DUTTON B. KEARNEY

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS, Irving, TX
Institute for Philosophic Studies
Ph.D. in Literature
Graduation Date: August 2005
Dissertation: *Swift and the Philosophers*, Passed with Highest Honors
Committee: Robert Scott Dupree, John Alvis, and Joshua Parens

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS, Irving, TX
Master of Arts in English
Graduation Date: May 2003

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS, Irving, TX
Institute of Religious and Pastoral Studies
Master of Arts in Theological Studies
Graduation Date: May 1999

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS at AUSTIN, Austin, TX
Bachelor of Arts in English
Graduation Date: June 1991

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HILLSDALE COLLEGE, Hillsdale, MI
August 2017 – Present
Associate Professor

HILLSDALE COLLEGE, Hillsdale, MI
August 2011 – July 2017
Assistant Professor

AQUINAS COLLEGE, Nashville, TN
July 2005 – August 2011
Assistant Professor

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS, Irving, TX
January 2004 – May 2005
Adjunct Instructor of English

NORTH LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Irving, TX
Sept. 2003 – May 2005
Adjunct Instructor of English

SERVICE

Director, Hillsdale College Creative Writing Honors Program, (2022-Present)

Director, Visiting Writers Program
Invited Writers
Hernan Diaz, 2025 (2025-2026)
James Matthew Wilson, 2024 (2024-2025)
Christopher Beha, October 2023 (2023-2024)
A. M. Juster, February, 2023 (2022-2023)
Dana Gioia, November 2021 (2021-2022)
Alumni Visit (Elizabeth Genovise '06 and Forester McClatchey '16), September 2021 (2021-2022)
Chigozie Obioma, March 2021 (2020-2021)

Committees
Hillsdale College, Tenure and Promotion Committee (2024- 2026)
Hillsdale College, Tenure and Promotion Committee (2021- 2023)
Hillsdale College, Publications Committee (2019-2022)
Hillsdale College, Department of English, Faculty Search Committee (2022-2023)
Hillsdale College, Department of English, Faculty Search Committee (2020-2021)
Hillsdale College, Academic Status Committee (2014-2016)
Hillsdale College, Academic Honesty Review Board (2015-2016)
Hillsdale College, Nominating Committee (2015-2017)
Hillsdale College, Department of English, Departmental Goals and Mission Statement Committee (Fall 2015)
Hillsdale College, Department of English, Creative Writing Awards Coordinator (2011-2016)
Hillsdale College, Department of English, Faculty Search Committee (2013-2014)
Hillsdale College, Department of Politics, Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2014)
Hillsdale College, Department of Economics, Faculty Search Committee (Fall 2013)

Advising
Core Advisor
Major Advisor
Teach Independent Studies on Each Visiting Writer
Faculty Advisor to the Tower Light (2015-2022)

Honors Theses Directed
Jill Buccola
Kelly Scott
Forester McClatchey
Aaron Schreck
Eleanor Smith
Audrey Southgate

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

The Elements of Analysis, co-written with J. A. Jackson. K-12 Press, 2026.

Letterkenny: Tradition Meets Toleration in Television, Lexington Books, 2027.

"Tolerance and Tradition in *Letterkenny*." In *Better Living Through Television*, Rowman and Littlefield Books, 2022, pp. 183-199.

"Swift's Critique of Philosophical Materialism." In *Jonathan Swift and Philosophy*, Lexington Books, 2017, pp. 103-129.

"How to Historicize *Thumos*: Swift's *The Battel of the Books*." In Jonathan Swift and Philosophy, Lexington Books, 2017, pp. 145-155.

Gulliver's Travels, editor. Ignatius Critical Editions: Ignatius Press, 2010.

"Introduction." *Gulliver's Travels*, editor. Ignatius Critical Editions: Ignatius Press, 2010.

"Politics and Virtue in *Gulliver's Travels*." *Gulliver's Travels*, editor. Ignatius Critical Editions: Ignatius Press, 2010.

