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Curriculum Vitae

Professor of Systematic Theology
Perkins School of Theology
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Education

Ph.D., Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2000
Research Area: Systematic Theology; Dissertation: *Communities of Informed Judgment: The Significance of John Henry Newman's Notion of the Illative Sense for Issues in Theological Prolegomena* (Advisor, Prof. William J. Abraham)

M.A., New Testament Greek, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 1994
Thesis: *The Concept of Revelation in Rudolf Bultmann and Paul Ricoeur* (Advisor, Prof. Carroll D. Osburn)

M.Div., Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 1993

B.A., Biblical Studies, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 1989

Research Interests

The Doctrine of Deification

Soteriology

John Cassian

John Henry Newman

Religious Epistemology

Epistemology of Theology

Maximus the Confessor

Philosophical Issues in Theology

Philosophy of Religion

Spiritual perception

Professional Experience

Professor, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, fall 2023-present

Professor, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, 2011-summer 2023

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, 2006-2011

Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, 2000-2006

Instructor, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, 1998-2000

Preaching Minister, Avenue B Church of Christ, Ballinger, TX, 2018-2023

Visiting Professor, Philosophy of Religion, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, June 2002

Courses Taught

Undergraduate (ACU)

BIBD/PHIL/PHYS 379 Philosophy, Religion & Science (co-taught with Dr. Michael Daugherty, Professor of Physics)

BIBD/PHIL 380 Introduction to Philosophy

HCOL 431 Human Selfhood

HCOL 431 Artificial Intelligence (co-taught with Dr. Brent Reeves, School of Information Technology and Computing)

PHIL 440 Epistemology and Justice (co-taught with Dr. Paul Morris, Professor of Physics)

BIBD/PHIL 478 Philosophy of Religion

BIBD/PHIL 486 Ethics

BIBD/PHIL 487 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy

BIBD/PHIL 489 Modern Philosophy

Graduate (ACU)

BIBD 640 Connecting Scripture and Theology (co-taught with Dr. Mark Hamilton, Robert and Kay Onstead Professor of Biblical Studies)

BIBD 640 Theology of Church Music (co-taught with Dr. Greg Straughn, Professor of Music)

BIBD 640 Ancient and Medieval Theology

BIBD 642 Contemporary Religious Thought

BIBD 660 Systematic Theology I

BIBD 661 Epistemology of Theology

BIBD 661 Theological Explorations

BIBD 662 Systematic Theology II

BIBD 678 Philosophy of Religion

BIBD 686 Christian Ethics

BIBM 700 Theological Perspectives on Suffering, Aging, and End of Life

BIBM 711 Preaching and Theology (co-taught with Dr. David Fleeer, Professor of Homiletics)

BIBM 740 Theology of Culture

Graduate (SMU)

ST 6301 Interpretation of the Christian Message I

ST 6302 Interpretation of the Christian Message II

ST 6304 Advanced Systematic Theology: Credo and Selected Topics

TC 8308 Contemporary Issues in the Philosophy of Religion

ST 6350 Introduction to Theological Studies and Research

XX 8399 MDIV Capstone Course

CW 9301 The Philosophy of Basil Mitchell (Directed Study)

RELI 7350 Epistemology of Theology (Doctoral Directed Study)

RELI 7337 Maximus the Confessor (Doctoral Directed Study)

CW 9301 Philosophy of Religion (Directed Study)

Related Experience

Director, *The William J. Abraham Lecture Series*, 2023-present

Director, Philosophy Minor, Abilene Christian University, 2019-2023

Director, Master of Arts in Theology, Abilene Christian University, 2000-2023

Director, "Theology in the Christian University: Prospects for the Twenty-First Century," Centennial Conference, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 2004-2006

Editor, *Journal for Case Teaching*, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 2001-2003

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 1996-1998

Publications

Books

Frederick D. Aquino and Joseph Milburn (eds.), *John Henry Newman and Contemporary Philosophy* (Routledge, 2025)

Frederick D. Aquino and Matthew Levering (eds.), *John Henry An Essay in Aid of a Grammar of Assent: A Critical Guide* (Emmaus Academic, 2025).

Frederick D. Aquino and Paul L. Gavriluk (eds.), *Perceiving Things Divine: Towards a Constructive Account of Spiritual Perception* (Oxford University Press, 2022).

Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of John Henry Newman* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (eds.), *Receptions of Newman* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Frederick D. Aquino, *An Integrative Habit of Mind: John Henry Newman on the Path to Wisdom* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2012).

_____, *Communities of Informed Judgment: Newman's Illative Sense and Accounts of Rationality* (Catholic University of America Press, 2004).

_____, and Jeff W. Childers. *Unveiling Glory: Visions of Christ's Transforming Presence* (ACU Press, 2003).

Articles and Chapters in Books

"Ascetic Education and the Training of Spiritual Perception in Maximus the Confessor," in *Discourses of Holiness and the Education of the Soul in Late Antique Christian*

Monasticism, for its *Vigiliae Christianae Supplements Series*, ed. Andy Cain and Daniel Lemeni (Brill, 2026).

“Canon and Criterion: Putting things in their Proper Place,” in *The Means of Grace: The Work, Witness, and Legacy of William J. Abraham*, ed. Bruce Marshall and Dallas Gingles (Bridwell Press, 2026).

“Newman and the Victorian Sage: Critical and Constructive Reflections,” in *Scholar, Sage, Saint: The Legacy of John Henry Newman*, ed. Christopher Cimorelli, Elizabeth A. Huddleston, and Kenneth L. Parker (Catholic University of America Press, 2026).

“John Henry Newman and William J. Abraham on Faith and Reason,” *Newman Studies Journal* 22, no. 2 (2025): 108-118.

“Newman and Ecumenism: On the Importance of a Connected View,” *Urbaniana University Journal - Euntes docete* 78, no. 1 (2025): 13-26.

“Newman and Pope Benedict (Ratzinger) on Faith and Reason,” in *John Henry Newman and Joseph Ratzinger: A Theological Encounter*, ed. Emery de Gaál and Matthew Levering (Catholic University of America Press, 2025).

Frederick D. Aquino and Logan P. Gage, “Newman’s Illative Sense Re-Examined,” in *Newman’s Grammar of Assent* (Emmaus Academic, 2025).

Frederick D. Aquino and Joe Milburn, “Introduction,” in *Newman and Contemporary Philosophy*, ed. Frederick D. Aquino and Joseph Milburn (Routledge, 2025).

Joe Milburn, Frederick D. Aquino, and Peter Distelzweig, “Newman’s Philosophical Habit of Mind as the Primary Epistemic End of Education: The Importance of Intellectual Flourishing” in *Newman and Contemporary Philosophy*, ed. Frederick D. Aquino and Joseph Milburn (Routledge, 2025).

Frederick D. Aquino and Logan P. Gage, “Newman and Common-Sense Epistemology,” in *Newman and Contemporary Philosophy*, ed. Frederick D. Aquino and Joseph Milburn (Routledge, 2025).

“Nineteenth Century Anglican and Catholic Thinkers,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Deification*, ed. Paul Gavriluk, Matthew Levering, and Andrew Hofer (Oxford University Press, 2024), ch. 26.

“Epistemology,” in *William J. Abraham: A Theological Biography*, ed. Michael Gehring and Andy Kinsey (Baylor University Press, 2024).

Frederick D. Aquino and Logan P. Gage, “Newman and Quasi-Fideism: A Reply to Duncan Pritchard,” *Heythrop Journal* 64, no. 5 (2023): 695-706.

Frederick D. Aquino and Logan P. Gage, “Newman the Fallibilist,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 97, no. 1 (2023): 29-47.

“Foreword” to Marial Corona, *The Philosophy of John Henry Newman and Pragmatism: A Comparison* (Catholic University of America Press, 2023).

“The Contours of Spiritual Perception: A Brief Note on Perceptual Training,” *MEΘEXIS: Journal of Research in Values and Spirituality* 2, no. 2 (2022).

“Philosophical Receptions of Genesis,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Genesis*, ed. Bill T. Arnold (Cambridge University Press, 2022), 303-321.

“Training Spiritual Perception: A Constructive Look at John Cassian,” in *Perceiving Things Divine: Towards a Constructive Account of Spiritual Perception*, ed. Frederick D. Aquino and Paul L. Gavriilyuk (Oxford University Press, 2022), 37-50.

Frederick D. Aquino and Logan P. Gage, “On the Epistemic Role of Our Passional Nature,” *Newman Studies Journal* 17, no. 2 (2020): 41-58.

“Towards a Broader Construal of Evidence: A Constructive Look at John Henry Newman,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 94, no. 1 (2020): 125-139.

“Authority: Some Philosophical and Theological Considerations,” *Christian Studies* 31 (2019): 59-72.

“Newman on the Grounds of Faith,” *Quaestiones Disputatae* 8, no. 2 (2018): 5-18.

“An Educated Conscience: Perception and Reason in Newman’s Account of Conscience,” *Studies in the Literary Imagination* 49, no. 2 (2018): 63-80.

“Toward a Constructive Account of Intellectual Formation in the Restoration Movement,” in *Restoration Philosophy: New Philosophical Engagements with the Stone-Campbell Tradition*, ed. Caleb Clanton (University of Tennessee Press, 2018), 311-328.

“Epistemology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of John Henry Newman*, ed. Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (Oxford University Press, 2018), 375-394.

“Newman and the British Naturalist Tradition,” in *The Oxford Handbook of John Henry Newman*, ed. Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (Oxford University Press, 2018), 154-172.

“Maximus the Confessor,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*, ed. William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (Oxford University Press, 2018), 369-381.

“Spiritual Formation, Authority, and Discernment,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*, ed. William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (Oxford University Press, 2017), 157-174.

“Introduction: The Epistemology of Theology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*, ed. William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (Oxford

University Press, 2017), 1-8.

“Philosophical Receptions of the *Grammar of Assent*, 1960-2012,” in *Receptions of Newman*, ed. Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin King (Oxford University Press, 2015), 53-72.

“The Synthetic Unity of Virtue and Epistemic Goods in Maximus the Confessor,” *Studies in Christian Ethics* 26 (2013): 378-390.

“Maximus on the Beginning and End of Rational Creatures,” in *Ethische Normen des frühen Christentums: Gut – Leben – Leib – Tugend*, ed. Friedrich Wilhelm Horn, Ulrich Volp, and Ruben Zimmermann, WUNT 313 (Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 2013), 371-381.

“The *Philokalia* and Regulative Virtue Epistemology: A Look at Maximus the Confessor,” in *The Philokalia: Exploring the Classic Text of Orthodox Spirituality*, ed. Brock Bingaman and Bradley Nassif (Oxford University Press, 2012), 240-251.

“Maximus the Confessor,” in *The Spiritual Senses: Perceiving God in Western Christianity*, ed. Paul L. Gavrilyuk in collaboration with Sarah Coakley (Cambridge University Press, 2012), 104-120.

“Externalism and Internalism: A Newmanian Matter of Proper Fit,” *Heythrop Journal* 51 (2010): 1023-1034.

“Thick and Thin: Personal and Communal Dimensions of Communicating Faith,” in *Communicating Faith*, ed. John Sullivan (Catholic University of America Press, 2010), 199-213.

“Epistemic Virtues of a Theologian in the *Philokalia*,” in *Canonical Theism: A Proposal for Theology and the Church*, ed. William J. Abraham, Jason E. Vickers, and Natalie Van Kirk (Eerdmans, 2008), 175-194.

