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Bishop-elect William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Curriculum vitae

Academic Appointments and Education

- 2010-Present **Dean of Campus Spiritual Life, Loras College**
Associate Professor, Philosophy
- 2017-18 Full Academic Year Sabbatical granted by Academic Dean,
College President and Faculty Development Committee
- 2007-10 **Associate Professor, Philosophy, Loras College**
Chair, Division of Philosophy, Religion and Theology
- 2002-07 **Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Loras College**
- 2002 **Ph.D. (Philosophy), The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.**

Dissertation title: *Genetic Enhancement and the Ends of Medicine and Human Life* --Committee: Robert Sokolowski, Ph.D. (Director); Jean DeGroot, Ph.D., Edmund D. Pellegrino, M.D. (Readers)
- 2001-2002 Instructor in Philosophy, Loras College
- 1997-98 Guest student, Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical Academy of
St. Thomas, Rome, Italy
- 1997 **Ph.L., The Catholic University of America**

Thesis title: *Yves R. Simon on Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide: A Study of Virtue, Moral Appearances, and Natural Law*
Thesis Director: Robert Sokolowski, Ph.D.; Kurt Pritzl, O.P. (Reader)
- 1989 **M.A. (Moral Theology), M.Div.; Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio**
- 1982-1984 University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City, Iowa
- 1982 **B.S. (Zoology), Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa**
(Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi)

Professional Specialization and Competence: Philosophical Anthropology, Metaphysics, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Medicine

Courses Taught—Philosophy: Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Contemporary Philosophy, Metaphysics & Epistemology (merged into the “Knowledge, Truth and Reality” course), Human Identity and Community (advanced general education Identity and Community category [AI]), Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy and the Rise of Christianity; **other courses:** “Witnesses to Hope, Heart, and Humanity,” “Three French Guys” (general education Catholic Identity Mission Courses [MC]), “Evil and Its Discontents” (general education Modes of Inquiry Foundational Course [FI])

Service to Loras College

2010-Present

Dean of Campus Spiritual Life

- Leadership, evaluation, and hiring of seven staff comprising Spiritual Life Division, including what was formerly called Campus Ministry
- Member of College Administrative Team
- Liaison to Board of Regents Catholic Identity Committee and College president for Catholic mission and identity of College among employees and students; crafting hiring for mission policies and practices
- Lead public prayer at College events; Sacramental and individual priestly ministry to College and Archdiocese of Dubuque in area parishes, religious communities, and institutions; lead public prayer at College events
- Member, Loras College Heritage and 175th Anniversary Planning Committees
- *Mysteries of Christmas* Planning Committee
- Staff-Faculty Mini-Retreat Planning Committee
- *Ad hoc* assistance with fundraising, development, and marketing

2015-Present

Faith and Values Education Committee

- Presidentially-appointed committee focused upon faculty development in the Catholic intellectual tradition
- Curriculum resource and advocacy for implementation of guidelines in *Ex corde ecclesiae* advancing Catholic identity and mission of College
- Advocacy and oversight of institutional hiring and other policy enactment in accord with principles of Catholic social teaching and overall mission

2010-12, 2014-Present

Moderator, Saint John Paul II Student Scholarship Program

- Cohort event coordinator; periodic meetings and special event facilitator
- Scholarship selection committee chair
- Liaison with benefactor, exit interviews

2012-15

NetVUE (Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education) Committee

- Formulated successful grant application to Lilly Foundation for promoting a broader sense of vocational identity (life calling that gives meaning and purpose) among students and all campus constituencies
- Developed and delivered programming in accord with grant criteria
- Performed course redesign in Catholic identity category of general education curriculum to incorporate vocational strengths assessment and reflection

