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EDUCATION

2018. PHD (Religious Studies):¹ Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, GR
(*Summa cum Laude*)

2012. DOCTORATE (Ritual Studies): Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant'Anselmo *de Urbe Sacra Liturgiae Doctoratus (cum Laude)*

MASTER'S OF PHILOSOPHY: Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas *in Urbe*
PhL (*Summa cum Laude*)

MASTER'S OF THEOLOGY: Pontifical University of Sant'Anselmo *de Urbe*
SSL (*Magna cum Laude*)

BACHELOR'S IN THEOLOGY: Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas *in Urbe*
STB (*Magna cum Laude*)

BACHELOR'S IN CLASSICAL STUDIES: Seton Hall University, 1998
BA (*Magna cum Laude*)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015–Present. Academic Dean and Professor of Philosophy and Theology, SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

2017–Present. Adjunct Professor of Theology and Philosophy, St. Vincent's College and Seminary, Latrobe, PA

2014–2015. Professor of Liturgy and Patristics, SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

2014–2019. Assistant Dean of Students, SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA

¹ For my dissertation, available from Aristotle University directly, see: <http://ikee.lib.auth.gr/record/331558/>.

2011–2013. Adjunct, Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Universidad de Los Hemisferios, Quito, Ecuador

DIPLOMAS & NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

2010. State Diploma *Magna cum Laude* in Modern Greek Language (C2) from the Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

2008. Lexis Summer program at the University of Austin, Texas. The program consisted of 48 intensive hours in Greek philology

2007. State diploma in the Italian Language (C2) through the Dante Alighieri Institute in cooperation with the University of *La Sapienza* in Rome, Italy

LANGUAGES

Modern

1. **Italian:** reading, composition, speaking, comprehension (fluent; C2)
2. **Spanish:** teaching at university level, reading, composition, speaking, comprehension (fluent; C2; studies at institutes in Ecuador and Mexico)
3. **Modern Greek:** reading, composition, speaking, comprehension (fluent; C2).
4. **French:** reading (Istituto San Luigi, Rome; Passed university French exam, Sant'Anselmo)
5. **German:** remedial (Goethe-Institut; A2)

Ancient

1. **Classical and Ecclesiastical Latin:** reading, composition, conversation (Seton Hall; Reginald Foster (Seton Hall; Reginald Foster at Gregorian University & *Academia Romae Latinitatis*: all levels; Polis: The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities).
2. **Homeric, Ancient, Koinê and early Byzantine Greek:** reading, composition, conversation (Seton Hall; University of Austin; Polis: The Jerusalem Institute of Languages and Humanities)
3. **Syriac:** remedial (Augustinianum)
4. **Biblical Hebrew:** remedial (Angelicum)

TEACHING

Philosophy

Undergraduate Courses

1. Philosophy of Science (48 hrs summer session teaching in Spanish); Universidad de los Hemisferios, Quito, Ecuador, June–July 2012
2. Modern Philosophy; St. Vincent College, 2021

3. Introduction to Philosophy; St. Vincent College, 2022

Graduate Courses

1. Sources of Antiquity (Byzantine Philosophy); SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary (= BCS), Pittsburgh, PA, 2018
2. Natural Theology; SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, 2023.

Theology (and allied disciplines)

Undergraduate Courses

1. Systematic Theology (48 hrs summer session teaching in Spanish); Universidad de los Hemisferios, Quito, Ecuador, June–July 2011

Online Masters Courses

1. Introduction to Canon Law; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA, 2018
2. Research Methods (Thesis Writing); BCS, Pittsburgh, PA, 2018–2023 (4 iterations)
3. Christology; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA (2020)
4. Sacraments of Initiation; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA (2020)
5. Christology; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA (2020)
6. Pastoral Care and Counseling I; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (2020)
7. Homiletics II; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (2020)

Graduate Courses (grouped by years taught)

1. Introduction to Scripture: BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (2023-24)
2. Sacraments of Initiation: BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semester: 2014)
3. Patristics I-II; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semesterly: 2014–2015, 2017, 2020–2024)
4. Intermediate Greek I-II; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semesterly: 2014–2015)
5. Ecclesiastical Latin I; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semesterly: 2015)
6. Introduction to Systematics; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Annual: 2015–2023)
7. Trinity & Christology pre-Chalcedon; BCS, Pittsburgh (Annual: 2016–2024)
8. Trinity & Christology post-Chalcedon; BCS, Pittsburgh (Annual: 2022–2024)
9. Byzantine History; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semester: 2015)
10. Mariology; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semester: 2016)
11. Marriage & Sexuality; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semester: 2016)
12. Introduction to Canon Law (Eastern); BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semester: 2016)
13. Canon Law and the Sacraments; BCS, Pittsburgh (Semester: 2017)
14. Sacraments of Initiation; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe (Annual: 2017–2024)
15. Christology; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA (Annually: 2019–2024)
16. Fundamental Liturgy; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe (Semester: 2020, 2024)
17. Diaconate Preparation; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA (Semester: 2020)
18. Homiletics I-II; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Semesterly: 2019–2021)
19. Pastoral Care and Counseling I-II; BCS, Pittsburgh (Semesterly: 2019–2023)

20. Clinical Pastoral Education; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (Annually: 2020-2024)
 22. Pastoral Leadership, BCS, Pittsburgh, PA (2024)

Graduate Independent Study

1. Introduction to Patristic Reading; BCS, Pittsburgh, PA, 2015
 Sacraments of Initiation; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA, 2019
2. Monastic Spirituality; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA, 2020
3. Monastic Constitutions; St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA, 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2023 (Invited and forthcoming). *The Theology of the Divine Essence and Energies Gennadius Scholarios*. Theological School of Chalki (Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople).

2021 (Popular). *The Secret History of Transubstantiation: Lifting the Veil on the Eucharist*. Patristic Pillars Press

2020 (Popular). *The Definitive Guide for Solving Questions about Mary: Mary among the Evangelists*. Patristic Pillars Press

2019. *The Epiclesis Debate at the Council Florence*. Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame University Press

2014. *The Immaculate Conception: Why Thomas Aquinas Denied, while John Duns Scotus, Gregory Palamas, and Mark Eugenicus Professed the Absolute Immaculate Existence of Mary*. Wait Park, MN: Academy of the Immaculate

Book Chapters

2023. "The Eastern Catholic Churches." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*. Edited by Frederick C. Bauerschmidt, James J. Buckley, Jennifer Newsome Martin, and Trent Pomplun. New York: Wiley-Blackwell

2023 (Invited). "1 Timothy as a Christian Apology to Pliny the Younger." *Christian Perspectives on Science and Technology*

2023 (at press). "Flavian of Constantinople's Holy Thursday Homily (25 March 449): The Origin of the Annunciation." In *Acts of Towards the Prehistory of the Byzantine Liturgical Year*. *Journal of Early Christian Studies*. Leuven: Peeters

- 2023.** “Prochoros Kydones’s Translation of Hervaeus Natalis against Gregorios Palamas, Barlaam the Calabrian, and Neilos Kabasilas.” *Byzantinische Archiv*. Berlin. De Gruyter.
- 2022.** “Natural Law in Byzantine Philosophy.” In *Traditions of Natural Law in Medieval Philosophy*. Edited by Dominic Farrell. Washington DC: Catholic University of America Press (30 pages)
- 2020.** “Bonaventure’s Angelomorphic Exegesis of the Epiclesis of the Roman Canon.” In *Frater, Magister, Minister, et Episcopus: the works and the worlds of St. Bonaventure*. Edited by Timothy J. Johnson, Katherine Shelby, and Marie Zamora. 417–434. St. Bonaventure NY: St. Bonaventure University Press
- 2020.** “The Angel of Great Counsel and the Angel-Redeemer: Reception of the Angelomorphic Christ.” *Studies in Eastern Christian Liturgies* 1. Edited by Harald Buchinger, Tinatin Chronz, et al. 99–134. Münster: Aschendorff Verlag
- 2019.** “The Doctrine of the Theotokos in Gregorios Palamas.” In *Oxford Handbook of Mary*. Edited by Chris Maunder. Oxford: Oxford University Press
- 2019.** “Francis of Meyronnes and the Immaculate Conception.” In *The Medieval Franciscans and the Virgin Mary*. Medieval Franciscan Series, vol. 14. Edited by Steven McMichael. Turnhout: Brill
- 2018.** “Gregory Nazianzen’s Prepurified Virgin in Ecumenical and Patristic Tradition: A Reappraisal of Original Sin, Guilt, and Immaculate Conception.” In *The Spirit and the Church: Peter Damian Fehlner’s Franciscan Development of Vatican II on the Themes of the Holy Spirit, Mary, and the Church: Festschrift*. Edited by J. Isaac Goff and Christiaan Kappes. Eugene OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers
- 2018.** “Gregorios Palamas’ Reception of Augustine’s Doctrine of the Original Sin and Nicholas Kabasilas’ Rejection of Aquinas’ Maculism as the Background to Scholarios’ Immaculism.” In *Byzantisches Archiv: Series Philosophica* 2. Edited by Denis Searby. 209–260. Berlin: Gruyter
- 2016** (Invited). “Mark of Ephesus, the Council of Florence, and the Roman Papacy.” In *Primacy in the Church: The Office of Primate and the Authority of Councils*, vol. 1. Edited by John Chryssavgis. 107–150. Crestwood NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press