“The Healing of Cognition in Deification: Towards a Patristic Virtue Epistemology,” in *Immersed in the Life of God: The Healing Resources of the Christian Faith, Essays in Honor of William J. Abraham*, ed. Paul Gavrilyuk, Douglas Koskela, and Jason Vickers (Eerdmans, 2008), 123-142.

“Clement of Alexandria: An Epistemology of Christian Paideia,” *Transmission and Reception: New Testament Text-Critical and Exegetical Studies*, ed. J. W. Childers and D.C. Parker (Gorgias Press, 2006), 270-284.

Frederick D. Aquino and Mark W. Hamilton, “Theological Education Befitting God: An Experiment,” *Christian Higher Education* 5 (2006): 21-36.

Frederick D. Aquino and Mark W. Hamilton, “Guest Editors’ Introduction to a Special Issue on Interdisciplinary Theological Higher Education,” *Christian Higher Education* 5 (2006): 1-2.

“Hebrews and Philosophy: A Question of Intersection,” *Renewing Tradition: Studies in Texts and Contexts in Honor of James W. Thompson*, ed. Mark Hamilton, Thomas H. Olbricht, and Jeffrey Peterson (Pickwick, 2006), 195-206.

“Mark and Becoming Fully Human,” *Who Are You? Preaching Mark's Unsettling Messiah*, ed. David Fleeer and David Bland (Chalice Press, 2006), 59-71.

“Broadening Horizons: Constructing an Epistemology of Religious Belief,” *Louvain Studies* 30:3 (2005): 198-213.

“The Craft of Teaching: The Relevance of Newman for Theological Education,” *Christian Higher Education* 2 (2003): 273-288.

“Modalities of Reasoning: The Significance of John Henry Newman’s Thought for Shaping Accounts of Rationality,” *Downside Review* 121 (2003): 79-104.

“A Theology of Informed Judgment,” *Restoration Quarterly* 45 (2003): 115-125.

“The Incarnation: The Dignity and Honor of Human Personhood,” *Restoration Quarterly* 42 (2000): 39-46.

Book Reviews

D. J. Pratt Morris-Chapman, *Newman in the Story of Philosophy: The Philosophical Legacy of Saint John Henry Newman*, *Newman Studies Journal* 22, no. 1 (2025): 172-174.

David Baggett and Jerry L. Walls, *The Moral Argument: A History*, *Newman Studies Journal* 20, no. 1 (2023): 71-72.

David Bradshaw and Richard Swinburne (eds.), *Natural Theology in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition*, *International Orthodox Theological Association*, 2022.

Christoph Schneider (ed.), *Theology and Philosophy in Eastern Orthodoxy*, *International Orthodox Theological Association*, 2021.

Mary Katherine Tillman, *John Henry Newman: Man of Letters*, *Catholic Historical Review* 105, no. 3 (2019): 582-583.

Paul K. Moser, *The Severity of God: Religion and Philosophy Reconceived*, *Philosophia Christi* (2015): 459-60.

D. Stephen Long, *Speaking of God: Theology, Language, and Truth*, *Christian Scholar's Review* 40 (2011): 122f.

Justo L. González and Zaida Maldonado Pérez, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, *Apuntes* 26 (2006): 69-71.

William C. Placher (ed.), *Essentials of Christian Theology*, *Restoration Quarterly* 49 (2006): 51-53.

Lee C. Camp, *Mere Discipleship: Radical Christianity in a Rebellious World*, *Restoration Quarterly* 47 (2005): 250-252.

Richard T. Hughes, *How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind*, *Restoration Quarterly* 46 (2004): 255-256.

Frank M. Turner, *John Henry Newman: The Challenge to Evangelical Religion*, *Theology Today* 61 (2004): 134.

Avery Cardinal Dulles, *Newman. Outstanding Christian Thinkers Series*, *Newman Studies Journal* 1 (2004): 79-80.

Ronald J. Allen, *Preaching is Believing: The Sermon as Theological Reflection*, *Leaven* 11(2003): 220-221.

John R. Polkinghorne, *Traffic in Truth: Exchanges between Science and Theology*, *Restoration Quarterly* 45 (2003): 278-279.

James W. Sire, *Habits of the Mind: Intellectual Life as a Christian Calling*, *Restoration Quarterly* 44 (2002): 56-58.

Invited Lectures

Lecture: "Newman on Conscience, Phronesis, and the Illative Sense." Triveneto Theological Faculty, Padua, April 28, 2026.

Lecture and Seminar: "John Henry Newman and Faith and Reason," The Centre for Christian Engagement, St. Mark's College, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, January 12-14, 2026.

Seminar Presentation: "A Humane Epistemology," Fordham University, April 11, 2026.

Plenary Address: "Newman and Ecumenism: Critical and Constructive Suggestions," *National Institute for Newman Studies*, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2026.

Lecture: "John Henry Newman on Faith and Reason," Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome, Italy, November 3, 2025.

Short talk with Dr. Logan P. Gage: "Natural/Philosophical Faith, Reason, and Assent," Saint John Henry Newman Doctor of the Universal Church: His Relevance Today *Pontifical Gregorian University*, Rome, Italy, October 31, 2025.

Faculty Seminar: "John Henry Newman on Epistemology," Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Canada, October 10, 2025.

Keynote Address: "John Henry Newman on Faith and Reason," *Anthony Jordan Lecture Series*, Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Canada, October 9, 2025.

Lecture: “John Henry Newman and Contemporary Philosophy,” Concordia University of Edmonton, Canada, October 8, 2025.

Seminar Presentation: “Ascetic Formation and the Training of Perception in Maximus the Confessor,” *International Seminar on Gregory Palamas’ Philosophy and Theology*, June 13, 2025.

