

CURRICULUM VITAE

Robert F. Gotcher, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

Degrees

- 2002 Marquette University. Doctorate in systematic theology. Teaching assistantship (Fr. David Coffey, Fr. D. Thomas Hughson, S.J.). Dissertation: "Henri de Lubac and *Communio*: The significance of his theology of the supernatural for an interpretation of *Gaudium et spes*." Qualifying exams: Ecclesiology, Eucharist, Byzantine Spirituality, Family, Writings of St. Paul.
- 1991 St. Paul Seminary School of Theology of the University of Saint Thomas. M.A. in theology. Tuition scholarship; thesis: "The Experience of God and the Mysteries of Christ."
- 1981 University of Notre Dame. B.A. in Program of Liberal Studies; second major in German. German Honor Society; sophomore year in Innsbruck, Austria; Notre Dame Scholar; Daly/Labar Scholarship.

ACADEMIC & ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Internal (with years)

- 2022-present Director of Accreditation and Assessment Services. Developed, implemented, and coordinated accreditation and assessment efforts.
- 2020-2022 Accreditation Specialist and Title IX Coordinator, Sacred Heart School of Theology. Managed accreditation and assessment efforts. Coordinated Title IX compliance.
- 2016-2020 Coordinator of Mission and Educational Effectiveness, Sacred Heart School of Theology. Coordinated writing, assessment, and accreditation.
- 2012-2016 Writing Skills Associate, Sacred Heart School of Theology. Developed and implemented program to enhance the academic writing skills of seminarians and M.A. students. Taught Theological Writing and Latin.
- 2000 to 2009 Associate Professor, Systematic Studies. Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Other duties (2000-2003): Registrar, Assistant to the Academic Dean, Director of Pre-Theology. Taught: dogmatic and moral theology.

External (with years)

- 2021-2023 Instructor, Avila Institute. Taught six-week online courses: Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church; The Mass in the Old Testament.
- 2009-2017 Instructor, Homeschool Connections. Online courses on Trinity, Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Spiritual Writers, World Religions, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, Logic, G.K. Chesterton, Writing for College, and Writing for High School.
- 2008-present Instructor, Diaconal Formation Program. Archdiocese of Milwaukee. Taught Catechism of the Catholic Church, Catholic Spiritual Writers, Christology, Theological Anthropology.
- 2010-2015 Online Facilitator, Institute for Pastoral Initiatives, University of Dayton. Taught: Images of Christ; Introduction to Prayer; Survey of Catholic Doctrine; Ecclesiology: The Early Church; Catholic Morality, Introduction to the Liturgy, Introduction to the New Testament.
- 2011-12 Instructor, Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Taught, "Understanding Religion."
- 2009 Instructor, Diaconal Formation Program. Diocese of Evansville, Indiana. Taught Medical Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching.
- 1999 Instructor, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Taught, "Christian responses to modernity."
- 1996-1998 Teaching Assistant, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SCHOLARSHIP

Chapters or Entries (Non-Peer-Reviewed)

"Vatican II," "Gaudium et Spes," "Henri de Lubac." *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science and Social Policy*. Richard S. Myers, ed. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press (2007).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Invective, Irony and Sarcasm and Other Negative Rhetorical Tropes in Pro-life Rhetoric." *The Law and Public Policy Review of the University of St. Thomas Law School* (Winter, 2008), pp. 26-45.

<https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/217155885.pdf>

"New Ecclesial Movements and Communities: A Pastoral and Theological Challenge to the Local Church." *Fides Quaerens Intellectum*, 2:1 (Autumn 2002), pp 55-90.

"*Gaudium et Spes* as a Blueprint for the Culture of Life." *Life and Learning X: Proceedings of the Tenth University Faculty for Life Conference*. Joseph W. Koterski, S.J., ed. Washington, D.C.: University Faculty for Life (2002).

<http://www.uffl.org/vol10/gotcher10.pdf> .

Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles

“History of Catholic Studies Programs.” *Proceeding, 2007 Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Convention*. (2010).

“Vatican II,” “Gaudium et Spes,” “Henri de Lubac.” *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought, Social Science and Social Policy*. Richard S. Myers, ed. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press (2007).

“Theology of the Body: Implications for the Medical Profession.” *Linacre Journal* 73:2 (2006), pp. 115-131.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/epdf/10.1080/20508549.2006.11877772?needAccess=true>

Light on Dark Water blog (February 1, 2015).

“Henri de Lubac.” <http://lightondarkwater.typepad.com/lodw/2015/02/52-authors-week-5-henri-de-lubac.html>.

“J.R.R. Tolkien.” <http://www.lightondarkwater.com/2015/03/52-authors-week-12-tolkien.html>.

“Bl. John Henry Cardinal Newman.”
<http://www.lightondarkwater.com/2015/08/52-authors-week-31-newman.html>.

“Chaim Potok.” <http://www.lightondarkwater.com/2015/09/52-authors-week-38-chaim-potok.html>.

“Thomas Merton.” <http://www.lightondarkwater.com/2015/12/52-authors-week-49-thomas-merton.html>.

“The Catholic Identity of a Retirement Community.” *Homiletics and Pastoral Review* (Nov. 5, 2012). <https://www.hprweb.com/2012/11/the-catholic-identity-of-a-retirement-community/>.

“The Nature of a Catholic, Liberal Education.” *Homiletics and Pastoral Review* (November, 2011).

“What Makes a Catholic Writer?” *Homiletics and Pastoral Review* (April, 2008).

Review of *Medieval Exegesis, Vol. 1: The Four Senses of Scripture*, by Henri de Lubac. *New Oxford Review* (July-August, 1999), pp. 46-7.

Book Reviews

David Grumett’s, *An Introduction to Henri de Lubac*. *The Thomist* 73:1 (January 2009), pp. 166-168. <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/16/article/636289/pdf>.

Fr. James Schall, S.J., *The Student Guide to Liberal Learning*. *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly* 30:4 (Winter 2007), pp.55-56.

Modern Catholic Social Teaching: Commentaries and Interpretations. *Journal of Markets and Morality* 9:1 (2006), pp. 177-179.

http://www.acton.org/publications/mandm/mandm_review_81.php .

Censor Librorium

- Small catechism

- High school sexuality text
- Archdiocesan policy on adoption by same-sex couples
- Review of high school sexuality curricula
- Book defending Catholic Faith in light of secularism

Academic Societies: Participation

- Association of Theological Schools Biennial, 2016, 2018, 2024
- Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, 2016-2019, 2021-2023
- University Faculty for Life, select meetings 1995-2022
- Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Convention, select annual meetings, 2000-2010
- Pope Leo XIII Institute, annual meeting, 2015-2016.

Academic Societies: Presentations

“*Gaudium et spes* 27 and the hierarchy of intrinsic evils.” University Faculty for Life Conference. Washington, D.C. (June, 4, 2010).

“Invective, Irony and Sarcasm in pro-life rhetoric.” University Faculty for Life Conference. Marquette University Milwaukee, Wisconsin (May 31, 2008).

Invited chair of panel. “Catholic Studies Programs.” Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Convention. Washington, D.C. (September 29, 2007).

Respondent to Rev. Richard Hogan’s presentation on the Theology of the Body. Marquette University Natural Family Planning Conference. Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 11, 2005).

“Theology of the Body: Implications for the Medical Profession.” Regional meeting of Catholic Medical Association. Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, Illinois (May 14, 2005). Invited.

“Teaching *The Religious Sense* to Undergraduates.” Roundtable discussion. Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 2000).

“*Gaudium et Spes* and the Culture of Life.” University Faculty for Life Conference, Georgetown University, Georgetown, D.C. (June 4, 2000).

