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Frederick Aquino is professor of theology and philosophy in the GST and director of the undergraduate philosophy minor at ACU. He earned his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology at Southern Methodist University (2000). His publications are in the areas of religious epistemology, spiritual perception, John Henry Newman, and Maximus the Confessor. He is currently working on a constructive account of spiritual perception and on the relevance of John Henry Newman's thought for issues in contemporary epistemology.

He is married to Michelle and has a son, David, and a daughter, Elizabeth. When he is not teaching and researching, Frederick enjoys traveling, taking walks, listening to music, viewing and discussing films, and watching the Buffalo Bills.

He also serves as the preaching minister for the Avenue B Church of Christ in Ballinger, TX.

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Education

Ph.D., Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2000
Research Area: Systematic Theology; Dissertation: *The Illative Sense of Reasoning: The Significance of John Henry Newman's Notion of the Illative Sense for Issues in Theological Prolegomena*

M.A., New Testament Greek, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 1994
Thesis: *The Concept of Revelation in Rudolf Bultmann and Paul Ricoeur*

M.Div., Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 1993

B.A., Biblical Studies, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, 1989

Research Interests

Religious Epistemology, Epistemology of Theology, John Henry Newman**,** Virtue Epistemology, Maximus the Confessor, Philosophical Issues in Theology, Philosophy of Religion.

Experience

Professor, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, (promoted) spring 2011-present.

Associate Professor, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, (tenured) fall 2006-spring 2011.

Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, spring 2001-spring 2006.

Undergraduate Courses: BIBD/PHIL 380 Intro to Philosophy, HCOL 431 Human Selfhood, HCOL 431 Artificial Intelligence (team taught with Dr. Brent Reeves), BIBD/PHIL 478 Philosophy of Religion, BIBD/PHIL 486 Ethics, BIBD/PHIL 487 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, BIBD/PHIL 489 Modern Philosophy, PHIL 379, Science, Philosophy and Religion (team taught with Dr. Paul Morris).

Graduate Classes: BIBD 640 Connecting Scripture and Theology (team taught with Dr. Mark Hamilton), BIBD 640 Theology of Church Music (team taught with Dr. Greg Straughn), BIBD 642 Contemporary Religious Thought, BIBD 660 Intro to

Systematic Theology I, BIBD 661 Theological Explorations, BIBD 686 Christian Ethics, BIBD 678 Philosophy of Religion, BIBM 711 Preaching and Theology (team taught with Dr. David Fleer), BIBM 740 Theology of Culture, BIBD 661 Epistemology of Theology, BIBD 640 Ancient and Medieval Theology, BIBD 661 Epistemology of Theology.

Visiting Professor: *Philosophy of Religion*, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, June 2002.

Visiting Professor: *Modern French Philosophy*, Carmel de la Paix Monastery and Notre Dame De L'Hermitage, France, July 2002.

Related Experience

Director, Philosophy Minor, Abilene Christian University, fall 2019-present.

Director, Theology in the Christian University: Prospects for the 21st Century, Centennial Conference, Abilene Christian University, September 2004-March 2006.

Editor, Journal for Case Teaching, Abilene, TX, June 2001-December 2003.

Editorial Assistant, Journal of Biblical Literature, Dallas, TX, May 1996-June 1998.

Publications

Books

Frederick D. Aquino and Paul Gavrilyuk, *Perceiving Things Divine: Towards a Constructive Account of Spiritual Perception* (Oxford University Press, 2021)

Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of John Henry Newman* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (eds.), *Receptions of Newman* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Frederick D. Aquino, *An Integrative Habit of Mind: John Henry Newman on the Path to Wisdom* (Northern Illinois University Press, 2012).

___, *Communities of Informed Judgment: Newman's Illative Sense and Accounts of Rationalit*y (Catholic University of America Press, 2004).

___, and Jeff W. Childers. *Unveiling Glory: Visions of Christ's Transforming Presence* (ACU Press, 2003).

Articles and Chapters in a Book

"Philosophical Receptions of Genesis," in *The Cambridge Companion to Genesis*, ed. Bill T. Arnold (Cambridge University Press, 2021), ch. 14.

