

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**of**  
**Michael D. Guinan, O.F.M.**

**I. Personal Information**

- Michael Damon Guinan, O.F.M.
- born: Feb.16, 1939, Cincinnati, Ohio
- entered Franciscan Order: July 5, 1959, San Miguel, CA
- ordained priest: Dec. 19, 1964, Santa Barbara, CA

**II. Educational History**

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| University of San Francisco      | 1956-57 |
| San Luis Rey College, CA         | 1957-59 |
|                                  | 1960-61 |
| • B.A.--Philosophy, Humanities   | 1961    |
| Old Mission Theological Seminary | 1961-65 |
| Santa Barbara, CA                |         |
| • S.T.B.--Theology               | 1965    |
| Catholic University of America   | 1966-72 |
| Washington, DC                   |         |
| • S.T.L.--Theology               | 1967    |
| • M.A.--Semitic Languages        | 1970    |
| • Ph.D.--Semitic Languages       | 1972    |
- Dissertation: *Eschatology of James (Jacob) of Serug: A Study in Syriac Patristic Theology* completed March 1972.  
Committee: director: Patrick W. Skehan; readers: Alexander A. DiLella, O.F.M., Richard Frank.

**III. Teaching Positions**

- 1967-71    **Teaching Assistant in Hebrew**  
Catholic University of America
  
- 1972--    **Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages**  
Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA  
Graduate Theological Union (=GTU)  
Biblical Hebrew

Introductory  
Intermediate  
Advanced  
Aramaic Language and Literature  
Biblical Aramaic  
Aramaic Inscriptions  
Syriac Language and Literature  
Northwest Semitic Inscriptions and the Old Testament

Introduction to the Old Testament  
OT Wisdom Literature  
The Pentateuch  
OT Prophets  
Apocalyptic Literature of the Bible  
The Book of Genesis  
The Psalms  
The Community of Qumran

Basic Christian Spirituality in Biblical and Theological Perspective  
(team-taught with Francis Baur, O.F.M.)  
The Bible in the Roman Catholic Church  
Franciscan Spirituality: An Introduction

- 1972-82-- Visiting **Professor of Theology**  
St. Bonaventure University, NY  
  
Contemporary Biblical Interpretation  
Old Testament Themes  
Seminar in Biblical Theology
- 1973-82-- Visiting **Professor of Semitics**  
Department of Near Eastern Studies  
University of California, Berkeley, CA  
  
Aramaic/Syriac Language & Literature
- 1977-2002--**Professor of Old Testament**  
School of Applied Theology (GTU)  
  
Theology/Spirituality of the OT
- 1977 **Visiting Professor of Old Testament**  
University of San Francisco, CA

Introduction to the Old Testament

- 1980, 1988--**Visiting Professor Old Testament**

The Kino Institute, Phoenix, AZ

Covenant in the Old Testament

Biblical Apocalypticism

- 1981-86-- **Visiting Professor of Biblical Studies**

1988-90 St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA

1992-94

1996-99 OT Prophets

2003 Biblical Apocalypticism

Introduction to the Old Testament

Introduction to Christian Spirituality

The Book of Genesis

The Psalms

OT Wisdom Literature

- 1984-97 **Visiting Professor of Old Testament**

Our Lady of the Angels Seminary

Bagbag, Novaliches, Quezon City

Philippines

Introduction to Sacred Scripture

The Pentateuch

OT Prophets

OT Wisdom Literature

Biblical Apocalypticism

Johannine Literature

- 1990-92--**Visiting Professor of Old Testament**

College of the Holy Names, Oakland, CA

Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures

- 1993, 1995--**Visiting Professor of Old Testament**

College of Notre Dame, Belmont, CA

Overview of the Old Testament

- 1996-98 --**Professor of Old Testament**

School of Pastoral Leadership, Archdiocese of San Francisco

Introduction to the Old Testament

The Prophets

OT Wisdom Literature  
2002-2004-School of Pastoral Leadership, Archdiocese of San Francisco  
Introduction to the Old Testament  
Introduction to the New Testament

#### **IV. Professional Posts and Memberships**

- Professional Societies

Society of Biblical Literature  
Catholic Biblical Association  
National Association of Professors of Hebrew

