

Biographical Note

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Dr. William Sweet received his PhD from the University of Ottawa, his DEA from the Université de Paris 1 – Sorbonne, and his D.Ph from Saint Paul University. He is currently Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Centre for Philosophy, Theology, and Cultural Traditions, at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, NS. He was formerly Professor of Philosophy at St Thomas University, in Fredericton, where he served as Vice President Academic, and has taught as Visiting Professor at universities in Asia and Europe, including the Catholic University of Lublin (Poland), Fu Jen Catholic University (Taiwan) and the Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram (the Pontifical Athenaeum of Philosophy, Theology and Canon Law) in Bangalore, India.

A Past-President of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Dr Sweet has also served on, and chaired, a number of national and international bodies, including the SSHRC Standard Research Grant Committee and the Aid to Scholarly Conferences Committee. He is currently President of the World Union of Catholic Philosophical Societies, a member of the Steering Committee of the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de Philosophie, and a Vice President of the Istituto Internazionale Jacques Maritain (Rome). He is also an editor of *Collingwood and British Idealism Studies* and editor of *Philosophy, Culture, and Traditions*.

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