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AREAS OF RESEARCH AND INTEREST

Jewish Roots of Early Christology and Pneumatology; Biblical Exegesis and Doctrinal Developments in Early Christianity; Byzantine Theology and Hymnography.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Marquette University	2002–2007
M.A. in Theology, Marquette University	2000–2002
Ph.D. Coursework in Patristics, University of Bucharest, Romania	1998–2000
M.A. in Biblical Studies, University of Bucharest, Romania	1998–1999
Studies in Orthodox Theology, University of Bucharest, Romania	1995–1998

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Patristics, St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary	2020—
Associate Professor of Theology, Duquesne University	2012–2020
Assistant Professor of Theology, Duquesne University	2007–2012
Teaching Fellow, Marquette University	2005–2006
Teaching Assistant, Marquette University	2000–2005

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Scripture Re-Envisioned: Christophanic Exegesis and the Making of a Christian Bible. The Bible in Ancient Christianity 13. Leiden/ Boston: Brill, 2019.

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Journal Articles

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- "God Never Appeared to Moses": Eusebius of Caesarea's Peculiar Exegesis of the Burning Bush Theophany," *Journal of the Bible and its Reception* 5 (2018): 235-258.
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- "Anti-Jewish Rhetoric in Byzantine Hymnography: Exegetical and Theological Contextualization," *Saint Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 61 (2017): 39-60.
- "The Son of Man and The Ancient of Days: Observations on The Early Christian Reception of Daniel 7," *Phronema* 32 (2017): 1-27.
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- "The Early Christian Reception of Genesis 18: From Theophany to Trinitarian Symbolism," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 23 (2015): 245-72.
- "I Saw the Lord: Observations on the Early Christian Reception of Isaiah 6," *Pro Ecclesia* 23 (2014): 309-30.
- "Blinded By Invisible Light: Revisiting Luke's Emmaus Story (Luke 24,13-35)," *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* (2014): 685-707.
- "Justin Martyr's Exegesis of Old Testament Theophanies and the Parting of the Ways Between Christianity and Judaism," *Theological Studies* 75 (2014): 34-51.
- "Clement of Alexandria's Exegesis of Old Testament Theophanies," *Phronema* 29 (2014): 63-81.
- "Exegesis and Intertextuality in Anastasius the Sinaite's Homily on the Transfiguration," *Studia Patristica* 68 (2013): 249-260.
- "Gregory Nazianzen's Exegesis of Hab 3:2 (LXX) and Its Reception: A Lesson from Byzantine Scripture Exegesis," *Pro Ecclesia* 20 (2011): 86-103 [with Elijah Mueller].
- "'Early Christian Binitarianism': From Religious Phenomenon to Polemical Insult to Scholarly Concept," *Modern Theology* 27 (2011): 102-20.
- "Matt 17:1-9 as a Vision of a Vision: A Neglected Strand in the Patristic Reception of the Transfiguration," *Neotestamentica* 44 (2010): 15-30.
- "Sinai, Zion, and Tabor: An Entry into the Christian Bible," *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4 (2010): 33-52.
- "The Place of the *Hypotyposes* in the Clementine Corpus: An Apology for the 'Other Clement of Alexandria'," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17 (2009): 313-35.
- "Hierarchy, Prophecy, and the Angelomorphic Spirit: A Contribution to the Study of the Book of Revelation's *Wirkungsgeschichte*," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 127 (2008): 183-204.
- "Theophanies and Vision of God in Augustine's *De Trinitate*: An Eastern Orthodox Perspective," *Saint Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 52 (2008): 67-93.
- "Early Christian Angelomorphic Pneumatology: Aphrahat the Persian Sage," *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 11 (2008).
- "The Angelic Spirit in Early Christianity: Justin, the Martyr and Philosopher," *Journal of Religion* 88 (2008): 190-208;
- "Ps-Dionysius East and West: Unities, Differentiations, and the Exegesis of Biblical Theophanies," *Dionysius* 26 (2008): 115-38.
- "Foreordained from All Eternity: The Mystery of the Incarnation According to Some Early Christian and Byzantine Writers," *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 62 (2008): 199-215.
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- "The Theological Reception of Dionysian Apophasis in the Christian East and West: Thomas Aquinas and Gregory Palamas," *Downside Review* 125 (2007): 131–46.
- "Revisiting Christian Oeyen: 'The Other Clement' on Father, Son, and the Angelomorphic Spirit," *Vigiliae christianae* 61 (2007): 381–413.
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- "Filiación del hombre regenerado en Clemente de Alejandría," *Filiación. La filiación en Clemente de Alejandría* (Ed. A. S. Gutierrez, G. Cano Gomez, C. Sanvito; Madrid: Trotta, 2016), 349–75.
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Robert J. H. Hiebert (ed.), *"Translation Is Required": The Septuagint in Retrospect and Prospect* (SBLSCS 56; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2010): *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74 (2012): 410–411.

