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Curriculum Vitae

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Philip McShane, B.Sc.1955 (First Hons); M.Sc., 1956 (First Hons); Lic. Phil. 1959, S.T.L., 1964; D.Phil. (Oxford) 1968.

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, N.S., Canada.

Education

M.Sc., Relativity Theory and Quantum Mechanics. University College, Dublin, 1952–56.

Lic. Phil., St. Stanislaus College, Tullamore, Ireland, 1956–59.

S.T.L., Heythrop College, Oxfordshire, England, 1960–64.

D.Phil., Campion Hall, Oxford University, 1965–68.

Career

Lecturer in Mathematics: University College Dublin, 1959–60.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy: Milltown Institute of Philosophy and Theology, 1968–73.

Associate Professor of Philosophy (1974–79) and
Professor of Philosophy (1980–1994), Mount St. Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

First Visiting Fellow in Religious Studies, Lonergan College, Concordia University, Montreal 1979–80.

Publications

Books

Towards Self-Meaning (with Garrett Barden), Gill, Dublin, 1968.

Music That Is Soundless, Milltown Press, Dublin, 1968.

Randomness, Statistics and Emergence, Macmillan and University of Notre Dame Presses, 1970.

Plants and Pianos: Two Essays in Advanced Methodology, Milltown Press, Dublin, 1971.

[*Wealth of Self and Wealth of Nations*](#), Exposition Press, New York, 1973.

[*The Shaping of the Foundations*](#), University Press of America, 1976.

[*Lonergan's Challenge to the University and the Economy*](#), University Press of America, 1980.

[*Process: Introducing Themselves to Young Christian Minds*](#), Mount St. Vincent Press, 1990.

Economics for Everyone: Das Jus Kapital, Commonwealth Press, 1996.

A Brief History of Tongue, Axial Press, Halifax, 1998.

[*Pastkeynes Pastmodern Economics: A Fresh Pragmatism*](#), Axial Press, 2000.

Beyond Establishment Economics: No Thank You, Mankiw (with Bruce Anderson), Axial Press, 2002.

Introducing Critical Thinking (with Alexandra Drage and John Benton), Axial Press, 2005.

[*Introducción al Pensamiento Crítico*](#), (with Alexandra Drage and John Benton), J. Duffy and K. Nahmmacher (trans.), Plaza y Valdés, 2011.

Music That Is Soundless, 3rd revised and enlarged edition, Axial Publishing, 2006.

Lack in the Beingstalk: A Giants Causeway, Axial Publishing, 2007.

Sane Economics and Fusionism, Axial Publishing, 2010.

[*Bernard Lonergan: His Life and Leading Ideas*](#) (with Pierrot Lambert), Axial Publishing, 2010 (second printing 2013).

The Road to Religious Reality: Method in Theology 101 AD 9011, Axial Publishing, 2012.

[*The Everlasting Joy of Being Human*](#), Axial Publishing, 2013.

Futurology Express, Axial Publishing, 2013.

Editor:

Foundations of Theology, University of Notre Dame Press, 1972.

Language Truth, and Meaning, Gill and MacMillan, 1972.

Introducing the Thought of Bernard Lonergan, Darton, Longman and Todd, 1973.

Searching for Cultural Foundations, University Press of America, 1984.

For a New Political Economy, University of Toronto Press, 1999, vol. 21 of *The Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan* (Lonergan's economic manuscripts of 1942 and 1944).

Phenomenology and Logic: The Boston College Lectures on Mathematical Logic and Existentialism, University of Toronto Press, 2001, vol. 18 of *The Collected Works of Bernard Lonergan*.

Do You Want a Sane Economics?, book-length issue of *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education* vol. 21, Nashik, India, 2010.

Articles (selected)

[“The Hypothesis of Intelligible Emanations in God,”](#) *Theological Studies* 23 (1962), 545–568.

[“The Contemporary Thomism of Bernard Lonergan,”](#) *Philosophical Studies* 11 (1962), 63–80.

“Theology and Wisdom,” *Sciences Ecclesiastiques* 15 (1963), 419–38.

[“The Foundations of Mathematics,”](#) *Modern Schoolman* 40 (1963), 373–87.

[“On the Causality of the Sacraments,”](#) *Theological Studies* 24 (1963), 423–436.

[“Insight and the Strategy of Biology,”](#) *Continuum* 2 (1964), 374–88.

“Philosophy That Is Mindful,” a series of ten articles in *Rosc* (English/Gaelic newspaper, Dublin) (1969–1970).

“Image and Emergence: Towards an Adequate *Weltanschauung*,” in *Plants and Pianos: Two Essays in Advanced Methodology* (1971).

