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Education

- D.Phil. in Theology, Oxford University, 1997.
- M.Phil. in Theology/Patristic Theology, Oxford University, 1992.
- M.Div., St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, 1990.
- B.Mus., New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, MA, 1983.

Books

Authored

- *Arvo Pärt: Out of Silence* (Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2015).
- *Beginnings: Early Christian Readings of the Biblical Creation Narratives* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2008).
- *Sweeter than Honey: Orthodox Thinking on Dogma and Truth* (Crestwood, NY: SVS Press, 2006).
- with Anna Marie Aagaard, *Beyond the East-West Divide: The WCC and "The Orthodox Problem"* (Geneva: WCC, 2001).

Edited

- (ed., with Michel Stavrou and Ioan Tulcan) *Dogma and Terminology in the Orthodox Tradition Today: Fourth International Symposium of Orthodox Dogmatic Theology* (Sibiu: Astra Museum, 2015).
- (ed., with Michel Stavrou and Ioan Tulcan) *The Function and the Limits of Reason in Dogmatic Theology: Third International Symposium of Orthodox Dogmatic Theology* (Sibiu: Astra Museum, 2012).
- (ed., with Dagmar Heller) *Interpreting Together: Essays in Hermeneutics* (Geneva: WCC, 2001).
- (ed., with Alan Falconer) *Episkopé and Episcopacy and the Quest for Visible Unity* (Geneva: WCC, 1999).
- (ed., with Thomas FitzGerald) *Turn to God—Rejoice in Hope: Orthodox Reflections On the Way to Harare* (Geneva: WCC, 1998).
- (ed., intr.) *Daily Readings in Orthodox Spirituality* (Springfield, IL: Templegate, 1996).

SVS Press Foundations Series (Founder and Editor)

- Edited and introduced volumes:
- Mary B. Cunningham, *Mary, Mother of God and Mother of Life in Orthodox Tradition* (2015)
 - Augustine Casiday, *Remembering the Days of Old: Orthodox Thinking on the Patristic Heritage* (2013)
 - Norman Russell, *Fellow Workers with God: Orthodox Thinking on Theosis* (2009).

- Elizabeth Theokritoff, *Living in God's Creation: Orthodox Perspectives on Ecology* (2009).
- John and Lyn Breck, *Stages on Life's Way: Orthodox Thinking on Bioethics* (2005).
- John Garvey, *Seeds of the Word: Orthodox Thinking on Other Faiths* (2005).

Audio

- *The Orthodox Christian Church: Its History, Beliefs, and Practices*, 24-lecture audio course on CD, published by Now You Know Media, August 2008.

Academic Courses Taught

- Dogmatic Theology 101-102 (core course)
- Systematic Theology 201-202 (core course)
- Orthodox Christian Identity and Otherness (core course)
- The Music and Faith of Arvo Pärt
- Ecclesiology: The Church through the Centuries
- Prayer in the Orthodox Tradition
- Prayer and Sanctity
- Ecumenism
- Religious Themes in Film
- Christology in Dialogue: The Chalcedonian/Non-Chalcedonian dialogue yesterday and today
- Contextual Theologies
- Dionysius the Pseudo-Areopagite
- Patristics 102: The Cappadocians through St John of Damascus

Articles and Essays (in peer reviewed journals and books)