Prefaces

- 2023.** Introduction to *Theology of Creation: The Collected Essays of Peter Damian Fehlner*, vol. 7. Edited by J. Isaac Goff. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, an imprint of Wipf and Stock Publishers.
- 2015** (Invited). Preface to *Caritas in Primo: A Historical Theological Study of Bonaventure’s Quaestiones disputatae de mysterio Ss. Trinitatis*. Written by J. Isaac Goff.

Wait Park, MN: Academy of the Immaculate

Edited Books, Translations, and Book Reviews

2023. Translation: *A Complete History of the Biblical Canon in the Christian East and West: Vol. 1: Greek, Latin, and Slavic Biblical Canon from the New Testament until AD 1500.* By Martin Jugie. Patristic Pillars Press.

2021. Book Review: “Deification through the Cross: An Eastern Christian Theology of Salvation. By Khaled Anatolios.” *Theological Studies* 82: 700–701

2018 (Co-edited with J. Isaac Goff). *The Spirit and the Church: Peter Damian Fehlner’s Franciscan Development of Vatican II on the Themes of the Holy Spirit, Mary, and the Church: Festschrift.* Eugene OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers

Articles

2023 (In Progress). “A New Polemic: The Origins of the Latin argument *contra Damascenum* on the *Filioque* and Greek Reactions. Polemical literature in the Late Byzantine World (13th-15th c.).” *Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okzident: Veröffentlichungen des Leibniz-Wissenschafts Campus Mainz.*

2023 (under review). “The Latin Sources and Origin of the Byzantine Office for St. Sylvester, Pope of Rome.” *Society of Oriental Liturgy*

2023 (invited and at press). “George-Gennadios Scholarios and the Byzantine Science of Second Intentions: The Influence of Thomas Aquinas, Hervaeus Natalis, and Prochoros Kydones on Palamite Logic.” In *Byzantios* (Studies in Byzantine History and Civilization). Turnhout: Brepols

2023 (invited and at press). “The biblical origin for and Late-Antique application of the term and definition ‘Transubstantiation’ to the Eucharist: justifying Dositheus of Jerusalem by Leontius of Jerusalem and George(-Gennadius) Scholarius.” *Богословские труды*

2022. “Prochoros Kydones’ (ca. 1330–ca. 1369/71) unedited translation of select *quaestiones* from the Dominican Hervaeus Natalis’ (ca. 1250/60–1323) *Commentary* (1303/04; 1309) on the *Sentences* of Peter Lombard.” *Ἄριστος Ζωής*

2020. “Lactantius and Creation of the Roman Canon for Imperial Liturgy” *Questions Liturgiques* 100: 84–137

2019. “The *Filioque*, Thomas de Aquino Byzantinus, and Ps.-Basil’s *Contra Eunomium*: Mark Eugenicus and John Montenero, OP, at the Council of Florence (1439).” In *Eastern Churches Journal* 26: 141–193

