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EDUCATION

University of Balamand, St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology/Antiochian House of Studies, graduated August 2017

Master of Arts in Applied Orthodox Theology – Byzantine Musicology

Thesis: “On the Theological Function of Byzantine Hymnography: An Analysis of the Liturgical Poetry of St. John Damascene in Relation to His Broader Theological Oeuvre”

Advisor: Stratos Mandalakis

Readers: Stratos Mandalakis and Fr. David Hester

Antiochian House of Studies, St. Stephen’s Course in Orthodox Theology, graduated August 2012

Diploma in Orthodox Theology and Byzantine Chant

University of St Michael’s College, Toronto School of Theology, graduated November 2010

Master of Arts in Theology – Biblical Department (Old Testament)

Thesis: “A Reassessment of E.B. Pusey’s Early Contribution to Biblical Scholarship: An Examination of His ‘Lectures on Types and Prophecies of the Old Testament’ (1836)”

Advisor: Marion Taylor

Thesis Committee: Marion Taylor, J. Glen Taylor, Christopher R. Seitz

Cairn University, graduated May 2004, *cum laude*

Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies

Senior Thesis: “*Dreieinigkeit, die Erfurcht von dem Leben, und die Frage über die Möglichkeit des Atomwahren*: A Theological Analysis of Karl Barth’s Involvement in the European Nuclear Disarmament Movements of 1957 – 59”

Advisors: Brian Toews / Clifford Anderson (Princeton Theological Seminary)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Primary: Old Testament, Ancient Near Eastern History and Literature, History of Biblical Interpretation, Byzantine Chant and Orthodox Liturgical Hymnography

Secondary: New Testament and Early Christian Literature, History of Christianity, Second Temple Jewish Literature, Hermeneutical Theory, Eastern Orthodoxy

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Modern: German

Ancient: Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Syriac

ACADEMIC-RELATED OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY

Lecturer in Old Testament

Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, Jordanville, New York, September 2018 – Present.

Lecturer in Religious Studies

Niagara University – Department of Religious Studies, Niagara University, New York, January 2011 – May 2013, September 2016 – May 2018.

Undergraduate Courses Taught

REL 101 Introduction to Religion

REL 103 Introduction to Christianity

REL 211 Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures

REL 217 Christian Sacraments
REL 230 Orthodoxy and Protestantism

Associate Editor, The Edwin Mellen Press, Lewiston, New York, December 2006 – March 2008; May 2010 – May 2011

Research and Academic Assistant to Eddy Field, PhD, Associate Professor School of Biblical Studies, Cairn University, Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Fall Term 2002 – Spring Term 2004
Courses: Doctrine I & II, Church History I & II, Pauline Epistles I & II, General Epistles
Research: Protestant Reformation Era Biblical Interpretation

Research and Teaching Assistant to Brian Toews, PhD., Professor, School of Biblical Studies, Cairn University, Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Fall Term 2003 – Spring Term 2004
Courses: Old Testament Prophetic Literature I, Biblical Hebrew I & II, Philosophy (Honors), Old Testament Poetic Literature, Church History II (Honors)

Faculty Assistant and Secretary to Samuel Hsu, PhD., Distinguished Professor of Music and Chairman of the Honors Program Faculty Committee, Cairn University, Langhorne, Pennsylvania; June 2003 – May 2004

ECCLESIASTICAL ORDINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Ordinations

Tonsure as Reader (April 10, 2010)

Performed by His Grace ALEXANDER, Bishop of Ottawa, Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York (Antiochian Archdiocese) at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Niagara Falls, New York

Ordination to the Subdiaconate/Diaconate (September 9/22, 2013)

Performed by His Eminence HILARION, Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarchy of the Russian Church Abroad at the Church of the Nativity of the Mother of God in Albany, New York

Ordination the Priesthood (October 7/20, 2013)

Performed by His Eminence HILARION, Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarchy of the Russian Church Abroad at the Church of the Protection of the Mother of God in Rochester, New York

Appointments

Reader/Chanter - St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Niagara Falls, New York (Spring 2010 - Summer 2013)

