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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Patriarch Bartholomew I and Psaros Family Endowed Chaplain, 2022-Present
Director, Orthodox Christian Chaplaincy, 2018-Present
Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2019-Present
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Endowed chairholder in Campus Ministry and Director of the Orthodox Christian Chaplaincy. Responsible for pastoral care of students, graduate and undergraduate programs, presentations, budget oversight, regular worship services. Directly providing for Orthodox Christian students, faculty, and staff.

Additional responsibility for veterans and their family members providing reintegration assistance for first-year and returning college students; also providing career and pastoral support for ROTC students at Georgetown and George Washington University.

Regularly instructing in the College of Arts and Science and the School of Foreign Service on just war theory, ethics, moral agency and psychology, philosophy of religion, and Problem of God (theodicy) in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

Pastor, 2018-Present
St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Washington, DC

Serving as second priest with primary responsibilities for leading the English speaking community, overseeing adult catechesis, formation, providing pastoral care for families in DC and Virginia. Regularly broadcasted (YouTube) preaching. Coordinating with a staff of nine priests and deacons, and numerous minor clergy.

Sessional Professor of Pastoral Practice, 2016-2019
New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program for military and veteran ministry. Instructor for doctoral courses in critical interpretation and hermeneutics. Dissertation advisor, reader, and committee member. Coordinator for Veterans Administration counselors on trauma and recovery issues, program advisor in 2015.

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2016-2018
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2010-2016
Instructor, Philosophy Department, 2008-2010
Saint Martin's University, Lacey,
WA

Tenure track, full time appointment with responsibility for undergraduate philosophy courses, concentrating on ethics and moral theory. Courses taught include: Bioethics; Introduction to Philosophy; Ethics of War and Torture; Ethical Theory and Practice; Philosophy of Self; Philosophy of Religion. Guest lecturer in the School of Business. Acting department head in

2008-09 and 2015-16.

Command Chaplain, 2009–2012
6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistic Group, Portland, OR

Responsible for morale and pastoral issues for companies and detachments for 3,000+ Marines and Sailors in eight states and deployed worldwide. Authored the sponsorship model for suicide prevention implemented throughout 4th MLG and other Marine reserve commands. Supervision of junior chaplain clergy in the Oregon region.

Chaplain/Ethicist, Resiliency Care Team, 2008–2010
Washington Army Air National Guard, Camp Murray, WA

Consulting on issues of resilience, reintegration of veterans, training and policies focused on character strength and performance. Providing pastoral care to veterans and their families.

Ethicist, 6th Fleet, 2005-2008
Naval Forces Europe, Naples, Italy

Subject matter expert for project team tasked with designing and presenting training on the principles and conduct of moral leadership, just war theory applications and decision theory, for flag officers, unit commanders and executive officers.

Additional duties with Gulf of West Africa Maritime Relations Program, 6th Fleet initiatives strengthening coastal community relations and forwarding US policy in the region. Also providing expertise in implementing the Capabilities Approach in development ethics to the region and respecting policy goals.

Editorial Staff for *Louvain Studies*, 2006-2008
Leuven, Belgium

Editing and publication duties for the principal theological journal of the University of Leuven, and books appearing in the series *Louvain Theological and Pastoral Monographs*. Interfacing with university faculty and a staff under the aegis of Peeters Publishing.

Special Advisor, 2003-2005
Naval Security Forces Europe, London, UK

Directed comprehensive internal review process of all Navy security personnel in the UK. Conducted 100+ confidential interviews on leadership failures and quality of life issues, group cooperation, command climate assessments. Interpreted results with personnel recommendations to senior area commanders.

Senior Chaplain, 2002-2003
Camp Johnson, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, NC

Weekly training of 100-300 Marines entering specialized technical programs preparing for permanent assignments. Addressing transition issues, decision-making, character development, suicide prevention. Providing numerous hours of adjustment counseling. Facilities manager for two chapels with material budgets exceeding \$500k. Supervision of four civilian contractors and military support personnel.

Department Head and Chaplain, 1999-2001
USS INCHON (MCS 12) Homeported at Ingleside, TX

2000+ crew aircraft carrier, joint-forces operational, multinational compliment, six months West

Pacific deployment, counter-terrorism actions. Supervision of two chaplains, three chaplain candidates (seminarians) and four enlisted support staff. Dealing with an array of behavioral and legal issues emerging in the pre-deployment cycles, including suicide ideation, unauthorized absence, spousal neglect, infidelity. Directed long-term community relations projects with local Texas schools, and prepared the coordination of relief projects conducted in Thailand. Instituted mentoring practices for mid-level career Sailors.

