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Research Interests

Eastern Orthodox liturgy, patristics, theological aesthetics, political theology; Confucian thought, ecology, education, mission.

Present Position

2018–present, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary (SVS) – Assistant Professor of Theology

Recent Papers

2020, SVS Student Academic Symposium, “Becoming Human, Becoming God: From Slavery to Freedom to Divine Captivation” (keynote address)

2019, SVS Faculty Seminar, “The Scripture Art and Power(s) Politics of Paschal Liturgy” (presentation)

2019, IOTA, “Pascha as Spectacle: Then and Now” (conference paper)

2018, OTSA, “Leaping Lessing’s Ditch: Prospects for a Theological Aesthetics of Liturgy” (conference paper)

2017, OTSA, “An Orthodox Reflection on Some Key Concepts in Giorgio Agamben’s Theological Politics” (conference paper)

Courses Taught

2019, Introduction to Biblical Greek

2018, Theological Aesthetics

2018, Theological Writing

2018, English Grammar for Biblical Greek

Seminary & Church Service

2018–present, SVS Assistant Director of the Sacred Arts Institute

2018–present, SVS Director of Institutional Assessment (ATS re-accreditation)

2019–present, small group work emerging from Halki III toward integration of ecology into theological education

2018–present, SVS St Herman Student Society, faculty advisor

2020, St Innocent (OCA) parish, “Paradise in the Desert: a Paschal Ecology for Lent” (retreat)

2019, Halki III, “Theological Formation and Ecological Awareness: A Conversation on Education and the Environment” (chaired session on “Developing an eco-theological curriculum”)

2013–2016, OCA Diocese of the Midwest, St. Macrina Orthodox Institute, faculty

Mission Activity

2019, South Korea – visit Ulsan parish
2018, Uganda – OCMC Teaching Mission
2016, South Korea – Young Adult Retreat
2010, Madagascar – OCMC Teaching Mission

Degrees, Theses, and Awards

Th.M. – Theology – St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, 2018
Thesis: “Defeating Demons and Astonishing Angels: Pascha as Spectacle in the Early Paschal Tradition”
Advisor: Very Rev. Dr. John Behr
Commendation for thesis

M.A. – Theology – St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, 2013
Thesis: “Elisha’s Axe: Recovering the Voice of God in St. Irenaeus’ *Against Heresies*”
Advisor: Very Rev. Dr. John Behr
Summa cum laude; Commendation for thesis

Ph.D. – Ecology – U. of California, Davis, 1995
Dissertation: “The Evolution of Moral Agency and Altruistic Ethical Systems with Application to Environmental Ethics”
Advisors: Paul Sabatier, Peter J. Richerson
Distinguished Scholar Research Award

B.A. – Philosophy (Biology minor) – U. of Chicago, 1988
Also attended Carleton College, 1982–1985
Summa cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa; National Merit Scholar

Past Work

St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press – freelance editor, 2009–2018

Classical Writing Curriculum (<http://classicalwriting.com>) – author, 2002–2005
Designed and co-wrote several levels of a K-12 curriculum based on classical rhetoric.

Classical Co-op – founder, author, webmaster, 2001–2005
Ran a website for classical educators, which published articles from a range of authors, and offered an online store for curriculum.

Kings Hollow School (homeschool) – administrator, teacher, 1996–2013
Supervised four children, all grades, all subjects, K–12: organized and created curricula, taught, counseled, and cajoled; coordinated across homeschool, co-op, private school, public school, community college, and private tutoring settings.

Languages

Ancient Greek – reading competence
Korean – conversational

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