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EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D. Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion
2002 M.Div. Candler School of Theology, Emory University
1998 B.A. Sewanee (The University of the South); English/Russian Double Major
(departmental honors in Russian); *summa cum laude*; valedictorian

DISSERTATION

Snatched into Paradise (2 Corinthians 12:1-10): Paul's Heavenly Journey in the Context of Early Christian Experience
Director: Luke Timothy Johnson

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016-2018 Brother Bernard LoCoco Presidential Chair
2006-2007 Robert W. Woodruff Library Graduate Fellowship
2002-2006 Fellow, Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion
1998-2002 Woodruff Fellowship, Candler School of Theology
2002 American Bible Society Scholarly Achievement Award, Candler School of Theology
2002 Theta Phi (Honor Society for Theology and Religious Studies)
1998 Valedictorian, Sewanee (The University of the South)
1998 Lytle Prize for Academic Excellence, Sewanee (The University of the South)
1997 Phi Beta Kappa, Sewanee (The University of the South)
1994-1998 Wilkins Scholar, Sewanee (The University of the South)

EMPLOYMENT

2019-present Professor of Religion, Christian Brothers University
2012-2019 Associate Professor of Religion, Christian Brothers University
2009-2012 Assistant Professor of Religion, Christian Brothers University
2008-2009 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Christian Brothers University
Spring 2008 Adjunct Faculty, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

COURSES TAUGHT AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY IN 2020

"New Testament," RS 218-A and B (Spring, two units)
"The Prophets," RS 375 (Spring, one unit)
"Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures," RS 217-1 (Summer, one unit, online course)
"World Religions," RS 270-1 (Summer, one unit, online course)
"Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures," RS 217-A and B (Fall, hybrid courses; section A was Honors)
"Special Topics: Biblical and Theological Themes in Tolkien and C. S. Lewis," RS 397-A (one unit; Honors course; taught with Dr. Scott Geis)

COURSES TAUGHT AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY

- “Old Testament/Hebrew Scriptures,” RS 217 (multiple sections each fall; taught most summers online; hybrid CAPS sections in the past)
- “New Testament,” RS 218 (multiple sections each spring; one section summer 2010)
- “World Religions,” RS 270 (one section each summer 2012-2018 and 2020; occasional CAPS hybrid sections)
- “The Gospels,” RS 385 (Fall 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017; occasional CAPS sections)
- “The Prophets,” RS 375 (Spring 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2020)
- “The Apocalyptic Imagination,” RS 377 (Fall 2009 [as RS 392]; 2011, 2016; Spring 2013, 2015 [honors], 2019)
- “Paul: His Life and His Letters,” RS 380 (Spring 2009, 2011, 2016; Fall 2013, 2019)
- “Christian Spirituality,” RS 324 (Spring 2018)
- “Special Topics: Biblical and Theological Themes in Tolkien and C. S. Lewis,” RS 397-A (Honors Course; Fall 2018 and 2020; taught with Dr. Scott Geis)
- “Catholic Biblical Studies,” MACS 610 (Fall 2008, 2014)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

- Instructor: “Paul’s Letter to the Romans,” Candler School of Theology (Spring 2008)
- Associate: “Paul and His Letters,” Emory College (Spring 2005)
- “Intro. to New Testament II,” Candler School of Theology (Spring 2003, 2005)
- Assistant: “Introduction to Religion: Comparative Christianity and Buddhism,” Emory College (Fall 2005)
- “Intro. to New Testament I,” Candler School of Theology (Fall 2002-2004)
- “History of Christian Thought II,” Candler School of Theology (Spring 2000, 2002)

LANGUAGES

Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, German, French, Russian

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

- Primary: New Testament; Pauline Studies; Synoptic Gospels; Patristic Theology
- Secondary: Hebrew Bible; Ancient Greco-Roman and Jewish Religious Contexts of Christianity; Eastern Orthodox Theology and Spirituality; Religion and Literature

