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EDUCATION

Habilitation (2010), Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg. Manuscript entitled: *An Anthropology in 'Tension': The Mystery of the Human Person in the Trinitarian Theology of Adrienne von Speyr and her Influence upon Hans Urs von Balthasar.*

Doctor (1995) in Sacred Theology, The Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family (Washington D.C.). Dissertation directed by Professor David Schindler: *Christological and Marian Mediation: The Dramatic Integration of Human Freedom into Divine Communion according to Hans Urs von Balthasar* (Ann Arbor, MI: U.M.I.).

Licentiate (1990) in Sacred Theology, University of Fribourg. Thesis directed by Professor Jean-Pierre Torrell, O.P. *Redemption: For the Glory of God and the Dignity of Man.*

Bachelor of Arts (1987) in Philosophy from The College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN (USA).

POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH & STUDY

1997–2010 External Research Collaborator (“Collaboratrice scientifique externe”), Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg.

2002–2005 Independent Researcher, Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg, Sponsored by the Swiss National Science Foundation.

1996–1997 Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Katholisch theologisches Seminar, Abteilung Dogmatik; Research Director: Professor Peter Hünermann.

GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS / RESEARCH SUBSIDIES

2002–2005 Swiss National Science Foundation.

1996–1997 Hans Seidel Stiftung Stipendium (University of Tübingen, Germany).

1991–1992 McGivney Scholarship (John Paul II Institute, Washington, D.C.).

1989–90/91–92 Justin Fund Scholarship (University of Fribourg, Switzerland).

WORK EXPERIENCE

2002 – 2005 Research Doctor Assistant, Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation).

1994 – 1996 Director of Family Life and Social Justice for the Diocese of Yakima, WA (USA).

1992 – 1994 Administrative Assistant for The National Institute for the Word of God, Washington, D.C.

PUBLICATIONS

(a) Books

Authored

A Trinitarian Anthropology: Adrienne von Speyr and Hans Urs von Balthasar in Dialogue with St. Thomas Aquinas. Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2014.

In Preparation

Feminism Caught Between Naturalism and Personalism: Towards a Holistic Anthropology of Fruitful Complementarity. Stubenville, OH: Emmaus Publishing. Renewal Within Tradition Series.

Human Ecology and Sexual Ethics: A Return to Nature in Ethical Discourse.

God Acting in Man: Restoring The Nature-Freedom Divide in Aquinas's Natural Desire to See God Doctrine

Edited

Femmes dans le Christ. Vers un nouveau féminisme. Toulouse: Éditions du Carmel, 2003.

English edition: *Women in Christ: Towards a New Feminism.* Cambridge, UK / Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2004.

Polish edition: *Kobiety w Chrystusie. W stronę nowego feminizmu.* Warsaw: Centrum Myśli Jana Pawła II, 2008.

(b) Articles / Book Chapters

“Gender and Revelation.” In Balázs M. Mezei, Francesca Aran Murphy, and Kenneth Oakes (eds). *The Oxford Handbook of Divine Revelation.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Trinity in Hans Urs von Balthasar.” In Michael Altenburger and Jacob W. Wood (eds.). *Illuminating Modernity: Thomas Aquinas and Hans Urs von Balthasar.* London: T & T Clark, 2020.

“The Reunification of Personalism and Naturalism in the Conjugal Act: Fr. Pinckaers’ Contribution to the ‘Inseparable Connection’ between the Unitive and the Procreative Meanings of Spousal Love.” In Michael Sherwin (ed.). *Virtue Applied. Theology of Virtue and Contemporary Questions.* 2020.

“Marian Faith in a Time of Crisis.” *Nova et Vetera* (English Edition). 2019, 17, no. 2: 323-338. (Also published in: *Mary and the Crisis in the Church.* Edited by Roger W. Nutt. Ave Maria, FL: Sapientia Press, 2019).

“Une lamentation de l’éros. Cinquante ans plus tard, la révolution sexuelle remise en question.” *Nova et Vetera* (French edition). 2019, 94, no. 4.