- 2007-10 **Chair of Philosophy, Religion and Theology Division** and *ex officio* member of **Academic Council**
- Ongoing oversight and collective responsibility for academic policies and practices
 - Coordinate divisional participation in institutional strategic planning
 - Perform annual evaluation of nine division faculty members in the areas of teaching (including classroom observations), scholarship, and service
 - Coordinated ten-year 2008-09 philosophy program review process and served as principal author of self-study report and response to external review report
 - Ongoing curriculum mapping and coordination of assessment practices
 - Formulate position requests and oversee hiring of new faculty
- 2007-15 **Catholic Identity Committee**
- Advance Catholic mission of college through ongoing education (significance and implementation of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* guidelines, application of Catholic Social Teaching in the areas of business practices, immigration, and a Catholic approach to diversity concerns), provide opportunities for critical dialogue by hosting ongoing thematic Hospitality Dinners, and provide direct service to the College community
 - Collaborated in crafting the “Moments of Grace” brochure that helped Loras gain recognition as the 2009 “Outstanding American Catholic College,” awarded by the American Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU); principal author of 2014 revised version
 - Host of Association of Diocesan Colleges and Universities annual conference, Loras College, May 2006, May 2007, May 2008
- 2007-09 **Criterion One (Mission and Integrity), Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Subcommittee**
- Principal responsibility for producing evidence documents for faculty, staff, and students handbooks (respectively), demonstrating how Loras College “operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff, and students”
 - Participant in ongoing meetings reviewing and editing draft chapters of the reaccreditation self-study report, resulting in Loras College’s successful November 2009 reaccreditation visit meriting “excellent” evaluation in four of five HLC categories (three-year monitoring report required for debt-related issues)
- 2006-09 **Institutional Review Board**
- Review and approve human subject research proposals in accord with federal guidelines and Catholic moral teaching
- 2002-07 **Committee for Ethics and Values Education**

2004-07

Faculty Senate divisional representative

- Author of “Academic Integrity and Professional Ethics” section of revised faculty handbook, incorporating principles of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and the American Association of University Professors’ “Red Book,” as part of collaborative revision of entire faculty handbook
- Member of subcommittee that researched and developed proposal for post-tenure review of faculty along summative and formative lines

Professional Associations: American Catholic Philosophical Association, American Maritain Association; American Philosophical Association; Editorial Board, *Catholic Studies in Bioethics* (a subseries of *Philosophy and Medicine*, Kluwer Academic Publishers), 1991-95

Priestly Ordination and Appointments

24 June 1989

Ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, by the Most Rev. Daniel W. Kucera, OSB, Nativity Church, Dubuque

2001-14

Director of Spiritual Formation, St. Pius X Seminary Program, Loras College

- Coordinate spiritual formation aspect of program
- Deliver weekly conferences to seminarians following sequence of topics identified in the *Program for Priestly Formation*, 5th ed., and direct periodic semester retreats
- Serve as spiritual director for individual seminarians

2010-14

Chaplain, Loras College

- Sacramental ministry, including weekday and Sunday Mass, confessions
- Celebrant and coordinator of major campus liturgies (e.g., Baccalaureate Mass, Homecoming, Ash Wednesday Interfaith Prayer Service, Grotto Dedication Mass, etc.) and leader of public prayer at campus events; co-chair for “Mysteries of Christmas” sacral concert planning committee
- Spiritual direction and pastoral counsel to individual students and employees
- Host for Dubuque Archdiocesan Priest Jubilarian Holy Hour and retired priests’ dinners and clergy liaison for archdiocese
- Chaplain, Loras Daughters of Isabella student women’s organization

2003-10

Chaplain, Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa

- Sacramental ministry, including weekday and Sunday Mass
- Priestly ministry for Antioch Retreat team each semester
- Member of Clarke College Catholic Identity Committee, 2005-07; assessed incorporation of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* into campus mission and culture and assisted in formulation of strategic plan for advancing Catholic character of the College
- Celebrate Baccalaureate Mass and perform official duties at annual commencement ceremonies

2001-02

Chaplain, Stonehill Franciscan Care Center

- 1995-2001 Graduate studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- Priest-in-residence, St. Jane de Chantal Parish, Bethesda, MD (1998-2001)
 - Residence at Casa Santa Maria, Pontifical North American College, Rome, Italy (1997-98)
 - Priest-in-residence, St. Bernadette Parish, Silver Spring, MD (1995-97)
- 1992-95 **Associate Pastor, Resurrection Parish, Dubuque, Iowa**
- 1989-92 **Associate Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish, Waterloo, Iowa**
Faculty, Columbus High School, Waterloo, Iowa

