

Curriculum Vitae of Bruce Neil Beck, Th.D.

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Special Fields and Areas of Teaching Competence

- New Testament and Early Christian Studies
- St. Paul: His Life, Legacy, and Letters
- Gospel of Matthew
- Exegesis and Hermeneutics
- Orthodox Biblical hermeneutics and applications of exegesis for preaching
- History of traditions of biblical interpretation, including Patristic and rabbinic methods of exegesis (e.g. typology)
- Orthodox Lectionary and liturgical uses of Scripture
- New Testament theology and ethics
- Late Second Temple Judaism

Education

- 2000 Th.D. **Harvard Divinity School**, Committee on the Study of Religion, Department of New Testament and Christian Origins; General Exams passed with Distinction, May 1986
 - Dissertation: “You Lifted Me Up from the Pit Alive’: Exegetical and Theological Trajectories from the Book of Jonah in Jewish and Christian Sources”
 - Advisor: Professor François Bovon; Committee: Professors François Bovon, Gary Anderson, Jon Levenson, and John Strugnell
- 1983 M.Div. **Harvard Divinity School**
 - M.Div. Senior Thesis: “Liturgical Alterations in Early Jewish and Christian Texts and Artifacts: A Prolegomenon for Jewish-Christian Relations”; Thesis Advisors: Professors Paul Hanson and William Hutchison
- 1980 **Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (one semester)**, Louisville, Kentucky
Advanced graduate courses in Greek, Hebrew, and Biblical exegesis

- 1979 A.B. **University of Georgia**, Honors Program, independent studies major in “Hebrew and Cognate Studies”; Phi Beta Kappa
- 1979 **Hebrew University in Jerusalem**— One-Year Program for Overseas Students, 1978-79; Courses of study (lectures in Hebrew): Septuagint, biblical exegesis, biblical textual criticism, Second Temple Jewish History, Modern Hebrew; Professors Emmanuel Tov, Alexander Rofé, and Isaiah Gafni

Languages

Greek (Homeric, Classical, Koine/Biblical, Patristic), Hebrew (biblical and modern), Syriac, biblical Aramaic, Latin, French, and German

Academic Teaching Appointments

- 2015-present Assistant Professor of New Testament, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and Hellenic College (dual appointment)
- 2012-2015 Assistant Professor of New Testament, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (full-time faculty)
- 2007-present Summer School Instructor, Patristic Exegesis and Hermeneutics, for Pappas Patristic Institute’s Summer Patristic Studies Program, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 2007-12 Adjunct Professor of New Testament, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. Since Spring term of 2009, at the Dean’s request, I had taught the two required New Testament courses for the School of Theology (New Testament Introduction (Spring), and Exegesis of the Gospel of Matthew (Fall)), to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of the professor of New Testament, Fr. Ted Stylianopoulos.
- Fall 2002 Visiting Professor of New Testament, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, while Fr. Ted Stylianopoulos was on semester sabbatical leave.
- 1984-85 Teaching Fellow, New Testament Doctoral Seminar and Graeca (advanced Greek readings), Harvard Divinity School
- Fall 1985 Head Teaching Fellow for “History of Religion and Christian Theology,”
- Professor John B. Carman, Harvard Divinity School
- Spring 1985 Teaching Fellow for “Holocaust: The Phenomenon of Genocide,” Professor Eric Goldhagan, Harvard College

Publications

Manuscripts under Preparation

The Fellowship of the Rescued: Scripturalized Songs of Deliverance in Ancient Jewish and Christian Liturgy (manuscript in process).

Contributed Chapters in Edited Volumes

2020 “Eastern Orthodox Views on Ancient Jewish Biblical Interpretation,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible in Orthodox Christianity*, edited by Eugen Pentiu (New York: Oxford University Press). Submitted December 20, 2020. Forthcoming.

2018 “Archbishop Demetrios’ Reading of Chrysostom’s Homilies on Romans: Conversations about Grace and Προαίρεσις, in *Festschrift for Archbishop Demetrios Trakatellis*, eds Jim Skedros, Maximos Conostas, and Vasilliki Limberis, Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2020 (forthcoming).

2017 “Learn from me”: Embodied Knowledge through Imitation in Early Christian Pedagogy”, *Orthodox Christianity, Higher Education & the University: Theological, Historical, and Contemporary Reflection*, eds. Ann Mitsakos Bezzerides and Elizabeth H. Prodromou, University of Notre Dame Press, January 2017.

2016 “Intertextuality and Reception History in the Story of Jonah and Elijah in the Lives of the Prophets: The Tradition of Jonah as the Widow’s Son,” article with Prof. Christo Arabatzis, *Proceedings of the International Conference on Christian Apocrypha, Thessaloniki, Greece, June 2014*, Peeters.

2016 “Testing God: Echoes of Exodus in the Gospels,” *Studies in Orthodox Hermeneutics : a Festschrift in honor of Theodore G. Stylianopoulos*, eds. Fr. Eugen Pentiu, John Fotopoulos, and Bruce Beck, Holy Cross Press, 2016.

2013 “The Sacrament of Marriage and Union with God,” in *Love, Marriage, and Family in the Easter Orthodox Tradition*, eds. Theodore Grey Dedon & Sergey Trostyanskiy, *Sophia Studies in Orthodox Theology*, vol 7, (New York: Theotokos Press – The Sophia Institute, 2013), 55-70.

2012 “The Aesthetic of Typology: The Prophet Jonah in the Church’s Liturgical Hymns,” in *The Concept of Beauty Patristic and Byzantine Theology*,

ed. J. A. McGuckin (Theotokos Press: New York, 2012), 263-275

Articles Academic

2019 “Unbinding the Book: Toward a Restoration of a Patristic Orthodox Hermeneutic of Scripture,” SVTQ (St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly), 2019 63 no 2; an early version of this paper was presented at an ecumenical conference entitled “Rethinking the Resources of the Christian Theological Tradition: Retrieval, Renewal, Reunion?: An International Ecumenical Conference,” St. Paul School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas, July 12-14, 2017.

2018-- Beck, Bruce N. 2015. ““When Shall I Come and See the Face of God?”: The Exegetical and Historical Genesis of the Trisagion Hymn.” In *Επιστημονική Επιθεώρηση Του Μεταπτυχιακού Προγράμματος «Σπουδές Στην Ορθόδοξη Θεολογία» Τόμος Στ, Vol 2015*, vol F, eds. Constantinos Agoras and Athanasios Antonopoulos, Sotirios Despotis. Patra, Greece: Ennoia, etc. ISSN 2241-0015, 2015, pp. 228-255.

This article was originally solicited for a book honoring Patriarch Bartholomew in the celebration of the 20th anniversary of his enthronement, entitled *Servant of the Gospel: studies in honor of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: contributions by the faculty of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology*, ed. Thomas FitzGerald; foreword by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios (Brookline: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2011). Sadly, it was left out of this volume by accident. It was subsequently published in the *GOTR* in 2011.

2008 “Out of the Mouth of Babes’: Prophetic Children of Palm Sunday in Patristic Liturgical Tradition,” *Revue Scriptura: Nouvelle Série*, vol. 10, no. 1, 2008.

An adaptation of the above article appeared in the magazine *Praxis*, a publication of the religious education department of the Greek Orthodox archdiocese of America, in the Winter 2009, issue on the “Arts in the Orthodox Church.” That article was entitled ““Out of the Mouth of Babes’: The Prophetic Role of Children in the Orthodox Liturgical Tradition,” *Praxis* 8 (2): 40-45. This latter version of the article explores and explains historically the privileged role of children in the celebration of Palm Sunday, whereas the original academic version emphasized the importance

of Byzantine liturgical hymnography and iconography as rich repository of patristic exegesis of Scripture.

Academic Papers, Lectures, and Interviews

- October 9, 2020 - “Jesus' Transfiguration according to Luke in the Eastern Orthodox Church” for the John A. Widtsoe Foundation New Testament Comparative Passages Project, October 9, 2020
- **Nov 1-2, 2019**- “The Theophany of the Holy Trinity: Mat 3:13-17 in the Eastern Orthodox Church,” for the John A. Widtsoe Foundation New Testament Comparative Passages Project, November 1-2, 2019.
- **Nov 1-2, 2019**- “The Confession of St. Peter in Matthew 16:13-20 from an Eastern Orthodox Perspective,” for the John A. Widtsoe Foundation New Testament Comparative Passages Project, November 1-2, 2019.
- **March 22, 2019** - “Water and Spirit: A Reception of John 3:3-5 in the Eastern Orthodox Church,” paper presented at the inaugural New Testament Comparative Passages project of the John A. Widtsoe Foundation, San Diego, CA at USC.
- July 12-14, 2017- “Orthodox Hermeneutics of Scripture” at ecumenical conference entitled Rethinking the Resources of the Christian Theological Tradition: Retrieval, Renewal, Reunion?: An International Ecumenical Conference St. Paul School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas. The paper will be journal SVTQ.
- June 26–29, 2014: “Intertextuality and Reception History in the Story of Jonah and Elijah in the Lives of the Prophets,” presented at the International Symposium on Christian Apocryphal Literature, the University of Thessaloniki, in collaboration with Dr. Christos Arabatzis from that university.
- June 2014: “Biblical and Orthodox Hermeneutics,” two lectures at the School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki, part of the first annual summer school program.
- June 2014: Interviewed for a Documentary Film on St. Paul in Thessaloniki.
- June 21, 2013: Interviewed on the topic “The Bible in the Orthodox Faith: the New Testament” (along with Fr. Eugen Pentiu) as part of a 21 part series on the Orthodox Faith being produced by the Department of Communications of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America for TV.
- June 25-28, 2013: presented four lectures on “the Bible in the Orthodox Church” at CrossRoad (an annual program of the Office of Vocation and Ministry of select high school juniors and seniors at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology.

- “Occupying the Heart: Some Sacramental Features of Hearing Scripture,” third annual Florovsky Symposium at Princeton University, February 15-16, 2013, on "What is the Bible? The Patristic Doctrine of Scripture."
- “Early Christian Understandings of the Church in St. Clement of Rome’s First Letter to the Corinthians and the Shepherd of Hermas,” presented at the Second Annual Symposium in Honor of Fr. Florovsky, Feb 10-11, 2012.
- ““When shall I come and see the face of God?” The Exegetical and Historical Genesis of the Trisagion Hymn,” presented to the Boston Theological Institute’s Patristic Group at its September 15, 2011 meeting. A much shorter version of this article was presented orally to the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions unit of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) at the November, 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.
- “The Sacrament of Marriage in Orthodox Tradition: Transfiguration in Daily Life,” paper presented at Clergy-Laity Congress, July 2006, Nashville, TN.
- Since the Spring of 2007, this paper has been used as required reading for the “Marriage and Family” course taught by Dr. Kyriaki FitzGerald at Holy Cross.
- “Marriage and Asceticism in the Theology of the Eastern Orthodox Church,” lecture at the Summer Institute 2005, Department of Religious Education of the Greek Orthodox Church, Archdiocese of America, June 16, 2005.
- “Comments on Patristic Exegesis and Contemporary Exegetical Methods: Rediscovering the Hermeneutical Imagination,” paper given at the conference Sacred Text and Interpretation: Perspectives in Orthodox Biblical Studies. A Conference in Honor of Professor Savvas Agouridis, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, October 28-November 1, 2003.
- “Anti-Judaism within the New Testament?,” lecture given at the Lutheran Retreat Center (New Hampshire), January 22, 2003.
- “Mary in the New Testament through the Eyes of Patristic Tradition,” paper to Orthodox Christian educators and laity at the Summer Institute 2002, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, August 4, 2002.
- “Jonah in the Lives of the Prophets: An Exemplar of Christian Hagiography,” paper presented to symposium Jewish Pseudepigrapha or Christian Apocrypha? : Presentations of current research in the field of ancient literature challenging accepted distinctions between the two groups’ texts, sponsored by the Department of New Testament and Early Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School, December 14, 2001.
- ““A Bright Sadness’: The Divine Economy of Time in Great Lent,” plenary presentation for the Osher Institute for Religious Tolerance and Understanding, Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, February 27, 2001.
- “Sea as Paradox in the story of Jonah,” guest lecture for the course “Sun, Stone, Sea and Tree: Supernatural Aspects of Natural Elements,” Harvard Divinity School, April 6, 1993.

