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Doctorate in Religious Peacebuilding

St. Paul University and University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

Master of Arts in Eastern Christian Studies

Minor in Pastoral Counseling CTU, Chicago, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts

Religious Studies Specialist University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

Bachelor of Education Major in History

Minor in Religious Studies

University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



Director – Human and Environmental Development Program 2018 to present

Eparchy of Saskatoon Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Guest Lecturer 2018

Department of Peace University of Tribhuvan Kathmandu, Nepal

Online Instructor 2017 to present

Catholic Studies and Department of Religion and Culture St. Thomas More College University of Saskatchewan

Guest lecturer 2017 to present

United Nations University for Peace San Jose, Costa Rica

World Council of Churches 2016 to present

Working Group for Climate Change

Sessional Lecturer 2015 to 2017

Department of Religion and Culture St. Peter's College Muenster, Saskatchewan

Guest Lecturer 2016

Kyambogo University, Kampala, Uganda

Guest Lecturer 2012 and 2000

National Redemptorist Seminary Bangkok, Thailand

Guest Lecturer

Diocese of Akko, Haifa and All of Galilee Haifa, Israel

Sessional Lecturer 2006 to present

Department of Religion and Culture St. Thomas More College

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan























2007



Sessional Lecturer	2006 to 2011
Centre for Continuing and Distance Education Saskatoon Senior for Continued Learning	2000 to 2011
Sessional Lecturer Department of Religious Studies and Anthropology University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	2000 to 2009
Substitute Teacher St. Paul Roman Catholic School District Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	2001 to present
Guest Lecturer: Women and Eastern Christianity Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Chicago	2000 1998 to 2000
Instructor of Eastern Christian History, Spirituality, and Iconography Foundations Program Catholic Center Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon	1998 to 2000
Program Developer/Instructor Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon	1997 to1998
Lecturer of World Religions, Political Non-Violence, Death and Dying, Spirituality of the Environment, Mysticism, and Byzantine Theology Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan Department of Humanities and Social Sciences	1995 to 2000
Instructor of Eastern Christian History, Spirituality, and Iconography Lay Formation Program Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon	1999
Instructor and Retreat Leader of Eastern Christian History and Spirituality Queens House of Retreats Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1999
Program Developer/Extension Division of Eastern Christian Studies in Israel Religious Studies Department St. Thomas More College/University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1995 to 1997
Sessional Lecturer Religious Studies Department St. Thomas More College/University of Saskatchewan Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1993 to 1995
Teacher/Resource Teacher Ukrainian/English Bilingual Program St. Goretti School Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1983 to 1989
Secondary Level Supply Teacher Metropolitan Toronto Board of Education Toronto, Ontario	1982 to 1983
Elementary Teacher St. Anthony of Padua School Syracuse, New York	1981 to 1982
Teaching Assistant Cathedral Elementary School Syracuse, New York	1980 to 1981







Moderator of Inter-Faith and Inter-Religious Dialogue Suva University, Fiji, Uganda.	2018
SAPREJ Program Co-Chair and Moderator Fourth International Conference on Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice, Suva University, Fiji, Uganda.	2017
Member – Working Group for the Establishment of Peace Studies St. Thomas More College University of Saskatchewan	2017 to present
World Council of Churches Program Co-Chair and Moderator Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics Conference Fifth International Conference, Chania, Greece.	2017
Corporation Member St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan	2016 to present
Member - Muslim-Christian Dialogue Hosted in rotation by STM and the Islamic Society of Saskatchewan.	2016 to present
SAPREJ Program Co-Chair and Moderator Third International Conference on Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice, Kyambogo, University, Kampala, Uganda.	2016
SAPREJ Program Co-Chair and Moderator Second International Conference on Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice, University of Antananarivo, Antananarivo, Madagascar.	2014
Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics Conference Modera Third International Conference Chania, Greece.	2013
World Council of Churches Program Co-Chair and Moderator Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics Conference Second International Conference, Chania, Greece.	2012
Nominee Canadian Department of Peace Initiative, Saskatoon Chapter.	2010 to present
Coordinator Nobel Peace Prize Nomination for Archbishop Joseph Raya, 320 page document.	2005
Instructor for RCIA Program Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	2003
Fundraiser for Mercy Home Home of people and children with AIDS Bangkok, Thailand	2000 to 2001
Founder and Organizational Chairperson Eparchy of Saskatoon, Study Day's Committee	1988 to 1992
Adult Education Coordinator/Instructor Liturgical Year Lecture Series Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church Saskatoon, Saskatchewan	1998
Multi Faith Committee, Board Member: Saskatoon	1998 to 2002
Teacher Volunteer: St. Thomas School, St. Matthew School	1989 to 2004



