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Ordained to the Priesthood in the Orthodox Church in December 2012

Areas of specialization and research

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Second Temple Judaism, Old Testament pseudepigrapha, ascetical and mystical traditions in ancient Judaism and Christianity, scriptural hermeneutics in ancient Judaism (including inner-scriptural and rabbinic).

Academic positions

Associate Professor of Scripture University of Dayton	2013-present
Visiting Associate Professor of Old Testament St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary	2020-2021
Assistant Professor of Scripture University of Dayton	2007-2013
Visiting Assistant Professor of Biblical Theology Marquette University	2006-2007
Lecturer in Biblical Theology Marquette University	2005-2006
Research Fellow Marquette University	2003-2004
Teaching Assistant Marquette University	1999-2003

Education

Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, <i>Marquette University</i>	1999-2005
M.A. in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, <i>University of Oradea</i> , Romania	1997-1998
Undergraduate studies in Classics (Greek and Latin), <i>University of Cluj</i> , Romania	1996-1998
B.Div. in Orthodox Theology, <i>University of Sibiu</i> , Romania	1993-1997

Church and public talks

"An Orthodox Response to Tragedies and Acts of Evil," Orthodox Christian Fellowship, University of Michigan chapter (September 22, 2020).

"A new Orthodoxy in the making," "Translation Matters: Insights from Translating the Liturgy," St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, Lexington, Kentucky (December 14, 2019).

"The Incarnation and Human Brokenness," University of Kentucky-Orthodox Christian Fellowship, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky (December 13, 2019).

"Can we Orthodox speak of 'Scripture and Tradition'?", "In defense of freedom: thoughts on Orthodox evangelicalism," "Insights into the Sanctus as a merkabah text," "Notes on ancient Christian

- hermeneutics,” Clergy conference, Carolinas Deanery; Orthodox Church in America, Charlotte, North Carolina (September 7-8, 2019).
- “Translation matters: Things that struck me in Translating the Heratikon,” “The Father takes us into His house’: Insights into the Liturgy from Fr. Aimilianos of Simonopetra,” Clergy conference, Diocese of the South Annual Conference; Orthodox Church in America, Jupiter, Florida (July 24-25, 2019).
- Invited Address, St. John's Camp Summer Camp, St. John's Camp Programs, Mitchell, Indiana (July 18, 2019).
- “Seeking my Beloved: Dating, Discernment, and Finding ‘the One’,” Orthodox Christian Fellowship Great Lakes Region Retreat, Camp Kern, Oregonia, Ohio (March 29, 2019).
- “‘Who Do You Say that I Am?’ The Way Christ Sees Us,” Orthodox Christian Fellowship College Conference Annual Meeting, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, Antiochian Village, Pennsylvania (December 27, 2018).
- “How does our Orthodox Tradition read the Scripture differently?,” Annual Advent Talk, Association of the Orthodox Churches of Edmonton, Edmonton, Canada (November 17, 2018).
- “In defense of freedom: an ancient Stoic value central to Orthodox spirituality,” Annual Gala, The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Dayton, OH (November 12, 2017).
- “To give and to care: uniting the undivided,” Spiritual retreat, Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity, Sts. Constantine and Helen Romanian Cathedral, Chicago, Illinois (October 15, 2017).
- “Why we give: an Orthodox perspective on charity,” 7th Anniversary Gala, Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity, Saint Athanasios, Greek Orthodox Church, Aurora, IL, (October 14, 2017).
- “A Practical Guide to Stillness from Orthodox Psychology,” Spiritual retreat, The Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, Flint, Michigan (March 25, 2017).
- “In a World Full of Madness, Be Still: Stillness in Orthodox Spirituality,” St. John's Camp Winter Retreat, St. John's Camp Programs, Martinsville, Indiana (December 28, 2016).
- “Suffering and Healing of Contemporary Orthodox Youth,” Romanian Orthodox Youth Association Winter Retreat, Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas, Allegan, MI, (December 26, 2016).
- “Between Heaven and Earth, Joy and Despair: Personal Thoughts on the Priestly Family,” Clergy Wives Retreat--Midwest, Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, MI, (October 7, 2016).
- “Our Vocation and our Charity: Orthodox perspectives on vocation and charity,” Saint Paraskeva Orthodox Charity, Chicago, IL (April 2, 2016).
- “Divine Mercy and Human Despair: Christianity on Depression between Antiquity and Today,” Perspectives on Faith and Life Series, University of Dayton Campus Ministry, University of Dayton (February 2, 2016).
- “Ce înseamnă a crede că Dumnezeu S-a făcut trup și S-a arătat nouă?/What does it mean to believe that God became flesh and appeared to us?,” Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan (December 5, 2015).
- “Prayer as a way of being,” “Prayer in words and the prayer rule,” and “The nodes of the Orthodox spiritual life,” Annual Emmaus Retreat, St. John's Camp, Highland Lakes Camp, Martinsville, Indiana (October 17, 2015).
- “Some Other Nodes of Our Spirituality,” “Tending on God: A Spiritual Perspective on Healing,” “Toward a Spirituality of Care: Against the Reification, Pragmatization, and Depersonalization of