“Human Ecology and the Prophetic Value of *Humanae Vitae*.” *Nova et Vetera* (English Edition). 2018, 16, no. 4: 1227-1260. (Not to be confused with the article bearing a similar title, published in 2015 on the website of the Pontifical Council for the Family).

“Plaidoyer pour les normes anthropologiques à l’occasion des 50 ans de *Humanae Vitae* et des 25 ans de *Veritatis Splendor*.” *Nova et Vetera* (French edition). 2018, 93, no. 3: 269-304.

- “A Lamentation of *Eros*: Challenging the Sexual Revolution Fifty Years Later.” In Janet Smith (ed.). *Why Humanae Vitae is Still Right*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2018, 227-246.
- “*Apostolicam Actuositatem*.” In Matthew Lamb and Matthew Levering (eds.). *The Reception of Vatican II*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017, 234-265.
- “Gender Ideology and the ‘Artistic’ Fabrication of Human Sex: Nature as Norm or the Remaking of the Human?,” *The Thomist*. 2016, 80, no. 3: 363-423.
- “Des amours de différentes sortes. Féminisme, nature et anthropologie. Qu’est-ce que l’amour peut bien avoir à faire avec tout cela ?” *Revue d’éthique et de théologie morale*. 2016, nr. 290: 11-33.
- “Redonner à la chasteté ses lettres de nobles par l’apologie de l’éros.” *Carmel. Revue trimestrielle de spiritualité chrétienne*. 2016, nr. 159: 75-83.
- “Feminist Christologies.” In Francesca Aran Murphy (ed.). *Oxford Handbook on Christology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015, 408-424.
- “The Meaning of Freedom and the Redefinition of Marriage.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*. 2015, 18, no. 3: 113-122.
- “La réalité de la sexualité humaine à la lumière de *Veritatis Splendor*.” *Nova et Vetera*. French Edition, 2015, 90, no. 3: 337-356.
- “Deseos Personales, Inclinaciones Naturales y el Significado del Amor.” *Estudios*. 2015, 113, vol. XIII (verano 2015), 67-101.
- “A Plea for Human Ecology: On the Prophetic Vocation of *Humanae Vitae* Today.” Pontifical Council for the Laity, Women’s Section: <http://www.laici.va/content/dam/laici/documenti/donna/teologia/english/humanae-vitae2%20-%20M%20Schumacher.pdf>
- “A Plea for the Traditional Family: Situating Marriage within John Paul II’s Realist, or Personalist, Perspective of Human Freedom.” *Linacre Quarterly*. 2014, 81, no. 4: 314-342. Also published on the website of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Women’s Section: <http://www.laici.va/content/dam/laici/documenti/donna/teologia/english/Marriage%20and%20JPIIs%20perspective%20on%20freedom%20Schumacher.pdf>
Also available at : <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4240059/>
- “A Woman in Stone or in the Heart of Man?,” *Solidarity: The Journal of Catholic Social Thought and Secular Ethics*. 2014, 4: 1 Available at: <http://researchonline.nd.edu.au/solidarity/vol4/iss1/2>
- “The Human and Legal Base for Protection and Support of the Family.” In Working Papers on *Promoting Human Rights and Freedoms by Upholding Legal and Social Protection for the Traditional Family*. On the Occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the United Nations International Year of the Family and the 30th Anniversary of the Holy See’s Charter of the Rights of the Family. Caritas in Veritate Foundation. Geneva: <http://fciv.org/downloads/Schumacher.pdf>
- “Woman’s Self-Interest or Sacrificial Motherhood: Personal Desires, Natural Inclinations and the Meaning of Love.” *The Thomist*. 2013, 77, no.1, 71-101. [Also published on the website of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Women’s Section: <http://www.laici.va/content/dam/laici/documenti/donna/filosofia/english/Woman%27s%20self-interest%20or%20sacrificial%20motherhood-Schumacher%20DEF.pdf>].
- “A Woman in Stone or in the Heart of Man? Navigating between Naturalism and Idealism in the Spirit of *Veritatis Splendor*.” *Nova et Vetera*. English Edition 11, no. 4 (Fall 2013): 1249-1286.

