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OF PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

## OUR FACULTY

**Joseph Boenzi, SDB**  
Professor of Theology  
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**Education:** BA, Don Bosco College (NJ); Professional diploma in Education, University of Alberta; STB, Salesian Pontifical University (Turin); STL, STD, Università Pontificia Salesiana (Rome).

**Classes taught include:** Christian History 1451-2000, Salesian Identity and Charism, Church on the Move.

**Research interests:** Catholic mission movement and developments in Northeast India; St. Francis de Sales: testimony of contemporaries; ecclesial movements and small ecclesial communities.

**Michael Dodds, OP**  
Professor of Philosophy and Theology  
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**Education:** BA, MA, St. Albert College; MDiv, MA, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology; STD, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

**Classes taught include:** The One Creator God, Philosophy of Nature, Philosophical Anthropology, Trinity, Divine Action, God and Suffering.

**Research interests:** St. Thomas Aquinas and contemporary philosophy and science; how contemporary science invites a retrieval of Aquinas' understanding of efficient, formal, and final causality.

**Marianne Farina, CSC**  
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**Education:** BFA, Parsons School of Design/ New School for Social Research University; MA, Santa Clara University; PhD, Boston College.

**Classes taught include:** Christian-Muslim Dialogue: Theory and Practice, Virtues, Confessional Ministry, Islamic Philosophers, Faith & Human Rights.

**Research interests:** the Church's social justice teaching; comparative religions; interfaith dialogue and philosophical studies in Islam; Aquinas' virtue theory in dialogue with other religious and philosophical traditions.

**Justin Charles Gable, OP**  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
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**Education:** MA, PhD, Fordham University; BA, University of San Francisco.

**Classes taught include:** General (Philosophical) Ethics; Aristotelian Logic; Contemporary Philosophy; Twentieth-Century Thomism.

**Research interests:** the phenomenological tradition, phenomenology and cognitive science, epistemology, philosophy of mind; medieval philosophy, Duns Scotus, and the Arabic commentators on Aristotle as related to metaphysics and epistemology.

**Barbara Green, OP**  
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**Education:** BA, Dominican College; MA, Graduate Theological Union; PhD, Graduate Theological Union and the University of California, Berkeley.

**Classes taught include:** Biblical Studies and Spirituality, Pentateuch and Former Prophets, Hebrew Language, Old Testament Foundations, Pre-Exilic and Former Prophets.

**Research interests:** Biblical Studies; Biblical Spirituality; hermeneutics; early Biblical narratives such as Genesis, 1 Samuel and the Wisdom of Solomon; Deuteronomy; the Book of Jeremiah; Bible and violence.

**Edward Krasevac, OP**  
Professor of Theology, Department Chair of Theology  
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**Education:** BA, University of Santa Clara; MA, MDiv, St. Albert College; STL, Jesuit School of Theology; PhD, Graduate Theological Union.

**Classes taught include:** Historical Development of Christology, Fundamental Moral Theology, Contemporary Christology, Natural Law.

**Research interests:** fundamental moral theology, human freedom; *praeter intentionem* in Aquinas; the relationship between the "historical Jesus" and the "Christ of faith".

**Bryan Kromholtz, OP**  
Assistant Professor of Theology  
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**Education:** BS, Gonzaga University; BA and MDiv, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology; MA, Graduate Theological Union; STD, University of Fribourg, Switzerland.

**Classes taught include:** Theology: Method and Structure, Eschatology, Theology of Sacraments, Theological Anthropology, Revelation and Theology, Aesthetics and Theology.

**Research interests:** “new” contemporary approaches to theological questions; Sacred Scripture, the teachings of the Church Councils and Fathers; eschatology; St. Thomas’s theology of the resurrection of the dead.

**Eugene Ludwig, OFM Cap.**  
Professor of History and Patristic  
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**Education:** BA, St. Anthony’s College; BD, MTh, Maryknoll Seminary; MA, Manhattan College; ThD, Graduate Theological Union.

**Classes taught include:** Philosophy for Theology, Ancient Philosophy, Plato, Early Christianity (to 800), Patristics, History of Christianity, Hellenistic and Roman Philosophy.

**Research interests:** the interaction between Christianity and late antique society; Platonism during late antiquity; the relation between religion and philosophy; religious practices such as theurgy and magic; Cyril of Alexandria’s paschal letters; how the Church Fathers read St. Paul.

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**Michael Morris, OP**  
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**Education:** BFA, University of Southern California; BA, MDiv, St. Albert College; MA, PhD, University of California, Berkeley.

**Classes taught include:** Art and Religion in the Modern Era, Contemporary Cinema: Theological Reflection, Christian Iconography, The Bible in the Arts Seminar, Art, Ritual, and Culture.

**Research interests:** art history; film; pop culture; myth and legend; religious themes found in film in a systematic and categorical way inspired by Thomas Aquinas.

**Christopher Renz, OP**  
Assistant Professor of Religion and  
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**Education:** BS, St. Peter’s College; MDiv, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology; MA, Graduate Theological Union; PhD, Northwestern University.

**Classes taught include:** Food: Does Local Really Matter?, Poetry and Creative Intuition, Celebration of the Sacraments, Biotechnology and Spirituality.

**Research interests:** the interface between science and spirituality; sustainable alternatives to industrialized agriculture and food preparation; poetry; the interchange between religion, philosophy, and the fine arts.

**Anselm Ramelow, OP**  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
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**Education:** MA, University of Freiburg, Germany; MDiv, MA, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology; PhD, University of Munich, Germany.

**Courses taught include:** Modern Philosophy, Contemporary Philosophy, Hegel’s Aesthetics, What is a Person?, Hegel’s Philosophy of Religion.

**Research interests:** free will and its underlying metaphysics; philosophy of language; the concept of person; philosophical aesthetics; faith and reason; Thomas Aquinas; Kant and German Idealism; hermeneutics.

**Augustine Thompson, OP**  
Professor of History,  
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**Education:** BA, MA, The Johns Hopkins University; BA, MDiv, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology; PhD, University of California, Berkeley; STM, Order of Preachers.

**Classes taught include:** History of Christianity, History of Philosophy; History of Christian Eschatology, Medieval Christianity.

**Research interests:** Medieval Church history, especially of Italy; medieval philosophy, theology, and lay piety; history of canon law, preaching, and the mendicant orders.

**Marga Vega, PhD**  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
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**Education:** BA, University of Navarre, Spain; PhD, University of Valladolid, Spain.

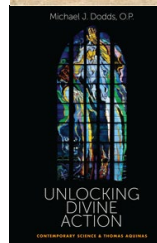
**Classes taught include:** Theory of Knowledge, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Society, Philosophy for Theology, Philosophy of Nature, Aristotelian Logic.

**Research interests:** cognition and language, aesthetics and metaphysics; Aristotle and philosophical anthropology; contemporary theory of metaphor; bridging the analytic and continental traditions; the history of philosophy.

## SELECT FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



**Fr. Augustine  
Thompson, OP, STM**  
*Francis of Assisi:  
A New Biography*



**Fr. Michael Dodds, OP**  
*Unlocking Divine Action—  
Contemporary Science and  
Thomas Aquinas*