2019. “Gregory Palamas’s Defense of Theology as Ἐπιστήμη: Historical Background and Sources.” *Studia Patristica* 18: 243–270

2018 (Invited and at press). “Greco-Roman Jurisprudence in Galatians 4:1–2, 4–5, 20–21 and 6:17.” *Alpha Christianity* 2

2017. “A New Narrative for the Reception of Seven Sacraments into Orthodoxy: Peter Lombard's Sentences in Nicholas Cabasilas and Symeon of Thessalonica and the Utilization of John Duns Scotus by the Holy Synaxis.” *Nova et Vetera* 15: 465–501

2014. “A Latin Defense of Mark of Ephesus at the Council of Florence.” *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 59: 161–230

2014. “Palamas among the Scholastics.” *Logos* 55: 175–220.

2013. “The Latin Sources of the Palamite Theology of George-Gennadios Scholarios.” *Nicolaus* 40: 71–114

2013. “A Provisional Definition of Byzantine Theology *Contra* “Pillars of Orthodoxy?” *Nicolaus* 40: 187–202

2012. “Idolizing Paganism – Demonizing Christianity: à propos: N. Siniosoglou, *Radical Platonism in Byzantium: Illumination and Utopia in Gemistos Plethon.*” *Archiv für Mittelalterliche Philosophie und Kultur* 19: 210–251

Newspaper Articles

2012. “Towards a Theological Reconciliation between East and West. The History of a Dialogue.” *L’Osservatore Romano* (English edition) 24: 9–10

2012. “Con Tommaso e i teologi bizantini verso una riconciliazione teologica.” *L’Osservatore Romano quotidiano* 166: 4

2012. “Byzantine Colloquium a Londra.” *L’Osservatore Romano* 166: 4

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS

2012–2018. Scholarship winner for PhD studies from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Vatican Secretariat for Relations with Independent States for the obtainment of Doctorate in *Συμβολική Θεολογία* at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

2010. Scholarship winner in Greek language studies from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Vatican Secretariat for Relations with Independent States for the obtainment of State Diploma in Modern Greek at the Kapodistrian University of Athens

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2023.** Peer review for *Blackfriars* (ed. Brian Davies ed.)
- 2023.** Peer reviewer for *Journal of Byzantine Studies* (ed. Board member Christian Gastgeber)
- 2023.** Peer reviewer for *Interface – Journal of European Languages and Literatures* (guest ed. Monika Leipelt-Tsai)
- 2021.** Peer reviewer for *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* (ed. Rev. Dr. Bogdan Bucur)
- 2021–2023.** Editor in chief of *The Eastern Churches Journal*, tasked with making the journal a peer review scientific journal for its 2019-2023 issues
- 2021.** Organizer of the symposium “Tasting the Lotus: Reception of and Reaction to the Transmission of Latin Works in Byzantium.” SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA (29 July–01 August, 2021)
- 2021.** Peer reviewer for *Marian Studies* (ed. Robert Fastiggi, Sacred Heart, MI)
- 2020.** Leader and writer for Ss Cyril and Methodius in its ATS self-study for preparation and completion of the ATS comprehensive visit leading to its first successful ten-year reaccreditation with no (negative) notations.
- 2020-Present.** Invited and appointed Member of editorial board of *The Pharos Journal of Theology (Ekklesiastikos Pharos)*.
- 2020.** Peer reviewer for *Journal of Early Christian History* (ed. Chris De Wet, South Africa)
- 2020.** External reviewer for Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) – Section ST43 – Research Fellowship Programs (under Dr. Holger Finken)
- 2019.** Book reviewer for Notre Dame Press (ed. Stephen Little, Indiana, USA)
- 2019.** Referee for journal *Frankokratia* (ed. Christopher Schabel, Cyprus)
- 2018–2019.** Co-chair/organizer (with Rev Dr Stelyios Muksuris and Matthew Miner, PhD) of “East, West & Beyond: Enriching One Another’s Liturgical Traditions.” SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA (21–23 May, 2019)
- 2017–2019.** Fall 2017 Commission on Accrediting Self-Study Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA, September 14–15

