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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Fall 2015 – Present, Assistant Professor, Kazakh-British Technical University

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2014  
M.A., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2003  
B.A., Classics; B.A., Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, 2000  
B.S., Management, Middle Tennessee State University, 1996

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

History of Philosophy (esp. Ancient, Hellenistic and Early Medieval)  
Metaphysics  
Philosophy of Religion

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Logic  
Philosophy of Social Science  
World Religions

**LANGUAGES**

Ancient Greek

**PUBLICATIONS**

(Forthcoming) “Historicity in Analytic Theology,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*

(Article In Preparation) “The Role of Scriptural Arguments in Philosophical Theology”

(Article In Preparation) "Solving the Logical Problem of the Trinity"

(Article In Preparation) "Gregory of Nyssa's Unity of Nature Argument As a Successful Defeater-Defeater"

(Article In Preparation) "Gregory of Nyssa's Unity of Action Argument "

## CONFERENCES / PRESENTATIONS

### Presenter

(Scheduled) 2017 "Gregory of Nyssa's Solutions to the Logical Problem of the Trinity," 9<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Munich, Germany, August 21-26

(Scheduled) 2017 "How to Solve the Logical Problem of the Trinity," 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Logic and Religion, Warsaw, Poland, June 18-22

2016 "Gregory of Nyssa's Two Solutions to the Logical Problem of the Trinity in the *Ad Ablabium*," North American Patristics Society, Chicago, May 26-28

2015 "Scriptural Arguments in Philosophical Theology," Long Island Philosophical Society, Jamaica, New York, April 18

2015 "Scriptural Arguments in Philosophical Theology," South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Spartanburg, South Carolina, March 27

2015 "Great Apostasy Theories in Philosophical Theology," Southeast Philosophy Congress, Marrow, Georgia, February 20

2015 "Great Apostasy Theories in Philosophical Theology," Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America, Kendalia, Texas, February 13

2010 "Could There Be a New Solution to the Logical Problem of the Trinity?" Notre Dame Graduate Student Philosophy Colloquium, October 4

2010 "Liberty or Non-Aggression? The Logic and Rhetoric of Libertarianism," (Invited) Presentation to Campaign for Liberty, South Bend, Indiana, November 24

2004 "Laws of Nature," National Post-Graduate Analytic Philosophy Conference (Plenary Session), Magdalen College, Cambridge University, UK, July 2

2004 "The Necessity for the Church Fathers in Christian Philosophy," National Faculty Leadership Conference, Washington, D.C. June 25

## **Respondent**

2010 Response to Luis Oliveira's "Positions, Objections & Good Health," Wayne State University, Student Conference on Philosophy of Religion, Detroit, Michigan, April 3

## **COURSES TAUGHT (\*) OR PREPARED TO TEACH**

(Sample Syllabi Available on Request)

History of Philosophy (Ancient to Early Modern)

\*Introduction to Philosophy

\*Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking

\*Introduction to World Religions

\*Philosophy of Social Science

Metaphysics

Philosophy of Religion

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor**

Kazakh-British Technical University

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016)

Introduction to World Religions (Fall 2015)

Philosophy of Social Science (Fall 2016)

Center for Talented Youth (Johns Hopkins)

Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2012, Summer 2014, Summer 2015)

Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2013, Summer 2014)

University of Notre Dame

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2007 through Spring 2011: 8 semesters)

### **Other (Test Preparation and Private Tutoring)**

Brody Admissions, Chicago, IL

LSAT Test Preparation (2004-2005)

Club Z Tutoring, Chicago IL

Math (2004-2005)

Physics (2004-2005)

The Princeton Review, Minneapolis, MN

LSAT Test Preparation (2002)

GRE Test Preparation (2002)

The Princeton Review, Norman, OK  
SAT Test Preparation (1999 – 2000)  
ACT Test Preparation (1999 – 2000)  
GRE Test Preparation (1999 – 2000)

## **SERVICE**

### **Professional**

Referee for *TheoLogica*

### **University**

Author, “Academic Honesty Policy,” Kazakh-British Technical University

Designer, Online Academic Honesty Management System, Kazakh-British Technical University  
(Reduced per-assignment plagiarism rate from 35% to 3%)

### **Departmental**

Chair, Academic Honesty Committee, General Education Faculty, KBTU

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)  
American Philosophical Association (APA)  
North American Patristics Society (NAPS)  
Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)  
Society of Orthodox Philosophers in America (SOPHIA)

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

2015 – Special Projects Coordinator, Peoples Bank & Trust Co.

I created systems for policy management, project and task management, and other productivity and efficiency improvements. Opening a new branch required the bank to pass more stringent than usual exams, while it was already under an MOU from the FDIC. The MOU was lifted, the bank received the highest ratings on its next exam, and the new branch was approved.

2010 – Campaign Manager, Ron Cenkush for Indiana State House, District 5

I created a campaign strategy during the final months of the campaign. Our opponent was a decades-long incumbent with a multi-million dollar budget, while we had a budget of \$2,500 and ran with a third party that averages between 3% and 5% in that district. We received 28% of the vote overall. In precincts we had funds to target more specifically, we received over 40%.

## REFERENCES

Richard Cross  
Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Philosophy  
University of Notre Dame, USA

Peter van Inwagen  
John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Philosophy  
University of Notre Dame, USA

David O'Connor (Teaching Reference)  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
University of Notre Dame, USA

Rossen Roussev  
Associate Professor in Contemporary Philosophy  
Veliko Tarnovo University, Bulgaria

Alessandro Frigerio  
Associate Professor  
Head of History and Social Sciences Sector  
Kazakh British Technical University, Republic of Kazakhstan