Service to Other Constituencies

- 1994-2017 Medical-Moral Commission, Archdiocese of Dubuque
- 2004-09; 2014-19 Finley Hospital Ethics Committee, Dubuque, Iowa
- 2009-17 Hospice of Dubuque Board; Secretary and Chair of Fund Development Committee
- 2002-03 Chaplain, Stonehill Care Center, Dubuque, Iowa
- 1992-95, 2002-03 Stonehill Care Center Ethics Committee, Dubuque, Iowa

Academic Presentations and Publications (Refereed or Invited)

- “Normality, Ideology, and Inquiry into Human Life in the Thought of Georges Canguilhem.” In *Medical Humanities in Theory and Practice*. Andrzej Kapusta and Michal Lytovka, eds. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017
- “The Pursuit of Happiness and Genetic Manipulation,” “The Culture of Life at the Beginning of Life: *Dignitas Personae*,” “The Culture of Life at the End of Life,” plenary presentations; and *Centesius Annus* discussion leader; the *Tertio Millennio* Annual Seminar, Kraków, Poland, each July 2009-19
- “Normality, Teleology, and Inquiry into Human Life in the Thought of Georges Canguilhem,” refereed paper presentation, Medical Humanities International Conference, Warsaw, Poland, March 11-12, 2016 (see revised, published version above)
- “The Church as ‘Field Hospital’ and the Field of Health Care: Professing Medicine and Faith,” invited paper presentation, Catholic Medical Association meeting, Nashville, TN, November 8, 2014
- “The Challenge of Religious Literacy and Faith Fluency,” invited concurrent session paper presentation, Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Effective Chaplaincy Practices Conference; Atlanta, GA, September 27, 2014 (paper included in online conference archived

proceedings; also delivered at Loras College Legacy Symposium concurrent faculty presentations, Dubuque, IA, April 29, 2015)

- “ ‘Three French Guys’ and Catholic Social Teaching: Different Profiles of Poverty,” in “Why the Preferential Option for the Poor: Catholic Social Teaching and Justice,” proceedings of symposium sponsored by The Committee for Ethics and Values Education, Loras College, Dubuque, IA, 3 October 2013, 23-26
- “Conscience and Health Care,” breakout session presentation (24 attendees), *Joy of Caring* conference for health care professionals and pastoral staff members, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA, 17 August 2012
- “Modern and Contemporary Philosophy,” invited panel paper presentation, Philosophy & Seminars Symposium, Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD, 24-25 May, 2010
- “Malicious Acts and Persons: Gauging the Gravity of Evil,” paper presentation at the American Maritain Association Annual Meeting, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, 24 October 2009
- “The Family and Vocation: Celibacy and Complementarity,” “The Family: Searching for Fairest Love” Conference, Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, 6-8 November 2008, (invited panel paper presentation)
- “Benedict XVI: Theologian as ‘first philosopher’? An ontology where reason is truly reasonable,” “The Dialogue of Cultures” Conference, Center for Ethics and Culture, University of Notre Dame, 29 November-1 December 2007 (refereed paper presentation)
- “The Culture of Life at the End of Life: A Glimpse at the Truly Human,” invited public lecture delivered at Aquinas College, Nashville, Tennessee, 12 January 2006
- “Developmental Life Sciences as ‘Faith Based Initiative’? Metaphysical Foundations and Some Moral Considerations,” paper presentation at the American Maritain Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 14 October 2005
- “Tendentious or Transcendent? The Teleology of Nature and Human Nature in Light of Contemporary Genetic Medicine,” academic symposium presentation on the occasion of the inauguration of James Collins as President of Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, 31 October 2004
- “The Gospel of Life at the End of Life: General Principles,” plenary address to the presbyterate of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Annual Clergy Convocation, Loras College, 16 June 2003
- “The ‘Normal’ Pursuit of *Eudaimonia*, and the Potential Obstacle Posed by Genetic Manipulation,” paper presentation at the American Maritain Association Annual Meeting, Princeton University, 20 October 2002; included in *Maritain and America*, ed. Christopher M. Cullen and Joseph Allan Clair. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association, 2009; 236-61.
- “The Promise of Human Life in the Face of Potential Genetic Alterations,” paper presentation at the “From Death to Life: Agendas for Reform” conference, University of Notre Dame, 27 September 2002
- “Being and Infertility: Bearing the Mystery.” *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 4, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 1997): 46-55

Presentations and Publications (Ecclesial and Popular)

“Introduction to Philosophy,” daylong class presentation to Archdiocese of Dubuque deacon candidates and wives, Waterloo, IA, April 13, 2019; April 21, 2017; April 11, 2015

“Making Rounds,” “Mute-buttoned Mystery”; invited reflections contributor, *Magnificat Advent Companion*, Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2018.