2016–2017. Appointed Committee Member by Archbishop Skurla (Archeparchy of Pittsburgh), Lutheran-Byzantine Local Planning Group, on occasion of the Lutheran-Catholic ratification of “Declaration On The Way,” at the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation

2016–2017. Co-organizer (with Sandra Collins, PhD) of “Byzantine Perspectives on the Theotokos.” SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA (15–16 May, 2017)

2015. Co-organizer (with J. Isaac Goff, PhD, and Edward Ondrako, PhD) of “Sursum Actio: Symposium in Honor of Peter Damian Mary Fehlner, FI.” University of Notre Dame, IN (June 8–9)

2015–Present. Appointed by the President of SS. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Seminary to be member of the Strategic Planning Committee for the ongoing accreditation of SS. Cyril and Methodius

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Member of the *Thomas de Aquino Byzantinus* (general editor is Dr. J.A. Demetracopoulos, Patras). I am preparing the first critical edition of Prochoros Kydones’s Greek translation of Hervaeus Natalis’s commentary on Peter Lombard’s *Sentences* along with the following: *Hervaei Natalis ex Summa contra Gentiles necnon ex Summa theologiae in Commentario in libros quattuor Petri Lombardi Sententiarum reperta*. Editions are for *Corpus Christianorum*: <https://thab.upatras.gr/people/>. The ulterior goal of this project is to identify all sources from which Byzantine authors cited scholastic theology during the Palaiologan era.

LECTURE AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

2024. “Byzantine Thomists’ Reception and Rejection of God as *Actus Purus* after Gregory Palamas (c. 1296 – 1357).” Aquinas at 800: “Ad multos annos,” Notre Dame Indiana, September 22-25, 2024.

2023 (Invited). “Franciscan Perspectives on Gregory Palamas and the Essence & Energies.” American Catholic Philosophical Association, Houston TX, November 16–19, 2023.

2023. (Invited) Moderator: *Entangled Christian Polemics in the Late Byzantine Empire (13th-15th c.)*. St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Crestwood NY, Nov 1-4, 2023

2022. “Palamas’ Mariology in relation to contemporaneous Catholic views, and the significance of this relationship in the context of Hesychast Movement/Controversy.” The University of Oxford’s Faculty of Theology and Religion and the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, and in collaboration with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, Oxford University, Oxford, March 2022

2021. “A New Polemic: The Origins of the Latin argument *contra Damascenum* on the *Filioque* and Greek Reactions. Polemical literature in the Late Byzantine World (13th-15th c.).” Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Mainz, Germany, 17 December 2021

2021. “Blessed are They Who Hear the Word and Guard It.” Mariological Society of America, 14 May 2021

2020. “Reflections on the Reception of Thomist Thought: Views from Late-Medieval Byzantium.” American Maritain Association, Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania), 07 March 2020

2019. “Homo Liturgicus: Palamas’s Utilization of Philosophical and Theological Concepts within Liturgical Texts.” XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, 24 August 2019

2019. “An Unnecessary Divide: Western and Eastern Canonical Traditions and the Pseudo-Isidorian Canons.” Stolen Churches or Bridges to Orthodoxy? Impulses for Theological Dialogue Between Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches. Stuttgart, GR, 19-21 July 2019

2019. “The Latin Sources and Origin of the Byzantine Office for St. Sylvester, Pope of Rome.” East, West & Beyond: Enriching One Another’s Liturgical Traditions. The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Ss Cyril and Methodius, 21-23 May 2019.