- Professional Posts

1975-84--Chairperson, GTU, for annual faculty colloquium with the  
University of Judaism, Los Angeles  
1983-84, 85-86--Chairperson, Area I, GTU Biblical Area  
1984-90--Old Testament Book Review Editor, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*  
1986--Editorial Board, *Biblical Theology Bulletin*  
1992-94--Abstractor, *Old Testament Abstracts*

#### **V. Academic Honors and Other Awards**

- 1956-57--Full tuition scholarship, University of San Francisco, CA
- 1967-70--US Government, Department of Health, Education, & Welfare,  
Title IV, National Defense Graduate Fellowship, Full scholarship  
for Doctoral Studies
- 1970-71--Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Catholic University of America
- 1972--Travel Grant, American Council of Learned Societies, to attend and  
deliver a paper at the first Syriac Symposium, Pontifical Oriental Institute,  
Rome, Italy
- 1995--Journalism Award, Third Place: The Catholic Press Association of the United  
States and Canada. Category: Best Article--General Interest, "The Creation  
Story of Genesis: Does It Really Contradict Evolution?" *Catholic Update*  
June 1994
- 1996--Journalism Award, Second Place (tie), Cincinnati Editors' Association.  
Category: Reader Information: Newsletter. for "The Angels: Their Meaning  
for Today," *Catholic Update*, Dec. 1995.
- 1999—Journalism Award, First Place, Cincinnati's Editors' Association.

Category: Written Communications: Writing, Feature, Newsletter, for  
“Saints: Holy and Human,” *Catholic Update*, Oct. 1998.

- 2001—Journalism Award, Third Place: The Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada: Category: Best Article—Prayer and Spirituality, for “Images of God in the Wisdom Literature” *The Bible Today* (July/August, 2000).

## VI. Publications

### 1. Books and Pamphlets

1. *The Making of Many Images: Scripture, Film, and the Communication of Values* (Multimedia International 8; Rome, 1973).
2. *Covenant in the Old Testament* (Herald Biblical Booklets; Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1975). Spanish translation: *La Alianza en el Antiguo Testamento* (Bogota: Centro carismatico, 1981).
3. translation from the French of *Gospel Poverty: Essays in Biblical Theology* (Chicago: Franciscan Herald Press, 1977.)
4. *Gospel Poverty: Witness to the Risen Christ* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 1981).
5. *The Book of Job* (Collegeville Bible Commentary OT 19; Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1986.) Italian translation: *Giobbe* (La Bibbia per Tutti 19; Brescia, Editrice Queriniana, 1997).
6. “The Book of Lamentations,” #36 in *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary* (Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1990) 558-62.
7. *The Pentateuch* (Message of Biblical Spirituality 1; Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1990).
8. *Fundamentalism: Perspectives on the Problem* (Quezon City, Philippines: Claretian Publications, 1994).
9. *Being Human Before God. Insights from Biblical Spirituality* (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1994). Chinese translation: Catholic Truth Society of Hong Kong, 1998.
10. *Where in the World Are We? Old Testament Views of Creation.* (Set of Tapes/CDs: Canfield, OH: St. Pauls/Alba House Communications, 2004).

11. "The Book of Job," in *Biblia De Nuestro Pueblo: Edicion Latinoamericana de la Biblica del Peregrino* (Pastoral Bible Foundation/Ediciones Mensajero, 2005).

## 2. Articles

1. "Kung Fu: Violence and the Stranger in our Midst," *The Christian Century* 90 #33 (Sept. 19, 1973) 919-20.
2. "Where are the Dead? Purgatory and Immediate Retribution in James of Sarug," *Proceedings of the International Symposium Syriacum--1972* (OCA 197; Rome Pontifical Oriental Institute, 1974) 541-50.
3. "Jacob of Sarug (Serugh)," *New Catholic Encyclopedia* vol. 16: *Supplement 1967-74*, 229-30.
4. Script Research and Guide Material for *The Changing Sacraments: Eucharist, Baptism and Confirmation*, Franciscan Communication Center, Filmstrips 1974.
5. "The Lord is With You: Prayer in the Old Testament," *WAY of St. Francis* 30 #7 (Sept 1974) 22-26.
6. "Homosexuals: A Christian Pastoral Response Now," in *Challenge to Love: Gay and Lesbian Catholics in the Church* (R. Nugent, ed.; NY: Crossroad, 1983) 67-77.
7. "Is the End Coming? The Book of Revelation," *The Catholic Voice* 21 #36 (March 19, 1984) 1, 6.
8. "The Ecstasy of Praise, the Depth of Lament," *Pastoral Music* 8 #1 (Oct-Nov 1983) 17-19.
9. "The Province Gathering: Biblical Reflections on Jubilee," *Westfriars* (Newsletter of Sta Barbara Province, summer 1984).
10. "Francis and Clare: Reflections on Sainly Humanness," *FIA Contact* 5 #4 (Nov 1984) 18-20.
11. "Creation, Evolution and Genesis: A Fair Fight?" *New Catholic World* 228 #1363 (Jan-Feb 1985) 26-29.
12. "In the Beginning--Beauty," *Creation* 1 #6 (Jan 1986) 22-23.
13. "God Leads Us Out--Education in the Bible," *Creation* 2 #1 (Mar-Apr 1986) 23.