“Face Like an Open Book,” “Identity Crisis”; invited reflections contributor, *Magnificat Lenten Companion*, Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2019

Staff-Faculty Mini-Retreat: “Practical Holiness: Contagious Joy,” invited presenter, Loras College, November 7, 2018

Staff-Faculty Mini-Retreat: “Living a ‘Synched’ Life,” invited presenter, Loras College, February 6, 2019

Panel intervention and dialogue about sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church; Loras College, September 19, 2018; subsequently published by the Kucera Center, Loras College, March 2019

“Signs of Hope: Living the Mystery,” St. Pius X Seminary Program Spring Retreat, April 7-11, 2017, Shalom Spirituality Center, Dubuque, IA; retreatmaster (presentation of seven conferences, sacramental ministry, spiritual direction)

Loras Daughters of Christ the King spring pilgrimage retreat day, Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, LaCrosse, WI, April 1, 2017; conference presenter and moderator

“Collaboration & Case Studies,” Finley Hospital Ethics Committee presentation to Dubuque County Medical and Law Societies, March 21, 2017, panel presenter

“Then Who Can Be Saved? A Catholic Hope for this Life and the Next,” ReligiosiTEA event sponsored by Loras Better Together and Peace and Justice, February 7, 2017; presenter

Sacred Passages Brownbag series sponsored by Faith & Values Education Committee; bi-weekly throughout Spring 2017 semester (seven dates); host & participant

“Mary and the Catholic Imagination,” Advent/Christmas book discussion group for staff and faculty; four sessions, Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017; facilitator and participant

“Prison Ministry and Mental Illness,” Loras graduate psychology class panel presentation and discussion, April 18, 2016; presenter

“Speed Catholicism” staff/faculty development: weekly presentation of “Catholicism” DVD series with discussion, February 25-April 15, 2016; moderator

“Philosophy for Theology”; St. Pius X Seminary conference, September 14, 2016; presenter

“Laudato Si’, ‘On Care for Our Common Home’,” panel presentation and discussion, September 10, 2015, Loras College; presenter

Magnificat Year of Mercy Companion, three invited articles on mercy and justification and the sacrament of confession, Yonkers: New York: Magnificat Publications, 2015

“Signs: Seeking and Serving Hope,” Sioux City *Opus Spiritus Sancti* annual retreat, Okoboji, IA, June 8-11, 2015; retreat director/presenter

Daughters of Isabella Morning Retreat Session, Loras College, May 10, 2015, and May 4, 2014; conference presenter

“St. Francis de Sales on Priesthood and Friendship,” St. Pius X Seminary Program Spring Retreat, 12-15 April 2014, Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque, IA, retreat co-presenter

“Don’t Get Robbed of True Peace,” Loras Lenten Mission, Dubuque, IA, 3 April 2014, co-presenter

“Light of Faith: Reflections in a Year of Faith,” LaSalle Pastorate Faith Formation Presentation, Luxemburg, IA, 23 October 2013, main presenter

“The Way of the Disciple: Scriptural Profiles to Stir the Spirit,” St. Pius X Seminary Program Opening Fall Retreat, Vianney House, Dubuque, IA, 30 August-1 September, 2013; retreat co-director and sacramental priest

Magnificat’s Praying with Saint John, invited contributor of 15 scriptural reflections on John’s Gospel, c. 19; Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2013

“Pro-Life/Pro-Choice” Student/Staff/Faculty discussion presenter sponsored by Loras Student Union et al., May 2, 2013

“Faith in 3-D: The Father,” Loras College Lenten Mission series plenary presenter, 28 February 2013