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<http://www.laici.va/content/dam/laici/documenti/donna/teologia/english/John%20Paul%20II%20Theology%20of%20the%20Body.pdf>

“*Le Conflit* entre « la femme » et « la mère » selon Élisabeth Badinter. Une confrontation entre Mère Nature et Dieu le Père, Créateur.” *Nova et Vetera*. French Edition. 2012, 87: 2: 193-223. Also published on the website of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Women's Section :

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“Przedmowa do Polskiego Wydania” (“Forward to the Polish Edition of *Women in Christ*”). In Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Kobiety w Chrystusie. W stronę nowego feminizmu*. Warsaw: Centrum Myśli Jana Pawła II, 2008, 7-18.

“Ecclesial Existence: Person and Community in the Anthropological Theology of Adrienne von Speyr.” *Modern Theology* 24: 3 (July 2008): 359-385.

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“A Speyrian Anthropology: The Expansion of Human Liberty to the ‘Measure’ of the Divine” in Michael Dauphinais and Matthew Levering (eds.), *Wisdom and Holiness, Science and Scholarship: Essays in Honor of Matthew L. Lamb*. Naples, FL: Sapientia Press, 2007, 315-352.

“La vocation de la femme selon une anthropologie de communion.” *Bulletin de Littérature Ecclésiastique*, 2007, 108/3: 397-404.

“A Speyrian Theology of the Body” in Donald Calloway, MIC, (ed.), *The Virgin Mary and the Theology of the Body*. Stockbridge, MA: Marian Press, 2005, 243-283.

“Towards a Spirituality of Poverty,” *Nova et Vetera*. English Edition 2005, 3:2: 217-230.

“Leben in der Begegnung der Gaben. Die existentielle Theologie Adriennes von Speyr.” *Internationale katholische Zeitschrift Communio*, 2003, Heft 6, 601-614.

“Introduction à un nouveau féminisme” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Femmes dans le Christ. Vers un nouveau féminisme*. Toulouse: Éditions du Carmel, 2003, 8-17.

- [“Introduction to a New Feminism” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Women in Christ: Towards a New Feminism*. Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, MI, 2004, ix-vxi].
- “La nature dans le féminisme: du dualisme à l’unité” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Femmes dans le Christ. Vers un nouveau féminisme*. Toulouse, Éditions du Carmel, 2003, 95-142. [“The ‘Nature’ of Nature in Feminism: From Dualism to Unity” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Women in Christ: Towards a New Feminism*, Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, MI, 2004, 17-51].
- “Expérience féministe et expérience de foi” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Femmes dans le Christ. Vers un nouveau féminisme*. Toulouse, Éditions du Carmel, 2003, 251-293. [“Feminine Experience and Religious Experience” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Women in Christ: Towards a New Feminism*, Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, MI, 2004, 169-200].
- “Vers une nouvelle sacramentalité féministe du corps” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Femmes dans le Christ. Vers un nouveau féminisme*. Toulouse, Éditions du Carmel, 2004, 294-336. [“Towards a New Feminist Theology of the Body” in Michele M. Schumacher (ed.), *Women in Christ: Towards a New Feminism*, Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, MI, 2004, 201-231].
- “An Inseparable Connection: The Fruitfulness of Conjugal Love and the Divine Norm,” English edition of *Nova et Vetera*. 2003, 1:2: 137-158 [This is a reprint of that which appeared in *Lugano Theological Review*. 1999, 4: 465-484].
- “The Martyr Status of the Aborted Child: A Share in Christ’s Witness to the Father of Mercies.” In Aidan Nichols (ed.), *Abortion and Martyrdom*. Herefordshire, England: Gracewing, 2002, 63-78.
- “Vers une approche spirituelle de la pauvreté,” *Nova et Vetera*. 2002, 77 : 1 : 51-63.
- “Women in the Teaching of John Paul II.” In *The Wisdom of John Paul II: A Summary*. London: The Catholic Truth Society, 2001, 64-74.
- “Therese, Woman in the Church.” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*. 2000, 3:3: 122-151.
- “Thérèse, femme dans l’Église.” In Denis Chardonens and Philippe Hugo (eds.). *Thérèse de Lisieux, Docteur de l’Église. L’apport théologique de sainte Thérèse de l’Enfant-Jésus, docteur de l’Église*. Fribourg and Toulouse: Éditions Universitaires Fribourg Suisse and Éditions Carmel France, 2000, 66-99.
- “The Concept of Redemption in the Theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar.” *Theological Studies*. 1999, 60:1: 53-71.
- “An Inseparable Connection: The Fruitfulness of Conjugal Love and the Divine Norm.” *Lugano Theological Review*. 1999, 4: 465-484.
- “The Prophetic Vocation of Women and the Order of Love” in *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture*. 1999 2:2: 147-192.
- “Eucharistic Evangelization.” *The Church’s Mission of Evangelization: Essays in Honor of His Excellency, The Most Reverend Agostino Cacciavillan*. Edited by William May. Steubenville, OH: Franciscan University Press, 1996, 191-204.
- “The Eucharistic Meaning of Marriage.” In *Anthropotes: Rivista de Studi sulla Persona e Famiglia*. (Rome), 1994, 10:2: 161-176.

