

# CURRICULUM VITAE

V. Revd. Professor  
JOHN ANTHONY MCGUCKIN

**Personal Details:**

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Date of Birth	21. 06. 1952.
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**Faculty Positions**

Professor of Early Church History.  
Union Theological Seminary. NY.  
(1997 + )  
Professor of Byzantine Christianity.  
Columbia University, Department  
of Religion. New York.  
(2002 +)  
Nielsen Professor of Late Antique and  
Byzantine Christian History. UTS.  
New York. (2006+)

**Educational History**

Secondary Schooling	St. Cuthbert's Grammar School , Newcastle Upon Tyne 1963 – 1969
University Education 1970	Heythrop College, University of London. 2-year Philosophy Course.
1972 - 1975	Heythrop College : Bachelor of Divinity Degree.
1975	BD Degree . 1st Class Honours.
1976 - 1979	Durham University.
1980	Doctoral Studies in Patristics PhD. ( Dunelm )
1979 - 1980	Newcastle University. Certificate In Education ( PGCE ). [Winner of the Armstrong Prize ]
1984 - 1986	Southampton University Master's Degree in Curriculum Design & Educational Management [Winner of the University Education Prize 1986 ]
1986	MA (Ed.) Southampton.

**Career History**

1980 - 1984	LSU College of Higher Education, Southampton. Lecturer in Theology . [Historical Theology & New Testament]
1984 -1987	Senior Lecturer in Theology. LSU College. Southampton
1987 - 1989	Principal Lecturer & Head of Department, LSU College. & University of Southampton Co-Coordinator for Inter-Collegiate Teaching in Theology & Religion.

1989 - 1992	Lecturer in New Testament & Early Christian Theology, University of Leeds. Dean for Undergraduate Studies.
1992 - 1995	Senior Lecturer in New Testament & Early Christian Studies, University of Leeds.
1995 - 1997	University Reader in Early Christian & Byzantine Theology. University of Leeds Dean for Postgraduate Studies.
1996 -	Professor of Early Church History. Union Theological Seminary, N Y. <i>Assumed post in August of 1997.</i>
1999 - 2001	Adjunct Professor of Religion. Columbia University. NY.
2002 -	Professor of Byzantine Christianity. Columbia University, New York.
2006 -	Endowed Senior Chair: Nielsen Professor of Late Antique and Byzantine Christian History. UTS. NY.

**University Service at Leeds, England:**

Departmental Dean for Undergraduate Studies	( 1989-1992)
Departmental Dean for Postgraduate Studies	( 1992- 1997)

Elected Member of the University Faculty of Arts Board.  
Member of the University Taught Courses Committee, Faculty of Arts.  
Member of the University Board of Medieval Studies.  
University Representative for External-Collegiate Examining in Theology.

Chair of Departmental Curriculum Review & Development Committee.  
Member of Departmental Planning & Finance Committee.  
Member of Departmental Promotions Committee.  
Departmental Adviser for Overseas Students.  
Departmental Coordinator for International Relations.

**Academic Service:**

**Union Theological Seminary :**

Member of the Committee for Doctoral Studies : 1997-1998.  
Member of the Committee on Appointments : 1997- present.  
Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. 2000-2002.  
Chair of the Institutional and Community Affairs Committee. 2008-2009  
Member of Faculty Search Committees. 1997-1999; 2000-2001, 2001-2002.  
Member of the Academic Affairs Committee. 1998 –1999 & 2009-2010.  
Member of the President's Special Advisory Council (Capital Fund Campaign & Curricular Renewal Program). 1998-2001.  
Member of the Graduate Admissions Committee. 1998- 2002  
Faculty Representative on the Burke Library Committee. 1999 -  
Faculty Representative Burke Library Fellows, Scholarship Committee. 1999- 2008.  
Member of the Presidential Search Committee. 2008.

