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GREG PETERS

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2005—Present **Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
Assistant Professor, Torrey Honors Institute

EDUCATION

2003 **University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Ontario**
Ph.D.
Thesis Director: Professor T. Allan Smith, CSB
A Treasury of Divine Knowledge and Wisdom: The Twelfth Century Byzantine Spiritual Theology of Peter of Damascus.

1999 **St. John's University School of Theology, Collegeville, MN**
Master of Arts (M.A.), Theology

1996 **Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX**
Master of Arts (M.A.), Biblical Studies, *with honors*

1994 **Philadelphia College of Bible, Philadelphia, PA**
Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Biblical Studies

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Spirituality International (Titus Brandsma Institute, Nijmegen)
- Medieval Academy of America
- American Catholic Historical Association
- Byzantine Studies Conference
- American Society of Church History
- American Benedictine Academy
- Society of the Study of Anglicanism
- Evangelical Theological Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2008-Present *Dean of Faculty*, Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University

2000-2002 *President*, Advanced Degree Student Association – Toronto School of Theology

2001-2002 *Student Representative*, Advanced Degree Council – Toronto School of Theology

2000-2001 *Student Representative*, Dean Search Committee – University of St. Michael's College

- 1999-2001** *Student Representative*, Historical Department – Toronto School of Theology
- 1997-1998** *Student Representative*, Association of Theological Schools Subcommittee on Curriculum and Library – St. John’s School of Theology
- 1992-1993** *President*, Student Theological Society – Philadelphia College of Bible

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

- 2008** Newman Scholarship, National Institute of Newman Studies (\$2,500)
- 2006-2007** Research and Development Grant, Biola University (Total: \$6,300)
- 2005** Peer-Learning Group, Seminars in Christian Scholarship – Calvin College (\$200 – Amount matched by the Torrey Honors Institute)
- 2006** Faculty Spiritual Direction Grant, Institute for Spiritual Formation – Talbot School of Theology (\$300)
- 2002-2003** Toronto School of Theology, John M. Kelly Award
- 1999-2003** University of St. Michael’s College, Faculty of Theology Fellowship
- 2001** University of St. Michael’s College Conference Travel Grant
- 1997-1999** St. John’s School of Theology Fellowship
- 1998, 1999** St. Johns School of Theology, Graduate Theological Studies Travel Grant.

EXPERIENCE

2005–Present **Assistant Professor of Medieval and Spiritual Theology – Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
Torrey Honors Institute – Biola University, La Mirada, CA
Institute for Spiritual Formation – Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

- History and Traditions of Christian Spirituality
- Augustine’s *Confessions*
- Dante’s *Divine Comedy*
- Spiritual Theology
- History and Theology of the Anglican Tradition

2008-Present **Dean of Faculty, Torrey Honors Institute**

2007-Present **Adjunct Assistant Professor of Church History, Nashotah House Theological Seminary**

Coursework included church history survey and history and theology of priestly spirituality.

- 2007** **Director, Torrey Honors Institute: Rome & Italy Abroad Program**
- Founded and directed Torrey's abroad program in Italy. Trip themes include *On the Nature and Form of Beauty* and *Martyrs and Monks*.
- 2007** **Adjunct Assistant Professor of Monastic Studies, St John's School of Theology**
- Coursework included medieval monastic spirituality.
- 2004-2006** **Trinity College, University of Toronto**
- Coursework included English spirituality in the High and Late Middle Ages. Also, medieval spiritual theology: Anselm of Canterbury, Richard of St. Victor and Thomas Aquinas.
- 2002** **Visiting Professor, Biola University Institute for Spiritual Formation**
- Coursework included history and traditions of Christian spirituality
- 2000** **Collaborative Instructor, University of St. Michael's College**
- Coursework included Christian monasticisms.

PUBLICATIONS

Peter of Damascus: Byzantine Monk and Spiritual Theologian (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, forthcoming)

Reforming the Monastery: Protestant Theologies of Religious Life (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming)

"Benedict of Nursia, John Henry Newman and the Torrey Honors Institute of Biola University: An Examination of an Educational Approach to Christian Learning," in *Newman Studies Journal* (Spring 2009; forthcoming)

"Religious Orders and Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages," in Ronald J. Stansbury, ed., *Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages* (Brill, forthcoming)

"Walter Hilton," "Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain" and "Nil Sorsky," in G.T. Kurian, ed., *Encyclopedia of Christian Literature* (Hendrickson Publishers, forthcoming)

"Monasteries," "Monastic Orders," "Benedictines," "Cistercians" and "Ascetical Theology," in G.T. Kurian, ed., *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Blackwell-Wiley Publishers, forthcoming)

