

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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|------|--------|--|
| 2009 | Ph.D.  | Department of Sociology, Rutgers University                    |
| 2007 | M.A.   | Department of Sociology, Rutgers University                    |
| 2003 | M.S.W. | Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University          |
| 2000 | S.T.B. | Faculty of Theology, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum   |
| 1997 | Ph.L.  | Faculty of Philosophy, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum |
| 1995 | Ph.B.  | Faculty of Philosophy, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum |

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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| 2010 – Present | Interim Executive Director<br>CARA, Georgetown University  |
| 2009 – Present | <i>Cultivating Unity</i> convocation facilitator for National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy (NOCERCC) |
| 2008 – Present | Research Associate<br>CARA, Georgetown University  |
| 2008 – 2009    | Adjunct Professor (Theology of Vatican II)<br>Seton Hall University STEPS Course   |

- 2001 – 2008      Adult Education Coordinator and Professor  
Saint Gabriel's Parish, Saddle River, NJ
- 2002 - 2004      Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Religion  
Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ
- 2002 - 2004      Guest Lecturer for Parents' Meetings  
The Gifted Child Society, Glen Rock, NJ

#### **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

- 2008 – Present      Pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Haworth, NJ
- 2001 – 2008      Parochial Vicar, Saint Gabriel Archangel Church, Saddle River, NJ
- 1998 – 2000      General Administrator (CFO) of the Legion of Christ, Rome, Italy
- 1994 – 1998      Vice Rector of Seminaries of the Legion of Christ, Rome, Italy
- 1993 – 1994      Resident Assistant to Philosophy Community, Rome, Italy
- 1990 – 1993      Resident Assistant to Novitiate Community, Dublin, Ireland

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

When Priests Leave the Church. *America: The National Catholic Weekly* (web edition). October 5, 2009. Retrieved at [http://www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article\\_id=11896](http://www.americamagazine.org/content/article.cfm?article_id=11896)

Uncle Joe: A Trailblazing Jesuit Sociologist of Religion. *The Southern Jesuit*. Volume 4, Issue 2, 2008, pp. 12-14.

The Forum Mailbag: Planning to build on unearned name recognition. *Sociological Forum: Official Publication of the Eastern Sociological Society*, Volume 23, Issue 1, 2008.

Gender differences in stress among Protestant clergy: An exploratory study. *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion*. Volume 15, Brill, 2005, pp. 116-136.

“Tell Him it’s God calling” in *Envoy magazine*, June, 1998, pp. 42 – 45.

“The Gospel in a Flash: The Didache offers quickly digestible lessons for a hurried world” in *National Catholic Register*, December 1997.

“Inside the Synod for America” in *National Catholic Register*, November 1997

## RESEARCH REPORTS

Fichter, Stephen J. and Paul M. Perl. September 2009. *Cultivating Unity Research Findings: A Report for the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Dallas*. Washington, D.C.: CARA at Georgetown University.

Fichter, Stephen J. and Anna C. Buck. July 2009. *Cultivating Unity Research Findings: A Report for the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Sioux City*. Washington, D.C.: CARA at Georgetown University.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 “Exploring the Context of Current Ministerial Life.” Pastoral Ministry Days, Diocese of Rapid City, SD.
- 2010 “Creating Unity in the Midst of Diversity.” Pastoral Ministry Days, Diocese of Rapid City, SD.
- 2008 “Contrasting Images of Major Religious Transitions: How Mental Boundaries Allow Change or Prohibit It.” Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium, Princeton University, NJ.
- 2008 “Causes and consequences of transitioning from celibate Catholic priesthood into married Protestant ministry.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2007 Roundtable presentation: “Shepherding in greener pastures: Motivations for shifting affiliation.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2007 “Is it simply ‘Changing Lanes’ in Christian ministry? Affiliation and marital status boundary crossing.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2007 Authors Meet Critics: William V. D’Antonio, James D. Davidson, Dean Hoge, and Mary Gautier’s *American Catholics Today: New Realities about Their Faith and Their Church*. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2003 “Overcoming stress among clergy.” Symposium on Psychology, Faith, Spirit. Fordham University, New York, NY.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Knight of Honour and Chaplain, Order of St. John of Jerusalem Hospitaller, The America Priory  
Member, American Sociological Association  
Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Member, Eastern Sociological Society  
Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion