

CURRICULUM VITÆ

a) NAME:

**SPATAFORA, Andrea**, associate professor, tenured  
Member of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies: yes

b) DEGREES:

S.T.D. Theology, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, 1997  
L.T.S. Sacred Scripture, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy, 1992  
M.A. Theology, University of Ottawa, 1988  
B.Th. Saint Paul University, Ottawa, 1983  
B.A. University of Ottawa, 1980

c) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

2004–	Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University
1998–2004	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University
1997–1998	Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University
1997	Lecturer, Saint Peter’s Seminary, London, Ontario
1991	Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University
1990	Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University

d) ACADEMIC HONOURS:

2009 Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada,  
Honourable mention in the Scripture category for *Symbolic Language and the Apocalypse*, Novalis: Ottawa, 2008.

e) SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

2018-2019 Evaluation of 3 article manuscripts: “Hiérarchie apostolique, crédibilité missionnaire et Écriture non exhaustive: unité littéraire et thématique de Jn 20,1-21,25 selon l’analyse structurelle” for *Science et Esprit*; “The Gospel of Mark’s Ending: Fleeing as Drama and Subtext” for *Theoforum*; “Sept pas vers l’étranger, voie d’accès à l’identité ecclésiale: le témoignage des Actes des Apôtres (2-15)” for *Science et Esprit*

2016-2019 Faculty of Theology Representative, Saint Paul University Bursaries and Academic Distinctions Committee

2016-2019 Professor in Charge of Academic Fraud Cases, Faculty of Theology  
 2015 Evaluation of 2 article manuscripts: “Quelle performance pour la prophétie dans l’Apocalypse de Jean?” for the collection *Terra Nova – Perspectives théologiques canadiennes / Canadian Theological Perspectives* of the Société canadienne de théologie and “Ruser pour obtenir la vie à l’instar de Tamar dans Genèse 38” for the volume of the proceedings of the 2014 conference of the Société canadienne de théologie

2011-2014 Dean, Faculty of Theology

2008-2011 Dean, Faculty of Theology

2008 Evaluation of 2 article manuscripts for *Théologiques* and for *Logos*

2007 Consultation for the *Lineamenta*, preparatory document for the World Synod of Catholic Bishops

2007 Evaluation of course RLST 2186 EL 10 “The Person of Jesus in Historical Context” for the University of Sudbury

2007-2008 Representative for Associate and Full Professors, Senate of Saint Paul University

2006-2008 Steering Committee, Faculty of Theology

2006-2008 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Theology

2005-2008 Comité de direction de la revue de la Faculté *Theoforum*, Associate editor, French language reviews

2005-2007 Representative of Associate and Full Professors, Senate of Saint Paul University

2005-2008 Faculty Representative, Senate of the University of Ottawa

2004-2007 Premier vice-président, l’Association catholique des études bibliques au Canada

2003-2006 Steering Committee, Faculty of Theology

2003-2006 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Theology

2003-2004 First Vice-President, l’Association catholique des études bibliques au Canada

2002-2004 Representative of Lecturers and Assistant Professors, Senate of Saint Paul University

2002-2005 Substitute member, Graduate Studies Committee, Faculty of Theology

2001-2004 Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee

2000-2003 Representative of the Faculty of Theology, Research Council

f) GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS:

Completed: 5 MA, 3 LTh, 3 PhD, 1 DMin

In progress: 1

Member of thesis committee: 5.