"Training Spiritual Perception: A Constructive Look at John Cassian," in *Perceiving Things Divine: Towards a Constructive Account of Spiritual Perception* (Oxford University Press, 2021), 1-25.

Frederick D. Aquino and Logan P. Gage, "On the Epistemic Role of Our Passional Nature," *Newman Studies Journal* 17/2 (2020): 41-58.

"Towards a Broader Construal of Evidence: A Constructive Look at John Henry Newman," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 94/1 (2020): 125-39.

"Authority: Some Philosophical and Theological Considerations," *Christian Studies* 31 (2019): 59-72.

"Newman on the Grounds of Faith," *Quaestiones Disputatae* 8/2 (2018): 5-18.

"An Educated Conscience: Perception in Reason in Newman's Account of Conscience," *Studies in the Literary Imagination* 49/2 (2018): 1-18.

"Toward a Constructive Account of Intellectual Formation in the Restoration Movement," in *Restoration Philosophy: New Philosophical Engagements with the Stone-Campbell Tradition*, ed. Caleb Clanton (University of Tennessee Press, 2018).

"Epistemology," in Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of John Henry Newman* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

"Newman and the British Naturalist Tradition," in Frederick D. Aquino and Benjamin J. King (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of John Henry Newman* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

"Maximus the Confessor," in William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

"Spiritual Formation, Authority, and Discernment," in William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

"Epistemology of Theology," in William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

"Philosophical Receptions of the *Grammar of Assent*, 1960-2012," in Frederick Aquino and Benjamin King (eds.), *Receptions of Newman* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

"The Synthetic Unity of Virtue and Epistemic Goods in Maximus the Confessor" *Studies in Christian Ethics* 26 (2013): 378-390.

"Maximus on the Beginning and End of Rational Creatures," in *Kontexte und Normen frühchristlicher Ethik*, WUNT (Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 2013), 371-381.

"The *Philokalia* and Regulative Virtue Epistemology: A Look at Maximus the Confessor," in *The Philokalia: Exploring the Classic Text of Orthodox Spirituality*, ed. Brock Bingaman and Bradley Nassif (Oxford University Press, 2012).

"Maximus the Confessor," in *The Spiritual Senses: Perceiving God in Western Christianity*, ed. Paul L. Gavrilyuk in collaboration with Sarah Coakley (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

"Externalism and Internalism: A Newmanian Matter of Proper Fit," *Heythrop Journal* 51 (2010): 1023-1034.

"Thick and Thin: Personal and Communal Dimensions of Communicating Faith," in *Communicating Faith*, ed. John Sullivan (Catholic University of America Press, 2010), 199-213.

"Epistemic Virtues of a Theologian in the *Philokalia*," in *Canonical Theism: A Proposal for Theology and the Church*, ed. William J. Abraham, Jason E. Vickers, and Natalie Van Kirk (Eerdmans, 2008), 175-194.

"The Healing of Cognition in Deification: Towards a Patristic Virtue Epistemology," in *The Healing of Theology*, ed. Paul Gavrilyuk, Douglas Koskela, and Jason Vickers (Eerdmans, 2008), 123-142.

"Clement of Alexandria: An Epistemology of Christian Paideia," *Transmission and Reception: New Testament Text-Critical and Exegetical Studies*, ed. J. W. Childers and D.C. Parker (Gorgias Press, 2006), 270-284.

Frederick D. Aquino and Mark W. Hamilton, "Theological Education Befitting God: An Experiment," *Christian Higher Education* 5 (2006): 21-36.

"Hebrews and Philosophy: A Question of Intersection," *Renewing Tradition: Studies in Texts and Contexts in Honor of James W. Thompson*, ed. Mark Hamilton, Thomas H. Olbricht, and Jeffrey Peterson (Pickwick, 2006), 195-206.

"Mark and Becoming Fully Human," *Who Are You? Preaching Mark's Unsettling Messiah*, ed. David Fleer and David Bland (Chalice Press, 2006), 59-71.

"Broadening Horizons: Constructing an Epistemology of Religious Belief," *Louvain Studies* 30:3 (2005): 198-213.

