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Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies, Emmanuel College

EDUCATION

1953 AA in Liberal Arts, Oblate College, Bar Harbor, ME
1956 BA in Philosophy, Oblate College, Natick, MA
1960 MA in Theology, Oblate College, Natick, MA
1975 Ph.D. in Systematic Theology with Concentrations in Biblical Studies and Philosophy of Religion, Boston University

i. DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

"Laity and Ministry in Yves M.J. Congar, O.P.: Evolution, Evaluation and Ecumenical Perspectives," reviewed, commented upon, and prefaced by Père (Cardinal) Yves Congar, O.P.

ii. STATUS AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE

1972-1976 Lecturer in Religious Education
1976-1991 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies
1991-1993 Associate/Tenured Professor of Religious Studies
1993-1999 Full Professor of Religious Studies
1999 Professor Emeritus

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1972-1999 Emmanuel College, Boston, MA
1999-2003 Northeastern University, Boston, MA
2001-2002 University College at Northeastern University
1999 (Fall) Labouré College, Dorchester, MA
1977 & 1979 Jesuit Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, MA
1974-1976 Rivier College, Nashua, NH
1974 (Spring) Regis College, Weston, MA

SELECTED ACADEMIC POSITIONS AT EMMANUEL COLLEGE

- Chairperson of the Religious Studies Department (1981-1987, 1992-1995)
- Faculty Senate President (1989-1990, 1991-1992, and 1992-1993)
- Faculty Senate Member (1988-1999)
- Curriculum Committee Member (1981-1985, 1988-1989 & 1995-1997)
- New England Association of Schools & Colleges' Emmanuel Steering Committee Member & Coordinator of Faculty Reports for Accreditation (1992)
- Chair of the Faculty Handbook Revision Committee (1996-1999)
- Promotion & Tenure Committee Member (1995 & 1998)
- Coordinator of the Sr. Marie Augusta Neal, SND de N Lecture Series (1999)

ACADEMIC SOCIETIES AT WHICH PAPERS WERE PRESENTED

- *Institute of Critical Thinking* (Montclair State College - 1988)
- *Academic Conference/Future of the American Church* (Washington, DC - 1991)
- *The Simone Weil Society of America* (1993 & 1995)
- *College Theology Society* (1988, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95)
- *Catholic Theological Society of America* (1997)

EXAMPLES OF PAPERS PRESENTED AT ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

- "The Roman Catholic Church in the 21st Century"
- "Myth, Theology and Pluralism"
- "The Supernatural Existential as Desire and Attention in Simone Weil"
- "The Nuptial Analogy, Women's Ordination and Homophobia"
- "Liberating the World/Liberating the Church"
- "Pope Leo XIII & Simone Weil: Their Respective Political Agendas"
- "In Memory of Her and Him / My Body for You: Remembrances for Social Justice (Mark 14: 29 / I Corinthians 11: 23-24)"
- "Male Spirituality"
- "Yves Congar: Christian Worship, and the Eucharist"

POSITIONS HELD AT ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

- *College Theology Society* (CTS):
 - Organizer and Convener of the Section on the "Role of Affectivity in Theology" (1989-1997)
 - Reviewer of Papers presented to the Section (1989-1997)
- *Catholic Theological Society of America* (CTSA):
 - Moderator of the "Yves Cardinal Congar Ecumenical Symposium" (1996)
 - Presenter of Paper on Congar during the Congar Symposium (see above) (1997)
 - Convener of the Congar Symposium (1998).

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Philosophical Theology

- "Truth, Mystery and Expressions: Theological Perspectives Revisited," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Temple University, Philadelphia, PA) Vol. 25, No. 4 (Fall, 1988), pp. 555-572.
- "Mystery and Expressions: Myth, Theology and Pluralism (Functions of Affectivity and Approximations of Mystery)," *Institute for Critical Thinking 1989 Proceedings*, Montclair State College (Upper Montclair, NJ), pp. 395-404.
- "The Supernatural Existential as Desire: Karl Rahner & Emmanuel Levinas Revisited," *Église et Théologie* (now *Theoforum* - St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada) Vol. 23, # 2, 1992, pp. 221-239.

Yves Cardinal Congar, O.P., French Ecclesiologist & Ecumenist

- "Worship as Life, Priesthood and Sacrifice in Yves Congar," *Église et Théologie* (now *Theoforum* - St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada) Vol. 21 (January, 1990), pp. 79-100.
- "Heeding the Early Congar Today & Two Recent Roman Catholic Issues (Seeking Hope on the Road Back)," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Temple University, Philadelphia, PA) Vol. 27:2 (1990), pp. 535-560.
- "Yves Congar Leaves Rich Legacy" (Obituary), *National Catholic Reporter*, 7/14/95, p. 2.
- Review: Un peuple messianique, by Yves Congar, *Theological Studies*, March 1976, pp. 154-155.

Simone Weil, French Philosopher and Mystic

- "Attention in Simone Weil and Dying as Supreme Attention," *Église et Théologie* (now *Theoforum* - St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada) 24 (1993), pp. 259-271.
- "Simone Weil: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and Today's Feminist Critique of Patriarchy," *The Religion of the Books* (Lanham, New York, London: University Press of America, 1996), Editor, Gerard S. Sloyan, pp. 173-192.
- "Simone Weil's Political Theory for Today, Politics and/or Mysticism?," *Église et Théologie* (now *Theoforum* - St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada) Vol. 29 (October, 1998), pp. 339-354.

Other Publications

- "Preaching, Mystery and Ministry," *Worship*, Vol. 39, # 7, Aug./Sept., 1965, pp. 412-417.
- *Biblical Hymns and Psalms* (Lucien Deiss) (Cincinnati: World Library of Sacred Music, 1965), Collaborator.
- Review: *An Introduction to Theology*, Eileen P. Flynn and Gloria Blanchfield Thomas (Kansas City, MO: Sheed and Ward, 1989), *Horizons*, 17, Fall, 1990, # 2, pp. 338-339.
- "The Eucharist as Sacrifice: Ethics that Enlightens Doctrine and Cult (An Ecumenical Praxis)" [co-authored with Kathleen Coviello {Emmanuel College '91}], *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Dec. 1991, pp. 439-445 (Lutheran Journal).
- "Scriptural/Theological Argument Against Women's Ordination (Simply Stated) and Responses," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (Temple University, Philadelphia, PA) Vol. 32, # 1, Winter 1995, pp. 107-114.

SABBATICAL LEAVE PROJECTS

- January-June 1985: Sharpening professional writing skills under the tutelage of Jack Thomas of The Boston Globe.
- January-June 1991: Researching the political thought of Simone Weil (Published in *Église et Théologie*, 1998).
- June-December, 1997: Researching and creating a high tech media course on World Religions (offered twice at Emmanuel College).

EXAMPLES OF COURSES TAUGHT

- Introduction to Religion
- Introduction to the Bible / Understanding the Bible
- Religions of the World: Western & Eastern Religions
- The Meaning of Death
- Christian Life in Relationships from Christian Ethical Perspectives
- Roman Catholic Church's Tradition: History, Beliefs, and Contemporary Moral Issues
- Christian Worship: Life and Liturgy
- Ecclesiology (Theology of the Christian Churches)
- Fundamental Christian Theology
- Liberation Theologies and the Liberation of Theology
- The Catholic Tradition and Social Justice

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS (till 2003)

- *The Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)*
- *The College Theology Society (CTS)*
- *The American Simone Weil Society*

LANGUAGES

Fluent in both English and French with some basic reading knowledge of Latin and Biblical Greek