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CURRICULUM VITAE

Biographical Data

Born: October 29, 1962 in Córdoba, Argentina
Married; father of three daughters and two sons

Education

- **Bachelor in Sacred Theology.** Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires 1990.
STB Thesis: “Maximos Confessor’s Μυσταγωγία in the Context of Early Commentaries on Liturgy”.
- **Licenciate in Philosophy.** Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina 1986
Lic. Thesis: “From Gabriel Biel to Sören Kierkegaard through Martin Luther: Faith and Reason”.
- **Dr. phil.** Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina 1996
Diss.: “Αεικίνητος Στάσις. The dynamic of being towards unity in the reflection of Maximos the Confessor”
Advisor: Prof. María Mercedes Bergadá
- **Dr. theol.** Universität Tübingen, Germany, 2003
Diss.: “Der Heilige Geist bei Symeon dem Neuen Theologen”.
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Hermann-Josef Vogt
- **Dr. phil. cand.** Cultures and Languages of the Christian East. Fakultät für Kulturwissenschaften. Universität Tübingen (1997-2001)
Diss.: “The Syriac Liber Graduum and Messalianism”
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Stephan Gerö

Teaching Experience

- 2011– Professor, Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät. Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz
- 2009–11 Cross-appointed to the Department and Centre for the Study of Religion. University of Toronto
- 2007–11 Director of the *Eastern Christian Studies Program*
- 2006 Tenure
- 2003–11 Professor of Patristics & Historical Theology. Faculty of Theology. St. Michael’s College. University of Toronto, Canada
- 2002–03 Assistant Professor of Liturgy. Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, Universität Tübingen, Germany

- 1999–01 Assistant Professor of History of the Church and Patrology. Theologische Fakultät Paderborn, Paderborn, Germany
- 1991-96 Lecturer of Patristics and Philosophy. Benedictine Abbey “Cristo Rey”, Argentina
- 1995-96 Lecturer of Patristics and Philosophy. Theological Seminary of the Archdiocese Córdoba, Argentina
- 1992-94 Lecturer of Patristics and Philosophy. Theological Seminary of the Diocese Morón, Argentina
- 1990-91 Lecturer of Patristics and Liturgy. Theological Seminary of the Diocese Zárate, Argentina
- 1986-90 Instructor of Patristics, Greek and Latin. Benedictine Abbey “Cristo Rey”, Tucumán, Argentina

Courses

Sem (seminar) R (reading course)

F (fall term) W (winter term) S (summer term)

On-Site Courses

- The Fathers of the Church (Greece & Turkey) (April-May 2009)
- Byzantine Christianity (Greece & Turkey) (April-May 2009)
- Early Christian Art (Italy) (April 2010)

I. Philosophy

- Introduction to Philosophy (S 1986; S 1987; S 1994; S 1995)
- Philosophy in Late Antiquity (W 1987; S 1989)
- History of Ancient Philosophy (W 1988)
- History of medieval Philosophy (W 1988)
- Philosophical Theology (W 1991)

II. Languages

- Latin I (S 1991; S 1993)
- Latin II (W 1992; W 1994)
- Greek I (W 1990; S 1992; S 1996)
- Greek II (W 1993; W 1996)
- *Regula Benedicti* and *Liber II Dialogorum* (R S 2000)
- *Cyril's Commentary on John* (R W 2005)
- Byzantine Greek: Symeon the New Theologian's *Hymns* (W 1996)

III. History of the Early Church & Patristics

- History of Christianity I (W 1991; F 2003; F 2004; F 2005; F 2008; F 2009)
- Patristics I: Greek and Oriental Church Fathers (S 1986; S 1988; w 1990)
- Patristics II: Latin Church Fathers (W 1987, W 1987)

IV. Major Patristic Authors

- The Apostolic Fathers: Historical, Literary and Theological Background (F 2004; S 2007)
- The Theology of Irenaeus of Lyon (F 2005)
- The Mystagogical Catecheses of Cyril of Jerusalem (F 2007)
- Athanasius of Alexandria (F 2010)
- Basil of Caesarea (F 2008)
- Cyril & the Church of Alexandria (W 2011)
- Ephrem & Syriac Patristic Theology (F 2009)
- Gregory of Nazianzus' Theological Orations: Rhetoric and Dogma (W 2005; S 2007)
- Gregory of Nazianzus (R W 2007)
- Gregory of Nyssa (W 2009)
- The Liturgical Sermons of Leo the Great (W 2006)
- Maximus Confessor (W 2004)
- Maximus Confessor's Commentary on the Lord's Prayer. Structure and Context of Other Patristic Commentaries (Sem W 1995)