2018. “The Use of the Euchological Structure of Genesis 48:15-16 in Pre-Nicene Fathers and Early Liturgical Texts.” The Seventh Congress of the Society of Oriental Liturgy, Prešov, SK, 8–14, July 2018

2018. “Proclus of Constantinople (or Ps-Basil of Seleucia) Homily 39: Liturgical and Patristic Sources, Lections, and Relation to the Council of Ephesus.” Towards the Prehistory of the Byzantine Liturgical Year: Festal Homilies and Festal Liturgies in Late Constantinople. Regensburg, GR, 3–6, July 2018

2018 (Invited). “Prochoros Kydones’s Autograph Translations of Hervaeus Natalis’s *Commentary on the Sentences*: Techniques for Translating Aristotelico-Thomistic Theology.” Translation Activity in Late Byzantium (13th–15th c.), Università Ca’Foscari Venezia, IT, June 11–13

2018 (Invited). “The Science of Second Intentions in Byzantine Thomism: Prochoros Kydones’s Translation of Hervaeus Natalis’s Works and George-Gennadios Scholarios.” Symposium Thomisticum, University of Athens and Athens Academy, GR, June 7–9

2018. “Greek Thomism at the Council of Florence (1439): Thomistically Informed Objections to the Holy Spirit ‘habens esse’ from the Father and the Son.” Thomas Aquinas and the Greek Fathers, Ave Maria University (FL): Aquinas Center for Theological Renewal and the Thomistic Institute, January 26–27

2017 (Invited). “Prochoros Kydones’ (ca. 1330–ca. 1369/71) unedited translation of select *quaestiones* from the Dominican Hervaeus Natalis’ (ca. 1250/60–1323) *Commentary* (1303/04; 1309) on the *Sentences* of Peter Lombard.” *Thomas Latinus – Thomas Graecus: Thomas Aquinas and his Reception in Byzantium*. National Library of Greece & Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center, Athens, GR, December 15–16

2017 (Invited). “St. Paul’s Notions of Saints as Members of Christ’s Body.” 33rd Annual Eleanor Malburg Eastern Churches Seminar, Notre Dame College, South Euclid, OH, October 13–14

2017 (Invited). “Mark of Ephesus and Canon Law: Synergy between the Patriarchates and the Pope of Rome.” Society for the Law of Eastern Churches, Debrecen, HUN, September 3–8

2017 (Invited). “The Context, Sources, and Doctrine of the Eucharistic Epiclesis in Bonaventure and Thomas Aquinas.” Franciscan Institute Conference on St. Bonaventure: *Frater, Magister, Minister et Episcopus* (The Works and Worldsof Saint Bonaventure), St. Bonaventure, NY, July 12–15

2017. “Clement of Alexandria’s Discovery of Roman Jurisprudence in St. Paul.” The 2017 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May, 25–27

2016 (Invited). “Roman Law in Favor of Mary Immaculate in St. Paul’s Epistles to the Galatians & the Romans.” Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, November 17

2016. “The Medical Terminology and Embryological Background Underlying John Damascene’s Doctrine of the Prepurification of Mary at the Annunciation and Incarnation.” The 2016 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 26–28

2016. “Francis Mayron and the Immaculate Conception: Sources, Context, and Doctrine.” The 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12–15

2015. “New Evidence on the Scholastic background to the Mariology of George-Gennadios II Scholarius.” Never the Twain Shall Meet (East-West Intellectual Interaction and *Thomas de Aquino Byzantinus*), University of Stockholm, SWE, June 24–26

2015. “The Prepurified Virgin from Greek Maximus, through Syrian Theodore of Tarsus,

to Venerable Bede until Anselm of Canterbury.” Colloquium in honor of the 2015 Cardinal Wright Award Winner, Rev. Dr. Peter Damian Fehlner, FI, University of Notre Dame, IN, June 8–9

2015. “Bernardine of Siena and Palamite Mariology.” The 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 17

2014. “Mary and the Mystery of Transubstantiation: The Patristic Manner of Explaining Eucharistic Change according to the Latin and Greek Fathers of the Fourth Century.” Invited Speaker by the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Steubenville, OH, November 24

2014. “Mark Eugenicus and the Epiclesis: the Sources, Literary Context, and Eucharistic Theology of the Ephesine’s *libellus* within the Context of the Eucharistic Controversies at the Council of Ferrara-Florence (1438–1439).” The 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8–11

2013. “Towards a Definition of Byzantine Theology.” Ss. Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Invited to speak to Faculty and Students as guest lecturer, May 12

2012. “Gennadius Scholarius and John Duns Scotus: Scotism as *Palamismus in fieri*.” University of London, Institute of Classical Studies, Byzantine Colloquium, GB, June 12

