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Education:

- Ph.D.**
(2000) **State University of New York at Buffalo**
Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of History
Dissertation title: "Luigi Taparelli and the 19th Century Neo-Thomistic 'Revolution' in Natural Law"
- M.A.**
(1990) **Comprehensive Exams: May 1989**
Major: Modern European Intellectual History
Minor: Medieval History
Minor: European Historiography
- J.D.**
(1987) **Faculty of Law and Jurisprudence**
Licensed, New York State, since 1988
(1980-81) **Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**
Department of History
Graduate studies in Medieval History
- B.A.**
cum laude
(1980) **St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York**
Double Major: French and History
- Diplôme**
(1979) **Sorbonne, Université de Paris**
Cours de la Civilisation Française
Three semesters transferred towards the B.A.

Fellowships and Awards:

Nominated for 2004 Novak Award (Acton Institute); Calihan Research Grant (Acton Institute) Rome, Summer 2003; Hayek Fund Travel Grant (Institute for Humane Studies) Fall 2002; Erasmus Institute Summer Seminar (Notre Dame University/Boston College) 2001; History and Economic Research Institute Grant (Earhart Foundation) Summer 2001; Fulbright Fellowship for Italy, 1991/92; SUNY Buffalo, Plesur Travel Grant, 1990/91; SUNY Buffalo/TH Darmstadt Fellowship, 1989-90; University Fellowship, 1984/85, 1985/86; Bryn Mawr French Studies Scholarship, Avignon, Summer 1985; SUNY Buffalo Enhanced Assistantship, 1983/84; Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Studies Fellowship, 1982/83; Marquette University Teaching Assistantship, 1980/81, 1981/82; St. John Fisher, Murray Award for History, 1980.

Additional Foreign Study:

Società Dante Alighieri
Comitato di Roma
Italian, Spring 1991

Herder Institut
Karl-Marx-Universität Leipzig
German, Summer 1989

Technische Hochschule Darmstadt
Pre-dissertation Research, 1989-90

Institut d'Etudes Françaises
Bryn Mawr College d'Avignon
Seminars in Political Science and Sociology,
Summer 1985

Publications:

- Summa Theologica of Thomas Aquinas. Selections for Students in Western Civilization, World Civilization, Humanities, and Law.* (Pearson Custom Publishing, 2006).
- “Luigi Taparelli and Social Justice: Rediscovering the Origins of a ‘Hollowed’ Concept,” in *Social Justice in Context, Vol. 1.* (East Carolina University Press, 2005).
- Study Guide to Margaret King, Western Civilization, A Social and Cultural History.* (Prentice Hall, 2005.)
- Western Civilization, Course Companion. Topics, Critiques, and Introduction to the Realist Study of History. 2 vols.* (Pearson Custom Publishing, 2003).
- “Luigi Taparelli on the Dignity of Man,” in *Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas: Christian Humanism in the Third Millennium. Proceedings.* (2006).
- “Luigi Taparelli’s Natural Law Approach to Social Economics,” *Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines.* Summer 2003.
- “Luigi Taparelli D’Azeglio, S.J. and the Revival of Scholastic Natural Law,” *The Journal of Markets and Morality,* Spring 2003.
- “Book Review: *The Long Truce: How Toleration Made the World Safe for Power and Profit.* A. J. Conyers” *New Oxford Review.* May 2002.

Papers/ Presented:

- “*Luigi Taparelli and Social Justice: Rediscovering the Origins of a ‘Hollowed’ Concept.*” Inaugural Baines Memorial Lecture, East Carolina University, Institute for Social Justice, April 2004.
- “The Eternal Return of the Natural Law: Luigi Taparelli, S.J. and the Revival of Scholastic Natural Law” presented at **The American Maritain Association.** Princeton, October 2002
- “The Revival of Natural Law in the Restoration Period and the Contribution of Luigi Taparelli,” at **The Historical Society,** Atlanta, May 2002.
- “The Fits and Starts of Catholic Liberalism: An Exchange Between Luigi Taparelli, S.J. and Charles Comte de Montalembert,” at **Texas French Historical Studies.** Houston, February 2002.
- “The Historical Context of the Thomistic Revival in Early 19th-Century Italy,” at **Center for Thomistic Studies, University of St. Thomas.** Houston, May 2001.