V. Doctrine in the Early Church

- The Bible in Early Christianity (F 2007)
- The Trinity & Christ in Early Christianity (W 2011)
- Jesus the Christ in Early Christianity (W 2009)
- The Holy Spirit in Theology and Liturgy in Early Christianity (W 2006)
- Pneumatology in the Fourth Century (Sem F 2003)

- The Holy Spirit (R F 2005; W 2006)
- The Holy Spirit throughout Tradition (R W 2004)
- Creeds in Early Christianity (Sem F 2007)
- Holy City. Holy Places. Holy Things (F 2009)

VI. *Spirituality in the Early Church*

- Christian Spirituality: Early Church (S 1994; F 2006)
- A Sociological Approach to Early Monasticism (Sem S 1993)
- Comparative Study of Eastern and Western Monasticism in the Early Church (Sem S 1990)
- Prayer in the Christian East: Private and Communitarian Prayer in Early Christian Literature (Sem S 1992)
- Πένθος in the Early Church and Byzantium (Sem W 2004)
- Female Ascetics in Holy Land in Early Christianity [with Prof. Dan Bahat] (Sem F 2008)

VII. *Liturgy*

- Introduction to Liturgy with Special Focus on Ancient Eastern Christian Rites (S 2003)
- Introduction to Liturgy (F 2005)
- Liturgy in the Early Church (W 1994)
- The Eucharist in the Early Church (W 2005)
- Sacramental Theology of the Orthodox and Eastern Churches (Sem F 2003)
- Sacramental Theologies of the Orthodox Churches (R 2006)
- Liturgy and Sacraments (R W 2004)
- Eucharistic Prayers. Ancient & Reformed (Sem F 2006)
- The Altar: Theology, Phenomenology, Architecture (R F 2007)

VIII. *Byzantium*

- Aristotle in the Early Byzantine Period (Sem W 1993)
- The reception of Neo-Platonism in Byzantium (Sem W 1994)
- Ascetic-Mystical Theology in the Byzantine Church (Sem W 2000/2001)
- The Theme of Light in the Homilies of Ps-Macarius (Sem W 1992)
- Hesychastic Tradition in Byzantium and Syria (R W 2010)
- Χαιροποιὸν πένθος. Penance in Medieval Byzantium (Sem S 1991)
- The Great Oriental Schism of 1054: Causes. Events. Actual consequences (Sem S 2001)
- Development of Penance in the East (R W 2005)
- The Schism between East and West. Historical and Doctrinal Evolution (R F 2005)

IX. *Christian East*

- Ancient Syrian Theology and Spirituality (R F 2007)
- Eastern Liturgical Traditions with Special Focus on Ethiopian Christianity (R F 2005)
- Apophaticism in the Ethiopian Anaphorae (R W 2007)

XI. *Orthodoxy*

- Orthodox Sacramental Theology (R W 2005)
- Orthodox and Catholic Ecclesiologies in the Twentieth Century (R W 2005)

XI. *Colloquium*

- Colloquium for Doctoral Students on Early Christianity (W 2004; F 2006)

XII. *Research Sabbatical*

- Research Sabbatical (W 2008; W 2010)

Organizer of Seminars, Reading & Conversation Groups

1. Patristic Seminar. Toronto School of Theology
<http://tstpatristics.wordpress.com/about>
2. Liturgy Seminar. Toronto School of Theology
<http://tst-liturgy-seminar.blogspot.com>
3. Classical Greek Reading Group. Toronto School of Theology
<http://tstgreeklatin.blogspot.com>
4. Latin Reading Group. Toronto School of Theology
<http://tstgreeklatin.blogspot.com>
5. French Conversation Group “Café Français”
<http://www.adsa.ca/academic/seminars-at-TST/french-conversation-group>
6. Workshop: Celebration of the Eucharist. Toronto School of Theology

