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Academic Positions

- 2007- Professor of Humanities. Academic Dean from June, 2009.
Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, Merrimack, New Hampshire.
- 2002-2007 Associate Professor & Chairman, History Department
Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia.
- 1996-2002 Assistant Professor, History Department
Christendom College, Front Royal, Virginia.

Education

- 1996 Ph.D. History & Philosophy of Science / European History. University of Notre Dame
*National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow (1991-1995)
- 1994 M.A. History & Philosophy of Science. University of Notre Dame
- 1991 B.A. Biology. University of Virginia
*Phi Beta Kappa (1990)

Teaching

Western Civilization from the Ancient World to the Twentieth Century, Reconquista & Crusade, Medieval Art & Culture, Renaissance & Reformation, Religion & Society in Early-Modern France, The Enlightenment & Its Critics, The French Revolution, Euclid's *Elements of Geometry* Books I-VI, Natural History, Logic, Introduction to Scientific Thought, Nature & Motion, Philosophy of History, The Essay

Books

The True and Only Wealth of Nations: Essays on Family, Economy, and Society, by Louis de Bonald, edited and translated by Christopher Olaf Blum, Sapientia Press, Naples, Florida, 2006.

Critics of the Enlightenment: Readings in the French Counter-Revolutionary Tradition, edited and translated by Christopher Olaf Blum, ISI Books, Wilmington, DE. 2004.

Essays

“The Historian and his Tools in the Workshop of Wisdom.” Forthcoming in *Logos*.

“The Studiousness of Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet.” Forthcoming in *Nova et Vetera*.

“Reclaiming Naboth’s Vineyard: The Counter-Revolutionary Roots of Catholic Social Doctrine,” forthcoming in *Subsidiarity*, ed. W. E. Fahey, Sapientia Press, Naples, FL.

“The Beauty of Reasoning: Considerations on Book V of Euclid’s *Elements*,” *The Aquinas Review* 15 (2009): 65-84.

“Introduction” to Jane Austen, *Pride & Prejudice*, *Ignatius Critical Editions*. Series Editor, Joseph Pearce. Sapientia Press, Naples, Florida, 2008.

“Newman’s Collegiate Ideal,” *Pro Ecclesia*, 17 (2008): 310-25.

“*Nous Allons Rapeller*: Remember the Vendée!,” *Second Spring* 10 (2008): 44-49.

“*Un homme de tradition*: René de La Tour du Pin and the Principle of Association,” in *Beyond Capitalism and Socialism: A New Statement of an Old Ideal*, ed. T. Lanz (Norfolk, Virginia: IHS Press, 2008), 41-50.

“Le Conservateur,” *Studies in Burke & His Times* 21 (2007): 113-24.

A Contribution to the Symposium “Why I am a Conservative.” *Modern Age* 49 (2007), 205-208.

“Where is the Wisdom We Have Lost in Knowledge?: The Cultural Tragedy of the Enlightenment,” *Downside Review* 125 (January, 2007): 51-66.

“Jane Austen’s Romantic Heroine,” *Saint Austin Review* 6 (March/April, 2006): 27-29.

“On Being Conservative: Lessons from Louis de Bonald,” *Intercollegiate Review* 41 (2006): 23-31.

“An Ardent Attachment to the Land He Cultivates: Louis de Bonald, Conservative Agrarian,” *Faith & Reason* XXX (2005): 59-79.

“Vézelay: the Mountain of the Lord,” *Logos* 8 (Summer, 2005).

Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet, “Funeral Oration for Henriette-Marie de France, Queen of Great Britain,” translated by Christopher Olaf Blum, *Faith & Reason* 29 (2004): 269-301.

“The Oldest Math Textbook,” *Journal of Education* 183 (2002): 107-15.

“What is the Common Good?,” *Downside Review* 120 (2002): 79-90.

“Newman and the Ultramontanes,” *Faith & Reason* 26 (2001): 165-84.

