

# WELCOME TO AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY'S M.A. AND PH.D. PROGRAMS IN THEOLOGY

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Statue of Mary Seat of Wisdom  
crafted in 1199 A.D. for a monastery  
near San Sepolcro, Italy.

*Sedes Sapientiae, ora pro nobis!*

Thank you for your inquiry regarding graduate studies in theology at Ave Maria University. Ave Maria is committed to the renewal and deepening of genuinely Catholic spiritual, intellectual, and cultural life. To enter our graduate theological programs is to embark on an exacting and exciting venture to deepen both one's contemplative union with the Triune God and one's understanding of the great truths of the Catholic faith.

To study theology challenges us to open our minds and hearts to Jesus Christ, the one Teacher who illumines everything by his very being as the Word of the Father in the Holy Spirit. To study Catholic theology is to realize that the Word Incarnate and the Holy Spirit inspired Sacred Scripture and continue to guide the Magisterium of the Church, whose Tradition directs us as we reach up to the great minds and hearts of the many saints and scholars who over the millennia have contributed to the quest for genuine holiness, wisdom, science, scholarship, and art.

If you decide to join our graduate program, it is their lives and writings that you will study. Fidelity to Catholic truth demands more—not less—commitment to deepening and broadening one's intelligence to appreciate the unity of theological and philosophical wisdom, too often forgotten in the many specializations and fragmentations of contemporary academic culture. Our program emphasizes a contemplative pattern of study that initiates students into the great tradition of speculative wisdom, with its unifying theoretical vision of the whole of God's creative and redemptive presence.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 239.280.1629 or toll free at 877.AVE.UNIV. You are most welcome to visit the Ave Maria University campus and learn more about our programs. Please call in advance for an appointment.

Sincerely in Christ,

*fr. Matthew L. Lamb*  
Reverend Matthew L. Lamb,  
Chair of the Department of Theology

# THE MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

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## PROGRAM GOALS

The Master of Arts in Theology structures the two years of coursework to allow students to acquire the intellectual virtues needed for the scholarly disciplines of biblical, systematic, moral and liturgical studies. Moreover, they will be assisted in deepening their understanding of the sapiential unity informing all these specializations. Students should acquire the linguistic skills needed to study the great philosophical and theological writings of the tradition. With the acquisition of skills and speculative habits of mind as its goal, the program of studies will be accompanied by communal worship and prayer, so that students may deepen their graced friendship with Jesus Christ and the communion of saints. They will thus experience how the gifts of wisdom and knowledge of our Catholic faith, far from contradicting the truths and light of reason, actually both further enlighten and redeem our minds and hearts in ways only the Triune God can accomplish.

Taking up the calls for the New Evangelization by Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI, the M.A. program will equip students to teach theology at secondary and postsecondary levels, to engage in the many fields of the intellectual and pastoral apostolates and to undertake doctoral studies, all in full conformity with the teachings of the Church.

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM

The curriculum for the M.A. in theology consists of 48 credits and 8 required courses. Students are required to take 3 courses each semester. A student can take 4 courses during a semester if he acquires the expressed written permission of the director of the Graduate Programs in theology.

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Given the character of the M.A. in theology as a preparation for teaching and/or doctoral studies, the program also requires that students demonstrate reading proficiency in Latin. Those

students who enter the graduate program with strong Latin aptitude and pass the Latin exam are strongly encouraged to fulfill the language requirement in Greek. This requirement can be fulfilled by passing an exam administered by the director of the graduate theology program. Students should complete their Latin requirement before the beginning of the second year so that such reading knowledge can be presumed in the second year of coursework.

## THESIS REQUIREMENT

In accord with the M.A. in theology as a preparation for teaching and/or doctoral studies, a thesis is also required. This thesis project will normally be a research paper demonstrating in-depth research into a particular theological topic. In certain cases, with the permission of the thesis director and the director of the graduate theology program, other advanced scholarly projects such as translations into English of sophisticated articles or books in other languages may be permitted. Each thesis project will have one director and one reader. Students should complete all requirements for an MA within a two-year period.

## WISDOM EVER ANCIENT EVER NEW

To show how faith enlightens reason, the intellectual achievements of the great philosophical and theological masters, including the Greek and Latin Fathers, the medieval Schoolmen, the counter-Reformation and modern and contemporary periods are woven into the systematic and moral courses in the two-year doctoral courses on the Ancients and Moderns as electives during their residency. These courses are held on a day and time open to all graduate students.

