

## *Curriculum vitae*

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Associate Professor**, Department of Theology, Fordham University, Sept., 2008.

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Theology, Fordham University, Sept., 2002.

**Co-Founding Director**, Orthodox Christian Studies Program, 2007.

**Co-Founding Director**, Orthodoxy in America Lecture Series, 2004.

### EDUCATION

**PhD: University of North Carolina** (Chapel Hill, NC), in Religious Studies, 1997-2002.

**MA: University of North Carolina** (Chapel Hill, NC), in Religious Studies, 1995-1997.

**MTS: Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology** (Brookline, MA), 1993-1995.

**BA: University of Tennessee** (Knoxville, TN), in History, 1988-1992.

### GENERAL RESEARCH AREA

Continuity and discord between the Christian East and Christian West from late antiquity to the early modern era.

### HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fordham University

- Carpenter Research Fellow** (2011)
- NEH Adjudicator, Medieval Studies** (Summer, 2009)
- Faculty Fellowship** (2005-2006; 2011).
- Research Course Reductions** (Fall 2003, Spring 2007, Spring 2009).

University of North Carolina:

- Royster Society of Fellows** (2001-2002). The most prestigious award for graduate study at UNC-CH.
- Graduate Minor in Medieval Studies** (Spring, 2000).
- Perry Summer Fellowship** (Summer, 1999).
- Undergraduate Teaching Award Nomination** (Spring, 1997).

Holy Cross:

- Graduated "Highest Honors"** (May, 1995).
- Gargas Fellowship** (May, 1994). Awarded for academic excellence in Patristics.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fordham University:

- RSRF 1000**: "Faith and Critical Reason" (Spring, 2003).
- HPRU 1052**: "Honors Medieval Theology/Philosophy" (Spring, 2004; Spring 2005, Spring 2007).
- RSRU 2715**: "Medieval Theology Texts" (Fall, 2002; Fall, 2004).
- RSRU 2720**: "Byzantine Christianity" (Fall, 2003; Spring, 2004; Spring 2005, Fall 2006).
- RSRU 3000**: "Classic Christian Texts I: 100-1500" (Fall, 2002; Fall, 2003; Fall, 2004, Fall 2006, Fall 2007).
- RSGA 5300**: "History of Christianity I" (Fall, 2006).
- RSRU 6460**: "Early Christian Spiritual Direction" (Spring, 2005).
- RSGA 6470**: "Medieval and Byzantine Asceticism" (Spring, 2003; Fall 2007).
- RSGA 6480**: "Christianizing the Barbarians" (Spring, 2004; Spring 2009).

University of North Carolina:

- Reli 99: "Virgins, Hermits, Fools and Other Expressions of Christian Asceticism" (Fall, 1999).
- Reli 99: "The History of Eastern Orthodoxy" (Spring, 1999).
- Reli 40: "Varieties of Christian Mysticism from Late Antiquity to the Early Modern Period" (Fall, 1998).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monograph:

- *Five Models of Spiritual Direction in the Early Church* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007).
  - Reviewed in *Catholic Historical Review* 94 (2008): 538-40.
  - Reviewed in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 42 (2007): 354-59.
  - Reviewed in *Commonweal*, July 1, 2007, pp. 27-28.
  - Reviewed in *Concordia Theological Quarterly* 73 (2009): 190-191.
  - Reviewed in *Criswell Theological Review* 6 (2008): 107-108.
  - Reviewed in *Heythrop Journal* 51 (2010): 486-87
  - Reviewed in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16 (2008): 611-12
  - Reviewed in *Journal of Theological Studies* 61 (2010): 378-80.
  - Reviewed in *Medievalia et Humanistica* 33 (2007): 119-22.
  - Reviewed in *Sobornost* 32 (2008): 92-93.
  - Reviewed in *Theological Studies* 68 (2007): 922-24.

### Edited Volumes and Translations:

- *Orthodox Readings of Augustine*, ed. by G. Demacopoulos and A. Papanikolaou (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2008).
- *St. Gregory the Great: Book of Pastoral Rule* (introduction and translation), Popular Patristic Text Series (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2007).