DOCTORAL EXAMINATION AREAS

Patristic Theology, New Testament Theology, New Testament Exegesis, History and Literature of the New Testament, Hebrew Bible, Greco-Roman Milieu of the New Testament, Jewish Milieu of the New Testament

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming “The Macarian Homilies and 2 Corinthians 3-5: Anthropology, Eschatology, and Theosis,” under review for inclusion in the symposium proceedings: Eighth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars, Caraiman Monastery, Romania, May 26-31, 2019. *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- Forthcoming “Recognizing the Body: Divine Presence and Ascetic Performance in 1 Corinthians 11” C. Karakolis and E. Tsalampouni eds. *Proceedings of the Conference: Orthodox New Testament Hermeneutics: History, Theory, and Perspectives*, Volos Theological Academy, May 11-14, 2017.
- 2020 “Of Manna and Eucharist: The Feeding of the Five Thousand in the Gospel of John.” Pages 417-437 in T. Nicklas, K.-W. Niebuhr, and M. Seleznev, eds. *History and Theology in the Gospel Narratives* (Seventh International East-West Symposium of New

- Testament Scholars, Moscow, September 25-October 1, 2016). *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament* 447. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- 2019 “New Testament Studies and the Orthodox Church,” *Religious Studies Review* 45.1 (2019): 11-18 (review essay).
- 2019 Review of *Philemon: An Introduction and Study Guide: Imagination, Labor, and Love*. (T & T Clark Study Guides to the New Testament. London: Bloomsbury, 2017. 112 pp.) by Robert Paul Seesengood in *Interpretation*, 73.2 (2019): 213-214.
- 2018 “School of Antioch” (pp. 64-67), “Hyponia” (pp. 173-174), and “Benefit/*opheleia*” (pp. 285-286) in *Lexicon of Biblical Exegesis* (Serbian). Edited by Rodoljub Kubat and Predrag Dragotinović. Belgrade: Biblical Institute/Sluzhbeni Glasnik, 2018.
- 2018 “Gifts Not Possessions, Love not Selflessness,” in *Tour Collierville Magazine* November/December 2018, p. 28.
- 2018 Review of *Die Gärten und der Gärtner im Johannesevangelium: Eine raumsemantische Untersuchung*. (Frankfurter Theologische Studien 76. Münster: Aschendorff Verlag, 2017. 320pp.) by Igna Marion Kramp in *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 143.11 (2018): 1131-1133.
- 2017 “Identities at Risk: The ‘New Perspective’ on Paul and Eastern Orthodox Interpretation of Romans 8:14-17, 28-30.” Pages 273-312 in *Participation, Justification and Conversion: Eastern Orthodox Interpretation of Paul and Debate between Old and New Perspectives on Paul*. Edited by Athanasios Despotis. *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament* II.442. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017.
- 2017 Review of *Die Verwandlung Jesu Christi: Historisch-kritische und patristische Studien* (*Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament* II.422. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016. 378pp) by Cosmin Pricop in *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 142.6 (2017): 629-632.
- 2016 “Benefactor and Paradigm: Viewing Jesus’ Ascension in Luke-Acts through Greco-Roman Ascension Traditions.” Pages 83-107 in *Ascent into Heaven in Luke-Acts: New Explorations of Luke’s Narrative Hinge*. Edited by David Bryan and David Pao. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
- 2016 Co-editor with Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr and Predrag Dragutinović, *The Holy Spirit and the Church According to the New Testament* (Sixth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars, Belgrade, August 25-31, 2013). *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament* 354. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- 2016 “Spirit(s) in the *Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs*.” Pages 309-40 in: Predrag Dragutinović, Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, and James Buchanan Wallace, eds. *The Holy Spirit and the Church According to the New Testament* (Sixth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars, Belgrade, August 26-30, 2013). *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.
- 2012 “Called to the Third Heaven: Second Corinthians 11:21-12:9 in the Eastern Orthodox Liturgical Tradition,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation*, 6.2 (2012): 179-99. (peer reviewed)
