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Associate Professor of Patristics and Hagiography at the Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Director of the Programme for Postgraduate Studies of the School of Pastoral and Social Theology and of the Centre of Saints Demetrius and Gregory Palamas. Member of the administrative councils of the Patriarchal Institute for Patristic Studies, the Centre for Byzantine Research of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (2008-2010, he was appointed President of the Centre by the Senate of the University for the years 2012-2014) and the Centre for the Conservation of the Athonite Heritage (ΚΕΔΑΚ) of the Ministry of Macedonia-Thrace. External cooperator of the Institute for Byzantine Research of the National Hellenic Research Foundation (Athens) and of the Mount Athos Center (Thessaloniki).



STUDIES

- 1985–1989: Faculty of Theology - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Department of Pastoral and Social Theology).
- 1986–1988: Biannual Seminar of Greek Palaeography / Patriarchal Institut for Patristic Studies
- 1989: Seminar of Bulgarian Language and Civilisation / Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia
- 1989–1991: Master of Theology – Faculty of Theology / Section of Historical Theology
- 1992–1998: Doctorate on Theology (Christian Literature) – Faculty of Theology

SCHOLARSHIPS

1985-1989: Scholarship of graduate studies / State Scholarships Foundation (IKY)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Early christian, byzantine and post-byzantine theological literature
- Edition of theological, hagiographic and hymnographic texts
- Byzantine and Postbyzantine Hagiography
- Hagiographic traditions and monasticism at Thessaloniki
- History and traditions of monasticism at mount Athos and Macedonia

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1990–1998: Research fellow at the Byzantine Research Centre of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki on the Projects «The Monasteries of Macedonia», «The Saints of Macedonia» (funded for the period 22.12.1993-21.12.1995 by the General Secretary for Research and

Technology, Programme ΠΕΝΕΔ 1991) and «The Saints and the Monasteries of Thrace». Preparation of the critical edition of patriarch Philotheos Kokkinos' liturgical works.

- 2004: Second academic member at the research programme «Iconographical Projects in byzantine Churches of Thessalonica (9th-15th c.)» (Scientific supervisor: prof. E. Tsigaridas/ΕΠΕΑΕΚ II «Project Pythagoras».
- 2004-2006 : Documentation director at the Holy Metropolis' of Thessaloniki Project «Documentation, digitalization and presentation of the Orthodox Civilization», (Metre 1.3 of the Information Society operational programme) [<http://www.imth.gr/default.aspx?lang=el-GR&loc=1&page=163>]
- 2005-2008: Research Fellow of the Project «Hagiography of Late Byzantine Period (1204-1453)» of the Institute for Byzantine Research of the National Hellenic Research Foundation (Athens) [<http://byzhadb.eie.gr/>].
- Member of the Research Network KEEP of the Research Committee of Aristotle University.
- 2008 – today: Scientific Supervisor of the Research Project «Catalogues of the Athonite Hagiographic Manuscripts» at the Byzantine Research Centre of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki [<http://www.kbc.auth.gr/foros.html>]
- Scientific cooperator of the Critical Edition of the Works of St Neophytos the Recluse, granted by the Academy of Athens at 2011.
- 2012 – today: Member of the scientific team of the Institute for Historical Research which is preparing the new interactive Catalogue of the Greek Manuscripts of Patmos Monastery.
- 2011 : Scientific Supervisor of the Project “The Chorus of the Athonite Saints” of the Mount Athos Centre.
- 3.4.2012 - 2.7.2014 : Scientific Supervisor of the Project “*A Critical Assessment of Patristic Precedents for Contemporary Theologies of the Person*”, approved and funded by the General Secretary for Research and Technology (GSRT) in the context of the Operational Programme “Education and Lifelong Learning” (EdLL), Action «Support of the Post-doctoral Fellows» cod. SH5 (1798) [Post-doc fellow: Dr Alexis Torrance].
- 2000 – today: Teacher of the Lessons of Patrology and Hagiography at the School of Pastoral and Social Theology / Faculty of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

PARTICIPATION AT CONGRESSES - LECTURES

He has participated with papers at 61 International Congresses or Colloquiums in Greece and abroad. He has also given 12 Lectures in Thessaloniki, Cyprus and Strasbourg, being invited from the Department of Byzantine and Neo-hellenic Studies of the University of Cyprus and the Department of Catholic Theology of the University of Strasbourg.

SELECTED LIST OF MOST SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS

He has published 10 monographs, 1 book in collaboration, 3 chapters in collective works and 39 articles. He has also collaborated with *Bibliotheca Sanctorum Orientalium*, *Enciclopedia dei Santi: Le Chiese Orientali* (ed. Città Nuova), vol. I-II, Roma 1998 & 1999 (48 entries) and with the Great Orthodox

Christian Encyclopedia, Athens 2010 (29 entries). He is currently writing 31 entries for the *Lexikon byzantinischer Autoren* being prepared by the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

Some of his last publications:

1. (in collaboration with prof. Theodora Antonopoulou), *Nicetas David of Paphlagonia, Life of St John Chrysostom. Editio princeps with Introduction and Indices*, [Byzantine Texts and Studies, 61]. Thessalonica 2013 (forthcoming).
2. «The reception of the Apostolic Fathers», K. Parry (ed.), *The Blackwell Companion in Patristics* (forthcoming)
3. «1484, Patriarchal letter for the Synod of Constantinople for the refutation of the Synod of Ferrara-Florence» & «1642, Patriarchal Letter at the Synod of Iași», *Conciliorum Oecumenicorum Generaliumque Decreta*, vol. IV - The Councils of the Orthodox Churches in the Byzantine and Post-byzantine Era, Brepols, Turnhout (forthcoming)
4. «Theological Questions and Monastic Spirituality on Mount Athos during the 15th and 16th centuries], in *Mount Athos in the 15th and 16th centuries. Spiritual Life – History – Art*, Mount Athos Centre, Thessaloniki 2011, p. 91-98.
5. Chapter: «The Hagiography of the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries», St. Efthymiadis (ed.), *Ashgate Research Companion to Byzantine Hagiography: periods and places*, Farnham 2011, p. 143-171.
6. *The Holy Monastery of Pantokrator: A Pilgrim's Guide*. Translated by E. Tamiolakis, Holy Mountain of Athos 2005, pp. 219 [<http://www.pantokrator.gr/thesi.htm>].
7. «From Hagiography to Historiography. The case of the *Vita Ignatii* by Nicetas David the Paphlagonian», P. Odorico – P. Agapitos (dirs.), *Les Vies des Saints à Byzance: Genre Littéraire ou Biographie Historique?* Actes du II^e colloque international philologique, Paris 2004, p. 161-173.
8. «Nicetas Stethatos' unedited Speech *Against those who accuse the saints* and the question of sanctity in eleventh century Byzantium» [in greek], E. Kountoura-Galake (ed.), *The Heroes of the Orthodox Church. The New Saints, 8th-16th c.*, [NHRF/IBR, International Symposia 15], Athens 2004, p. 493-518.

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