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## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH**

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**New Testament and Early Christianity:** Ascetical and Mystical Traditions in the New Testament and Early Christianity; Jewish Roots of Early Christology and Pneumatology; Scripture Interpretation and Doctrinal Developments in Early Christianity; Byzantine Theology and Hymnography.

## **EDUCATION**

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<b>Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Marquette University,</b> Dissertation: "The Angelomorphic Spirit in Early Christianity: Scripture and Theology in Clement of Alexandria's <i>Eclogae propheticae</i> and <i>Adumbrationes</i> ." Co-Directors: Dr. Julian Hills, Dr. Alexander Golitzin.	<b>2002–2007</b>
<b>MA in Theology, Marquette University,</b> Thesis: "From Jewish Binitarianism to Gnostic Dualism: A Critical Discussion." Co-Directors: Dr. Alexander Golitzin, Dr. Deirdre Dempsey.	<b>2000–2002</b>
<b>Ph.D. Studies in Patristics, University of Bucharest, Romania,</b> Area: Pre-Nicene Literature. After the first part of the program (position papers and oral exams), I left for the U.S.	<b>1998–2000</b>
<b>MA in Biblical Studies, University of Bucharest, Romania,</b> Thesis: "Scripture Interpretation before Origen."	<b>1998–1999</b>
<b>Studies in Orthodox Theology, University of Bucharest, Romania</b> Thesis: "Irenaeus of Lugdunum as Precursor of Later Orthodox Doctrines"	<b>1995–1998</b>
<b>German High School, Bucharest, Romania</b> Major in Humanities	<b>1990–1994</b>

## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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<b>Assistant Professor of Theology,</b> Duquesne University	<b>2007–</b>
<b>Teaching Fellow,</b> Marquette University	<b>2005–2006</b>
<b>Teaching Assistant,</b> Marquette University	<b>2000–2005</b>

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Book:**

*Angelomorphic Pneumatology: Clement of Alexandria and Other Early Christian Witnesses.* Vigiliae Christianae Supplements 95 (Leiden/ Boston: Brill, 2009)

Reviews: *Vigiliae christianae*; *Review of Biblical Literature*; *Journal of Theological Studies*; *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.

Editor: Alexander Golitzin with Bogdan Bucur, *Mystagogy: A Monastic Reading of Dionysius Areopagita* (Cistercian Press, forthcoming)

### **Journal articles:**

"Gregory Nazianzen's Exegesis of Hab 3:2 (LXX) and Its Reception: A Lesson from Byzantine Scripture Exegesis," *Pro Ecclesia* 20 (2011): 86-103 [with Elijah Mueller];

"'Early Christian Binitarianism': From Religious Phenomenon to Polemical Insult to Scholarly Concept," *Modern Theology* 27 (2011): 102-120;

"Matt 17:1-9 as a Vision of a Vision: A Neglected Strand in the Patristic Reception of the Transfiguration," *Neotestamentica* 44 (2010): 15-30;

"Sinai, Zion, and Tabor: An Entry into the Christian Bible," *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4 (2010): 33-52;

"The Place of the *Hypotyposesis* in the Clementine Corpus: An Apology for the 'Other Clement of Alexandria'," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17 (2009): 313-335;

"Hierarchy, Prophecy, and the Angelomorphic Spirit: A Contribution to the Study of the Book of Revelation's *Wirkungsgeschichte*," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 127 (2008): 183-204;

"Theophanies and Vision of God in Augustine's *De Trinitate*: An Eastern Orthodox Perspective," *Saint Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 52 (2008): 67-93;

"Early Christian Angelomorphic Pneumatology: Aphrahat the Persian Sage," *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 11 (2008);

"The Angelic Spirit in Early Christianity: Justin, the Martyr and Philosopher," *Journal of Religion* 88 (2008): 190-208;

"Ps-Dionysius East and West: Unities, Differentiations, and the Exegesis of Biblical Theophanies," *Dionysius* 26 (2008): 115-138.

