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EDUCATION:

May 2002	Caspersen School of Graduate Studies Drew University , Madison, NJ Ph.D. Liturgical Studies <i>Dissertation:</i> “Encountering the Word: from a bipartite understanding of word and sacrament towards a holistic perspective on the Eucharistic liturgy.” <i>Advisor:</i> Charles Rice, Ph.D.
May 1996	St. Vladimir’s Seminary , Yonkers, NY M.Div.
June 1991	University of California, Santa Cruz B.A. Biology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2011-present	St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary , Yonkers NY <i>Assistant Professor, Homiletics and Rhetoric</i> <i>Director, DMin Program</i> <i>Director, Compelling Preaching Program (beginning 2023)</i>
2000-2011	Holy Apostles College and Seminary , Cromwell, CT <i>Assistant Professor, Patristics and Rhetoric</i> <i>Director of Distance Learning</i>

PRESENTATIONS:

November 2023	“Power Made Perfect in Weakness: Ascetical theology as homiletical antidote to rage addiction” North American Academy of Homiletics, Atlanta GA
September 2023	“The Creativity of the Humbled Soul: Preaching as an invitation to ascesis for preachers and hearers.” Lausanne-Orthodox International Conference: Worship, Liturgy & Discipleship, Södertälje, Stockholm, Sweden
January 2023	“The Liturgical Homily as Sacred Art;” “An Orthodox Christian Rhetoric of Humility” International Orthodox Theological Association, Volos, Greece.
November 2021	“Preaching the Impossible in the Face of the Unthinkable: a homiletical analysis of Fr. Boules George’s Holy Monday sermon after the Palm Sunday bombings” North American Academy of Homiletics (online conference)
February 2021	“Heartbreaking Beauty: images of wonder and repentance” St. Vladimir’s Seminary Conference on Sacred Arts (online conference).
December 2020	“Encountering Christ in Trauma: a theology of preaching Christ Crucified,” North American Academy of Homiletics (online conference).
June 2019	“Iconic Biblical Preaching: Homily as Sacred Image,” 2019 Notre Dame Preaching Conference, South Bend IN.

- May 2019 "Shadow of Death: the function of violent imagery in the New Testament," OCABS Symposium, St. Paul MN.
- January 2016 "Disruptive Innovation and Entrepreneurial Online Education," St. Tikhon's University, Moscow (via teleconference).
- October 2014 "The Tradition of Liturgical Homilies and the Implications for Contemporary Homiletic Practice" *Pappas Patristic Institute: Patristic Preaching and its History of Reception*, Boston MA.
- January 2014 "The Inverted Classroom: How good teaching goes beyond content delivery," St. Tikhon's University, Moscow (via teleconference).
- January 2014 "Eucharistic Preaching" *Academy of Preachers: National Festival of Young Preachers*, Atlanta GA; Indianapolis IN.
- January 2013 "Bits, Bytes and the Body of Christ: Establishing and maintaining community in theological distance education." St. Tikhon's University, Moscow (via teleconference)
- December 2011 "Preaching Transformation: Eucharistic Homiletics and the Presence of Christ" *North American Academy of Homiletics*, Austin TX.
- August 2011 "God's Perfect Love," *New England Youth Rally*, St. Methodios Faith and Heritage Center, Contokook, NH.
- September 2008 "Encountering the Word: Spirituality of Preacher and Hearer," *Catholic Coalition on Preaching*, Louisville, KY.
- December 2006 "Applied Principles of Christian Leadership," *St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral*, Minneapolis, MN .
- October 2006 "Music in the life of the Orthodox community" *Global Praise Working Group*, New York, NY.
- March 2006 "The Prophetic and Life-giving Word" *Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of the South, Orthodox Church in America*, Atlanta GA.
- January 2006 "Orthodox Ecclesiology from the Perspective of Preaching," *Fourth Consultation on Orthodox and Wesleyan Spirituality*, Crestwood NY.
- April 2004 "Preaching in the Orthodox Church," *Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of Eastern PA, Orthodox Church in America*, South Canaan PA.
- June 2003 "Speaking the Word of God as Laypersons," *Metropolis of Boston, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese*, Brookline MA.
- December 2002 "Finding Christ in Troubled Times: a reflection on the Nativity of Jesus Christ," Madison, WI.
- Nov 2001 "The New Homiletic and the Liturgical Movement," *North American Academy of Homiletics*, St. Louis, November 2001.
- Nov 2000 "The Word Made Flesh: reflections on the art and craft of liturgical preaching," *Connecticut Deanery, Orthodox Church in America*, New Haven, CT.

PUBLICATIONS:

Regular contributor to *The Preacher* The College of Preachers, Nottingham UK.

"The Liturgical Homily as Sacred Art" in *Essays from St. Vladimir's Symposium on Liturgy and Sacred Arts* ed. Grant White and Rossitza Schroeder. (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press) forthcoming.

"Preaching the Impossible in the Face of the Unthinkable: Nonviolence, Love, and Thanksgiving in a Coptic Easter Sermon." In *Religions* 2024, 15, 455.
<https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/15/4/455/pdf>

"Preaching in the Orthodox Theological Family" in *Preaching the Manifold Grace of God, Vol. 1 Theologies of Preaching in Historical Theological Families*. ed. Ron Allen (Eugene OR, Cascade Books, 2022)

"Hard, Fat and Dull Hearts: the function of divinely induced obduracy in Exodus 4-14, Isaiah 6 and Matthew 13" in *Festschrift in Honor of V. Rev. Dr. Paul Nadim Tarazi* ed. Andrea Bakas (US: OCABS Press, 2020) 91-106.

“Repentance and God’s Kingdom: Theological Implications of Matthew 4:17 for Liturgical Preaching,” North American Academy of Homiletics, Fall 2019.

“You are the Man: 2 Samuel 11–12 as a rhetorical paradigm for contemporary preaching” in Festschrift in Honor of Paul Nadim Tarazi Vol 3, ed. Tom Dykstra, (New York: Peter Lang, 2015).

"Preaching Justice to the Unjust" in "Social Justice Review" Vol. 103 No. 1-2 (January-February, 2012): 18-21.

“Online Teaching and Learning: On the Road to Developing Distance Learning Standards for Communities of Learners.” *Seminary Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (Spring 2009): 64-72.

Review essay on *Being with God: Trinity, Apophaticism, and Divine–Human Communion* by Aristotle Papanikolaou. *Conversations in Religion & Theology* (November 2008 6:2 p 123–133) Article first published online : 19 OCT 2008.

“Orthodox Ecclesiology from the Perspective of Preaching,” in *Orthodox and Wesleyan Ecclesiology*, ed. S T Kimbrough, Jr. (Crestwood NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2007), 271-87

“The Context of the Eucharistic Liturgy,” in *Preaching at the Double Feast: Homiletics for Eucharistic Worship*, ed. Michael Monshau (Collegeville MN: Liturgical Press, 2006), 111-49.

“Church Reading: a vital ministry,” PSALM Notes (Spring 2002 6:1 p 1-7).

“The New Homiletic: a retrospective,” review essay on *The Homiletical Plot* by Eugene Lowry. *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* (2002 46:1 p 88-94).

“Theology of Preaching in the Orthodox Tradition in Twentieth-Century North America,” *Sewanee Theological Review* (Easter 2001 44:2 p 176-95).

“Changes and Challenges: Eucharist and Word in the Orthodox Church” *Regeneration* (Winter-Spring 1998 4:1 p 42-3).