14. "Lachish Letters," *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia* vol. 3 (rev. ed.; Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1986) 58-60.
15. "1 and 2 Maccabees--Theologies in Conflict," *The Bible Today* 25 #2 (Mar 1987) 81-86.
16. "The Cup of Illusion--Three Operatic Devils," *Seattle Opera Magazine* 4 #4 (Feb.1987) 4-5, 16.
17. "The Ridiculous and the Sublime: The Magic of *The Magic Flute*," *Seattle Opera Magazine* 5 #2 (Nov 1987) 4-6.
18. "Chaos and Creation: Gluck's *Orfeo*," *Seattle Opera Magazine* 5 #3 (Jan 1988) 16-17, 26.
19. "Mephistopheles and His Cup of Life: Something Old and Something New," *San Diego Opera Program (Faust, Feb. 1988)* 29-31.
20. "Justice and Peace in the Bible," *The Mendicant Flyer* (A Newsletter of the Social Concerns Office of the Sta Barbara Province) 6 (May 1988) 1-2.
21. "Hearers of the Word: Obedience in the Bible," *Creation* 4 #5 (Nov-Dec 1988) 48.
22. "Caterpillar, Cocoon, Butterfly (*Madama Butterfly*)," *Seattle Opera Magazine* 6 #5 (Apr 1990) 8-9, 22.
23. "Offenbach's Twice-Told Tales," *Seattle Opera Magazine* 7 #6 (Apr 1990) 6-7,14.
24. "Davidic Covenant," *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (D.N. Freedman, ed.; NY: Doubleday, 1992) vol. 2:69-72.
25. "Mosaic Covenant," *Anchor Bible Dictionary* vol. 4: 905-909.
26. "Instruction for Life: The Morality of the Pentateuch," *The Bible Today* 31 #5 (Sept 1993) 260-64.
27. "The Creation Story of Genesis: Does It Really Contradict Evolution?" *Catholic Update* CO694 (June 1994).
28. "In the Image of God: Creationism vs. Evolution," *St. Anthony Messenger* 102 #1 (June 1994) 18-23.
29. "The Angels: Their Meaning for Today," *Catholic Update* C1295 (Dec 1995).

30. "Angels: Messengers of God's Caring Presence," *St. Anthony Messenger* 103 #7 (Dec 1995) 28-32. Reprinted in *THE WAY of St. Francis* 3/6 (Nov-Dec. 1997) 41-46; 4/1 (Jan-Feb. 1998) 10-14.
31. "Call/Vocation (OT)," *The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (C. Stuhlmüller, ed.; Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1996) 113-15.
32. "Disciple/Discipleship (OT)," *Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, 219-21.
33. "Obedience," *Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, 680-83.
34. "Vows (OT & NT)," *Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology* 1052-54.
35. "Vow," "Praise," "Lamp/Lampstand," *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible* (D. Noel Freedman, A. Myers, eds. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm.B. Eerdmans, 1997) ).
36. "Jesus, the Messiah," *St. Anthony Messenger* 105/7 (Dec. 1997) 28-32.
37. "The Messiah and the Millennium," *Catholic Update* C1297 (Dec. 1997).
38. "Fundamentalism: What It Is and What It Is Not," *THE WAY of St. Francis* 4/2 (March-April 1998) 34-38.
39. "Fundamentalism and the Bible," *THE WAY of St. Francis* 4/3 (May-June 1998) 35-38.
40. "Christian Spirituality: Many Styles, One Spirit," *Catholic Update* 5/98 (May 1998).
41. "Gospel Poverty," *THE WAY of St. Francis* 4/5 (Sept-Oct 1998) 34-38.
42. "The Saints: Holy and Human," *Catholic Update* 10/98 (Oct. 1998).
43. "Are You Eschatophobic? Relax!" *The WAY of St. Francis* 5/5 (Sept-Oct 1999) 11-25.
44. "The Year 2000: Jubilee, Not Millennium!" *The WAY of St. Francis* 5/6 (Nov-Dec 1999) 31-35.
45. "The New Heavens and the New Earth," *Millennium Monthly* (St. Anthony Messenger Press) PO100 (January 2000).