“Metamusic and Self-Meaning,” in *The Shaping of the Foundations* (1976), 47–72.

“Zoology and the Future of Philosophers,” in *The Shaping of the Foundations* (1976), 79–95.

“The Core Psychological Present of the Contemporary Theologian,” in *Trinification of the World*, ed. Thomas Dunne and Jean-Marc Laporte, Toronto: Regis College Press (1978), 84–96.

[“The Psychological Present of the Academic Community,”](#) in *Lonergan Workshop Journal*, ed. Frederick Lawrence, vol. 1 (Scholars Press, 1978), 27–68.

“Lonergan's Quest and the Transformation of the Meaning of Life,” in *Lonergan's Challenge to the University and the Economy* (1980), 129–143.

“Modernity and the Emergence of Adequate Empiricism,” in *Lonergan’s Challenge to the University and the Economy* (1980), 80–111.

“Features of Generalized Empirical Method and the Actual Context of Economics,” in *Creativity and Method*, ed. Mathew Lamb, Marquette University Press, 1981, 543–571.

“[An Improbable Christian Vision and the Economic Rhythms of the Second Million Years](#),” *Lonergan Workshop Journal*, ed. Frederick Lawrence, vol. 3 (Scholars Press, 1982), 53–81.

“Distant Probabilities of Persons Presently Going Home Together in Transcendental Process,” in *Searching for Cultural Foundations*, University Press of America, 1984, i–xxi.

“Middle Kingdom, Middle Man: *T’ien-hsia i jen*,” in *Searching for Cultural Foundations*, 1984, 1–43.

“[The Historical Reach of Lonergan’s Meaning](#),” *Compass: A Jesuit Journal* (Spring, 1985).

“Systematics, Communications, Actual Contexts,” *Religion in Context*, ed. Boo Riley and Timothy Fallon, University Press of America, 1988, 59–86.

“[Scientific Methods and the Investigation of Ultimate Meanings](#),” *Journal of Ultimate Reality and Meaning* 11 (1988), 142–44.

“[Mission and Spirit: Questions of Probability and Providence](#),” *Lonergan Workshop Journal*, vol. 9 (Scholars Press, 1989).

“Psychic Differentiations and Systematic Heuristics,” in *Lonergan’s Hermeneutics: Its Development and Application*, ed. Sean McEvenue and Ben Meyer, The Catholic University of America Press, 1989, 209–216.

“[General Method](#),” *METHOD: Journal of Lonergan Studies*, 13 (1995), 35–52.

“Hacia una oscuridad luminosa de las circunstancias: *Insight*, cuarenta años después” [“Towards a Luminous Darkness of Circumstances: *Insight After 40 Years*”], in *Universitas Philosophica*, 32 (1999), 11–41.

“[Elevating Insight: Space-Time as Paradigm Problem](#),” *METHOD: Journal of Lonergan Studies*, 19 (2001), 203–229.

“[Underminded Macrodynamic Reading](#),” *Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis*, 1 (2001), 77–100.

“[The Reform of Classroom Performance](#),” *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, 13 (2002), 279–309.

“[Foundational Ethics, Feminism, and Business Ethics](#),” *Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis*, 2 (2002), 81–114.

[“Implementation: The Ongoing Crisis of Method,”](#) *Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis*, 3 (2003), 11–32.

[“Our Journaling Lonelinesses: A Response,”](#) *Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis*, 3 (2003), 324–42.

“The Wonder of Water: The Legacy of Lonergan,” *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, 15 (2004), 457–75.

[“Lonergan’s Meaning of Complete in the Fifth Canon of Scientific Method,”](#) *Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis*, 4 (2004), 53–81.

“How Might I Become a Better Teacher?” *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, 16 (2005), 359–82.

[“Obstacles to Metaphysical Control of Meaning,”](#) *METHOD: Journal of Lonergan Studies*, 24 (2006), 187–195.

“The Importance of Rescuing *Insight*,” *The Importance of Insight: Essays in Honour of Michael Vertin*, ed. John Liptay and David Liptay, University of Toronto Press, 2007, 339–376.

[“What Do You Want?”](#) *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, 18 (2007), 1–28.

“The Fourth Stage of Meaning,” *Meaning and History in Systematic Theology: Essays in Honor of Robert Doran S.J.*, ed. John Dadosky, Marquette University Press, 2009, 331–44.

“Self-Appropriating the Inner-Parts,” *METHOD: Journal of Lonergan Studies*, n.s. 1 (2010), 55–66.

[“Imaging International Credit,”](#) *The Lonergan Review*, 2 (2010): *Forging a New Economic Paradigm: Perspectives from Bernard Lonergan*, ed. Richard M. Liddy, 214–223.