### Articles:

- "Gregory the Great and a Post-Imperial Discourse," in *Power and Authority in Eastern Christian Experience*, ed. by John McGuckin (forthcoming).
- "The Mystery of Divine Human Communion in the Byzantine Tradition," in *Blackwell's Companion to Christian Mysticism*, ed. by Julia Lamm (Oxford: Blackwell's, forthcoming).
- "History, Postcolonial Theory, and Some New Possibilities for Retrieving the Theological Past," in *Neo-Patristic Synthesis or Post-Patristic Theology: Is Orthodox Theology Contextual*, ed. by Pantelis Kalaitzidis (Volos, Greece: Volos Theological Academy, forthcoming).
- "Roman Privilege in the Justinianic Legislation," in *Religion and Authority in the Christian West: Essays in Honor of Peter Kaufman*, ed. by T. McGinnis and K. Bruhn, (forthcoming).
- "Gregory the Great" in *The Spiritual Senses in the Western Christian Tradition*, ed. by Paul Gavrilyuk (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2011).
- "Gregory the Great and the Appeal to Petrine Authority," *Studia Patristica*, ed. by Jane Baun, et al. (Louvain: Peters, 2010), 333-46.
- "Gregory the Great and the Sixth-Century Dispute over the Ecumenical Title," *Theological Studies* 70 (2009): 600-621.
- "Gregory the Great and the Pagan Shrines of Kent," *Journal of Late Antiquity* 1 (2008): 353-369.
- "Augustine and the Orthodox: 'The West' in the East," [co-authored with Aristotle Papanikolaou] in *Orthodox Readings of Augustine* (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press and William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008), 11-40.
- "Understanding Pastoral Care in the Early Church," in *Thinking Through Faith*, ed. by A. Papanikolaou and E. Prodromou (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2008), 87-112.
- "Ambivalence in Athanasius's Approach to Spiritual Direction," in *Studia Patristica*, vol. 41 (Louvain: Peters, 2006), 145-150.
- "Leadership in the Post-Constantinian Church according to St. Gregory Nazianzen," *Louvain Studies* 30 (2005): 223-239.

- “The Soteriology of Pope Gregory I: A Case Against the Augustinian Interpretation,” *American Benedictine Review* 54 (2003): 312-28.
- “The Popular Reception of the Council of Florence in Constantinople, 1439-1453,” *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 43 (1999): 37-53.
- “A Survey of Recent Scholarship Concerning Ambrose of Milan and the Defeat of Western Homoianism,” *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 42 (1997): 357-371.

#### **Encyclopedia Articles/Book Reviews:**

- Elias Bouboutsis, *Singing in a Strange Land: The Ancient Future of Orthodox Pluralism* (Brookline, MA: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2010). *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- “Pentarchy,” *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “Priesthood,” *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “Mary the Virgin, Theotokos,” *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 773.
- “Byzantine Theology,” *Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).
- “Ecumenical Patriarch,” *Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).
- “Pelagianism,” *Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).
- Nicolas Afanasiev, *The Church of the Holy Spirit*, edited by M. Plekon, translated by V. Permiakov (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2007). *Theological Studies* 70 (2009): 238-239.
- Lewis J. Patsavos, *A Noble Task: Entry into the Clergy in the First Five Centuries*, translated by Norman Russell (Boston: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2007). *Sobornost Incorporating Eastern Churches Review* 32 (2008): 109-111.
- Richard Finn OP, *Almsgiving in the Later Roman Empire: Christian Promotion and Practice 313-450* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006). *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 15 (2007): 578-79.
- Andrea Sterk, *Renouncing the World Yet Leading the Church: The Monk-Bishop in Late Antiquity* (Cambridge: Harvard Univ. Press, 2004). *Journal of Religion* 86 (2006): 304-305.
- “Liturgical Year in the East,” *Dictionary of the Middle Ages*, vol. 14 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003), 327-330.
- Conrad Leyser, *Authority and Asceticism from Augustine to Gregory the Great* (Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 2000). *Theological Studies* 62 (2001): 831-833.
- Wendy Mayer and Pauline Allen, *John Chrysostom* (London: Routledge, 2000). *Church History* 70 (2001): 150.
- Robert Markus, *Gregory the Great and His World* (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1997). *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 42 (1998): 416-419.