“Conscience & Political Participation,” plenary speaker, Loras College Catholic Identity Committee-sponsored Hospitality Event, 16 October 2012

“Catholic Identity at Loras,” new faculty Friday development series session presentation, Loras College, September 7, 2012

“Conscience and Health Care,” breakout session presentation, *Joy of Caring* conference for health care professionals and pastoral staff members, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA, 17 August 2012

“Conscience and Some Counsel from the Catholic Perspective,” *Wisdom and Wine* series invited presenter, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque and area parishes, Dubuque, IA, 15 August 2012

- “After Physics,” *Magnificat Year of Faith Companion* reflection; Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2012
- Praying with Saint Luke: Daily Meditations on the Gospel of St. Luke*; 14 meditations on Luke’s Gospel, cc. 9, 17; Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2012
- “St. Vincent de Paul: A Practically Poor Priest, An Apostle of Charity,” Loras St. Pius X Seminary Program Spring Retreat Co-Director, Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL, 29 February-2 March 2012
- “The Dignity of Working for a Living,” plenary presenter, “Working for a Living . . . for Loras. . . for Life,” Loras Staff/Faculty Professional Development Mini-Retreat, 18 January 2012
- “Pope John Paul II: Apostle of Freedom,” lecture presentation, Pope John Paul II Scholars, Loras College, 2 December 2012
- “Theology of Suffering,” main presenter, Theology on Tap Cedar Rapids Young Adult Series, March 5, 2012
- “Paths of Love: The Discernment of Vocation,” Loras St. Pius X Seminary Program Fall Retreat Co-Director, Vianney House, Dubuque, IA, 2-4 September 2011
- “A Catholic Impulse toward Interreligious Dialogue,” Loras College Opening Staff-Faculty Workshop, plenary presenter, 22 August 2011
- “Qualities of a Leader,” Sophomore Lead for Loras Experience presenter, Loras College, March 8, 2011
- “Subtext of Safe Refuge,” and “Peering through Death,” meditations in *Magnificat Lenten 2012 Companion*; Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2011
- “The Sex Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church,” Loras College Catholic Identity Hospitality Event, plenary presenter, October 20, 2010
- Praying with St. Matthew: Daily Meditations on the Gospel of St. Matthew*; 18 meditations on the Beatitudes and Matthew’s Gospel; Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2010
- “Rough and Ready,” meditation in *Magnificat Advent 2010 Companion*; Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2010
- “Due Procession,” and “Blown Cover,” meditations in *Magnificat Lenten 2011 Companion*; Yonkers, New York: Magnificat Publications, 2010
- “The Year of St. Paul: The Audiences of Pope Benedict XVI,” St. Pius X Seminary Program at Loras College Spring Semester Retreat, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 13-15 February 2009, co-director
- “End of Life Treatment and Church Teaching,” St. Cecilia Parish, Ames, Iowa, presentation, 5 November 2008

Praying with Saint Paul: Daily Reflections on the Letters of the Apostle Paul, invited contributor of 12 daily reflections, ed. Peter John Cameron, OP; Yonkers, NY: Magnificat, 2008, 116-27

“End of Life Treatment and Church Teaching,” Dubuque Archdiocesan Men’s Conference, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 15 March 2008, breakout session presenter

“Lent and the Soil of Ourselves,” invited popular essay in *Magnificat* 9:13 (February 2008), 85-87

“Advanced Directives,” Continuing Education Workshop for Finley Hospital Staff (open to members of the Dubuque community), 30 January 2008, panel presenter

“Incorporating Immigration into Catholic Identity Courses, joint workshop presentation at Martin Luther King Day diversity conference, *Welcoming the Stranger: Latino/a Immigration*, sponsored by Loras College Committee for Ethics and Values Education; Loras College, 15 January 2007

“The Descent of the Holy Spirit,” invited popular essay in *Magnificat* 8:16 (May 2007), 363-64

“Free to Trust; Bound to Love,” St. Pius X Seminary Program Fall Semester Conference Retreat director, Vianney House, Dubuque, Iowa, 2-4 September 2005

“End of life issues,” panel discussion presenter, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, 21 April 2005

“Ethical Considerations surrounding Stem Cell Research and Cloning,” adult education presentation, Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, Iowa, 9 November 2003