46. "Images of God in the Wisdom Literature," *The Bible Today* 38/4 (July/Aug. 2000) 223-27.
47. "'Twas the Day after Christmas," *The WAY of St. Francis* 7/6 (Nov-Dec, 2001) 33-36.
48. "Christ the King & Biblical Messianism?" *Scripture from Scratch* Nov. 2001 (N1101).
49. "Biblical Laments: Prayer Out of Pain," *St. Anthony Messenger* 109/10 (March, 2002) 37-40.
50. "Aria Studies: Celebrating St. Francis," *San Francisco Chronicle*, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, Insight Section, page D-2.
51. "Religious Poverty: Witness to the Risen Christ," *Horizon (Journal of the National Religious Vocation Conference)* 28/4 (Summer 2003) 17-20.
52. "They Cried to the Lord: Lament in the Bible," *Scripture from Scratch*, No. 204 (February, 2004).
53. "The Psalms: Prayers of Life," *The WAY of St. Francis* 10/2 (March-April, 2004) 11-15.
54. "Psalm 22, 'My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?'," *St. Anthony Messenger* 111/1 (April, 2004) 28-33.
55. "Catholics: Raptured or Not?" *St. Anthony Messenger* 112/6 (November, 2004) 39-42.
56. "The Book of Psalms: Prayers for Everyday Living," *St. Anthony Messenger* 112/8 (January, 2005) 13-16. Also short summaries of 12 psalms selected for reflection in each issue of 2005.
57. "In the Desert with Jesus: Biblical Background of the Season of Lent," *Catholic Update* 02/05 (February, 2005).

### 3. Book Reviews

1. W. J. Harrington, *Come, Lord Jesus: A Biblical Retreat* in *The Cord* 19 #3 (Mar 1969) 92-93.

2. L. Abrahamowski & A. Goodman, *Nestorian Christological Texts: Syriac Text, Translation and Commentary* in *CBQ* 35 (1973) 74-75.
3. R.B.Y. Scott, *The Way of Wisdom in the Old Testament* in *JAAR* 41 (1973) 649-50.
4. M. Hellwig, *Tradition: The Catholic Story Today* in *WAY of St. Francis* 31 #7 Sept 1975) 59-60.
5. A. Voobus, *The Hexapla and the Syro-Hexapla and Discoveries of Very Important Manuscript Sources for the Syro-Hexapla* in *CBQ* 37 (1975) 610-12.
6. F. Michaeli, *Le livre de l'Exode (CAT 2)* in *CBQ* 40 (1978) 609-11.
7. T. Mann, *Divine Presence and Guidance in Israelite Traditions* in *CBQ* 45 (1983) 116-17.
8. R. Scroggs, *The New Testament and Homosexuality* in *BTB* 14 #4 (Oct 1984) 168-69.
9. J. Gardner, *Gilgamesh in America* 152 #13 (Apr 6, 1985) 286.
10. C.L. Myers & M. O'Connor, eds., *The Word of the Lord Shall Go Forth (D.N. Freedman Festschrift)* in *CBQ* 47 (1985) 577-79.
11. M. Maher, *Genesis* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 315-16.
12. R. Burns, *Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 315-16.
13. R. Clifford, *Deuteronomy* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 315-16.
14. J. Craghan, *The Psalms, Prayers for the Ups and Downs and In-betweens of Life* in *BTB* 17 (1987) 33.
15. A. Montagu, ed., *Science and Creationism* in *Zygon* 22 #4 (1987) 519-20.
16. H. Huffman, ed., *The Quest for the Kingdom of God (G.E. Mendenhall Festschrift)* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 361-62.
17. B. Vawter, *The Path of Wisdom* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 365-66.
18. J.J. Collins & J. D. Crossan, eds., *The Biblical Heritage (B. Vawter Festschrift)* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 365-66.
19. C. Westermann, *Genesis* (English translation) 3 vols. in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 490-91.