Work in Progress:

- Culture of Liberty: Social, Political and Economic Writings of Luigi Taparelli D’Azeglio (1793-1862).* A selection of the writings, edited and translated, with an historical introduction. (*Under contract for publication by Intercollegiate Studies Institute for their “Crosscurrents” series in the history of continental political philosophy, Fall 2007.*)
- Natural Law and Catholic Liberalism: The Life and Ideas of Luigi Taparelli D’Azeglio, S.J.* A revision of my dissertation for publication as a book.

European History Courses Taught:

- *Greek and Roman Historians*: Spring 2007, **University of Houston**
- *The Enlightenment and its Critics*: Summer 2007, Spring 2006, Summer IV 2005, **University of Houston**
- *20th-Century Europe*: Summer 2005 (“on the road” in Europe) **Eastern Michigan University**
- *European Revolutions*: Spring 2003, **University of Houston**
- *Modern European Intellectual History* (from the Enlightenment to the Present): Spring 2005, Spring 2006, **University of Houston**; Fall 1999, Spring 1998, **S.U.N.Y. Buffalo**
- *History of Modern Italy* (from 1789): Fall, 1998, **Keuka College**; Spring 1996, **S.U.N.Y. Geneseo**; Spring 1993, **St. John Fisher College**
- *History of Modern France* (from 1815): Spring 1989, **S.U.N.Y. Geneseo**
- *Early Western Civilization* (to 1500): Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Fall 2006, Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005 (large section), Fall 2004 (large section), Fall 2003 (large section), Fall 2002 (2 sections), Summer 2002 (2 sections), Fall 2000 (large section), **University of Houston**; Summer 1998, **S.U.N.Y. Buffalo**; Fall 1995, **S.U.N.Y. Geneseo**; Fall 1993, **S.U.N.Y. Fredonia**; Fall 1990, **S.U.N.Y. Buffalo**; Spring 1989, **S.U.N.Y. Geneseo**
- *Modern Western Civilization* (from 1500): Summer IV 2006, **University of Houston**; Summer 2005 (“on the road” in Europe) **Eastern Michigan University**; Summer IV 2005 (hybrid course), Spring 2003 (large section), Spring 2002 (2 sections), Fall 2001 (2 sections), Spring 2001 (2 sections), **University of Houston**; Fall 1999, **Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.)**; Spring 1996, **S.U.N.Y. Geneseo**; Spring 1995, **R.I.T.**; Fall 1993, **S.U.N.Y. Buffalo**

Graduate History Courses Taught:

- *Greek and Roman Historians*: Spring 2006, **UH-CL/TDCJ**
- *Modern European Intellectual History*: Spring 2007, **UH-CL/TDCJ**; Summer 2002, **University of Houston—Clear Lake**
- *Cross Currents in Modern European Intellectual History*: Spring 2006, Summer 2005, **University of Houston**; Summer 2004, **UH-CL/TDCJ**

Interdisciplinary Humanities Courses Taught:

- *War and Culture: Europe in Global Context*: Fall 2007, **University of Houston**
- *World Civilization, Part I*: Fall 2004 (large section), **University of Houston**
- *Basic Texts of the Western Tradition, I*: (a “Great Books” program), Spring 2007 (online), Spring 2006, Summer 2004, **University of Houston—Clear Lake**
- *Basic Texts of the Western Tradition, II*: (a “Great Books” program) Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2005, Fall 2004 (2 sections), Spring 2003, **University of Houston—Clear Lake**; Fall 2006, Summer 2004, **UH-CL/Texas Department of Criminal Justice**
- *Human Situation - Antiquity*: (a “Great Books” program) Fall 2002 (2 sections), Fall 2001 (2 sections), **Honors College, University of Houston**
- *Human Situation, Modernity*: (a “Great Books” course) Spring 2002 (2 sections), **Honors College**
- *Senior Seminar*: (a “Great Books” and critical thinking program) Spring 2000 (2 sections), Winter 2000 (3 sections), Fall 1999 (3 sections), **Rochester Institute of Technology**
- *War in European History—A Socio-Cultural Approach*: (an upper-level course of my own design) Spring 1999, **S.U.N.Y. Buffalo**
- *Social Consequences of Technology*: Spring 1999; Spring 1998; Summer 1995, **R.I.T.**
- *Science, Technology, and Values*: Spring 1998, **R.I.T.**
- *Introduction to the Humanities*: (a “Great Books” program) Spring 1996, **S.U.N.Y. Geneseo**