

## Curriculum Vita of Eugene V. Torisky Jr.

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### Education

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| Ph.D. in applied philosophy  | Bowling Green State University | December 2001         |
| Dissertation: "The Possibility of Supererogation and the Integrity of the Moral Agent,"<br>Michael H. Robins, advisor. |                                |                       |
| M. A. in applied philosophy  | Bowling Green State University | May 1993              |
| M. A. work in political science,<br><b>no degree obtained</b>  | University of Pittsburgh       | August 1986-June 1988 |
| B. A. <i>magna cum laude</i> , Phi<br>Beta Kappa, university and<br>departmental honors                                | Bowling Green State University | May 1986              |

### Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Bioethics, Environmental Ethics, Logic

### Areas of Competence

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

### Academic Positions Held

- Associate professor with tenure, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. July 2008-present.
- Tenure-track assistant professor, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College. Fall 2002-spring 2008. Approved for tenure by the Board of Directors, March 14, 2008.
- Assistant Professor (Visiting), Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY. August 2001-May 2002.
- Visiting Scholar in Philosophy, Stetson University, DeLand, FL. August 2000-July 2001.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Stetson University. August 1998-July 2000.
- Adjunct Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. August 1997-May 1998.
- Adjunct Philosophy Instructor, Adult and Continuing Education / College of Liberal Arts, University of Findlay, Findlay, OH. August 1997-May 1998.

### Publications

- "Not a 'Feeling' But a Perceived Mystery: Martin Buber and the Redemption of Feeling in I-Thou Relationships." *The Religious Existentialists and the Redemption of Feeling*, Anthony Malagon and Abi Doukhan eds. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019: pp. 131-45.
- "Minimally Intentional Suicide and 'The Falling Man.'" *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 49 (1), March 2015, pp. 69-79. DOI 10.1007/s10790-014-9454-9.
- "Cartesian Doubt, Proustian Perception, Socratic Midwifery: Regendering Epistemology in

Dalton Trumbo's *Johnny Got His Gun*." *Contemporary Philosophy* XXVIII (4), Summer 2008, pp. 3-14.

- "Virtue in 'The Flash and Counter-Flash of Meeting': Martin Buber on Form and Human Development." *Contemporary Philosophy* XXVII (4), Spring 2007, pp. 55-62.
- "Hearts and Bones: Culture, Dialogue, and *Ex corde Ecclesiae*." In *Teaching, Faith, and Service: The Foundation of Freedom*, Rev. William Hund and Margaret Monahan Hogan eds. University of Portland, 2006, pp. 57-66.
- "Dalton Trumbo's *Johnny Got His Gun*: Literature in the Philosophy Classroom." *Teaching Philosophy* 23: 3, September 2000, pp. 255-268.
- "Van Parijs, Rawls, and Unconditional Basic Income." *Analysis* 53: 4, October 1993, pp. 289-297.

### Invited Articles

- Three articles for *The New Catholic Encyclopedia, Supplement 2012-2013: Ethics and Philosophy*. Farmington, MI: Gale Cengage, June 2013.
  - ¶ Original entry "As-If, Philosophy of," vol. 1, p. 128.
  - ¶ Original entry "Informal Logic," vol. 2, pp. 771-72.
  - ¶ Revision to existing entry "Psychologism," vol. 3, pp. 1279-80.

### In Progress

- "'Radiant in the Splendor of the Confrontation': *Form and Gestalt* in Martin Buber's *I and Thou*." Submitted to *PhaenEx: Journal of Phenomenological Theory and Culture*, a peer-reviewed electronic publication, February 7, 2016. Editor's initial decision: revise and resubmit, February 24, 2016. On hold pending substantial revisions.

### Conference Presentations

- "Not a 'Feeling' But a Perceived Mystery: Martin Buber on Education and Emotion." Conference on The Redemption of Feeling: The Religious Existentialists, Queens College, New York, December 4, 2015.
- "A Process Without (a) Hammer: Martin Buber on the Nature and Significance of Art." Conference on The Power of Beauty, Franciscan University of Steubenville, October 24, 2014.
- "Frey on Suicide." Eastern Pennsylvania Philosophy Association, Misericordia University, Dallas, PA, April 5, 2014.
- "Stability and Moral Consciousness: A Benedictine Approach to Environmental Ethics." 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Conference of *REALIA*, "Nature, Community, and the Individual." Vermillion, SD, July 31, 2012.
- "Process Without (A) Hammer: Martin Buber on the Role of Art." 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Summer Conference of *REALIA*, "Learning to See or Hear in a New Way: Aesthetics, Creativity, Genius." Hartford, CT, August 2, 2011.
- "A Gift Relationship? On the Legal, Moral, and Religious Responsibility to be an Organ Donor." 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Conference of *REALIA*, "Responsibility and Responsiveness." Latrobe, PA, July 21, 2010.
- "Can an Educational Relation Be Fully I-Thou?" 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Conference of *REALIA*, "Relations." Toronto, ON, August 3, 2009.