- “Issues of New Testament Theology and Anti-Semitism,” lecture as teaching fellow in course History of Religion and Christian Theology, Professor John B. Carman, Fall 1985.
- “Contemporary Directions in Biblical Interpretation,” lecture as teaching fellow in course History of Religion and Christian Theology, Professor John B. Carman, Fall 1985.

Articles and Interviews for Church publications

- “Seeing as God Sees: Empathy and the Impartial Faith of Christ,” solicited article for by the TELOS project, which will be published in the resources blog, Hellenic College Holy Cross, March, 2018.
- “Let the Little Children Come to Me:” Children as Teachers in the New Testament, Praxis Magazine, vol. 16, issue 3 Spring 2017 on Sacred Childhood, pp. 9-11.
- “Reading the Scripture,” a brief essay requested for the forthcoming Orthodox Family Bible, GOA Education Department, ed. Anthony Vrame. Article due May 30, 2015.
- May 2015: “The Master’s Hospitality and Receiving His Word,” Jacob’s Well, ed. Fr. John Shimchick, a bi-annual publication of the Orthodox Church of America, Diocese of New York and New Jersey, Spring/Summer 2015.
- April 23, 2015: OCN Interview for “Come Receive the Light”, with Fr. Chris Metropulos, “St John Chrysostom’s Pascha Homily,” <http://myocn.net/st-john-chrysostoms-pascha-homily/>.
- February 11, 2009, “St. Paul and the Power of the Resurrection,” a lecture and slides for series on St. Paul at the Cathedral in New York City.
- “In the Company of the Saints: Relics in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition,” Praxis 5 (2), Winter 2006, 55-61.

Invited Lectures and retreats in Churches

- “**St. Paul as a model of Leadership in 2 Corinthians**,” a Presentation to CrossRoad Alumni Council, Buzzards Bay, November 23, 2019
- “**Take up your Cross**,” HCHC Seminarian Retreat Bible Study at Metropolis Camp, March 30, 2019.- “Faith, Patience, and the promises of God: Abraham as a Lenten Model,” a two-lecture retreat at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Weston, MA on the 4th Saturday of Lent, March 17, 2018.
- “Deliver us from Danger and Distress:” Praying the Scriptures in the Orthodox Church, Three Hierarchs Lecture at St. Anna’s Greek Orthodox Church, Roseville, CA, on February 3, 2018.

- “The Practice of Hearing the Scripture with the Orthodox Church,” a lecture presented for the 34th annual Metropolis of Chicago Book Celebration Week, March 16, 2017, Holy Apostles Church, Westchester, IL.
- “Scripture, written by the Church for the Church,” James C. Rouman Adult Lecture Series, February 19, 2017, St. George’s Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hartford, CT.
- Offered a class at St. Mary’s Orthodox Church, Central Square Cambridge, MA on April 21, 2016 on how to study the Scriptures.
- Offered Lenten retreat entitled “Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Orthodox Portraits from Scripture,” on Forgiveness Sunday (March 13, 2016) at St. George Orthodox Church, Ocean Township, NJ (previously in Asbury Park, NJ). Showed slides about the school in collaboration with the admissions office.
- Nativity lecture at St. Philip’s Greek Orthodox Church, Nashua, NH entitled “A portrait of the life St. Philip in the “Presence of Christ.”
- Lenten lecture, March 26, 2014: “Aspects of Scripture in the Orthodox Tradition,” St. Philip’s Greek Orthodox Church, Nashua, NH
- Nativity lecture, December 1, 2014, “Mary as the Temple and the Holy of Holies, St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Westin, MA.
- Nativity lecture, December 8, 2014, “the Coming of the Magi in Matthew’s Gospel,” St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Westin, MA.
- Lenten lecture March 4, 2015: “Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the New Testament and Orthodox Tradition, Woburn parish.
- Lenten lecture March 25, 2015: “Mary Bearing the Word: reflections on Mary as model for receiving the word of God,” St. Philip’s Greek Orthodox Church, Nashua, NH

Academic Administration, Service, and Employment

- Director, Enrollment Management, Hellenic College Holy Cross, January 2020-Present
- Interim Dean, Hellenic College, July 2018 - January 2020.
- Director, Pappas Patristic Institute, , July 2012- Present.
- Director, Program in Religious Studies, Hellenic College, HCHC, September 2015-September 2020.
- 2007 – 2012 Full-time Director, Pappas Patristic Institute, and Adjunct Professor of New Testament, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, July 2007-June 2012. The mission of the Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology is to promote the study of patristic writings (particularly eastern) in both academic as well as ecclesiastical domains.