[“The Implementation of Lonergan’s Economics,”](#) *The Lonergan Review*, 2 (2010): *Forging a New Economic Paradigm: Perspectives from Bernard Lonergan*, ed. Richard M. Liddy, 374–377.

“Do You Want a Sane Global Economy?” *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, vol. 21 (May, 2010), 19–36.

“The Meaning of Credit,” *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, vol. 21 (August, 2010), 163–182.

“Edging Towards a Later Global Stage,” *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, vol. 21 (August, 2010), 233–244.

“The Global Economy and My Little Corner,” *Divyadaan: Journal of Philosophy and Education*, 21 (August, 2010), 245–256.

“[Insight Within a New Global Culture](#),” *Fifty Years of Insight: Bernard Lonergan’s Contribution to Theology and Philosophy*, ed. Neil Ormerod, Australian Theological Forum Press, 2011, 153–174.

“The Hypothesis of a Non-Accidental Human Participation in the Divine Active Spiration,” *METHOD: Journal of Lonergan Studies*, n.s. 2/2 (2011), 187–202.

“Implementing Lonergan’s Economics.” *The Lonergan Review*, volume titled: “*Culture, Science and Economics*.” 3 (2011), 196–204.

“[Aesthetic Loneliness and the Heart of Science](#),” *Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis* 6 (2011), 51–84.

“[“What-to-do?”: The Heart of Lonergan’s Ethics](#),” *Journal of Macrodynamic Analysis* 7 (2012), 69–93.

“[Un Comentario Sobre el Interior](#),” [“A Commentary on **Inside**,” *Posthumous* 3], *Revista de Filosofía* (Universidad Iberoamericana) 135 (2013), 153–175.

“Foundations of Communications,” in *Seeding Global Collaboration* (forthcoming, Axial Publishing, 2014).

“Embracing Luminously and Toweringly the Symphony of Cauling,” in *Seeding Global Collaboration* (forthcoming, Axial Publishing, 2014).

Website books:

[The Redress of Poise](#) (seven papers presented at the annual Boston Lonergan Conference). Chapters include:

- “Work in Redress: The Value of Lonergan’s Economics For Lonergan Students”
- “Ecological Justice and Intentional Process”
- “The Arctic Grail”
- “Turners, Strategists of Survival: The Legacy of Lonergan”
- “Systematics: A Language of the Heart”
- “In Tune with Timely Meaning”
- “Grace: The Final Frontier”

[Christ in History](#), 2006.

[Method in Theology: Revisions and Implementations](#), 2007. Chapters include:

Part One: Method in Theology and Botany

- “History’s Nudge beyond Fragmentations and Inefficiencies”

“Leads from Botanical Inquiry”
“Minimalist Functional Antifoundationalism”
“Making a Stand”
“Further Leads from Botanical Inquiry”
“Converging Systems in History”
“An Asymmetry of Slopes”
“A Strategic Ramble Round the Specialties”
“Metaphysical Equivalence and Organic Development”
“Metaphysical Equivalence and Functional Specialization”
“Research”
“Interpretation”
“History”
“Dialectic”
“Foundations”
“Doctrines”
“Systematics”
“Communications”
“THEN General Knowledge”
“Special Knowledge”
“Epilogue”

Part Two: Foundational Fantasy, 2007-2037

“Research: 1957-2006”
“Foundations and Systematics”
“Interpretation of *Dark Age Ahead*”
“Doctrines: Institutions of Collaboration”
“Communications: on Track”
“History, My Story”
“The Dialectic of My Town, *Ma Vlast*”

Part Three: Structures and Anticipations

“The Question”
“Doran’s Thesis in Thomas’ Context”
“Doran’s Problems with the Thesis”
“A Context for Considering the Thesis”
“Testing Structures”
“The Unified Field Structure”
“Anticipations”

[Lonergan’s Standard Model of Effective Global Inquiry](#), 2008. Chapters include:

“Gödel’s Incompleteness Theorem”
“The Form of Inference”
“Geometric Possibilities”
“Mathematical Logic and Scholasticism”
“*Insight* and the General Character of Logic”
“The Economy of Phenomenology and Logic”

“Hodic Logic”
“Modal Logic”
“Terms and Relations”
“The Dialectics of Psychic Orientation”
“Foundational Biography”
“Theologies and the Dialectic of History”
“Mapping the Minding”
“Communications: An Outreach to Lonergan Students”

[The Cantowers](#), 2002–2009.