Conferences, Papers and Congresses

1. Societas Orientalium Liturgiarum Conference. Beirut, Lebanon, July 2012. Lecture: "The Holy Spirit in Syro-Palestinian Liturgies. The case of the V Mystagogical Catechesis and the Catechetical Homilies of Theodore of Mopsuestia".
2. Exegesis and Theology in the Antiochian Schools of Antioch, Edessa and Nisibis. Institute of Theology. University of Balamand, Lebanon. 22-26 February 2012. Paper: "Exegesis of Scripture in the Syriac Ktaba Dmasqata".
3. Patristic Ecumenical Conference on Gregory of Nazianzus. Athens, 5-7 December 2011. Paper: "The Impact of Basil's *De Spiritu Sancto* upon the Pneumatology of Gregory of Nazianzus"
4. The Family through the Centuries in the Orthodox Church. 20 years of the Theological Faculty at the University of Oradea, Romania. 10-12 October 2011. Paper: "Family Relationships in Gregory of Nazianzus".
5. Lecture: "Cyril of Alexandria in the Political Context of Fifth-Century Alexandria" at the St. Philopateer Coptic Orthodox Church. Dallas, TX, USA. 10 July, 2011.
6. Ethiopian and Oriental Orthodox Conference. Dallas, TX, USA, 7-10 July, 2011. Lecture: "Ritual Studies and Rituallity in the Non-Chalcedonian Churches".
7. 58^e Semaine d'Études Liturgiques Saint Serge : « Jeûne et pratiques de repentance : dimensions communautaires et liturgiques ». Institut de théologie orthodoxe Saint Serge, Paris, 27 June – 30 June 2011. Lecture: "Les pratiques de jeûne à Jérusalem d'après le témoignage de l'*Itinerarium Aegeriae*".
8. Verba Domini. Lingua e Chiesa nell'Italia pre-Tridentina. The Church and Vernacular Italian before the Council of Trent. International Workshop. University of Toronto. Department of Italian Studies, 23-25 March 2011
9. "Les mystiques syriaques », Société d'Études Syriaques. Paris, 19 November 2010
10. La christologie patristique. Université Paul Verlaine, Metz, France, 17-18 November, 2010. Lecture: "La christologie de Cyrille de Jérusalem"
11. « 85 ans de l'Institut de Théologie Orthodoxe Saint Serge et 90 ans de la fermeture de l'Académie Saint-Serge à Moscou » Institut de Théologie Orthodoxe Saint Serge, Paris, 12-13 November 2010. Communication : « Le rôle de l'Institut Saint Serge dans la médiation de la théologie orthodoxe en Occident »
12. The Actuality of Saint Basil the Great. Abo Akademi University. Faculty of Theology Åbo [Turku], Finland, 20-23 September, 2010. Lecture: "Basil's *De Spiritu Sancto*. Its Structure and Relevance".
13. 57^e Semaine d'Études Liturgiques Saint Serge : « La Liturgie comme témoin de l'Église ». Institut de théologie orthodoxe Saint Serge, Paris, 28 June – 1 July 2010. Lecture: "L'Esprit et l'Église dans les rites liturgiques dans les Homélie Catéchétiques de Théodore de Mopsueste".
14. World Council of Churches. Public Witness: Addressing Power and Affirming Peace. Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum. "The People of God in the Bible and Tradition: Semantic Implications and Modern Relevance". 25-30 May 2010, Balamand, Lebanon. Lecture: "The People of God in the Different Liturgical Traditions"
15. Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz. Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, Graz, Austria. Lecture: "Die Mystagogischen Katechesen". February 3, 2010.
16. John the Damascene: Theology, Image and Melody. St. John of Damascus Institute of Theology. University of Balamand, Balamand, Lebanon. December 1-3, 2009. Lecture:

