FRANCESCA ARAN MURPHY:  
CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS


WORK EXPERIENCE

I: Previous Employment

1982-1983       TA, University of Southern California
1988-1989       Lecturer in Historical & Contemporary Theology,  
                 Manchester University
1989-1991       Lecturer in Religion, College of St. Mark & St. John, Plymouth
1991-1995       Lecturer in Christian Studies, St. Martin's College, Lancaster
1995 -2001      Lecturer in Systematic Theology, Aberdeen University
2001-2008       Reader in Systematic Theology, Aberdeen University
2008-2011       Professor of Christian Philosophy, Aberdeen University

Jan 2011 -       Professor of Systematic Theology, University of  
                 Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana

Teaching

Undergraduate: Foundations of Theology, Theology and Film, Church in  
History and Eternity, Theology goes to the Movies.

Graduate:    Faith, Reason and the Church, graduate reading courses on  
Hans Urs von Balthasar

Administration

At Aberdeen I was Co-ordinator of the Catholic Studies MTh and the  
Theology and the Religious Studies MTh. I sat on the School Research  
Committee. I was College Postgraduate Officer from 2002-2006,  
processing assessments for all PGs in the School, running the annual  
postgraduate interviews, working through all postgraduate applications,  
dealing with student performance and exams, and organizing induction  
courses. I was Director of Undergraduate Programs in Divinity from  

RESEARCH

I. Books

1. Christ the Form of Beauty: A Study in Theology and Literature (T & T  
  Clark 1995)


4. *God is Not a Story* (Oxford University Press, 2007)

5. *I Samuel*, Brazos Theological Commentary Series (Brazos/Baker, 2011)

II. Editor


6. With Christopher Brittain, *Theology, University, Humanities: Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini* (Wipf and Stock, 2011)

III. Articles in Journals


15. “Are We Amused?” a review article on David Bentley Hart’s Atheist Delusions and Terry Eagleton’s Reason, Faith and Religion, in Pro Ecclesia (Volume XIX.4, Fall 2010, 453-459).

16. “Engaging Macintyre’s God, Philosophy, Universities, review article, Nova et Vetera (Vol 9 No. 4, Fall 2011, 981-989)

IV. Chapters in Books


“Battle over the Beautiful: Maritain and Gilson,” in A Thomistic Tapestry. Essays in Memory of Etienne Gilson, edited by Peter Redpath (Rodopi Editions B.V., Atlanta and Amsterdam, Autumn 2002).


“Providence in 1 Samuel,” in The Providence of God edited by myself and Philip G. Ziegler, (Continuum, 2009)


“Aristotle's Saviour”, in *Thomas and Aristotle*, edited by Matthew Levering, (Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming)

V. Dictionary Articles

1. Entries on Benedictines, Carmelites, Cistercians, Carthusians, Dominicans, Franciscans, Communio & Liberazione, Opus Dei, Pax Christi, Redemptorists, Jesuits, Roman Catholic Church, Chaldean Uniate Church, Melkite Church, Maronite Church, Romanian Uniate Church, Ruthenian Uniate Church, + Ukrainian Catholic Church in *Contemporary Religions: A World Guide* (Longman, 1992/1994)


Major Conference Papers

“Von Balthasar as Tragic Theologian,” at the Literature and Theology Conference on Tragedy, Durham University, September 1990.


“Philosophy and Theology in Fides at Ratio Chapter 4.” At a conference on Fides et Ratio, the University of Ireland at Maynooth, May, 2000.


“‘Those Who Have Eyes to See’: The Eschatological Eucharist,” at the Conference on Ecclesia de Eucharistia, the University of Ireland at Maynooth, May, 2004.


I gave a paper to the panel on David Hart’s The Beauty of the Infinite at the American Academy of Religion Conference in November, 2005.

I gave the annual Thomas Aquinas lecture in Oxford, January 2006, on “Dad’s Army in Austria: Engelbert Dollfuss’ Desperate Strategy”


Research/ Writing Projects Currently on the Go

I am editing the Oxford Handbook on Christology for Oxford University Press. This will also involve a conference in May 2013 on Christology.

I have a contract with Continuum to write a commentary on Psalms 1-41.

I am translating Elisabeth Blum’s Von Dickköpfen, Vagabunden un Engeln.

I am on the consultative editorial board of The Oxford Handbook to Catholic Theology, edited by Lewis Ayres.

Grants

£600 from the Carnegie Trust to research the correspondence of Etienne Gilson and Marie-Dominique Chenu.

£1850 from the British Academy to support a conference which I put on at Aberdeen University in May 2005 on Ut Unum Sint.

£1000 from the Panacea Society to support a conference which I organized at Aberdeen University on Divine Providence.

£1995 from the British Academy to support a conference which I organized at Aberdeen University on Divine Providence

ACADEMIC HISTORY

School

1965-1970 P.S. 41, Manhattan, New York

1970-1977 Roedean School, A’ Levels: English, Latin, Greek

University

1979-1982 B.A. (Hons) Theology, Manchester University

1982-1983 M.A. Philosophy University of Southern California

1984-1987 Awarded three year British Academy Grant to do research at King’s College, London University

1990 Ph.D. Theology, King’s College, London
WIDER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GAIETY OF THE NATION

Clubs

• I am an editorial advisor on the journal *Nova et Vetera*
• I am on the consultative editorial board of *The Oxford Handbook to Catholic Theology*, edited by Lewis Ayres
• I am on the advisory board of the “Faith and Reason” series for Sapientia Press
• I am a member of the American Academy of Religion
• I am a member of the Academy of Catholic Theology
• I am a Fellow of the Centre for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine at the University of Dayton

External Examining

I was Exernal Examiner for 2009-2011 for the Theology & Religious Studies Tripos at Cambridge University (Philosophy of Religion, Doctrine, World Religions).

Conference Organization

I organized a conference at Aberdeen University in May 2005 called *Ut Unum Sint: Commitment to Ecumenism*, to which representatives of most major Christian traditions were invited (and we heard from the ones who were not).

I jointly organised an international conference at Aberdeen University in January 2008 on divine providence, called *Deus Consilium Habet: The Place of Providence Today*.

I co-piloted a conference at Aberdeen University in August 2009 *Initium Sapientiae: Theology and the Humanities*.

I organised a conference solo at Aberdeen University in July, 2010, on *Theology, the Church and Controversy: Nil Illegitimi Carborundum*.

Translation


**Book Reviews**


**Items for the Popular Press**


**REFERENCES**

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