“Philosophy and Christianity in Three Types: Fr. David Burrell’s Position in Henri de Lubac’s Typology.” Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minnesota (April 4, 1997).

Academic Societies/Conference Membership

University Faculty for Life

Academic Awards

Saint Paul Seminary tuition scholarship (1985-1991)

Marquette University tuition scholarship (1995-98)

Justin Fund scholarship (1996-9)

Marquette Teaching Assistantship (1996-98)
Religious Studies Dissertation Fellowship (1998-99)

Miscellaneous

OTHER SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- “Measuring PPF6 Benchmarks.” Association of Theological Schools Pre-conference meeting at the National Association of Catholic Theological Schools. Schaumburg, IL (October 3, 2024).
- “The Challenge of Assessing Seminarians and Evaluating Formation Programs.” Riding the Assessment Cycle conference. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Franklin, WI (June 4, 2024).
- “Liberal Learning and Seminary Education.” Faculty Colloquium, Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin (March 4, 2009).
- “Catholic Charities and Same Sex Adoption.” St. John Vianny Seminary, Denver Colorado (February 20, 2008).
- “The Distinctiveness of Christian Ethics.” St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, Colorado (February 11, 2008).
- “The Task of a Theologian in Teaching Seminarians and Lay Students.” St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota (February 11, 2008).
- “*Communio* and the interpretation of Vatican II.” Faculty Colloquium. Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin (March 23, 2006).
- “Theology of the Body: A Quiet Revolution.” Dehon Lecture, Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, Wisconsin (Feb. 25, 2004).
- “Development of Doctrine in the Early Church.” Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio (April 26, 2000).
- “Dehonian Pedagogy in the SHSST classroom,” Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. (September 27, 2017).

SELECT POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

- “Workshop discusses potential program evaluation and assessment changes for Catholic seminaries.” Association of Theological Schools *Colloquy Online* (Summer 2024). <https://www.ats.edu/files/galleries/workshop-discusses-potential-evaluation-and-assessment-changes.pdf>.
- “The Trivium” and “Logic.” Two chapters in *Why Should I Learn This?* e-book for Homeschool Connections (2014). <https://homeschoolconnections.com/why-teach-formal-logic-in-your-homeschool/>.
- “Associates on pilgrimage to Assisi.” *ALIVE Magazine* of the School Sisters of St. Francis (Fall, 2014).
- “The Wall.” Archdiocese of Milwaukee web page (2010).

- “Two Seminaries Strengthen Fellowship: Nashotah event explores history and future of Anglican-Orthodox relations.” *Living Church* 239:18 (November 1, 2009). <https://issuu.com/blisslemmon/docs/thelivingchurch110109>
- “Social Justice in Catholic Parishes.” *Homiletics and Pastoral Review* (March, 2007).
- “Catholic Bookshelf, part I.” *Catholic Servant* (September, 2006).
- “Catholic Bookshelf, part II.” *Catholic Servant* (October, 2006).
- “My Lessons in Fatherhood from God the Father.” *The Messenger: Missionaries of the Holy Family* (Spring/Summer 2006), pp. 2-5.
- “How to Follow Your Dreams Without Losing Your Cool.” Life Principles Reflections (Summer, 2005).
- “Vocations in the Family.” *The Messenger: Missionaries of the Holy Family* (Lent, 2005), pp. 12-14.
- “Apprenticeship to the Apostolate.” *Catholic Servant* (November, 2004).
- “Computer Power and Human Reason.” *Caelum et Terra* 4:2 (Spring, 1994), p. 34. http://www.caelumetterra.com/cet_backissues/article.cfm?ID=57.
- “Personal Action in Corporate America.” *Caelum et Terra* 3:2 (Spring, 1993),.
- “Everyday Christianity.” *Catholic Digest* (April, 1992), pp. 101-103.

