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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

B.A.	1984	Baylor University
M.A.	1987	Rice University
Ph.D.	1990	Duke University

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION: “The Import of Eschatology in John Howard Yoder’s Critique of Constantinianism.” Advisor: Harmon L. Smith. Major Field: Christian Theology and Ethics, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University.

RESEARCH AREAS: Moral Theology and Applied Ethics in Eastern Christianity (Peacemaking; Ethics of War and Peace; Sexuality, Marriage, and Family; Bioethics; Politics; Poverty).

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS: Adjunct Professor of Christian Ethics, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, (2016-2017; 2019); Dean, School of Social Sciences and Religion, McMurry University (2010-2015); Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, McMurry (2004-2007); Director of the Honors Program (1998-present), McMurry; Professor of Religion, McMurry, (2001-present); Associate Professor of Religion, McMurry (1997-2001); Assistant Professor of Religion, McMurry (1995-1997); Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Northeast Missouri State University, (1993-1995); Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Wake Forest University, (1991-1993); Adjunct Instructor of Religious Studies, Gardner-Webb College, (Spring 1991); Teaching Assistant in Christian Theology and Ethics, Duke Divinity School, (1989-90); Teaching Assistant in Religious Studies, Rice University, (1985-1987).

SERVICE: Corporate Secretary of the Board of Trustees, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary (2011-15); Member of the Board of Trustees and the Academic Affairs Committee, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary (2008-present); President (2000-2001) and Vice-President (1999-2000) of the Board of Trustees of St. John’s Episcopal School.

HONORS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS: E. E. Hall Scholar (McMurry 2004); Gordon R. And Lola J. Bennett Award for Outstanding Teaching, Leadership, and Service (McMurry 2001); Turner Distinguished Associate Professor of Religion (McMurry 1999-2001; 2019-2021); Awarded Tenure (McMurry, 1998); Teaching Award, Omicron Delta Kappa (Wake Forest, 1993); Departmental Fellowship (Duke, 1989-90); Departmental Fellowship (Rice, 1985-87); elected to Phi Beta Kappa (Baylor, 1985); graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from the University Scholars Program (Baylor, 1984).

COURSES TAUGHT AT MCMURRY:

REL 2310/Intro to Christianity
REL 2350/ World Religions
REL 3330/Christian Ethics
REL 3320/Biomedical Ethics
REL 3315/Catholic and Protestant Theology in Dialogue
REL 3310/Eastern Orthodox Theology
REL3390/ Christianity in Scotland
REL 4390/Senior Seminar in Religion and Philosophy
REL 3375/History of Christianity to 1500
REL 4340/ Worship and Liturgy
SLD 1300/Ethics
McM 101/First-Year Seminar

COURSES AT ST. VLADIMIR'S

PT 319/Ministry in a Multi-Faith Context
ET 320/420 Ethics of Marriage, Family, and Sexuality

MEMBERSHIPS: American Academy of Religion; Society of Christian Ethics; Orthodox Theological Society in America; International Orthodox Theological Association; Editorial Board of *Studia Universitatis: Babes-Bolyai Theologia Orthodoxa*.

CHURCH AFFILIATION: Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America. Ordained deacon in 2004 and priest in 2006. Elevated to archpriest in 2017. Pastor of St. Luke Orthodox Church, Abilene.

1. BOOKS:

The Forgotten Faith: Ancient Insights for Contemporary Believers from Eastern Christianity. (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books 2013). Translated into Romanian as *Credinta Uitata: Vechi Adevaruri din Rasaritul Crestin Pentru Crestinii Contemporani.* (Editura Doxologia, 2016).

The Goodness of God's Creation. (Salisbury, MA: Regina Orthodox Press, 2008). Translated into Romanian as *Valoarea Creatiei Lui Dumnezeu.* (Editura Doxologia, 2018).

Toward a Eucharistic Vision of Church, Marriage, Family, and Sex. (Minneapolis, MN: Light and Life Publishing Company, 2004)

Discipleship Between Creation and Redemption: Toward a Believers' Church Social Ethic. (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1997)

Discipleship for All Believers: Christian Ethics and the Kingdom of God. (Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1992)

The Import of Eschatology in John Howard Yoder's Critique of Constantinianism. (San

Francisco: Mellen Research University Press, 1992)

2. ESSAYS AND CHAPTERS:

“Peaceable Responses to Persecution: The Experience of Eastern Christian Communities in the Middle East.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 53: 3 (Summer 2018): 386-406. The paper was presented at the Parliament of the World’s Religions, Salt Lake City, October 17, 2015.