- 2011 *Snatched into Paradise (2 Cor 12:1-10): Paul’s Heavenly Journey in the Context of Early Christian Experience*. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche 179. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.
- 2009 “Philemon.” Pages 445-46 in *Theological Bible Commentary*. Edited by Gail O’Day and David Petersen. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.
- 2009 “Judas, Gospel of.” Pages 2:466-67 in *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2009*. Detroit: Gale, 2009.
- 2007 “Stormy Banks and Sweet Rivers: A Sacred Harp Geography,” *Southern Spaces*, June 4, 2007. <http://www.southernspaces.org/contents/2007/wallace/1a.htm>. (peer reviewed)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "1 Timothy and Universal Salvation," paper presentation at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Diego (November 23-26).
- 2019 "A Dwelling Not Made With Hands: Anthropology, Eschatology, and Theosis in 2 Corinthians 3-5," a seminar paper for the Eighth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars, Caraiman Monastery, Romania (May 26-31).
- 2018 Response to four papers given at the session: "Theosis in the Johannine Literature," at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 17-20).
- 2017 "Led by the Spirit: Symeon the New Theologian, Ernst Käsemann, and the New Perspective on Romans 8:12-17," paper presentation at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 18-21).
- 2017 "Recognizing the Body: Community Ritual, Divine Presence, and Ascetic Performance in 1 Corinthians 11," seminar paper for the conference, "Orthodox New Testament Hermeneutics: History, Theory, and Perspectives" in Volos, Greece (May 11-14).
- 2016 "Of Manna and Eucharist: The Feeding of the Five Thousand in the Gospel of John," seminar paper for the Seventh International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars, Moscow (September 26-October 1).
- 2014 "Who is the Image? The Colossian Christ-hymn (Col 1:15-20) in Antiochene Exegesis and Modern Biblical Scholarship," paper presentation at the Orthodox Theological Society of America Annual Meeting (October 24, 2014).
- 2013 "'Spirit' in the *Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs*," seminar paper for the Sixth International Symposium of New Testament Scholars, Belgrade (August 26-30). This symposium was organized by the Eastern European Liaison Committee of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas.
- 2012 "The Mysteries of Paradise (2 Cor 12:1-10): Paul's Heavenly Journey in Western Critical Interpretation and Eastern Orthodox Tradition," paper presentation at a meeting of the Eastern European Liaison Committee of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, prior to SNTS's annual meeting (July 31). I subsequently attended the annual meeting as a guest.
- 2011 "Appearing in Glory: Visions, Asceticism, and Glory in Colossians 2:16-3:11," paper presentation at the Orthodox Theological Society of America Annual Meeting (September 16).
- 2010 "A Sufficient Grace: 2 Corinthians 11:21-12:10 in the Eastern Orthodox Liturgical Tradition," paper presentation at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 22).
- 2010 "Paul's Catalogues of Suffering in 2 Corinthians as Ascetic Performances," seminar paper summarized at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 20).
- 2010 "From Ecstasy to Eucharist: Paul's Ascent to Paradise in the Writings of St. Symeon the New Theologian," invited paper presentation for "The Reception History of the Bible: A Colloquium," at Duquesne University. Theme: "Biblical Exegesis as Mystical Experience in Judaism and Christianity" (April 22).
- 2009 "'The Innermost Sanctuaries of Paradise': Paul's Rapture to Heaven (2 Corinthians 12:1-4) in Gregory of Nyssa and Symeon the New Theologian," paper presentation at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 21).
- 2009 Invited panelist at Young Harris College's Symposium Day, April 16. Panel topic: "Our Common Humanity in Light of Global Faith Traditions."
- 2008 "Eyes in Heaven, Body on Earth: Rethinking the Significance of Paul's Journey to Paradise (2 Corinthians 12:1-10)," seminar paper summarized at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (November 22).