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Member of the *Thomas de Aquino Byzantinus* (general editor is Dr. J.A. Demetracopoulos, Patras). I am preparing the first critical edition of Prochoros Kydones’s Greek translation of Hervaeus Natalis’s commentary on Peter Lombard’s *Sentences* along with the following: *Hervaei Natalis ex Summa contra Gentiles necnon ex Summa theologiae in Commentario in libros quattuor Petri Lombardi Sententiarum reperta*. Editions are for *Corpus Christianorum*: <https://thab.upatras.gr/people/>. The ulterior goal of this project is to identify all sources from which Byzantine authors cited scholastic theology during the Palaiologian era.

AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2020. Ira Wood Foundation (Tarentum, PA): Capital Improvements to Building Structure and Plant: 5,000 USD.

2018. Travel Bursary for Towards the Prehistory of the Byzantine Liturgical Year: Festal Homilies and Festal Liturgy in Late Constantinople. University of Regensburg, GR, 3–6, July 2018

2018. Travel bursary for Translation Activity in Late Byzantium (13th–15th c.), Università Ca’Foscari Venezia, Venice, IT, June 11–13

2017. Scholarly grant and travel bursary for *Frater, Magister, Minister et Episcopus: The Works and Worlds of Saint Bonaventure*, from Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure, NY (July 12–15)

2015. Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to attend 2015 School for New Deans: Awarded through The Association of Theological Schools, The Commission on Accrediting for 2015 School for New Deans (December 14–16)

2015. Scholarly grant and travel bursary for *Never the Twain Shall Meet (East-West Intellectual Interaction and Thomas de Aquino Byzantinus)*, University of Stockholm, SWE (June 24–26)

2012–2018. Scholarship winner (tuition, three-year stipend 500€ per month, and housing) in post-doctoral studies from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in cooperation with the Vatican Secretariat for Relations with Independent States for the obtainment of Doctorate in *Συμβολική Θεολογία* at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, GR (July 2012–May 2018)

2009–2010. Scholarship winner in Greek language studies from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (tuition, housing, and one-year stipend 500€ per month) in cooperation with the Vatican Secretariat for Relations with Independent States for the obtainment of State Diploma in Modern Greek at the Kapodistrian University of Athens, GR

2009. Burse for studies (tuition, room, and board) in Modern Greek Language (Modern Greek, level A1–2) and Greek Orthodox Polity at the *Apostoliki Diakonia*, Athens, GR (July-August)

MEMBERSHIPS

2017. Elected Member of The Society for the Law of Eastern Churches

2016. Member of the American Cusanus Society

2015. Elected Member of The Mariological Society of America

2015–Present. Member of The Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy

2015–2017. Member of The North American Patristics Society

2014–Present. Elected Member of The Society of Oriental Liturgists

PAST PROFESSIONAL AND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

2024. Pastor of Ss Peter and Paul (Duquesne, PA) and administrator of St. Nicholas of Myra (McKeesport, PA)

2024. Administrator of St. George (Aliquippa, PA) and St. Mary (Ambridge, PA)

2019–2020. Pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Tarentum, PA

2013–2014. Appointed associate pastor of Holy Rosary Catholic Church and chaplain to Anglican Catholic Community of the personal ordinariate of St. Joseph of Arimathea (Indpls, IN)

2013. Appointed as sacramental minister for Hispanic ministry to St. Patrick Catholic Church (Indpls, IN)

2013. Granted permission to supply as sacramental minister (pro-temp) for St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church (Indpls, IN)

2012–2013. Secretary for the Holy See's Relations with States along with the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs: pilot program for Catholics to become familiar with Greek Orthodox theology for Orthodox-Catholic dialogue (Aristotle University Thessaloniki; School of Theology)

2009–2010. Secretary for the Holy See's Relations with States along with the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs: pilot program for Catholics to become familiar with Greek language for Orthodox-Catholic dialogue (Kapodistrian University of Athens; School of Philosophy).

2006–2009. Casa Santa Maria (North American College) in Rome for studies.

2005–2006. Ministry exchange program, Archdiocese of Guadalajara, Mexico (Zapopan, MX)

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