“The Eucharistic Context of Pastoral Response to Contemporary Challenges in Marriage, Family, and Sexuality.” *Studia Universitatis: Babes-Bolyai Theologia Orthodoxa* 63/1 (2018): 75-81. The paper was presented at the International Consultation on Pastoral Issues in Sexuality sponsored by the Amsterdam Centre for Orthodox Theology, Baarn, Netherlands, June 8, 2017.

“Communion with the Prince of Peace.” *The Wheel* 12 (Winter 2018): 24-30.

“Sexual Purity and the Vocation of Marriage.” Co-authored with D. Ford, M. Ford, P. Mamalakis, and A. K. Siewers. *Toward the Holy and Great Council: Theological Reflections*. Nathanael Symeonides, ed. 4.5, 95-98. (Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, 2016).

“Eastern Orthodox Social Ethics and the Anaphora of St. Basil the Great.” Chapter in *Eucharist and Ecclesiology: Essays in Honor of Dr. Everett Ferguson*. Wendell Willis, ed. (Pickwick Publications, 2016).

“The Interrelation of Eucharist and Marriage: The Mission of the Parish in Forming Communicants and Spouses in Holiness.” *Studia Universitatis Babes-Bolyai Theologia Orthodoxa* 16/1 (2016): 119-132. The paper was presented at the International Symposium on the Mission of the Parish and the Monastery in a Continuously Changing World, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, November 3, 2015.

“Latin American Liberation Theology and Eastern Orthodox Social Ethics: Is a Conversation Possible?” *The Wheel* 3 (Fall 2015): 11-15. An earlier version was presented at the Fifth International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society at the University of California at Berkeley, April 17, 2015.

“*Philanthropia* in Liturgy and Life: The Anaphora of Basil the Great and Eastern Orthodox Social Ethics.” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 59:2 (2015): 187-211.

“St. Symeon, Fool for Christ and Exemplar of Humility.” (with John-Eric Swenson) *The American Benedictine Review* 64:3 (September 2013): 266-281.

“Developing the Principles of Just Peace: Reflections from the Experience of the Orthodox Church in North America.” Chapter in Formation for Life: Just Peacemaking and Twenty-First-Century Discipleship. G. Stassen, R. Petersen, and T. Norton, eds. (Pickwick Publications, 2013) An earlier version was presented at International Conference on Orthodox

Contribution to Developing a Theology of Just Peace, Saidnaya, Syria, October 18-22, 2010.

"Orthodox Perspectives in the Americas and Western Europe on the Invasion of Iraq." Chapter in Just Peace: Orthodox Perspectives, S. Asfaw, A. Chehadeh, and M. Simion, eds. (WCC Publications, 2012) Originally presented at International Orthodox Consultation on Peace Ethics, Bucharest, Romania, June 29-July 3, 2009.

"Orthodox Perspectives on Peace, War, and Violence." The Ecumenical Review 63/1 (March 2011): 54-61.

"A Dynamic Praxis of Peace: Orthodox Social Ethics and Just Peacemaking", Revista Teologica, 4 (2010): 69-82.

"Incarnation, Sacrament, and the Environment in Orthodox Thought." Worship 81/3 (May 2007): 212-226.

"The Practice of Medicine as *Theosis*." TheologyToday 61/2 (July 2004): 173-186.

"Peace in Orthodox Liturgy and Life." Worship. 77/5 (September 2003): 408-425.

"Justifiable War: Response #4." St. Valdimir's Theological Quarterly 47/1 (2003): 77-82

"Celtic Christianity: Its Call to Discipleship." Encounter 60/4 (Autumn 1999): 463-495.

"Theological Themes." Lectionary Homiletics 10/7 (June 1999): 2, 10, 17, 24.

"John Paul II on Euthanasia: An Analysis of Evangelium Vitae." Encounter 58/2 (Spring 1997): 193-206. Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1996.

"Walter Rauschenbusch on Prayer and Social Action." Chapter in Curtis Freeman and Gary Furr, eds. Ties that Bind: Life Together in the Baptist Vision (Smyth & Helwys, 1994).

"Christian Social Ethics and Gutierrez' The God of Life." Encounter 54/3 (Summer, 1993): 233-247. An earlier version was presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1993.