"On Robert Frost's 'Nothing Gold Can Stay.'" *The Imaginative Conservative*. April 27, 2014. (http://www.theimaginativeconservative.org/2014/04/44521.html)

"*Breaking Bad* as Contemporary Tragedy." *The Imaginative Conservative*. August 13, 2013. (http://www.theimaginativeconservative.org/2013/08/the-tragedy-of-breaking-bad.html)

"Von Balthasar the Transmodernist." Review Essay in *Religion and the Arts*, Volume 14, Issue 2 (Summer 2010). This essay was translated into Italian for the Philosophical Culture Quarterly, Kasparhauser (http://www.kasparhauser.net/bald/kearney.html).

"Little in Common"? Law and Literature in Thomas More's "A Dialogue on Conscience," *Moreana* 46: 176 (June, 2009): 77-96.

"Introduction to Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment*"
"Spirituality in Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment*"
"Suffering in Dostoyevsky's *Crime and Punishment*"
All published in *General Themes in Literature.* Ed. Jennifer McClinton-Temple. Facts on File, Inc, 2011.

Book Reviews for *Catholic Library World* (2013-2019)*:*

Dating God
Word and Spirit
Catholic Family Fun
Robert McAfee Brown: Spiritual and Prophetic Writings
Veiled Desires
Analogia Entis
The Catholic Parents Survival Guide

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

"Balancing Tradition and Tolerance in *Letterkenny*"
The de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture's 25th Fall Conference
University of Notre Dame
November 13–15, 2025

"The Elements of Analysis"
Salmon P. Chase Center Inaugural Conference on Civic Thought, Education, and Leadership
Ohio State University
September 25-26, 2025

Five Books for Catholics Podcast: Jonathan Swift
Recorded February 2024
Posted: June 2024

James Joyce
Five Part Series on the Radio Free Hillsdale Hour Podcast
Broadcasts began March 1, 2024

"The Catholic Imagination"
Catholic Society Convivium
January 13, 2022
Hillsdale, MI

"How to Read A Poem"
St. Michael's Academy, Daylong Seminar for Michigan Poetry Out Loud
February 4, 2021
Petosky, MI

"Becoming Scholars: How to Read Great Books"
The English Department's Annual Opening Charge
August 31, 2018
Hillsdale, MI

Gulliver's Travels
The Great Books Podcast with John Miller
November 20, 2017
Hillsdale, MI

"The Annoying Persistence of Tradition: Modernity and Joyce's *Ulysses*"
Graduate School Great Books Lecture
September 21, 2017
Hillsdale, MI

"Historicizing Thumos: Swift's *The Battel of the Books* and the Victory of the Moderns"
Swift 350
June 7-9, 2017
Trinity College, Dublin

"Learning to Begin Again: Lyric's Counter to Dystopia"
Lecture for Collegiate Scholars Dessert (First Recruiting Event for New Honors Program)
January 29, 2016
Hillsdale, MI

"Freedom, Prosperity, and Heroic Entrepreneurship in Economic Debate"
Liberty Fund Conference, Invited Participant
November 12-15, 2015
Logan, UT

"Americans and Identity in the 21st Century"
Philadelphia Society, Attendee
October 2-3, 2015
Indianapolis, IN

"Distracting Ourselves to Death: Neil Postman, the Internet, and the Liberal Arts"
Lecture for the Annual Honors Retreat
August 28, 2015
Hillsdale, MI

"An Introduction to Structuralism"
Lamda Iota Tau (Hillsdale College English Honorary Society)
February 20, 2015
Hillsdale, MI

"T.S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*"
The Conversation (Sponsored by the Hillsdale Honors Program)
Hillsdale, MI
February 12, 2015

"Ethics and Materialism: Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*"
Graduate School Great Books Lecture
This lecture became the basis for a chapter on materialism in *Swift and Philosophy*.
January 22, 2015
Hillsdale, MI

"The Philosophical Foundations of the New Criticism"
Lamda Iota Tau (Hillsdale College English Honorary Society)
November 21, 2014
Hillsdale, MI

"A Discussion of Faith and the Arts"
Moderator
Hillsdale College's Visiting Writers Program
October 21, 2014

"Liberty, Separation of Powers, and Government by Bureaucracy"
Liberty Fund Conference, Invited Participant
October 9 - 12, 2014
Billings, MT

"Eliot's Poetry: Modernity Meets Tradition"
Hillsdale College's Online Courses (ENG 102)
September 22, 2014
Hillsdale, MI