"Foreordained from All Eternity: The Mystery of the Incarnation According to Some Early Christian and Byzantine Writers," *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* 62 (2008): 199-215;

"Matt. 18:10 in Early Christology and Pneumatology: A Contribution to the Study of Matthean *Wirkungsgeschichte*," *Novum Testamentum* 49 (2007): 209-31;

"Exegesis of Biblical Theophanies in Byzantine Hymnography: Rewritten Bible," *Theological Studies* 68 (2007): 92-112;

"*The Feet that Eve Heard in Paradise and Was Afraid*: Observations on the Christology of Byzantine Festal Hymns," *Philosophy and Theology* (2007): 3-26;

- "The Theological Reception of Dionysian Apophatism in the Christian East and West: Thomas Aquinas and Gregory Palamas," *Downside Review* 125 (2007): 131–146;
- "Revisiting Christian Oeyen: 'The Other Clement' on Father, Son, and the Angelomorphic Spirit," *Vigiliae christianae* 61 (2007): 381–413;
- "The Son of God and the Angelomorphic Holy Spirit: A Rereading of the *Shepherd's* Christology," *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft* 98 (2007): 121–143;
- "Observations on the Ascetic Doctrine of the *Shepherd of Hermas*," *Studia Monastica* 48 (2006): 7–23;
- "The Other Clement: Cosmic Hierarchy and Interiorized Apocalypticism," *Vigiliae christianae* 60 (2006): 251–268;
- "The Place of Splendor and Light: Observations on the Paraphrasing of Enn 4.8.1 in the Theology of Aristotle" [co-author, with Cristina Bucur], *Le Muséon* 119 (2006): 271–292.

#### **Articles in volumes:**

- "'I Am the Image of Your Glory': Exegesis and Intertextuality in a Byzantine Funeral Hymn," in *The Bible in the Christian Orthodox Tradition* (ed. Vahan S. Hovhannessian; Peeters, 2012), under contract, following a presentation at the Society of Biblical Literature (2010).
- "Vision, Exegesis, and Theology in the Reception History of Hab 3:2 (LXX), in "What Does the Scripture Say?": *Studies in the Function of Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity*. Volume 2: *The Letters and Liturgical Traditions* (SSEJC 18; ed. Craig A. Evans and H. Daniel Zacharias; London and New York: T & T Clark International, 2011), forthcoming;
- "The Mountain of the Lord: Sinai, Zion, and Eden in Byzantine Hymnographic Exegesis," in *Symbola Caelestis: Le symbolisme liturgique et paraliturgique dans le monde chrétien* (ed. B. Lourié and A. Orlov; Piscataway, NY: Gorgias, 2009), 129–172;
- "The Divine 'Face' and the 'Angels of the Face': Jewish Apocalyptic Themes in Early Christology and Pneumatology," in *Apocalyptic Themes in Early Christianity* (Edited by Robert Daly, S.J.; Baker Academic, 2009), 143–153;
- "Exegesis of Isaiah 11:2 in Aphrahat the Persian Sage," in *Early Christian Literature and Intertextuality* (Edited by Craig Evans; London / New York: T & T Clark International, 2009), 188–199.
- "The Angelomorphic Spirit in Early Christianity: Revelation, the *Shepherd of Hermas*, Clement of Alexandria," in *The Theophaneia School: Jewish Roots of Christian Mysticism* (Edited by A. Orlov, B. Lurie; Scrinium 3; St. Petersburg: Byzantinorossica, 2007): 3–29.

#### **Dictionary entries:**

- Entries on "Clement of Alexandria," "John of Damascus," "Ignatius of Antioch," "Transfiguration," "Ps.-Macarian Homilies," "Shepherd of Hermas," and "Symeon the New Theologian," for the *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Ed. Glen G. Scorgie; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011).
- "From Jewish Apocalypticism to Orthodox Mysticism," in the *The Orthodox Christian World* (Ed. Augustine Casiday; Blackwell), forthcoming.
- "Mysticism in the Pre-Nicene Era," in *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Mysticism* (Ed. Julia Lamm; Wiley Blackwell), forthcoming.