"Radical Protestantism and Relative Goods." Perspectives in Religious Studies 20/3 (Fall 1993): 271-288. Earlier versions were presented at Society of Christian Ethics, January 1993 and at AAR/Evangelical Theology Group 1992.

"'Theology from the Underside of History' as a Critical Theory of Theology." Perspectives in Religious Studies 19/1 (Spring, 1992): 39-51. An earlier version was presented in the Philosophy of Religion and Theology Section, AAR/Southwest 1991.

"A Critical Reading of Karl Rahner's Christology," ch. in Church Divinity 1989-90, ed.

John H. Morgan (Bristol, Indiana: Wyndham Hall Press, 1990): 123-140.

"Hare on Universalizability." Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy 15/1 (Winter, 1989): 21-35.

"The Lordship of Jesus Christ over the Political Realm," ch. in Church Divinity 1988, ed. John H. Morgan (Bristol, Indiana: Wyndham Hall Press, 1988): 19-37.

"Theological Ethics and the Kingdom of God: A Comparative Study of Walter Rauschenbusch and Gustavo Gutierrez," ch. in Church Divinity 1987, ed. John H. Morgan (Bristol, Indiana: Wyndham Hall Press, 1987): 102-118.

"A Critical Analysis of the Relationship Between History and Eschatology: A Foundational Issue for Theological Ethics," ch. in Church Divinity 1986, ed. John H. Morgan (Bristol, Indiana: Wyndham Hall Press, 1986): 65-80.

3. BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of George Demacopoulos and Aristotle Papanikolaou, eds., Christianity, Democracy, and the Shadow of Constantine. Political Theology, 18/1 (2017: 754-755).

Review of Lloyd Steffen, Ethics and Experience: Moral Theory from Just War to Abortion. Political Theology. 16/1 (2015: 83-85).

Review of Aristotle Papanikolaou, The Mystical as Political: Democracy and Non-Radical Orthodoxy. St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly. 58/2 (2014: 235-239).

Review of Craig Hovey, Bearing True Witness: Truthfulness in Christian Practice. Political Theology. 14/2 (2013: 271-273).

Review of Paul Alexander, Peace to War: Shifting Allegiances in the Assemblies of God; Mark J. Allman, Who Would Jesus Kill? War, Peace, and the Christian Tradition. Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics. 31/2 (Fall/Winter 2011).

Review of A. Dyck, Rethinking Rights and Responsibilities: The Moral Bonds of Community. Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics. 27/1 (Spring/Summer 2007): 301-303.

Review of S. Grenz, Welcoming But Not Affirming; M. Jordan, The Invention of Sodomy in Christian Theology; S. Olyan and M. Nussbaum, eds., Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse; D. Wold, Out of Order: Homosexuality in the Bible and the Ancient Near East; and C Wolfe, ed., Homosexuality and American Public Life. Perspectives in Religious Studies 26/4 (Winter 1999): 444-450.

Review of T. G. Elliot, The Christianity of Constantine the Great. Religious Studies Review 24 (1999): 109.

Review of Richard B. Hays, The Moral Vision of the New Testament. Perspectives on Religious Studies 24/4 (Winter 1997): 469-481.

Review of Lisa Sowle Cahill, Sex, Gender, and Christian Ethics. The Christian Century 114/26 (September 24, 1997): 847-851.

Review of L. Gregory Jones, Embodying Forgiveness: A Theological Analysis. The Christian Century 113/21 (July 3-10, 1996): 698-699.

Review of Vigen Guroian, Ethics After Christendom: Toward an Ecclesial Christian Ethic. Encounter 56/3 (Summer, 1995): 319-320.

Review of Stanley Hauerwas, Dispatches from the Front: Theological Engagements with the Secular. Encounter 56/3 (Summer, 1995): 41-412.

Review of Harmon Smith, Where Two or Three are Gathered: Liturgy and the Moral Life. The Christian Century 112/29 (October 18, 1995): 968.

Review of Ben Wiebe, Messianic Ethics. Encounter 54/3 (Summer, 1993): 324-325.

Review of Richard J. Bauckham and R. John Elford, eds., The Nuclear Weapons Debate: Theological and Ethical Issues; Audrey R. Chapman, Faith, Power, and Politics: Political Ministry in Mainline Churches; and Fred Kammer, Doing Faithjustice: An Introduction to Catholic Social Thought, Perspectives in Religious Studies 19/3 (Fall, 1992): 336-340.

Review of Jacob Needleman, Money and the Meaning of Life; and W. Taylor Stevenson, Soul and Money: A Theology of Wealth, The Christian Century 109/25 (August 26-September 2, 1992): 784-785.