Ave Maria University's Graduate Programs in Theology pay special attention to the crucial, but often underappreciated, dialectic between the ancient philosophers and theologians and their modern critics. Rejecting the foundational metaphysics and wisdom orientation of the ancients, modern thinkers such as Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Descartes, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Freud, Nietzsche and Heidegger characteristically identify power and control as the foundational elements in modern cultures. This partly explains why wisdom is rarely

ever mentioned, let alone cultivated, in modern cultures. Genuine appreciation of the important dialectic between the ancients and moderns is vital to any adequate recovery and appropriation of the metaphysical and theological wisdom traditions. As Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI insist, any Catholic theology faithful to the Magisterium must recover the sapiential traditions capable of addressing the cultural, moral, intellectual and religious issues of our times.

The list of Ancient and Modern Readings indicates the scope of the dialectic studied; selections will be made at the discretion of the instructor. “Clarifications by Contrast” indicate thinkers who disagreed with the positions advocated in the major texts chosen.

## ANCIENT READINGS

### THE HELLENIC DISCOVERY OF NOUS

Plato: *Ion, Meno, The Republic, Euthyphro, and Apology*  
Aristotle: *Nicomachean Ethics and Metaphysics*

#### CLARIFICATION BY CONTRAST:

Epicurus and Lucretius: Selected Texts

### REVELATION OF THE DIVINE LOGOS INCARNATE

Old Testament: Selections from Pentateuch, Prophets, and Wisdom Literature  
New Testament: Matthew, John, Acts, Galatians, Ephesians

#### CLARIFICATION BY CONTRAST

Plotinus: The Enneads selections

### CLASSICAL PATRISTIC CHRISTIANITY: TRUTH OF REASON AND FAITH

St. Irenaeus: *Against the Heresies, The Letter to Diognetus*  
Tertullian: *On the Exclusion of Heretics*  
Origen: *On First Principles*  
St. Athanasius: *On the Incarnation of the Word, Against the Greeks, Gregory of Nazianzus, Panegyric of St. Basil*  
St. Augustine: *Confessions, Anti-Pelagian, Writings & City of God*  
Jerome: Letters 22 and 70  
Boethius: *The Consolation of Philosophy* selections, *On the Trinity*  
Pseudo-Dionysius: *The Divine Names* selections

#### CLARIFICATION BY CONTRAST

Selections from Arius, Sabellius, Pelagius

## MEDIEVAL THEORIA: INTELLIGIBILITY OF TRUE WORD OF GOD

St. John Damascene: *On the Orthodox Faith*  
St. Anselm: *Proslogion and Monologion*  
St. Thomas Aquinas: *Commentary on Boethius De Trinitate, Summa Contra Gentiles, Summa Theologiae*  
Dante: *Divina Comedia* selections from *Purgatorio*

#### CLARIFICATION BY CONTRAST

Tempier: *Condemnation of 219 Propositions*  
Duns Scotus and William Okham: *Selections on Reason, Will, and God; Selections from Maimonides & Islamic Philosophers*

## MODERN READINGS

### EMERGENCE OF REASON AS INSTRUMENT OF WILL TO CONTROL

Machiavelli: *The Prince & The Discourses*  
Hobbes: *Leviathan*  
Spinoza: *Theologico-Political Treatise*  
Locke: *Two Treatises on Government, Letter on Toleration*  
Francis Bacon: *The Great Instauration, Novum Organon*  
Descartes: *Discourse on Method, Meditations*

#### CLARIFICATION BY CONTRAST

Luther: *On the Freedom of a Christian*  
Pascal: *Pensées* selections

### MODERN CRISES AND NEED TO REALIZE REASON IN SOCIETY & HISTORY

Rousseau: *The First and Second Discourses, The Social Contract*  
Kant: *Groundwork for a Metaphysics of Morals, Idea for a Universal History with Cosmopolitan Intent, Perpetual Peace, Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*  
Hume: *An Inquiry Concerning Human Reason* selections  
Hegel: *Reason in History, Philosophy of Right*  
Marx: *Communist Manifesto, Theses on Feuerbach, The German Ideology*  
Freud: *Civilization and Its Discontents, Moses and Monotheism*

#### CLARIFICATION BY CONTRAST

Kierkegaard: *Fear & Trembling, Either/Or, The Present Age*  
Schleiermacher: *The Christian Faith* selections

### MODERN NIHILISM AS FAILURE OF INSTRUMENTAL REASON

Nietzsche: *Use and Abuse of History, Beyond Good and Evil, Thus Spoke Zarathustra*

Spengler: *The Decline of the West*  
 Heidegger: *Being and Time, What is Metaphysics?, The End of Philosophy and the Task of Thinking*  
 Barthes and Derrida: *Fragmentation and Deconstruction*