“Art and Politics in the Sainte-Chapelle,” *Logos* 4 (2001): 13-31.

“MacIntyre and the Catholic Historian,” *Catholic Social Science Review* 5 (2000): 157-67

Selected Reviews

“Micrographia,” a review of Roger Woolhouse’s *John Locke*, in *Modern Age* 50 (2008): 371-74.

“Pro Haereses,” a review of James Versluis’s *The New Inquisitions: Heretic Hunting and the Intellectual Origins of Modern Totalitarianism*, in *Modern Age* 50 (2008): 177-79.

“A University Lecture,” a review of James Schall, S. J.’s *The Regensburg Lecture*, in *The University Bookman* 46 (2008): 50-53.

“Unpersuaded,” a review of Peter Knox-Shaw’s *Jane Austen & the Enlightenment*, in *Modern Age* 48 (2006): 277-80.

“A Portrait of the Enlightenment,” a review of Louis Dupré’s *The Enlightenment & the Intellectual Foundations of Modern Culture*, in *The University Bookman* 44 (2006): 33-35.

Review of Darrin M. McMahon’s *Enemies of the Enlightenment: The French Counter-Enlightenment and the Making of Modernity*, in *Faith & Reason* XXVII (2002): 87-94.

Review of Daniel Weiss’s *Art and Crusade in the Age of Saint Louis*, in *Sacred Architecture* 3 (Winter, 2000), 32.

Review of Stephen Murray’s *Notre Dame of Amiens: The Power of Change in Gothic*, in *Sacred Architecture* 2 (Summer, 1999), 27.

Selected Public Lectures

March 2009 “The Historian and his Tools in the Workshop of Wisdom.”
Thomas Aquinas College, Santa Paula, CA.

October 2008 “Celestial Habits: Sacred Liturgy & the Renovation of Culture.”
Thomas More College President’s Council Symposium, Merrimack, NH.

June 2008 “The Gift of Wisdom.” IHM School, Still River, MA.

May 2007 “*Nous allons rapeller: The Vendée and Memory.*”
Holy Family Academy, Manassas, VA.

August 2006 “Put on the Whole Armor of God: St. Louis & the Spirit of the Crusade.”
St. Louis Catholic Church, Alexandria, VA.

April 2006 ““Where is the Wisdom we have lost in Knowledge?: The Cultural Tragedy of the Enlightenment.” Augustine Institute, Denver, CO.

April 2005 “Robert Nisbet and the French Conservative Tradition.”
ISI Leadership Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Professional Activities

- October 2008 American Maritain Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. Delivered paper "With Mind and Heart Rightly Tuned: Right Desire and the Knowledge of Nature."
- July 2008 Faculty participant in the *Fides et Ratio Seminar*, Notre Dame, IN.
- June 2008 Institute for the Study of Nature Annual Meeting, Cambridge, MA. Delivered paper "The Natural Way of Discovering Nature."
- April 2008 Recorded an audio version of Benedict XVI's *Spe Salvi*, under production by Zenit/H2O News. Merrimack, NH & Rome, Italy.
- May 2007 Catholic Studies Program, University of St Thomas, St. Paul, MN. Lecturer for Summer Leadership Pilgrimage to Burgundy, France
- July 2005 Christendom College High School Summer Program. Presented a series of digital slide shows of medieval Christian culture. Repeated the course in July, 2006.
- Sept. 2000 Washington Catholic Forum, Washington, DC. Presented paper "What is the Common Good?"
- Sept. 1999 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. Commentator on panel on the thought of Joseph de Maistre.
- May 1999 International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, MI. Delivered paper "Politics Drawn from the Very Words of Holy Scripture: The Sainte-Chapelle and the Kingship of Christ."
- June-July 1998 National Endowment for the Humanities, Paris, France. Participant in the NEH Summer Seminar, "Gothic in the Ile-de-France."

Personal

Married to Kathleen D. Blum since 1993. We live in Massachusetts with our two children.