Assistant Priest – Sts. Theodore Russian Orthodox Church in Williamsville, New York (Fall 2013 – Spring 2014)

Rector – Sts. Theodore Russian Orthodox Church in Williamsville, New York (Spring 2014 – Present)

PRESENTATIONS

Academic

Niagara University

Invited Lecture: “The Sacred Literatures of the World’s Religions”
Course: Introduction to World Religions (Fall 2009)

Invited Lecture: “Marriage in the Thought of St. John Chrysostom (347 – 407)”
Course: Christian Marriage (Fall 2009)

Invited Lecture: “The Byzantine and Slavic Musical Traditions of the Orthodox Church”
Course: Religion, Language, Music (Fall 2012)

Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

Invited Lecture: “The Place of E. B. Pusey in Nineteenth-Century British Biblical Interpretation”
Course: Reading Scripture through the Ages (Fall Term 2008)

Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Regional Meeting

Paper Delivered: “‘We Are Concerned with Life’: Karl Barth’s Trinitarian Theology and the Problem of Atomic Warfare” (Spring 2004)

Ecclesiastical

“Sexual Morality in the Contemporary World: An Orthodox Perspective” 2017 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Lecture Series “Orthodoxy and Contemporary Moral Issues” hosted by the Council of Orthodox Churches of the Niagara Frontier (Lent 2017)

“Singing Hymns which Make Us the Equals of the Angels: The History, Style and Theology of Orthodox Liturgical Music” Hellenic Church of the Annunciation, Buffalo, New York (June 2017)

“No Time to Pray/No! Time to pray” 2016 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Lecture Series “How to Live a Balanced Life in an Unbalanced World” hosted by the Council of Orthodox Churches of the Niagara Frontier (Lent 2016)

“Orthodox Beliefs and Practices at the End of Life” Presentation at the McGuire Group’s Journeys Program’s “Spirituality at the End of Life” Forum, Buffalo, New York (April 2015)

“The Council of Chalcedon and Orthodox Christology” 2014 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Lecture Series “The Ecumenical Councils” hosted by the Council of Orthodox Churches of the Niagara Frontier (Lent 2014)

“The Book of the Holy Prophet Isaiah” 2013 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Lecture Series “The Books of the Old Testament in the Lenten Triodion” hosted by the Council of Orthodox Churches of the Niagara Frontier (Lent 2013)

“The Life of Our Father among the Saints, Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn: The Good Shepherd of the Lost Sheep in America (8 November 1860 – 27 February 1915)” 2012 Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers Lecture Series “The Saints of North America” hosted by the Council of Orthodox Churches of the Niagara Frontier (Lent 2012)

“Rejoice, O Bride Unwedded: Learning to Pray to the Theotokos with the Akathist Hymn”, St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Niagara Falls, New York (Lent 2011)

“Fasting and Prayer: Preserving the Baptismal Grace”, St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada (Lent 2011)

“‘O Pure Virgin, Lady Bride of God’: Mary the Theotokos in Orthodox Doctrine and Spirituality”, St George Antiochian Orthodox Church, Niagara Falls, New York (Lent 2009)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Canon Charles Frederick Pashler Prize in Moral Theology, Trinity College, University of Toronto, June 2005

Paper: “A Future-proned Ethic: An Ethical Response to Current Ecological Crises Posed by Technological Advances and Human Population Growth”

Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, First Place, April 2004

Paper: “‘We Are Concerned with Life’: Karl Barth’s Trinitarian Theology and the Problem of Atomic Warfare”

Honors Program, Cairn University, Aug. 2001 – May 2004

Dean’s Award, Cairn University, Aug. 2002 – May 2003

Presidential Award, Cairn University, Aug. 2001 – May 2002; Aug. 2003 – May 2004

Dean's List, Cairn University, Dec. 2001- May 2004

National Dean's List, Dec. 2001 – May 2004

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Brian Bennett, Ph.D.

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Marion Taylor, Ph.D.

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ECCLESIASTICAL REFERENCES

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