JEAN PORTER

Personal:

Born: March 20, 1955
Current Residence: South Bend, Indiana

Education:

May 1984: Ph.D., Department of Religious Studies
(with a specialization in ethics),
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
Dissertation: The Concept of Rational Agency
in the Thought of Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas
(unpublished)

1981: M.A., Department of Religious Studies
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

1980: M.Div. (with distinction), Weston School of
Theology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

1976: B.A. in philosophy (summa cum laude),
The University of Texas at Austin, Texas

Employment:

January 2005 - May 2005: Visiting Cardinal Cody Professor of Theology, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

August 2001 - current: John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

August 1996 - August 2001: Professor of Christian Ethics/Moral Theology, Department of Theology, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

August 1991 - August 1996: Associate Professor of Christian Ethics/Moral Theology, Department of Theology, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

August 1990 - August 1991: Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics/Moral Theology, Department of Theology, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

January 1984 - August 1990: Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee

January - May 1982: Visiting Instructor, Department of Religion, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York

September 1980 - December 1983 (exclusive of spring 1982): Teaching Fellow in the Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

September 1978 - May 1980: Instructor, Theology Department, Matignon High School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Academic Honors and Awards:

January 2008- April 2008: Alan Richardson Fellow, The University of Durham, Durham, United Kingdom

May 2005-May 2010: Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

April 2000: The Institute for Studies in the Liberal Arts, the University of Notre Dame, a grant in the amount of $4,000 for academic research, June 1 - August 31, 2000

September, 1998: The Humanities Research Board of the British Academy, a grant in the sum of 300 pounds sterling, for travel to Great Britain to deliver a paper at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics

September, 1997 - August 1998: Honorary Member of High Table and Senior Common Room, Christ Church, Oxford, United Kingdom

January, 1997: Named a Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology, The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and awarded a grant in the amount of $38,072 for academic research, July 1, 1997 - July 1, 1998

March 1996: The Faculty Research Program, The Graduate School, The University of Notre Dame, a grant in the amount of $5000 for academic research, April 1, 1996 - March 31, 1997

April 1995: The Institute for Studies in the Liberal Arts, the University of Notre Dame, a grant in the amount of $4000 for academic research, June 1 - August 31, 1995

November 1992: The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, a grant in the amount of $4,500 for academic research, September 1st - December 31st, 1993

October 1992: The Institute for Studies in the Liberal Arts, the University of Notre Dame, a grant in the amount of $3000 for academic research, June 1st - August 31, 1993

April 1992: The Gender Studies Office, the University of Notre Dame, a grant in the amount of $3000 for the development of a new course in feminist ethics, June 1st - August 31, 1992

April 1991: The Institute for Studies in the Liberal Arts, the University of Notre Dame, a grant in the amount of $3000 for academic research, June 1st - August 31, 1991

September 1988 - May 1989: Fellow, Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, Collegeville, Minnesota

January 1988: The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, a grant in the amount of $8,000 for academic research, September 1, 1988 - May 31, 1989

January 1988: The University Research Council, Vanderbilt University, a grant in the amount of $7,000 for academic research, January 1 - August 31, 1989

Professional Activities:

October 23, 2008: Visited the University of Iowa Department of Religion as a consultant to the faculty of the Department and the Dean of the College of Humanities, to assist them in setting up a recently funded Chair of Catholic Studies in the department

January 2005 - January 2006: President, Society of Christian Ethics

January 2005 - current: Member, Editorial Board of The Journal of the American Academy of Religion

January 2004 - January 2005: Vice-President, Society of Christian Ethics

August 2003 - current: Member of the Board of Consultants, The Journal of Religion, Catherine Brekus, Chris Gamwell, and Kathryn Turner, General Editors

August 2003 - current: Member of the Editorial Council of Theology Today, Patrick Miller and Ellen Charry, editors

August 2000 - August 2001: Member of the Advisory Committee for Faculty Development, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada

September 1988 - current: Member of the Editorial Board, Studies in Christian Ethics, Esther Reed, General Editor

January 1994 - January 1998: Member of the Board of Directors, The Society of Christian Ethics; Member of the Executive Committee from January 1995 until January 1997

October 1993 - January 1996: Member of the editorial board, The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics, Harlan Beckley, General Editor