**Columbia University Service:**

Senator of Columbia University 2002 - 2007  
Member of the Religion Department Graduate Studies Committee. 2004 -  
Member of the Columbia Senate's Honorary Degree Awards Committee. 2002- 2007  
Executive Committee Member of the University's Harriman Center (East European Studies). 2000-  
Committee Member for the University's Certificate in Medieval Studies. 2007 -

**External University Examining Appointments:**

The University of Durham ( BA ) ( 1990 - 1993 )  
The University of London ( MA & Dip. Theol. ) ( 1991 - 1994 )  
The University of Southampton ( BEd. Theol. ) ( 1993-1995 )  
External Assessor for the Irish Government's CNAAP development of Theological Degrees at All Hallows College Dublin, and Thurles Seminary, Eire (1987 ).  
Higher Research Degrees External Examiner at the Universities of :  
Oxford, Durham, Exeter, Manchester, Leeds, Columbia, Fordham & UTS. (1984 - present)  
Faculty Tenure External Assessor at the Universities of: Cambridge, Columbia, Texas, Yale, Louvain, & Baia Mare (Romania).

**Visiting Professor at :**

The University of Kiev - Mohyla Academy. (1993).  
The Orthodox Theological Faculty of Sibiu, Romania (1995 ).  
Baia Mare University, Theology Dept, Faculty of Humanities, Romania. (1995, 2006)  
The Royal Academy of Norway: Institute for Advanced Research. Oslo. (2003).  
Sergei Posad – Moscow Patriarchal Theological Academy. (2007).  
Bucharest Faculty of Theology (2009)

**Invitations for Keynote Addresses at :**

The University of Manchester . 1992 Conference on Nestorius and His Legacy.  
*published by the Bulletin of the John Rylands Library. 1996.*

The International Origen Colloquium, Boston, Massachusetts 1989.  
[& again at Chantilly, 1993. & Again at Pisa 2001.]  
*published in Origeniana Quinta, & Origeniana Sexta & Origeniana Octava: Boston, Paris, & Pisa 1992,1995., & 2002.*

The International Conference of the Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies,  
at Birmingham , 1994 ; Again at Brighton 1998.  
*published by Variorum Press , London, 1996. & 1999*

The Distinguished Visitors Scheme, at The Queen's University, Belfast, 1995 , to lecture on Byzantine Hesychastic Spirituality.

Advanced Patristics and Theology Seminars at the Universities of Oxford, Durham, Cambridge, Exeter, Manchester, Fordham, Princeton, and Yale. (1992- 2007)

The Advanced Seminar for Philosophy at Kiev University Research Institute (on Ammonius Sacca & Neo-Platonic Origins ). (1993)

The Catholic University of Australia. Conference on Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church. Sydney. January. 1999. (Keynote Speaker): (*Again in 2003*).  
*Addresses published by Australian Catholic University Press. August. 1999. & 2005.*

Section chair & speaker for the Seminar on Autobiography in Patristic Literature at the International Oxford Patristics Conference, Oxford. August. 1999.  
*Address published in Studia Patristica. Peeters, Leuven. 2001.*

Keynote Speaker at the Conference on 'The Last Things', Lancaster PA. October 1999.  
*Published by Eerdmans. 2001.*

Keynote Speaker for the International Conference on 'Constantine and His Influence' at the University of Exeter, August 2000. *Published in SVSThQ. 2003*).

Keynote speaker at the Conference on The Theotokos in Art and Theology: at the Benaki Museum, Athens. January. 2001. *Published in the International Journal 'Maria', Autumn, 2001.)*

Keynote speaker to the Conference : Chalcedon and Its Historical Influence. The Vatican, Rome. March 2000. *Published in: 'Il Concilio di Calcedonia'. (ed) A Duca. Rome. 2003.*

Keynote speaker for the NY Public Lecture (one of a nationally organised series) celebrating the 80th Birthday of Jaroslav Pelikan, held at St. Vladimir's Seminary, New York. The address published as:

‘Orthodoxy and Western Christianity: The Original European Culture War ?’ in V Hotchkiss (ed). *Orthodoxy and Western Culture* : (Pelikan Festschrift). SVS Press. New York. 2005.