Interim Rector, 1999–2000

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Corpus Christi, TX

Concurrent with a major ship repair period, assumed full-time parish duties including religious education and marriage preparation. Brought conflict resolution skills to a fractious community preparing to receive a new rector.

Staff and School Chaplain, 1996–1999

Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL

Directed ministry for the Navy's largest technical training school operating 24 hours and producing 1,200 graduates every 10 months. Created and directed the command's *Student Leadership Association*, a program enabling select Sailors to assume leadership roles in community action projects, thus identifying future officers and leaders. Instituted peer-ministry models and personal accountability practices leading the command training paradigm toward a "capabilities approach" to career development. Directed a complete Orthodox chapel program with a material budget and civilian contracts exceeding \$400k. Contributor on an admiral's staff for training philosophy, leadership and character formation. Supervisory responsibility for a team of four.

Group Chaplain, 1995–1996

3rd Surveillance, Reconnaissance, Intelligence Group, Okinawa

Responsible for the care of 1,300+ military personnel dispersed in five Asian countries in addition to managing a fully functioning Orthodox chapel program with religious education for adults and children. Counseling on issues of family separation, domestic violence, alcohol abuse, loneliness, and marriage awareness. Supervising and training three enlisted staff members.

Battalion Chaplain, 1992–1995

3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, 29 Palms, CA

Coordinated humanitarian food relief in multiple orphanages and aid centers in Somalia. Directed medical assistance missions throughout Mogadishu in support of Team Secure operations. Combat action. Grief, PTSD counseling and post-violence healing. Implemented a decision making training model that was emulated throughout the 11th Marines Regiment and the 1st Marine Division.

Teacher, 1985–1987

Milpitas High School, Milpitas, CA

Full-time teaching duties in four different subjects, grades 9-12, with additional after-school coaching duties.

EDUCATION

- PhD/STD University of Louvain (KU Leuven), Louvain, Belgium, in Comparative and Theological Ethics, 2015. Degrees awarded *summa cum laude*.
- STL Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, 2001.
- MA Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, 1995. Degree awarded *with honors*.
- MDiv St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood, New York, 1990.
- BA Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, 1981.

PUBLICATIONS

Juried Publications

“The Reconciling Community: Dostoevsky, Pardon and Ontology” in *Believing in Community: Ecumenical Reflections on the Church*. Edited by Peter De Mey, Peter De Witte, Gerard Mannion, 234-245. Leuven: Peeters Publishing, 2009.

“From Just War Fictions to Virtues of Benevolence: Renovating the Just War Theory” in *Louvain Studies*, 31.3-4 (2006): 276-305.

Invited Publications

“Infinite Speech and Secular Compassion: Dostoevsky and Nussbaum, and the Demands of Forgiveness” in *Healing, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness in Eastern Orthodox Perspectives*. Edited by Lev Smith, 235-243. New York: Sophia Institute/Scholars Press, 2015.

“Reconciliation as Moral Polyphony: Ontology, Forgiveness and the Christian East” in *Reconciliation in Interfaith Perspective: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Voices*. Edited by Reimund Bieringer and David J. Bolton, 185-202. Leuven: Peeters, 2011.

“Looking to the East for Our Morals: Liturgical Wisdom and Western Consuming Desires” in *Scientific/Academic Records of the Ukrainian Catholic University (Naukovi zapysky UKU)*, 1 (2009): 255-263.

“Realism and Just War Fictions: Theory Failings and Cosmopolitan Virtues” in *Just War and Terrorism: The End of the Just War Concept*. Edited by Wim Smit, 47-80. Leuven: Peeters/Belgian Center for Theology and Military Ethics, 2006.

“Spatial Metaphors as a Guide to Absolute Knowledge: Pavel Florensky's ‘Lonely’ Critique of Reason” in *Faith in the Enlightenment? The Critique of the Enlightenment Revisited*. *Currents of Encounter* 30. Edited by Lieven Boeve, et al., 206-216. Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2006.

“Dual Trajectories and Divided Rationales: A Reply to Alexander Webster on Justifiable War” in *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*, 47.1 (2003): 83-96.