NAME OF STUDENTS supervised within the past eight years, title of thesis or project (specify), year of first registration and year of completion:

- José Jonasse (MA), *The Canonical Study of Acts 17 :16-34: For a Better Understanding of the Speech for the Church Today*, Sep. 2018-
- Douglas Finbow (PhD), *The Wisdom of the Scribe: A Socio-Rhetorical and Theological Interpretation of 38:24–39:11*, Sep. 2009-Apr. 2017
- Élie Pierre Geffrard (DMin), *Le role des parents dans l'éducation de la foi des enfants. Le cas des écoles catholiques des Gonaïves*, Sep. 2008-Jan. 2015
- Martha Acosta Valle (PhD), *Identité, transformation et mise en récit: Une analyse narrative de l'histoire de Luc, Corneille et compagnie (Actes 10,1-11,18)*, Dec. 2009-May 2013
- Ryan Ellis (MA), *Introversionist Sects at Qumran*, Sep. 2011-Dec. 2012
- Claire Johnson (PhD), *The Proto-eucharistic Pericopes of the New Testament: A Canonical Approach*, Sep. 2005-Feb. 2012

g) GRADUATE COURSES:

Seminars:

Courses:

	2017-18	THO 6317 Formation of the Biblical Text
2016-17		THO 6717 Formation du texte biblique
	2015-16	THO 6317 Formation of the Biblical Text

Directed Studies:

h) EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING:

n/a

i) INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING:

n/a

j) PUBLICATIONS:

1) life-time summary:

Books authored .....	2
Books edited.....	0

Chapters in books.....	8
Papers in <u>refereed</u> journal .....	6
Papers in refereed conference proceedings.....	3
Major invited contributions and/ or technical reports.....	2
Abstracts and/ or papers read.....	7
Others (workshops presented).....	1

2) Details for past eight (8) years same categories as above:

Books authored:

1. *Les symboles de l'Apocalypse*. Translated by Marie-Antoinette Pirlot and Gaston Lessard. Le Livre et le Rouleau 52. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Namur: Lessius, 2016.

Books edited:

Chapters in Books:

1. “Les hymnes dans l’Apocalypse : anticipation de la fin” Pages 321-329 in *Temporalité et intrigue. FS André Wénin*. Edited by Hans Ausloos and Didier Luciani. BETL 296. Leuven: Peeters, 2018.
2. “Inspiration after *Dei Verbum*.” Pages 170-181 in *Vatican II au Canada: Histoire, herméneutique et réception*. Edited by Michael Attridge, Catherine Clifford, Gilles Routhier. Ottawa: Presses de l’Université d’Ottawa, 2011.
3. “Suspense et surprise en Jean 9.” Pages 257-261 in *L’Intrigue dans le récit biblique: Quatrième colloque international du RRENAB, Université Laval, Québec, 29 mai-1er juin 2008*. Edited by Anne Pasquier, Daniel Margerat, André Wénin. BETL 237. Leuven: Peeters, 2010.

Papers in Refereed Journals:

1. “Judgment or Mercy in the Apocalypse of John,” *Theoforum* 47 (2016/2017): 231-241.
2. “Heavenly Liturgy and Temple in the Apocalypse,” *Theoforum* 46 (2015): 185-204.

Papers in Refereed Conference Proceedings:

1. “Envisioning the Visions of the Apocalypse of John: A Narrative Study of Apoc 12.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the CBA. Santa Clara, CA, 9 August 2017.

2. “Brevard Childs’s Canonical Approach: A Catholic Perspective.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the CBA. New Orleans, LA, 2 August 2016.
3. “La symbolique de la guerre dans l’Apocalypse de Jean.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the ACÉBAC. Montréal, QC, 23 May 2010.

Major Invited Contributions and/ or Technical Reports:

Abstracts and/ or Papers Read:

1. “Judgment or Mercy in the Apocalypse of John.” Paper presented at the Colloquium “Being a Church of Mercy: How Do We Put Mercy at the Core of a Christian Life?” Saint Paul University, Ottawa, ON, 4 November 2016.

Others (workshops presented):

1. “The Apocalypse of John.” Webinar. Saint Paul University, Ottawa, ON, 25 January 2017.