"The Craft of Teaching: The Relevance of Newman for Theological Education," *Christian Higher Education* 2 (2003): 273-288.

"Modalities of Reasoning: The Significance of John Henry Newman's Thought for Shaping Accounts of Rationality," *Downside Review* 121 (2003): 79-104.

"A Theology of Informed Judgment," *Restoration Quarterly* 45 (2003): 115-125.

"The Incarnation: The Dignity and Honor of Human Personhood," *Restoration Quarterly* 42 (2000): 39-46.

Invited Lectures

"Newman as a Victorian Sage: Some Critical and Constructive Reflections," *John Henry Newman: Scholar, Sage, Saint*, Oriel College, Oxford University, September 2021.

"Newman and Benedict on Faith and Reason," *St. John Henry Newman and Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI: A Theological Encounter,* Mundelein Seminary, September 2021.

"Newman on the Laity and the Epistemology of Religious Belief," *SJHNA Annual Conference*, University of St. Thomas, Houston, July 29-31, 2021.

"Maximus on Spiritual Perception," *The International Orthodox Theological Association*, Iasi Romania, January 11, 2019.

Keynote Address: "Cutting Through the Noise: Truth and Discernment in the 21st Century," *CSART Lecture*, ACU March 2018.

Keynote Address: "Newman on Conscience," *Annual Aquinas Colloquium*, *Oxford University*, March 5, 2017.

Keynote Address: "Pursuing Wisdom in an Information Age:
Critical Reflections on Newman's *Idea of a University*, the University of St. Thomas (MN), September 26, 2015.

Seminar on Alston and Maximus the Confessor, the *University of St. Thomas*, September 26, 2015.

Book Discussion: Frederick Aquino, "Phenomenology of Religious Belief, Epistemology of Religious Belief, or Both?: Philosophical Receptions of the Grammar," *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Boston, MA, October 11, 2015.

Keynote Address: "The Incarnation: Called to be Truly Human," "The Incarnation: Affirming Human Dignity," and "The Incarnation: From Image to Likeness," *Lubbock Christian University*, October 2014.

Ph.D. Seminar: "Testimony and Religious Knowledge," *Saint Louis University,* April 2013.

Three Seminars: "Broadening Epistemological Horizons," "Varieties of Virtue Epistemology," and "Toward an Epistemology of Theology," *Cambridge University*, March 2013.

Book Discussion: Frederick Aquino, *An Integrative Habit of Mind: John Henry Newman on the Path to Wisdom*, *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Loyola Marymount, LA, November 2012.

Keynote Address: "Soma and Virtue in Maximus Confessor: Epistemological Considerations," *Seminar on The Concept of the "Body"(σῶμα) and the Foundation of Ancient Christian Ethics*, *Johannes Gutenberg Universität*, July 2010.

Keynote Address: "Is Belief in God Irrational?" *Loyola University Chicago*, April 2009.

Keynote Address: "The Urge to Connect: Wisdom and the Idea of a University," McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, February 2008.

Keynote Address: "Mark and Becoming Fully Human," *Rochester Lectures on Preaching*, Rochester, MI, May 2005.

Keynote Address: "Newman's Idea of Practical Wisdom," Seminar on *The Victorian Sage*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, March 2005.

Keynote Address: "Constructing an Epistemology of Religious Belief," *148th Annual Lecture*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, March 2005.

Presentations

Co-leader of Symposium on Spiritual Perception, *Abilene Christian University*, March 2018.

Presented a paper on the receptions of Newman and a response to Cyril O'Regan (University of Notre Dame) for The International Ecumenical Conference, "Rethinking the Resources of the Christian Theological Tradition: Retrieval, Renewal, Reunion?, University of St. Thomas, MN, July 11-15, 2017

"Trained Perception: A Constructive Look at John Cassian," *International Symposium on Spiritual Perception*, *American Academy of Religion*, November, 2016.

"Maximus the Confessor: Training in Spiritual Perception," *International Society for Neoplatonic Studies*, Seattle, WA, June 2016.

"Navigating the task of Theology in Conversation with the Work of Sarah Coakley," *Christian Scholars Conference*, Nashville, TN, June 2016.

