

Some Suggested Bibliography for “Teaching Augustinian Contexts”

What follows is a bibliography list limited to secondary sources that are readily available in English. Its “target audience” is those who find themselves a bit pressed for time and who want to “cut to the chase”—that is, who want an easily manageable list of some of the most essential and helpful works for studying and teaching Augustine. With apologies to David Letterman, you might be able to call this list the “Top-10” published sources for Teaching Augustinian Contexts ...

1) Fitzgerald, A., gen. ed. *Augustine through the Ages: An Encyclopedia*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 1999.

Although it is now almost 10 years old, this remains the single best place to start for information on the Bishop of Hippo and his background, context, and influence. In addition to much helpful material provided in the forward matter—including some now “classic” secondary works—this 900+ page encyclopedia contains entries for more than 400 *lemmata* (ranging from “abortion” to “world”) composed by an international team comprised of many of the very best scholars in the field. In sum, this work will provide almost anyone with both a thorough grounding in the life and work of Augustine. All articles are in English. Most of the bibliographies given at the end of the articles are very valuable—many are nothing short of priceless.

Falvey Library location: (Reference Section, first floor): **BR655.Z69.A84 1999**

[Click here for a PDF file of the complete list of this work’s *lemmata*.](#)

2) Mayer, C., ed. *Augustinus-Lexikon*. Basel: Schwabe & Co., 1996-ff.

This lexicon is already recognized as the standard reference work for all things Augustinian. As of the Fall of 2007, the editors have all but finished publishing the fascicles that will comprise Volume 3. This means that they are approximately 40% finished with the planned volumes. What has been published covers the articles on all the planned *lemmata* from A-I. Note well that the original Latin is used for all the *lemmata* and that any given entry may appear in either English, French or German.

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[Click here for the official *Augustinus-Lexikon* website.](#)

- 3) **Rotelle, J.E., O.S.A. (†), general ed. *The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st-Century*. Brooklyn, New York: New City Press, 1990-2007 (ongoing).**

This series of new translations of Augustine's works will eventually include everything by him that is extant. To date, the series contains his *Confessions*, his *The Trinity*, his *Teaching Christianity*, all of his sermons, all of his Psalms commentary, all of his works directed against the Pelagians, as well as a volume on marriage and a volume of his works against the Manichaeans. More volumes are being published each year. Especially valuable to those who teach Augustine are the "Introductory Essays" that many of the volumes contain. See, for example, the "General Introduction" essay on Augustine as a preacher and on the collection of his sermons as they have come down to us on pp. 13-137 of vol. III/1 by M. Cardinal Pelligrino. Also extremely helpful is the introduction to the main figures of the Pelagian Controversies as given by R. Teske, S.J. on pp. 11-16 of vol. I/23 as well as his detailed introductions to each of Augustine's so-called anti-Pelagian works.

Falvey Library location: (second floor): **BR65.A5 ... (multiple volumes)**

[Click here for a link to New City Press's webpage devoted to this series](#)

- 4) **Dodaro, R. and G. Lawless, eds., *Augustine and His Critics, Essays in Honour of Gerald Bonner*. London: Routledge, 2000.**

A valuable and readable resource for up to date information on many of the questions that are currently being asked and/or debated by the most important scholars in the field of Augustinian Studies. Topics covered by essays in this volume include: Philosophy (esp. Platonism and Good/Evil); Theology (Trinity, Christology, Anthropology); Asceticism; Sexuality; Politics and Society ...

[Click here for a link to H. Drobner's masterful and readable *status quaestionis* essay entitled "Studying Augustine: An Overview of Recent Research"](#)

Falvey Library location: (second floor): **BR65.A9 A83 2000**

- 5) **Chadwick, H. *Augustine A Very short Introduction, Very Short Introductions Series, no. 38*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986.**

An extremely readable account of Augustine's life, thought and impact for those who are pressed for time or who simply need a short "refresher course." Approximately 100 pages.

Falvey Library location: (second floor): **B655.Z7 C46 2001**

- 6) **TeSelle, E. *Augustine the Theologian*. London: Burns and Oates, 1970; reprinted 2002 by Wipf and Stock of Eugene, OR.**

Definitely a classic in the field. For an updated and shorter introduction to Augustine by this same author, see Teselle, E., *Augustine*, Abingdon Pillars of Theology Series, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006. This helpful little volume comes in at just 96 pp.!

Falvey Library location: (second floor): **BR65.A9 T39 2006**

- 7) **Portalié, E., *A Guide to the Thought of Saint Augustine*, Chicago: H. Regnery Co., 1960 (Reprint: Greenwood Press, 1975).**

Falvey Library location: (second floor): **BR65.A9 P63**

- 8) **Marrou, H. I. *St. Augustine and his influence through the ages*. Trans. P. Hefburne-Scott (texts of St. Augustine trans. E. Hill). New York: Harper Torchbooks, 1957.**

Especially helpful here are pp. 147-180 where Marrou traces Augustine's dominant status as the "Father of the West"—both theologically and philosophically—well into the Modern period.

Falvey Library location: (second floor): **BR1720.A9 M3**

- 9) **Markus, R. A. *Saeculum: History and Society in the Theology of St. Augustine*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1970.**

Falvey Library location: (second floor): **BR65.A9 M33 1970**

This book is arguably the English-language “ground zero” for exposure to the ways in which the Bishop of Hippo thought about and interacted with the world, human society and the church as he knew and experienced them. Helps to untangle the points at which Augustine's thinking was innovative and the points at which he was more or less employing inherited ideas and categories.

- 10) **Burnaby, J. *Amor Dei, a study of the religion of St. Augustine: The Hulsean lectures for 1938*. London : Hodder & Stoughton, 1938; reprint 1960; reissued 1991.**

While almost all will grant that this work's chief flaw now is its datedness, it can certainly still be valuable as an insightful and readable introduction to Augustine and his mind, which, after all, was a mind thoroughly wrapped up in religion and the things of God. A positively masterful set of lectures ...

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