Seminar Presentation: “Newman and Common Sense Epistemology,” Fordham University, April 12, 2025.

Lecture: “Canon and Criterion: Putting Things in Their Proper Place,” Baylor University, March 13, 2025.

Keynote Address: “Between Basel and Birmingham: John Henry Newman and Hans Urs von Balthasar, and the Present Theological Moment,” University of Notre Dame, March 27, 2025.

Roundtable Discussion: “Transmitting the Faith in the Crisis of the ‘Classical Mediation of Meaning’ (Lonergan),” *Concilium Seminar, Nicaea After 1700 Years: Critical Insights into a Living Legacy*, European Academy of Religion, Palermo, May 2024.

Lecture: “Exploring Deification in Nineteenth Century Anglican and Catholic Thinkers,” Southern Methodist University, April 20, 2023.

Keynote Address: “William J. Abraham and John Henry Newman on Faith and Reason,” inaugural *William J. Abraham Memorial Lecture*, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, October 17, 2022.

Keynote Address: “The Idea of a Christian University,” *William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture*, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, September 7, 2022.

Keynote Address: “Newman and Contemporary Epistemology,” Pontificia Università Urbaniana, Rome, Italy, June 16, 2022.

Lecture: “Newman and the Victorian Sage: Critical and Constructive Reflections,” *John Henry Newman: Scholar, Sage, Saint*, National Institute for Newman Studies (NINS), Pittsburgh, PA, sponsored by Oriel College, NINS, the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, and the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts at Duquesne University, September 2021.

Symposium Presentation: “Newman and Ratzinger/Benedict on Faith and Reason,” *St. John Henry Newman and Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI: A Theological Encounter*, Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL, September 2021.

Plenary Address: “Newman on the Laity and the Epistemology of Religious Belief,” *SJHNA Annual Conference*, University of St. Thomas (TX), July 2021.

Conference Presentation: “The Relevance of Newman’s Philosophical Thought,” *The Impact of John Henry Newman: Celebrating the Canonization of an Anglican and Catholic Saint*, Georgetown University, February 2020.

“Panel Discussion with John O’Malley and Mark Chapman,” *The Impact of John Henry Newman: Celebrating the Canonization of an Anglican and Catholic Saint*, Georgetown University, February 2020.

Conference Presentation: “Maximus on Spiritual Perception,” *The International Orthodox Theological Association*, Iasi Romania, January 2019.

Keynote Address: “Cutting Through the Noise: Truth and Discernment in the 21st Century,” *CSART Lecture*, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, March 2018.

Keynote Address: “Newman on Conscience,” *Annual Aquinas Colloquium*, Blackfriars Hall, Oxford University, March 2017.

Keynote Address: “Pursuing Wisdom in an Information Age: Critical Reflections on Newman’s *Idea of a University*,” University of St. Thomas (MN), September 2015.

Seminar presentation: “On William Alston and Maximus the Confessor,” University of St. Thomas (MN), September 2015.

Book Discussion: Frederick Aquino, “Phenomenology of Religious Belief, Epistemology of Religious Belief, or Both? Philosophical Receptions of the Grammar,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Boston, MA, October 2015.

Keynote Address: “The Incarnation: Called to be Truly Human,” “The Incarnation: Affirming Human Dignity,” and “The Incarnation: From Image to Likeness,” Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX, October 2014.

Ph.D. Philosophy Seminar: “Testimony and Religious Knowledge,” Saint Louis University, April 2013.

Three Seminars: “Broadening Epistemological Horizons,” “Varieties of Virtue Epistemology,” and “Toward an Epistemology of Theology,” Cambridge University, March 2013.

Book Discussion: Frederick Aquino, *An Integrative Habit of Mind: John Henry Newman on the Path to Wisdom*, *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Loyola Marymount, Los Angeles, CA, November 2012.

Keynote Address: “Soma and Virtue in Maximus Confessor: Epistemological Considerations,” *Seminar on The Concept of the Body (σῶμα) and the Foundation of Ancient Christian Ethics*, Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz, Germany, July 2010.

Keynote Address: “Is Belief in God Irrational?” Loyola University Chicago, IL, April 2009.

Keynote Address: “The Urge to Connect: Wisdom and the Idea of a University,” McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, February 2008.

Keynote Address: “Mark and Becoming Fully Human,” *Rochester Lectures on Preaching*, Rochester, MI, May 2005.

Keynote Address: “Newman’s Idea of Practical Wisdom,” *Symposium on the Victorian Sage*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, March 2005.

Keynote Address: “Constructing an Epistemology of Religious Belief,” *148th Annual Lecture*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, March 2005.

Presentations

“Discernment in an Age of Noise,” *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, San Diego, CA, November 20, 2024.

“The Training of Spiritual Perception in Symeon the New Theologian,” *International Patristics Conference*, Oxford University, August 9, 2024.

“Newman and Contemporary Philosophy,” *National Newman Conference*, University of Dallas, July 2024.

“Newman and Common-Sense Epistemology,” *European Academy of Religion*, Palermo, Italy, May 2024.

“Dispassion and the Proper Function of the Spiritual Perception in Symeon the New Theologian,” *European Academy of Religion*, St. Andrews University, Scotland, UK, June 23, 2023.

“Newman’s Illative Sense: What It Is, What It Isn’t, and How It Works,” *European Academy of Religion*, St. Andrews University, Scotland, UK, June 23, 2023.

“The Spiritual Senses in Symeon the New Theologian,” *The International Orthodox Theological Association*, Volos, Greece, January 2023.

“Newman and Quasi-fideism: A Reply to Duncan Pritchard,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, New Orleans, LA, November 2022.

“The Illative Sense,” *Grammar of Assent Conference*, Mundelein Seminary, November 2022.

