

Grant Scott White

Education

Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, Theology (May 1993).

Dissertation: “Daily Prayer and Its Ascetic Context in the Syriac and Ethiopic *Testamentum Domini*.” Paul F. Bradshaw, Director

M.A. University of Notre Dame, Theology (August 1990).

A.B. *Magna Cum Laude*, Harvard University (June 1985).

Highest Honors in The Comparative Study of Religion.

Professional Experience

Lecturer, University of the Arts Helsinki. Department of Sculpture. Fall 2015-present.
Course: Art and Spirituality.

Sessional Assistant Professor of Liturgical Theology. St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. Crestwood, New York. May 2015-present. D.Min. hybrid (online and intensive onsite) course entitled “Liturgical Life and Pastoral Ministry.” May-August 2015.

Senior Lecturer, HUMAK University of Applied Sciences, Turku, Finland. August 2009-July 2010. Program: Cultural Management. Areas: teaching cultural management in English to Erasmus exchange students (autumn 2009); teaching course titled *Taiteen tuntemus* (English: Knowledge of Art; lectures in English; interaction with students in Finnish); editing of English-language senior thesis abstracts; translation of professional texts from Finnish to English; preparation of 2010-2011 Erasmus student curriculum. Lecturing on internet and ethics, social media and marketing, general introduction to social media.

Lecturer, Turun kristillinen opisto, Turku, Finland. December 2008-January 2009. Course: Introduction to Ecumenics. Language: English. Age range of students: 19-65.

Lecturer, HUMAK University of Applied Sciences, Turku, Finland. Autumn 2008.
Program: Cultural Management. Topics: Culture and Aesthetics, Culture as Instrument, Social Networking, Learning, and Virtual Communication Technologies.

Lecturer, Examiner, Dissertation Supervisor, Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge University. Spring 2008-spring 2010. Examiner for Master of Studies (M.St.) essays and exams in history of Jewish-Christian relations; supervisor of M.A. and M.St. dissertations in Jewish-Christian Relations. Lecturer on history of Judaism in Russia, June 2007, June 2008.

Lecturer, Church History, Department of Orthodox Theology, Faculty of Theology, University of Joensuu, Joensuu, Finland. June, August 2007. Taught courses in Eastern Orthodox theology and early Christian literature.

Lecturer, Orthodox Systematic Theology and Patristics, Department of Orthodox Theology, Faculty of Theology, University of Joensuu, Joensuu, Finland. 1 September 2006-31 May 2007. Replacement position for faculty member on leave. Taught courses in patristics and 20th-century Orthodox Christian theology.

Principal, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, England. September 2004-August 2006. The Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies is the Eastern Orthodox theological college in Cambridge, affiliated with both the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University. It is a full member of the Cambridge Theological Federation, the consortium of theological colleges in Cambridge. The main responsibilities of the position were:

- determining the academic program of the Institute
- fundraising
- developing publicity materials
- liaison with the Institute Board of Directors and its Chairman
- administration of the Institute: supervising staff, supervising financial administration, supervising day-to-day operations of the Institute
- teaching and advising students in both Cambridge University and Anglia Ruskin University programs
- fulfilling the administrative and academic responsibilities of the head of a member institution of the Cambridge Theological Federation

Affiliated Lecturer, University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity. October 2005- October 2007. Position involved:

- evaluating and marking one M.Phil. thesis in Patristics (spring 2005)

- evaluating and marking undergraduate (B.A. Tripos and B.Th.) papers and examinations in patristic and medieval theology, early church history, Eastern Orthodoxy, and liturgical studies (spring 2006)
- serving as a co-supervisor of one Ph.D. dissertation on St. Gregory Palamas and John Wesley's theology (spring 2006).

Professor of Church History, Department of Orthodox Theology, Faculty of Theology, University of Joensuu. August 2001-August 2004. Fixed-term position.

Assistant Professor of Church History and History of Christian Worship, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. July 1993 – July 2001.

Other Relevant Teaching

Socrates lecturer, Department of Orthodox Theology, University of Joensuu, Finland. March 2005, March 2006.

Socrates lecturer, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, UK. February 2003.

Other Work Experience

Professional English-language grammar and usage proofreading of academic texts (article manuscripts, doctoral dissertation manuscripts); professional translation of scholarly articles from Finnish to English and from German to English

Honors

Senior Member, St. Edmund's College, University of Cambridge (October 2005- October 2006).

Fulbright Scholar, Oxford University (1987-1988).

Project: translating liturgical portions of the Syriac *Testamentum Domini* under the direction of Dr. Sebastian Brock of the Oriental Institute, Oxford University

Thomas T. Hoopes Prize, Harvard University (May 1985). Prize given to best senior theses of the graduating class. Title: *Eucharist and Institution Narrative*. Advisor: George W. MacRae, S.J.

Positions of Trust

Editorial Board Member, *Ortodoksia* (theological journal of the Priests' Association of the Orthodox Church of Finland). September 2015-present.

Represented Filantropia ry, international aid and missions society of the Orthodox Church of Finland, at the Third Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative Consultation on Mission, Sophia Center, Helsinki, Finland. 1-5 September 2015.

Appointed by H.E. Leo, Archbishop of Karelia and All Finland, to serve on four-person working group responsible for drafting the official response of the Orthodox Church of Finland to the 2013 Faith and Order convergence document "The Church: Towards a Common Vision." October 2014.

Represented Filantropia ry, international aid and missions society of the Orthodox Church of Finland, at the Second Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative Consultation on Mission, Monastery of St. Vlash, Albania. 15-19 September 2014.

Vice-Chairperson, National Faith and Order Commission (Finland). June 2014- June 2015.

Nominated by H.E. Leo, Archbishop of Karelia and All Finland, for election as representative of the Orthodox Church of Finland to the International Faith and Order Commission, World Council of Churches, December 2013.

Representative of the Orthodox Church of Finland to the Finnish national Faith and Order Commission, 2013-2015. Appointed by H.E. Leo, Archbishop of Karelia and All Finland, December 2012.

Member, Board of Directors, Filantropia ry. International aid and missions society of the Orthodox Church of Finland. October 2012-present.

Editorial Board Member, *One in Christ* (international journal of ecumenics). 2007-2011.

Languages

Finnish (understanding of spoken Finnish, level 4; understanding of texts, level 4; spoken Finnish, level 3; written Finnish, level 3). Passed intermediate-level national general Finnish language examination, 27.10.2012.

German (reading, basic conversation)

French (reading)

Koiné Greek (reading)

Latin (reading)

Syriac, Sahidic Coptic, Ge'ez (reading)

Mandarin (one year at beginning level)

Papers, Lectures, and Interviews (selected, 2006-present)

“Human Evolution: From the Image of God to the Likeness of God.” Lecture for seminar entitled “Evoluutio teologiassa ja luonnontieteissä,” sponsored by the Suomen ekumeeninen neuvosto. 8 January 2015.

“Diaconia and Eucharistia.” Lecture for International Diakonia Course, Valamon kansanopisto. 21 March 2015.

“Art and Religion.” Two lectures for course entitled Art and Religion – The Kitchen Lectures. University of the Arts Helsinki and Finnish Academy of Fine Arts. April 2015.

“Something Out of Place: Ethics and Encountering Religious Art.” Lecture for course in Art and Religion, University of the Arts Helsinki. Instructor: Frank Brümmel. Titanik Gallery, Turku. 28 March 2014.

“Introduction to Byzantine Theology.” Lecture for introductory course in Dogmatics and Ecumenics, Prof. Gunnar af Hällström. Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland. 21 January 2014.

Lecturer, Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations Summer School. Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. Topic: "History of Jews in Russia from the Pale of Settlement to World War II." Master of Studies in Jewish-Christian Relations course. 12 July 2007, 11 June 2008.

Invited speaker, international conference on 'Ecumenism in the New Millennium: The Challenge of Inter-Religious Dialogue' Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland. Topic: "Orthodox-Catholic Relations in the Pontificate of Benedict XVI." 8-9 June 2007.

Radio Interview, Australian Broadcasting Corporation. For episodes of religious affairs program "Encounter." Subject: Consumerism and the Parable of the Rich Fool. "Soul, This Night" (broadcast June 2006), "The Shared Table" (broadcast October 2006, rebroadcast 6 April 2007).

Radio Interview, "Beyond Belief" program, BBC Radio 4 (London). Topic: Russian Orthodoxy, Pope Benedict XVI and Catholic-Orthodox Relations. Broadcast 18.7.2005.

"Orthodoxy and Judaism: Historical and Theological Perspectives." Delivered at the VII. International Summer School, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, England, 9 July 2006.

"Orthodoxy and the World Religions: A Theological Overview." Delivered at the VII. International Summer School, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, England, 7 July 2006.

Radio Interview, Australian Broadcasting Corporation. For episode of religious affairs program "Encounter." "Seven Stories of Love and Death." Broadcast February 2006.