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Most important awards, prizes and academies

Awards: Josephine Yalch Zekan Award, Best Scholarly Article in Faith and Law (1997, 2003); Silver Gavel Award, American Bar Association (1991); John Templeton Foundation, awards for Teaching in the Liberal Arts (1997), and for Curriculum Development (2001); Bruno Damiani Award, Graduate Student Association Award for Graduate Teaching, Catholic University (1994); National Endowment for the Humanities, Fellowship for University Teachers (1993). **Positions**: Academician and Councilor, Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas (2004-); William K. Warren Professor of Catholic Studies, and Research Professor of Law at University of Tulsa (1996-); Associate Professor, School of Philosophy, The Catholic University of America (1991-1996); Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Fordham University (1987-1991). Visiting Professorships: Princeton University (1990-91); New York University (1989); Katoíla Univerzita V Ruzomberku (2005); Università Regina Apostolorum (2006); Senior Research Fellow at the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (2000); Robert J. Randall Distinguished Visiting Professor in Christian Culture, Providence College (2007-08). **Boards** (select): *American Journal of Jurisprudence*; *Ius et Lex* (Poland); *Nova et Vetera*(American edition); *First Things: A Monthly Journal of Religion and Public Life*; Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture.

Summary of scientific research

My research, writing, and teaching are devoted to an overlapping set of themes, where philosophy, theology, and law intersect. (1) natural law, ethics, and political philosophy, chiefly in the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas; (2) comparative natural law theory - between medieval and modern, among the moderns, and in contemporary legal and constitutional systems; (3) Catholic social doctrine, from the nineteenth century to the present; (4) church-state relations, both European and North American.

Main publications

Books: *The First Grace: Rediscovering Natural Law in a Post-Christian Age*, ISI, 2003; *A Critique of the New Natural Law Theory*, University of Notre Dame Press, 1987; Editor, *Linking the Human Life Issues*, Regnery-Gateway, 1986 *Thomas Aquinas and the Rule of Law* [*Tommaso D'Aquino e La Rule of Law*], English-Italian, a cura Di Fulvio Di Blasi, Classici della Filosofia Contemporanea, Rubbettino, Soveria Mannelli, 2007. **Articles, Book Chapters, etc.:** Introduction, Heinrich Rommen, *The State in Catholic Thought*, re-publication of 1945 edition, by Alethes Press, 2010; "Pascendi Dominici Gregis 100 ans aprés. Deux modernisms, deux thomismes: réflexions sur le centenaire de la Lettre contre les moderistes de Pie X", *Nova et Vetera*, Lxxxive Année (Jan. Fév. Mars, 2009); "Dignitatis humanae", *Vatican II: Renewal Within Tradition*, ed. Matthew Lamb, Oxford University Press, 2008; Introductory essay and critical bibliography, Heinrich Rommen, *The Natural Law*, Liberty Fund Press, 1998; Introductory essay, Yves Simon, *The Tradition of Natural Law*, Fordham University Press, 1992; *The Teachings of Modern Christianity: On Law, Politics, & Human Nature*, 2 vols., Columbia University Press, 2005, John Witte and Frank Alexander eds, my essays include "Introduction to Catholic Authors" and "Pope Leo XIII" in vol. I, and "Annotated primary texts of Leo XIII" in vol. II; "Human Nature and States of Nature in John Paul II's Theological Anthropology", *Human Nature in its Wholeness: A Roman Catholic Perspective*, ed. Daniel Robinson, The Catholic University of America Press, 2006; "Thomas Aquinas on Natural Law and the Competence to Judge", *St. Thomas Aquinas and the Natural Law Tradition: Contemporary Perspectives*, John Goyette and John Latkovic eds, The Catholic University of America Press, 2004; "The Constitutionalization of Politics and the Decline of Liberal Tolerance", in *Presente y futuro del liberalismo*, Enrique Banús and Alejandro Llano, eds, Pamplona, Ediciones Universidad De Navarra, 2004; "Social Roles and Ruling Virtues in Catholic Social Doctrine", *Annales theologici* 16, 2002; "*Dignitatis Humanae*, Religious Liberty, and Ecclesiastical Self-Government", 68 *George Washington University Law Journal,* No. 5/6, July/Sept 2000; "Natural Rights, Under-Specified Rights, and Bills of Rights", *Revue Générale de Droit*, 29, 1998, No. 4, Université d'Ottawa; "Aquinas and the Rule of Law", *The Ever-Illuminating Wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas*, Proceedings of the Wethersfield Institute, vol. 8, San Francisco, Ignatius Press, 1999; "Yves R. Simon on Natural Law and Reason", *Acquaintance with the Absolute: The Philosophy of Yves R. Simon*, edited by Anthony O. Simon, New York: Fordham University Press, 1998; "Natural Law and the Human City", *Contemporary Perspectives on Natural Law*, edit. Ana Marta Gonzalez, Ashgate, U.K., 2007; "Liberalism and the American Natural Law Tradition", *Wake Forest Law Review*, Vol. 25, Number 3, 1990; "Theology and Natural Law Theory", 17 *Communio*,

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