

# Curriculum Vitae

**Name:** Ginna M. Pennance-Acevedo  
**E-mail:** gpennance-acevedo@the-collegium.org

## Education

**PhD in Philosophy, ABD. University of St. Thomas, Center for Thomistic Studies, Houston, 2019 -Present.**

Thesis: What it Means to Have Prudence according to St. Thomas Aquinas  
Director: Dr. Thomas M. Osborne, Jr.

**M.A. in Philosophy, University of Dallas, 2018.**

Thesis: An Evaluation of Philippa Foot's Theory of Natural Goodness  
Director: Dr. Lance Simmons

**B.A. in Philosophy, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, 2011.**

## Teaching Experience

**The Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum. Present.**

Trivium and Philosophy Faculty.

Courses: Logic, Rhetoric.

**University of St. Thomas - Houston. Fall 2021 - Spring 2024.**

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy.

Course: Ethics.

## Peer-Reviewed Publication

"St. Thomas Aquinas and John Locke on Natural Law," *Studia Gilsoniana* 6, no. 2 (2017): 221-248.

## Seminars

February 29, 2024. The Intellectual Virtues in Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*.  
Audience: students of The Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum.

April 22, 2023. "Cardinal Robert Sarah on the Figure of the Priesthood."  
Audience: a group of UST seminarians.

September 3, 2021. "How to Restore the Truth, the Good, and the Beautiful in America. A Discussion Based on 'Rousseau and the Origins of Liberalism,' by Roger Scruton." Audience: colleagues of the Center for Thomistic Studies.

## Professional Experience

2016-2019 Communications director of [Fieles a la Verdad](#), an organization whose mission is to educate on life and family issues from a Catholic standpoint.

Responsible for public relations, radio and television interviews, press conferences, lectures, coordination of activities, visits to members of Puerto Rico's Legislature, depositions in Puerto Rico Senate hearings, writing articles, research.

Fall 2015 Volunteer at [Centro MIRNA de Ayuda a la Mujer](#) and speaker on human dignity to high school and university students.

2013-2014 Volunteer teaching assistant, Daughters of Mary, Santa Rosa de Lima Academy.

2008-2014 Member of the Board and Secretary, Centro MIRNA de Ayuda a la Mujer.

Production of the Center's monthly newsletter, fundraising, organization of educational campaigns, design of billboards and advertisements, organization of Art Competition, general operation of the center, maintenance of donors database, public appearances in media such as radio and television, speaker on human dignity to high school and university students.

2008-2013 Founder and President of the University of Puerto Rico student organization [Vida Digna](#), the first university pro-life association in Puerto Rico.

Organized educational activities at the University of Puerto Rico such as conferences, Balloons for Life, Flags for Life, Pro-Life T-Shirt Day, Silent Day for the Unborn, Pro-Life Movies, monthly Vigil Prayers in front of abortion clinics, First Artistic Gala for Life (artistic event praising the beauty and dignity of the human person), promotion, recruitment of members, and team building activities.

## Memberships

2011-2013 Member, Puerto Rico Annual Mass for Life Committee.

2010-2013 Member, Puerto Rico National Committee for Life (organizes the annual March for Life in Puerto Rico).

2008-2014 Member of the Board, [Centro MIRNA de Ayuda a la Mujer](#).

## Honors and Distinctions

2013 Recognition Defenders of Life, Puerto Rico.

2012 Medal of High Distinction in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Puerto Rico.

2012 Empedocles Prize, Department of Philosophy, University of Puerto Rico.

2012 Certificate of Recognition for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Puerto Rico.

## Languages

- Fluent in Spanish (native speaker) and English.
- Reading and speaking skills in French.
- Reading knowledge of Latin.
- Two semesters of intensive German.
- One semester of Greek.