**CLARIFICATION BY CONTRAST**

De Lubac: *The Drama of Atheistic Humanism*  
 Pieper: *In Defense of Philosophy, Happiness and Contemplation*

**TOWARDS AN INTEGRATION OF SCIENCE & SCHOLARSHIP WITH WISDOM & HOLINESS**

Newman: *An Essay in the Grammar of Assent*  
 Maritain: *Science and Wisdom*  
 Gilson: *The Spirit of Medieval Philosophy, Unity of Philosophical Experience*  
 Garrigou-Langrage: *God: His Existence and His Nature*  
 Lonergan: *Grace & Freedom, Verbum in Aquinas*  
 Von Balthasar: *Convergences*  
 Fortin: *St. Augustine and the Hermeneutics of Love, The Bible Made Me Do It*  
 Pinckaers: *Sources of Christian Ethics*  
 MacIntyre: *Three Rival Versions of Moral Inquiry*  
 John Paul II: *Fides et Ratio, Veritatis Splendor*  
 Benedict XVI: *Deus Caritas Est; Faith, Reason & the University*

**SEQUENCE OF COURSES**

**YEAR 1 • FALL**

THEO 501 OLD TESTAMENT 4 CREDITS  
 THEO 552 FUNDAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY 4 CREDITS  
 THEO 523 THE TRINITY AND CHRIST 4 CREDITS

**YEAR 1 • SPRING**

THEO 502 NEW TESTAMENT 4 CREDITS  
 THEO 524 CREATION, PROVIDENCE, AND SIN 4 CREDITS  
 THEO 527 CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS 4 CREDITS

**YEAR 2 • FALL**

THEO 553 CATHOLIC SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY & ESCHATOLOGY 4 CREDITS  
 ELECTIVE 4 CREDITS  
 ELECTIVE 4 CREDITS

**YEAR 2 • SPRING**

THEO 599 M.A. THESIS 4 CREDITS  
 ELECTIVE 4 CREDITS  
 ELECTIVE 4 CREDITS

*\*Total: 48 credit hours*

**SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID**

Tuition scholarships are awarded to outstanding candidates based on merit and availability. For more information, please call the Office of Financial Aid at (239)280-1669. This office can also assist graduate students who are in need of Federal Financial Aid.

**THE DOCTORATE IN THEOLOGY**

**PROGRAM GOALS**

The Doctorate in Theology assists students in their appropriation of the wealth of intellectual and spiritual wisdom, knowledge and love constituting Catholic philosophy and theology. Catholic theological excellence can only develop in minds and hearts ever more attuned to communion with the most holy Triune God, the goodness of his creation, and the holiness of all the saints redeemed in his Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Students admitted to the Ph.D. program should have completed either an M.Div. or equivalent degree; an M.A. or M.T.S. in religion, theology, or philosophy; or a bachelor's program with a strong background in religion, theology, and/or philosophy. Students admitted to the doctoral program with only a bachelor's are expected to complete an extra year of coursework.

**DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The doctoral program requires 80 credit hours of coursework (20 four-credit courses) and normally takes five years to complete. In each of the first four semesters of coursework, the student is expected to take three or four courses plus Ancients and Moderns. Doctoral students are required to take the following sequence of doctoral seminars.

## SEQUENCE OF COURSES

### YEAR 1 • FALL

PREAMBULA FIDEI

TRIUNE GOD

ANCIENTS

### YEAR 1 • SPRING

OLD TESTAMENT

ANCIENT OR MODERN DIRECTED READING

### YEAR 2 • FALL

NEW TESTAMENT

CHRIST

MODERNS

### YEAR 2 • SPRING

MORAL LIFE

ANCIENT OR MODERN DIRECTED READING

In each of the final two semesters of coursework in the third year, the student is expected to take two courses (eight credit hours) concerned with the area of dissertation research. Doctoral students typically may not take more than two directed reading seminars toward the required 80 units.

In the best interest of the student as well as the program, each student is evaluated at the end of each semester. Continuance in the program and maintenance of the scholarship and stipend is subject to a positive recommendation by the director of the program.

## REQUIRED COURSES

Before the beginning of the second year, doctoral students will submit a plan of coursework that demonstrates completion or anticipated completion of the following courses required of all doctoral candidates, which may be completed either during doctoral studies or during the student's M.A. studies: 1) Christology; 2) the Church; 3) Triune God; 4) Sacraments; 5) Moral Theology; 6) Creation, Providence, and Sin; and 7) Metaphysics.