Review of Paul Lakeland, Theology and Critical Theory: The Discourse of the Church, Encounter (Winter, 1991): 96-97.

Review of Diogenes Allen, Christian Belief in a Postmodern World; Philip Devine, Relativism, Nihilism, and God; and Jerry Gill, Faith in Dialogue and Mediated Transcendence: A Postmodern Reflection, Perspectives in Religious Studies 17/3 (Fall, 1990): 276-280.

Review of Justo Gonzalez, Faith and Wealth: A History of Early Christian Ideas on the Origin, Significance, and Use of Money, The Christian Century 107/29 (October 17, 1990): 941-942.

Review of Robert MacAfee Brown, Gustavo Gutierrez: An Introduction to Liberation Theology, The Journal of the Interdenominational Theological Center 17/1-2 (Fall 1989/Spring 1990): 155-156.

Review of Don Cupitt, The Sea of Faith: Christianity in Change, The Christian Century

106/2 (January 18, 1989): 55-56.

Review of Ismael Garcia, The Concept of Justice in Latin American Theology of Liberation, Theology Today XLV/1 (April, 1988): 148.

Review of Gustavo Gutierrez, On Job: God-Talk and the Suffering of the Innocent, The Christian Century 104/34 (November 18, 1987): 1039-1040.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

“The Eucharistic Context of Christian Marriage”; “The Political Witness and Social Ministry of the Eucharistic Community”; and “Orthodox Resources for Peacemaking with Adherents of Other Religions.” Lecture series at New Georgian University, Poti, The Republic of Georgia, February 17-19, 2020.

“Mediation in the Christian Life: An Orthodox Perspective.” Presented at the Orthodox-Pentecostal Academic Dialogue. San Diego, CA. November 22, 2019.

“Unitive, Sacrificial, and Eschatological Love: The Virtues of Marriage in a Eucharistic Context.” Presented at inaugural meeting of the International Orthodox Theological Association, Iasi, Romania, January 10, 2019.

“The Praxis of Peacemaking in Interfaith Contexts: Insights from Eastern Christianity.” Presented at The Parliament of World’s Religions, Toronto, November 6, 2018.

“Marriage as a Path to *Theosis*.” Four lectures presented at the Eagle River Institute, Saint John Orthodox Cathedral, Eagle River, AK, August 1-4, 2018.

Three Lectures on the Eucharist and Ethics at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Babes-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, April 25-26, 2018.

“The Political Witness of the Eucharistic Community.” Presented at annual meeting of the Orthodox Theological Society in America, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, NY, October 27, 2017.

“The Eucharistic Context of Pastoral Response to Contemporary Challenges in Marriage, Family, and Sexuality.” Presentation at International Consultation on Pastoral Issues in Sexuality sponsored by the Amsterdam Centre for Orthodox Theology, Baarn, Netherlands, June 8, 2017.

“Eucharist, Marriage, and Sexuality.” Presentation sponsored by the Amsterdam Centre for Orthodoxy Theology, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 10, 2017.

“The Interrelation of Eucharist and Marriage: The Mission of the Parish in Forming Communicants and Spouses in Holiness.” Presentation at the International Symposium on the Mission of the Parish and the Monastery in a Continuously Changing World, Cluj-Napoca,

Romania, November 3, 2015.

“Orthodox Christian Responses to War and Violence: Insights from the Experiences of Minority Christian Communities in the Middle East.” Presentation at Parliament of the World’s Religions, Salt Lake City, October 17, 2015. Accepted for publication by *The Journal of Ecumenical Studies*.

“Orthodox Peacemaking in the 21st Century.” Presentation at Conference in Preparation for the Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church sponsored by the Orthodox Theological Society in America and the Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, June 26, 2015.

“Praxis and the Poor: Latin American Liberation Theology and Eastern Orthodox Social Ethics in Dialogue.” Presentation at the Fifth International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society at the University of California at Berkeley, April 17, 2015.

“Guroian and Papanikolaou: Reflections on Orthodoxy, Western Democracy, and Postmodernity.” Presentation at Orthodox Theological Society in America, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, October 23, 2014.

“*Philanthropia* in Orthodox Liturgy and Life: The Anaphora of Basil the Great and Eastern Orthodox Social Ethics.” Presentation at the Society of Christian Ethics, Seattle, WA, January 10, 2014.

