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Present Appointment:

Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Philosophy, Saint Paul University

Professor of Philosophy, St Francis Xavier University

University Education:

D.Ph. Université Saint-Paul, Ottawa; D.Th. (systematic theology) University of South Africa, Pretoria;

Ph.D. Université d'Ottawa; D.É.A. (sc. pol.) Université de Paris 1 – Sorbonne

(and other degrees)

Visiting Posts:

Visiting Professor, School of Philosophy, "Professional Frontier Teacher Training" program, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, December 2018.

Visiting Professor (Overseas), Indian Council for Philosophical Research, 2016.

Visiting Professor / Jacek Woroniecki Memorial Lecturer in the Philosophy of Culture: Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, May 2012.

Visiting Professor / Stanislaw Kaminski Chair in Theoretical Philosophy: Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, May 2009.

Visiting Professor in the Philosophy of Culture: Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan, June 2007.

Lokuang Chair of Philosophy and Culture: Fu Jen Catholic University, Taipei, Taiwan, December 2004.

Visiting Professor in Philosophy of Religion: Pontifical Athenaeum of Philosophy, Theology and Canon Law/ Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Dharmaram College, Bangalore, India, August 2004.

Funded Research:

Faculty Grant, Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, "Epistemic Foundations of Idealistic Traditions in India and Canada: Studies in Comparative Philosophy," 2024-2025.

Faculty Research Grant, Fr. Edo Gatto Chair of Christian Studies, St. Francis Xavier University, 2014-2017.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada [SSHRCC] Grant for "Religion, Philosophy, and the Question of a Clash of Cultures," 2010-2011.

Grant in Aid of Translation and Publication, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Italy)/Istituto Italiano di Cultura, Washington, DC for my book Intercultural Dialogue and Human Rights, 2010-2011.

SSHRCC Grant for "Migrating Texts and Traditions," 2006-2007.

SSHRCC Standard Research Grant [410-2000-0056] for "The Legacy of British Idealism and the Philosophy of Bernard Bosanquet," 2000-2004.

SSHRCC Grant for "Philosophy, Religion, and Democracy," 2003-2004.

SSHRCC Grant for "Science, Religion, and Philosophy," 2002-2003.

SSHRCC Grant for "Philosophy, Pluralism, and Culture," 2001-2002.

SSHRCC Grant for "The Philosophy of History," 2000-2001.

Mind Association (U.K.) Grant (on 'Bosanquet and the Legacy of British Idealism'), 1999 [with W.J. Mander, Oxford].

Faculty Research Grant, Fr. Edo Gatto Chair of Christian Studies, St. Francis Xavier University, 2007-2008.

Honours, Awards, Endowed Lectureships, Prizes (selection)

Keynote speaker, Indian Philosophical Congress, Annamalai University, Chidambaram (India), Dec. 2024.

Elected Membre titulaire (Permanent member), Institut International de Philosophie (Paris), 2021.

Jules Léger Research Chair in the Humanities and Social Sciences, St Francis Xavier University, 2019-22.

University Research Award (awarded biennially for outstanding research by a senior scholar), St Francis Xavier University, 2017-18.

Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (FRSC), 2017.

Named Visiting (Overseas) Professor, Indian Council for Philosophical Research, 2015-16.

Elected Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society (FRAS), 2013.
 L.D. Swamikannu Pillai Endowment Lecturer, 2013-14, University of Madras (India), February, 2014.
 Elected Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (FRHistS), 2013.
 William Rossner SJ, Annual Lecturer in Philosophy, Rockhurst University (Kansas City, Missouri), 22 October 2012.
 Jay Newman Memorial Lecturer in the Philosophy of Religion, Canadian Theological Society, Waterloo, Ontario, May 2012.
 Nimishakkavi K. Subbaiah Naidu Endowment Lecturer 2011-12, University of Madras (India) [declined]
 Stanislaw Kaminski Memorial Lecturer, Catholic University of Lublin (Poland), May 2009.
 Featured speaker, Breakfast on the Hill Speaker Series, Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Centre Block, Parliament Hill, Ottawa, ON, May 2007.
 Lokuang Chair of Philosophy and Culture, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taipei (Taiwan), December 2004.
 Principal William Miller Endowment Lecturer, 2004-05, University of Madras (India), August 2004.
 Jean Mathieu Soulerin Memorial Lecturer, University of St Michael's College, University of Toronto, ON, November 2002.
 Royal Institute of Philosophy Lecturer, University of Wales, Cardiff, March 1999.
 Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Distinguished Visitor Programme, November-December 1996.
 Professor Henry Herbert Glassmacher Lecturer, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, October 1994.