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Systematic theology, as wisdom gained through the habits of faith and study, illumines the inner intelligibility of God's

plan of salvation. As a sapiential project of "faith seeking understanding," Catholic systematic theology requires knowledge of the sources of theology in the Bible and Tradition, the great doctrinal and systematic expositions of the faith, the metaphysical terms and relations that assist the proper expression of theological realities and the nature of the development of doctrine in conformity with the teachings of the Church. The contemplative wisdom engendered by doctoral study of systematic theology serves the Church's mission of preaching and teaching the Gospel in the context of ecumenical, inter-religious and cultural dialogue. Systematic theology thereby requires undertaking biblical, historical, dogmatic and metaphysical investigations. Of the required sixteen courses during the first two years of the Ph.D. in systematic theology, at least six must be in systematic theology, three in moral theology, three in biblical studies and two in patristics.

Moral theology studies how the human person, created *ad imaginem Dei*, achieves true and complete fulfillment by being transformed in virtue and spiritual gifts according to the exemplar found in Christ and within the communion of persons centered in the Catholic Church. Beginning with Scripture and Tradition, the program seeks to inculcate a deep familiarity with both revelation and the best moral philosophy to enable the graduate to articulate the goodness, truth and beauty of the Christian life and engage in the broader debate regarding concrete moral issues. Presupposing the harmony between faith and reason, the program interacts also with contemporary human sciences such as psychology and sociology, as well as areas affecting the just ordering of society, including marriage and family law, political theory, and economic theory. Of the required sixteen courses during the first two years of the Ph.D. in moral theology, at least six must be in moral theology, four in systematic theology, three in biblical studies and one in patristics.

## MINORS

Doctoral students will minor in one of the areas of specialization or in biblical studies. The minor requires at least four courses.

## MAJOR STAGES IN THE PROGRAM

### RESIDENCY

Students are required to be in residence during the first three years of the doctoral program. Although residency is expected for years four and five, requests for non-residency may be approved on a case-by-case basis with a partial reduction in the doctoral stipend. Doctoral students may study at another institution after passing their language and comprehensive exams, if that is conducive to their doctoral dissertation research. The place and length of the study at another institution is to be approved by their dissertation director and the chair of the Theology Department. A student who enters the program without sufficient background ordinarily will spend one or two further semesters in coursework before taking comprehensive exams.

Doctoral students in third and fourth year will be assigned as graduate research and/or teaching assistants. With the approval of the chair, in the fifth year, while completing the dissertation for defense, the student will serve as an instructor, responsible for teaching one undergraduate course per semester.

### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to pass examinations showing the ability to read with the aid of a dictionary or standard theology sources in New Testament Greek, Latin and either French or German. Language requirements should be completed by the fall of the third year. Students should pass a language exam in each of the first three years, or sooner. Failure to do so may lead to suspension of the stipend.

### DECLARATION OF MINOR FIELD

At the end of the first year of coursework, the student must declare a minor.

### DOCTORAL COURSES ON ANCIENTS & MODERNS

During their years of coursework, doctoral students are required to participate in the Ancient and Modern courses, a forum for careful study and discussion of central works from the history of philosophy and theology. The aim is to provide the students with a knowledge of a dialectic that is important for the renewal of human and revealed wisdom so crucial for the

renewal of intellectual, moral and religious excellence. Once doctoral students know the area of their dissertation research, they are required to sign up for either an Ancient or a Modern Research Seminar, depending on which one is most suited for their dissertation area. This is to assist them in seeing how the dialectic relates to their dissertation work.

### COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

Comprehensive exams usually are taken in the semester following the completion of coursework and all language requirements. These exams are offered twice a year, in November and April. The topics for the exams are meant to display students' intellectual breadth and skills in the full range of the Catholic theological tradition. Comps will include written and oral components. The written portion will include a general exam, a special-topic exam and a minor exam. The general exam will be three hours in length, the special-topic exam will be two hours, and the minor exam will be one hour. A one-and-a-half-hour oral exam will take place subsequent to the written exams and will cover all three areas.

The general exam focuses on the key authors and texts of the program. The special-topic exam is intended to cover topics and themes from the student's area of specialization and of particular importance to the student's preparation for the dissertation. The minor exam is intended to demonstrate knowledge of a particular set of topics or themes.

Selections should be chosen with a view to the student's area of specialization. Students may choose other works by the authors in the optional sections as well as parts of the larger works in the optional sections. Students must also propose a special topic and reading list as well as a minor-exam reading list.

All lists must be compiled in collaboration with the student's adviser and approved by the director of the graduate theology program by September 30 if taking comps in April, or by February 15 if taking comps in November.