- "Adam and Eve," in Paul Blowers and Peter Martens, eds, *Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Biblical Interpretation* (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2017, fc.).
- "War and Peace: Providence and the Interim," in Perry Hamalis and Valerie Karras, eds, *Orthodox Christian Perspectives on War* (South Bend, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2017, fc.).
- "'Nostra Aetate': Views From a Sibling, on Inclusivism and Pluralism," in Charles Cohen, Paul Knitter, Ulrich Rosenhagen, eds, *"Nostra Aetate" and the Future of Interreligious Dialogue*. (New York: Orbis, 2017, fc.).
- "Arvo Pärt and the Case for an Interdisciplinary Study of the Sacred Arts," in John A. McGuckin, ed., *Orthodoxy and the Sacred Arts*, Sophia Studies in Orthodox Theology, vol. 10 (New York: Theotokos Press, 2016), 7-19.
- With Patricia Fann Bouteneff, "Sacred Narrative and the Truth: What Does it Mean if it Didn't Happen?" in Rico G. Monge, Kerry P. C. San Chirico, and Rachel J. Smith, eds, *Hagiography and Religious Truth: Case Studies in the Abrahamic and Dharmic Traditions* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2016), 37-49.
- "What Do We Do With This? Ecumenical Implications of the Handling of the Eucharist," in Michael Root and James Buckley, eds., *What Does it Mean to "Do This"? Supper, Mass, Eucharist*, Pro Ecclesia Series, 4 (Eugene, OR: Cascade/Wipf and Stock, 2014), 74 - 87.
- "Patriarch Bartholomew as a Leader in the Orthodox Church," in William G. Rusch, ed., *The Witness of Bartholomew I, Ecumenical Patriarch* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2013).

- “The World Council of Churches: An Orthodox Perspective,” in John A. Radano, *Celebrating a Century of Ecumenism: Exploring the Achievements of International Dialogue* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2012).
- “Ecclesiology and Ecumenism,” in Augustine Casiday, ed., *The Orthodox Christian World* (Routledge, 2012), 369-382.
- “Liberation: Challenges to Modern Orthodox Theology from the Contextual Theologies,” in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 63 (2012), 24-33.
- “Dionysius the Areopagite,” “Oriental Orthodox Churches,” and “Paradise,” in John A. McGuckin, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity* (Blackwell, 2011).
- “Whatever That Was! Paradise According to Gregory of Nazianzus,” *Studia Patristica* 47 (2010), 141-146.
- “Ecumenical Ecclesiology and the Language of Unity,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 44 (2009).
- “Christ and Salvation,” in Mary Cunningham Corran and Elizabeth Theokritoff, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Orthodox Theology* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), 93-106.
- With Nadieszda Kizenko “Orthodox Church, Russian, History of, and Theological Characteristics,” in Daniel M. Patte, ed., *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).
- “The Two Wills of God: Providence in St John of Damascus,” *Studia Patristica* 42 (2006), 291-296.
- “Koinonia and Eucharistic Unity: An Orthodox Response,” in *Liturgy* 20 (2005), 57-65 (revision of publication in *The Ecumenical Review*—see below).
- (with A.M. Allchin), substantial revision and enlargement of Rowan Williams, “Eastern Orthodox Theology,” in David F. Ford, ed., *The Modern Theologians*, third edn. (Oxford: Blackwell, 2005).
- “Reading the Lives of the Saints: Metaphors, Miracles, and Inter-Orthodox Rapprochement,” in Else Marie Wiberg Pedersen, Johannes Nissen, eds., *Cracks in the Walls: Essays on Spirituality, Ecumenicity, and Ethics* (Festchr. Anna Marie Aagaard), (Berlin: Peter Lang, 2004), 131-140.
- “The Mystery of Union: Elements in an Orthodox Sacramental Theology,” in Geoffrey Rowell, Christine Hall, eds., *Gestures of God: Explorations in Sacramental Theology* (London/New York: Continuum, 2004), 91-107.
- “Jesus in the Orthodox Tradition,” in J.L. Houlden, ed., *Jesus in History, Culture and Thought: An Encyclopedia* (Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2004).
- “Eastern Orthodoxy,” in Hans Hillerbrand, ed., *Encyclopedia of Protestantism* (Routledge, 2003).
- “Freedom and Faithfulness,” in Michael Plekon, ed., *Tradition Alive: On the Church and the Christian Life in Our Time*, (Sheed & Ward/Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), 257-261. (In the same volume: translation from Russian of S. Bulgakov, “Dogma and Dogmatic Theology,” 67-80.)
- “What Kind of Fool Am I: Further Gleanings from Holy Folly,” in John Behr, et al., eds., *Abba: The Tradition of Orthodoxy in the West* (Festschr. Kallistos Ware), (SVS Press, 2003), 335-349.
- “The Report of the Special Commission on Orthodox Participation in the WCC: An Introduction,” *The Ecumenical Review* 55 (2003), 49-55.
- “A Broader and Deeper Fellowship? Orthodox Participation in the WCC and its implications for the Roman Catholic Church,” *One In Christ*, 38.i (2003), 3-15.

- “The Porvoo Common Statement: An Orthodox Response,” in Ola Tjørhom, ed., *Apostolicity and Unity: Essays on the Porvoo Common Statement* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans; Geneva: WCC, 2002), 231-244.
- “All Creation in United Thanksgiving: Gregory of Nyssa and the Wesleys on Salvation,” S.T. Kimbrough, ed., *Orthodox and Wesleyan Spirituality* (Crestwood, NY: SVS Press, 2002), 189-201.
- “Placing the Christology of Didymus the Blind,” *Studia Patristica* 23 (2001), 389-395.
- “Koinonia and Eucharistic Unity: An Orthodox Response,” *The Ecumenical Review* 52 (2000), 72-80. Published as “Koinonia et communion eucharistique: Un point de vue Orthodoxe,” *Irénikon* 73 (2000).
- “Essential or Existential: The Problem of the Body in the Anthropology of St Gregory of Nyssa,” in H.R. Drobner and A. Viciano, ed., *Gregory of Nyssa: Homilies on the Beatitudes—An English Version with Commentary and Supporting Studies* (Leiden: Brill, 2000), 409-19.
- “The Human Person and the Person of Christ,” *Sobornost / Eastern Churches Review* 22 (1999), 22-36.
- “Chalcedonians and Non-Chalcedonians: Realizing Unity,” *St Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 42 (1998), 153-69.
- “Holy Work: The Orthodox Churches, the WCC and the Upcoming Assembly,” *WCC Feature Service* No. 5, 1998 [translated into nine languages].
- “Orthodox Ecumenism: A Contradiction in Terms?,” *In Communion* 9 (July 1997), 1-8. Reprinted in Sourozh 69 (August 1997). See also “Speaking to the Responses”, the author’s rejoinder, in *In Communion* 11 (January 1998).
- “Soteriological Imagery in Gregory of Nyssa’s Antirrheticus,” *Studia Patristica* 22 (1996), 81-86.
- “The Timeless Steps Into Time: The Icon in the Vision of E.N. Trubestkoi,” *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook* 10/11 (1994-1995), 675-85.
- “Physis: A Test Case in the Christian Adaptation of Greek Philosophical Terminology” in K. Boudouris, ed., *Philosophy and Orthodoxy* (Athens, 1994), 105-15.
- “Filosofija ij Teologija: Ontologija ij Terminologija,” *Filosofske Studije, Journal of the Belgrade Philosophical Institute* 6 (1993), 327-35 .
- “St Gregory Nazianzen and Two-Nature Christology,” *St Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 38 (1994), 255-270.

Additional articles in other publications, including

- *First Things*
- *Christian Century*
- *BBC Music*

Invited Presentations (partial list)

- “Arvo Pärt: Engaging a Non - Religious Public on Spiritual Themes,” Cross Roads Alumni Retreat, Brookline, MA, April 16, 2016.
- “The Least of Sinners,” at St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, South Canaan, PA, April 5 , 201 6 .
- “Arvo Pärt Day” - curating and moderating a panel discussion for the New York Choral Society, Mannes School of Music, and The New School, Tishman Auditorium, New York, April 3, 2016. With John Schaefer and Corinna da Fonseca - Wollheim, April 3, 2016.
- “Arvo Pärt’s Passio,” Pre-Concert Lecture, with Jeffers Engelhardt, Yale Institute of Sacred Music, February 21, 2016.

- “The Estonian Singing Revolution,” Butler University, Indianapolis, IN, February 4, 2016.
- “Beauty in a Time of Darkness: Arvo Pärt and Theology,” at St George’s Orthodox Church, Fishers, IN, February 4, 2016.
- “Arvo Pärt and the Case for an Interdisciplinary Study of the Sacred Arts,” Keynote lecture, Sofia Institute Conference, New York, December 4, 2015.
- “Nostra Aetate: Views from a Sibling, on Inclusive and Pluralistic Approaches to Other Religions,” Lubar Institute Conference, Madison Wisconsin, October 12, 2015.
- “Can War Ever be Reckoned ‘Good?’” Fifth International Conference on Belarusian Studies, Kaunas, Lithuania, October 3, 2015.
- “The Armenian Genocide, Martyrdom, and Sanctity,” at St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, New Rochelle, NY, April 25, 2015.
- “Understanding the Sinner Identity,” at St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, South Canaan, PA, April 21, 2015.
- Curate and Moderate Panel Discussion “Journeys in Silence” on Arvo Pärt, with Laurie Anderson, Live Ideas festival, New York Live Arts, April 16, 2015.
- Five - Session Hybrid Course “ The Music and Faith of Arvo Pärt, ” St. Vladimir ’ s Seminary, January 18 - 23, 2015.
- Panelist: “Spirit in Sound and Space — A Conversation Inspired by Arvo Pärt ,” Metropolitan Museum of Art, June 11, 2014.
- Panelist: “Arvo Pärt: Music and Spirituality,” George Washington University, May 28, 2014.
- “An Evening with the Arvo Pärt Project,” St. Vladimir ’ s Seminary, May 4, 2014.
- “On Death and Dying,” St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, April 6, 2014.
- Colloquist, Holy Spirit Colloquium, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, January 31, 2014.
- “Yours it is to Have Mercy,” Conference on Divine Compassion, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, November 15 - 16, 2014.
- “Arvo Pärt and Orthodox Spirituality,” Amherst College, October 28, 2014.
- “Christ and Culture,” Holy Archangels Greek Orthodox Church, Stamford, CT, April 3, 2013.
- “The Word Celebrated and Received” (in French), at the symposium “La Parole de Dieu appelle à l’unité,” Benedictine Monastery of Chevetogne, Belgium, November 16-17, 2012.
- Keynote address, Orthodox Institute: Culture, Morality, Spirituality, Antiochian Village, Ligonier, PA November 1-3, 2012.
- ““What Do We Do With This?’ Ecumenical Implications in the Handling of the Eucharist,” Annual Pro Ecclesia Conference, Loyola University, Baltimore, MD, June 13, 2012.
- “Mary in Orthodox Teaching and Worship,” Anglican/Orthodox Sub-Committee of the New York Diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission, May 20, 2012.
- “Sweeter Than Honey: Living the Truth in an Age of Relativism,” Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Cincinnati, OH, March 31, 2012.
- “Finding Christ in Popular Culture,” St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Wyckoff, NJ, March 28.
- “Orthodoxy and Ethnicity: Making Sense of the US Orthodox Landscape Today,” Keynote Address at the 2012 Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, March 16, 2012.
- “Relativism, Tolerance, and Heresy: Negotiating the Waters,” Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Ottawa, ON, July 16, 2011.

- “The Transfiguration of Reason in Dionysius the Ps. Areopagite,” Third International Conference of the International Association of Orthodox Dogmatic Theologians, Thessaloniki, June 23-26, 2011.
- “Orthodox Perspectives on Jesus,” *Five Cultural Perspectives on Jesus* series, Trinity Wall Street, New York, April 5, 2011.
- “Tradition and the Discernment of Truth,” Princeton University Lecture, October 5, 2010.
- “The Theologian is One Who Prays: Theology and Spirituality,” New Skete Monastery Annual Pilgrimage, August 8, 2009.
- “Adam in Modern Orthodox Understanding,” Second Meeting of the International Association of Orthodox Dogmatic Theologians, Arad, Romania, June 11-13, 2009.
- “Discernment in the Early Church,” Conference on Spiritual Discernment as Christian Leadership, George Fox University, Newberg, OR, June 1-3, 2009.
- “Adam, Where Are You? (Gen. 3:9)” 13th Western European Orthodox Congress, Amiens, France, May 1-3, 2009.
- “Learning from Genesis 1-3,” Lenten Retreat, St Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Church, Northfield Falls, VT, April 4-5, 2009.
- “A Parting of Ways? Christians and Jews in the Early Centuries,” Stuart Polly lecturer, with Rabbi Seth Schwartz, at B’nai Jeshurun, New York, NY: four lectures, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2009.
- “Challenges of Orthodox Ecclesiology in the Ecumenical Sphere,” Keynote address, North American Academy of Ecumenists, September 26, 2008.
- Weekend Retreat on *Sweeter than Honey*, Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, Medford, NJ, March 29-30, 2008.
- “Praying the Liturgy,” St Vladimir’s Seminary Liturgical Institute of Music and Pastoral Practice, June 26, 2007.
- “Teaching Orthodox Dogmatic Theology in America,” International Association of Orthodox Dogmatic Theologians, Arad, Romania, June, 2007.
- “What Happens When We Die?,” St Vladimir’s Seminary Liturgical Institute of Music and Pastoral Practice, June 30, 2006. (Delivered also in New Haven, CT, Oct. 16, 2006, and Bridgeport, CT, Oct. 24, 2006.)
- “Jesus in Film,” St Vladimir’s Seminary Liturgical Institute of Music and Pastoral Practice, June 21&22, 2005.
- “The Meaning of Angels,” Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New York, NY, February 16, 2005.
- “Looking towards the Future: Ecclesiological Implications and Challenges,” Inter-Orthodox Pre-Assembly Meeting, Rhodes, Greece January 10-17, 2005.
- “Saints in the Age of the Simpsons,” Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, Berkeley, CA, October 26, 2004. Radio program on same topic at Come Receive the Light, May 21, 2005.
- “Saints, Metaphors, Miracles, and Inter-Orthodox Rapprochement,” Eastern-Oriental Orthodox Symposium, St Vladimir’s Seminary, March 16, 2004.
- “Screening the Sacred: Jesus in Film,” Holy Resurrection Church, Wayne, NJ, November 16, 2003.
- “Sacraments, Mysteries, and Miracles: An Introduction to the Unthinkable,” and “The Grace of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church,” 14th Annual Festival of Icons, Warren, OH, November 1, 2003.
- “Elements in an Orthodox Sacramental Theology,” International Ecumenical Colloquium on Sacramentality, Windsor Castle, UK, September 28-October 2, 2003).

- “Tradition and traditions,” St Vladimir’s Seminary Liturgical Institute of Music and Pastoral Practice (June 26, 2003), and Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, New Haven, CT (October 13, 2003).
- “Orthodoxy in America Today: The Spiritual Problem,” St Basil’s Church, Watervliet, NY (September 26, 2002) and Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, New Haven, CT (October 21, 2002).
- “Teaching Dogmatic Theology in the 21st Century,” Orthodox Theological Society of America, Brookline, MA (June 5, 2002).
- “And the Word Became Flesh: The Humanity of Jesus Christ,” Orthodox Christian Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (March 14, 2002).
- “Burning Issues in the Orthodox Church Today,” Syndesmos Fiftieth Anniversary Consultation, Château de Bossey, Switzerland. (March 29, 1999)
- “Orthodoxy Facing the Third Millennium,” Syndesmos Summer Institute, Suprasl, Poland (August 1, 1998).
- “The Limits of the Church Re-examined,” Orthodox Theological Society in America, Holy Cross School of Theology, Brookline, MA (June 5, 1998).
- “Inter-Orthodox Unity: Gift and Calling,” Orthodox Youth Movement, Beirut, Lebanon (September 18, 1997).
- “The Human Body: Questions and Answers from the Early Christian Centuries,” Institute of Religion, Houston, TX (July 21, 1997).
- Response to the paper “Baptism, Ecclesiology and Vocation”, WCC Consultation “Towards a Common Understanding of the Theological Concepts of Laity/Laos: The People of God”, Le Cénacle, Geneva, (May 7-10, 1997).
- “Orthodox Perspectives on Baptism,” Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland. (April 22, 1997).
- “The Holy Fool in the East: Clown or Ascetic?”, American Academy of Religion Tri-Regional Conference, Boston, MA (March 30, 1995).