Reviews

Just Warriors, Inc.: The Ethics of Privatized Force by Deane Peter Baker (Continuum, 2011) in *Teaching Philosophy*, 35.1 (2012): 102-104.

After Aquinas: Versions of Thomism by Fergus Kerr (Blackwell, 2002) in *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*, 50.1/2 (2006): 166-172.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Sovereignty and Identity: Quo Vadis Orthodox Theology?” read at *The Canonical and Ethical Responses of Eastern Orthodoxy to the Challenges of Modernity*. The Institute for Studies of Eastern Christianity, Union Theological Seminary, New York, 6 December 2019.

“Unliberal Theosis and Secular Sin: Whose Flourishing?” read at *Fully Human: Theological Anthropology and Human Flourishing in the 21st Century*. The Institute for Studies of Eastern Christianity, Union Theological Seminary, New York, December 2018.

“Origin, End, and Techne: Can there be an Effective Christian Ethics for the Environment?” read at *Creation, Redemption, and Environmental Ethics from the Eastern Orthodox Perspective*. The Institute for Studies of Eastern Christianity and the Center for Earth Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York, December, 2017.

“A Rhetoric for Saving Beauty: Consubstantiality as Aesthetic Theory in Pavel Florensky” read at *Sacred Art and Rhetoric in the Christian East*. The Sophia Institute, New York, December, 2015.

“Infinite Speech Acts and Secular Compassion” read at *Healing, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness in Eastern Orthodox Perspectives*. The Sophia Institute, New York, December, 2014.

“The Trumping Power of Intimacy: Martha Nussbaum, Rae Langton, et al.” read at *Violence: Systemic, Symbolic, and Foundational*. The Radical Philosophy Association, 9th Biennial Conference, University Oregon, November, 2010.

“‘We are Responsible for Everyone and Everything!’ Duties of Material Aid or Ontology of Mercy? Nussbaum and Dostoevsky” read at *Responsibility, God and Society: Theological Ethics in Dialogue*. KU Leuven, May, 2008.

“The Self and the Forgiving Community: A Bakhtinian Account of Pardon” read at *Believing in Community*. LEST VI, KU Leuven, November, 2007.

“Who Shall Adjudicate Our Desires? The Case for Christian Perfection Ethics in a Secularizing Europe” read at *Religion and the European Project*. European Society for Catholic Theology, KU Leuven, September, 2007.

“Democratic Desires are Self-Adjudicating—and Other Secular Myths” read at *Religion, Culture and Society*. UCSIA Summer Seminar, University of Antwerp, September, 2007.

“Looking East for our Morals: What Liturgical Wisdom Can and Cannot Do for Western Consuming Desires” read at *Encounters between the European East and West: Theological Perspectives*. Theology Faculties of the Universities of Leuven and Lviv (Ukraine), Leuven and Chevetogne, Belgium, May, 2007.

“Reconciliation as Moral Polyphony: Ontology, Forgiveness and the Christian East,” read at *Reconciliation in Interfaith Perspective: Jewish, Christian and Muslim*. Expert Seminar, Faculty of Theology and the Center for Peace Ethics, KU Leuven, March, 2007.

“Spatial Metaphors in Pavel Florensky’s Absolute Knowledge: Guideposts in a “Lonely” Critique of Reason” read at *Faith in the Enlightenment?* European Society for the Philosophy of Religion, KU Leuven, September, 2004.

“The Orthodox Moral Imagination: Sorting Out Religion and Cognitive Theory” read at *European Congress for Psychology and Religion*, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, May, 2003.

CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS

Moral Psychology, Just War Theory, Action Theory
Theological Anthropology and Moral Agency

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Edition

Fully Human and Flourishing: Theological Anthropology in the 21st Century. Co-editor with Sergey Trostyanskiy, Under consideration for Gorgias Press, (New York). Fall 2023.

Articles

“Pain and Epistemic Justification in Combat Deliberations” for *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*.

“Philosophical Myths of the Fall as Political Theology: Nietzsche and Nussbaum” for *Forum Philosophicum*.

AFFILIATIONS and CERTIFICATIONS

Editorial Board, *Forum Philosophicum* (2016-present)
Fellow, Board of Directors, *Institute for Studies of Eastern Christianity*
Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology
European Society for the Philosophy of Religion