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EDUCATION:

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| May 2002 | Caspersen School of Graduate Studies
Drew University , Madison, NJ
Ph.D. Liturgical Studies
<i>Dissertation:</i> “Encountering the Word: from a bipartite understanding of word and sacrament towards a holistic perspective on the Eucharistic liturgy.”
<i>Advisor:</i> Charles Rice, Ph.D. |
| May 2001 | M.Phil.
<i>Major Field:</i> Liturgical Preaching
<i>Fields of Concentration for Qualifying Exams:</i> Word and Sacrament, Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Liturgical Traditions, Early Christian Liturgy, The Liturgical Movement
<i>Honors:</i> passed qualifying exams “with distinction.” |
| May 1996 | Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary , Crestwood, NY
M.Div.
<i>Master’s Thesis:</i> “ <i>Cur Deus homo:</i> Anselm of Canterbury and the Atonement.”
<i>Honors:</i> Cum Laude |
| June 1991 | University of California Santa Cruz , Santa Cruz, CA
B.A. Biology |

AWARDS:

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| 2002 | Student Speaker at Commencement: Drew University, May 2002. |
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

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| 2011-present | St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary , Yonkers NY
<i>Assistant Professor, Homiletics and Rhetoric:</i> Responsible for course and curriculum development in the area of Homiletics and Rhetoric, advised theses and taught the following courses:
“Advanced Preaching and Communications” (DMin hybrid course)

“Homiletics”

“Advanced Topics in Homiletics”

“The Art of Christian Rhetoric”

“Christian Education”

“Faith and Science” |
| 2000-2011 | Holy Apostles College and Seminary , Cromwell, CT
<i>Assistant Professor, Patristics and Rhetoric:</i> Responsible for course and curriculum development in the area of Rhetoric, Homiletics and Patristics; directed independent studies; advised theses, and taught the following courses:
“Homiletics”

“Rhetoric” |

“History and Spirituality of Eastern Christianity”

“History of Rhetoric”

“ESL Oral Communications”

“Western Church History”

“Patristics”

“Introduction to the Old Testament”

“Liturgical Chant I” and “Liturgical Chant II”

2004-2006 **St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary**, South Canaan PA
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Homiletics and Church History: responsible for the courses,
“Homiletics”

“Ecumenical Councils”

Spring 2002 **St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary**, Crestwood, NY
Adjunct Instructor: co-taught “Teaching and Preaching in Orthodox Perspective.”

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE:

2003-Present **Priest in the Orthodox Church in America**
Currently attached at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury CT

1999-2003 **Deacon in the Orthodox Church in America**

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

2011-present **St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary**, Yonkers NY
Director, Doctor of Ministry Program: Directed the revision and re-launch of the program as a hybrid distance learning program. Managed the processes for program authorization and approval with New York State, Department of Higher Education and the Association of Theological Schools. Conducted feasibility studies and managed recruitment efforts for initial cohort. Managed the training of eight faculty members and development of online course material. Designed and implemented the student orientation program.

2004-2011 **Holy Apostles College and Seminary**, Cromwell CT
Director of Distance Learning: responsible for the oversight of all academic and administrative issues for the Distance Learning Program which offered master’s degrees in theology and philosophy and served approximately two hundred students. Coordinated the work of eight faculty members, and supervised one full time staff member. Recruited new faculty and oversaw the development of new courses in biblical studies and pastoral ministry. Coordinated a transition to the Blackboard e-learning platform, and implemented CDLN standards for faculty certification.
Director of Information Technology: supervised two website revisions, supervised installation of a new phone system, supervised the design and installation of a video recording system in the seminary chapel, implemented a comprehensive internet content security solution; developed a long term telecommunications strategy; prepared a master technology plan for the academic and administrative needs of the school; administered a \$45K technology grant; designed and produced an interactive DVD for use in a distance learning program for the certification of catechists.

Chair, Planning and Evaluation Committee for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation Review Self Study: oversaw the writing and editing of this portion of the self-study document. Participated in development of core pastoral competencies for the seminary curriculum.

1999-2000 **Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, Thomas C. Oden General Editor** Drew University, Madison NJ
Operations Manager, Editorial Services Director: managed a restructuring of this twenty eight volume publishing project; designed and implemented a comprehensive production schedule; created a long term budget; implemented accounting procedures and created a multi tiered compensation package for graduate student researchers; coordinated all phases of pre-press editing for five (of the twenty eight proposed) volumes, including original language citations, proofreading and indexing.

1996-1998 **Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary** Crestwood NY
Advancement Officer: coordinated student recruitment for the seminary, and made on-site presentations to potential students and supporters; produced a recruitment video; provided information technology support (Informix SQL database) and assisted in development efforts. Completed the course 'The Principles & Techniques of Fundraising' at The Fund Raising School at Indiana University.

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

April 2014 **Member, Evaluation Committee for ATS Comprehensive Evaluation Visit**
Claremont School of Theology, Claremont CA.

2007-2011 **Diocese of New England, Orthodox Church in America
Committee on Evangelization and Revitalization**
Chair: focus areas include-establishing policies for pastoral transition, parish revitalization and evangelization in the diocese, and implementing standards for tracking metrical data.

2006-2010 **Diocese of New England, Orthodox Church in America**
Communications Director: responsible for production of bi-monthly newsletter, and maintenance of diocesan website.

PRESENTATIONS:

January 2016 "Disruptive Innovation and Entrepreneurial Online Education," St. Tikhon's University, Moscow (via teleconference).

October 2014 "The Tradition of Liturgical Homilies and the Implications for Contemporary Homiletic Practice" *Pappas Patristic Institute: Patristic Preaching and its History of Reception*, Boston MA.

January 2014 The Inverted Classroom: How good teaching goes beyond content delivery," St. Tikhon's University, Moscow (via teleconference).

January 2014 "Eucharistic Preaching" *Academy of Preachers: National Festival of Young Preachers*, Atlanta GA; Indianapolis IN.

January 2013 "Bits, Bytes and the Body of Christ: Establishing and maintaining community in theological distance education." St. Tikhon's University, Moscow (via teleconference)

December 2011 "Preaching Transformation: Eucharistic Homiletics and the Presence of Christ" *North American Academy of Homiletics*, Austin TX.

August 2011 "God's Perfect Love," *New England Youth Rally*, St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center, Contokook, NH.

September 2008 "Encountering the Word: Spirituality of Preacher and Hearer," *Catholic Coalition on Preaching*, Louisville, KY.

December 2006 "Applied Principles of Christian Leadership," *St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral*, Minneapolis, MN .

October 2006 "Music in the life of the Orthodox community" *Global Praise Working Group*, New York, NY.

- March 2006 "The Prophetic and Life-giving Word" *Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America*, Atlanta GA.
- January 2006 "Orthodox Ecclesiology from the Perspective of Preaching," *Fourth Consultation on Orthodox and Wesleyan Spirituality*, Crestwood NY.
- April 2004 "Preaching in the Orthodox Church," *Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Eastern PA, Orthodox Church in America*, South Canaan PA.
- June 2003 "Speaking the Word of God as Laypersons," *Metropolis of Boston, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese*, Brookline MA.
- December 2002 "Finding Christ in Troubled Times: a reflection on the Nativity of Jesus Christ," Madison, WI.
- Nov 2001 "The New Homiletic and the Liturgical Movement," *North American Academy of Homiletics*, St. Louis, November 2001.
- Nov 2000 "The Word Made Flesh: reflections on the art and craft of liturgical preaching," *Connecticut Deanery, Orthodox Church in America*, New Haven, CT.

PUBLICATIONS:

Regular contributor to *The Preacher* The College of Preachers, Nottingham UK.

"You are the Man: 2 Samuel 11–12 as a rhetorical paradigm for contemporary preaching" in *Festschrift in Honor of Paul Nadim Tarazi Vol 3*, ed. Tom Dykstra, (New York: Peter Lang, 2015)

"Preaching Justice to the Unjust" in "Social Justice Review" Vol. 103 No. 1-2 (January-February, 2012): 18-21.

Halvorsen, Sergius, Sebastian Mahfood, and Mary Beckmann. "Online Teaching and Learning: On the Road to Developing Distance Learning Standards for Communities of Learners." *Seminary Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (Spring 2009): 64-72.

Review essay on *Being with God: Trinity, Apophaticism, and Divine–Human Communion* by Aristotle Papanikolaou. *Conversations in Religion & Theology* (November 2008 6:2 p 123–133)
Article first published online : 19 OCT 2008.

"Orthodox Ecclesiology from the Perspective of Preaching," in *Orthodox and Wesleyan Ecclesiology*, ed. S T Kimbrough, Jr. (Crestwood NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2007), 271-87.

"The Context of the Eucharistic Liturgy," in *Preaching at the Double Feast: Homiletics for Eucharistic Worship*, ed. Michael Monshau (Collegeville MN: Liturgical Press, 2006), 111-49.

"Church Reading: a vital ministry," *PSALM Notes* (Spring 2002 6:1 p 1-7).

"The New Homiletic: a retrospective," review essay on *The Homiletical Plot* by Eugene Lowry. *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* (2002 46:1 p 88-94).

"Theology of Preaching in the Orthodox Tradition in Twentieth-Century North America," *Sewanee Theological Review* (Easter 2001 44:2 p 176-95).

"Changes and Challenges: Eucharist and Word in the Orthodox Church" *Regeneration* (Winter-Spring 1998 4:1 p 42-3).

LANGUAGES:

Reading and basic speaking competence in German.

Reading competence in French, New Testament Greek and Hebrew.