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Dr. Savage is a student of St. Thomas Aquinas with a particular interest in investigating his thought in light of contemporary questions. Her primary research interests are in philosophical and theological anthropology, especially as a foundation for human action and for the personhood of women, and the metaphysics of creation as a foundation for both stewardship and economics.

She is a recognized scholar of the work of Karol Wojtyla/John Paul II and has written and presented or published several papers on how his philosophical anthropology informs his body of work as Pope. She speaks regularly on the topics of the feminine genius within the context of the complementarity of men and women, human sexuality, and the theological meaning of human work. She is the co-founder of the [Siena Symposium](#), an interdisciplinary think tank at UST, organized to respond to John Paul II's call for a new and explicitly Christian feminism. Her more recent publications include an article entitled "The Metaphysics of Creation as a Foundation for Environmental Stewardship and a Sound Economy," coming out in the journal, *Nova et Vetera*, in the spring of 2011; and a chapter on Women and Catholic Social Thought in the volume: *Catholic Social Thought: American Reflections on the Compendium*, Lexington Books, 2009.

Before her decision to pursue a doctorate, Deborah worked for over 25 years in the business sector, holding a variety of positions primarily in manufacturing organizations. During the ten years prior to the start of her doctoral work, Deborah owned her own consulting firm, *The Triad Group*, which provided consulting and training services in the areas of quality and process management and improvement, cross-functional management and strategic planning. She has taught in the Executive MBA program at the University of St. Thomas, as well as numerous public seminars. She has been studying the relationship between faith, spirituality, and work since her days on the production line, and has given talks and seminars and delivered papers internationally on the subject of the relationship between faith and human work.