Keynote Speaker for the Conference on ‘Deification in Early Christian Thought’ at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. May 2004. *Address published as*: ‘Deification in Greek Patristic Thought: The Cappadocian Fathers’ Strategic Adaptation of a Tradition.’ In: M Christensen & J Wittung (edd). *Partakers of the Divine Nature. The History and Development of Deification in the Christian Tradition*. Farleigh Dickinson University Press. 2006.

Keynote speaker for the International Conference on ‘Salvation in Early Christian and Byzantine Thought’, Queens University, Belfast. July, 2005. The Address: *Soter Theos : The Patristic & Byzantine Reappropriation of an Antique Idea*.

Distinguished Visitor’s Lecture: Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla. October 2005.  
Lecture: ‘*The Search for the Illumined Heart in the Early Eastern Christian Mystics.*’

Keynote speaker at the Pappas Patristic Institute Conference on Eschatology in Early christian Culture, Holy Cross College, Boston Mass.(2004). The address is published as: ‘Eschatological Horizons in the Cappadocian Fathers.’ in *Early Christian Eschatology*. ed.RJ Daly. Baker Academic Press. 2008.

Keynote speaker at the Pappas Patristic Institute Conference on ‘The Trinity in The Life of the Church.’ Holy Cross College, Boston, Mass. (2008). The address will be published by Baker Academic Press in 2010.

Keynote speaker at the Romanian Academy / Patriarchate of Romania’s International Conference on Ancient Cappadocian Theology for the Anniversary of Sf. Vasile Cel Mare. Bucharest. November 1-4 2009. The Address ( ‘St. Basil the Great and Nicene Orthodoxy’) will be published by Editura Cuvantul Vietii. Bucharest. 2010.

Keynote Speaker at the Sophia Institute Conference ‘Philanthropy and Social Compassion in Eastern Christian Tradition.’ New York. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 2009. With an address: Building the New Society: Byzantine Christian Philanthropic Foundations.’ Conference papers to be published: Edwards Bros. NY. 2010.

#### **Roles in Recent Research Projects :**

Initiated in 1993, with grant aid from the European Community, an international Collaboration between Leeds University ( The School of Slavic Studies & The Department of Theology and Religion) and various universities and theological schools in Eastern Europe (Russia, Ukraine, and Romania), designed to assist emerging Faculties and Departments of Religion in the post-communist era, to model new curricula and upgrade university staff qualifications.

Associate Editor (1995 - 1996 ), in the publication project of the *Oxford Companion to Christian Thought* . Oxford University Press, and extensive contributor to the same.

International Consultant Advisor for : *The Centre for Early Christian Studies*. The Australian Catholic University, Queensland. 1999 –

Initiator of two reference volumes for Westminster John Knox Press: *The Westminster Handbook to Patristic Theology* (sole author), and *The Origen Encyclopedia* (produced by an international team of scholars which I co-ordinated as single Editor).

Publication Board Member, for WJK Press, for its forthcoming Series: ‘Sources in Christian Theology’ (A multi-volume set of primary source materials for classical Christian theology, for students, pastors, and researchers).

Co-Chair and Co-Organiser of the Scholarly Conference ‘Orthodoxy & Democracy: Changes After the Cold War’. New York. Oct. 26-27<sup>th</sup> 2001. (Columbia University & Union Theological Seminary Co-Sponsoring).

Chair and Organiser of the Scholarly Conference: ‘The Art of the Icon: Studies in Early Christian, Byzantine and Slavic Sacred Art.’ (Columbia University & Union Theological Seminary). November 2003.

Editor for vol. 2. of the five volume IVP Project : 'Ancient Christian Doctrines' (2009) - a patrological collation of central texts of the ancient Christian credal tradition (issued in conjunction with the Project 'Ancient Christian Commentaries on Scripture' ( Series ed. T. Oden ).

Chair and Organizer of the Scholarly Conference at Columbia University : '*Mount Athos Its History and Culture*. ( co-sponsored by Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary). March. 2005.