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

*The Politics of War in Early Christianity*. Invited Lecture at the University of Richmond. (September, 2011).

*Are All Universalist Politics Local? Pope Gelasius I's International Ambition as a Tonic for Local Humiliation*. Oxford Patristics Conference (August, 2011).

*From Constantinople to Rome and Back Again: The Transfer of Byzantine Relics in the Medieval and Modern World*. Columbia University, Dept. of Art History (April, 2011).

*Eusebius and Ambrose on the Imperial Prerogative for Christian Violence*. War and Peace: An Orthodox/Catholic Conversation, Loyola Marymount (March, 2011).

*Gregory the Great and a Post-Imperial Discourse*. Keynote address at the Sophia Institute's Annual Conference (December, 2010).

*From Constantinople to Rome and Back Again: The Transfer of Byzantine Relics in the Medieval and*

*Modern World*. Keynote address, *Treasures of Heaven Exhibit*, Cleveland Museum of Art (November, 2010).

*Spiritual Direction in the Early Christian East*, invited lecture at Fairfield University in honor of Archbishop Demetrius (November, 2010).

*Rethinking Pope Gelasius I's 'Ad Anastasium'*. Presented at the Byzantine Studies Conference (October, 2010).

*History, Post-Colonial Theory, and Some New Possibilities for Recovering the Theological Past*. Presented at Volos Theological Academy (June, 2010).

*Scholarly Reappraisals of the Great Schism*. Presented at the Delaware Valley Meeting of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (May, 2010).

*The Ecumenical Patriarchate in Historical Context*. Presented at the Institute of Religion, Law, and Lawyer's Work Conference, *Religious Freedom in Turkey: The Case of the Ecumenical Patriarchate* (September, 2009).

*The Life of St. Gregory of Agrigentum as an Unexplored Source for Opposition to Roman Authority in the Early Seventh Century*. Presented at the North American Patristics Society (May, 2009).

*The Historical Significance of the Ecumenical Patriarchate*. Presented at the Delaware Valley Meeting of the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate (March, 2009).

*The Use of the Spiritual Senses in Gregory the Great*. Presented at the American Academy of Religion, working group on the Spiritual Senses (October, 2008).

*Roman Privilege in the Justinianic Legislation*. Presented at the Byzantine Studies Conference (October, 2008).

*When Peter Speaks, does Anyone Listen? The Sicilian Reception of Roman Authority during the Tenure of Pope Gregory I*. Presented at the North American Patristics Society (May, 2008).

*Orthodoxy and a Just War*. Keynote address for Orthodox Books Week, Chicago, IL (March, 2008).

*Gregory the Great and the Appeal to Petrine Authority*. Presented at the Oxford International Patristics Conference (August, 2007).

*Constantinople in the Era of St. John Chrysostom*. Presented at the Fall of Constantinople Society (Chicago, IL) (May, 2007).

*The Orthodox View of Papal Authority*. Presented at the Halki School of Theology (Halki, Turkey) (November, 2006).

*What's in a Title?: Pope Gregory I and the "Ecumenical" Controversy of the Late Sixth Century*. Presented at the Byzantine Studies Conference (October, 2006).

*Philanthropy as the Consequence of Faith: Patristic Reflections on the Need for Charitable Giving*. Presented at the National Greek Orthodox Clergy-Laity Congress (July, 2006).

*Reconsidering the Sixth-Century Dispute over the 'Ecumenical Title'*. Presented at the Orthodox Theological Society of America (June, 2006).

*Reconsidering Pope Gregory I's Mission to England*. Presented at the North American Patristics Society (May, 2006).

*The Politics of Plunder: The Movement of the Relics of St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom from Constantinople to Rome and back Again*. Presented at the Byzantine Studies Conference (October, 2005).