SELECT POPULAR PRESENTATIONS

- “The Relevance of Love for the Eucharist for the Family.” (With Kathryn Gotcher.) Schoenstatt Retreat Center. Waukesha, WI (2024).
- “The Real Presence is No Accident.” Basilica of St. Josaphat. Milwaukee, WI (March 6, 2024).
- “How to talk to someone with whom you disagree about life issues.” Voices of the Holy Innocents homeschool pro-life group. Milwaukee, WI (2016)
- “Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues,” Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educators boy’s group (January 17, 2015).
- “When Does Life Begin?” Voices of the Holy Innocents homeschool pro-life group. Milwaukee, WI (April 4, 2014).
- “The Biblical Roots of the Mass.” St. John the Evangelist Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin. Monthly (April to October 2013).
- “Vatican II.” St. John the Evangelist Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin, Monthly (June-December, 2012).
- “How to Prepare Your Kids to Vote with a Catholic Conscience.” Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educators Convention. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (April 28, 2012).
- “The Theological Significance of the New Translation of the Roman Missal.” St. Anthony’s Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 6 and 20, 2011).
- “Catholic Identity of a Retirement Facility.” Milwaukee Catholic Home (November 16, 2011).

- “Theology of the Body and the Church’s Teaching on Human Sexuality.” TeenSTAR Training Session. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 20, 2011).
- “When Does Life Begin?” University of St. Thomas. Houston, Texas (May 17, 2011).
- “The Seven Liberal Arts as a Preparation for College Education.” Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educators Conference. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (April 30, 2011).
- “Capital Punishment.” Interview, *The Drew Mariani Show*, Relevant Radio (November 6, 2009), (hour 2).
- “Mom, I’m Going to See a Movie.” St. Bruno’s Parish. Dousman, WI (October 25, 2009).
- “New Ecclesiastical Movements: their history, character and relation to the Church.” The Ramos Community of Ignatian Associates. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (September 30, 2008).
- “Capital Punishment, Why Not?” Theology on Tap. Racine, Wisconsin (July 8, 2008).
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition.” University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Newman Center. Four sessions (Spring, 2008).
- “The Essence of Franciscanism.” Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Hales Corners, WI (October 4, 2007).
- “What exactly IS a Catholic education?” Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educators Conference. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (April 2007).
- “Embryonic Stem Cell Research.” St. Joan of Arc Parish, Neshotah, Wisconsin (March 14, 2007).
- “Joy and Sorrow in Lent.” Priests of the Sacred Heart, Hales Corners, Wisconsin (March 9, 2007).
- “St. Thomas Aquinas.” Aquinas Club, University. University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (January 29, 2007).
- “Resurrection of the Body.” St. Martin of Tours Parish. Franklin Wisconsin (November 17, 2006).
- “Marriage,” “Capital Punishment,” “Embryonic Stem Cell Research.” Fire Up the Spirit Presentation. West Bend, Wisconsin (October 17, 2006). Kenosha, Wisconsin (October 31, 2006).
- “Introduction to Vatican II,” “*Sacrosanctum Concilium*,” “Lumen Gentium,” “*Dei Verbum*,” “*Gaudium et Spes*.” Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educators (Fall, 2005-Spring, 2006).
- “Advent: a penitential season.” St. Pascal Baylon Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Wind Lake, Wisconsin (November 13, 2005).
- “Catholic Social Teachings,” The Aquinas Club. University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (February 28, 2005).
- “Vatican II.” Bellarmine Society. Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 2, 2004).

“Speak Lord, Your Servant Is Listening: on the implementation of Catholic Social Teachings at the parochial level.” St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (March 14, 2004).

“*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*: on the pope’s 2003 encyclical.” Family Life Council. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 28, 2003).

“*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*: A three-part discussion of the pope’s 2002 apostolic letter.” Family Life Council. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (May-June, 2003).

“Evangelization in the post-Vatican II Church.” St. John the Evangelist Church, Greenfield, Wisconsin (1999).

TEACHING

Effectiveness

Course evaluation, Catholic Doctrine II, Spring 2023.