“Pope John Paul II and the Culture of Freedom,” public lecture, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, 23 October 2003

“A Catholic Perspective on Genetic Medicine,” presentation to the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Men’s Club, Bethesda, Maryland, 25 January 2001

“Ethical Standards in Human Relationships--Catholicism,” Congregation Beth El Adult Institute, Bethesda, Maryland, 15 March 2000

“Faith and Reason in Everyday Life,” presentation to the St. Catherine of Alexandria Society, St. Matthew Cathedral, Washington, D.C., 27 July 1999

“Justice, Charity, Prayer and Penance: God’s Overflowing Measure in Our Relationships,” Holy Family Parish presentation, Randallstown, Maryland, 4 March 1996

“Bearing the Gospel and Culture of Life,” retreat director, American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 12-14 June 1995

“A Theology of Suffering and Dying,” presentation to the Stonehill-Bethany Joint Ethics Committee Meeting, Dubuque, Iowa, 29 April 1995

“The Splendor and Challenge of Truth,” Resurrection Parish presentation, Dubuque, Iowa, 9, 16 January 1995

Conferences Attended

National Catholic Bioethics Center's *Seminar in Bioethics*, April 19-21, Menlo Park, CA, April 19-21, 2018

American Catholic Philosophical Association's annual meeting, Dallas, TX, Nov. 16-19, 2017

Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy at Boston College, MA, Oct. 26-26, 2017

"Surrender to Christ for Mission: French Spiritual Traditions" conference, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX, November 16-17, 2016

"World Meeting of Families" global conference sponsored by the Pontifical Council for the Family, Philadelphia, PA, September 22, 2016

"Maritain Engagé: Thomism Faces the Global Challenge," 38th Annual International Meeting of the American Maritain Association, San Francisco, CA, February, 26-28, 2015

Symposium on the 25th anniversary of the publication of the "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification," co-sponsored by Wartburg Theological Seminary, the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and Loras College, Dubuque, IA, February 12-13, 2015

"Bioethics in Transition," 21st Annual Summer Conference, The Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL, June 19-21, 2014

"Three French Guys: Different Profiles of Poverty," breakout session presenter, "Why the Preferential Option for the Poor," symposium sponsored by The Committee for Ethics and Values Education, Loras College, October 3, 2013

"St. Thomas Aquinas: Teacher of Humanity," First North American Conference, Co-sponsored by the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), Rome, Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX, and Pope John Paul II Forum: Houston, TX, 17-19 October 17-19, 2013

Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities Mission Officer Conference, Washington, DC, January 27-28, 2012

"Science, Reason, and Religion," American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 28-29, 2011

"Deepening the Theological Exploration of Vocation," Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE) Conference, The Council of Independent Colleges, Indianapolis, IN, March 10-12, 2011

"St. Thomas and the Problem of Evil: Choice, History, and Providence," 33rd Annual International Meeting of the American Maritain Association, Houston, TX, October 22-24, 2009

"Freedom, Will, and Human Nature," American Catholic Philosophical Association annual meeting, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 9-11, 2008

- “Commitment vs. Compliance: Building Shared Responsibility and an Institutional Culture for Assessing and Improving Student Learning,” North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission, October 10-12, 2007, Lisle, IL, conference participant
- “Philosophy and Social Justice,” American Catholic Philosophical Association annual meeting, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, October 28-29, 2005
- “Addiction and Grace,” Guest House annual diocesan and religious leadership conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, July 11-13, 2005
- “End-of-Life Care: Clergy and Physician Partnerships,” conference, George Washington University Institute of Spirituality and Health, Washington, D.C., March 4, 2004
- “*Tertio Millennio* Seminar: *Centesimus Annus*, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Free Society,” seminar, Cracow, Poland, July 4-19, 2003
- “Health Care Ethics Consultations: Are You Competent to Address Today’s Challenges?”, conference, The Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University Medical Center, November 9-11, 2000
- “Current Topics in Genome Analysis,” National Institutes of Health continuing education course, Bethesda, Maryland, September-December 2000
- “Managed Care: A Catholic Christian Perspective,” conference, The Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University Medical Center, May 30-June 2, 1996