**Book reviews:**

- A. Lange, H. Lichtenberger, K. F. D. Römheld (eds.), *Die Dämonen: Die Dämonologie der Israelitisch-jüdischen und Frühchristlichen Literatur im Kontext ihrer Umwelt* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2003): *Theological Studies* 65 (2004): 630–631;
- Norman Russel, *The Doctrine of Deification in the Greek Patristic Tradition* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004): *Theological Studies* 67 (2006): 674–675.
- Henny Fiskå Hägg, *Clement of Alexandria and the Beginnings of Christian Apophaticism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006): *Theological Studies* 68 (2007): 921–922;
- Dale C. Allison, Jr., *Studies in Matthew: Interpretation Past and Present* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 2005): *Review of Biblical Literature* 3 (2008);
- Dan Jaffé, *Le Talmud et les origines juives du christianisme* (Paris: Cerf, 2007): *Review of Biblical Literature* 1 (2008);
- Dan Jaffé, *Le judaïsme et l'avènement du christianisme: Orthodoxie et hétérodoxie dans la littérature talmudique Ier-IIe siècle* (Paris: Cerf, 2005): *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16 (2008): 257–259;
- George E. Demacopoulos, *Five Models of Spiritual Direction in the Early Church* (Notre Dame University Press, 2007): *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 61 (2009): 149–151.
- Edith Humphrey, "And I Turned to See the Voice: The Rhetoric of Vision in the New Testament" (Baker Academic, 2007): *Anglican Theological Review* 91 (2009): 161–162;
- Sarah Coakley and Charles M. Stang, eds. *Re-Thinking Dionysius the Areopagite* (Malden, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009): *Theological Studies* 71 (2010): 750–751;
- Melvin K. H. Peters, ed., *XIII Congress of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies, Ljubljana, 2007* (SBLSCS 55; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2008): *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011): 189–190;
- Robert J. Hiebert (ed.), "Translation Is Required": *The Septuagint in Retrospect and Prospect* (SBLSCS 56; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2010): *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- Dmitrij Bumazhnov, *Visio mystica im Spannungsfeld frühchristlicher Überlieferungen: Die Lehre der sogenannten Antoniusbriefe von der Gottes- und Engelschau und das Problem unterschiedlicher spiritueller Traditionen im frühen Ägyptischen Mönchtum* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009): *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (forthcoming).

**Essays:**

- "The Transfiguration on Tabor: A Vision of a Vision," in *Kalima/ The Word*, a monthly review of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, June 2010.
- "From Vision to Exegesis and Theology: Observations about an Unexpected Icon of St. Gregory Nazianzen," in *Credința/ The Faith* 2009 (yearly almanac of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the USA), 133–139.
- "One of Us: Praising Christ with the Hymns of Nativity," in *Kalima/ The Word*, a monthly review of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, December 2008.
- "On the Vocation of Theological Formation," interview published in ARCA (a Romanian review of humanistic culture), Part I: Winter 2008; Part II: Spring 2009.

Since June 2009, monthly essays in “Conștiința Ortodoxă,” a theological magazine published in Romania.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2012:** "Le judaïsme dans tous ses états aux Ier-IIIe siècles (des chrétiens, des rabbins et des synagogaux)," Université de Lausanne (12-14 December 2012), invited speaker.
- 2011:** "Luke 24 on Genesis 3" (Society for Biblical Literature, San Francisco, 19-22 November 2011)  
 Panelist, "Development of Early Trinitarian Theology: Use of the Old Testament in Early Trinitarian Theology" (SBL, San Francisco, 19-22 November 2011)  
 "Exegesis and Intertextuality in Anastasius the Sinaite's Homily on the Transfiguration," 16th International Conference on Patristic Studies (Oxford, 8-13 August 2011)  
 "Entering the Glory of God: Luke 24 as Christian Midrash on Genesis 3" (OTSA: Orthodox Theological Society of America, Boston, 14-17 September 2011)  
 Panelist at the Holy Spirit Lecture and Colloquium (Duquesne University, 23 September 2011)  
 A two-day "Seminar on Orthodox Spirituality," *2011 National Workshop on Christian Unity* (Pittsburgh, 10-11 May 2011)
- 2010:** "Matt. 17:1-9 as a Vision of a Vision: A Neglected Strand in the Patristic Exegesis of Transfiguration" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, May 2010)  
 "*I am the Image of Your Glory*: Exegesis and Intertextuality in a Byzantine Funeral Hymn" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Atlanta, GA, November 2010)  
 "Transformational Mysticism in Eastern Christianity: Points of Continuity and Discontinuity with Jewish Apocalypticism" (*Religious Studies Colloquium*, University of Pittsburgh, 22 September 2010)
- 2009:** "The Use of 'Binitarianism' and 'Spirit Christology' in Early Christian Studies" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, May 2009);  
 "The Vision of Habakkuk in the LXX and Its Christian Reception" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; New Orleans, Nov. 2009)  
 "From Vision to Exegesis and Theology: Observations about an Unexpected Icon of Gregory Nazianzen" (Symposium on the Exegesis and Theology of the Fathers at Concordia University, Montreal, February 2009).
- 2008:** "Biblical Exegesis in Byzantine hymnography and iconography" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Boston, Nov. 2008)  
 "Sinai and Zion and Tabor: A Byzantine Perspective on Entering the Bible" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Boston, Nov. 2008)  
 "The Holy Spirit and the Angelic Powers in Justin Martyr" (Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, May 2008)  
 "Early Christian Binitarianism and its Trinitarian Significance" (Annual Conference of the Pappas Patristic Institute, Boston, Oct 2008);  
 Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 2008 Colloquium: Panel discussion of Edith Humphrey, *And I Turned to See the Vision: The Rhetoric of Vision in the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Academic, 2007);
- 2007** "*Wirkungsgeschichte* of Matt. 18:10" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; San Diego, Nov. 2007)