## DISSERTATION PROPOSAL

The dissertation proposal is to be submitted during the semester following comps. Once the doctoral student with the proposed director has a draft of the proposal, along with a proposed dissertation board, he must submit these to the next faculty meeting for validation. Once validated by the theology faculty the doctoral student must meet with the dissertation board that will itself make recommendations and approve the dissertation proposal.

## DISSERTATION

The completed dissertation must be submitted within eight years of matriculation.

## DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Each doctoral student receives a fellowship that includes a full-tuition scholarship for the five-year program of studies as well as a significant stipend. Fellowships are conditional on the timely and successful completion of program requirements.

# THEOLOGY FACULTY

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## MICHAEL DAUPHINAIS, PH.D.

is associate professor of theology and dean of faculty. He previously taught theology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, and Ave Maria College in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Together with Dr. Matthew Levering, he has coedited *Reading John with St. Thomas Aquinas: Theological Exegesis and Speculative Theology* and coauthored *Knowing the Love of Christ: An Introduction to the Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas* and *Holy People, Holy Land: A Theological Introduction to the Bible*. His theological research includes moral theology, Christology, and the theology of revelation. Dr. Dauphinais holds the degrees of B.S.E. from Duke University, M.T.S. from Duke Divinity School, and Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame.

## MARC D. GUERRA, PH.D.

is associate professor and Director of Graduate Programs in Theology at Ave Maria University. The author of *Christians as Political Animals* (ISI Books, 2010) and editor of *Reason, Revelation, and Human Affairs* (Lexington Books, 2001), his essays on the relation of faith and reason, Christianity and political philosophy, Augustine and Aquinas, and human dignity and bioethics have appeared in *Religious Studies and Theology*, *The Political Science Reviewer*, *Logos*, *Interpretation*, *Gregorianum*, *Society*, *First Things*, and *Perspectives on Political Science*. Guerra is an advisor to The John Adams Center, sits on the Board of Directors of the Center for the Renewal of Catholic Theology at Ave Maria University, and co-directs, with Peter Augustine Lawler, the “Stuck with Virtue Conference Series.”

## REV. MATTHEW LAMB, DR.THEO.

is the Cardinal Maida Professor and the chair of the Theology Department. He previously taught for many years at Boston College and, before that, Marquette University. His research interests include foundational, doctrinal and systematic theologies. He has authored and edited several books, most recently *Eternity, Time, and the Life of Wisdom and Vatican II: Renewal with in Tradition*. He has also published more than 150 articles in quarterlies, journals and books. Before his studies in Rome, Rev. Lamb spent fifteen years in a contemplative monastery; he hopes to return to such a monastery when he retires from Ave Maria University. He holds the degrees of S.T.L. from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Dr.Theo. from the State University of Munster in Germany and an honorary doctorate from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

## STEVEN A. LONG, PH.D.

is professor of theology. He has previously taught at the University of St. Thomas, at St. Joseph’s College, Christendom College, and the Catholic University of America. His research interests include Thomistic metaphysics and natural law; the theology of grace in relation to human freedom; the philosophy

and theology of Law; and such specific moral issues as the death penalty and the nature of the object of the moral act. He has published many articles in such journals as *Communio*, *The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly*, *Nova et Vetera*, *Revue Thomiste*, and *The Thomist*, as well as chapters on such topics as divine providence, the death penalty and *Evangelium Vitae*, the doctrine of just war, and religious freedom. His book *The Teleological Grammar of the Moral Act* was published in 2007 by Sapientia Press. His work *Natura Pura: On the Recovery of Nature in the Doctrine of Grace* was published by Fordham University Press in April of 2010. Professor Long is also the author of a metaphysical work that has been approved for publication by the University of Notre Dame Press, titled *Analogia Entis*. A collection of Dr. Long's essays, tentatively titled *Thomistic Disputations: Providence, Freedom, and Law* has been accepted for publication and is forthcoming from Sapientia Press. Along with the Academic Dean of the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity at the University of St. Thomas, Dr. Christopher Thompson, he is the co-editor of the forthcoming collection of essays derived from the Lilly sponsored Habits of Mind seminars, titled *Reason and the Rule of Faith*. He holds an M.A. from the University of Toledo and a Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America.