(c) Spiritual Reflections

- “A Holy Warfare: A Plea for Vigilance in this Moment of Darkness.” *Catholic World Report*. August 28, 2018. <https://www.catholicworldreport.com/2018/09/11/a-holy-warfare-a-plea-for-vigilance-in-this-moment-of-darkness/>
- Contributing author (of nineteen reflections) to *Praying With St. Matthew's Gospel*. Yonkers, NY: Magnificat USA, 2010, 81-91, 295-305.
- “Mary's School of Praise,” Reflection based on Luke 1:6-56, in: *The Magnificat Advent Companion*. Yonkers, NY: Magnificat USA, 2010, 44.
- “Magnificat and the Prayer Life of the Christian Couple.” *Pilgrimage of Hope Companion*. Yonkers, NY: Magnificat USA, 2009, 2-22.
- “The Righteousness of the Spirit.” Reflection based on Luke 1: 5-25. In: *The Magnificat Advent Companion*. Yonkers, NY: Magnificat USA, 2009, 39.
- “Le oui de Marie.” In Dossier Pédagogique, Camps-Vocations 2007, Centre Romand de Vocations, 2007, 1-10.

(d) Interviews

- « La théologie du corps au secours du féminisme ». In *Famille chrétienne*, hors-série, no. 25 (June 2018): *Femme, chrétienne et libérée, est-ce possible ?*, 35-41.
- Interview with Fr. Dominic Legge, O.P., on the Church's teaching on Contraception. EWTN Radio, Morning Glory, June 2, 2017: <https://soundcloud.com/ewtn-radio/morning-glory-for-friday-june-2-2017-with-father-dominic-legge>
- « Débat : Eglise et famille, vers plus d'ouverture ? ». With historian Michel Grandjean. *Faut-pas-croire*, Télévision suisse romand (RTS). October 4, 2015: <http://www.rts.ch/play/tv/faut-pas-croire/video/debat-eglise-et-famille-vers-plus-douverture?id=7139438>
- Human Rights Council of the United Nations, Geneva. Parallel event sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations and Specialized Agencies in Geneva in Conjunction with the 22nd Session of the United Nations (UN). “Promoting Human Rights and Freedoms by Upholding Legal and Social Protection for the Traditional Family.” *The Human and Legal Base for Protection and Support of the Family*, 18 mars 2013.
- « Il y a un vrai génie féminin ». Interview conducted by Aude Pidoux. In *L'Echo Magazine*. L'hebdomadaire familial chrétien, Geneva, no. 37 (13 September 2012), 12-13: http://www.echomagazine.ch/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=155&Itemid=2
- “Famille sacrée, sacrée famille.” Interview in the program, *A vue d'esprit*. Radio et Télévision suisse romande, Espace 2. Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 10.30 - 11.00: <http://www.rts.ch/espace-2/programmes/a-vue-d-esprit/4013519-a-vue-d-esprit-du-06-06-2012.html>
- “Toward a New Feminism: Interview with Author Michele Schumacher,” Zenit (English edition); March 8, 2007; code: ZE07030829. Also available at: <http://www.catholic.org/featured/headline.php?ID=4127&wf=rsscola> and at: <http://cantate-domino.blogspot.ch/2007/03/interview-with-michele-schumacher.html>
- “Auf dem Weg zu einem neuen Feminismus, Interview mit Michelle Schumacher,” Zenit (German edition), March 8, 2007; codice: ZG07030808