October 1992 - current: Member of the Moral Theology Section of the Advisory Committee of Concilium: Revue Internationale de Théologie

July 1991 - June 1995: Member of the board of editorial consultants for Theological Studies, Robert J. Daly, Editor in Chief

June 1991 - current: Member of the editorial board, The Journal of Religious Ethics; Member of the Board of Trustees, June 2000 - current; President of the Board of Trustees, September 2001 - November 2008; Associate Editor, August 2003 - current

September 1990 - current: Member of the Advisory Board, The Library of Theological Ethics, Robin Lovin, Douglas Ottati, and William Schweiker, general editors, Westminster/John Knox Press (Louisville, Kentucky)

May 1990 - current: Member of the Editorial Board, Catholic Studies in Bioethics, Francesc Abel and John C. Harvey, general editors, Kluwer Academic Publishers (Dordrecht, The Netherlands)

June 1989 - June 1993: Member of the Steering Committee of the Historical Theology Seminar of the Catholic Theological Society of America

September 1989 - May 1990: Fellow, the Vanderbilt University Center for the Humanities, Nashville, Tennessee

Fall 1984 - May 1988: Junior Scholar in the Center for Clinical and Research Activities, Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Publications:

Books:

Ministers of the Law: A Natural Law Theory of Legal Authority (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010, xvi + 368)

Winner of a Catholic Press Association Book Award, 2011

Nature as Reason: A Thomistic Theory of the Natural Law (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005, xii + 416 pp.)

Natural and Divine Law: Reclaiming the Tradition for Christian Ethics (Ontario: Novalis Press and Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999, 340 pp.)

Moral Action and Christian Ethics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995, xvi + 235 pp.)

The Recovery of Virtue: The Relevance of Aquinas for Christian Ethics (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990, 208 pp.) British edition published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London, 1994, 208 pp.

Articles in refereed journals:

"Does the Rule of Law Matter? Legal Integrity and the Rule of Law as Intrinsic Values," Journal of Catholic Social Thought 8.2 (2011), 187-203

"The Natural Law and Innovative Forms of Marriage: A Reconsideration," The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, December 2010

"Natural Right, Authority, and Power: The Theological Trajectory of Human Rights," TheJournal of Law, Philosophy, and Culture 3.1 (2009), 299-314

"Torture and the Christian Conscience: A Response to Jeremy Waldron," The Scottish Journal of Theology 61 (2008), 340-358

"Christian Ethics and the Concept of Morality: A Historical Inquiry," Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics 26.2 (2006), 3-21

"A Response to Martin Rhonheimer," Studies in Christian Ethics 19.3 (2006), 379-396

"Chastity as a Virtue," The Scottish Journal of Theology 58 (2005), 285-305

"Moral Mistakes, Virtue, and Sin: The Case of Othello," Studies in Christian Ethics 18.2 (2005), 23-44

"Focus Introduction: Taking the Measure of Jonathan Edwards for Contemporary Religious Ethics," with Stephen A. Wilson, The Journal of Religious Ethics 31.2 (Summer 2003), 183-200

"A Tradition of Civility: The Natural Law as a Tradition of Moral Inquiry," The Scottish Journal of Theology 56.1 (2003), 27-48

"Natural Equality: Freedom, Authority and Obedience in Two Medieval Thinkers," The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics 2001 (Vol. 21), 275-304.

"The Search for a Global Ethic," Theological Studies 62 (2000), 105-121

"Responsibility, Passion, and Sin: A Reassessment of Abelard's Ethics," The Journal of Religious Ethics 28.3 (Fall, 2000), 367-394

"From Natural Law to Human Rights: Or, Why Rights Talk Matters," The Journal of Law and Religion 14.1, 2000, 77-96

"Reason, Nature, and the End of Human Life: A Consideration of John Finnis's Aquinas," The Journal of Religion 80.3 (July 2000), 476-484

"What the Wise Person Knows: Natural Law and Virtue in Aquinas's Summa Theologiae," Studies in Christian Ethics 12.1, 1999, 57-69

"Mere History: The Place of Historical Studies in Theological Ethics," The Journal of Religious Ethics 25.3, 1998, 103-126

"Recent Studies in Aquinas's Virtue Ethics: A Review Essay," The Journal of Religious Ethics 25.2, 1998, 191-215