- “‘That Old-Fashioned Way of Understanding Reality’: Cardinal Schönborn and the Battle for Philosophy.” 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Conference of *REALIA*, “Philosophy and Global Crises.” South Portland, ME, August 3, 2008.
- “The Presumption of Just War Proportionality.” 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Conference of *REALIA*, “Philosophical Challenges in the Twenty-First Century.” Ithaca, NY, August 1, 2007.
- “Virtue in ‘The Flash and Counter-Flash of Meeting’: Martin Buber on Human Development.” 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Conference of *REALIA*, “Virtue by Edict, Virtue by Inspiration.” Burlington, VT, August 3, 2006.
- “Hearts and Bones: A View of Culture, Dialogue, and *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*.” Conference on Teaching, Faith, and Service: The Foundation of Freedom, sponsored by the University of Portland’s Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture and the University of Notre Dame’s Center for Ethics and Culture. Portland, OR, June 2-4, 2005.
- “The Two Faces of Moral Modesty.” 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry: “Reason and Obligation.” Baton Rouge, LA, April 8-10, 2005.
- “Justice and Organ Transplantation.” 30<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry: “Values in Health Care: Past, Present, and Future.” Milwaukee, WI, April 5, 2002.
- “Doing Justice to What is Beyond Justice: Supererogation and Social Ethics.” Florida Philosophical Association, Sarasota, FL, November 10, 2000.
- “Integrity and Supererogation in Ethical Communities.” Social Philosophy section, World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, MA, August 11, 1998. Text online at <http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Soci/SociTori.htm>.
- “Objectivity and Value: A World 3 Approach.” International Society for Value Inquiry, World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, MA, August 15, 1998.
- “Non-Trivial Decisions and the Paradox of Freedom.” Ohio Philosophical Association, Kent, OH, April 4, 1998.
- “Social Capital: Why It’s *Not* the Centerpiece of a Better Argument for Basic Income.” Sixth International Congress, Basic Income European Network, Vienna, Austria, September 12, 1996.
- “Kant’s Theory of Retributive Punishment Re-examined.” Indiana Philosophical Association, Greencastle, IN, November 5, 1994.

### Conference Organization

- Conference moderator, “Responsibility and Responsiveness.” 50<sup>th</sup> annual summer meeting of *REALIA*, Latrobe, PA, July 18-21, 2010. Refereed papers and organized the conference program, featuring twelve speakers over three conference days.
- Co-chair, “Chinese Philosophy: Past, Present, and Future.” Sponsored by the Loe China Studies Center; McKenna School of Business, Economics, and Government; and Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, April 1, 2004. Speakers: Tu Wei-Ming (Harvard University), Bryan Van Norden (Vassar College), H. Gene Blocker (Ohio University), Bro. Nicholas Koss, OSB (Fu Jen University, Taipei), Pan Hsiao-hui (Fu Jen University).