"Adalard, abbot of Corbie (d. 826)," "Almoner," "Bruno the Carthusian," "Caen (Cadomum)," "Cenobitism," "Chapter (capitulum)," "Chapter of Faults," "Charterhouse," "Church, collegiate," "Dijon," "General Chapter," "White Monks," "Pontigny, abbey," "Clairvaux (including abbey)," "Windesheim, abbey," "Dunfermline, abbey," "Holyrood, abbey," "Maurus, St. (6th century) (and Maurists)," "Mellifont, abbey," "Melrose, abbey" and "Sulpicius Severus (d. 420)," in Robert E. Bjork, ed., *The Oxford Dictionary of the Middle Ages* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

- “The Place of Monasticism in the Thought of Donald Bloesch,” Proceedings of the Monastic Symposium in Rome, May 29-June 2, 2006 (*Studia Anselmiana*, forthcoming)
- “The Rule of Benedict,” a review article in the *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 1.1 (Spring 2008): 106-108.
- “Benedictine abbey of Corbie” and “Peter of Damascus” in *International Encyclopedia for the Middle Ages – Online* (UCLA/Brepols Publishing, 2006)
- “Recovering a Lost Spiritual Theologian: Peter of Damascus and the Philokalia,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 49.4 (2005): 437-459.
- “Peter of Damascus and Early Christian Spiritual Theology,” *Patristica et Medievalia* 26 (2005): 89-109.
- “Towards a Definition of ‘Spiritual Theology’: A Historiography of Recent Writings on Byzantine Spirituality,” *Studia Monastica* 46.1 (2004): 25-41.
- “Offering Sons to God in the Monastery: Child Oblation, Monastic Benevolence, and the Cistercian Order in the Middle Ages,” *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 38.3 (2003): 285-295.
- “Familial Relationships: The Writings of Theoleptos of Philadelphia to Irene Eulogia Choumnaina Palaiologina,” *Eastern Churches Journal* 10.1 (2003): 55-66.
- “Spiritual Marriage in Early Christianity: 1 Corinthians 7:25-38 in Modern Exegesis and the Earliest Church,” *Trinity Journal* 23 NS (Fall 2002): 211-224.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Do as I say, not as I do: Monastic *Vitae* as Reforming Documents.”**
Presented at the 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2009.
- “The Journey of Our Life: Dante as a Spiritual Theologian of Grace.”**
Presented at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 2008.
- “‘Pure religion and undefiled...is this’: Religious Orders and Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages.”**
Presented at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2007.
- “The Holy Spirit in Spiritual Theology: An Examination of the Sources.”**
Presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 2006.
- “The Place of Monasticism in the Thought of Donald Bloesch.”**
Presented at The Monastic Institute 2006: Church, Society and Monasticism, June 2006.
- “Familial Relationships in the Writings of Theoleptos of Philadelphia to Irene Eulogia Choumnaina Palaiologina.”**
Presented at the 27th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, November 2001.
- “Evangelicalism without Boundaries: Tradition and Authority in Spiritual Theology.”**

Presented at the Toronto School of Theology, Advanced Degree Student Association Seminar, October 2001 and 53rd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 2001.

“Offering Sons to God in the Monastery’: Oblation as Monastic Benevolence.”

Presented at the 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2001.

“Christodoulos of Patmos: Servant of Christ, Lover of Humankind?”

Presented at the Conference on Byzantine Monasticisms, University of St. Michael’s College, March 2001.

“Poetic Precursors and a Postscript to Bernard of Clairvaux’s *Apologia ad Guilelmum abbatem*.”

Presented at the 34th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 1999.

“The Gift of Teaching in Cistercian Theology.”

Presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 1998.

“An Examination of Fourth Century Arguments against *Syneisaktism*: Search for Understanding.”

Presented at the Twenty-Third International Conference on Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, October, 1998.

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

“Newman and Luther on Reforming the Monastery.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, November 2008.

“Peter of Damascus: Byzantine Monk and Spiritual Theologian.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, October 2008.

“A Putrid Smell: An Olfactory Response to the Grand Inquisitor.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, April 2007.

“Dante’s Need for Bernard of Clairvaux: On Loving God.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, October 2007.

“Late Medieval Pastoral Care: Trying to Make Sense of Chaucer’s Clerics and Monks.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, April 2007.

“Thomas Aquinas and the Pattern of Medieval Dominican Preaching.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, April 2007.