Sarah Coakley and Charles M. Stang, eds. *Re-Thinking Dionysius the Areopagite* (Malden, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009): *Theological Studies* 71 (2010): 750–751.

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George E. Demacopoulos, *Five Models of Spiritual Direction in the Early Church* (Notre Dame University Press, 2007): *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 61 (2009): 149–51.

Dan Jaffé, *Le judaïsme et l'avènement du christianisme: Orthodoxie et hétérodoxie dans la littérature talmudique Ier-IIe siècle* (Paris: Cerf, 2005): *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16 (2008): 257–259.

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Henny Fiskå Hägg, *Clement of Alexandria and the Beginnings of Christian Apophaticism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006): *Theological Studies* 68 (2007): 921–922.

Norman Russel, *The Doctrine of Deification in the Greek Patristic Tradition* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004): *Theological Studies* 67 (2006): 674–675.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"*I am the Image of Your Glory*: Exegesis and Theology in a Byzantine Funeral Hymn" (Oxford Patristics Conference, Oxford, August 2019).

"Exegesis, Intertextuality, and the Transformative Gaze: The Vision of Isaiah in Cod. Vatop. 760, fol. 280 v." (Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting in Rome, July 2019).

"Missing the (Theophanic) Point: A Blind Spot in Patristic Scholarship and Its Consequences for Understanding Anti-Jewish Texts in Byzantine Festal Hymns" (*The Byzantine Liturgy and the Jews* International Conference, Sibiu, Romania, July 2019).

"Exegesis and Theological Interpretation in the Patristic Reception of the Emmaus Story" (IOTA: International Orthodox Theological Association, Iasi, Romania, January 2019).

"A Blind Spot in the Study of Fourth-Century Christian Theology: The Christological Exegesis of Theophanies" (North American Patristics Conference, Chicago, May 2018).

- "The Christophanic Exegesis of Isaiah 6 and Daniel 3: Condescension, Anticipation, Reciprocal Ecstasies" (Society for Biblical Literature, Boston, November 2017).
- "*God Never Appeared to Moses: Eusebius of Caesarea's Interpretation of the Burning Bush Theophany*" (North American Patristics Conference, Chicago, May 2017).
- "Performative Exegesis in Anastasius the Sinaite's Homily on the Transfiguration" (Society for Biblical Literature, Atlanta, 20-23 November 2015)
- "Christological and Trinitarian Exegesis of Daniel 7 in the First Christian Millennium" (Society for Biblical Literature, Atlanta, 20-23 November 2015).
- "Exegesis of Ps. 99:5 in Byzantine Hymnography" (International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, July 2014).
- "Apocalyptic Imagery in Clement of Alexandria's Portrayal of Saintly Elders and Perfected Gnostics" (International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, July 2014).
- "Eschatology Now: Observations on the Emmaus Story in Luke and Mark's Longer Ending," presentation at the conference *Eschatology Today: A Celebration of the Life and Work of John Zizioulas* (Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, June 2014)
- "Exegesis of Theophanies: Irenaeus vs. Justin?" (North American Patristics Conference, Chicago, May 2014).
- "Sonship of the Regenerated Man in Clement of Alexandria" (XI Conference "Sonship in the beginnings of Christian thought," Madrid, 18-20 November 2013).
- "*Living as an Angel on Earth: Hierarchy, Mystagogy, and Eldership in Clement of Alexandria's Theory of Deification*" (Orthodox Theological Society Meeting, Pittsburgh, October 2013).
- "Justin Martyr as Witness to the Early Christian Exegesis of Biblical Theophanies" (North American Patristics Conference, Chicago, May 2013).
- "Early Christian Exegesis of Biblical Theophanies and The *Parting of the Ways*: Justin of Neapolis and Clement of Alexandria" (Les judaïsmes dans tous leurs états aux Ier-IIIe siècles/ The Panoply of Judaism in the 1st-3rd Centuries: International Colloquium at the University of Lausanne, 12-14 December 2012);
- "Clement of Alexandria's Exegesis of OT Theophanies" (Society for Biblical Literature, Chicago, 17-20 November 2012);
- "From Theophany to Trinitarian Symbolism: Three Test Cases and a Critical Note on Scholarship" (International Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, Amsterdam, 22-26 July 2012).
- "Luke 24 on Genesis 3" (Society for Biblical Literature, San Francisco, 19-22 November 2011);
- Panelist, "Development of Early Trinitarian Theology: Use of the Old Testament in Early Trinitarian Theology" (SBL, San Francisco, 19-22 November 2011);
- "Exegesis and Intertextuality in Anastasius the Sinaite's Homily on the Transfiguration," 16th International Conference on Patristic Studies (Oxford, 8-13 August 2011);
- "Entering the Glory of God: Luke 24 as Christian Midrash on Genesis 3" (OTSA: Orthodox Theological Society of America, Boston, 14-17 September 2011);
- Panelist at the Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium (Duquesne University, 23 September 2011);
- "Seminar on Orthodox Spirituality," *2011 National Workshop on Christian Unity* (Pittsburgh, 10-11 May 2011)
- "Matt. 17:1-9 as a Vision of a Vision: A Neglected Strand in the Patristic Exegesis of the Transfiguration" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, May 2010);
- "*I am the Image of Your Glory: Exegesis and Intertextuality in a Byzantine Funeral Hymn*" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Atlanta, GA, November 2010);
- "Transformational Mysticism in Eastern Christianity: Points of Continuity and Discontinuity with Jewish Apocalypticism" (*Religious Studies Colloquium*, University of Pittsburgh, 22 September 2010)
- "The Use of 'Binitarianism' and 'Spirit Christology' in Early Christian Studies" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, May 2009);
- "The Vision of Habakkuk in the LXX and Its Christian Reception" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; New Orleans, Nov. 2009);