25 July 2019

NAME: Andrea Spatafora

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2018-2019

**CURRICULUM VITAE PART II: ACTIVITIES OF PROFESSOR**

a) UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Saint Paul University:

Other Universities:

b) THESIS CORRECTION AND JURY MEMBER

Name of Student, Title of thesis, University

Masters:

Doctorate:

c) CORRECTION OF MAJOR RESEARCH PAPERS (second reader)

d) PUBLICATIONS (Title, name of publication, etc.)

Non-refereed journals:

Newspaper:

Book reviews:

e) ORAL PRESENTATIONS (Title, occasion, place, date)

Learned Societies:

Academic Papers:

Non-academic Papers:

9 March 2019, Lenten Retreat, Order of Malta, Ottawa Region.  
February 2019, six session course on the Book of Revelation, Deacon Formation Programme, Archdiocese of Ottawa.  
5-9 November, Annual Retreat, Missionaries of the Holy Family, German Province, Betzdorf, Germany.  
1-3 June 2018, Annual Retreat, Permanent Deacon Formation Programme, Archdiocese of Ottawa.

f) CONSULTATION (Consultation includes evaluation of texts for possible inclusion in refereed journals as well as professional consultation for specialized agencies, etc. Please indicate the name of the organization and the nature of your work.)

Evaluation of 3 article manuscripts:

“Hiérarchie apostolique, crédibilité missionnaire et Écriture non exhaustive: unité littéraire et thématique de Jn 20,1-21,25 selon l’analyse structurelle” for *Science et Esprit*,

“The Gospel of Mark’s Ending: Fleeing as Drama and Subtext” for *Theoforum*;

“Sept pas vers l’étranger, voie d’accès à l’identité ecclésiale: le témoignage des Actes des Apôtres (2-15)” for *Science et Esprit*

g) MEDIA (Interviews, panels, papers)

h) PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association catholique des études bibliques au Canada  
Catholic Biblical Association  
Society of Biblical Literature

i) COMMITTEE WORK

Faculty:

University:

Academic or professional group outside the University:

Spiritual Director for a Knight of Justice (First Class), Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Order of Malta)

Chaplain of the Canadian Association of the Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem (Order of Malta) responsible for the members of the Ottawa Region

j) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Conferences, sessions, courses, professional meetings, etc.)

28-31 July 2018 Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Denver, CO.



**TITLE OF PROJECT:** A Catholic Approach to Canonical Criticism and its Application to the Apocalypse of John.

**MAIN RESEARCHER :** Andrea Spatafora

**Collaborators :** (including students)

I will be exploring the possibility of applying for a research grant that would enable me to involve a student collaborator.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### Objectives

Canonical Criticism is presently associated primarily with two Protestant scholars, Brevard Childs and James Sanders. Catholic scholars, however, have begun to publish on the importance of the canon for the interpretation of the biblical texts. Among these, are Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI, Hans Urs von Balthasar, Paul Beauchamp and Matthew Levering. I hope to contribute to the development of the approach with a great focus on the role of Tradition in the interpretation of Scripture and therefore to propose a Catholic approach to the method. I will then apply canonical criticism in a commentary on the Apocalypse of John.

### Methodology

I have examined Church documents on Tradition as well as the contribution of theologians since the Second Vatican Council to demonstrate the importance of Tradition in the understanding of the canonical approach/canonical criticism. I intend to show how Catholic theology's understanding of the role of Tradition enriches the canonical approach of Brevard Childs. I will propose a particular version of the canonical approach with concrete steps for the study of biblical texts.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / STATE OF PROJECT

I presented an initial research report at the Catholic Biblical Association Meeting 1-4 August 2015 in New Orleans. During this past sabbatical leave (July 2018-June 2019) I wrote the first three chapters of a short book on the canonical approach. The first chapter consisted in a review of Childs's approach. The second chapter is a study of Tradition in Catholic theology. The third chapter examines Childs's exegesis of texts. In the fourth chapter I will propose a version of the method. My long-term project is to write a commentary on John's Apocalypse using the canonical approach.