“From the City to the Desert and Back Again: Monasticism from 100 to 1000.” Lecture given at the Early Church Guild, Biola University, October 2006.

“On Reading Hagiography.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, September 2006.

“The Role of Scripture in a Christian University: Personal, Professional, and Integrative”

Biola University, Summer Faculty Theology Integration Seminar, June 2006
Workshop led by Wayne Grudem and Michael J. Wilkins

“Russian Monasticism and Dostoyevsky’s Father Zosima.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, March 2006.

“Spirituality in the Early Church.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, February 2006.

“Peter of Damascus.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, October 2005.

“The Lives of Francis of Assisi.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, October 2005.

“Reading Aquinas with the Readers of Aquinas.”

Lecture given at the Torrey Honors Institute, September 2005 and September 2006.

“Musical Theology: Past Lessons, Present Perspectives”

Calvin College, Seminars in Christian Scholarship, June 2005

Workshop led by Richard Plantinga and Clayton Schmit

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Richard H. Schmidt, *God Seekers: Twenty Centuries of Christian Spiritualities* in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* (forthcoming)
- Review of Robert Davis Hughes, III, *Beloved Dust: Tides of the Spirit in the Christian Life* in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* (forthcoming)
- Review of Christoph Bultmann, Volker Leppin and Andreas Lindner, eds., *Luther und das monastische Erbe* in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (forthcoming)
- Review of Jeffrey F. Hamburger and Susan Marti, eds., *Crown and Veil: Female Monasticism from the Fifth to the Fifteenth Centuries* in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (forthcoming)
- Review of Karen Stöber, *Late Medieval Monasteries and their Patrons: England and Wales, c. 1300-1540* in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (forthcoming)
- Review of Margaret Harvey, *Lay Religious Life in Medieval Durham* in *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 39.3 (Fall 2008): 777-778.
- Review of Hannah Ward and Jennifer Wild, eds., *The Monastic Way: Ancient Wisdom for Contemporary Living, A Book of Daily Readings* in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 43.2 (2008): 224-226.
- Review of Hilary Thimmesh, ed., *Saint John’s at 150: A Portrait of this Place Called Collegeville, 1856-2006* in *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 42.2 (2007): 237-239.
- Review of Philipp W. Rosemann, *Peter Lombard* in *Calvin Theological Journal* 41.2 (2006): 406-407.

- Review of Rik van Nieuwenhove and Joseph Wawrykow, eds., *The Theology of Thomas Aquinas* in *Calvin Theological Journal* 41.1 (2006): 167-169
- Review of Regis J. Armstrong, O.F.M. Cap., J. A. Wayne Hellmann, O.F.M. Conv., William J. Short, O.F.M., eds., *The Francis Trilogy of Thomas of Celano: The Life of Saint Francis (1228-1229), The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul (1245-1247), The Treatise on the Miracles of Saint Francis (1250-1252)* in *Calvin Theological Journal* 41.1 (2006): 173-174
- Review of Dániel Deme, *The Christology of Anselm of Canterbury* in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 21.2 (2004).
- Review of Bernard V. Brady, *Christian Love: How Christians through the Ages Have Understood Love* in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 20:2 (2004): 258-259
- Review of Anselm Stolz, *The Doctrine of Spiritual Perfection* in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 20:1 (2004): 118-119
- Review of Richard Landes, Andrew Gow, and David C. Van Meter eds., *The Apocalyptic Year 1000: Religious Expectation and Social Change, 950-1050* in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 20:1 (2004): 84-85
- Review of Walter E. Kaegi, *Heraclius: Emperor of Byzantium* in *Fides et Historia* 36:2 (2004): 141-143
- Review of Warwick Gould and Marjorie Reeves, *Joachim of Fiore and the Myth of the Eternal Evangel in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* in *Fides et Historia* 35:1 Winter/Spring (2003): 139-140
- Review of Bernard McGinn, *The Mystical Theology of Meister Eckhart: The Man From Whom God Hid Nothing* in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 18:2 (2002): 282-283
- Review of Peter King, *Western Monasticism: A History of the Monastic Movement in the Latin Church* in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 17:2 (2001): 307-308

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair, Ecclesiology Consultation, Evangelical Theological Society

Organized Sponsored Session entitled “*Monastic Life and Monastic Lives*,” for the 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2009.

Consulting Editor, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* (2007-Present)

Organized Special Session entitled “*Monastic Benevolence: Comparisons West and East?*” for the 36th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2001.

Co-organizer with T. Allan Smith of Conference on Byzantine Monasticisms, University of St. Michael’s College, March 30 - April 1, 2001.