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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D.—University of Winchester, U.K., Department of Theology, Religion, and Philosophy. Degree awarded May 2015.

M.Th.—Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, Faculty of Theology, the School of Theology. Degree conferred January 2011. *Αριστα (Summa cum laude)*.

B.A.—East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, Faculties of English and Philosophy. Honors College, Honors-in-Discipline. Degree conferred May 2004. *Magna cum laude*.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2020–present: Associate Professor of Church History and Moral Theology, Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, NY, USA and Director of the MDiv. Program.

2019–2020: Assistant Professor of Church History and Moral Theology, Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, NY, USA.

2019–current: Associate in Byzantine Philosophy, Masters of Theology Program, Antiochian House of Studies, CA, USA.

2018–current: Visiting Research Fellow, University of Winchester, Department of Theology, Religion, and Philosophy, UK.

2018–2019: Byzantine Studies Post-doctoral Fellow, Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame, USA.

2018: Post-doctoral Fellow, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Department of Pastoral Theology, Greece (accepted but not undertaken).

2015–2017: Early Career Research Fellow, University of Winchester, Department of Theology, Religion, and Philosophy, UK.

## **DISTINCTIONS**

2020–Invited panelist for the International Society of Christian Ethics session “Maximus, Kant, and MacIntyre: Toward a Foundational Christian Virtue Ethic,” organized in response to the publication of *The Analogy of Love: St Maximus the Confessor and the Foundations of Ethics* (Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2019), Chicago, January 7–10, 2021.

2019–Invited contributor to the *St Andrew's Encyclopaedia of Theology*, ed. Brendan Wolfe.

2019–Invited contributor to the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, eds. F. L. Cross, E. A. Livingston, and Andrew Louth.

2018–2019: Member of the working group “Religion and Pluralism in the Medieval Mediterranean,” Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame.

2018–Invited seminar participant, Institute for Advanced Study, University of Notre Dame, August 29, 2018.

2018–Appointed to the International Scientific Committee of the Dumitru Staniloae Conference, Timisoara, Romania.

2018—current: Associate editor, Modern Orthodox Series, Winchester University Press.

2017—current: Member of the International Orthodox Theological Association's (IOTA) Steering Committee for Moral Theology and Theological Anthropology.

2015–2018: Assistant editor and co-founder of the journal, *Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies*.

## **AWARDS**

2018–19: University of Notre Dame, post-doctoral fellowship, 36,000 dollars.

2016–18: Grant for *Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies* project, St. Maxim the Greek Institute: 9,000 euros per annum.

2012–15: Doctoral Studentship, University of Winchester: 6,500 pounds per annum.

2011–15: Greek State Scholarship for Graduate Studies: 6,000 euros per annum.

2005–8: Greek State Scholarship for Language and Graduate Studies: 6,000 euros per annum.

2003–4: Golda M. Merrill Memorial Scholarship: 3,000 dollars.

2002–4: Honors-in-Discipline Scholarship: Approximately 7,000 dollars per semester.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*The Analogy of Love: St. Maximus the Confessor and the Foundations of Ethics*. Scholarly Monographs Series 3. Yonkers, NY: SVS Press, 2019.

Andreopoulos, Andreas and Demetrios Harper, eds. *Christos Yannaras: Philosophy, Theology, and Culture*. Abingdon: Routledge, 2018.

### **Articles, Entries, and Book Chapters**

“Ethics.” In the *Companion to John of Damascus*. Edited by Ken Parry Leiden: Brill, forthcoming 2023.

“Cardinal Virtues”; “Critique of Pure Reason”; “Essence/energy Distinction”; “Nicholas of Methone”; “Passions.” In *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*. Fourth Edition. Edited by F. L. Cross, E. A. Livingston, and Andrew Louth. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2021.

“Self-determination and the Question of Subjectivity: Moral Selfhood in Maximus the Confessor.” *Studia Patristica* (forthcoming 2021).

“Autonomy and Heteronomy in Eastern Christian Thought and Post-enlightenment Ethical Paradigms.” In the *T&T Clark Companion to Christian Ethics*, edited by Tobias Winright. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, forthcoming 2021.

“Understanding Self-determination and Moral Selfhood in the Sources of Late-antique and Byzantine Christian Thought.” In *The Reception of Greek Ethics in Late Antiquity and Byzantium*, edited by Sophia Xenophontos. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2021.

“The Kantian ‘Two Images Problem’, its Lesson for Eschatology, and the Path of Maximian Analogy.” In *On Being and Time: At the Intersection of Ontology and History*, edited by Andrew Kaethler. Lanham: Lexington/Fortress, 2019.

“The Purpose of Morality in the Theological Schema of Christos Yannaras.” In *Christos Yannaras: Philosophy, Theology, and Culture*, edited by Andreas Andreopoulos and Demetrios Harper. Abingdon: Routledge, 2018.