"Moral Language and the Language of Grace: The Fundamental Option and the Virtue of Charity," Philosophy and Theology 10, 1998, 169-198, together with "A Response to Brian Linnane and David Coffey," ibid. 285-292

"Virtue Ethics and Its Significance for Spirituality: A Survey and Assessment of Recent Work," The Way Supplement, 88, 1997, 26-35

"Direct and Indirect Action in Grisez's Moral Theory," Theological Studies, 57.4, 1996, 611-632

"Contested Categories: Reason, Nature, and Natural Order in Medieval Accounts of the Natural Law," The Journal of Religious Ethics, 24.2, 1996, 207-232

"Individuality, Personal Identity, and the Moral Status of the Preembryo: A Response to Mark Johnson," Theological Studies, 56.4, December 1995, 763-770

"Christianity, Divine Law and Consequentialism," The Scottish Journal of Theology, 48.4, 1995, 415-442

"Moral Reasoning, Authority, and Community in Veritatis Splendor," The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics, 1995, 201-219

"Virtue and Sin: The Connection of the Virtues and the Case of the Flawed Saint," The Journal of Religion, 75.4, October 1995, 521-539

"Openness and Constraint: Moral Reflection as Tradition-Guided Inquiry in Alasdair MacIntyre's Recent Works," The Journal of Religion, 73.4, October, 1993, 514-536

"Basic Goods and the Human Good in Recent Catholic Moral Theology," The Thomist, 57.1, January, 1993, 27-49

"The Unity of the Virtues and the Ambiguity of Goodness: A Reappraisal of Aquinas's Theory of the Virtues," The Journal of Religious Ethics, 21.1, Spring 1993, 137-163

"The Subversion of Virtue: Acquired and Infused Virtues in the Summa Theologiae," The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics, 1992, 19-41

"What Is Morally Distinctive about Genetic Engineering?" The Journal of Human Gene Therapy, December 1991, 10-16

"De Ordine Caritatis: Charity, Friendship, and Justice in Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologiae," The Thomist, 53.2, April, 1989, 197-213

"Moral Rules and Moral Actions: A Comparison of Aquinas and Modern Moral Theology," The Journal of Religious Ethics, 17.1, Spring, 1989, 123-149

"Perennial and Timely Virtues," Concilium: Revue Internationale de Théologie, No. 191, June, 1987, 60-68

"The Feminization of God: Second Thoughts on the Ethical Implications of Process Theology," St. Luke's Journal of Theology, 29.4, September, 1986, 251-260

"Desire for God: Ground of the Moral Life in Aquinas," Theological Studies, 47.1, March, 1986, 48-68

Chapters in Books:

"In Defense of Living Nature: Finding Common Ground in a Medieval Tradition," The Ideal of Nature: Debates about Biotechnology and the Environment, Gregory E. Kaebnick, editor (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011), 17-28

"Action and Intention," The Cambridge Companion to Medieval Philosophy, Volume I, Robert Pasnau and Christina van Dyke, editors, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 506-516

"Does the Natural Law Provide a Universally Valid Morality?" Intractable Disputes about the Natural Law: Alasdair MacIntyre and Critics, Lawrence Cunningham, editor (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2009), 53-95

"Due Process and the Rule of Law: A Moral/Theological Challenge," James Keenan, editor, Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church: The Plenary Papers from the First Cross-Cultural Conference on Catholic Theological Ethics (New York: Continuum, 2007), 147-151

"Custom, Ordinance and Natural Right in Gratian's Decretum," Amanda Perreau-Saussine and James Bernard Murphy, editors, The Nature of Customary Law:Legal, Historical and Philosophical Perspectives (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), 79-100

"The Common Good in Thomas Aquinas," Dennis P. McCann and Patrick D. Miller, eds., In Search of the Common Good (New York: T & T Clark, 2005), 94-120

"Virtue," Gilbert Meilaender and William Werpehowski, editors, The Oxford Handbook of Theological Ethics (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005), 205-219

"Tradition in the Recent Work of Alasdair MacIntyre," Mark C. Murphy, editor, Alasdair MacIntyre (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 38-69

"The Virtue of Justice," Stephen J. Pope, editor, The Ethics of Aquinas (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2002), 272-286

