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Assistant Professor of Theology
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Education:

2008 Ph.D., Department of Religious Studies
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
Dissertation:
"The Natural Likeness of the Son": Cyril of Alexandria's Pneumatology

Comprehensive Examinations

Western Religious Thought (major field):

- 1) Pneumatology from the New Testament to the present
- 2) The doctrine of the Holy Spirit in Augustine of Hippo and Cyril of Alexandria

Religion and Politics (minor field):

- 1) The idea of authority in the history of political philosophy
- 2) The history of pacifism and just war theory in Christian thought

2003 M.A., Department of Religious Studies
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
Thesis:
Augustine and the Vision of God: The Evolution of Augustine's Conception of the Attainment of the Vision of God in De Quantitate Animae, Confessiones, and De Trinitate

2001 B.A. Hons. (Dean's Honours List) in History and Religious Studies
University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
Undergraduate Thesis:
To be Transformed by a Vision of Uncreated Light: A Survey on the Influence of the Existential Spirituality of Hesychasm on Eastern Orthodox History

1997 Bachelor of Arts in Religion (Biblical Major)
Rocky Mountain College, Calgary, Alberta

Research Interests:

Theology and history of the patristic period; Eastern Orthodox history, theology, and spirituality; Biblical studies; Christian spirituality and mysticism; Medieval Christianity; Reformation history and theology; Political theology; Monasticism; Nineteenth and twentieth century Roman Catholic theology

Professional Experience:

2008- Assistant Professor of Theology, Bellarmine University
Louisville, Kentucky

2008 Instructor, Nipissing University
Bracebridge, Ontario

Instructor, Wilfrid Laurier University
Waterloo, Ontario

2001-2008 Teaching Assistant, McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario

Grants/Fellowships/Awards:

2008: Department of Religious Studies Travel Grant

2007-2008: Department of Religious Studies Scholarship

2007: Department of Religious Studies Travel Grant
Graduate Students Union Travel Grant

2006: Department of Religious Studies Travel Grant

2003-2007: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral
Fellowship

2003-2007: Harry Lyman Hooker Senior Fellowship, McMaster University

2002-2003: The Lyons Ontario Graduate Scholarship

2001-2002: Ontario Graduate Scholarship
McMaster University Entrance Scholarship

2001: Highest Fourth Year Average in Religious Studies, University of Waterloo
Graduate Essay Award, Hellenic-Canadian Association of Constantinople,
Toronto

Publications:

Articles in Scholarly Journals

“New Birth through the Second Adam: The Holy Spirit and the Miraculous Conception in Cyril
of Alexandria.” *Studia Patristica*. Submitted for review

“To be Transformed by a Vision of Uncreated Light: A Survey on the Influence of the
Existential Spirituality of Hesychasm on Eastern Orthodox History.” *Axis Mundi*.
Online peer-reviewed academic journal of the Department of Religious Studies,
University of Alberta. 2001/2002. ISSN 1496-2798

“‘Mingled with the Spirit’: The Holy Spirit and Prayer in Origen’s *On Prayer*.” In preparation
for publication.

Book Reviews

Review of Augustine and World Religions edited by Brian Brown, et al. in *Augustinian Studies*.
Forthcoming.

Review of The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century – Responses to
Miscellaneous Questions edited by Raymond Canning in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly*.
Forthcoming.

Review of Jesus of Nazareth by Pope Benedict XVI in *Conrad Grebel Review* 25.3 (2007): 106
8.

Review of Corpus Mysticum: The Eucharist and the Church in the Middle Ages by Henri
Cardinal de Lubac in *Conrad Grebel Review*. In preparation for publication.

Conference Presentations:

“The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Virginal Conception of Christ according to Cyril of
Alexandria,” XVth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August
2007

“‘Mingled with the Spirit’: The Holy Spirit and Prayer in Origen’s *On Prayer*,” Annual Meeting
of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2006. A different version of this
paper was also presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Patristic
Studies, Winnipeg, May 2004

“Augustine and the Vision of God: The Evolution of Augustine’s Conception of the Attainment
of the Vision of God in *De Quantitate Animae*, *Confessiones*, and *De Trinitate*,” XIVth
International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 2003

Invited Lectures:

“The History and Theology of Eastern Orthodox Christianity,” McMaster University, Hamilton,
Ontario, February 2007

“Pneumatology and Soteriology in Cyril of Alexandria’s Interpretation of Christ’s Baptism,” The
Patristics Seminar of the Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, January 2007

Service to the Church

“Giving to Caesar what is Caesar’s,” Saint Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church, Floyd Knobs,
IN, October 2008

Volunteer Spiritual Care Provider (Chaplain), Grand River Hospital, Kitchener, Ontario, 2005-
Present

“From One Degree of Glory to Another: The Significance of the Transfiguration,” Sermon given
at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, 6 August 2006

“Salvation by Faith,” Sermon given at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, 26 March 2006

“On the Occasion of Isaac’s Baptism,” Sermon given at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, 25 September 25 2005

“Imitators, not Admirers: On Contemporaneity,” Sermon given at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, August 21, 2005

Instructor, “The History of Christianity,” Weekly class at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, 2005-2006

Instructor, “Theology through the 39 Articles,” Weekly class at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, 2004-2005

Instructor, “Augustine’s *Confessions*,” Weekly class at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, 2003-2004

Instructor, “The History of Christianity,” Weekly class at All Saints’ Anglican Church, Waterloo, Ontario, 2002-2003

University Experience and Service:

2004-2006: President, GSARS (Graduate Students Association Religion Studies), Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University

2003-2004: Student Representative (voting) at departmental meetings, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University

Membership in Professional Societies:

North American Patristics Society

Canadian Society for Patristic Studies

American Academy of Religion

Catholic Theological Society of America

Languages:

Reading knowledge of Greek, Latin, and French