"Trained Perception: A Look at Spiritual Direction." *International Symposium on Spiritual Perception*, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

"Response to Michael Baur," *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, November 2013.

"The Reception of Newman by Analytic Philosophers," University of the South, March 2013.

"Spirituality and the Epistemology of Theology," *Christian Scholars' Conference*, David Lipscomb University, June 2012.

"Comments on 'Did All That Stuff Really Happen? Did any of it? The Question of Myth,'" *Logos Conference*, University of Notre Dame, June 2011.

"Toward an Epistemology of Theology," *Christian Scholars' Conference*, Pepperdine University, June 2011.

"Response to Polkinghorne and Hart," *Christian Scholars' Conference*, Pepperdine University, June 2011.

"Comments on 'Theology, Science, and the Hermeneutics of Interdisciplinary Reason,'" *Christian Scholars' Conference*, Pepperdine University, June 2011.

"The Urge to Connect: Toward an Epistemology of Wisdom in the University," *The Third World Universities Forum*, Davos, Switzerland, January 2010.

"The Urge to Connect: Toward a Newmanian Religious Epistemology of Wisdom," *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, New Orleans, November 2009.

"On the Beginning and End of Rational Creatures: Maximus the Confessor and Regulative Virtue Epistemology," *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2009.

"Externalism and Internalism: A Newmanian Matter of Proper Fit," *National Newman Conference*, Dallas, TX, August 2008.

"The Spiritual Senses in Maximus: Perception, Virtue, and Deification," *Boston Colloquy on the Spiritual Senses*, Boston College, May 2008.
"Deified Intellect: Maximus the Confessor and Virtue Epistemology," *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2008.

"Thick or Thin: The Philosophical Contours of Ethical Reflection," *American Academy of Religion*, San Diego, CA, November 2007.

"The Natural State of the Intellect in Maximus Confessor: A Virtue Epistemology of Spirituality," *Seminar on Patristic Religious Epistemology*, Dallas, TX, August 2006, and *American Academy of Religion*, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

"Practical Wisdom as Interdisciplinary Connection," *Inscription, Southwestern Conference on Christianity and Literature*, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, September 2006.

"Newman and Philosophy of Mind," *National Newman Conference*, Mundelein, IL, June 2006.

"Paul Tillich and Albert Einstein: An Exchange about God," *Theology in the Christian University: Prospects for the Twenty-first Century*, Abilene Christian University, March 23-25, 2006.

Frederick D. Aquino and Paul Gavrilyuk, "Knowledge of God in the Fathers: Unearthing Epistemic Insights for Contemporary Theology." *Seminar on Religious Epistemology*, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN, July 2005.

"Mark and Becoming Fully Human," *Rochester Lectures on Preaching*, Rochester, MI, May 2005.

"Newman and Virtue Epistemology," *International Newman Conference*, Sommerville College, Oxford University, August 2004.

"From Paper Logic to Personal Reasoning: The Relevance of Newman's Epistemology of Religious Belief for Contemporary Theology," *National Newman Conference*, St Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN, August 2003.

"Response to Jim Baird and Rex Hamilton: Issues in Epistemology and Ethics," *Christian Scholars Conference*, Lubbock Christian University, July 2003.

"Response to Paul Sands and David Grant: Epistemological Issues in Philosophy of Religion," *AAR Southwest Regional Meeting*, Dallas, TX, March 2003.

"The Craft of Teaching: The Relevance of Newman for Theological Education." *National Newman Conference*, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, June 21, 2002.

"Epistemic Virtues of a Theologian," *Canonical Theism Group*, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, June 22, 2002.

"Modalities of Reasoning: The Significance of John Henry Newman's Thought for Shaping Accounts of Rationality," *International Newman Conference*, Keble College, Oxford University, August 11-16, 2001.

"Shaping Theological Communities of Informed Judgment: The Significance of Newman's Notion of Informed Judgment for Contemporary Theology," *National Newman Conference*, Dublin, August 7-10, 2001.

"The Hymns Conflict in the Almond Springs Church: A Theological Response," *National Meeting for the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature*, Denver, CO, November 18, 2001.