Selected by the Luce Foundation as Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology ( Historical Theology) for 2006. For a research project issuing as a book for Blackwell's Press, Oxford: *The Orthodox Church. An Introduction to Its History, Theology and Spiritual Culture*. Blackwell-Wiley. 2008.

Founder and Executive Director of *The Sophia Institute*: [An Advanced Research Forum for the Study of the Culture and Life of Eastern Christianity, New York]. 2007 -

Chair and Organizer of the International Scholarly Conferences sponsored by Sophia Institute at Union / Columbia University :

*The Role of Women in Orthodox History and Culture*. December 2008.

*Philanthropia & Social Compassion in Eastern Christian Tradition*. December 2009.

Chair and Organizer of the Academic Conference: 'Seeing the God – Categories of Vision in late Antique Mediterranean Religion.' UTS/ & Columbia University Religion Dept. New York. May 2011. Book of the Conference issuing from Gorgias Press 2012, edited by J Pettis with Introductory preface and 2 chapters by JA McGuckin.

#### **Editorial & Editorial Advisory Appointments .**

Member of the Editorial Advisory Council for the Journal 'Pro Ecclesia' (NY). 1995 – 2004.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the 'Greek Orthodox Theological Review' (Brookline, Mass.) 1990-1995.

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for: 'Maria: A Journal of Marian Studies. (Sheffield Academic Press). 1997 -

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for the Australian Catholic University's Centre for Early Christian Studies - Monograph Publications Series ' Early Christian Studies'.2001 -

Former Editor (1985 - 1990) of the Journal 'Scripture Bulletin' (London ).

British Committee Member of the Association Internationale des Études Patristiques (AIEP). (1995-7); and Association Member since its inception.

Member of the Editorial Board for Westminster John Knox Press, for the Series:

The Westminster Collection of Sources of Christian Theology (WCSTC). 2005 -

Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Journal 'Spiritus'. 2005-

Consultant manuscript assessor for publications in Early Church thought for Routledge, Oxford University Press, Westminster John Knox Press & SVS Press. 1996 -

Editorial Board Advisor for the Romanian Journal of Theology. *Analele Stiintifice ale Universității din Iași*, (serie nouă) Teologie Ortodoxă. 2004 –

Editorial Board Advisor for *Studii Teologice* International Theological Review of the Orthodox Patriarchate of Romania. 2007-

Editorial Board Advisor for the *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church* (Routledge) 2009 –

Editorial Board Consultant for ACW ( Ancient Christian Writers series of Patristic texts and Translations). 2009 –

Editorial Board Member. Series entitled: 'Texts and Studies in Eastern Christianity'. Brill. Leiden.2011 –

Editorial Board member for the Journal 'Orizonturi Teologice.' Oradea Faculty of Theology Romania. 2010 -

#### **Membership of Learned Societies**

##### **Memberships :**

The Ecclesiastical History Society of Great Britain  
The Society for the Promotion of Byzantine Studies.  
The International Association for Patristic Studies.  
The International Origenian Colloquium.  
New York Patristic and Byzantine Colloquium

##### **Fellowships / Senior Fellowships**

The Royal Historical Society. London  
The Royal Society of Arts. London.  
The Sophia Institute. New York.

The North American Patristics Society.  
The American Society of Church History.  
The American Theological Society.

***Pastoral Offices & Distinctions.***

Ordained Priest of the Eastern Orthodox Church (Patriarchate of Romania).  
Rector of the Eastern Orthodox Parish of St. Gregory the Theologian. Upper West Side. NYC. ([www.sgtf.org](http://www.sgtf.org))  
Awarded the Order of St Stephen the Great, the Great Cross of Moldovia and Bukovina, by the  
Romanian Orthodox Church, for services to the Academy and the Church. January 2007.  
Awarded the Gold Medal of Sf. Vasile Cel Mare, at the Romanian Patriarchate, November 2009.

**Extra-to-Academic Interests.** Photography, Music, & Poetry.

**Academic Publications :** Attached separately.

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