“The Exemplar of Consubstantiality: St. Gregory Palamas’ Hesychast as an Expression of a Microcosmic Approach to Personhood.” In *Personhood in the Byzantine Christian Tradition: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Perspectives*, edited by Symeon Paschalidis and Alexis Torrance. Abingdon: Routledge, 2018.

“The Aristotelian Corrective: The Deployment of Aristotelian Ethical Paradigms as a Response to Stoic Excesses in Eastern Christian Thought.” In *Aristotle and Christianity: Proceedings of the International Conference celebrating 2400 years from the birth of Aristotle, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, November 24–25, 2016*, ed. Apostolos Nikolaidis, et al. Athens: National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 2017.

“*Autexousion* as Assent or Co-actuality?: Compatibilism, Natural Law, and the Maximian Synthesis.” In *Maximus the Confessor as a European Philosopher*, edited by Sebastian Lalla, Sotiris Mitralaxis, Marcin Podbieleski, and Georgios Steiris, 272–83. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Cascade Books, 2017.

“The Ontological Ethics of St. Maximus the Confessor and the Concept of Shame.” *Studia Patristica LXXXVIII* (2017): 195–214.

“Moral Judgment in Maximus the Confessor: Reflections on an Analogical Ethic.” *Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies* 2 (2017): 47–71.

“Becoming *Homotheos*: St. Gregory Palamas’ Eschatology of Body.” In *The Triune God*, edited by Constantinos Athanasopoulos, 235–47. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars, 2015.

## **Book Reviews**

Review of *Gregory Palamas and the Making of Palamism in the Modern Age*, by Norman Russell. Forthcoming in *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies* 3 (2020).

Review of *The Gateway of Life: Orthodox Thinking on the Mother of God*, by Mary B. Cunningham. *Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies* 1 (2016): 101–3.

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

### **Upcoming presentations**

“Mapping Subjectivity and Self-perception in Late Antiquity: The Epistemology of the Self in Maximus the Confessor and Plotinus.” To be presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, entitled *Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity and Byzantium: Rivals, Alliances, or Merely a Continuum?*, Athens, Greece, June 2021.

“After Personalism: Assessing the Trajectories and Horizons of Orthodox Anthropology.” To be presented at the International Workshop on Orthodox Theology, *Orthodox Theology in the Twenty-first Century: New Trends and Methodologies*, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, June 2021.

### **Papers Presented**

“Making the Word Flesh: Natural Law and Exegesis in St. Maximus the Confessor.” Presented at the session, *The Role of Philosophy in Greek and Byzantine Exegesis*, with the SBL History of Interpretation Unit, at the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, San Diego, California, November 23–26, 2019.

“Self-determination and the Question of Subjectivity: *Autexousion* Agency in Maximus the Confessor.” Presented at the workshop, *Exploring Nuances in Maximus the Confessor’s Thought*, at the XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, U.K., August 19–24, 2019.

“Autonomous Subject or Objective Participant?: Understanding Moral Selfhood in Byzantine Christian Thought.” Presented at the colloquium, *New Sources of the Self and Self-determination: Paradigms from Byzantium and the Medieval West*, at the Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, April 24, 2019.

“Gnomic Surrender and Autonomy: Retrieving and Integrating the Byzantine Conception of Moral Determination.” Presented in the Moral Theology and Theological Anthropology Section at the International Orthodox Theological Association’s (IOTA) conference in Iasi, Romania, January 2019.

“Disembodied Existence and the Abstracted Other: Communion and Relationship in the Age of Social Media.” Presented at the Second International Conference on Digital Media and Pastoral Care, June 18–21, 2018, at the Orthodox Academy of Crete, Kolymbari, Crete.

“‘Determined in the Interweaving of Everyday Trifles and Ordinary Events’: Georges Florovsky’s View of History and its Significance for the Future of Christian Ethics.” Presented at the conference, “A Critical Reflection on the Theological Legacy of the Russian Diaspora,” January 11–13, 2018, University of Winchester, UK.

“The Aristotelian Corrective: The Deployment of Aristotelian Ethical Paradigms as a Response to Stoic Excesses in Eastern Christian Thought.” Presented at the International Conference celebrating 2400 years from the birth of Aristotle, organized by the Faculty of Theology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, November 24–25, 2016, Athens.

“Moral Judgment in Maximus the Confessor.” Presented at the workshop, *Byzantine Philosophy and Maximus the Confessor*, at the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Belgrade, August 22–27, 2016.

“The Finality of Beauty: The Kantian Dawn of Modern Aesthetics.” Presented at the Colloquium in honor of Philip Sherrard, *Sacred and Secular in Life and Art*, organized by the Ainos Cultural Society, Oxford, July 14–17, 2016.

“‘Determined in the Interweaving of Everyday Trifles and Ordinary Events’: Georges Florovsky’s View of History and its Significance for the Future of Christian Ethics.” Presented at the Florovksy Symposium in memory of Fr. Matthew Baker, *Bringing forth Treasures Old and New: Themes in Contemporary Orthodox Theology*, at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, May 7, 2016.