“Newman the Fallibilist,” *European Academy of Religion*, Bologna, Italy, June 2022.

“Nineteenth Century Anglican and Catholic Thinkers,” *European Academy of Religion*, Bologna, Italy, June 2022.

“Dispassion and the Proper Function of the Spiritual Senses in Symeon the New Theologian,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2022.

“Zoom reading-group sessions on the *Grammar of Assent*,” *National Institute for Newman Studies*, spring 2022.

“Nineteenth Century Anglican and Catholic Thinkers,” *Third International Symposium on Deification*, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

“Training Spiritual Perception: A Constructive Look at John Cassian,” *European Academy of Religion*, Munich, Germany, September 2021.

“On Intellectual and Spiritual Formation,” *Carl Spain Center on Race Studies & Spiritual Action*, September 2020.

Co-leader of Symposium on Spiritual Perception, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, March 2018.

Presented a paper on the receptions of Newman and a response to Cyril O’Regan (University of Notre Dame) for *The International Ecumenical Conference*, “Rethinking the Resources of the Christian Theological Tradition: Retrieval, Renewal, Reunion,” University of St. Thomas (MN), July 2017.

“Perceiving God and Deification” and “Spiritual Perception and Purity of Heart,” University of St. Thomas (MN), July 2017.

Three presentations: “Restoration: Philosophical and Theological Considerations,” “Towards a Theology of Scripture: Philosophical Considerations,” and “Canonical Theism and Teaching Systematic Theology,” *Christian Scholars’ Conference*, David Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, June 2016.

“Trained Perception: A Constructive Look at John Cassian,” *International Symposium on Spiritual Perception, American Academy of Religion*, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.

“Maximus the Confessor: Training in Spiritual Perception,” *International Society for Neoplatonic Studies*, Seattle, WA, June 2016.

“Navigating the task of Theology in Conversation with the Work of Sarah Coakley,” *Christian Scholars’ Conference*, David Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, June 2016.

“Trained Perception: A Look at Spiritual Direction.” *International Symposium on Spiritual Perception, American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

Sessions on the idea of ACU with faculty, staff, and administrators, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, fall 2015.

“Response to Michael Baur,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Indianapolis, IN, November 2013.

“The Reception of Newman by Analytic Philosophers,” University of the South, Sewanee, TN, March 2013.

“Spirituality and the Epistemology of Theology,” *Christian Scholars’ Conference*, David Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, June 2012.

“Comments on Evan Fales, ‘Did All That Stuff Really Happen? Did any of it? The Question of Myth,’” *Logos Conference*, University of Notre Dame, June 2011.

“Toward an Epistemology of Theology,” *Christian Scholars’ Conference*, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, June 2011.

“Response to John Polkinghorne and David Bentley Hart,” *Christian Scholars’ Conference*, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, June 2011.

“Comments on ‘Theology, Science, and the Hermeneutics of Interdisciplinary Reason,’” *Christian Scholars’ Conference*, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, June 2011.

“The Urge to Connect: Toward an Epistemology of Wisdom in the University,” *The Third World Universities Forum*, Davos, Switzerland, January 2010.

“The Urge to Connect: Toward a Newmanian Religious Epistemology of Wisdom,” *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, New Orleans, LA, November 2009.

“On the Beginning and End of Rational Creatures: Maximus the Confessor and Regulative Virtue Epistemology,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2009.

“Externalism and Internalism: A Newmanian Matter of Proper Fit,” *National Newman Conference*, Dallas, TX, August 2008.

“The Spiritual Senses in Maximus the Confessor: Perception, Virtue, and Deification,” *Boston Colloquy on the Spiritual Senses*, Boston College, MA, May 2008.

“Deified Intellect: Maximus the Confessor and Virtue Epistemology,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2008.

“Thick or Thin: The Philosophical Contours of Ethical Reflection,” *American Academy of Religion*, San Diego, CA, November 2007.

“The Natural State of the Intellect in Maximus Confessor: A Virtue Epistemology of Spirituality,” *Seminar on Patristic Religious Epistemology*, Dallas, TX, August 2006, and the *American Academy of Religion*, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

“Practical Wisdom as Interdisciplinary Connection,” *Inscription, Southwestern Conference on Christianity and Literature*, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, September 2006.

“Newman and Philosophy of Mind,” *National Newman Conference*, Mundelein, IL, June 2006.

“Paul Tillich and Albert Einstein: An Exchange about God,” *Theology in the Christian University: Prospects for the Twenty-First Century*, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, March 2006.

Frederick D. Aquino and Paul Gavrilyuk, “Knowledge of God in the Fathers: Unearthing Epistemic Insights for Contemporary Theology.” *Seminar on Religious Epistemology*, University of St. Thomas (MN), July 2005.

“Newman and Virtue Epistemology,” *International Newman Conference*, Sommerville College, Oxford University, August 2004.

“From Paper Logic to Personal Reasoning: The Relevance of Newman’s Epistemology of Religious Belief for Contemporary Theology,” *National Newman Conference*, St Joseph’s College, Rensselaer, IN, August 2003.

“Response to Jim Baird and Rex Hamilton: Issues in Epistemology and Ethics,” *Christian Scholars’ Conference*, Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX, July 2003.

“Response to Paul Sands and David Grant: Epistemological Issues in Philosophy of Religion,” *AAR Southwest Regional Meeting*, Dallas, TX, March 2003.

“The Craft of Teaching: The Relevance of Newman for Theological Education.” *National Newman Conference*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, June 2002.

“Epistemic Virtues of a Theologian,” *Canonical Theism Group*, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, June 2002.

“Modalities of Reasoning: The Significance of John Henry Newman’s Thought for Shaping Accounts of Rationality,” *International Newman Conference*, Keble College, Oxford University, August 2001.