"When the Ancients Eclipsed the Moderns: The Background to Swift's *The Battel of the Books*"
Hillsdale College Faculty Colloquium
This lecture became the basis for a chapter in *Swift and Philosophy*.
April 24, 2014
Hillsdale, MI

"Confession and the Gospel of Luke"
Catholic Society Convivium
March 20, 2014
Hillsdale, MI

"The Art of the Negative Book Review" (Invited Talk)
Michigan Chapter of the Catholic Library Association
October 11, 2013
Dearborn Heights, MI

"The Permanent Things"
Philadelphia Society
October 4-5, 2013
Atlanta, GA

"Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Rosary"
Catholic Society of Hillsdale College
September 19, 2013
Hillsdale, MI

"*Purgatorio*, 27"
Lectura Dantis Hillsdale Reading Group
March 21, 2013
Hillsdale, MI

"George Herbert on Conversion"
Catholic Society Convivium
March 20, 2013
Hillsdale, MI

"Plautus, Shakespeare, and the Meme"
Hillsdale Honors Program Parents Weekend
March 9, 2013
Hillsdale, MI

"Vatican II at 50"
Catholic Society of Hillsdale College
November 8, 2012
Hillsdale, MI

"Swift's Kick at Modernist Thought: Satire and the Defense of Tradition in *Gulliver's Travels*"
Aquinas College Lecture Series
October 20, 2010
Nashville, TN

"The Triumph of *Pathos*: The Rhetorical Roots of Political Impasse"
Presentation to the Philadelphia Society
Audio: http://www.phillysoc.org/Kearney2010.mp3
September 25, 2010
Atlanta, GA

"Thomas Aquinas on the Incarnation and the Nativity"
Presentation to the Third Order Dominicans of Nashville
December 13, 2009
Nashville, TN

"Incarnating a Privation: Education and Evil in Dostoyevsky's *The Devils*"
American Maritain Association Annual Conference
October 21-24, 2009
Houston, TX

"Teaching the *Odyssey* to Nursing Students"
Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference
April 16-19, 2009
Memphis, TN

"Law and Liberty: The Role of Conscience in the Law—The Case of St. Thomas More"
The St. Thomas More Society of Middle Tennessee
Two Presentations Given for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Credits
June 22, 2009
Nashville, TN

"Spe Salvi: An Introduction"
Presentation to the Third Order Dominicans of Nashville
December 7, 2008
Nashville, TN

"The Forest and the Tree: Eliot and Pound on Classics"
Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference
April 3-6, 2008
Plymouth, MA

"*De Puritanorum Natura*: Spiritual Materialism in Swift's *A Tale of a Tub*"
Southeastern Eighteenth Century Studies Association Annual Conference
February 14-17, 2008
Auburn, AL

"'More Than a Hypothesis': Thinking with the Church about Evolution"
Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference
March 29-April 1, 2007
Williamsburg, VA

"'The Interpenetration Between Nature and Man': Jacques Maritain's Aesthetic Theory"
American Maritain Association Annual Conference
November 2-5, 2006
Nashville, TN

"John Paul II's Vision for Cultural Renewal"
Aquinas College Lecture Series
September 27, 2005
Nashville, TN
This lecture was later published in *Torch* (the Aquinas College magazine) in its Spring, 2007 issue.

Presenter: "Swift's *Battle of the Books* and Ours"
Panelist: Core Curriculum Workshop
Association for Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference
April 7—April 10, 2005
Vancouver, Canada

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS

Faculty Member of the Year, 2008
Aquinas College
Nashville, TN

Winner, Intercollegiate Studies Institute Summer Essay Contest – 2002
"Cultural Decay and Renewal: Richard Weaver's *Ideas Have Consequences"*

Winner, Intercollegiate Studies Institute Summer Essay Contest – 2001
"Liberty and Order, An American Synthesis: Russell Kirk's *The Roots of the American Order"*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Maritain Association
Association of Core Texts and Courses (ACTC)
Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Faculty Representative
Philadelphia Society

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Diane Mossip Scholarship – 2003
American Mensa, Ltd.

Richard Weaver Fellowship – 2001
Intercollegiate Studies Institute