITORIAL WORK AND CONSULTATIONS:

Associate editor of *New Testament Studies* (2000–03)  
Associate editor of the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1989–96).  
Associate editor of the *Journal of Biblical Literature* (1994–99)  
Member of the editorial board of the *The Studia Philonica Monograph Series* (1990– )  
Chair of the editorial board of *The Studia Philonia Annual* (2006– )  
Member of the editorial board of the Commentary Series on Philo of Alexandria (1995– )

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