“Shaping Theological Communities of Informed Judgment: The Significance of Newman’s Notion of Informed Judgment for Contemporary Theology,” *National Newman Conference*, Dublin, Ireland, August 2001.

“The Hymns Conflict in the Almond Springs Church: A Theological Response,” *American Academy of Religion*, Denver, CO, November 2001.

“A Social Epistemology of Informed Judgment,” *National Newman Conference*, Mundelein, IL, June 2000.

“Communities of Informed Judgment: The Problem of Criterion in Newman’s Notion of the Illative Sense of Reasoning,” *National Newman Conference*, Mundelein, IL, June 1999.

Current Writing Projects

Books

Newman and the Rationality of Religious Belief (co-authored with Logan P. Gage, under contract with Cambridge University Press). In this Element, we begin by historically situating Newman's thought against the rationalism of his mentor Richard Whately, his friend William Froude, and the epistemological framework set out by John Locke. The rationalism that emerged in this period and its emphasis on absolute certainty is not only of historical significance but still resonates with many today. We then explain and develop Newman's response to rationalism in general but also to the religious skepticism that emerged from it in particular. Newman's contribution lies not in rejecting evidentialism *per se* (as many have claimed), but in broadening the scope of reason, evidence, and certitude. This allows Newman to walk a middle way between rationalism on the one hand and fideism on the other. As we elucidate Newman's understanding of knowledge, certitude, and religious belief, particular attention is paid to his most significant intellectual contribution: the illative sense. What emerges is the deep parity Newman sees between religious and other modes of reasoning. Even faith, he maintains, is a form of reasoning. Lastly, we examine Newman's holistic approach to epistemology. In response to the Enlightenment restriction of reason, Newman emphasizes the importance of all aspects of the human person, including the emotions, to finding truth. This is dangerous, of course, and thus we end with a discussion of the importance of educating the whole person for informed judgment and the problem of peer-disagreement. We attempt to show that allowing our passionate nature to play a role in reasoning does not leave us unable to reason and dialogue with those around us. Our approach throughout is historical; yet we seek to constructively put Newman's thought in conversation with the best of contemporary epistemology as well.

A Critical Guide to *The Grammar of Assent* (under contract with Emmaus Academic). The goal of this volume is to produce *A Critical Guide* to Newman's *Grammar of Assent*, to be edited by Matthew Levering (Mundelein Seminary) and Frederick D. Aquino (SMU). It will offer a balance of philosophical and theological perspectives on key aspects of this text. Contributors include Jennifer Martin (University of Notre Dame), Lorraine Keller (Saint Joseph's University), Cyril O'Regan (University of Notre Dame), Francesca Murphy (University of Notre Dame), Stephen Grimm (Fordham University), Tom Hibbs (Baylor University), John Crosby (University of Steubenville), Geertjan Zuigwegt (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), Andrew Meszaros (St. Patrick's Pontifical University), Logan Gage (University of Steubenville), Chris Cimorelli (NINS), and Frederick D. Aquino (SMU).

Newman and Contemporary Philosophy (under contract with Routledge). The purpose of this volume is to produce constructive philosophical thought, making connections between Newman's writings and contemporary philosophy, to be edited by Joseph Milburn (University of Navarra) and Frederick D. Aquino (SMU). With an introduction giving a summary of Newman's philosophical contributions and their reception in the past 30 years, the chapters in this volume will develop and evaluate Newman's thought in the areas of philosophy of religion, philosophy of perception, philosophy of education, philosophy of language, and epistemology. It will also make a positive, lasting impact on Newman scholarship, perhaps influencing a new generation of philosophers to mine

Newman's corpus for insights into contemporary philosophical problems. Contributors include Linda Zagzebski (University of Oklahoma), Frederick D. Aquino (SMU), Logan Gage (University of Steubenville), Duncan Pritchard (University of California, Irvine), Tyler McNabb (University of Saint Joseph, Macau), Joseph Milburn (University of Navarra), Sean Kelsey (University of Notre Dame), Stephen Grimm (Fordham University), Kegan Shaw (Anderson University), John Cottingham (Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Reading), Mark Wynn (University of Oxford), David and Kirstin MacPherson (Creighton University), Lorraine Keller (Saint Joseph's University), and Lara Buchak (Princeton University). The volume is under contract with Routledge; it will be submitted to the press on June 1, 2024.

On the Epistemology of Theology. This book will take up appreciatively and critically a wide range of epistemological issues in William Abraham's writings that have constructive promise for contemporary issues in the epistemology of theology. Topics will include faith and reason, knowledge of God, scripture and revelation, religious experience, soteriology, sacramental theology, and the intellectual virtues. In this respect, the Abraham family has recently asked me to work through Basil Mitchell's papers. Some of the scholarly results may be incorporated in the Abraham book or in a book on Mitchell's philosophy of religion.

Discernment in an Age of Noise. Our current situation is complex and multifaceted. We live in a world with unprecedented (and quicker) access to vast quantities of information. In one sense, we feel more connected through social media and various technological advances. At the tap of a finger, the requested pieces of information are readily available. In another (perhaps more challenging) sense, we feel overwhelmed by the noise of social media, news outlets, and the relentless stream of facts and opinions. The challenge here involves cutting through such noise and discerning the difference between peripheral and salient pieces of information. This project will explore how the Christian virtue of discernment may help us think about and respond to such a challenge. The tone of the book will be ecumenical. It will also have an interdisciplinary scope and will draw from disciplines such as spirituality, cognitive science, and philosophy.

Articles and Chapters in Books

Article: "William J. Abraham and John Henry Newman on Faith and Reason," *Newman Studies Journal*. This article seeks to show the connection between John Henry Newman and William Abraham on faith and reason. The similarity is in their attempt to carve out a broader and more plausible alternative to narrowly construed accounts of faith and reason. Thus, this article will spell out briefly three features of soft rationalism and show how they dovetail nicely with Newman's and Abraham's thought. In reading Newman and Abraham philosophically, the aim is to do justice to their thought while highlighting some constructive points of contact.