Publications:

Summary (to July. 1, 2025):

Books: 4

Books (as Editor): 35+

Articles in Refereed Publications: 150+

Encyclopedia Articles and Short Introductions: 125+

Papers in Published Proceedings: 15

Book Reviews and Critical Notices: 35+

a. Books:

Responses to the Enlightenment: An Exchange on Foundations, Faith, and Community, Amsterdam/New York:

Rodopi, 2012; Leiden: Brill, 2015 [with Hendrik Hart].

(Reviewed in *Sophia*; *Studies in Religion /Sciences religieuses*; *Dialogue*; *Etudes maritainiennes/Maritain Studies*; *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions*; and *Science et esprit*. Symposia on this book have also been organised by the Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, Montreal, and by the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto.)

Religious Belief: The Contemporary Debate, Bangalore: Dharmaram Publishers, 2003. [The 2001 Dharma Endowment Lectures]

(Reviewed in *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*; *Sophia*; *Studies in Religion /Sciences religieuses*; *Journal of Dharma*; *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions*)

Religion, Science, and Non-Science, Bangalore: Dharmaram Publishers, 2003. **Second edition**, fall 2024.

(Reviewed in *Sophia*; *Religious Studies/Sciences religieuses*; *Journal of Dharma*)

Idealism and Rights, Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1997; **Paperback edition**, 2005.

(Reviewed in *Philosophy in Review*; *History of Political Thought*; *Dialogue*; *British Journal of the History of Philosophy*; *Bulletin of the Hegel Society of Great Britain*; *Bradley Studies*; *Indian Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophia (Israel)*; a symposium on this book, organised by the Political Studies Association (U.K.), British Idealism Specialist Group / Collingwood and British Idealism Centre, was published in *Collingwood and British Idealist Studies* [Vol. IX, 2002].)

b. Books (as Editor): (selection)

Before and After Democracy: Philosophy, Religion, and Politics, Leuven (Belgium): Peeters, 2023.

Philosophy Re-engaging Cultures and Ways of Life, Washington, DC: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2022 [ed., with George F. McLean].

What is Intercultural Philosophy?, Washington, DC: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2014.

Ideas under Fire: Historical Studies of Philosophy and Science in Adversity, Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2013; paperback, 2017 [ed., with Jonathan Lavery and Louis Groarke]

Philosophy Emerging from Culture, Washington, DC: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2013. [ed., with G.F. McLean and O. Blanchette].

Migrating Texts and Traditions, Ottawa: University of Ottawa Press, 2012.

Intercultural Dialogue and Human Rights, Washington, DC: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2011 [ed., with Roberto Papini and Luigi Bonanate].

The Moral, Social, and Political Philosophy of the British Idealists, Essex, UK: Imprint Academic, 2009.

Philosophy, Pluralism, and Culture, Aylmer, QC: Editions du Scribe, 2002.

c. Articles in refereed publications (selection – last 10 years):