- "From Vision to Exegesis and Theology: Observations about an Unexpected Icon of Gregory Nazianzen" (Symposium on Patristic Theology and Spirituality, Concordia University, Montreal, February 2009);
- "Biblical Exegesis in Byzantine hymnography and iconography" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Boston, Nov. 2008);
- "Sinai and Zion and Tabor: A Byzantine Perspective on Entering the Bible" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Boston, Nov. 2008);
- "The Holy Spirit and the Angelic Powers in Justin Martyr" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, May 2008);
- "Early Christian Binitarianism and its Trinitarian Significance" (Annual Conference of the Pappas Patristic Institute, Boston, Oct 2008);
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 2008 Colloquium: Panel discussion of Edith Humphrey, *And I Turned to See the Vision: The Rhetoric of Vision in the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2007);
- "*Wirkungsgeschichte* of Matt. 18:10" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; San Diego, Nov. 2007);
- "Exegesis of Isa 11:2 in Aphrahat the Persian Sage" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; San Diego, Nov. 2007);
- "*All know it is He*: Recognizing God in Byzantine Hymnography and Iconography" (*Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference*, Villanova University, Oct 2007);
- "The Angelomorphic Spirit in Early Christianity: Aphrahat the Persian Sage" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Washington, Nov. 2006);
- "The Hymnographic Exegesis of Theophanies in the Christian East: Re-Written Bible?" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Washington, Nov. 2006);
- "The Ascetic Doctrine of the *Shepherd of Hermas*" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2006);
- "The Reception of Ps.-Dionysius East and West: Thomas Aquinas and Gregory Palamas on Unities and Differentiations in God" (International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2006);
- "On Climbing the Cosmic Ladder: Clement of Alexandria's Hierarchical Cosmology and Its Innovations" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Philadelphia, Nov. 2005);
- "*The Feet That Eve Heard in Paradise and Was Afraid*: The Christology of Byzantine Hymns" (American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Nov. 2005);
- "Clement of Alexandria and His Relevance on the Pneumatomachian Debate" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2005);
- Commentaries on papers by John D. Jones and David Bradshaw (International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2005)
- "Thearchy and the Thearchic Spirit in Dionysius the Ps.-Areopagite" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2004);
- "Jewish Apocalyptic Themes in Early Christology and Pneumatology" (Annual Conference of the Pappas Patristic Institute, Boston, Nov 2004);
- "Becoming an Angel of the Face: Clement of Alexandria's Celestial Hierarchy" (*Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism*, Marquette University, Apr. 2004);
- "Christ and Christomorphic Anthropology in the Thought of Irenaeus of Lyon" (*Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism*, Marquette University, Apr 2003).

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society for Biblical Literature (SBL); North American Patristic Society (NAPS); International Association of Patristic Studies (IAPS); International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA); Orthodox Theological Society of America (OTSA).