"Virtue Ethics," in The Cambridge Companion to Christian Ethics, Robin Gill, editor (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001), 96-111

"The Natural Law and the Specificity of Christian Morality: A Survey of Recent Work and an Agenda for Future Research," Todd A. Salzman, editor, Method and Catholic Moral Theology: The Ongoing Reconstruction (Omaha, NE: Creighton University Press, 1999), 209-236

"Conclusion: An Overview of the Debate," Robin Gill, editor, Euthanasia and the Churches (London: Cassell, 1998), 119-133

"In the Wake of a Doctrine: A Reassessment of John Courtney Murray's Doctrine of the Natural Law," Todd Whitmore and Leon Hooper, editors, Social Ethics in the Murray Tradition, (Kansas City, MO: Sheed and Ward, 1996), 24-40

"Human Need and the Natural Law," Religious Faith and Psychological Needs in Infertility, Kevin Wildes, editor, a volume in the series, Catholic Studies in Bioethics, (Dordrecht, Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1996), 93-106

"The Moral Act in Veritatis Splendor and in Aquinas's Summa Theologiae: A Comparative Analysis," Veritatis Splendor: American Responses, Michael E. Allsopp and John J. O'Keefe, editors (Kansas City, MO: Sheed and Ward, 1995), 278-295

"Salvific Love and Charity: A Comparison of the Thought of Karl Rahner and Thomas Aquinas," The Love Commandments, William Werpehowski and Edmund Santurri, editors (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1992), 240-260

Other publications:

Guest editor, with Stephen A. Wilson, of special focus issue on the Ethics of Jonathan Edwards, The Journal of Religious Ethics 31.2 (Summer, 2003)

"Tugend," in Theologische Realenzyklopädie 30.2/3 (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2002), 184-197

"Natural Law as a Scriptural Concept: Theological Reflections in a Medieval Theme," Theology Today 59.2, July 2002, 226-241

"Is the Embryo a Person?" Commonweal, February 8, 2002, 8-10.

"Goodness and Reason: A Review of Dependent Rational Animals: Why Human Beings Need the Virtues, by Alasdair MacIntyre," in The Tablet 15 January, 2000, 50-51

"Let Down the Drawbridge: Reflections on Fides et Ratio," The Tablet, 3 July, 1999, 922-924

"Vertus," "Justice" in Dictionnaire de Theologie, Jean-Yves Lacoste, general editor (Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1998)

"Virtue Ethics," in A Companion to the Philosophy of Religion, Philip L. Quinn and Charles Taliaferro, editors (Blackwell: Oxford, 1997), 466-472

"Prudence and the Natural Law in Recent Thomistic Scholarship: A Review of Right Practical Reason, by Daniel Westberg, and Narrative and the Natural Law, by Pamela Hall," an invited review essay, Studies in Christian Ethics, 9.1, 1996, 71-79

"Cardinal Virtues," "Natural Law," "Virtue," Harper Collins Encyclopedia of Catholicism, Richard P. McBrien, General Editor (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 1995)

"The Moral Life According to William Bennett," Christian Century, October 5, 1994, 896-899

"The Shock of Your Life," U.S. Catholic, March 1994, 40-42

"Rethinking Religious Classics: Aquinas and Public Disputation," Christian Century, December 2, 1992, 1100-1103

"Moral Theology," "Casuistry," "Nature and Grace," "Peace," Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1990)

"A Fitting Response: A Catholic Perspective," in Second Opinion, Vol. 7, March, 1988, 40-45

Public Lectures, Papers, and Related Activities (Selected):

"Justice as a Virtue," a series of five lectured delivered as the Stone Lectures, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, October 3-6, 2011

"Beyond Self-Sacrifice: Reclaiming the Political Virtues," a paper delivered under the auspices of the Advanced Studies for Culture, the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, October 28, 2010

"Does the Law Matter? Legal Integrity and the Rule of Law as Intrinsic Values," the keynote address delivered at the Joseph T. McCullen Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and Law, Villanova University Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 22, 2010

"Sin as Bondage and Sickness: Reclaiming a Medieval Tradition," a lecture delivered under the auspices of the Villanova University Department of Theology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 21, 2010
Invited presentation for a panel on Nicholas Wolterstorff's Justice:Rights and Wrongs held at the annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, Illinois, January 11, 2009

Participated as one of four invited scholars in an international colloquium on the question, "What am I doing when I do moral theology?' sponsored by the Alphonsian Academy, the Redemptorist Institute for Moral Theology, Rome, Italy, in memory of the 10th anniversary of the death of Bernard Häring, November 19, 2008. Each of the invited participants is asked to contribute a research paper based on this colloquium, to be published in 2009 or early 2010.