- “Car l’arche du Seigneur aujourd’hui est entrée dans son repos (*II Dorm*, 16). Les traditions anciennes sur la Dormition et Assomption de la Mère de Dieu dans les homélies de Jean Damascène sur la Dormition»
17. Canadian Society of Syriac Studies. Toronto, November 24, 2009. Lecture: “Repentance in the Book of Lamentations of Grigor Narekatsi”.
 18. Mostenirea spirituală a Sfinților Părinți Capadocieni pentru creștinii de pretutindeni (“The spiritual heritage of the Cappadocians for the multi-confessional and multi-ethnic Christian community today”) in Oradea, Romania, 5-9 October 2009. Lecture: “The Holy Spirit in the Theological Orations of Gregory of Nazianzus”
 19. Den Glauben an Gott Vater, Sohn und Heiliger Geist heute gemeinsam bekennen. Theologische Fachtagung zur 1200-jährigen Wiederkehr der Aachener Synode 809. Lecture: „Der Heilige Geist, die östliche Theologie und das *Decretum Aquisgranense*. Wie rezipiert das *Decretum Aquisgranense* die Kirchenväter?“ Aachen, Germany, 23-26 September 2009
 20. Coptic Heritage: History and Creativity. Second Annual Coptic Studies Symposium. University of Toronto, 21 March, 2009. Lecture: “Fourth-Century Pneumatological Controversy in Alexandria: Athanasius’s *Epistulae ad Serapionem*”
 21. Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät der Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany. 23 January, 2009. Lecture: “*Ta Hagia tois Hagiois*. Über das Heilige in den liturgischen Riten des späten 4. Jahrhunderts in Jerusalem”
 22. Liturgy Seminar. Toronto School of Theology. 5 November, 2008. Lecture: “Eucharistic Rites in Late Fourth-Century Jerusalem”
 23. Xth Symposium Syriacum – VIIIth Conference on Arab Christian Studies. Granada, Spain, 22-27 September 2008. Lecture: “The Holy Spirit in Early Syriac Literature”
 24. Semaine d’études liturgiques Saint Serge: “Les rites de communion” Saint Serge, Paris, 23-26 June 2008. Lecture “ Les rites eucharistiques dans les catéchèses de Cyrille de Jérusalem, en rapport avec la parution des rites semblables dans d’autres catéchèses contemporaines”
 25. Réceptions des Pères et de leurs écrits au Moyen Âge. Le devenir de la tradition ecclésiastique. Congrès international de la Société internationale pour l’Étude de la Théologie médiévale. Centre Sèvres, Paris, 11-14 June 2008. Lecture: “La réception des Pères à Byzance pendant le renouveau macédonien: Le cas de Syméon le Nouveau Théologien”
 26. Research in Greece (Patriarchal Institute of Patristic Studies, Thessaloniki) and Turkey. May-June 2008
 27. Canadian Society for Syriac Studies. Symposium VII: Syriac Mystical Tradition. 5 April, 2008.
 28. Lecture: “Ethiopia and Early Christianity”. North American Conference of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church. Los Angeles, California, USA, 17 January 2008
 29. Byzanz in Europa: Europas östliches Erbe. Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald, Greifswald, Germany. 11-15 December 2007. Lecture: “Pneumatologische Konzentration. Ein byzantinisches Erbe in der orthodoxen Theologie”
 30. Zweites Tübinger Symposium zum Christlichen Orient. Ägypten in der spätantiken Zeit. Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen. Tübingen, 6-7 December 2007. Lecture: “Zwischen Origenes, Athanasius und Kyrill: ein weiteres Kapitel der alexandrinischen Pneumatologie. Das Traktat ‘Über den Heiligen Geist’ des Didymos”
 31. The Thirty-Third North American Annual Byzantine Studies Conference. 11-14 October, 2007. University of Toronto. Lecture: “*Kathodon eis Haiden*. Infernal Drama in Romanos Melodos’ *Kontakia*”