*The Orthodox Catholic Schism: History, Theology and the Possibility of Reunion*. Presented as the inaugural lecture at the St. Monica's Institute for Patristic Studies (September, 2005).

*A New Feast in the Orthodox Church: The return of the relics of St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom to Constantinople*. Presented as key-note lecture for the Celebration of the Three Hierarchs at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Manhattan (February, 2005).

*The Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom and St. Gregory the Theologian.* Presented as the key-note lecture during Archon pilgrimage to Constantinople, Istanbul, Turkey (November, 2004).

*Keep Your Barbarous Hands off our Beards: Popular Religious Dissent during the Latin Occupation of Byzantium,* Presented at the Leeds International Medieval Conference (July, 2004).

*Spiritual Authority According to St. Gregory Nazianzen,* Presented at the North American Patristics Conference (May, 2004).

*Augustine's Pastoral Activities and Ascetic Past,* Presented at the American Society of Church History (January, 2004).

*Art of Arts: Spiritual Direction according to St. Gregory Nazianzen,* Presented at the Byzantine Studies Conference (October, 2003).

*Spiritual Direction in the Early Church,* Delivered to Fordham University's Center for Medieval Studies (September, 2003).

*Ambivalence in Athanasius' Model of Spiritual Direction,* Presented at the Oxford Patristics Conference (August, 2003).

*Spiritual Direction in Christian Antiquity,* Presented at the Orthodox Theological Society of America (May, 2003).

*From 'Doctor' to 'Pastor': The Transformation of Spiritual Direction from the Late Ancient to the Early Medieval Church,* Presented at the International Congress for Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo (May, 2003).

*Explaining Augustine's Resistance to Ascetic Models of Spiritual Direction,* Presented at the North American Patristics Society (May, 2002)

*Spiritual Direction in the Early Byzantine Church: Ammonas, Athanasius and John Chrysostom on Ascetic Authority.* Presented at the Byzantine Studies Conference (November, 2001).

*Reading Gregory I's "Vita Benedicti" as a Call to the Priesthood.* Presented at the North American Patristics Society (May, 2001).

*Gregory I and the Asceticization of Pastoral Authority.* Presented at the South-Eastern Medieval Association Conference (September, 2000).

*Reconsidering Gregory I's Use of Augustine.* Presented at the International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamzoo (May, 2000).

*John Cassian in the Works of Pope Gregory I.* Presented at the Oxford Patristics Conference (August, 1999).

*Priest as Abbot in Gregory I's 'Liber Regulae Pastoralis'.* Presented at the South-Eastern American Academy of Religion Conference (March, 1999).

*Have we Gained the Victory or Have we Sold the Faith?: The Popular Reception of the Council of Florence in Constantinople 1440-1453.* Presented at the Byzantine Studies Conference (November, 1998).

## ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

***Orthodox Constructions of the West*** (June, 2010)

-Conceived and co-directed international conference exploring Orthodox formulation of Western Christianity.

***Orthodox Readings of Augustine*** (June, 2007)

-Conceived and co-directed international conference exploring the place of Augustine of Hippo in the Orthodox Church.

***Orthodoxy in America Lecture Series*** (2004ff)

-Co-created and co-direct annual lecture hosted at Fordham University

-Previous speakers include: Archbishop Demetrios Trakatellas, Bishop Kallistos Ware, Dr. Albert Rabateau, Rev. Dr. Andrew Louth, Dr. Susan Ashbrook Harvey, and Rev. Dr. Stanley Harakas.

***Archeological Excavation of a Thirteenth-Century Cistercian Monastery*** (Summer, 1997)

-Participant of excavation team to Zaraka (Peleponese, Greece).

**Technological Experience (1997-1998)**

-Co-created and spearheaded an \$81,000 project to transform the teaching of Religious Studies through the use of internet technologies in the classroom.

**LANGUAGES**

**Greek** (Koine, and Byzantine)

**Latin** (Classical, Medieval)

**French**

**German**

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**American Society of Church History**

**Medieval Academy of America**

**Logos: A Forum of Orthodox Scholars**

**North American Patristics Society**