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EDUCATION

Catholic University of America, Washington DC

Ph.D., Systematic Theology, dissertation defended December 14, 2009, *with distinction*

Dissertation: “The Concept of Sister Churches in Catholic-Orthodox Relations since Vatican II”

St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Tuckahoe, NY

M.Div., 2002, *Magna Cum Laude*

Thesis: “Ecclesiology and the Dialogues between Eastern Orthodox and Oriental Orthodox Churches”

Brown University, Providence, RI

BA, English and American Literature and Political Science, 1988

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Completed freshman year of course work, 1984-1985

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Development Grant, University of Scranton, summer 2011

Hubbard Fellowship for Outstanding Doctoral Students, Catholic University of America, 2008

Summer Study Grant for Affiliate Faculty, Loyola College (The Center for the Humanities), 2007

John Quasten Doctoral Scholarship, Catholic University of America, 2004-2007

Susan Colver Rosenberger Award for Academic Excellence in Political Science, Brown University, 1988

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Assistant Professor, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, August 2009-present

Introduction to Theology (T/RS 122), Spring 2012

Christian Unity and Division (T/RS 584), Master’s level, Spring 2012

Honors in Context Seminar (HONR 387H), for junior honors students, Spring 2012

Introduction to the Bible (T/RS 121), 2 sections each semester, Fall 2009 – Fall 2011

Latin American Liberation Theologies and Beyond (T/RS 250), Fall 2011

Theology and Psychology (T/RS 387H-2), Honors Tutorial, Fall 2011

Theologies of Work and Rest (T/RS 284H), Honors Program, Spring 2011

God and the Good Society (T/RS 231), Fall 2010

Early Patristic Theology (T/RS 583), Master’s level, Summer 2010

God and the Earth (T/RS 331Z), Spring 2010

Theology of Byzantine Churches (T/RS 553), Master’s level, Fall 2009

Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Affiliate Faculty Member, Summer 2006-Fall 2007

Introduction to Theology (7x)

Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsburg, MD

Adjunct Lecturer, Summer 2005-Spring 2006

Foundations of Christian Theology (4x)

Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Adjunct Lecturer, Spring 2005

Theologies of the Old Testament (1x)

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2004-Spring 2006

Participant, Wabash Center Mentoring Project in professional development and pedagogical training of doctoral students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, Cont'd

St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's School, New York, NY

Middle School English/Religion Teacher (Grades 7 and 8), Fall 2002-Spring 2004

Saddle River Day School, Saddle River, NJ

Upper School English Teacher (Grades 9, 11, 12), Fall 1996-Spring 1999

ACADEMIC AND ECCLESIASTICAL SERVICE

Organizer, "The Church of Christ and Ecumenism 10 Years after *Dominus Iesus*," October 2010 Academic Symposium held at the University of Scranton. Invited speakers: Rev. Msgr Paul McPartlan (Catholic University of America), Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner (Wycliffe College, University of Toronto), Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Mikovsky (Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church); and Rev. Dr. John Manoussakis (College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA).

Faculty Member, Honors Council, University of Scranton, September 2010- present

Faculty Advisor to Junior Theology majors, September 2011-present

Faculty Advisor to Sophomore Theology majors, September 2010-May 2011

Member of subcommittee of the FAC negotiation committee to explore the issue of reinstating the Scranton Prep Benefit, March-April 2011

Member of subcommittee on Freshman Seminar Pilot, University of Scranton, Spring 2010

Reader of MA Thesis by Ron Bernier, "Screening God: Bill Viola and the Theological Sublime," University of Scranton. Thesis defense May 7, 2010

Reader of MA Thesis by Matthew Figured, "Preliminary Remarks on a Unified Sacramental Theory: a Case Study on the Catecheses of St. Cyril of Jerusalem," oral defense August 24, 2011.