- “Some Models of Canadian Philosophy,” in *What is Canadian Philosophy?*, ed. Jason Bell, Jeremy Geddert, and Janet Wesselius (Albany, NY: SUNY Press – accepted/forthcoming).
- “Humanity, History, and Teleology,” [Principal William Miller Lecture], *Re-Learning to be Human across Cultural Boundaries*, eds. Asha Mukherjee and Anthony Savari Raj (Washington, DC: CRVP, 2025).
- “Dignity, Complementarity, and Bodily Integrity,” *Gender Complementarity and Christian Personalism: The Philosophy of Prudence Allen, R.S.M.*, ed. John Hittinger and Mary Veronica Sabelli, R.S.M. (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2025).
- “Was J.C. Smuts an Idealist Philosopher?” *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 44(1) (2025): 148-167. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02580136.2025.2467539>
- “Ecological Citizenship in China and Social Media,” *Philosophia*, 26(1), 2025: 1-22 [with C. Zeng].
- “Religia, pacea și persoana umană,” [“Religion, Peace, and the Human Person” [in Romanian]], *Verbum, Revista Facultății de Teologie Catolică*, Issue 3-4 (2022-23): 5-21. [published in January 2025]
- “William Chillingworth and the Origins of Anglo-American Philosophy of Religion,” *Science et esprit*, 76(3) (2024): 381-397. “How the reasonability of faith, and the relation of faith and reason, came to be an issue in Anglo American (philosophical) theology”
- “Smuts, Holism, and Political Philosophy” in *Reappraising the Life and Legacy of J C Smuts*, ed. David Boucher and Bongani Ngqulunga (Johannesburg: University of Johannesburg Press, 2024), pp. 333-366.
- “Does the Philosophy of Religion have a Future?,” *Versuche über das Absolute: Festschrift für Ludwig Nagl zum 80. Geburtstag*, ed. Wolfgang Kaltenbacher (Vienna: Böhlau-Verlag, 2024): 241-258.
- “Contextualizing ‘the Reformation,’” in *Scriptura, Geist, Wirkung: Systemperspektiven auf 500 Jahre Reformation im Kontext des Fernen Ostens*, ed. J.J. Luh (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2024), pp. 175-190.
- “Philosophical Pluralism and Religious Faith,” *Religion in the Secular Age: Perspectives from the Humanities*, eds. Herta Nagl-Docekal and Waldemar Zacharasiewicz (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2023), pp. 257-277.
- “Physician Conscience,” *Science et esprit*, Vol. 75/2 (May 2023): 237-251.
- “The Real Will, and Aesthetic Consciousness in Bernard Bosanquet,” *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*, Vol. 28 (2022): 85-109.
- “Bridging Divides, Building Relations, and the Proposal for Intercultural Theology,” [Canadian Theological Society Presidential Address], *Toronto Journal of Theology*, Vol. 38, No. 1 (2022): 81-100.
- “What Is It for Philosophy to Re-engage Culture?,” in *Philosophy Re-engaging Cultures and Ways of Life*, ed. W. Sweet and G. F. McLean (Washington: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2022), pp. 1-20 (with George F. McLean).
- “Immigration and the Virtue of Hospitality,” *Satya Nilayam Chennai Journal of Intercultural Philosophy [India]*, No. 40 (Oct 2021): pp. 68-90.
- 疫情、对安全的渴望和全球治理 [Pandemics, the desire for safety, and global governance], in
高校马克思主义理论研究杂志部 [Journal of Theoretical Research on Marxism in Colleges and Universities], Oct. 2021, forthcoming. [tr. Liu Yong and Yang Shuxian] (in Chinese).
- “Theology in Canada – the state of the discipline,” *Studies in Religion/Sciences religieuses*, Vol. 50, No 3 (Sept 2021): 344-355.
- “Jacques Maritain and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,” in *Christianity and Global Law: An Introduction*, ed. Rafael Domingo and John Witte, Jr. (London: Routledge, 2020), pp. 158-177.
- “Philosophy and the Love of Wisdom,” *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte*, Vol 112 (2020): 307-323.
- “Bradley, F.H.,” [revised entry] in *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Second edition, ed. Hugh LaFollette (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021), Vol. II
- “Maritain, Jacques,” in *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Second edition, ed. Hugh LaFollette (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2021), Volume VII