32. North American Syriac Studies Symposium V. University of Toronto. 25-27 May, 2007. Lecture: "Perfects and Perfection in the *Book of Steps*". Chair of the Session Early Theology I.
33. Research Period in Rome, whole May 2007.
34. XXXVI Incontro di Studiosi dell'Antichità Cristiana. Pontificio Istituto Augustinianum, Rome. Lecture: "La Madre di Dio nei kontakia di Natale di Romano il Melodo". 3-5 May, 2007.
35. L'Église et la littérature vernaculaire dans la France médiévale. University of Toronto. 29-31 March, 2007. Chair of the Session: La narration de la sainteté.
36. The Reception and Interpretation of Scripture in Late Antiquity. Conference in Honour of Prof. Charles Kannengiesser. University of Concordia. Montreal, 19-22 October, 2006. Lecture: "A Catena of Biblical Penitential Texts in Maximus Confessor's *Liber Asceticus*?"
37. University of Durham, England. Lecture: "The Syriac *Liber Graduum*. A Sociological Approach". 1 March, 2006.
38. Conference of the Recipients of the Lilly Theological Grants. 24.-26 February 2006. ATS (Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada). Pittsburgh, PA/USA, 22-24 February 2006. Lecture: *Liber Graduum* and Syriac Spirituality in the Fourth Century.
39. First International Congress of the Christian Orient. Córdoba/Spain, 22-25 November 2005. Lecture: "Spirit, Light, and Fire in Joseph Hazzaya's Treatise on the Three Stages of Monastic Life".
40. Theologische Fakultät. Universität Erfurt, Germany: "Ontologie und Liturgie in der Mystagogia des Maximus Confessor". 28 October 2005
41. Origeniana Nona. Pecs/Hungary, 29 August - 2 September 2005. Lecture: "The Holy Spirit in the Third Chapter of the First Book of Origen's *De Principiis*".
42. Presentation: "The Syrian Orthodox Church. Its Theology and Spirituality". St. Mark Syrian Orthodox Church. Hamilton, 30 April, 2005.
43. Lecture: "The Relevance of Romanian Orthodoxy and Monasticism". Parohia Ortodoxă Romană Sfântul Dumitru. Toronto, 19 March, 2005,
44. The Place of Christ in Liturgical Prayer: Christology, Trinity, and Liturgical Theology. Yale University. Institute of Sacred Music. 24-27 February, 2005.
45. ATS (Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada) Consultation for Theological Education. Pittsburgh, PA, USA. 22-24 October, 2004.
46. Lecture "Contribution of Orthodox Theology to Roman Catholic Ecclesiology and Liturgy in the Twentieth Century". Greek Orthodox Theological Academy. Toronto, 3 May, 2004.
47. Constantinople: 550 Years since the Fall. Granada (Spain). 4-6 December, 2003. Lecture: "Constantinople between Two Millennia. The Testimony of Symeon the New Theologian in his Writings and Niketas' *Vita Symeonis*. Religious, Social, and Political Considerations".
48. Octavum Colloquium Origenianum. Pisa, August 27-31, 2001. Lecture: „Maximus Confessor's Criticism of Evagrian Origenism. The role of movement within ontology".
49. XXe Congrès international des Études byzantines. Paris, 19-25 August, 2001.
50. Symposium on Isaac of Nineveh. Bose, Italy, 30 June–1 July, 2001.
51. Semaine d'études liturgiques Saint-Serge. Paris, 26-29 June, 2001.

52. "Light. Theology and History in Early Byzantium". Lecture at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, 3 March, 2001.
53. "Becoming God. Only an ancient desire?" Lecture at the University of Notre Dame, 22 February, 2001.
54. American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature 2000 Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN, U.S.A. 18-21 November, 2000.
55. Eighth International Ecumenical Conference: Forms of Holiness in Russia (Organized by the Patriarchate of Moscow, the University of Turin and the Monastery of Bose). Bose, 20-23 September, 2000.
56. Eighth International Ecumenical Conference: Saint Nicodemus of Mount Athos and the *Philokalia* (Organized by the Patriarchate of Constantinople, the University of Turin and the Monastery of Bose). Bose, Italy, 16-19 September, 2000.
57. "Patristic Liturgy. A way of spirituality in the Church". Course at the "Centro de Espiritualidad 'Nuestra Señora del Carmen'". Córdoba. April-July 1996.
58. "The Theotokos from the liturgical-patristic perspective". Lecture at the "Centro de Espiritualidad 'Nuestra Señora del Carmen' ". Córdoba, 18 May, 1996.
59. "Triduum Paschale". Course at the "Centro de Espiritualidad 'Nuestra Señora del Carmen' ". Córdoba, 1-3 April, 1996.
60. "Dynamic unity of cosmos in Maximus Confessor". Lecture at the III Encuentro Argentino de Patrología. Buenos Aires, 28 October, 1995.
61. "Eucharistic celebration. Dynamic, structures and spirituality". Course at the "Centro de Espiritualidad 'Nuestra Señora del Carmen' ". Córdoba. April 1995.
62. "Patristic Mystagogy as a way to *theosis*" Lecture at the II Encuentro Argentino de Patrología. Buenos Aires, 28 October, 1992.
63. "Logic and Metaphysics in Cicero". Paper presented at the I Encuentro Argentino de Patrología. Tucumán, 27 October, 1990.

