



# *the* Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas Aquinas



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**Date and place of birth:** 12 August 1950, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

**Priestly ordination:** 6 June 1987; final vows in the Society of Jesus, 6 June 1999

**Appointment to the Academy:** 21 February 2004

**Scientific discipline:** The history of ancient philosophy, ethics

**Titles:** Professor of Philosophy (since 1992); Consultor of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (since 2002)

## **Academic background**

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), English Literature, Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio), 1972; Master of Arts (M.A.), Anglo-Irish Studies, University College Dublin (Dublin, Ireland), 1974; Master of Arts (M.A.), Philosophy, Politics and Economics (specialization in general philosophy and political philosophy), University of Oxford, 1983; Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Weston School of Theology (Cambridge, Massachusetts), 1987; License in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.), Patristics, Weston School of Theology (Cambridge, Massachusetts), 1989; Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.), dissertation: 'The logic of Alexander of Aphrodisias', University of Oxford, 1992.

## **Academic positions**

Professor of the History of Ancient Philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University, September 1992 until the present; Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University, September 1999 to June 2005; Mary Ann Remick Senior Visiting Fellow at the University of Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, 2006-2007; Visiting Scholar, Centre for Philosophical Psychology, Blackfriars, Oxford, Trinity Term, 2007.

## **Summary of scientific research**

The ethics of Aristotle, with special emphasis on action theory; ancient logic; the ethics of Thomas Aquinas.

## **Main publications**

*Ways into the Logic of Alexander of Aphrodisias* (Brill, 1995); *Acts Amid Precepts: the Aristotelian Logical Structure of Thomas Aquinas's Moral Theory* (Catholic University of America Press; T & T Clark, 2001).