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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **University of Chicago** (Chicago, IL): Theology, Expected June 2017
Dissertation: "Beyond Male and Female: Gender Essentialism and Orthodoxy"
Committee: Kevin W. Hector (co-chair); Willemien Otten (co-chair); Mark D. Jordan; Aristotle Papanikolaou
Exams: History of Christian Thought, 150–1325; History of Modern Religious Thought, 1600–1950; Christology; Issues in Contemporary Theory
- M.A.** **Lancaster Theological Seminary** (Lancaster, PA): Religion, 2009
- B.A.** **University of Kentucky** (Lexington, KY): Russian & Eastern Studies, 1993

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chicago Theological Seminary (Chicago, IL)

2016 Instructor, "MCC Polity and Theologies" (Winter)

University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)

2016 Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Theology" (Spring)

2015 Teaching Assistant, "Theological Criticism: Eschatology and Embodiment" (Spring)

2014 Teaching Assistant, "History of Christianity II (Medieval)" (Winter)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters in Preparation

"Tradition or traditions? The Case of Sex & Gender"

"A Queer Personhood: Freedom from Essentialism"

Book Chapters

2013 "Reinterpreting Baptism: An Ongoing Dialogue." Chap. 7 In *Queering Christianity: Finding a Place at the Table for LGBTQI Christians*, edited

by Robert Shore-Goss, 145-78. Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2013.

Book Reviews

- 2015 "René Girard, When These Things Begin: Conversations with Michel Treguer. René Girard, The One by Whom Scandal Comes." *The Journal of Religion* 95, no. 4 (2015): 556-59.

Online Publications

- 2016 "Marriage, Family, and Scripture." In *Public Orthodoxy*, edited by Nathaniel Wood. New York: Orthodox Christian Studies Center of Fordham University, 2016.
- 2013 "Strange Bedfellows Scapegoat Russia's Gays." In *Sightings*, edited by Myriam Renaud. Chicago: The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 2013.
- 2012 "Russian Church-State Relations: Variations on a Theme." In *Religion and Culture Web Forum*, edited by Vincent Everer. Chicago: The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 2012.

ACADEMIC WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 "Method or Anti-Method? The Case for Eastern Orthodox Holy Tradition as a Way of Knowing," University of Chicago Alternative Epistemologies Workshop (Chicago, IL)
- 2013 "Reinterpreting Baptism," University of Chicago Theology Workshop (Chicago, IL)
- 2009 "Eucharist, Private Prayer, and Positive Mimesis in the Theology of James Alison," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Montréal, Canada)

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2016 "Sexual Occidentations: Orthodoxy and Same-sex Relationships" (tentative title), Fourth Oslo Coalition Seminar on New Directions in Orthodox Theology, to be held December 9-10 (Oslo, Norway)
- 2015 "Orthodox Tradition and traditions: Sex and Gender as Case Study," Seminar on Orthodox Theological Reflections on LGBT People (Läyliäinen, Finland)
- 2015 "Orthodox Anthropology: The Points of Commonality between

- Orthodox Views of Unique, Ecstatic, and Relational Personhood and the Indeterminacy of Sexual Orientations and/or Queer Identities," Seminar on Orthodox Theological Reflections on LGBT People (Läyliäinen, Finland)
- 2013 "Born this Way?" Ninth Annual University of Chicago Divinity School Ministry Conference (Chicago, IL)
- 2013 "Marginalized Sexualities within our Religious Communities," Ninth Annual University of Chicago Divinity School Ministry Conference (Chicago, IL)
- 2011 "Who is Jesus? The Patristic Jesus," The Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer (Chicago, IL)
- 2011 "The Anglican Covenant," The Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer (Chicago, IL)
- 2011 "What is Communion? Baptism, Eucharist, Ecclesiology," The Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer (Chicago, IL)
- 2010 "Violence and the Bible: The Perspectives of René Girard," Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA)
- 2008 "The Adoption of Christianity in Kievan Rus'," Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015–2016 Martin Marty Junior Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)
- 2010–2011 Theologian-in-Residence, Church of St. Paul & the Redeemer (Chicago, IL)
- 2009 Chalice Press Book Award, Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA)
- 2008 Spessard Prize in Christology, Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA)
- 2007 Schaff Prize in Church History, Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA)

OTHER POST-SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology (Lancaster, PA)

2002 Instructor, "English Composition" – 2 sections (Fall)
Instructor, "Microsoft Office Professional XP" (Fall)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA)

2009–2010 Library Coordinator of Administration
2007–2009 Library Circulation and Acquisitions Assistant

International Research & Exchanges Board (US and Russian locations)

1999–2002 Director of Operations (Washington, DC)
1997–1999 Director of Programs, Business for Russia, Community
Connections/Russia, Presidential Management Training Initiative
(Moscow, Russia)
1996–1997 Field Coordinator, Business for Russia Program (Moscow, Russia)
1995–1996 Program Officer (Irkutsk, Russia)
1993–1994 Fellow in Communications Assistance to Russia (Novosibirsk, Russia)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2011–2015 Area Assistant for Constructive Studies (Divinity School)
2011–2015 Co-organizer, The Sacred Flame (LGBTQ & Allies group) and the LGBTQ
& Queer Divinity Studies reading group (Divinity School)
2014–2015 Lead Student Convener for Byzantine Theology and Visual Culture
Faculty Search (Divinity School)
2013–2014 Co-coordinator for the Council on Advanced Studies Theology
Workshop
2010–2011 Administrative Student Assistant (Web Services)

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC)

2014–present Chair, MCC Theologies Team
2014–2016 Member, Commission on the MCC Statement of Faith
2010–2013 Member, MCC Theologies Team

LANGUAGES

French (reading)

Classical Greek (reading)

Russian (reading, writing, speaking)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Colloquium on Violence & Religion