



**Orthodox Theological Society in America
Consultation and Annual Meeting
June 12-14, 2008
Cenacle Retreat Center
Chicago, Illinois**



Thursday, June 12

1:00 p.m. - Arrival, Check-in, Registration

Consultation: *Being Orthodox in the Academy: Does It Matter? Should It Matter?*

Co-sponsored by the Office of Vocation and Ministry at Hellenic College–Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Orthodox Christian Institutions of Higher Learning: The Vision and History of Orthodox Undergraduate Education in the U.S.

2:00-2:30 pm Thomas Lelon, Vice-Chair, Board of Trustees, Hellenic College, Inc.
“Hellenic College”

2:30-3:00 pm John Erickson, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary
“St. Vladimir’s Pre-theology Program”

3:00-3:30 pm James Cutsinger, University of South Carolina
“Rose Hill College”

New Involvement of Orthodox in Higher Education

3:45-4:25 pm John Jillions, Sheptytsky Institute, Saint Paul University (Ottawa)
“Integrating Orthodox Theological Education into the University: Case Studies from Cambridge (UK) and Canada”

4:25-4:50 pm Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks
“Byzantine Christian Humanism and the Great Books: Introducing the Undergraduate Curriculum of a New Orthodox College”

4:50-5:15 pm Daniel Buxhoeveden, University of South Carolina
“Religion and Culture in a Secular University”



5:30 pm Vespers (Chapel)
6: 00 pm Dinner (Dining Room)



Evening Plenary Address

7:30 pm Andrea Sterk, University of Florida
“Faith and Learning in Higher Education: Historical Reflections for Orthodox Scholars Today”

8:30 pm Reception



Friday, June 13

8:00-8:30 am Matins (Chapel)
8:30-9:00 am Breakfast (Dining Room)



The Vocation of the Orthodox Scholar

9:00–9:20 am Nonna Verna Harrison, St. Paul School of Theology
“An Orthodox Faculty Member in a Methodist Seminary”
9:20-9:40 am Stelyios Muksuris, University of Durham
“The Priest Scholar in the Academy: Ancient Perspectives and Modern Challenges”
9:40-10:00 am Vigen Guroian, Loyola College and University of Virginia
“Teaching Orthodoxy in a State University: Getting Mainstreamed”
10:00-10:20 am Scott Kenworthy, Miami University of Ohio
“Orthodoxy and the Academic Study of Religion”
10:20-10:30 am Discussion

Late Morning Concurrent Sessions: 10:45 am - 12 noon

Session 1 Scholarship and Orthodox Campus Ministry (West Room)

10:45-11:05 am John Schroedel, University of Chicago
“Reflections on Orthodox Campus Ministry”
11:05-11:25 am Frances Kostarelos, Governors State University
“Applied Qualitative Research and Campus Ministry: The Case of Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) and Programs in the Theological Exploration of Vocation (2003-2008)”
11:25-11:45 am Discussion
11:45-12:15 pm Tal Howard, Gordon College; Mickey Mattox, Marquette University
Listeners’ Reports

Session 2 Pastoral Issues: Anthropology, Psychology, and Ethics (Lounge 1)
OTSA Annual Meeting begins (co-sponsored with the St. Catherine's Orthodox Institute)

- 10:45-11:20 am Vasiliki Eckley, Holy Meeting of Joachim and Anna Apostolia
 "The Intimacy of Conjugal Life as Locus for the Development of Men and Women Today to the Likeness of God"
- 11:20 am-noon Nathaniel Brown, Saint Louis University
 "Free Agency and Pluralism within Eastern Orthodoxy: Towards a View of Conscientious Objection"



- Noon-1:45 pm Lunch and Business Meeting (Dining Rom)



Early Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: 2:00 – 3:15 pm

- Session 1 Orthodox Unity/Disunity/Reunification (West Room)**
- 2:00-2:20 pm Silouan Rolando, Joliet Junior College
 "Issues in the Reunification of the Ukrainian Orthodox Diaspora"
- 2:20-2:40 pm Matthew Namee, Wichita State University
 "The Myth of Unity and the Origins of Jurisdictional Pluralism in American Orthodoxy"
- 2:40-3:00 pm Oliver Herbel, Saint Louis University
 "Lessons to be Learned": Fr. Boris Burden's Failed Attempts to Foster Orthodox Jurisdictional Unity in America"
- 3:00-3:15 pm Discussion

- Session 2 Anthropological Dimensions of Priesthood (Lounge 1)**
- 2:00-2:35 pm Maria McDowell, Boston College
 "Gender and Priesthood in Gregory of Nazianzus"
- 2:35-3:15 pm Radu Bordeianu, Duquesne University
 "The Priestly Dimension of the Human Person: Dumitru Staniloae's Theology of the Natural, Universal, and Ordained Priesthood"

Late Afternoon Concurrent Sessions: 3:30 – 5:00 pm

- Session 1 Western Iconography; Postlapsarian Anthropology (West Room)**
- 3:30-4:15 pm John Yiannias, University of Virginia (emeritus)
 "A Nineteenth-Century Apologia for 'Improving' Byzantine Art"
- 4:15-5:00 pm Perry Hamalis, North Central College
 "The Predicament of the Person: Fr. Sophrony Sakharov's Distinctive Diagnosis of the Postlapsarian Human Condition"

Session 2 **Wealth and Poverty (Lounge 1)**
3:30-4:15 pm William Mills, Queens University
 “Caring for the Poor: From Prayer to Social Action”
4:15-5:00 pm John Jones, Marquette University
 “St. John Chrysostom and the Problem of Wealth”



5:30-6:00 pm Vespers (Chapel)
6:00 pm Dinner (Dining Room)

Free Evening



Saturday, June 14

8:00 am Matins (Chapel)
8:30 am Breakfast (Dining Room)



Early Morning Concurrent Sessions: 9:00 – 10:15 am

Session 1 **Ethnicity and Ecumenism (West Room)**
9:00–9:35 am Will Cohen, Catholic University of America
 “‘The Concept of ‘Sister Churches’ in Orthodox-Catholic Relations in the 12th
 and 21st Centuries”
9:35-10:15 pm Nick Groves, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox School of Theology
 “Faith and People: The Vocation and Identity of Serbia in the Writings of
 Bishop Nikolai Velimirovic”

Session 2 **Spirituality and Philosophical Mysticism (Lounge 1)**
9:00-9:35 am Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago
 “Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas on Dionysius the Areopagite”
9:35-10:15 am Emma Cazabonne, Independent Scholar
 “John Climacus’ Original Use of Scripture in The Ladder of Divine Ascent”

Late Morning Session: 10:30 – 11:45 am

Session 1 **Patristic Insights (West Room)**
10:30-11:05 am Brock Bingaman, Loyola University of Chicago
 “Orthodox Spirituality and Contemporary Ecology: John Cassian, Maximus
 the Confessor, and Jürgen Moltmann in Conversation”

11:05-11:45 am Bruce Beck, Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of
Theology
“ ‘Out of the Mouths of Babes’: Wise Children and Foolish Elders in the
Gospel and Patristic Tradition”



Noon Lunch (Dining Room) and Departures