Treasurer, Orthodox Theological Society of America, Summer 2010-present

Peer Reviewer, *Pro Ecclesia: a Journal of Catholic and Evangelical Theology*

Subdeacon, All Saints Orthodox Church, Olyphant, PA, Fall 2009-present

Parish Council Member, All Saints Orthodox Church, Olyphant, PA, January 2012-present

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Expertise: Ecclesiology; Ecumenical Theology; Modern Historical Theology; Eastern Orthodox Theology

Further Interests: Trinitarian Theology; Christology; Greek Patristics; Augustine; Ecological Theology; Sacramental Theology; Christian Anthropology; Political Theology; Hermeneutics; Old Testament

PUBLICATIONS

"The Thing of It: An Orthodox Response to Hunsinger's Not So High Sacramental Theology," *Pro Ecclesia* 19:3 (Summer 2010), pp. 247-254 (article is part of a symposium on George Hunsinger's *Eucharist and Ecumenism*).

Review of newly published English translation of Nicolas Afanasiev's *The Church of the Holy Spirit* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2007), *Pro Ecclesia* 19:2 (Spring 2010), pp. 102-106.

"The Concept of 'Sister Churches' in Orthodox-Catholic Relations in the 12th and 21st Centuries," *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 53:4 (2009), pp. 375-406. (Expanded and revised version of conference presentation: see below.)

"Sacraments and the Unity of the Church," *Ecclesiology* 4:1 (UK: 2007), pp. 68-87.

"Recovery and Discovery of Ecclesiological Balance: Orthodoxy's Contribution at Vatican II and the East-West Encounter Today," *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 46:3-4 (2005), pp. 327-345.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Partakers of the Divine Nature: The History and Development of Deification in the Christian Traditions*, eds. Michael J. Christensen and Jeffery A. Wittung (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2007), at press, *Pro Ecclesia* (forthcoming, 2111).

Review of A. Edward Siecienski, *The Filioque: History of a Doctrinal Controversy* (Oxford, 2010), at press, *Pro Ecclesia*.

“Augustine and John Zizioulas,” commissioned chapter for the T & T Clark Companion to *Augustine and Modern Theology*, eds. C.C. Pecknold and Tarmo Toom (Continuum/T & T Clark, forthcoming 2013).

“Hermeneutics of Difference: the Case of ‘Sister Churches’,” commissioned essay for *Hermeneutics of Tradition*, eds. Craig Hovey and Cyrus Olsen, volume under review at The Catholic University of America Press.

PRESENTATIONS

“The Hermeneutics of Schism – the Question of Sister Churches,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 20, 2012 in the wildcard session *The Hermeneutics of Tradition*.

“Work and Rest for the Christian” parish talk given at All Saints Orthodox Church (Olyphant) as part of a Lenten Speakers series, April 8, 2011.

“The Role of the ‘Servant of the Servants of God’ and the Roman Catholic Dogma of Papal Infallibility,” paper presented at the Orthodox Theological Society of America’s Annual Meeting, Crestwood, NY, June 3, 2010.

“Earthy Asceticism,” paper presented at the University of Scranton’s *Food & Justice Symposium*, April 23 2010.

“‘Take, Eat’: Communion and Consumption in an Age of Economic and Environmental Crisis,” presentation given as part of the Lenten Lecture Series at St. Mark’s Orthodox Church, Bethesda, MD, April 1, 2009.

“The Concept of ‘Sister Churches’ in Orthodox-Catholic Relations in the 12th and 21st Centuries,” presented at the Orthodox Theological Society of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., June 14, 2008.

“The Place of Augustine in the Ecclesiology of Georges Florovsky,” presented to the Augustine and Augustinians Group and Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 20, 2006.

More than 30 homilies delivered at Ss. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church (2005-present).

“The Question of Anti-Semitism in the New Testament”, presented at the New York Inter-seminary Dialogue hosted by St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary (Spring 2002).

LANGUAGES

French (reading, writing and speaking proficiency)
Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and German (reading knowledge)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

So Others Might Eat (SOME), Dining Room Volunteer, Washington, DC (July 2006-2009)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Dinner Program Volunteer, Washington, DC (Fall 2004-June 2006)

American Red Cross in Greater New York, Chaplain to families of 9/11 victims, New York, NY (Fall 2001)

Lawrence Hospital, Pastoral Care Counselor, Bronxville, NY (Spring/Summer 2001)