- 2014 Faculty Director, St. Helen's Pilgrimage to Constantinople and Greece, May 22–June 20, 2014: Served as a faculty advisor for 30 HCHC students participating in the annual St. Helen's Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey.
- 2011 Director, Self-Study for Reaccreditation and Visitations by NEASC and ATS Committees, August 2009–November 2011, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and Hellenic College. Appointed by the President of Hellenic College Holy Cross, led the institution-wide self-evaluation project in preparation for the visitations of both ATS and NEASC accrediting agencies in November, 2011. The scope of the project comprised 14 committees and over 70 persons, resulting in my editing two documents of about 100 pages, supported by over 500 pages of source documents.
- 2004–2007 Part-time Director, The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, November 2003– June 2007; in this capacity as part-time Director, I also taught one elective course per semester at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, in collaboration with the Dean, which supports the mission of the Patristic Institute. In March 2007 the outside Evaluation report recommended that the Director role be made a full time job, including teaching one course per semester. Note that since the Spring of 2009, after the retirement of the School's professor of New Testament, I taught each of the two required New Testament courses for the School of Theology (New Testament Introduction (Spring), and Exegesis of the Gospel of Matthew (Fall)).
- Assistant Director, Center for the Study of World Religion, Harvard University, September 1987–May 1988.
- Research Associate, Kennedy School of Government, Research Fellow, Dr. Ronnie Heifitz, September 1984–May 1985.

Business Employment History

- Information Technology and Business Consultant, October 2001–2007
- Business Analysis and Financial Management, Hospitality Industry, 2007–
- The Massachusetts General Hospital, Center for Comparative Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, January 2004–November 2005; worked on space management, financial billing, and performance metrics projects.
- Exousia Business Metrics, Inc., Newburyport, MA, October 2001– October 2003; worked on two, year-long Information Strategic Plan projects within the Hospitality Industry.
- President and Co-Founder, Acadia Software, Inc. (an internet technology consulting and software product development company), October 1995–May, 2001. Founded and grew a

technology consulting and software development practice from 10 to 35 employees over 5 years, with over \$3 million in annual revenues.

- Principal and Co-Founder, Forge Technology Partners, LLC (a software products and services company), May 2001–October 2001.
- General Manager of Boston Office, I.T. Solutions, Inc. (a technology consulting headquartered in Chicago), April–September 1995.
- Director of Systems Integration, SHL System House, Inc. (a technology consulting and systems integration company), September 1993–April 1995.
- Director of Software Development, XL/Proteus Software, Inc. (a technology consulting company, acquired by SHL System House in August 1993), July 1990–August 1993.
- Director of Systems and Research, J. Robert Scott (Executive search firm; a subsidiary of Fidelity Investments), May 1989–July 1990.
- Manager of Research and Systems, TeleSearch, Inc. (a subsidiary of Fidelity Investments; research-based search firm), April 1988–May 1989.
- Software programming consultant, Fidelity Investments (TeleSearch and J. Robert Scott), Boston, November 1987–April 1988.
- Financial Controller, Krent Paffett Associates (architecture firm),
December 1986–September 1987.
- Assistant to CFO (accounts payable and receivable), Computers in Medicine, July –December 1986.

Other Employment

- Head Cook, Dean George Rupp’s household, Harvard Divinity School, 1983-1984. Responsible for planning dinners, cooking, and managing student staff for dinner parties of 14-60 persons.
- Assistant Manager, Harvard Divinity School Bookstore, 1981–1982. Implemented an electronic inventory and point-of-sale system.
- Library Assistant, Library at the Gund School of Architecture, Harvard University, June–August 1981, part time.
- Associate Minister, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Field education assignment, Harvard Divinity School M.Div., September 1981–May 1982.
- M.I.T. Campus Minister, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.
- Field education assignment, Harvard Divinity School M.Div., September 1980–May 1981.

- Inter-Library Loans Coordinator, Andover Harvard Library, Harvard Divinity School, September 1980–May 1982.