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EDUCATION

2010 - Present

The University of Chicago, Divinity School

Doctor of Philosophy, Theology

Dissertation: "The Multimедiation of Holiness: Hagiography as Process in Greek Orthodox Theology and Culture"

Co-supervisors: Dwight Hopkins (Theology) & Andreas Glaeser (Sociology);

Reader: Jaś Elsner (Religion, Literature, and Visual Culture)

Qualifying Examinations (completed 2013)

- History of Christian Thought, 150-1350 (with Willemien Otten)
- Theology in Modernity (with Kevin Hector & Dwight Hopkins)
- Theological Ethics (with William Schweiker)
- Hermeneutic Sociology (with Arnold Davidson & Andreas Glaeser)

2007 - 2008

The Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin

Master of Philosophy, with Distinction, Ecumenical Studies

Advisor: Geraldine Smyth, OP

Areas of Concentration: Modern ecumenical movements, intercultural theology and interreligious studies, ethics and social theory, Christian-Muslim relations in Europe and the Middle East, fundamentalism and religious violence

2003 – 2007

Swarthmore College

Bachelor of Arts, with Highest Honors, Religion

Minors in Environmental Studies & English Literature

Phi Beta Kappa

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

Summer 2014

The University of Cyprus

Intensive Modern Greek

Summer language program on site in Nicosia, accompanied by initial fieldwork

Winter 2014

Fordham University

Visiting Graduate Fellowship

Dissertation research on Orthodox theology, social & political thought, hagiography

Autumn 2005

Columbia University

Visiting Semester

Concentration in religion, languages, theater

2001 - 2002

School Year Abroad, Italy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2017 *Dominican University, Theology Department*
Adjunct Professor
Course: Introduction to Interreligious Studies (Upcoming)
- Autumn 2015 *University of Chicago, College Humanities Core*
Lecturer
Course: Greek Thought & Literature
- 2012 – 2016 *University of Chicago, College Humanities Core*
Writing Intern / Instructor
(WIs serve simultaneously as teaching assistants to faculty in Humanities Core courses and as the instructors of seminars, linked with those courses, focused on undergraduate writing technique, argumentation, and style)
Course (instructor): Humanities Writing Seminars (2012-2016)
Courses (assistant): Reading Cultures (2012); Greek Thought & Literature (2014-15); Texts, Traditions, Transformations (2016)
- Spring 2014 *University of Chicago, Divinity School*
Certificate in the Craft of Teaching
Completion of numerous requirements for cultivating pedagogical reflexivity and skill; see divinity.uchicago.edu/teaching for details.
- Autumn 2013 *University of Chicago, Divinity School*
Teaching Assistant
Course: Introduction to the Study of Religion
- Autumn 2011 *University of Chicago, Humanities Division*
Writing Program Training
Course: Principles of Teaching Writing
- Summer 2005, 2006 *American Museum of Natural History, New York City*
Tour Guide & Education Volunteer

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

“Blazing Light and Perfect Death: The Martyrs of Córdoba and the Growth of Polemical Holiness.” Forthcoming in *Contested Spaces, Common Ground: Space and Power Structures in Contemporary Multireligious Societies*, edited by U. Winkler, O. Leirvik, and L. Rodriguez: 203-224. Amsterdam: Brill/Rodopi, 2017.

“Forum: Crafting the Introductory Course in Religious Studies.” With Russell McCutcheon, Andrew Durdin, Kelli Gardner, Adam Miller, and Emily Crews. *Teaching Theology and Religion* 19.1 (2016): 78-98.

Review of Augustine Casiday, *Beyond Heresy: Reconstructing the Theology of Evagrius Ponticus*. *The Journal of Religion* 95.1 (2015): 136-138.

“Improvisation as a Discipline of Dialogue.” In *Den Blick weiten: Wenn Ökumene den Religionen begegnet* [Widening the View: When Ecumenism Encounters the Religions], edited by Andrew Pierce and Oliver Schuegraf: 219-234. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2014.

“@Edinburgh2010: Online Ecumenism in an Age of Participation.” In *Edinburgh 2010: Mission Today & Tomorrow*, edited by Kirsteen Kim and Andrew Anderson: 321-329. Oxford: Regnum Books International, 2011.

“Renovating the Household of Life: On the Development of Ecumenical Relations Between Sacred and Scientific.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 45.2 (2010): 265-287.