Program Developer for Eastern Christian Studies/Instructor Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Center	1997
Fundraiser for Poor Ukraine (Caritas)	1995 to 1998
Founder and Organizational Chairperson Windows to the East Saint Thomas More representative in inter-denominational lecture series, focusing on Eastern Christianity	1993 to 1997
Founder and Organizational Chairperson Eparchy of Saskatoon, Study Days* Committee	1988 to 1992
Cantor: St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral	1988 to 1991
Volunteer Prison Ministry: Saskatoon Psychiatric Centre	1988 to 1989
Advisor: Eastern Catholic Diocesan Directorate (ECDD) Canada and the United States	1982 to 1998
Co-Author: Byzantine Ukrainian Rite Religion Workbook Eparchy of Saskatoon, Religious Education Centre	1985 to 1986
Eastern Rite Catechist/Prayer Group Leader Children's and Adult Programs St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral	1987 to 1990
Member: Millennium Celebrations Committee Eparchy of Saskatoon	1987 to 1988
Chairperson: Children's' Millennium Day Celebrations Eparchy of Saskatoon	1987 to 1988
Committee Member: Youth for Christ Rally II Eparchy of Saskatoon	1987 to 1988
Participant: Diaconate Training Program Eparchy of Saskatoon	1986 to 1989
Co-Founder: Eastern Christian Studies Initiative University of Saskatchewan Religious Studies Department and St. Thomas More College	1986 to 1991
Chairperson: Spiritual Committee Eparchy of Saskatoon Millennium Committee	1985 to 1988
Participant: Canada World Youth Exchange Canada-Columbia	1977 to 1978

SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:

St. Thomas More Sessional Lecturer's Academic Participation/Profession Development Fund, University of Saskatchewan, March 2016 and March 2017.

St. Peter's College Profession Development Fund, May 2015 and May 2016.

Fr. Beyrouti Scholarship, St. Paul University, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

Mary Dyma Canadian National Womens' Scholarship, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

Sessional Lecturer's Academic Participation/Professional Development Fund, University of Saskatchewan, April and November 2004, April and October 2005, June 2006, December 2007, September 2009, April and July 2013, October 2017.

Nominee: YWCA Women of Distinction in Education/Community Development May 2010.

Recipient of the Margaret Dutli Professional Development and Community Service Award, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, November 2008.



Nominated for the Sylvia Wallace Sessional Teaching Award, University of Saskatchewan, November 2007 and November 2008.

Nominated for the Margaret Dutli Professional Community Service Award, St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan, April 2008.

Jackman Foundation Award, PDK International, Professional Association in Education, July 2006.

CTV News, documentary about distinguished instructors in the University of Saskatchewan Extension Division, October 2004.

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

"Eastern Christian Theological Resources in Action for Peacebuilding and Environmental Ethics." Keynote Address. Fourth International Conference on Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice, University of South Pacific, Suva, Fiji, June 2018.

"Eastern Christian Theological Resources in Action for Peacebuilding and Environmental Ethics." Keynote Address. World Council of Churches: Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics Conference, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Chania, Crete, October 2017.

"Religious Based Peacebuilding." Keynote Address. World Council of Churches: Third International Conference on Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice, University of Kyambogo, Kampala, Uganda, April, 2016.

"Archbishop Joseph Raya: Nonviolent Christian Apostle." Doctoral Student Panel, Nonviolence: The Weapon of the Strong Conference: Advancing Nonviolence, Spirituality and Social Transformation, University of St. Paul, May, 2014.

"Palm Oil Paradox: The Effects of Habitat Destruction in Borneo." Keynote Address. World Council of Churches: Second International Conference on Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice, University of Antananarivo, Antananarivo, Madagascar, May 2014.

"A Personal Reflection: Sustainable Communities and the Power of One: Insights from Eastern Christianity." Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics Conference, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Chania, Crete, September 2013.

"Ecological Spirituality." International Green the Scene Conference, Vancouver, June 2012.

"The Eastern Christian Church's Ecological Vision." Keynote Address. Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics Conference, Orthodox Academy of Crete, Chania, Crete, July 2011.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED):

"Eastern Christian Theological Resources in Action for Environmental Ethics", Adult Faith Formation, Eparchy of Saskatoon, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, October 2018.