- Sin,” at Annual Meeting, Orthodox Women in Healing Ministries, Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan (October 2-3, 2015).
- “The Bible: An Orthodox Perspective,” Annual Lenten Talk, Orthodox Churches of Greater Flint, Flint, Michigan (March 28, 2015).
- “The Good Life: An Orthodox Perspective on Suffering,” Orthodox Christian Fellowship (Great Lakes) Annual Meeting, Orthodox Christian Fellowship (Great Lakes), Dormition Orthodox Monastery, Rives Junction, Michigan (March 27, 2015).
- “Textual Theophany, Exegetical Deification, and Pseudepigraphy in St. Ephrem’s Hymns on Paradise,” “An Introduction to Orthodox Interpretive Assumptions,” “Becoming Scripture: Text, Meaning, and Hermeneutic Principles,” Clergy conference, Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, Scottsdale, Arizona (February 8-9, 2015).
- “An Orthodox Approach to Biblical Studies: A Proposal,” St. Macrina Orthodox Institute, Detroit, Michigan (August 8, 2014).

Service to the profession

- Member of steering committee, Romanian Orthodoxy section, *International Orthodox Theological Association* (January 2017 - present).
- Member of steering committee, Theophaneia section, *International Orthodox Theological Association* (January 2017 - present).
- Journal reviewer for the journal *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* (2011 - present).
- Chair, Hellenistic Judaism section, *Society of Biblical Literature International* (2018 - present).
- Member of steering committee, Hellenistic Judaism section, *Society of Biblical Literature International* (2018 - present).
- Founding member of the Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism seminar, *Marquette University* (2002-present).
- Member of steering committee, *Ryterband Symposium*. Ryterband Symposium—dedicated to the study of Judaism—is a collaboration between Wright State, United Theological Seminary, and University of Dayton. (2010 - 2019)
- Member of steering committee, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (2007 - 2014).
- Chair, Early Jewish and Christian Mysticism section, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (2007 - 2010).
- Member of steering committee, New Testament Mysticism Project, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (2007 - 2010).

Service to the Church

- Member of the Spiritual Council, Orthodox Church in America, Bulgarian Diocese (2017 - present).
- Faculty and advisor, Diaconal and catechetical program, Orthodox Church in America, Diocese of the Midwest (2015 - present).
- Faculty advisor to the University of Dayton chapter of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (2010 - 2019).

Teaching experience

Graduate courses and seminars

Foundations—The Bible
The Pentateuch
Perpetual Sinai: Inner Old Testament Hermeneutics
Wisdom literature
The Prophets
Ancient Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature
Divine mediation in late Second Temple Judaism
Intertestamental literature
The Dead Sea scrolls
The Gospels
Pauline theology
The asceticism and mysticism of the Scriptures and the Early Fathers
Biblical Hermeneutics, Ancient and Modern
Bible for Ministry
Hebrew—beginning level
Hebrew—advanced level
Greek—beginning level
Greek—advanced level
Latin—reading seminar

Undergraduate courses

Introduction to theology and religious studies
The Pentateuch
The Prophets
The Psalms
Wisdom Literature
Ancient Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature
Introduction to Orthodox Christianity

Courses taught for the diaconal vocations program of the Orthodox Church in America

Introduction to the Old Testament
Introduction to the New Testament
Church history and doctrine
Orthodox spirituality
Liturgical theology