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Earned Degrees

Th. D., University of Thessaloniki, School of Theology
S.T.M., Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
M. Th. Boston University, School of Theology
A. B. Suffolk University

Other Related Responsibilities

Editor, *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review*

Secretary, Ecumenical Commission, Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox
Bishops in America

Executive Secretary and member, Orthodox-Roman Catholic Bilateral Consultation in
North America

Previous Related Responsibilities

Executive Director, Program Unit I, Unity and Renewal, World Council of Churches,
Geneva Switzerland, 1994-2000. Also served as the senior representative of the
Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Archdiocese of America.

Recent Courses Taught

Church History I

Church History II

Preaching Practicum

Reading and Research in Church History

Publications: Books and Monographs

Servant of the Gospel, Studies in Honor of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Editor
with an introduction, (Brookline, Mass: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2011).

The Ecumenical Patriarchate and Christian Unity, (Brookline, Mass: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 1997, revised edition, 2009)

Restoring the Unity in Faith: The Orthodox-Oriental Orthodox Theological Dialogue, coeditor with an introduction, (Brookline, Mass: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 1997, revised edition, 2007)

Living the Beatitudes (Brookline, Mass: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 1997, revised and enlarged edition, 2006)

The Ecumenical Movement: An Introductory History, (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2004)

Happy in the Lord: the Beatitudes for Everyday, co-authored with Dr. Kyriaki FitzGerald, (Brookline; Holy Cross Press, 2000)

Turn to God: Rejoice in Hope, Orthodox Reflections on the Way to Harare, coeditor, (Geneva: WCC, 1998)

Unity and Renewal: Report to the Assembly, editor with an introduction, (Geneva: WCC, 1998)

The Orthodox Church: Student Edition (Westport, CT; Praeger, 1998)

The Orthodox Church (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995).

Aspects of the Treasures of Orthodoxy (Thessaloniki: St. Demetrios Church, 1985)

The Relationship between the Russian Orthodox Synod Abroad and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese (In Greek), (Thessaloniki, 1985)

Publications: Journal Articles since 2000

“Faithfulness to a Religious Identity in the Modern World,” *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 52: 1-4 (2007), pp.197-217.

“Gospel and Mission in the Early Church,” in *Witnessing in the Midst of a Suffering Creation*: (Geneva: The John Knox Centre, 2007.)

“A Ministry of Reconciliation: The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation,” in *In God’s Hands: Essays on the Church and Ecumenism*, Leuven: University Press, 2006.

“The Filioque in Bilateral Theological Dialogues (1975-1998),” *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 51: 1-4, 2006), pp.19-44.

Divergent Trends in the World Council of Churches: Some Orthodox Concerns, *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 49 (2004) pp.105-134.

“Editorial: Faith Seeking Understanding and Pastoral Guidance,” *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 46:3-4 (2001) pp.5-9. (Published in 2005).

“Greece: A Pilgrim’s Delight,” *Greece: Let’s Go to Greece Travel Guide 2004* (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2004), p. 274.

“God Became Human to Show Us the Way,” Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Department of Outreach and Evangelism, November 12, 2004.

“Editor’s Note,” *The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 46:1-2 (2001), p. 1-2 (Published in 2004)

“Marturia Bissricii Othodoxe Despre Impacare si Tamaduire in Societate,” *Anuarul, Facultatii de Teologie Ortodoxa, Universitarae Bucuresti*, 2004, pp. 231-242.

“Ethnic Conflicts and the Orthodox Churches,” in Emmanuel Clapsis, ed., *The Orthodox Churches in a Pluralistic World*, (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2004), pp. 139-147.

“The Development of the Orthodox Parish in the United States,” in Anton C. Vrame, *The Orthodox Parish in America*, (Brookline: Holy Cross Orthodox Press, 2003), pp. 11-32.

“The Orthodox Church Today: An Overview,” *Origins* 33:7 (2003), pp. 105-110.

Lectures and Presentations (2000-present)

“Steps towards Common Witness: Steps towards Unity,” Light from the East Conference, St. Paul Church, Irvine CA, Feb. 5, 2011.

“Blessed are the Merciful,” St. John the Compassionate Mission, Ottawa, ON Nov, 13, 2010.

“Concluding Observations: Women and the Church,” Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angelis, March 6, 2010

“Healing the Wounds of the Heart: Insights from St. Gregory the Theologian,” Serbian Orthodox Clergy Conference, St. John Church, Las Vegas, NV, Jan. 29, 2010.