Eastern Christian Churches

1. Meeting with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomaios I in Constantinople. June 2008
2. Meeting with the Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, His Holiness Abune Paulos, in Paris, June 2010
3. Meeting with the Patriarch of the Syrian Orthodox Church, Moran Mor Ignatius Zakka I, in Ma`arat Sayyidnaya, Syria. May 2010
4. Meeting at the Antiochene Patriarchate. Damascus, Syria. May 2010
5. Meeting with the Armenian Bishop of Damascus, Saidna Armasch Nalbandian, in Damascus, Syria. May 2010
6. Meeting with the Syriac Orthodox Archbishop of Aleppo Mor Gregorios Yohanna Ibrahim, in Aleppo, Syria, June 2010

Organisation of Conferences

1. Organizer of the Conference "Asceticism in Early Christianity" Universidad de Buenos Aires, September, 2010
2. Member of the Organizer Committee of the Byzantine Studies Conference at the University of Toronto (with L. Safran and R. Sinkewicz). University of Toronto. October 2007
3. Member of the Organizer Committee of the Conference L'Église et la littérature vernacu-

- laire dans la France médiévale (with Prof. Dorothea Kullmann). University of Toronto, March 2007
4. Member of the Organizer Committee of the North American Symposium of Syriac Studies (With Prof. A. Harrak). University of Toronto. June 2007

Honors, Awards

1. *Lilly Theological Scholar's Grant 2005-2006*. Research Project: Quest for Perfection and Conflict. The "Spirituals" and the Church in the "Liber Graduum" in Fourth-Century Mesopotamia. A Pre-Messalian View? This grant, funded with \$12,000, is awarded every year to ten scholars throughout North America by the Association of Theological Faculties and Schools in the United States and Canada and the Lilly Endowment.
2. *SSHRC* (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Canada's federal funding agency for university-based research), scholarships for travelling to conferences, 2003-2010
3. Post Doctoral Scholarship from Stipendienwerk Deutschland, Tübingen, directed by Prof. Dr. Peter Hünemann, 1997-1999
4. Award for Excellence in Research. Universidad Nacional de Córdoba 1986.

Memberships in Academic Societies

1. Institut des Sources Chrésiennes. Lyon, France
2. Europäische Gesellschaft für Katholische Theologie. Louvain, Belgium
3. Societas Orientalium Liturgiarum. Rome
4. Associazione Professori di Liturgia. Padova, Italy
5. North American Byzantine Studies Conference

Board Memberships

1. Associate Editor, *Journal Orizonturi Teologice* (Romania)
2. Associate Editor, *Toronto Journal of Theology*. University of Toronto.
3. Editor, *Byzantina & Orientalia*. Buenos Aires, Argentina
4. Reviewer, *Dumbarton Oaks Papers*. University of Harvard
5. Associate Editor, *Anámnesis*, Mexico

Research Focus

1. History and Evolution of the Pneumatology in Early Christianity
2. Languages and Cultures of the Christian East: Armenia, Syria, Ethiopia und Egypt.
3. The Comparison of the different Ascetical and Mystical Traditions (Latin, Byzantine, Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian, and Syriac) in the Patristic and Byzantine Churches.

Current Projects

1. History and Development of Pneumatology in the Fourth Century
2. The Syriac Liber Graduum and Messalianism
3. The Kontakia of Romanos Melodos. Poetry, Liturgy, and Theology.

Other Activities at the University of Toronto

1. Director of the "Eastern Christian Program" ("Eastern Christian Certificate" and "Eastern Christian Diploma").
2. Co-Director of the Toronto School of Theology Liturgy Seminar
3. Co-Director of the Toronto School of Theology Greek Reading Seminar
4. Faculty Advisor/Mentor of the students of the "Eastern Christian Program" (priests, seminarians and lay people, predominantly from Greece, Romania, Iraq, Lebanon, Ukraine, and Ethiopia) and also from other programmes such as MDiv (Master in Divinity), MTS (Master in Theological Studies), MA (Master of Arts in Theology), MRE (Master in Religious Education), MACL (Master in Catholic Leadership)
5. Member in different Search Committees (Dean; Systematic Theology; Pastoral Theology)
6. Member of the Historical Department. Toronto School of Theology. University of Toronto
7. Member of the Theological Department. Toronto School of Theology. University of Toronto
8. Member of numerous Doctoral Committees

9. Member of the Liturgical Committee and Organizer of Eastern and Orthodox Prayer Services at the Faculty
10. Other activities such as comprehensive examinations, thesis defences, internal and external reports on dissertations.

