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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Systematic Theology, 2003

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

Dissertation: *The King Returns to His City: An Interpretation of the Great Week and Bright Week Cycle of the Orthodox Church*

Director: Robin Darling Young, Ph.D.

Synopsis: The dissertation employs complexity theory and the complexity-based Urbanism and Economics of Jane Jacobs to compare the self-organizing processes which generate liturgical, ecclesial, and city order. The Orthodox Christian Holy Week and Bright Week Cycle are treated as the matrix through which the ecclesial polity both emerges and also is sustained as the “New Jerusalem.” This interdisciplinary approach makes visible the “theological/liturgical” fractal shapes present throughout the hymns and rituals of Holy Week. This method also provides a key for interpreting the theological, commercial, and gender markers encoded within the Cycle’s observance. The dissertation closes by suggesting a reconciliation of tradition with development in the form of a “Liturgical Economics” and a “Liturgical Political Science,” in the process systematizing the new economic science discovered by Jane Jacobs between 1969 and 2004.

M.Div., 1994

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

B.S.F.S., 1988

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC

Area of Concentration: Science, Technology, and International Affairs

Minor Work: International Economics Language Certification: German; Modern Greek

FELLOWSHIPS:

Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, October – December 2014

Researching and writing monograph on the social ethics of Jane Jacobs

HONORS:

Teacher of the Year, Holy Cross, 2010, 2011, 2015

Johannes Quasten Full-tuition Scholarship, Catholic University, 1994

Faculty Award in Systematic Theology, Holy Cross, 1992

Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude, Georgetown University, 1988

Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honor Society, 1988

NASA Funded Internship in Space and International Affairs, 1986

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics, Fall 2005 - present.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

Ethics, Social Ethics, Bioethics, Theological Aesthetics, Social Action

Special Envoy for the St. Helen's Pilgrimage, 2007 – present.

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA

A program of study-travel in Greece, Mount Athos, Israel, Palestine, Albania, and Constantinople.

Responsible for strategic planning, project planning, administration, and leadership of the annual five-to-nine week-long study abroad program of the seminary.

Adjunct Professor for Business & for Religious Studies, Fall 2005 - present.

Hellenic College, Brookline, MA

Adjunct Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Spring 2001 & Spring 2002

Marymount University, Arlington, VA

COURSES TAUGHT

Hellenic College

Required for major:

Business Law & Ethics

Great Religious Ideas/Theories & Methods for the Study of Religion

Sociology

Electives:

Ethical Decision Making in a Globalized Economy

Literature & Ethics (Team Taught)

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Required:

Dogmatics II

Orthodox Christian Ethics

Seminar on the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Social Ethics

Social Ministries (Field Education course)

Electives:

Bioethics

Christian Discipleship (Team Taught)

Ethics and Elders

The Ethics of Beauty (Theological Aesthetics)

Rhetoric & Justice

Science, Economy, & Liturgy

FIELD WORK:

2001 – Studied Holy Week as celebrated on the islands of Rhodes, Kalymnos, and Patmos.
 2003-04 – Observed and recorded Christian monastic mystical practice for twelve months in Greek Orthodox monasteries in the Greek islands and elsewhere.
 2011 – One month of service at an orphanage for disabled children in Pskov Oblast in the Russian Federation to study models of social outreach.

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS:

The Ethics of Beauty. Mayesville, Missouri: St. Nicholas Press, 2019; 748 pp.

“Theophany, Liturgy, and the Appearance of Marriage at Three Fractal Levels,” with Melissa Likiardopoulos, in *Glory and Honor: Orthodox Christian Resources on Marriage*. Crestwood: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2016.

“Chastity and Empathy: Eros, Agape, and the Mystery of the Twofold Anointing: An Interview in Three Parts,” in *A Journal of Orthodox Faith and Culture Road to Emmaus* Vol. XVI, No. 1 Winter 2015 (#60) p 3-62.

“They who Give from Evil: The Response of the Eastern Church to Moneylending in the Early Christian Era (Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen).” In *The Journal of Theological Studies* New Series Vol. 65 Part 2 October 2014 ed. Dr. Graham Gould & Dr. Katherine Dell p 731-733.

“A Feeling for Beauty: The Aesthetic Ground of Orthodox Ethics” in *A Journal of Orthodox Faith and Culture Road to Emmaus* Vol. XV, No. 2 Spring 2014 (#57) p 3-41.

“The Opposite of War is not Peace: Healing Trauma in the *Iliad* and in Orthodox Tradition” in *A Journal of Orthodox Faith and Culture Road to Emmaus* Vol. XIV, No. 1 Winter 2013 (#52).

“The Hospitality of Abraham: Orthodox Ethics and Reproduction” in *A Journal of Orthodox Faith and Culture Road to Emmaus* Vol. XIII, No. 2 (Spring 2012 #49).

“Remembering Tikas: A Pilgrimage to Loutra” in *A Journal of Orthodox Faith and Culture Road to Emmaus* Vol. XII, No. 3 Summer 2011 (#46) p 56-62.

“Organic Complexity and the Healing of Our Epistemology,” in *Holistic Healing in Byzantium*, ed. John T. Chirban, Brookline: HC Press, 2010.

“The City as Liturgy: An Orthodox Theologian Corresponds with Jane Jacobs About a Gentle Reconciliation of Science and Religion,” in *Legacy of Achievement: Metropolitan Methodios of Boston, Festal Volume of the 25th Anniversary of his Consecration to the Episcopate*, ed. George Dion. Dragas, 2008.

“St. Basil’s Philanthropic Program and Modern Microlending Strategies for Economic Self-Actualization,” in *Wealth and Poverty in Early Church and Society*, ed. Susan R. Holman, 2008.

“The Marriage of Priests: Towards an Orthodox Christian Theology of Gender,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly*, 51:1, 2007.

“The Current Planning Process: Its Roots and Results,” 2001 on the website of Christopher Alexander, patternlanguage.com at <http://www.patternlanguage.com/townplanning.timpatitsas.htm>

PUBLICATIONS FOR THE POPULAR PRESS:

“Let us Pray to the Lord.” *Praxis*, Spring 2015, vol 14:3 from the Department of Religious Education.

“The Christians of Bethlehem.” *The Orthodox Observer November/December 2019*, 19.

“The Grammys and the Church’s Beacon of Light.” *The Orthodox Observer February/March 2014*, 11.

THESIS ADVISING:

Rebecca Safley Clark, Ph. D., John Hopkins University School of Nursing.
Reader for the degree in community nursing.

FURTHER TRAINING:

“Publishing 101: What to Expect, What to Do,” ATS Webinar for New faculty February 20, 2015.

CURRENT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

School of Theology: Self-Assessment; Field Education

PAST MEMBERSHIPS:

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics

BOARD WORK:

The Missions Institute of Orthodox Christianity, 2011-2016
The Russian Orphan Opportunity Fund, Member since 2012
The Center for Byzantine Material Arts, Founding Member since 2015
The Road to Emmaus Foundation, Founding Board Member since 2015

LANGUAGES:

Georgetown University fluency in **Modern Greek** and **German**
Some spoken and written proficiency in **Russian**
Catholic University reading proficiency in **Classical Greek, Latin, and French**