“Fasting and the Poor.” Presentation at Poverty Workshop at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, June 1, 2013.

“Eastern Orthodox Social Ethics and the Anaphora of St. Basil the Great.” Presentation at Eucharist and Ecclesiology Colloquy at Abilene Christian University, March 22, 2013.

“Orthodox Perspectives on Peace, War, and Violence.” Keynote Address at Orthodox Education Day at St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, October 1, 2011.

“Orthodox Approaches to Nonviolent Resistance.” Presentation at Conference on “Christian Presence and Witness in the Middle East Today: Theological and Political Challenges.” Volos, Greece, June 19-23, 2011.

“Developing the Principles of Just Peace: Reflections from the Experience of the Orthodox Church in North America.” Presentation at an International Conference on Orthodox Contribution to Developing a Theology of Just Peace, Saidnaya, Syria, October 18-22, 2010.

“Wage Peace, Not War.” Presentation at Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Consultation Towards the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation, Leros, Greece, 15–22 September 2009.

“Orthodox Perspectives in the Americas and Western Europe on the Invasion of Iraq.” International Orthodox Consultation on Peace Ethics, Bucharest, Romania, June 29-July 3, 2009.

“The Eucharistic Life.” Commencement Address, St. Herman Orthodox Seminary, May 2006.

“Peace in the Liturgy.” Workshop leadership at annual meeting of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship, St. Thikon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. June 2003.

“Does Euthanasia ‘Do No Harm?’” Continuing Medical Education Lecture at Hendrick Medical Center. May 2002.

“Contraception in Contemporary Orthodox Moral Theology.” Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/SW 2002.

“Models of the Moral Identity of the Physician.” Continuing Medical Education Lecture at Hendrick Medical Center. May 16, 2001.

“The Eucharist and Christian Ethics: Contemporary Orthodox Understandings of the Eucharistic Nature of Marriage.” Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/SW 2001.

“St. Ninian.” Presentation at Conference on the Saints of Old Britain Sponsored by the St. John Chrysostom Institute of Regis University, Denver, CO, September 16, 2000.

“The Ethics of Primary Care.” Continuing Medical Education Lecture at Hendrick Medical Center. September 9, 2000.

“The Eucharist and Christian Sexual Ethics.” Presented at Duke University Divinity School’s Pastors School, October 1999, and in the Ethics Section at AAR/SW 2000.

“Christ Our Passover Is Sacrificed for Us: The Eucharistic Ethic of 1 Corinthians 5-6.” Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1999.

“A Response to ‘Re-Envisioning Baptist Identity: Manifesto for Baptist Communities in North America.’” Presented at the Joint Meeting of the College Theology Society and the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion 1998.

“Eucharist and the Moral Life: Part 2.” Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1998.

“Eucharist and the Moral Life.” Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1997.

“Barth, O’Donovan, and Gunton on the Politics of Kingdom and Creation.” Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1995.

“Western Democracy and the Kingdom of God.” Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1994.

"A Critique of Yoder's 'Biblical Realism.'" Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1992.

"Key Issues in Professional Ethics." Presented at Conference on "Faithfulness in the Workplace" Sponsored by Clergy and Laity Together in Ministry, Durham, NC, February 22, 1992.

"Quality of Life and Ethical Issues: What If Patient/Family Wishes Conflict with Caregiver Recommendations?" Presented at Wake Area Health Education Center Conference on Dysphagia, Raleigh, NC, November 1, 1991.

"An Evaluation of John Howard Yoder's 'Non-Constantinian' Approach to Christian Social Action." Presented in the Ethics Section, AAR/Southwest 1991. Published in AAR/Southwest Proceedings 1991: 100-110.

"Church as the Social Locus of Christian Moral Formation." Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1990. Published in AAR/Southwest Proceedings 1990: 105-114.

"Moral Identity and the Purpose of Medicine." Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southeast 1990.

"The Kingdom of God and Politics: The Church as Eschatological Critic." Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1988. Published in AAR/Southwest Proceedings 1988: 1-8.

"A Critical Comparison of John Howard Yoder and Gustavo Gutierrez' Employments of the Kingdom of God as a Normative Symbol for Theological Ethics." Presented at AAR/Evangelical Theology Group 1987.

"A Critical Comparison of Walter Rauschenbusch and Gustavo Gutierrez' Understandings of the Kingdom of God as a Normative Symbol for Theological Ethics." Presented in the Ethics Section at AAR/Southwest 1987. Published in AAR/Southwest Proceedings 1987: 148-159.

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