### Other Presentations

- “Ethics and Ebola.” Panel member for “A Day Focused on Ebola,” organized by Drs. Matt Fisher, Chemistry and Jennifer Koehl, Biology, and co-sponsored by a number of student organizations. Saint Vincent College, November 13, 2014. Other panelists: Dr. Bettie Davis, Chemistry; Prof. A. Mark Abramovic, Economics; and Dr. Elaine Bennett, Anthropology.
- “John Rawls and American Jurisprudence.” Presentation at “Justice as Truth and Process,” a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) course coordinated by Mr. Bruce Antkowiak, Esq., associate professor of criminal studies and college counsel, Saint Vincent College, August 24, 2014.
- “Socrates and the Falling Man.” First Fridays discussion facilitator, Saint Vincent College, February 7, 2014.
- Panel member, “Knowledge—What Does It Mean to You? Your Discipline? Your Faith?” Saint Vincent College, October 29, 2013. Other panelists: Dr. Matt Fisher, Chemistry; Dr. Jason Jividen, Politics; Dr. Kathleen Ramos, Education; Dr. Patricia Sharbaugh, Theology; and Dr. Michael Urick, Business Administration.
- “Frey on Suicide.” Ethics working group of the Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson University, Washington, PA, September 21, 2013.
- “Frey on Suicide.” Invited poster presentation for R. G. Frey memorial conference. Philosophy Department, Bowling Green State University, April 6, 2013.
- “Organ-ic Fairness and Mutual Aid: A Rawlsian Approach to Human Transplantation.” Saint Vincent College Fall Philosophy Colloquium, November 16, 2011.
- “Benedictine Sustainability in the Environmental Ethics Classroom.” Panel session participant in *The Incorporation of Sustainability into the Academic Dimensions of Our Work*, organized by Dr. Matt Fisher, Chemistry. Fourth Annual Benedictine Pedagogy Conference, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, June 4, 2010. Other panelists: Drs. Kevin Doyle (Benedictine University) and Donald Wortham (College of Saint Scholastica), and Fr. Nathan Munsch, OSB (Saint Vincent College).
- Discussion on ethics and religion in *Stranded: “I’ve Come from a Plane That Crashed on the Mountains”* (Gonzalo Arijón, director). Faculty Film Series, Student Affairs / Residence Life, Saint Vincent College, December 8, 2009.
- Education and college mission in light of a passage by Martin Buber. First Fridays discussion facilitator, Saint Vincent College, October 2, 2009.
- Discussion on aesthetic creativity and ethics in *Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould* (François Girard, director). Faculty Film Series, Student Affairs / Residence Life, Saint Vincent College, December 6, 2006.
- “Logic on the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT).” Pre-Law Club, Saint Vincent College, November 15, 2006. Also delivered November 21, 2004.
- “The Six Principles and Philosophy.” Panelist for *The Interdisciplinary Writing Program at Saint Vincent College*, National Conference of Teachers of English, Pittsburgh, PA, November 17, 2005, organized by Dr. Bill Snyder. Other participants: Drs. Bill Hisker and Steve Gravelle.
- “‘I must say what I feel and think in some way’: Charlotte Perkins Gilman Meets Søren Kierkegaard.” Common Texts Program summer seminar, Saint Vincent College, May 13, 2005.
- “Developing an Approach; The Application Essay; Letters of Recommendation.” Panelist for *The Graduate Application Process Seminar*, Saint Vincent College, March 17, 2005.
- “The War Against Terror: Is a Just War Possible?” Adams Memorial Library, Latrobe, PA,

September 21, 2004.

- “Ethical Leadership.” Certified Emerging Leadership Program, Office of Student Affairs, Saint Vincent College, February 13, 2004.
- “Rachel Carson, Derek Parfit, and Five Mistakes in Moral Mathematics.” Common Texts Program summer seminar, Saint Vincent College, May 14, 2003.
- “Ethical Status and the Environment.” Biology majors fall dinner / discussion, Saint Vincent College, October 2002.

### Seminars and Advanced Training

- Saint Vincent College, “The Benedictine Aspect of the Saint College Mission: ‘The Love of Learning and the desire for God.’” Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, May 22-24, 2019.
- Six credits of Continuing Legal Education (CLE), from presenting at and participating in John Rawls seminar, August 24, 2014. See Other Presentations, above.
- Association of Benedictine Colleges and Universities, “Orienting New Members to Our Benedictine Learning Communities.” Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, May 28-30, 2009.
- University of Pittsburgh / Office of Human Research Protection Seminar, “Advancing Human Subject Protection: Here and Now.” Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, PA, June 22, 2007.
- National Science Foundation Chautauqua Summer Seminar, “Science and Social Justice,” Alan McGowan moderator. State University of New York—Stony Brook (Manhattan campus), New York, NY, June 10-12, 2004.
- National Science Foundation Chautauqua Summer Seminar, “Using Cases in Bioethics,” Denise Dudzinski, Ph.D. moderator. University of Washington, Seattle, WA, July 16-18, 2003.
- “Using Blackboard and Related Classroom Technology.” Link to Learn Grant Program, Saint Vincent College, June 2002.