"A Social Epistemology of Informed Judgment," *National Newman Conference*, Mundelein, IL, June 2000.

"Communities of Informed Judgment: The Problem of Criterion in Newman's Notion of the Illative Sense of Reasoning," *National Newman Conference*, Mundelein, IL, June 1999.

Reviews

Mary Katherine Tillman, *John Henry Newman: Man of Letters*, Catholic Historical Review 105/3 (2019): 582-583.

Paul K. Moser, *The Severity of God: Religion and Philosophy Reconceived*, *Philosophia Christi* (2015): 459-60.

D. Stephen Long, *Speaking of God: Theology, Language, and Truth, Christian Scholars Review* 40 (2011): 122f.

Justo L. González and Zaida Maldonado Pérez, *An Introduction to Christian Theology*, *Apuntes* 26 (2006): 69-71.

William C. Placher, ed., *Essentials of Christian Theology, Restoration Quarterly* 49 (2006): 51-53.

Lee C. Camp, *Mere Discipleship: Radical Christianity in a Rebellious World*, *Restoration Quarterly* 47 (2005): 250-252.

Richard T. Hughes, *How Christian Faith Can Sustain the Life of the Mind*, *Restoration Quarterly* 46 (2004): 255-256.

Frank M. Turner, *John Henry Newman: The Challenge to Evangelical Religion*, *Theology Today* 61 (2004): 134.

Avery Cardinal Dulles, *Newman. Outstanding Christian Thinkers Series*, *Newman Studies Journal* 1 (2004): 79-80.

Ronald J. Allen, *Preaching is Believing: The Sermon as Theological Reflection*, *Leaven* 11(2003): 220-221.

John R. Polkinghorne. *Traffic in Truth: Exchanges between Science and Theology*, *Restoration Quarterly* 45 (2003): 278-279.

James W. Sire. *Habits of the Mind: Intellectual Life as a Christian Calling*, *Restoration Quarterly* 44 (2002): 56-58.

Awards

Cullen Research Grant, summers 2005-2007, 2009-2011, 2013-2020.

Presidential Fund for Professional Development, summers, 1999-2003.

Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award, Abilene Christian University, 2000-2001; 2019-2020.

Christian Scholarship Foundation Graduate Fellowship Award, fall 1996-spring 1997; fall-spring 1998-1999.

Academic Services

Referee for journal: *Journal of Analytic Theology* (2018, 2019)

Referee for journal: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (2015)

Referee for journal: *Modern Theology* (2014)

Referee for journal: *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* (2014)

Referee for *Oxford University Press* (2013, 2014, 2017, 2018)

Referee for *Cambridge University Press* (2017, 2020)

Referee for *Catholic University of America Press* (2014, 2018)

External Reader for a Ph.D. Thesis in systematic theology, Southern Methodist University (2019)

External Reader for Ph.D. Thesis in philosophy, University of Sydney (2014)

External Reader for Ph.D. Theses in philosophy: University of New England (Australia; 2007, 2011)

Affiliated Fellow, Center for Catholic Studies, Program in Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue, University of St. Thomas, July 2005-present.

Member of the Editorial Board, Newman Studies Journal, August 2003-present.

Member of the Editorial Board, Christian Higher Education, July 2003-present.

Member of the Canonical Theism Group, 2001-present.

Member of the Association for Case Teaching, 1999-present.

Member of the National Newman Society, 1998-present.

Member of the Origen Society, 1997-present.

Member of the American Academy of Religion, 1992-present.

Committee Work

Member, Academic Council, fall 2006-present

Member, Research, Teaching, and Scholarship, GST, fall 2006

Chair, Vista Committee for CBS, fall-2004-spring 2005

Chair, Centennial Conference, fall 2004-spring 2006

Member, ATS Self-Study, fall 2004-spring 2005

Member, Christian Scholars Conference Board, fall 2002-present

Member, Research Council, Abilene Christian University, fall 2003-spring 2006

Committee member, MAR/MCM Exams, spring 1998 –present

Chair, Library Committee, Abilene Christian University, fall 2001-spring 2002

Member, MDIV Exams, April 1998-present

Member of Philosophy Minor Committee, spring 2000-present