SERVICE AT CHRISTIAN BROTHERS UNIVERSITY

2015-present Co-chair, Strategic Planning Committee/Strategic Planning Steering Committee

2015-present	Chair, Department of Religion and Philosophy
2014-present	Judicial Review Board / Conduct Board (qualified to hear sexual assault cases)
2017-2020	Career Services Advisory Board
2019	Inauguration Committee; Installation Ceremony subcommittee (co-chair)
2011-2017	Faculty Assembly Curriculum Committee (chair Fall 2012-Spring 2017)
2015	Assessment Committee
2014-2015	School of Arts Advising Coordinator for Academic Success
2015	CAPS Curriculum Committee (consultant)
2010-2014	Plough/Trustee Scholarship Committee
2012-2014	Ad hoc committee responsible for investigating the creation and implementation of an honor code
2013-2014	Outside member of search committee for English Department (Creative Writing)
2011-2012	Planned, organized, and helped raise funds for a lecture by Dr. Peter Kreeft as part of CBU's Distinguished Catholic Lectors Series (April 20, 2012). The day's events drew roughly 300 people to campus.
2011-2012	Outside member of search committee for English Department (Milton/17 th Century)
2009-2011	Responsible for compiling data for and writing our department's Institutional Effectiveness report
2010-2011	Organized Religion and Philosophy movie nights that bring together faculty, majors and minors, and perspective majors
Summer 2011	Outside member of search committee for Behavioral Sciences Department
2010-2011	Policy Committee
2010	Planned and organized a lecture by Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson as part of CBU's Distinguished Catholic Lectors Series. The lecture drew over 300 people to CBU.
2009-2011	Faculty/Staff Development Committee
2009	Served on QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) Topic Selection Focus Group (December 4)
2009-2010	Served as <i>de facto</i> chair of an ad hoc committee that changed the process for awarding Plough Scholarships
2008-2010	Who's Who Committee

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas
Society of Biblical Literature
Orthodox Theological Society of America

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-present	Co-founder and co-chair of the program unit, "Biblical Exegesis from Eastern Orthodox Perspectives" in the Society of Biblical Literature.
Spring 2020	Completed CBU's Online Course Development course
Summer 2019	Completed CBU's Online Faculty Training course
2011-2012	English language editing of contributions by non-native speakers to a volume of essays that grew out of a symposium bringing together Western New Testament scholars and New Testament Scholars from former Eastern Bloc countries. Published as: Christos Karakolis, Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, and Sviatoslav Rogalsky, eds. <i>Gospel Images of Jesus Christ in Church Tradition and Biblical Scholarship: Fifth International East-West Symposium of New Testament Scholars</i> . Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 288. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012.
Spring 2006	Organized first joint New Testament-Middle Eastern Studies Colloquium to discuss Biblical traditions in the Qur'an, Emory University
2005-present	Guest speaker on Eastern Orthodoxy on various occasions
2003-2007	New Testament Colloquium Committee member, Emory University

- Fall 2005 Research Assistant for the *Journal of Biblical Literature*
- 1999-2004 Research Assistant for Dr. Carl Holladay (helped compile bibliography, assisted with research, and provided editorial assistance for *A Critical Introduction to the New Testament: Interpreting the Message and Meaning of Jesus Christ* [Nashville: Abingdon, 2005])
- 2000-2002 Research Assistant for Dr. Jonathan Strom (translated early Pietist documents from German to English)
- 2000-2001 Georg-August University, Göttingen, Germany (Candler exchange student)

REFERENCES

Dr. Paul Haught, Associate Professor of Philosophy; Academic Vice President. Christian Brothers University, 650 East Parkway South, Memphis, TN 38104. (901) 321-3579. Email: phaught@cbu.edu

Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, R. W. Woodruff Professor Emeritus of New Testament and Christian Origins (Emeritus). Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1531 Dickey Drive, Atlanta, GA 30322. (404) 727-6339. Email: luke.johnson@emory.edu.

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