- "Catholic Education and Philosophy of Education in Canada," *Encyclopedia of Teacher Education*, ed. Michael A. Peters (New York: Springer, 2019)
- "Bosanquet's Political Philosophy, Nicholson, and the 'Real Will,'" [Festschrift for Peter P. Nicholson], *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies*, Vol. 25 (2019): 225-254.
- "Intuitionism, Religious Belief, and Proof in the Papers of the Metaphysical Society," in *The Metaphysical Society (1869-1880): Intellectual Life in Mid-Victorian England*, ed. Bernard Lightman, Catherine Marshall, Richard England (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019), pp. 228-251.
- "Jacques Maritain," in *Great Christian Jurists in French History*, ed. Olivier Descamps & Rafael Domingo (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), pp. 387-403.
- "Charles Malik: From Process to Reality," in *On the Philosophical Thought of Charles Malik: Vol. 1: Whitehead, Reason and Spirit*, ed. Habib C. Malik and Tony E. Nasrallah (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium: Notre Dame University Press, 2018), pp. 27-51.
- "Forgotten Philosophies," *Science et esprit*, Vol. 70 (2018): 205-229.
- "Evidentialism, Fideism, and John Henry Newman," *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy*, Vol. 7 (2018): 75-80.
- "Rights, Religion, Persons, and Justice," *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions*, Vol. 14 (2018): 1-5.
- "Martin Versfeld, Citizenship, and Civitas Dei," *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions*, Vol. 13 (2017): 11-25.
- "Can there be Genuine Dialogue between Religion and Democracy?," *Journal of Dharma*, Vol 42 (3) (2017): 371-392.
- "Meaning in History?: Critical History, Anti-Metaphysics, and Postmodernism," *Sandhān: journal of the Centre for Studies in Civilizations*, Vol. 16 (2016): 51-78. [published in November 2018]
- "The Relevance of a Catholic Philosophy of Education," in *Civil Society, Education, and Human Formation: Philosophy's Role in a Renewed Understanding of Education*, ed. J. Tāļivaldis Ozoliņš (London: Routledge, 2017), pp. 31-48.
- "The Metaphysical Self and the Moral Self in Bernard Bosanquet," in *British Idealism and the Concept of the Self*, ed. W.J. Mander and S. Panagakou (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016), pp. 179-200.
- "Christian Philosophy and the Meaning of Life,"
- In Chinese, as [在基督性與人文性共融下哲學的生命意義], in *Universitas [哲學與文化月刊 Che hsueh yü wen hua]- Monthly Review of Philosophy and Culture [Fu Jen University]*, June 2015. [special theme: Christianity, Humanity and the Meaning of Life], pp. 19-36. AHCI
 - In English, in *Care of Self and Meaning of Life: Asian and Christian Perspectives* (Washington, DC: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2015), pp. 15-36.
- "British Idealist Philosophy of Religion," *Oxford Handbook of British Philosophy in the Nineteenth Century*, ed. W.J. Mander (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 560-584.

Service to the Profession (selection):

Grant Review and Awards [Grant Review Committees] (National Level)

- Chair (2002-03) and Committee member, Committee 1, Standard Research and Dissemination Grants Programs, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2001-03.
- Chair (2008) and Committee member, Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada Program, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2005; 2007-8.
- Committee member, Public Outreach Grants Program adjudication, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2011-12.
- Committee member, Adjudication of Partnership Grants (LOI and Formal Application) adjudication, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2014-15.

External Assessment of Academic Programmes/ Teaching and Learning Consultancy (selection)

- Member, Provincially-appointed [Post-Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board] Review Panel to review proposed BA (Philosophy- OLSW) program, Province of Ontario, 2021-23.
- External Assessor for Department of Philosophy, Université de Moncton, Moncton, NB, February 2017.
- Chair, Provincially-appointed [Post-Secondary Education Quality Assessment Board] Review Panel to review proposed BA (Christian Humanities) program, Province of Ontario, September 2015.
- External Assessor for Department of Philosophy, Acadia University, Wolfville, NS, 2012.
- External Assessor for graduate and undergraduate programmes in philosophy, Faculté de philosophie, Université Laval, Québec, QC, March 2011.