"Eastern Christian Response to the Ecological Crisis", Seasons of Creation, Inter-Faith and Inter-Religious Gathering, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, September 2018.

"Season of Creation", Clergy and Staff Study Days, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, September 2018.

"Potential of Religion and Positive Peace." United Nations University for Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica, February 2018.

"Laudato Si': On Care of Our Common Home", Clergy and Staff Study Days, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, October 2017.





















"Religious Based Peacebuilding." United Nations University for Peace, San Jose, Costa Rica, February, 2017.

"Buddhist and Eastern Christian Interiority." National Seminary of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, January 2011.

"Buddhist and Eastern Christian Meditation." National Seminary of Thailand, Bangkok, Thailand, January 2011.

"Peacebuilding Strategies: The Life and Work of Archbishop Joseph Raya, Sheptytsky Institute, St. Paul University, July 2008.

"Jewish, Moslem and Christian Peace: The Vision of Archbishop Raya." Haifa, Israel, July 2007.

"Reconciliation in the Middle East: Archbishop Raya's Role." Melkite National Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, July 2006.

"The Dalai Lama and Interiority." Saskatoon Peace Coalition, Saskatoon, November 2004.

"Nonviolence and Buddhism." Saskatoon Peace Coalition, Saskatoon, November 2003.

"Feminism and Eastern Christianity." Friends of Sophia, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, November, 2004.

"Woman: A Call to Beauty." National Eastern Catholic Women's Conference, Chicago, February 2005.

"The Creation Story and Woman." National Eastern Catholic Women's Conference, Chicago, February, 2005.

"The Energies of God: An Eastern Christian Perspective." Multi faith Saskatoon, Earth Day, April, 2001.

"Femininity as the Future of Humankind." Regional Eastern Catholic Women's Conference, Sacramento, February 2000.

"Cosmic Theology: Sacredness of Body and Matter." Regional Eastern Catholic Women's Conference. Sacramento, February 2000.

"Women and Nonviolence." Regional Eastern Catholic Women's Conference, Sacramento, February 2000.

"Peace in World Religious Traditions." Windows to the East Saturday Conference, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, February 1994.

"Living the Eastern Christian Life: Its Strengths and its Perils" Eparchy of New Westminster, (Vancouver), B.C., Octobe, 1990.

Television

Program Coordinator and actor: "Millennium: River of Joy." Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 1988.

Program Coordinator and Hostess, "Identity and Dialogue," Eight-part series about Religion. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 1994.

Documentary: "Scientists and Theologians in Dialogue." Crete, Greece. April, 2014.



























PUBLICATIONS:

Refereed Book Chapters

"Environmental Nonviolence and the Palm Oil Paradox: The Effects of Habitat Destruction in Borneo." In Lucas Andrianos, ed. SAPREJ: Sustainable Alternatives and Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice, Vol.2. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018. (Forthcoming)

"Sustainable Communities and The Power of One: Insights into Eastern Christianity." In Lucas Andrianos and Konstantinos S. Kenanidis, eds. Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics, Vol.3, 49-53. Chania: Orthodox Academy of Crete, 2014.

"The Eastern Churches Ecological Vision." In Mathew Punnackadu and Nair Chandrasekharan, eds. Religious Response to Ecological Challenges, 29-33. Saarbrucken, LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, 2013.

"The Eastern Churches Ecological Vision." In Lucas Andrianos, Jan-Willem Sneep, and Konstantinos S. Kenanidis, eds. 2012 in Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics, Vol.2, 18-26. Chania: Orthodox Academy Crete, 2012.

Editorial Review Articles

"Archbishop Joseph Raya: Apostle of Peace and Love." United Nations' University for Peace: Peace and Conflict Monitor, Costa Rica, November 10, 2014.

Non-Refereed Books

Go to the Deep: The Life of Archbishop Joseph Raya, Nominated for the 2005 Nobel Prize. Boston: Sophia Press, 2006.

CONFLICT STUDIES AND ON-SITE FIELD RESEARCH:

Tibetan Exile, Dharamsala, India 2014

Myanmar Military Occupation 2013

Cambodian Genocide

2012

Chinese Cultural Revolution; Tibet and China 2010

Tutsi and Hutu Genocide, Rwanda 2008

Female Genital Mutilation, Ethiopia 2008

Political Violence, Zimbabwe 2008

South African Apartheid 2008

Structural Violence, Palestinian Refugee Camps, Israel 2007

Structural Violence, Bangkok Slums 2000

Nazi Violence, Babyn Yar, Ukraine 1995