- How would you rate this instructor overall?
 - Response rate: 67%
 - Very Poor 0%, Below Average 0%, Average 33.33%, Above Average 50%, Excellent 16.67%

Repertoire

Christology, Trinity, Christian Anthropology, Catholic Spiritual Writers, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Human Sexuality, Catholic Medical Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy (What Would Socrates Say?), academic writing.

SERVICE

Internal: Committee Service

- Academic Advisory Board
- Rector’s Cabinet
- Writing Task Force
- Committee on Assessment of Program Effectiveness
- Formation and Education subcommittee of the Board of Directors
- Governance and Finance subcommittee of the Board of Directors

Internal: Administrative Service

- Director of Accreditation
- Self-study Chair
- Assessment Coordinator
- Title IX Coordinator
- SCRUM sprints
 - Document retention
 - Employee onboarding
 - Handbooks

Internal: Projects, Events, Presentations, and/or Initiatives

- Co-organized Riding the Assessment Cycle in light of PPF6 workshop
- Created Title IX Policies and Procedures
- Videos
 - Created training videos for Title IX
 - Created training videos for writing skills
 - Created Accreditation at SHSST video
 - Created CAPE tutorial video
- Created Board of Director's Handbook
- Created CAPE manual
- Created interactive style manual
- Created Writing Tips handbook for students
- Created writing services resource page (Libguide) for Library web site
- Oversaw Revision of the Pretheology program
- Developed sexual misconduct policies and procedures to replace Title IX
- Developed plagiarism policy
- Developed program review policy and procedures
- Participated in program review of Pretheology program
- Presented at ATS Pre-NACTS workshop on the implementation of PPF6.
- Reports
 - Report on the integration of ESL into the academic department
 - CREDO report to Higher Learning Commission
 - Report on FERPA to ATS
 - Report on BOD to ATS
 - Report on the relationship between the BOD and the SCJs to ATS
- Created Excel interactive student checklists for scripture faculty.
- Case Study mentor
- MA Thesis director and reader

External: In the Church

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| 2016-2018 | Formation Minister, Portiuncula Fraternity of the Order of Francis Secular, Franklin, Wisconsin. |
| 2011-2021 | Confirmation teacher, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. |
| 2010 | Web project coordinator, Office of Continuing Formation of the Clergy, Archdiocese of Milwaukee. |
| 2006-present | <i>Censor Librorum</i> , Archdiocese of Milwaukee. |
| 1987-1988 | Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister, Trinity Cathedral, New Ulm, Minnesota. |
| 1983-1985 | Director of Religions Education, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parish, Owatonna, Minnesota. |

External: In Other Institutions

- 2023-present Instructor, Catholic Schoolhouse, Franklin, Wisconsin. Taught literature seminar, history, Latin, writing, and speech.
- 2015-2016 Special Projects Writer, Pope Leo XIII Institute, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2011-2017 Editor, *ProVita* Newsletter, University Faculty for Life.
- 2011-2012 Writer, “The Catholic Identity of a Retirement Community.” Milwaukee Catholic Home.
- 2010-2011 Latin teacher, Mercy Academy, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.
- 2010-2011 Contributor, *Renovo* blog of the Center for the Advancement of Catholic Higher Education.
- 2009-2021 Founder and moderator, Voices of the Holy Innocents, Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educators, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2009-2010 Primary writer, “Report on Catholic Identity of Marquette University” an internal report for the Marquette University Office of Mission and Ministry.
- 2007 Instructor, Academic Retreat for Teachers, Institute for Catholic Liberal Education. University of St. Francis, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Weeklong workshop. Taught theology, *trivium*, and literature.
- 2003-2009 Fellow, Pastoral Solutions Institute, Steubenville, Ohio.
- 1995-2023 Instructor, Greater Milwaukee Catholic Home Educations. Religion and Literature. Founder and Moderator, Dead Language Latin Club.