20. D. Knight & G. Tucker, eds., *The Hebrew Bible and Its Modern Interpreters* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 528-29.
21. D.K. Kim, ed., *A Guide to Contemporary Hermeneutics* in *CBQ* 49 (1987) 529-30.
22. W. Brueggemann, *David's Truth* in *BTB* 18 (1988) 32.
23. D. J. McCarthy, *Institution and Narrative: Collected Essays* in *CBQ* 50 (1988) 349-50.
24. J. W. Miller, *Meet the Prophets: A Beginner's Guide to the Books of the Biblical Prophets* in *TS* 49 (1988) 573.
25. P. Miller, P. Hanson, & D. McBride, eds., *Ancient Israelite Religion (F.M. Cross Festschrift)* in *CBQ* 51 (1989) 179-81.
26. L. Gilkey, *Evolution and God at Little Rock* in *Zygon* 23 #4 (Dec 1988) 481-82.
27. P. Beauchamp et al., *La creation dans l'Orient ancien. Congres de l'ACFEB (1985)* in *CBQ* 51 (1989) 388-89.
28. H. Cazelles, *Autour de l'Exode (Etudes)* in *CBQ* 51 (1989) 389-90.
29. C. Westermann, *Genesis: A Practical Commentary* in *CBQ* 51 (1989) 735-37.
30. D. E. Gowan, *From Eden to Babel: A Commentary on the Book of Genesis 1-11* in *CBQ* 51 (1989) 735-37.
31. L. Bailey, *Noah: The Person and the Story in History and Tradition* in *CBQ* 51 (1989) 735-37.
32. G. Jonsson, *The Image of God: Genesis 1:26-28 in a Century of Old Testament Research* in *CBQ* 51 (1989) 735-37.
33. R. E. Clements, *Jeremiah: Interpretation Commentary* in *TS* 51 (1990) 172.
34. C. Westermann, *The Living Psalms* in *TS* 51 (1990) 366-67.
35. J. L. Mays, ed., *Harper's Bible Commentary* in *CBQ* 52 (1990) 528-30.
36. D. Bergant & R. Karris, *The Collegeville Bible Commentary* in *CBQ* 52 (1990) 528-30.
37. C. Brekelmans, ed., *Questions disputees d'Ancien Testament: Methode et theologie* in *CBQ* 52 (1990) 580-81.

38. D. Morgan, *Between Text and Community: The 'Writings' in Canonical Interpretation in Crossings* (Fall 1990) 11.
39. J. Sasson, *Ruth* in *CBQ* 52 (1990) 727-28.
40. N. W. Waldman, *The Recent Study of Hebrew: A Survey of the Literature with Selected Bibliography* in *CBQ* 52 (1990) 733-34.
41. M.S. Smith, *The Early History of God: Yahweh and the Other Deities in Ancient Israel* in *TS* 52 (1991) 347-49.
42. S. Bigger, ed., *Creating the Old Testament: The Emergence of the Hebrew Bible* in *CBQ* 54 (1992) 387-88.
43. B. C. Birch, *Let Justice Roll Down: The Old Testament, Ethics, and Christian Life* in *TS* 53 (1992) 736-37.
44. J. A. Loader, *A Tale of Two Cities: Sodom and Gomorrah in the Old Testament, Early Jewish and Early Christian Traditions* in *TS* 54 (1993) 382.
45. S. D. O'Leary, *Arguing the Apocalypse: A Theory of Millennial Rhetoric* in *TS* 56 (1995) 154-55.
46. B. McGinn, *The Antichrist: Two Thousand Years of the Human Fascination with Evil* in *TS* 57 (1996) 140-41.
47. B. Malina, *On the Genre and Message of the Book of Revelation* in *TS* 57 (1996) 775.
48. T. Dozeman, *God at War: Power in the Exodus Tradition* in *TS* 58 (1997) 761-62.
49. J. Brenneeman, *Canons in Conflict: Negotiating Texts in True and False Prophecy*, in *TS* 59/3 (Sept, 1998) 549-50.
50. M. Lieb, *Children of Ezekiel: Aliens, UFOs, the Crisis of Race, and the Advent of the End Time*, in *TS* 60/4 (1999) 778.
50. J. Haught, *Responses to 101 Questions on God and Evolution*, and D. Toolan, *At Home in the Cosmos*, in *St. Anthony Messenger* 110/2 (July 2002) 50-51.