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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. candidate, Political Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1993–98.  
Dissertation: “Philosophy, Politics, and the Aristotelian Distinction Between Theory and Practice.”  
Director: E. A. Goerner
- M.A., Political Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 1990.  
Thesis: “Aquinas and Nietzsche on Intellect and Will.”  
Directors: E. A. Goerner and Alasdair MacIntyre
- B.A., *magna cum laude*, Government and Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1987.

### TEACHING POSITIONS

- Associate Professor of Humanities, The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, 2008–Present.
- Associate Professor of Ethics and Political Philosophy, International Theological Institute, Gaming, Austria, 2006–08.
- Assistant Professor of Ethics and Political Philosophy, International Theological Institute, Gaming, Austria, 1996–2006.
- Instructor, College of Arts and Letters Core Humanities Program, University of Notre Dame, 1994–96.
- Teaching Fellow, Department of Government and International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 1992–94.

### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- Dean of Students, The Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, 2009–Present.
- Academic Dean, International Theological Institute, Gaming, Austria, 2001–06.
- Vice President, International Theological Institute, Gaming, Austria, 1996–2001.
- Editorial Intern, *Review of Politics*, University of Notre Dame, 1991–92.

### PUBLICATIONS

- E. A. Goerner and Walter J. Thompson, “Politics and Coercion,” *Political Theory* 24 (1996): 620–52.
- Donald P. Kommers and W. J. Thompson, “Fundamentals in the Liberal Constitutional Tradition,” in *Constitutional Policy and Change in Europe*, ed. Joachim J. Hesse and Nevil Johnson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995), pp. 23–45.
- “Perspectivism: Aquinas and Nietzsche on Intellect and Will,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 68 (1994): 451–73.
- “Aristotle: Philosophy and Politics, Theory and Practice,” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 68 (1994): 109–24.

## LECTURES, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The Courage to Engage the Whole Breadth of Reason,” a lecture given at the President’s Council Symposium, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, Merrimack, NH, October 11, 2008.
- “*Mater Misericordiae*,” a lecture given at the Thomas More College of Liberal Arts, Merrimack, NH, December 7, 2007.
- Session Chair, “The Spiritual Crisis of European Civilization,” at the International Symposium, “Living and Forgotten Christian Roots in Europe and the United States,” sponsored by Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, Vienna, Austria, April 2006.
- “Faith and Reason: Pillars of Western Civilization,” Phoenix Institute Europe Winter Seminar, Gaming, Austria, December 2004.
- “Greatness of Soul and the Problematic Status of Honor,” a paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 1995.
- “On the Audience of Aristotle’s Ethics,” a paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New York, NY, September 1994.
- “Aristotle: Philosophy and Politics, Theory and Practice,” a paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Atlanta, GA, March 1994.
- “Remarks on the Correspondence between Leo Strauss and Eric Voegelin.” Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D. C., September 1993.
- “The Pedagogical Structure of Aristotle’s Ethics,” a lecture given to the Political Theory Colloquium, Dartmouth College, May 1993.
- “The Dialectical Pedagogy of Aristotle’s Political Science,” a paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1993.
- “The Philosopher, the Politician, and the Aristotelian Distinction Between Theory and Practice,” a paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 1992.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Matchette Award for Young Scholars, American Catholic Philosophical Association, 1994.
- Research Fellowship (with Edward Goerner), Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, 1994.
- NEH Summer Assistantship (with Donald Kommers), National Endowment for the Humanities, 1993.
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1993.
- Graduate Fellowship, *Collegium* Institute, 1993.
- H. B. Earhart Fellowship, Earhart Foundation, Ann Arbor, MI, 1992.
- NEH Summer Assistantship (with Donald Kommers), National Endowment for the Humanities, 1991.
- First Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1988.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Moral and Political Philosophy and Theology
- Natural Philosophy and Theology
- The Liberal Arts

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Reading knowledge of Greek, Latin, French and German.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born 19 December 1964, Manhasset, NY.

Citizenship: USA

Married 1988 to Ruth H. Shriver, seven children.