- "Exegesis of Isa 11:2 in Aphrahat the Persian Sage" (Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; San Diego, Nov. 2007)
- "*All know it is He: Recognizing God in Byzantine Hymnography and Iconography*"  
(*Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference*, Villanova University, Oct 2007);
- 2006:** "The Angelomorphic Spirit in Early Christianity: Aphrahat the Persian Sage"  
(Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Washington, Nov. 2006)
- "The Hymnographic Exegesis of Theophanies in the Christian East: Re-Written Bible?"  
(Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Washington, Nov. 2006)
- "The Ascetic Doctrine of the *Shepherd of Hermas*"  
(Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2006)
- "The Reception of Ps.-Dionysius East and West: Thomas Aquinas and Gregory Palamas on Unities and Differentiations in God"  
(International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2006)
- 2005:** "On Climbing the Cosmic Ladder: Clement of Alexandria's Hierarchical Cosmology and Its Innovations"  
(Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Philadelphia, Nov. 2005)
- "*The Feet That Eve Heard in Paradise and Was Afraid: The Christology of Byzantine Hymns*"  
(American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Nov. 2005)
- "Clement of Alexandria and His Relevance on the Pneumatomachian Debate"  
(Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2005)
- Commentaries on papers by John D. Jones and David Bradshaw  
(International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2005)
- 2004:** "Thearchy and the Thearchic Spirit in Dionysius the Ps.-Areopagite"  
(Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 2004)
- "Jewish Apocalyptic Themes in Early Christology and Pneumatology"  
(Annual Conference of the Pappas Patristic Institute, Boston, Nov 2004);
- "Becoming an Angel of the Face: Clement of Alexandria's Celestial Hierarchy"  
(*Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism*, Marquette University, Apr. 2004);
- 2003:** "Christ and Christomorphic Anthropology in the Thought of Irenaeus of Lyon"  
(*Jewish Roots of Eastern Christian Mysticism*, Marquette University, Apr 2003).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Duquesne University Courses

THEO 693, Ph.D. Seminar (Pentateuch from a Reception History Perspective)	Fall 2010
THEO 693, Ph.D. Seminar (O.T. Theophanies and their Reception History)	Fall 2008
THEO 510, M.A. course (Introduction to the Old Testament)	Fall 2009
THEO 214 (The New Testament)	Fall 2007
THEO 215 (Jesus in the Visual Arts)	Spr 2010, 2011
CORE 184 (Introduction to the Bible)	semestral

**Marquette University Courses**

THEO 135 (Theology in the Early Church)

Fall 2006

**Courses taught for the Diaconal Vocations Program of the Orthodox Church in America**Introduction to the New Testament; Church History and Patristics;  
Orthodox Dogmatic Theology; Orthodox Liturgical Theology**Courses taught at the German High School, Bucharest**

Introduction to World Religions

1998–1999

Introduction to Christian Theology

1998–1999

**SERVICE**

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PhD Dissertation Board Member

Rob Douglass (defense November 14, 2007);

Patricia Sharbaugh (defense December 9, 2008)

Daniel Lattier

PhD Dissertation Director for Ms. Regina Oliva, Mr. Cory Hayes

Academic advisor to Mr. Dan Lattier

Book Acquisitions Committee, Duquesne University Dep. of Theology;

**HONORS**

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Dissertation Fellowship, Marquette University

2006–2007

Teaching Fellow, Marquette University

2005–2006

Teaching Assistant, Marquette University

2000–2005

Doctoral Fellow, University of Bucharest

1998–2000

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

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Society for Biblical Literature (SBL); North American Patristic Society (NAPS); International Association of Patristic Studies; Catholic Biblical Association (CBA); Orthodox Theological Society of America (OTSA).

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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*The Reception History of the Bible: A Colloquium* (Duquesne University, 2009, 2010, 2011)

Co-organizer (with Dr. William Wright);

*SYMBOLON: Exegesis and Doctrine in Early Christianity* (2007—).Seminar at Duquesne University ([www.theology.duq.edu/SYMBOLON.htm](http://www.theology.duq.edu/SYMBOLON.htm)).*Jewish Roots of Christian Mysticism* (2002–2005).Interdisciplinary Seminar at Marquette University ([www.mu.edu/maqom](http://www.mu.edu/maqom)).**REFERENCES**

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