#### **ROGER W. NUTT, S.T.D.**

is associate professor of theology. He has previously taught at Aquinas College in Nashville, TN. His publications and research cover various areas of theological interest including Medieval theology, Christology, sacramental and liturgical theology, the theology of Charles Cardinal Journet, and the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas. Dr. Nutt's dissertation "Christus Sacerdos et Mediator: Thomistic Christology and Vatican II's Call for Theological Renewal" was awarded the 2006 Aquinas Dissertation Prize by the Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal. His publications have appeared in *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical Renewal*, *Nova et Vetera*, English Edition, *Louvain Studies*, *Communio*, *Gregorianum*, *The Josephinum Journal of Theology*, *The Heythrop Journal*, and *Angelicum*. Dr. Nutt is a member of the Editorial Board of the quarterly journal *Antiphon: A Journal for Liturgical*

*Renewal*, which is a publication of the Society for Catholic Liturgy and co-director of the Aquinas Center for Theology Renewal. He holds the degrees of B.E.S. from St. Cloud State University, M.A. in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University, and S.T.B., S.T.L., and S.T.D. from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome.

#### **WILLIAM RIORDAN, S.T.D.**

is professor of theology and director of the undergraduate theology program. He was awarded the Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal Ex Corde Ecclesiae Award for 2011. He previously taught philosophy at the University of San Francisco and theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and Ave Maria College, both in Michigan. Dr. Riordan wrote his dissertation on divinization in the writings of Dionysius the Areopagite. He has expanded it into a fuller study which has been published under the title *Divine Light: The Theology of Denys the Areopagite*. He is working on a new facing-page translation of the *Mystical Theology* by the same author (with introduction and commentary). His specialties include the areas of metaphysics, the doctrine of participation, and Trinitarian theology. He holds the degrees of B.A. from St. Mary's University of California, M.A. from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley and S.T.L. and S.T.D. from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

#### **THOMAS SCHECK, PH.D.**

is assistant professor of classics and theology. He previously taught Sacred Scripture in Ave Maria University's Institute for Pastoral Theology. Dr. Scheck's dissertation has been published under the title: *Origen and the History of Justification*. He has also translated several works of the Church Fathers Origen and St. Jerome. His research interests focus on Sacred Scripture, Patristic exegesis, and Erasmus of Rotterdam. His Ph.D. is from University of Iowa.

## GREGORY VALL, PH.D.

is associate professor of theology. He previously taught at Franciscan University of Steubenville and Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. His areas of expertise are the Old Testament and the letters of Ignatius of Antioch. He has published articles in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Vetus Testamentum*, *Biblica*, *The Thomist*, *The Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Nova et Vetera*, and *The Bible Today*. Dr. Vall holds the degrees of B.A. from Franciscan University of Steubenville and both M.A. and Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America.

## MICHAEL WALDSTEIN, PH.D.

is the Max Seckler professor of theology. He previously taught at the University of Notre Dame before serving as the founding president of the International Theological Institute in Gaming, Austria, where he also held the position of St. Francis of Assisi Professor of New Testament. He served as a member of the Pontifical Council for the Family (2003-2009) and is a member of the board of trustees of the University of Eichstaett, Germany. He holds a B.A. from Thomas Aquinas College, a Ph.D. from the University of Dallas, an S.S.L. from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and a Th.D. from Harvard University in New Testament and Christian Origins. His published works include a critical edition of the four Coptic manuscripts (with English translation) of the *Secret Book of John*, a Gnostic text discovered in the Nag Hammadi codices and a new translation of John Paul II's *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* as well as numerous articles on the Gospel of John, Gnosticism, St. Thomas Aquinas, John Paul II and Hans Urs von Balthasar in such journals as *Nova et Vetera*, *Communio*, *Anthropotes* and *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.