"The Natural Law and the Law of Nations: A Medieval Perspective on a Contemporary Dilemma," a lecture delivered under the auspices of Medieval Studies Faculty of Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, November 3, 2008

"Aristotelian Teleology and Evolutionary Biology: An Unexpected Convergence," an invited paper delivered under the auspices of the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics, Harvard University, May 2, 2008

"Natural Right, Authority, and Power: The Theological Trajectory of Human Rights," an invited paper delivered at a symposium, "A Common Morality for the Global Age," sponsored by the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and the Center for Law, Philosophy, and Culture, Washington, D.C., March 29, 2008

"Torture and the Christian Conscience," an invited paper delivered at a symposium on my work held under the auspices of the Department of Theology, the University of Durham, Durham, U.K., March 17, 2008

"Natural Right, Authority, and Power: The Theological Trajectory of Human Rights," the annual Richardson lecture, Durham University Department of Theology, Durham, U.K., March 10, 2008

"Natural Right, Authority, and Power: The Theological Trajectory of Human Rights," a public lecture delivered at Christ Church, Oxford, U.K., March 7, 2008

"Natural Law, Human Nature and the Problem of Legal Authority," an invited paper delivered at the Theology and Law faculty seminar under the auspices of the Department of Theology, Durham University, Durham, U.K., February 20, 2008

"In Defense of Living Nature: Finding Common Ground in a Medieval Tradition," an invited paper delivered at the Hastings Center, Garrison, New York, November 10, 2007

"Meaning, Intention, and the Purposes of Law: Judicial Interpretation in a Natural Law context," a plenary address delivered at the Second Annual John F. Scarpa Conference on Law, Politics, and Culture," Villanova Law School, Villanova, Pennsylvania, October16, 2007

"Reasoned Faith and Faithful Reason: Thomas Aquinas as Theologian and Philosopher," Combined lecture for the Edna and George McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy and the Joyce McMahon Hank Aquinas Chair in Catholic Theology, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 11, 2007

"The Legislator and the Orator: Towards a Natural Law Jurisprudence for our Times," the John G. Thompson Christian Philosophy Lecture, Dayton University, Dayton, Ohio. March 29, 2007

"Torture and the Christian Conscience," an invited lecture delivered under the auspices of the Newman Center and the Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, October 18, 2006

"The Legislator and the Orator: Towards a Natural Law Jurisprudence for our Times," an invited paper delivered under the auspices of the Department of Philosophy, Seton Hall University, Seton Hall, New Jersey, 20, 2006

"Human Nature and the Purposes of Marriage," an invited lecture delivered at the Natural Law Forum, Fordham Law School, Fordham, New York, February 3, 2006

"Natural Right, Customary Law and Ordinance in Gratian's Decretum" an invited paper delivered at a conference on Customary Law held at Newnham College, Cambridge, September 14-16, 2005

"Nature as Reason: Further Thoughts," an invited paper delivered at the annual "New Wineskins" meeting of younger Catholic moral theologians, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, July 30, 2005

"Human Acts, Merit and Sin in Aquinas and his Interlocutors," a paper delivered at the Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, June 4, 2005

"Natural Right and the Ethic of Care," a faculty seminar conducted under the auspices of the Theology Department, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 2005

"Political Authority and Natural Right in the Christian Tradition," the annual Cody Lecture delivered at Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, April 26, 2005

"Political Authority and the Rule of Law in Theological Perspective," an invited paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Section of the Society of Christian Ethics, the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, February 18, 2005

"Common Good and Political Order: Medieval Perspectives on Contemporary Debates," a lecture given under the auspices of the Center for Faith and Culture, the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, October 20, 2004

"The Common Good," a seminar presentation given at the Dialogue on Faith and Economics Seminar sponsored by the Center for Faith and Culture, Houston, Texas, October 21, 2004