This 10-volume work of essays (158 *Cantowers*) attempts for the fields of philosophy of science, philosophy of religion, and philosophy of methodology what Ezra Pound’s *Cantos* attempted for modernist poetry: serious innovation solidly grounded in the achievements of the past. The essays span some 1,500,000 words. These essays, detailed in *Cantower* 43, “The Full Cantower Series,” are nearing final draft form and are scheduled for publication by Axial Publishing under the title *Religion, Science, and the Future*.

Essay titles include, e.g., “Systematics and General Systems Theory,” “The Conservation of Energy,” “Physics and Other Sciences,” “Aggreformism,” “Refined Woman and Feynman,” “The Elements of Meaning,” “The Possibility of Cultural Ethics,” “Desire and Distance,” and “Ultimates.”

Essays:

McShane is currently publishing final drafts on the web of series of essays on topics relevant to the philosophy of science, the philosophy of religion, the philosophy of education, and theology and spirituality. These series include essays on methodology, the natural sciences, the human sciences, theology, economics, and education; the essays are clustered in ten series, some with Joycean portmanteau-word titles such as ‘Joistings’ and ‘Bridgepoise.’ These essays currently number over 90, and include, e.g., “History and Human Consciousness,” “Spirituality in the Third Stage of Meaning,” “Research, Communications, Stages of Method,” “Prayer, Spirituality,” “Teaching, Preaching, and Cherishing A Triune God,” “Possibilities of Methodical Collaboration,” “Getting into (the Philosophy of) Quantum Mechanics,” and “Rescuing Quantum Mechanics.”

Recent Conferences (selected)

VANCOUVER, CANADA (July 2014)

“Functional Collaboration in the Academy: Advancing Bernard Lonergan’s Central Achievement,” 6th International Lonergan Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, July 21–25, 2014.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA (June 2012)

“Functional Collaboration in the Emerging Arts and Sciences,” Halifax Lonergan Conference, June 9–13, 2012.

PUEBLA, MEXICO (June 2011)

“Arriving in Cosmopolis,” Keynote/Inaugural Address, First Latin American Lonergan Conference, Puebla, Mexico, June 16–17, 2011.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (April 2011)

“Functional Research,” West Coast Methods Institute, The 26th Annual Fallon Memorial Lonergan Symposium in Honor of Philip McShane and His Contributions to Lonergan Studies, Loyola Marymount University, April 28–30, 2011.

NASHIK, INDIA (September 2010)

Three-day conference on economic theory, led by McShane. Session topics included “The Educational Context,” “Fundamental Insights: the New Economic Variables,” “Promises, Notes, Credit,” “The Rhythms of Innovation,” “Imaging Global Economics,” and “Structuring of the Global Shift.”

VANCOUVER, CANADA (July 2010)

One week conference at the University of British Columbia (July 5–July 9) on “Education and Functional Collaboration,” with morning lectures by McShane followed by afternoon seminars.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA (July 2009)

Conference at St. Mary’s University (July 6–July 10) focused on “global functional collaboration,” and featured lectures by McShane and group seminars facilitated by McShane on issues relating to the need for adequately empirical and critical method in the human sciences.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA (June 2008)

Conference at St. Mary’s University in Halifax (May 30–June 4) in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of lectures by Bernard Lonergan on *Insight: A Study of Human Understanding*, featured lectures by Philip McShane as well as group seminars led by him.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (April 2007)

Workshop at the Australian Catholic University in late April conducted by McShane on “Reforming Education: Applying Bernard Lonergan’s Theory of Education.”

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (April–May 2007)

As scholar-in-residence at Saint Ignatius’ College, Riverview, for 5 weeks, McShane gave a series of classes and seminars on updating Ignatian pedagogy and spirituality for the 21st century, and on Lonergan’s breakthrough to a science of economics.

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA (March 2007)

Ten days of lectures and seminars (March 22–March 31), included lectures and seminars on philosophy and theology at Sogang University, lectures on economics before the Korean Self-Governance Colloquium, and seminars and discussions on Ignatian, Franciscan, and Korean spirituality with groups of Korean women religious.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO (June 2003)

One-week conference by McShane for faculty at the Universidad Iberoamericana Mexico City, with morning lectures and afternoon seminars, on the philosophy of education.

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA (September 1998)

Seven days of lectures and seminars (September 9–September 15) delivered at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. These included the presentation of *Economics for Everyone: Das Jus Kapital* (Commonwealth Press, 1996), dialogue with economists and social scientists of Bogota, and reflections on the philosophy of education. While in Bogota McShane was interviewed by *La República*, a daily newspaper focused on finance and economics.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO (June 1997)

McShane gave morning lectures and conducted afternoon seminars for faculty at the Universidad Iberoamericana Mexico City on the philosophy of religion and the philosophy of science for four weeks. For the fifth week, McShane gave lectures and conducted seminars on Bernard Lonergan's science of economics.