Review of Brian Stanley, *The World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh 1910*; and of David Kerr & Kenneth Ross (eds), *Edinburgh 2010: Mission Then and Now. One in Christ* 43.2 (2009): 201-206.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- Autumn 2016 *American Academy of Religion, History of Christianity Section*
 “Lionslayers: Hagiographical Imagination and National Struggle on the Island of Saints” (Upcoming)
- Spring 2016 *Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute, Public Lecture*
 “Saint George in Colonial Cyprus: Entanglement and Liberation”
- Autumn 2015 *Catholic Theological Union, An Ecumenical and Interfaith Convocation Celebrating Pope Francis’ Encyclical Laudato Si’*
 “Homeward Bound: *Laudato Si’s* Advances in Ecumenical Theology”
- Spring 2015 *Ecclesiological Investigations, Washington 2015: Vatican II – Remembering the Future*
 “Council, Culture, and Aesthetics: Art, Music, Film” (Panel Chair)
- Winter 2015 *University of Chicago, Writing Program Professional Development Series* (Invited speaker)
 “Teaching Writing Principles as Tools (Not Rules)”
- Autumn 2014 *University of Chicago, Divinity School Community Lunch* (Invited speaker)
 “Ecumenism 101: A No-Knowledge-Necessary Introduction to the Field”
- Spring 2013 *European Society for Intercultural Theology & Interreligious Studies (ESITIS), Bilbao 2013: Contested Space / Common Ground?*
 “The Rise of Polemical Holiness among the Martyrs of Córdoba”
- Summer 2012 *Societas Oecumenica, Belfast 2012: Ecumenism Encounters the Religions*
 “Improvisation as a Discipline of Dialogue”
- Spring 2012 *Ecclesiological Investigations, Assisi 2012: Where We Dwell in Common*
 “The Prismatic Cosmos through Contemplative Practice and Natural Science”
- Spring 2011 *ESITIS, Istanbul 2011: The Study of Religions in a Changing Europe*
 “Moral Minority: Narratives and Performances of Religious Difference in European Islam”

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Winter-Spring 2016	Cyprus , based in Nicosia: Fulbright US Student Award to complete dissertation research on hagiographical media and interreligious dynamics in colonial Cyprus
Summer 2014	Cyprus , based in Nicosia: intensive language study and initial archival work for dissertation fieldwork
Summer 2012	Cyprus , based in Nicosia: preliminary investigation of sites and determination of topic
Summer 2008	Ireland , based in Dalgan: Master's thesis fieldwork with the Society of St. Columban
Summer 2006	India , based in Pondicherry: undergraduate thesis fieldwork in the Sri Aurobindo Ashram

HONORS & AWARDS

2016	Martin Marty Center Junior Fellowship, University of Chicago
2015	Fulbright US Student Award, Cyprus
2015	Ellis Bonoff Kohs Award for Orchestral Excellence, University of Chicago
2014	Modern Greek Language Scholarship, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Awarded)
2014	Certificate in the Craft of Teaching, University of Chicago
2013	Doolittle-Harrison Award (for academic work abroad), University of Chicago
2011, 2012, 2013, 2015	Perrin Award (for academic work abroad), University of Chicago
2011	Essay Award, Zygon Religion and Science Student Society
2008	James Haire Memorial Prize for Essay Writing, Trinity College Dublin
2007	Phi Beta Kappa Graduate Scholarship
2007	Graduate Study Fellowship, Swarthmore College
2007	Jesse Holmes Prize for Writing Excellence in Religion, Swarthmore College
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006	Ida and Daniel Lang Scholarship for Academic Distinction, Swarthmore College
2006	Eugene M. Lang Research Fellowship; Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, India
2006	Honorable Mention, John Russell Hayes Award in Translation

MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE

2015 – Present	Program Coordinator, The Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion, University of Chicago Divinity School
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2012 – Present	Member, Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network
2011 – Present	Member, European Society for Intercultural Theology & Interreligious Studies
2009 – Present	Member, American Academy of Religion
Spring 2016	Research Intern, Peace Research Institute of Oslo – Cyprus Center
Autumn 2015	Group Facilitator, Emerging Leaders Forum on “War, Violence, and Hate Speech,” Parliament of World Religions 2015
2014 – 2015	Associate Coordinator, The Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion, University of Chicago Divinity School
2011 – 2013	Co-Coordinator, University of Chicago Theology Workshop
2011 – 2013	University of Chicago Liaison, Zygon Student Society for Religion & Science
2007	Inducted, Phi Beta Kappa – Swarthmore Chapter, Epsilon of Pennsylvania

LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native
- **Italian:** Fluent
- **Modern Greek:** Conversational
- **Classical Greek:** Strong
- **Latin** Moderate
- **French:** Moderate
- **German:** Moderate

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dwight Hopkins

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