Chapter in a book: "Dispassion and the Proper Function of the Spiritual Senses in Symeon the New Theologian," for a collection of essays on the spiritual senses in Eastern Christianity, to be edited by Paul L. Gavrilyuk and Marcus Plested. Submission date: November 2025.

Chapter in a book: “Canon and Criterion: Putting things in their Proper Place,” for the volume *The Means of Grace: The Work, Witness, and Legacy of William J. Abraham* (Bridwell Press). This chapter is for a volume on the work, witness, and legacy of William J. Abraham. First, I will spell out Abraham’s account of how the concept of canon has been misconstrued as a criterion of justification or knowledge. Second, I will explain what is involved in putting the canonical heritage and the epistemology of theology in their proper place. Third, I will draw attention to Abraham’s distinction between divine revelation and scripture and explore the implications for clarifying what the domain-specific authority of the canonical heritage entails. Fourth (and most importantly), I will unpack what I take to be Abraham’s non-constitutive thesis—the formation of the canonical heritage of the church is not constituted by a particular epistemological theory—and provide some clarifications and suggestions in light of this thesis.

Chapter in a book: “Newman as a Victorian Sage,” for the volume, *Scholar, Sage, Saint: The Legacy of John Henry Newman*, edited by Elizabeth Huddleston, Ken Parker, and Chris Cimorelli (CUA Press).

Chapter in a book: “The Illative Sense Re-examined,” for the volume, *A Critical Guide to the Grammar of Assent*. Among John Henry Newman’s contributions to epistemology, his notion of “the illative sense” may be both the most significant and the least understood. In this chapter, we seek to rectify the problem. First, we carefully lay out Newman’s notion of the illative sense. Second, we discuss and evaluate three ways in which the illative sense might be understood in light of contemporary epistemology and psychology. Third, we create a model that attempts to fill out Newman’s sketch of the illative sense. Lastly, we close by answering two prominent objections to the illative sense in light of our model. If we are correct, the illative sense was not only an important innovation in epistemology in the 19th Century but is also a defensible notion today.

Chapter in a book: “Newman and Common-Sense Epistemology,” for the volume, *Newman and Contemporary Philosophy*. While Newman scholars are nearly unanimous that John Henry Newman is an anti-skeptic, there is not as much agreement about the contours of his anti-skepticism. In this paper, we seek to lay bare the basic commitments of this anti-skepticism. First, we uncover Newman’s commitment to a conservative “innocent until proven guilty” principle in epistemology. Second, we show his commitment to a fallibilist view of knowledge and certitude. Third, we uncover Newman’s underlying commitment to a moderate form of evidentialism involving cumulative cases skillfully judged by the illative sense. With Newman’s epistemological commitments that undergird his anti-skepticism laid bare, we can then see more clearly that Newman belongs to the broader tradition of common-sense epistemology.

Chapter in a book: “Newman on Wisdom,” for the volume, *Newman and Contemporary Philosophy*. In the *Idea of a University*, John Henry Newman argues that the university’s proper end is to instill ‘philosophical knowledge’ or, a ‘philosophical habit’, in its students. To the contemporary reader, such a claim may seem, at best, a quaint record of a bygone era. We believe, however, that Newman’s philosophy of education is of more than mere historical interest, and that it should be taken seriously both by contemporary philosophers of education and contemporary virtue epistemologists. Building on recent

Newman scholarship (Tillman, Meszaros, Aquino) we argue that Newman's 'philosophical knowledge' is properly understood as the virtue of theoretical wisdom. After laying out Newman's account of theoretical wisdom, we make two further arguments. First, we argue that, although theoretical wisdom has largely been ignored by contemporary virtue epistemologists, it is an essential intellectual virtue. That is, we argue that if anyone altogether lacks theoretical wisdom, she cannot be a good thinker. Second, we argue that as a result, theoretical wisdom, if not the architectonic end of university education, is at least a legitimate epistemic aim for *some* kinds of education. University education is one form of education that may legitimately have the end of instilling theoretical wisdom. We close by considering some implications for the university curriculum once we take instilling theoretical wisdom seriously as an aim.

Chapter in a book: “Ascetic Education and the Training of Spiritual Perception.” (under review) Recent work in perception theory provides some helpful resources for thinking critically and constructively about the contours of spiritual perception (SP). For example, perceptual training plays an important role in many fields of knowledge. Likewise, the spiritual life involves honing the capacity to perceive things divine. In this sense, the training of SP identifies and corrects perceptual distortions. It also requires the cultivation of a stable and properly disposed habit of mind. Accordingly, this essay will focus on Maximus the Confessor’s account of the role that ascetic education plays in the training of SP (e.g., fostering an attentive habit of mind, keeping the “eye” of the “intellect unblinking to the end”). Such a process entails the formation of the whole person (e.g., the deification of the body as well as the soul). Thus, Maximus rejects the claim that “divine philosophy” belongs to those who attempt to reach God through contemplation alone without engaging in the process of ascetic education. Instead, ascetic formation is crucial for perceiving things divine and for making progress toward attaining divine likeness.

Frederick D. Aquino and Logan P. Gage, §2.1. “Faith and Reason.” In *Urbis et Orbis: Concession of the title Doctor of the Universal Church to Saint John Henry Newman, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Founder of the Oratories of Saint Philip Neri in England. Positio super Doctoratu Ecclesiae*. Vatican City: Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, 2025).

Conferences (co-directing/ed)

“Newman and Contemporary Philosophy,” directors: Frederick D. Aquino (ACU) and Joseph Milburn (University of Navarra), National Institute for Newman Studies, Pittsburgh, PA; August 2022.