“The Ontological Ethics of St. Maximus the Confessor and the Concept of Shame.” Presented at the workshop, *The Fountain and the Flood: Maximus the Confessor and Philosophical Inquiry*, at the XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, U.K., August 10–14, 2015.

“The Kantian ‘Two Images Problem’, its Lesson for Eschatology, and the Path of Maximian Analogy.” Presented at the International Conference, “Ontology and History: A Challenging and Auspicious Dialogue for Philosophy and Theology,” Delphi, Greece, May 29–31, 2015.

“*Autexousion* as Assent or Actuality? Compatibilism, Natural Law, and the Maximian Synthesis.” Presented at the International Colloquium, “Maximus the Confessor as a European Philosopher,” Berlin, Germany, September 26–28, 2014.

“The Exemplar of Consubstantiality: St. Gregory Palamas’s Hesychast as an Expression of a Microcosmic Approach to Personhood.” Presented at the Conference, “Understanding Persons: Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Perspectives from the Christian East,” organized by the School of Social and Pastoral Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, May 14–16, 2014.

“The Purpose of Morality in the Theological Schema of Christos Yannaras.” Presented at the Orthodox Theological Research Forum’s Eleventh Annual Conference, Oxford University, U.K., September 2–5, 2013.

“The Pedagogy of the Sensible: The Place of the Written Law in the Thought of Saint Maximus the Confessor.” Presented at the Third Annual Symposium in honor of Fr. Florovsky, Princeton University, New Jersey, February 15–16, 2013.

“Becoming *Homotheos*: St. Gregory Palamas’s Eschatology of Body.” Presented at the International Conference on St. Gregory Palamas organized by the Cambridge International Institute of Orthodox Studies, Thessaloniki, Greece, March 7–15, 2012.

“Ontological Difference and Gnosiological Possibility: Knowledge of God in Light of the Distinction between Created and Uncreated in the Writings of St. Basil of Caesarea.” Presented at the Fourth Annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students Conference in Patristic Studies at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, April 17–19, 2008.

“Energy, Holy Light, and the Division in Christendom.” Presented at the Third Annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, March 15–17, 2007.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020–2021: Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, NY  
Fall, 2020:

Church History I (History 519)  
Moral Theology (Theo 456 and 755)  
Topics in Dogmatic Theology (Theo 652)

2019–2020: Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, NY  
Spring, 2020:

Greek Language Seminar II (Greek 512)  
Ecclesiology (Theology 628)  
Church History II (History 520)  
Orthodox Social Ethics (Theo 756)

Fall, 2019:

Church History I (History 519)  
New Testament I: Gospels and Acts (Bible 333)  
Greek Language Seminar: Biblical and Liturgical Greek (Greek 511A)

2019–University of Notre Dame

Introduction to Byzantine Theology, Christianity and Philosophy (with Alexis Torrance)  
Exploring Tolkien’s *Legendarium* (with Erik Ellis)

2018–University of Winchester

Annual MTh residential: Modern Orthodox Theology (with Andreas Andreopoulos)

2016–University of Winchester  
Annual MTh residential: Philosophy and Christianity (with Andreas Andreopoulos)

2014–University of Winchester  
Annual MTh residential: Philosophy and Christianity (with Andreas Andreopoulos)

2013–University of Winchester  
Annual MTh residential: Philosophy and Christianity (with Andreas Andreopoulos)

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

2020–Peer reviewer for the international journal, *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*.

2018–Guest lecture, “St. Maximus the Confessor’s Refutation of Origenism,” Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, New York, September 17, 2018.

2018—Served on the academic committee and abstract review board for the Second International Conference on Digital Media and Pastoral Care, June 18–21, 2018, Kolymbari, Crete.

2018–Peer reviewer for International Orthodox Theological Association’s (IOTA) inaugural conference, Iasi, Romania (2019).

2016–2017—Peer reviewer for the international journal, *Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies*.

2016—Peer reviewer for the journal, *Philosophicum Forum*.

### **ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS**

2019–current: Member of the Society of Biblical Literature

2019–current: Member of the American Academy of Religion.

2018–current: Member of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

2018–current: Member of the Medieval Academy of America.

2018—current: Member of the International Association of Digital Media and Pastoral Care (DMOPC).



2018–current: Member of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA).

2017–2018: Member of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric (ISHR).

2004–current: Member of Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society.

## **OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

2009–2015: Tutor in the Modern Greek Language.

2014–Certificate in Research Skills, University of Winchester.

2005–2018: Translator and Editor: Greek to English.

2005–Certificate of proficiency in the Modern Greek Language, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

2004–Certificate in Technical Writing, East Tennessee State University.

## **LANGUAGES**

English—Mother tongue

French—Reading proficiency

German—Basic reading proficiency

Modern Greek—Excellent reading, writing, and speaking proficiency

Ancient Greek (Koine and Byzantine)—Strong reading proficiency

Spanish—Basic reading proficiency