### Awards and Honors

- Summer research grant for “Martin Buber on *Form* and *Gestalt*.” Faculty Development Program, Saint Vincent College, summer 2007.
- Named to 2005-2006 *Who’s Who Among American Teachers*.
- Summer research grant for “Martin Buber, Moral Obligation, and Supererogation.” Faculty Development Program, Saint Vincent College, summer 2005.
- Course release, Saint Vincent College, fall 2004.
- Nominated for the William Hugh McEniry Award for Excellence in Teaching, Stetson University, spring 2000.

### Teaching Experience

Current Teaching Rotation at Saint Vincent College:

*Logic and Philosophy of Knowledge* Fall semester

*Bioethics*

*Logic and Philosophy of Knowledge*  
(combined College / Seminary)

*First Philosophy* (two sections)

*Environmental Ethics*

Spring semester

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*First Philosophy or Logic or Ethics or other*

Courses Taught:

**Saint Vincent College**

<i>Philosophy and Film: Existentialism(s)</i>	Fall 2018
<i>First Philosophy: First Year Seminar</i>	Fall 2017, 2015, 2013
<i>Logic and Philosophy of Knowledge</i>	Fall 2018, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
<i>First Philosophy (honors section)</i>	Spring 2017, 2016, 2008, 2007
<i>Philosophy and Dialogue</i>	Fall 2016
<i>Ethical Problems</i>	Summer 2016, Spring 2013, Spring 2008, Fall 2002
<i>Logic (honors section)</i>	Spring 2015, Fall 2006, Fall 2005
<i>Theories of Justice</i>	Fall 2011
<i>Independent Study: Bioethics and Alzheimer's Disease, Agency and Caregiving</i>	Summer 2009
<i>Political Philosophy: The Value(s) of Community</i>	Fall 2007, Fall 2005
<i>Philosophy of Law</i>	Fall 2006
<i>Independent Study: Bioethics in Public Health</i>	Spring 2006
<i>Independent Study: Russian Philosophy</i>	Spring 2006
<i>Ethics (honors section)</i>	Fall 2003

**Ithaca College**

<i>Medical Ethics (two sections each)</i>	Spring 2002, Fall 2001
<i>Applied Ethics</i>	Spring 2002
<i>Ethics and Welfare</i>	Spring 2002
<i>Introduction to Philosophy (two sections)</i>	Fall 2001

**Stetson University**

<i>Applied Ethics</i>	Summer 2001, Summer 2000, Spring 2000, Summer 1999, Fall 1998 (two sections)
<i>Introduction to Logic</i>	Spring 2000, Fall 1999, Spring 1999, Fall 1998
<i>Theories of Justice</i>	Spring 2000
<i>Philosophy of Law</i>	Fall 1999
<i>Ethics (upper division seminar)</i>	Fall 1999
<i>Medical Ethics</i>	Spring 1999
<i>Varieties of Ethical Theory</i>	Spring 1999

**University of Findlay**

<i>Health Care Ethics (two sections)</i>	Spring 1998
<i>Introduction to Ethics</i>	Spring 1998, Fall 1997
<i>Introduction to Philosophy (two sections)</i>	Fall 1997

**Bowling Green State University**

<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>	Fall 1997
<i>Introduction to Ethics</i>	Summer 1996, Summer 1993

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<i>Philosophy of Law</i>	Spring 1996
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> (honors section)	Fall 1995
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i>	Summer 1995, Fall 1992
<i>Introduction to Logic</i>	Spring 1994

**University of Pittsburgh**

<i>Political Theory from Machiavelli to Rousseau</i>	Spring 1988
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## Undergraduate Thesis Supervision:

- Alexander Schwartz, “Engineering Ethics: Why We Need Them, How We Should Learn Them, and Putting Them Into Action.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, December 2016. Judged by committee to fulfill requirements with highest distinction. Mr. Schwartz, who double-majored in engineering, has returned to the USA after working with the Peace Corps in western Africa.
- Jonathan Jacobeen, “Religious Knowledge and Belief.” Senior examination, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, March 2014. Fulfilled requirements.
- David J. (Jesse) Hicks, “Kantian Ethics in Defense of Environmentalism.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, May 2013. Fulfilled requirements.
- Michael Cartier, “Contraception: A Philosophical Review.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, April 2010. Fulfilled requirements.
- Gabriel Jakubisin, “The Importance of Saying ‘You’: Martin Buber on the I-Thou Relationship.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, April 2010. Fulfilled requirements with distinction. Mr. Jakubisin is now a high school theology teacher.
- Walter Drennen, the U.S. Constitution and moral perfectionism (research only), Saint Vincent College, fall 2008-spring 2009.
- Jacob Bethem, “A Systematic Approach to Neglected Culture As Seen in Language and Ethics.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, January 2009. Fulfilled requirements. Mr. Bethem has earned an M. A. in philosophy from the University of Tennessee and an M. S. M. in Lean Management from Saint Vincent College. He is working as an adjunct philosophy instructor.
- David Nowakowski, “Social Values, Character Formation, and Epistemology: Plato’s Theory of Democracy in the *Laws* and *Republic*.” Senior Thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, April 2008. Fulfilled requirements with highest distinction. Dr. Nowakowski earned a Ph. D. in philosophy at Princeton University, and has taught at William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ and Union College in Schenectady, NY.
- Michael Rumpf, “The Language-Game Model and Its Description of the Function of Language in the Context of Human Inter-Subjectivity.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, April 2008. Fulfilled requirements with distinction. Mr. Rumpf is now a Camaldolese Benedictine monk in Bloomingdale, OH.
- Charles Cunningham, “Utilitarian Ethics Systematized Using a Parallel Interpretation of Aristotle’s Golden Mean.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, December 2007. Fulfilled requirements.
- Cheryl Devaney, “Beyond the Utilitarian Solution: Exploring Ethical Questions and Difficulties through the Science Fiction of Ursula Le Guin.” Senior board (thesis) in English and Philosophy,

Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2007 (invited outside reader). Graded A.

- Elizabeth H. H. Lundquist, “The Case for an Evolvement Paradigm.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, April 2007. Fulfilled requirements.
- James (Br. Dominic) Shipsky, “Williams James: An American Forerunner of Phenomenology.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Saint Vincent College, September 2005. Fulfilled requirements with distinction.
- Brian Mistler, “A Defense of Multivalent Logic and Vagueness in Natural Language.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Stetson University, May 2000. An excerpt was presented under the same title at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, March 15-17, 2001. Dr. Mistler is now a psychologist and coordinator of research at the Center for Counseling and Student Wellness, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and a licensed American Gestalt therapist.
- Mindy Cecil, ethics and mythology (research only), Stetson University, fall 1999.
- John Honker, “Wittgenstein and the Concept of Personhood.” Senior thesis, Department of Philosophy, Stetson University, May 1999.

### **Professional Service at Saint Vincent College**

- Rank and Tenure Committee, alternate member, to begin fall 2019. (Pending Board of Directors approval of committee restructuring.)
- HFA representative to the Compensation Committee, fall 2015-present.
- Faculty member of Healthcare Task Force, fall 2018-present; fall 2013-fall 2014.
- Interim member of Student, Faculty, Administrator, and Benedictine Committee, spring 2015.
- Member of Faculty Council and chair of the Compensation Committee, fall 2009-spring 2011.
- Rank and Tenure Committee, alternate member representing the School of Humanities and Fine Arts, fall 2009-spring 2012.
- Chair of Philosophy Department, July 2008-June 2012.
- Chair of search committee for tenure-track position in philosophy, fall 2008-spring 2009. Dr. Margaret Watkins hired as of fall 2009, received tenure and promoted spring 2013.
- Member of search committee for tenure-track position in philosophy, fall 2006-spring 2007. Dr. Michael Krom hired as of fall 2007, received tenure and promoted spring 2012.
- Member of Mission and Integrity subcommittee, Middle States Self-Study Committee, spring 2006-fall 2007.
- Member of Educational Policies Committee (EPC), fall 2004-spring 2008. Two terms as EPC chair, fall 2006-spring 2008.
- Member of EPC’s Subcommittee on the Core Curriculum, fall 2004-spring 2005.
- Member of Institutional Research Board (IRB) for human subjects, fall 2003-fall 2011.
- Member of Pre-Law Committee, fall 2003-present.
- Advisor, Undeclared Majors Program, fall 2003-July 2008.
- Humanities and Fine Arts School representative to the Instructional Technology Committee, fall 2003-spring 2008.
- Member of Assessment Task Force, fall 2003-spring 2004.
- Member of Honors faculty, summer 2003-present.
- Member of Common Texts Program, summer 2002-spring 2010.
- Member of Interdisciplinary Writing Program, summer 2002-present. Member of steering committee to revamp the program, spring 2008-spring 2010.