Supervised Master Theses (& Extended Research Papers)

I. Completed

1. Lawrence Ch. Morey (MA), “How Unsearchable His Ways: Grace and Free Will in the Thought of Casian and Augustine.”
2. Anduaem Dagmawi (MA), “Mariology in Soteriology: A Biblical and Liturgical Exposition of Ethiopian Mariology on the Role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Economy of Salvation.”
3. David Robinson (MA), “Finishing Well. The Implications of Eschatology for the Christian Life and Salvation in 2 Clement”.
4. Catherine Leblanc (MA), “*Epektasis* and Life of Virtue in Gregory of Nyssa”.
5. Antal Prokecz (ThM), “The Role of the Chalcedonian Formula.”
6. Anthony Werunga (MTS), “The Integrated Liturgical Celebration in Africa.” (extended research paper).
7. David Pereyra (MA) “Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. A Study of the Place of Reconciliation for the New Rite”
8. Haitham Issak (MTS), “The Eucharist in Ignatius of Antioch.” (extended research paper).
9. Anthony Palma (ThM), “The Liturgical Theology of Card. Ratzinger.”
10. Jeremy Roberts (MA), “Heraclitus and the Sacred: An Analysis of Heraclitus’ Fragments in Patristic Literature.”
11. Hyun-Kee Na (MTS), “Understanding the Essence of the official approval of Christianity by Constantine the Great: A Study of the Conversion of Constantine the Great and its Influence upon Christianity.”
12. Robert Assaly (ThM), “The Shepherd’s Flute: Defining the Doctrine of the Holy Spirit” (extended research paper).
13. Ronald Vince (ThM) “Justin Martyr’s Credal Formularies: A Contextual Analysis.” (extended research paper).
14. Marcos Ramos (ThM), “The Virgin Mary in Irenaeus of Lyons’ *Adversus Haereses*.”
15. Javier Gómez Sánchez (ThM), “The ‘Sanctorum Communio’ in Henri de Lubac. The Reception of the Clause ‘Credo ... Sanctorum Communionem’ from the Apostles’ Creed by Henri de Lubac”
16. Andrew Selby (MA), “Origins of the *filioque* in Ambrose of Milan’s *De spiritu sancto*: Why Ambrose Departed from His Greek Sources on the Procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son”.
17. Roberta Fuller (MTS), “Israel in Early Christianity” (extended research paper).
18. Scott Whitfield (ThM), “Λογικός in Early Christianity and the Liturgy of St. Basil”
19. Anthony Werunga (ThM), "Inculturation: The integration of Christian faith and African cultures. A study based on the theology of Laurenti Magesa, the African Synod and the Subsequent Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Ecclesia in Africa*, and the Attempts Aimed at Inculturating the Gospel in Africa”
20. Shaun Retallick (MA), “The bishop of Rome and the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon, AD 451: Why Leo I’s Doctrinal and Disciplinary Demands were Met”

II. In Progress

1. Haitham Issak (ThM), “Athanasius’ Letters to Serapion on the Holy Spirit”

Supervised Dissertations

I. Completed

1. Shawn Keough (PhD), “ ‘Exegesis Worthy of God’: The Doctrine of God and Biblical Interpretation in Origen”
2. Colin Kerr (PhD), “Job in Augustine: *Adnotationes in Iob* and the Pelagian Controversy”

3. David Robinson (PhD), "The Mystic Rules of Scripture: Tyconius of Carthage's Keys and Windows to the Apocalypse"
4. Héctor Francisco (*PhD at the Faculty of History. Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina*), "Textos, prácticas e Historia. Estrategias discursivas en la Historiografía anticalcedoniana del siglo VI"
5. Junghoo Kwon (PhD), "A Theological Investigation of the Pseudo-Athanasian *De Trinitate* Ascribed to Eusebius of Vercelli."
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Very good knowledge of Ancient Greek and Latin. Good knowledge of Ancient Armenian, Syriac, Ancient Ethiopic (Ge'ez) and Hebrew. Basic knowledge of Coptic and Church Slavonic.

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