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Education and Distinctions

M.A. Religion, 2021

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Urbana-Champaign, IL

- Primary Field of Study: Christianity

M.Div. Ministry, 2014

Luther Rice College and Seminary – Lithonia, GA

M.Div. Holy Resurrection Orthodox Seminary, 2012 (Ecclesiastical Degree)

Studied Orthodox Theological Curriculum to Prepare for Ordination as a Priest

Professional Continuing Graduate Education, 2012-2013

Nashotah House Theological Seminary – Nashotah, WI

- *Studied Abroad in England: London, Norwich, Canterbury*

M.A. History, 2009

Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL

- *Major: European History*
- *Minor: World History*
- *Graduate Research Assistantship*

M.A. Theology (Catholic), 2006

Aquinas Institute of Theology – Saint Louis, MO

- *Aquinas Scholarship*

M.A. Communication Studies, 2004

Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL

- *The Distinguished Graduate Student of the Year Award, 2002*
- *Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 2001-2003*
- *Ralph Y. McGinnis Scholarship for Rhetorical Excellence*

Postgraduate Seminary Studies, 2003-2004

Princeton Theological Seminary – Princeton, NJ

- *Studied Fulltime in Residence Under a Grant: Fall 2003-Spring 2004*

B.A. Speech Communication, 2001

B.A. Philosophy, 2001

Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL

- *Dual Degree Program*
- *Departmental Honors Program*
- *Magna Cum Laude*

Teaching Experience

Instructor (Contracted Full Time), 2007-Currently

Department of Communication Studies & Department of Philosophy:
Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL

- Certified Online Instructor: Online Course Development Institute at EIU
- Faculty Affiliate: Center for the Humanities
- Taught or currently teaching the following courses:
 - Department of Communication Studies
 - Introduction to Speech Communication, CMN-1310G/1390G
 - Argumentation and Critical Thinking, CMN-2040
 - Interpersonal Communication, CMN-2630
 - Introduction to Rhetoric and Social Critique, CMN-3200
 - Religion in the American Public Sphere, CMN-3240
 - Department of Philosophy
 - Introduction to Philosophy, PHI-1000G
 - Center for Academic Support and Achievement
 - University Foundations, EIU-1111

Instructor, 2006-2009

Humanities Division:

Lake Land College – Mattoon, IL

- Taught the following courses:
 - Introduction to Speech Communication, SPE-111
 - Communications I (Organizational Communication), ENG-098
 - World Religions, PHI-232
 - Ethics, PHI-280
 - Logic, PHI-290
 - History and Culture of the Third World, HIS-153
- Online teaching experience
- Interdisciplinary teaching experience

Instructor, 2006-2008

Department of English, Journalism and Languages:

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College – Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN

- Taught Interpersonal Communication, CO-112
- Online teaching experience

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, 2001-2003

Eastern Illinois University – Charleston, IL

Professional Certifications and Skills

Certificate: Online Course Development Institute at Eastern Illinois University

Certificate: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) | © LivingWorks

Military Experience

U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard: Chaplain Corps, 2012-Currently

Chaplain: Endorsed by the Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A.

- Promoted to Rank of Major
- Implementing Leadership and Mentorship
- Practicing Counseling and Crisis Response
- Fostering Culturally/Religiously Pluralistic Environment

U.S. Navy, Active Duty, 1995-1997

Enlisted Machinist Mate, E-4, Honorably Discharged

Publications and Presentations

Invocation Delivered for the Change of Command Ceremony, 126th Air Refuelling Wing at Scott Air Force Base. (4 March 2018). Viewable on YouTube at:

<https://youtu.be/VNptwpBC0ug?t=7m45s>

“Dark Arts and Other Wicked Ideas: Harry Potter, Banned Books, and Intellectual Freedom,” Lecture co-presented with Michele McDaniel at an exhibit entitled *Twenty Years of Harry Potter: Celebrating a Phenomenon* hosted by Booth Library on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. (28 September 2017). Viewable online at: http://thekeep.eiu.edu/harry_potter_20/hp2017schedule/hp20events/5/

Commencement Address, Christ Ministries School of Divinity. (20 August 2017).

Viewable on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/I1e8CZPuigE?t=29m34s>

Presentation of U.S. Air Force suicide prevention principles, recorded in uniform at the personal invitation of the Vice Wing Commander of the 126th Air Refuelling Wing at Scott Air Force Base. (12 November 2016). Viewable online at:

<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/496925/suicide-prevention-awareness-2016>

“The Tale of the Wayward Priest,” *The Wheel*, Issue 7 (Fall 2016): 43. Viewable online at: <https://bit.ly/2S32L38>

Review of *For the Unity of All*, John Panteleimon Manoussakis. *The Wheel*, Issue 3 (Fall 2015): 59-63. Viewable online at: <https://bit.ly/2FtPe32>

“Hagia Sophia: Sacred Wisdom from the Christian Tradition of the Greeks,” Lecture given at a Symposium on Ancient Greece hosted by Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. (1 November 2012). Viewable on the EIU YouTube Channel at: <http://youtu.be/VrczsS-35a4>

“Out of Egypt I Called My Son: Cradle of the Christian Tradition,” Lecture given at a Symposium on Ancient Egypt hosted by Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. (10 October 2011). Viewable on the EIU YouTube Channel, starting at minute 28, at: <https://youtu.be/9GTdus7XakA?t=28m>

“Student Mentoring: A Faculty Perspective,” Panel presentation given at the Second Consultation of the Orthodox Scholars’ Initiative, a conference for Orthodox faculty in higher education, hosted by Hellenic College in Brookline, MA. (3 June 2009). Promotional flier viewable at: <https://bit.ly/2qRSwD6>

“Rhetorical Alchemy: From Persuasion and Identification to Transformation,” Paper presented at the National Communication Association conference of 2004 in Chicago, IL. Coauthored with Dr. Shane Miller of the Department of Communication at Saint John’s University. (November 2004).