## THEOLOGY COURSES

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**THEO 501** OLD TESTAMENT

**THEO 502** NEW TESTAMENT

**THEO 509** THEOLOGICAL LATIN I

**THEO 510** THEOLOGICAL LATIN II

**THEO 513** THEOLOGICAL GREEK I

**THEO 514** THEOLOGICAL GREEK II

**THEO 519/619** ADVANCED BIBLICAL GREEK READINGS

**THEO 522** THEOLOGY OF REVELATION

**THEO 523** THE TRINITY AND CHRIST

**THEO 524** CREATION, PROVIDENCE, AND SIN

**THEO 525** CHRIST AND GRACE

**THEO 527** THE CHURCH AND SACRAMENTS

**THEO 552** FUNDAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY

**THEO 553** CATHOLIC SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY AND  
ESCHATOLOGY

**THEO 591/691** THE ANCIENTS

**THEO 592/692** THE MODERNS

**THEO 595** SPECIAL TOPICS

**THEO 597** DIRECTED READINGS

**THEO 599** M.A., THESIS

**THEO 605** SCRIPTURE AND THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL

**THEO 614** ISAIAH 40-66

**THEO 616** THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

**THEO 619** PATRISTIC AND MEDIEVAL EXEGESIS

**THEO 621** PRAEAMBULA FIDEI AND CATHOLIC  
THEOLOGY

**THEO 622** ETERNITY AND TIME IN AUGUSTINE,  
PLOTINUS, BOETHIUS, AND AQUINAS

**THEO 624** SCRIPTURE AND METAPHYSICS

**THEO 625** BODY, SOUL, AND CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

**THEO 626** FOUNDATIONS OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

**THEO 628** THEOLOGY AND POST-MODERNISM

**THEO 631** ST. AUGUSTINE'S DE TRINITATE

**THEO 632** ST. AUGUSTINE'S DE CIVITATE DEI

**THEO 633** THE TRIUNE GOD: CONTEMPORARY DISCUSSIONS

**THEO 634** THOMAS AQUINAS

**THEO 635** METAPHYSICS AND THEOLOGY OF PARTICIPATION IN AQUINAS

**THEO 636** AQUINAS ON SALVATION

**THEO 637** NOMINALISM AND VOLUNTARISM: THE ECLIPSE OF THEOLOGICAL WISDOM AND BIRTH OF MODERN DUALISMS

**THEO 639** THE THEOLOGY OF HANS URS VON BALTHASAR

**THEO 640** PAPACY AND EPISCOPACY IN THE CHURCH

**THEO 645** METAPHYSICS AND ETHICS: THE CLASSICAL TRADITION OF CATHOLIC MORAL THEOLOGY

**THEO 646** HUMAN DESTINY, THE VIRTUES, AND THE MORAL LIFE

**THEO 647** THE OBJECT AND SPECIES OF MORAL ACTS

**THEO 655** MEDIEVAL POLITICAL THEOLOGY

**THEO 656** NATURAL LAW: ANCIENT AND MODERN

**THEO 657** THE FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT

**THEO 661** HUMAN DIGNITY AND BIO ETHICS

**THEO 691/591** THE ANCIENTS

**THEO 692/592** THE MODERNS

**THEO 693** ANCIENT OR **THEO 694** MODERN RESEARCH SEMINAR

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## CENTER FOR THE RENEWAL OF CATHOLIC THEOLOGY

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Integral to the mission of the University, and most important for the long-term renewal of Catholic intellectual, moral and pastoral life today, the Center for the Renewal of Catholic Theology has two main goals: (1) to assist in funding theology doctoral student stipends since the future of any science or scholarly discipline is determined by the quality of their doctoral programs; (2) to fund lectures and conferences that bring to the university major scholars dedicated to genuine intellectual and faith life in the Church and culture. Their presentations are often published. One hundred percent of all the donations to the Center go directly to support these goals.

Directors: Dr. Dauphinais, Dr. Guerra, Fr. Lamb, Dr. Nutt, Dr. Vall, and Dr. Waldstein.

### PUBLICATIONS OF CONFERENCES:

*Reading John with St. Thomas Aquinas: Theological Exegesis and Speculative Theology* edited by M. Dauphinais & M. Levering (Catholic University of America Press, 2005).

*John Paul II and St. Thomas Aquinas* edited by M. Dauphinais & M. Levering (Sapientia Press of Ave Maria University, 2006).

*John Paul II and the Holy Land* edited by D. Dalin & M. Levering (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007)

*Aquinas the Augustinian* edited by M. Dauphinais, B. David, & M. Levering (Catholic University of America Press, 2007).

*Rediscovering Aquinas and the Sacraments: Studies in Sacramental Theology* edited by M. Dauphinais & M. Levering (Hillenbrand Books, 2009).

*Humanae Vitae: Forty Years Later* published in *Nova et Vetera: English Edition of the International Journal* vol. 6, n. 1 (Fall, 2008).

*Reading Romans with St. Thomas Aquinas: Ecumenical Explorations* edited by M. Dauphinais & M. Levering (Catholic University of America Press, forthcoming).

*Catholicism and America: Challenges and Prospects* edited

by Fr. M. Lamb (Sapientia Press of Ave Maria University, forthcoming).

*Philosophy in Theological Education: Essays in Honor of Ralph McInerny* forthcoming.

## AQUINAS CENTER

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Within the Center for Catholic Theological Renewal, the Aquinas Center is dedicated to the importance of St. Thomas Aquinas's theology and philosophy for Catholic speculative and moral theology. The Center has assumed the responsibility for the Thomistica.Net website initiated by Dr. Mark Johnson. Dr. Roger Nutt is the new editor of the website. The Center also reaches out to scholars and doctoral students around the world and bestows awards in recognition of their contributions to the study of Aquinas and Catholic intellectual and faith life.

Directors: Dr. Michael Dauphinais, Dr. Steven A. Long, and Dr. Roger Nutt.