"Scholastic Humanism and the Future of Catholic Theology," the first annual Gradwell Lecture, Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, United Kingdom, May 6, 2004

"Scholastic Humanism and the Future of Catholic Theology," a lecture commemorating the Silver Jubilee of the Pontificate of John Paul II, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland, March 2, 2004

"Human Rights in Christian Perspective," a course offered at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland, March 1-5, 2004

"From Natural Law to Human Rights," a lecture delivered at Trinity University, Dublin, Ireland, March 4, 2004

"Nature as Reason, Reason as Nature: Reclaiming the Natural Law Tradition for Moral Theology," a lecture delivered at "The Past and the Future of Catholic Moral Theology," a symposium sponsored by the John A. O'Brien Chair in Theology, the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 20, 2002

"Principles, Precepts and Moral Knowledge: Aquinas and His Interlocutors on the Natural Law," an invited paper given at the Society for the Study of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 30, 2001

"Natural Law as a Scriptural Concept in Early Scholastic Thought," an invited paper delivered at a conference, "Law of Nature: Ancient Origins and Contemporary Debates," The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 1, 2001

"Academic Freedom, Then and Now: Reflections in the Wake of Ex Corde Ecclesiae," a lecture given under the auspices of the Department of Theology, The University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, July 5, 2000

"Nature as Reason, Reason as Nature: Medieval Perspectives on the Natural Origins of Morality," an invited paper delivered at a conference, "A Wider Rationality: Science Religion and Ethical Directions," The University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 10, 2000

"Catholic Social Thought and the Natural Law Tradition," an invited paper delivered at a Commonweal Colloquium, "American Catholics in the Public Square, New York, New York, May 13, 2000

"Natural Law, Discernment, and the Authority of the Church," an invited paper delivered at the annual meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, June 11, 1999

"A Tradition of Civility: The Natural Law in History," a lecture delivered at a conference, "After Liberalism," held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 28, 1999

"How Thin Can Moral Philosophy Afford to Be?" an invited paper delivered at the Catholic University of Australia, Ballarat, Australia, April 17, 1998

"Roman Catholic Ethics: Foundations and Recent Developments," a lecture delivered at the Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France, July 4, 1996

"Self-Restraint, Courage and Practical Wisdom as Paradigms for Personal Growth and Social Change," an invited paper delivered at the Challenge 2000 Conference on Prevention of Alcohol Abuse among College Students, the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 7, 1995

"Natural Law from the Middle Ages to the Present," a course offered in the Department of Religion, the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, March 13-March 17, 1995

"The Natural Law and Human Rights," a lecture delivered at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, March 15, 1995

"The Natural Law and the Social Order: A Reexamination of the Relevance of the Historical Tradition of the Natural Law," a paper and faculty seminar given at Washington and Lee University, December 3, 1994

"Can Morality Be Seen as a Coherent Whole? Two Perspectives on the Unity of the Moral Life," an invited paper delivered at a Symposium on the work of Alan Donagan at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 16, 1994

"Moral Reason and Its Metaphysical Context in Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologiae," a lecture delivered at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, March 8th, 1994

"At the Limits of Liberalism: Thomas Aquinas and the Prospects for a Catholic Feminism," the Thirteenth Annual Aquinas Lecture, the Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Missouri, January 28, 1994 (invited lecture; published in Theology Digest 41, 1994, 315-330)

"God's Wisdom and Human Design: Towards the Retrieval of the Natural Law as a Moral Tradition," a paper given at the annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, Illinois, January 8, 1994

"A Response to Walter Principe," delivered in a Plenary Session of the Catholic Theological Society of America, June 1988 (published in CTSA Proceedings 1988, 41-43)

Publications in Press:

Altruism, Evolution, and Aristotelian Flourishing: An Unexpected Convergence," Evolution, Games and God: The Principle of Cooperation, Sarah Coakley and Martin A. Novak, editors (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press), Fall 2011

"Happiness," Cambridge Companion to the Summa Theologiae, Denys Turner and Philip McCosker, editors (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), Fall 2011

"Natural Law," The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology, David Fergusson, et al editors (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), Fall 2011

"Virtues and Vices," The Oxford Handbook to Thomas Aquinas, Brian Davies and Eleanor Stump, editors (Oxford: Oxford University Press) Spring 2011