PROGRAM

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The Ohio State University

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All sessions including the keynote presentation will be held in room 140 of the Pfahl Conference Center.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

8:00 to 10:00

Session 1: Teaching and Role Modeling Sanctity: The Creation of Saints

Chair/Discussant: Jennifer Spock (Eastern Kentucky University)

Donald Ostrowski (Harvard University): “The Making of a Princely Saint: Alexander Nevsky in the Sixteenth Century”

David Goldfrank (Georgetown University): “The Rhetoric of Eldership in Nil Sorskii and Iosif Volotskii”

Mario Rodriquez Polo (University Complutense, Madrid): “Towards a Systemic Understanding of Yurodstvo as a Socio-Culture Cognitive Construct”

10:15 to 12:15

Session 2: National Churches and Ecumenism: Regional Engagement in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Chair/Discussant: Heather Bailey (University of Illinois, Springfield)

Lucien Frary (Rider University): “The Russian Foreign Ministry and the Ecumenical Patriarch in the First Half of the Nineteenth Century”

Matthew Miller (Northwestern College): “Sustaining the Orthodox Commonwealth: The American YMCA in the Balkans, 1892–1940”

Jerry Pankhurst (Wittenberg University): “Russian Orthodoxy’s Growing European Engagement and Russia’s National Identity”

Lunch 12:15 to 1:30

1:30-3:00

Session 3: Developing Christian Communities: Architecture and Argument in the Middle Eastern and North African Christian Experience.

Discussant: Lucien Frary (Rider University)

Darlene Brooks Hedstrom (Wittenberg University): “Environmental and Religious Objectives in Egyptian Monastic Construction”

David Bertaina (University of Illinois, Springfield): “Arguing with the Orthodox in Arabic: Elias of Nisibis’ Invitation to a Melkite Brother”

3:15-5:15

Session 4: Christian Identity in the Late Antique East

Discussant: David Bertaina (University of Illinois, Springfield)

Rod Stearn (University of Kentucky): “Regional Christian Identities in Late Antique Palestine”

Joshua Powell (University of Kentucky): “Ecclesiastical Politics and the Formation of Identity in the 530s”

Edward Mason (University of Kentucky): “Virtue and Roman Identity in Origen”

5:30-6:30 Keynote Address: 140 Pfahl Hall

Reverend Doctor John Chryssavgis

“Divine Craving: Insights on Food and Gluttony from Sixth-Century Palestine”

6:30-7:30: Reception

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8

8:00-10:30

Session 5: Theological Debates of the Early Twentieth Century: Russia

Discussant/Chair: Valeria Nollan (Rhodes College)

Betsy Perabo (Western Illinois University): “Mission, War, and Theological Ethics: Orthodox Debates on the Russo-Japanese War”

Scott Kenworthy (Miami University): “The Russian Holy Synod’s Condemnation of the Name Glorifiers, 1913”

Christopher Stroop (Stanford University): “The First World War as a Neglected Moment in the Development of Orthodox-Protestant Relations”

Paul Gavrilyuk (University of St. Thomas): “From Youthful Veneration to Bitter Condemnation: Florovsky’s Re-Reading of Solovyov”

10:45-12:15

Session 6: Confronting North America: Adaptation and Apocalypticism

Chair/Discussant: Barbara Skinner (Indiana State University)

John-Paul Himka (University of Alberta): “Iconography in Ukrainian Churches in the Canadian Prairies”

Amy Slagle (University of Southern Mississippi): “The Apocalypticism of Fr. Seraphim Rose”

12:15-2:00 Lunch

2:00-4:00

Session 7: The French Connection: Orthodox-Catholic Interaction in Modern France

Chair/Discussant: Matthew Miller (Northwestern College)

Heather Bailey (University of Illinois, Springfield): “Russian Orthodoxy and Roman Catholicism in Civilization Narratives in Nineteenth-Century France”

Nicolas Prevelakis (Harvard University): “French Influences on 1970s Greek Orthodox Theology”

Erich Lippman (Bethany College): “The Problem of Action in Personalist Manifestos: French and Russian”

4:14-5:45

Session 8: Viewing Orthodoxy as the “Other”

Chair/Discussant: Page Herrlinger (Bowdoin College)

Eugene Clay (Arizona State University): “Spiritual Christianity in the Lower Volga River, 1760s-1917”

Charles Arndt (Union College): “Nikolai Leskov’s Re-Working of Orthodox Forms in his Series Tales of the Three Righteous Men”