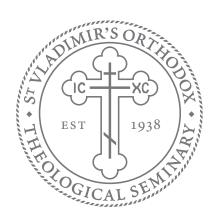




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During the Procession: Troparion of Ascension

Opening of the Commencement Exercises The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Welcoming Remarks
The Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, President

Conferral of Honorary Degrees
The Very Rev. Dr. J. Sergius Halvorsen, Faculty Secretary

David H. Bradshaw, Ph.D. *Doctor of Divinity (D.D.)*

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Commencement Address
David H. Bradshaw, Ph.D.
Chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Kentucky

Conferral of Degrees on the Graduates of the Class of 2018 Dr. John A. Barnet, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Valedictory Address
Mr. Dimitrios S. Nikiforos

Introduction to the Alumni Association The Very Rev. David Barr

Conferral of the St. Macrina Award Mr. Angelo Niqula President of the Student Council

Salutatory Address Mr. Timothy Aznavourian

St. Vladimirs' Women's Chorale
"Lord, Now Let Thy Servant" by Fr. Sergei Glagolev

Closing Remarks
The Most Blessed Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All
America and Canada, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Closing prayer: "It is truly meet"

Recessional: Troparion of Ascension

A reception follows.



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The Task of Embodying God-manhood: The Apocalyptic Theology of

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The Influence of the Greco-Roman Legal Thought on the Development of the
Methodological Principle of Οικονομια in Byzantine Canon Law: The Local
Cappadocian Traditions of Gregory Thaumaturgos
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By Means of Means and by Virtue of Virtue: The Human Being as the Image of God in St. Gregory of Nyssa's On the Making of Man The Very Rev. Dr. John Behr, advisor

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THE COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

David Bradshaw, Ph.D., is a professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Kentucky, and a member of St. Athanasius Orthodox Church in Nicholasville, KY.

Professor Bradshaw earned his doctorate at the University of Texas, Austin, and he currently specializes in ancient and medieval philosophy, philosophy of religion, and the interactions of theology and philosophy.

Professor Bradshaw is a contributor to *Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith* (SVS Press, 2012). He is also the author of *Aristotle East and West: Metaphysics and the Division of Christendom,* which focuses on a comparative history of philosophical thought in the two halves of Christendom, East and West, and which won the Morris D. Forkosch prize, sponsored by the *Journal of the History of Ideas.* Additionally, he is the editor of *Philosophical Theology and the Christian Tradition: Russian and Western Perspectives and Ethics and the Challenge of Secularism: Russian and Western Perspectives.*

His current research focuses on the ways that ancient Greek philosophy shaped medieval philosophy and religious thought, and how these, in turn, contributed to the formation of modernity. Most of his work to date has been on the philosophical roots of the division between the Greek-speaking (eastern) and Latin-speaking (western) branches of Christianity.

Over the next few years his hope is to explore more fully the implications of Eastern Christian thought for contemporary philosophy of religion, and ultimately to use this work (both historical and contemporary) as a basis for a new analysis of precisely why modern philosophy rejected traditional religious belief, including in what respects that development was and was not justified.

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