### THE CHARLES CARDINAL JOURNET PRIZE

The Journet Prize honors the scholarly monograph published in any language during the past calendar year that best exemplifies the task of drawing upon the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas to engage constructively in contemporary theology, philosophy, and/or biblical studies.

**2006** Fr. Michael Sherwin, O.P.

**2007** Dr. Ralph McInerny

**2008** Dr. Thomas Hibbs

**2009** Fr. Guy Mansini, O.S.B.

**2010** Dr. Alasdair MacIntyre

### THE VERITAS MEDAL

The Veritas Medal honors an eminent Catholic thinker whose career reflects the Aquinas Center's goal to foster the search for truth. Since the attainment of truth is a participation in the Wisdom of Christ, the Veritas Medal serves to recognize those who have instantiated, in their lives and work, the integration of faith and reason.

**2006** Dr. George Weigel

**2007** Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J.

**2008** Dr. Janet E. Smith

**2009** Dr. Robert Wilkin

**2010** Fr. Charles Morerod, O.P.

### EX CORDE ECCLESIAE MEDAL

The Ex Corde Ecclesiae Medal is awarded someone who has done much to support the Aquinas Center and the Graduate School in their mission of evangelizing the Catholic academic world.

**2006** Carlos Figueroa

**2007** Dr. Thomas M. Looome

**2008** Fr. Matthew L. Lamb

**2009** Mercedes Cox

**2010** Dr. William Riordan

### THE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS DISSERTATION PRIZE

The Aquinas Dissertation Prize honors the dissertation defended in any language during the past calendar year that best exemplifies the task of drawing upon the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas to engage constructively in contemporary theology, philosophy, and/or biblical studies.

**2005** Fr. Henry Donneaud, O.P.

**2006** Dr. Roger W. Nutt

**2007** Dr. Aaron M. Canty

**2008** Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric

**2009** Fr. Piotr Lichacz, O.P.

**2010** Fr. John Baptist Ku, O.P.

# APPLICATION INFORMATION

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## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are accepted for full-time, degree-seeking students only. Applications are not accepted for the spring semester. Students must start in the fall semester. All applicants must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university; applicants to the doctoral program will usually also have earned a master's degree in theology or philosophy. Applicants must also have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or above.

In addition to completing and signing the application, the following documentation is required:

- Official seal-bearing transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions attended before receiving a bachelor's and/or master's degree, sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
- A statement of intent explaining the rationale for desiring a graduate education in theology and life goals.
- An intellectual autobiography.
- A writing sample of a theological and/or philosophical character of at least eight to ten pages.
- GRE scores from within the last five years, sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions (Ave Maria's code is 5577).
- Recommendations for admission from three individuals qualified to attest to the applicant's ability to engage satisfactorily in graduate study sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$50 by check—made payable to Ave Maria University—or by credit card over the phone.

The deadline for applications to the M.A. and Ph.D. programs is **February 1**. Applications received after the deadline will only be given consideration as space and/or scholarship funding remains available. Documentation should be submitted to: Office of Graduate Admissions, Ave Maria University, 5050 Ave Maria Blvd., Ave Maria, Florida 34142 U.S.A. Should you have any questions, you may contact the graduate admissions office at 239.280.1629, toll-free at 877.AVE.UNIV, fax 239.280.1637, or e-mail [graduatetheology@avemaria.edu](mailto:graduatetheology@avemaria.edu).

## TRANSFER CREDIT

With the approval of the director of the graduate theology program, a maximum of eight graduate credits can be transferred from similar programs at accredited institutions. At the time of application, it is the responsibility of the student to petition the director for the transfer of credit and to supply the proper documentation and description of the courses for which credit is sought. Credit earned for courses taken at another institution while enrolled in the M.A. program cannot be transferred without the express permission of the director.

## TUITION & FEES

Full-time tuition is \$10,600 for the academic year. Required fees are a technology fee of \$200 per year and an activities fee of \$100 per year. These fees are not covered by tuition scholarships.

## ROOM & BOARD

Limited graduate student housing exists within one mile of the campus and town center. Students may also purchase meals from our dining facility on campus. If an applicant is accepted, housing information will be sent upon acceptance. For information about meal plans, contact Student Life at 239.280.2540.

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Health insurance is available to students enrolled at Ave Maria University. All students are required to have health insurance and will be automatically registered for the university plan unless they show proof of existing coverage. For more information, contact the Office of Student Life at 239.280.2540.

## STUDENT LIFE POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Unless otherwise specified in this brochure, the student life policies and procedures of the university will also apply to the students enrolled in the program. Students are advised to consult the Student Handbook for additional policies.