“Newman and the Grammar of Assent,” directors: Frederick D. Aquino (ACU) and Matthew Levering (Mundelein Seminary), Mundelein Seminary, November 2022.

“Newman and Balthasar,” directors: Frederick D. Aquino (SMU) and Jennifer Martin (University of Notre Dame), University of Notre Dame, spring 2025.

Awards

Scholarly Outreach Award, *Perkins School of Theology*, 2024

Visiting Scholar, *National Institute for Newman Studies*, August 2019 and 2021

Cullen Research Grant, Abilene Christian University, summers 2005-2007, 2009-2011, 2013-2020

Presidential Fund for Professional Development, Abilene Christian University, summers, 1999-2003

CBS Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award, Abilene Christian University, 2000-2001, 2019-2020

CBS Mentor of the Year Award, Abilene Christian University, 2019-2020

Graduate Fellowship Award, *Christian Scholarship Foundation*, fall 1996-spring 1997, fall-spring 1998-1999

Academic Services

Referee for journal: *Asian Journal of Philosophy* (2025)

Referee for journal: *Anglican Theological Journal* (2025)

Referee for journal: *Studies in Christian Ethics* (2016, 2023)

Referee for journal: *Journal of Analytic Theology* (2018, 2019, 2023, 2025)

Referee for journal: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (2015, 2022, 2023)

Referee for journal: *Modern Theology* (2014, 2021, 2022, 2025)

Referee for journal: *Religious Studies* (2023, 2025)

Referee for journal: *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* (2014)

Referee for journal: *Irish Theological Quarterly* (2018)

Referee for journal: *Newman Studies Journal* (2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2023, 2024)

Referee for journal: *New Blackfriars* (2022)

Referee for journal: *Religion & Literature Journal* (2022)

Referee for *Oxford University Press* (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2024)

Referee for *Cambridge University Press* (2017, 2020, 2022, 2024, 2025)

Referee for *Catholic University of America Press* (2014, 2018, 2022)

Referee for *T & T Clark* (2016)

Referee for *ACU Press* (2022)

External Examiner for Ph.D. Dissertation in Theology, University of South Africa (2021)

External Examiner for Ph.D. Dissertation in Philosophy, University of Navarra (2020)

External Examiner for Ph.D. Dissertation in Systematic Theology, Southern Methodist University (2019)

External Examiner for Ph.D. Dissertation in Systematic Theology, Southern Methodist University (2019)

External Examiner for Ph.D. Dissertation in Philosophy, University of Sydney (2014)

External Examiner for Ph.D. Dissertation in Philosophy: University of New England (Australia; 2011)

External Examiner for Ph.D. Dissertation in Philosophy: University of New England (Australia; 2007)

Member, *American Theological Society*, April 2025-present.

Affiliated Fellow, Center for Catholic Studies, Program in Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue, University of St. Thomas, July 2005-2006

Ecumenical Observer, *The International Orthodox Theological Association*, Iasi Romania, January 2019

Member of the Editorial Board, *Newman Studies Journal*, August 2003-2010; 2020-present

Consultant, “The Idea of ACU,” Abilene Christian University, fall 2015. I lead a series of consultations with ACU’s administration, staff, and faculty on the philosophical (and theological) rationale for the idea of a Christian university. One of the goals was to develop multiple channels of reflection on the identity of a university in order to foster deeper and more impactful leadership, teaching, and research, due to a fuller understanding of why such a university exists.

Member, *Christian Higher Education*, 2003-2006

Member, Canonical Theism Group, 2001-2010

Member, Association for Case Teaching, 1999-2003

Member, National Newman Society, 1998-2010

Member, Origen Society, 1997-2000

Member, American Academy of Religion, 1992-present

Member, *Analytic Theology Seminar*, Southern Methodist University, August 2012, 2013, 2014

Committee Work

Chair, Assistant or Associate Professor in Worship and Preaching Search Committee, summer 2025-present.

Member, GPRS Steering Committee, fall 2025-present

Member, Rank & Tenure Committee, fall 2024-present

Member, Dedman College Division II Advisory Committee for Promotion to Associate, fall 2026-present

Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, SMU, fall 2024-spring 2025

Member, Perkins Assistant Dean for Marketing & Communications Search Committee, fall 2024

Member, Task Force P&T Guidelines Interdisciplinary Scholarship, SMU, spring 2025.

Member, Rank and Tenure Committee, Perkins School of Theology, fall 2024-present.

Board member, Faculty Club, SMU fall 2024-present

Member, Marketing/Recruiting Taskforce, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, fall 2023-spring 2024

Member, Church History-Methodist Studies Search Committee, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, fall 2023-spring 2024

Member, Strategic Spiritual Action Committee, *Carl Spain Center on Race Studies & Spiritual Action*, Abilene Christian University, fall 2021-spring 2023

Member, MA Advisor Committee, GST, fall 2022-spring 2023

Member, SLO Committee, GST, fall 2022-spring 2023

Member, Academic Council, Abilene Christian University, 2006-2009

Member, IRB, Abilene Christian University, 2016-spring 2021

Member, Faculty Senate, Abilene Christian University, 2008-2011

Member, Research, Teaching, and Scholarship, GST, fall 2006

Chair, Vista Committee for CBS, 2004-2005

Chair, Centennial Conference Committee, Abilene Christian University, 2004-2006

Member, ATS Self-Study Committee, GST, 2004-005

Member, Research Council, Abilene Christian University, 2003-2006

Member, MAR/MCM Exams Committee, 1998 –spring 2023

Chair, Library Committee, Abilene Christian University, 2001-2002, 2017- 2022

Member, MDIV Exams Committee, GST, 1998-spring 2023

Member, Philosophy Minor Committee, Abilene Christian University, 2000-spring 2023