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I. Interests/Areas of research (with availability to guide theses)

1. Saint Francis de Sales

- Francis de Sales in history
- Spirituality of St Francis de Sales
- Spiritual Accompaniment in the tradition of St Francis de Sales
- Francis de Sales and Consecrated Life

2. Youth Spirituality

- Spiritual but not religious: attitudes of contemporary youth
- Youth movements, pilgrimages, WYD
- Pop Culture and spiritual/religious imagination
- Jesus as friend but not savior, and a spirituality of accompaniment

3. Salesian Spirituality

- Salesian Family: Spirit and Charism
- Foundations in Salesian spirituality
- Don Bosco Founder, Father and Teacher of the Young (cf. JP2: Juvenum Patris)

4. Ecclesiology

- Foundations in Ecclesiology
- Contemporary Ecclesial Movements and Communities

5. History of the Church (modern & contemporary; Italy in the 19th century)

- Don Bosco's socio-political, religious and cultural environment
- The Church in Italy in the 19th and 20th centuries
- History of Christianity from 1453 to 2013

II. RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH STUDENTS (underway)

1. "Characteristic traits of the spiritual accompaniment of the young as an integral part of the educational system of Don Bosco" (Doctorate, UPS)
2. "Harmony out of Dichotomy: The Theology of Sacred Space as Produced By Eric Gill." (Master of Arts in Theology, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley)
3. "A Contemporary Assessment of the Mission Ad Extra of the Salesians of Don Bosco." (Master of Arts in Theology, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley)
4. "Toward Full & Active Participation: Illuminating the Sign and Symbol that is the Church." (Master of Arts in Theology, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley)

IV. Books (from 2008-2014)

1. *Don Bosco and Us: Ten Reflections on the Salesian Charism and Spirit.* San Francisco: Institute of Salesian Studies: publication pending.

2. *Saint Francis de Sales: Life and Spirit*. Stella Niagara: DeSales Resources and Ministries, 2013. ISBN: 978-0-9829271-3-7; 337pp.
3. *Savio: A Study Guide for Parents, Priests and Educators*, by Joseph Aubry; translated by Joseph Boenzi. 2nd amplified ed. New Rochelle: Salesiana Publishers, 2011. ISBN: 978-0-89944-038-X; 96 pp.

V. Articles (from 2007-2014)

- “Don Bosco and the Conditions of Pre-Industrial Youth in His Times”, in *Seminare* 38 (July-December 2014): publication pending.
- “Reconstructing Don Albera’s Reading List”, in *Ricerche Storiche Salesiane* 61, anno 33, n. 2 (luglio-dicembre 2014): publication pending.
- “Spreading the name and work of Francis de Sales during the 1600s through the 1800s”, in *Sviluppo del carisma di don Bosco fino alla metà del secolo XX: Atti del Congresso Internazionale di Storia Salesiana*, Roma 19-23 novembre 2014: publication pending
- “I tempi e le circostanze che indussero Francesco di Sales a comporre e pubblicare l’Introduzione alla vita devota”, in *Salesianum* 74.4 (dicembre 2013): 615-625.
- “Storytelling, Pop-Culture, and re-launching the Gospel Message with Don Bosco among a new generation of post-modern young people,” Paper presented at Salesian Forum, «Reason and Reasonableness», Valdocco, 27-30 August 2013, electronic copy available at <http://www.donboscovorming-animatie.be>
- “Visitation as Commitment,” Presentation given at the 2010 National Salesian Conference, Wilmington, Delaware; published and distributed by DeSales Resources and Ministries, Stella Niagara, 2010. [Audio CD/Video DVD].
- “Cry of the Pastoral Heart of Francis de Sales,” in *Journal of Salesian Studies* 15.1 (Fall 2007): 13-24.
- “Youthful Holiness: the Encounter between Dominic Savio and Don Bosco,” in *Human Encounter in the Salesian Tradition, Collected Essays Commemorating the 4th Centenary of the Initial Encounter of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane Frances de Chantal*; edited by Joseph Chorpenning, with the assistance of Herbert Winklechner and Daniel P. Wisniewski, 333-364. Rome: ICSS, 2007.
- “«Da Mihi Animas!» Il grido del cuore pastorale di Francesco di Sales.” *Quaderni di Spiritualità Salesiana*, n. 7 nuova serie (Dicembre 2007): 49-59.
- Francis de Sales in Western Spiritual Tradition*. Paper presented at the 2007 National Salesian Conference, St Paul (Minnesota), 3 August 2007 [Audio CD].
- “Parole che illuminano il nostro cammino spirituale. La Bibbia, guida dei predicatori secondo Francesco di Sales.” *Quaderni di Spiritualità Salesiana*, n. 6 nuova serie (Marzo 2007): 42-54.