- “A l'image de Marie” in the dossier, *L'Eglise et les femmes : Parfum de femmes sur le Vatican* in *Coopération* (Suisse), n. 40 (29 septembre 2004): 8-15.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Chargée de cours, *Agir humain* [Human Action], cours principal, Chaire de théologie morale fondamentale, Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg. Fall semester.
- 2015 / 2017 / 2019 Chargée de cours, *Christian Sexual Ethics*. Chaire de théologie morale fondamentale, Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg. Fall semester.
- 2007 / 2009 / 2011 / 2013 Chargée de cours, *L'éthique sexuelle et familiale*. Chaire de théologie morale fondamentale, Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg. Fall semester.
- 2004 / 2006 *Morale sexuelle et morale familiale. Perspectives contemporaines*, Chaire de théologie morale fondamentale, Faculty of Theology, University of Fribourg: 3 conferences and a round-table. Fall semester.
- 1994 – 96 Professor in a Master's Degree Program in Theological Studies, a joint effort of the University of Dallas and the Archdiocese of Portland, Oregon. Classes taught: *Scripture Survey*, *Christian Anthropology*, and *The Writings of Pope John Paul II*.
- 1994 – 96 Teacher in different programs for the Diocese of Yakima, WA (USA). Topics: *Christology*, *Trinity*, *Christian Anthropology*, *Scripture* (Old and New Testaments), *Sacraments*, *Morality*, *Social Justice*, *Marriage and Family*, *Women in the Church and Society*.
- 1995 Teacher in the Ministry Certification Program for the Archdiocese of Portland (*Sacraments of Initiation*).
- 1994 Teacher in the Ministry Education Program for the Archdiocese of Portland (*Old Testament*).
- 1991 – 93 Tutor of master students at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute, Washington DC
- 1988 – 90 Catechist at Bruder Klaus Catholic Church in Berne (Switzerland) and English teacher to business professionals at "l'Academie des langues" in Fribourg.
- 1985-87 Tutor of writing and of philosophy at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN (USA)

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

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- 17/12/2018 Martine (Claire de l'Eucharistie) Leuridan, « D'après la théologie du corps de Jean Paul II, la "honte" de Gn 3 constituerait-elle un atout pour l'homme ? ».
- 10/10/2018 Isolde Cambournac, « La masculinité et la féminité à la lumière de l'anthropologie de Thomas d'Aquin ».
- 12/16/2016 Melanie Susan Barrett, "Suffering and the Moral Life in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas".
- 05/31/2013 Susan Waldstein, "Mercy and Self Gift: Exploring the Implicit Connections between Charles De Konick's Evolutionary Biology and Theological Principles".
- 11/09/2012 Alan O'Sullivan, O.P., "Self-Mastery and the Gift of Self: John Paul II's Re-presentation of Chastity from the Perspective of the Moral Wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas".