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**EDUCATION**

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**University of Chicago, The Divinity School, Chicago, IL, USA**

*PhD candidate* (expected graduation, Fall 2015)

*Master of Arts*, Spring 2006

**Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia, Canada**

*Master of Arts in Leadership (Business Administration)*, Summer of 2004

**West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania**

*Master of Arts in Philosophy of Science*, June 2001

*Bachelor of Philosophy*, June 1999

**University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania**

*Bachelor of Journalism*, June 1997

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL, USA**

**LECTURER**

*Global Christianity* (Fall 2014)

*Early Christianity: The Literature and History of the New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers* - (Fall 2012, Fall 2013)

*Hebrew Bible: The Literature and History of Ancient Israel* – (Fall 2013)

**Wright College, Chicago, IL, USA**

**LECTURER**

*Bible: New Testament* - (Spring & Fall 2014, 2015)

*Introduction to Ethics* - (Spring 2014)

*Comparative Religions* - (Spring 2014)

**University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA**

**WRITING INSTRUCTOR**

*Philosophical Perspectives* sequence (Fall 2012 - present).

*Human Being and Citizen* sequence (Winter 2013).

*Reading Cultures* sequence (Spring 2013).

**INSTRUCTOR /TUTOR**

*Koine Greek*

New Testament Greek Reading section: Intermediate Level for the *Intro to New Testament class* (Winter 2012)

Tutor for students from the Hyde Park Theological Schools (2011-12).

**TEACHING ASSISTANT**

*Introduction to the New Testament: Texts and Contexts*

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Hans-Josef Klauck (Winter 2012 and Winter 2013).

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Margaret M. Mitchell (Winter 2010).

*Jewish Thought and Literature: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jeffrey Stackert (Fall 2008 and Fall 2009).

**Banat University, Timisoara, Romania, Europe**

**INSTRUCTOR**

*Ancient Rhetoric and Modern Communication Theory* – Instructor (Spring 2000, 2001)

*History of Ancient Greek Philosophy* – Instructor (Fall 1998, 2000)  
*Interview Techniques* – Instructor (Winter 1998, 1999, 2000)  
*News Gathering Techniques* – Instructor (Spring 1999)  
*Sociology of Mass Communication* – Instructor (Spring, 2001)

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

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**University of Chicago, Center for Teaching and Learning, Chicago, IL, USA**  
*Certificate in University Teaching (September 2014)*

**University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA**

*Craft of Teaching Seminars (Fall 2012-present)*  
*Pedagogies of Writing, The University Writing Program, Spring 2011*  
*Teaching Enhancement Seminars for Writing interns (Fall 2011, Winter 2012)*  
*Course Design Workshop (with Prof. Lucy K. Pick), Spring 2010*

**University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada**

*Learning and the Art of Teaching (with Prof. Thena Ayers), Summer 2002*

**West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania**

*Pedagogical Seminar (a three course sequence including: Pedagogy, Didactics, Teaching Methodology, Classroom Internship) September 2000 – May 2001*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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“The Letters of Ignatius of Antioch. Introduction and the History of Research” (Parintii Apostolici vol. 2, Editura Polirom, forthcoming Spring 2015)

“Homicide: New Testament and Early Christian Literature” *The [Oxford] Encyclopedia of the Bible and Law* (Oxford University Press; forthcoming Fall 2014)

“Eucharistic Theology and Martyrdom in Ignatius of Antioch” *Studia Patristica*, Peeters Publishers, Leuven Belgium (2013)

“From Logos to Mythos: The Apocalypse of Paul and Plato's Phaedo in Dialogue” in *Christian Body, Christian Self: Essays on Early Christian Concepts of Personhood and Possible Derivations*, edited by Clare K. Rothschild and Trevor Thompson; Mohr Siebeck, Fall 2011)

“Discipleship and Death: An Investigation into the New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers”, Garrett Theological Seminary, Student Conference Proceedings, Chicago, April 2008

“Conceptul de paradigma in teoria mass-media” (“The Concept of ‘Paradigm’ in Mass Media Theory”) an article published in the *Festschrift* honouring Professor Ion Iliescu entitled: *Omagiu Profesorului Ion Iliescu*, Editura Presa Universitara Romana, Timisoara, 1999

Book review: Mihai Coman, *Introducere in Sistemul Mass-Media*, Revista Orizont, 1998

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS and WORKSHOPS**

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The Genre of *De Vita Contemplativa* as a Vehicle for *Bios Theoretikos*.” (*Early Christian Studies* Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 5, 2014)

“*Between the Scylla and Charybdis*: A Response to Nathan Phillips” (The Divinity School Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 5, 2013)

“*Logos Protrepitkos*: Exploring the Genera of Philo’s *De Vita Contemplativa*” (The Divinity School Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, February 19, 2013)

- “Philosophy as Therapy of the Soul in Philo of Alexandria’s *De Vita Contemplativa*” North American Patristics Conference, Chicago, IL, May, 2013
- “Theology and Teleology in Philo of Alexandria: the Puzzling Case of the Therapeutae” *Early Christian Studies* Workshop (University of Chicago – April 22, 2013)
- “Eucharistic Theology in Ignatius of Antioch’s Epistle to the Romans” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, August 2011
- “The Criterion of Truth and the Truth of the Criterion in 1 John” *Annual Meeting, Society for Biblical Literature*, Atlanta, November 2010
- "From *Logos* to *Mythos*: The Apocalypse of Paul and Plato's *Phaedo* in Dialogue." *Midwest Region, Society for Biblical Literature*, February, 2010
- “Martyrdom as Eucharistic Discipleship in Ignatius of Antioch” North American Patristics Conference, Chicago, IL, May 2010
- “Hellenistic Epistemology and the Epistle of 1 John.” *Early Christian Studies* Workshop (University of Chicago - March 9, 2009)
- "Second Apocalypse of James: its rhetorical structure and language in relation to the New Testament" - *Early Christian Studies* Workshop (University of Chicago - January 28, 2008)
- “Discipleship and Death: An Investigation into the New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers” Student Theological Conference, *Garrett Theological Seminary* (Chicago - April 18, 2008)
- “The Influence of Mass-Media in the Romanian Contemporary Society”; “Influenta mass-media in societatea romana contemporana. Observatii si evaluari critice” (Timisoara - May 2000; Areopagus Center)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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**Martin Marty Junior Fellowship**, 2013-14 (for dissertation research, teaching, and forum presentations involving public intellectuals)

**Perrin Travel Award**, Summer 2011 (for paper presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Patristics Conference, Oxford University)

**Midwest SBL Grad Student Paper Award** - winner of the competition in the area of NT/Christian Origins, February 2010

**Divinity School Fellowship and Living Stipend**, University of Chicago, The Divinity School 2006-10,

**Milo P. Jewett Travel Award**, University of Chicago, The Divinity School, for participation at the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* Conference in Sibiu, Romania, Summer 2007

**Summer Language Fellowship**: Tuition and Living Stipend, University of Chicago, The Divinity School, Summer 2004 (intensive Classical Greek program, Graham School of General Studies, University of Chicago)

**ProFamilia Scholarship**: Tuition and Living Stipend, 2001-2, *Trinity Western University*

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

**American Academy of Religion** - since 2007

**American Theological Library Association** - since March 2015

**Society for Biblical Literature** - since 2005

**North American Patristics Society** - since 2007

## LINGUISTIC COMPETENCIES

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**Attic & Koine Greek** – research (passed Divinity School competency exam)

**Biblical Hebrew** – research (passed Divinity School competency exam)

**Coptic** - research

**English** - fluent

**French** –research (passed University competency exam)

**German** – research (passed University competency exam)

**Latin** – research

**Romanian** – fluent (native language)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Early Christian History and Literature:** *New Testament* (Johannine Literature, Synoptic Gospels, Call Narratives); *Apostolic Fathers* (Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyrna)

**Hebrew Bible & Ancient Near East:** Creation Narratives, Wisdom Literature

**Hellenistic Judaism:** Philo of Alexandria

**Ancient Greek Philosophy:** Epistemology, Moral Philosophy

**Librarianship:** Ancient Scholars and their Libraries (Philo of Alexandria, Eusebius of Caesarea); Digital Humanities

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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**Operating Systems:** MS Dos, Windows95 - Windows 8, Linux (Ubuntu), Tiger, Snow Leopard

**Data processing:** MS Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, Access, Power Point)

**Web Browsing:** Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, Chrome etc.

**Emulators and Networking:** VMWare, Parallels, FTP, SQL 7, Fugu, NetMeeting

**Graphics:** Adobe (Acrobat, Distiller, Page Maker, Photoshop), iLife

**Library software:** KualiOLE, Millenium, Horizon, OCLC, EMS, ILLiad, W2W

**Teaching software:** Blackboard, Moodle

**Web design:** HTML, Front Page, iWeb 2006-2012 website designer for:  
<http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/earlychristianstudies/>

## VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

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**Mansueto Library, University of Chicago** – TOUR GUIDE (since 2011)

**Hyde Park Suzuki Institute** – usher, stage attendant, photographer (since 2005)

**Student Search Committees** for new faculty hires (i.e. Philosophy of Religions, Hebrew Bible) – The Divinity School (2005 - 2006)

**Teaching English as a Second Language** - Instructor (Romania, August 2011)

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Available upon request