“The Church in America,” The Legacy of Alexander Schmemmann Conference, St. Sergius Theological School, Paris, France Dec. 12, 2008.

“Orthodox and Catholics in Dialogue: Problems and Progress,” Cardinal Spidlik Center, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CN, Nov. 27, 2007.

“The Future of Orthodox-Catholic Relations,” Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA March 16, 2006.

“Hospitality: Some Insights from Our Common Heritage,” Massachusetts Council of Churches, Brookline, MA, February 2, 2005.

“The Healing and Reconciling Vocation of Orthodoxy Christianity in Society Today,” International Conference on Nation, Religions: Orthodoxy and the New European Reality,” Athens, Greece, April 19, 2005.

“The Orthodox Encyclicals of 1848 and 1895,” Orthodox-Catholic Bilateral Theological Consultation, Crestwood, NY, June 7, 2005.

“Constantinople: A Crossroad of Peoples, Cultures and Religions,” Peace and Tolerance Consultation, Istanbul, Turkey, November 3, 2003

“The Witness of the Orthodox in Society Today,” Centenary Observance of the Birth of Dimitru Staniloae,” Bucharest, Romania, November 11, 2003.

“Perspectives on the Eucharist: The Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue Statements, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, October 31, 2002.

“The Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Communion of Churches,” Orientale Lumen Conference VII, Catholic University, Washington, DC, June 12, 2003.

“The Ministry of the Theologian,” Consultation on Orthodox Theology and Ecumenical Themes, Inter-Orthodox Center, Pendeli Monastery, Athens, February 10, 2000

“Issues of Ecumenical Reception,” Faith and Order Commission, NCCC, New York, New York, March 10, 2000

“Dedication Homily,” Church of the Transfiguration, Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA, June 17, 2000

“Eucharist: A Prayer for Unity,” Orientale Lumen Conference, Catholic University, Washington, DC, June 21, 2000

“Delegates’ Workshop: The Ecumenical Movement,” Clergy-Laity Congress, Philadelphia, PA, July 3, 2000

“The Evolution of the Orthodox Parish in America,” Conference on the Orthodox Parish, October 30, 2000

Encyclopedia Articles

“Orthodox Churches, Eastern: In the United States,” *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, ed., Daniel Patte (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 905-907.

“Ecumenical Patriarchate,” *The Encyclopedia of Christianity, Volume I* ed., E. Fahlbusch, et.al., (Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, MI, 1999) pp. 40-42

“Eastern Christianity in the United States,” *The Blackwell Companion to Eastern Christianity*, ed., Ken Parry (: Blackwell Publishing: Oxford, 2007), pp. 269-279.

Other Significant Activities

Guest Professor, Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, Berkeley, CA, Summer, Institute, 2005.

Lecturer and Participant, “International Conference on Nation, Religions: Orthodoxy and the New European Reality,” Athens, April 17-19, 2005.

Lecturer and Retreat Leader, Academy for Spiritual Formation, San Antonio, TX 2005

Lecturer and Retreat Leader, Academy for Spiritual Formation, Portland, OR, 2004

Lecturer and Participant, “Centenary Observance of the Birth of Dimitru Staniloae,” Bucharest, Romania, November 9-14, 2003.

Lecturer and Participant, Peace and Tolerance Consultation, Istanbul, Turkey, November 3, 2003.

Co-moderator, Consultation on Orthodox Theological Education, Athens, Greece, 2000

Consultant on Orthodox Theological Education, World Council of Churches, 1999

Visiting Professor, Bossey Ecumenical Institute, University of Geneva, Cologny, Switzerland, 1992-2000.

Moderator, The Orthodox Pre-Assembly Meeting, Ma’arat Saydnaya, Syria, 1998.

Moderator, Consultation on the Date of Easter, Aleppo, Syria, 1997

Patriarchal Representative, World Bank Consultation on Religion, Washington, DC, 1997

Participant, Symposium on Religion, Science and the Environment, the Black Sea, 1997

Patriarchal Representative, Orthodox-Muslim Consultation, Washington, DC, 1997.

Orthodox Participant, Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops, Canterbury, England,
Participant, Symposium on Revelation and the Environment, Patmos, 1995

Participant, European Union Consultation on Religion in Europe, Istanbul, 1995

Visiting Professor, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, 1994

Patriarchal Delegate, secretariat, Pre-Conciliar Commission Meetings, Geneva, 1992-
1998

Pastoral Service

Ordained deacon, 1979 in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Ordained presbyter 1981 in Brookline, MA

Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, 2000.

Pastor, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Manchester, NH,