### Professional Service Elsewhere

- Referee for *The Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, January 2018-January 2019.
- Assistant editor of *Contemporary Philosophy*, July 2009-June 2011.
- Referee for *The Journal of Value Inquiry*, summer 2006-summer 2012.

### Community Service

- Comment on Franklin G. Miller, “Physician-Assisted Death and Journalism Ethics.” *Bioethics Forum*, Hastings Center website, December 11, 2019. <https://www.thehastingscenter.org/physician-assisted-death-and-journalistic-ethics/>. Uninvited critical contribution to a moderated public forum, which ran however without any editorial changes—at 657 words, the comment is one-third longer than the original article.
- Letter to the editor on race, justice, and the Antwon Rose case, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, March 27, 2019, page A6. <https://triblive.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor-readers-weigh-in-on-rosfeld-trial-protests/>.
- Public comment for proposed revision of federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regulation on the “conscience clause,” submitted February 8, 2018 (3 pp).
- Letter to the editor on the dangers of acute altitude sickness to casual travelers, *Latrobe Bulletin*, October 10, 2017.
- Letter to the editor on Donald Trump, fear-mongering speech, and the killings in Olathe, KS, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, February 28, 2017, page A6. <http://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/letters/2017/02/28/Trump-s-failure-to-condem-the-Kansas-shooting-speaks-volumes/stories/201702280111>.
- Food bank. Drove twelve first-year students plus a program mentor from Act 101 / Opportunity SVC / SSS-TRIO’s three-week summer program to site; assisted clients with food selection and loading. Sponsored by Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Greensburg, PA, August 1, 2015. Also drove support vehicle and helped chaperone the entire Opportunity group (47 students) for a scheduled educational experience. Fallingwater, Bear Run, PA, August 9, 2015.
- Speech and debate judge for final rounds in extemporaneous and impromptu speaking. Bowling Green State University Falcon Fest (competitive speech tournament), under the auspices of the National Forensics Association. Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, November 16, 2013.
- Merit badge counselor (Citizenship in the Nation, two sessions). Merit Badge Day, sponsored by Troop 304, Boy Scouts of America, co-chartered by Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Holy Family Catholic Church, Latrobe, PA, March 2, 2013. Similar session (teaching Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation) on March 3, 2012.
- Counselor / facilitator for *Ad Altare Dei* and *Pope Pius XII* Awards (optional religious medals for Roman Catholic Boy Scouts). Diocese of Greensburg under the aegis of the National Committee for Catholic Scouting, training completed April 14 / June 9, 2012.
- VIRTUS training against sexual abuse for service in Catholic parishes (required for counseling the above awards). Diocese of Greensburg, initial completion May 2012.
- Letter to the editor on the debate surrounding the Penn State child abuse scandal, *Latrobe Bulletin*, November 29, 2011, page 4.
- Cubmaster, Pack 304, co-chartered by Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church and Holy

Family Catholic Church, spring 2011-summer 2013.

- Presentation on the history of American education and its importance, Scholar Activity Badge. Webelos Den, Pack 304, June 2, 2010.
- Assistant Den Leader, Wolf Den, Pack 304, spring 2010-spring 2011.
- Letter to the editor on race in modern American life, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, August 30, 2009, page B2. <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/09242/994004-110.stm>.
- Letter to the editor on Sarah Palin and American exceptionalism, *New York Times* on-line edition, September 25, 2008, <http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html>.
- Letter to the editor on productive Democratic presidential debates, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, May 1, 2008, page B6.
- Letter to the editor on ethics and educational community, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 11, 2008, page A55.
- Letter to the editor on political rhetoric on the war in Iraq and defeat of Joe Lieberman, *Pittsburgh Tribune Review*, August 16, 2006, page A14.
- Merit badge counselor (Citizenship in the Nation). Merit Badge University, Boy Scouts of America / Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. Saint Vincent College, April 1, 2006. Also volunteered for a similar event on March 27, 2004.
- Letter to the editor on fear-mongering in American terrorism policy, *Time Magazine*, November 8, 2004, page 15. <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,995563-2,00.html>.
- Letter to the editor on jingoistic responses to the Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper series on Tiger Force and Vietnam War atrocities, *Toledo Blade*, April 8, 2004.
- Letter to the editor on the Vatican's stance on the war with Iraq, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, March 17, 2003. <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/05294/592371-110.stm>.