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Research and Teaching Interests

History of Philosophy, Religion, Systematic Theology, Political and Moral Philosophy and Theology, Russian Thought, Georgian Cultural Context and Caucasus, Ancient Greek Theater.

Education

2009

Ilia State University Tbilisi, Georgia

Ph.D. in Philosophy (Religion)

Dissertation Title: "Eucharistic Anthropology of Maximus the Confessor"

2006

Ecumenical Institute, University of Geneva

Bossey, Switzerland

Postgraduate Certificate in Ecumenical/Political Theology

2005

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki, Greece

Master in Systematic Theology

Thesis: "Existential Dimension of the Descent into Hades"

2004

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki, Greece

Bachelor in Theology (Byzantine Philosophy)

1993

Theological Seminary, Patriarchate of Georgia

Tbilisi, Georgia

Bachelor in Theology

1991

Technical University Tbilisi, Georgia

BS and MS in Civil Engineering

Other Studies/Certifications

2007

Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Brookline, MA, USA

ThM Courses in Byzantine Philosophy

Employment

September 2013 –

Faculty of Arts And Sciences

Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

Associate Professor

January-December 2016

Delaware Community College

Media, PA

Adjunct Faculty - Philosophy and Ethics

August 2007 – August 2013

Institute of Genealogy of Modernity Ilia State University

Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

Assistant Professor

July 2007- August 2011

Georgian Orthodox Patriarchate

Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

Archpriest/Religious Educator

September 1999 – June 2005

Orthodox Church of Greece

Thessaloniki, Greece

Priest/Religious Educator

December 1993 – August 1999

Georgian Orthodox Patriarchate

Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

Priest/Religious Educator

March 1997 – August 1999

Georgian Orthodox Patriarchate

Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

Leading Member of Theological Committee

Publications

- “Liturgical Mystery and Political”, Aleph Publishing, Tbilisi, Georgia (Book Under Publication);
- “Orthodox Worship in the Georgian Context”, *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 56/2017, Brookline MA, USA (Under Publication);
- «Tragédie Grecque, Théurgie, Eucharistie ". la Naissance de l' Histoire"» Pour la publication dans la revue *Istina* LXV, 2018 (Under Publication);
- “Two Ways. Study in Revelation and Philosophy”, *Religion Studies* 2/2016, State University of Tbilisi 8/2016 (Under Publication);
- “Scholarly and Eucharistic Mysticism of Origen”, *Kadmos* 8/2016, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, pp. 343-364;
- “Orthodox Worship and Historical Development of the Georgian Identity”, *Religion Studies* 1/2015, State University of Tbilisi, Georgia 2015, pp. 54-97;
- “The Concept of Trinity as Paradigm for the Relationship between Church and State”, *Greek Orthodox Theological Review*, 58:1-4, 2013, Brookline MA, USA, pp. 99-119;
- “State Power in the New Testament”, *Christian archeology* 4/2011, Ilia State University, 2012, pp. 123-141;
- “ St. Gregory of Nyssa's Study on Matter”, *Christian Archeology* 4/2011, Ilia State University, 2012, pp. 67-85;
- “Theological Foundations of Modernity”, *Theories of Modernity* [collection], Ilia State University, Tbilisi, 2010;
- “Georgian Translations of the Book of Ecclesiastes”, *Annual of the Tbilisi State University*, June 2009, Tbilisi 2009;
- “The Georgian Translation of the "Lament of Jeremiah", *Annual of the Tbilisi State University*, June 2009, Tbilisi 2009;
- “The Myth-Ritual Essence of the Symbols in St. Maximus the Confessor's 'Mystagogy'", *Contemporary Issues of Literary Criticism* (II International Symposium), Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature 17-19. 12. 2008, Tbilisi 2008;
- “The Concept of Freedom in Eastern Christian Tradition”, *Christianity of East and West, A Collection of Critical Essays*, Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University of Humanities, Tbilisi 2009, pp. 196-214;

- “The Sacrament of Marriage and Canon Law”, *Dialogi*, 2 (7), Tbilisi 2007, pp. 35-51;
- “The Maximus the Confessor in Contemporary Georgian Examinations”, *Tabori* 4(16), Georgian Patriarchate, Tbilisi 2007, pp. 12-23;
- “The Psalm 23 as the Hymn of the Presence of God”, *Tabori* 4/8, Georgian Patriarchate, Tbilisi 2004, pp. 17-19;
- “The Human Pain According to St. Gregory Palama's Oration 32”, *Tabori* 3/7, Georgian Patriarchate, Tbilisi 2004, pp. 8-15;
- “Responsibility as Coming to True Self (Luke 15.17) According to St. Gregory Palama”, *Tabori* 2/6 (2004), Georgian Patriarchate, Tbilisi 2004, pp. 15-23;
- “Overcoming of Fundamentalism”, *Tavisupleba* 5/29, (2004), Liberty Institute, Tbilisi (Republic of Georgia) 2004, pp. 32-49.

Courses Taught

Stockton University, University in Galloway Township, NJ

(Invited Lecturer)

- Russian World
- Origins of Christianity: Main Concepts

Delaware County Community College , in Media, PA

- World Religions
- Introduction to Philosophy

Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia:

- Theology of the 20th Century
- Mystical Theology and Philosophy
- The Georgian Church during the Soviet Occupation
- Theology and Reality
- Byzantine Philosophy and Political Thought

Sulkhan-Saba Catholic University, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia:

- Greek Philosophy
- Medieval Philosophy

Conference Participations

International Conference on Liturgical Renewal

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, USA, March 2013

Ecumenical Learning in Central and Eastern Europe (NELCEE)
Prague, Czech Republic, October 2010

Spiritual Struggle
Monastero di Bose, Magnano (BI), Italy, September 2009

International Seminar on the future of Ecumenical Theological Education in Eastern and Central Europe
Sambata de Sus Monastery, Romania, September 2008

Spiritual Paternity in the Orthodox Spiritual Tradition
Monastero di Bose, Magnano (BI), Italy, September 2008

Other Professional Activities

Organizer and Head of the ThM Program at Ilia State University (2007-2011)

Organizer of International Conferences:

Assyrian Holy Fathers in Eastern and Western Traditions (2009)

Sponsored by Patriarchate of Georgia, the Roman Catholic Church in Georgia and Ilia State University

Christian Cappadocia and the Caucasus (2010)

Sponsored by the Ilia State University, the Roman Catholic Church in Georgia, The Evangelical Baptist Church in Georgia, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Georgia

Languages

Georgian (Old and Modern) – native

English - fluent

Greek (Old and Modern) - fluent

Russian (Modern and Slavonic) - fluent