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| Postgraduate Studies, Faculty of Theology, Gutenberg University in Mainz. Lectures and Seminars regarding the “Interpretation and Theology of the New Testament, especially the Apocalypse of John”Postgraduate Studies, Biblical Studies Department, Faculty of Social Theology, University of Athens. BA., Faculty of Theology of the School of Theology, University of Athens.Ecclesiastical Lyceum Athens. Abitur with final grade Excellent.Varvakio Gymnasium, Athens. |

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* Elected Director of the Department of Biblical Studies and the Cultural Life of the Mediterranean (2013-2014)
* Elected Head of Department of Social Theology (twice, 2015 - now)
* Ordinary Member of the Senate of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (2015 - now)
* Supervisor for the Erasmus Program at the Faculty of Social Theology, University of Athens. (2005 – now). Key collaborations: Universities of Bonn, Munich, NLA Høgskolen University College, Tübingen University
* Supervisor and Consultant for more than 20 MA Thesis and 4 PhD Thesis
* Responsible for the Greek Music Choir and Orchestra of the Saint George Wiesbaden Parish in the State of Essen
* Member of the Churches Council (ACK) of the state of Essen
* Member of the Organizing Committee of the international Congress of SNTS (Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas) in Athens (2018), member of the Organizing committees of international Biblical conferences in Corinth (2007), Patmos (2013), Smyrna (2016)
* Module Coordinator of “Orthodoxy in the 20th Century” - Hellenic Open University 2004-2016 (Distance Learning for Adults)
* Collaboration with the Department of Economics (University of Athens) in the project “Economy and Religious Organizations”
* External evaluator of Postgraduate programs offered in private Universities (Pafos / Nicosia) in Cyprus (Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education 2017)
* EU appointed expert in Horizon 2020 (Ethics and Research Integrity Sector)
* Coordinator of ACORDES, “Actions for Cultural Openness and inter-Religious understanding in European Societies”, in the research framework CULT-COOP-05-2017: Religious diversity in Europe - past, present and future. Members include: The World Council of Churches, and prominent research institutions.

**Memberships**

* Member of the SNTS (Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas) from 2008
* Member of EABS (European Association of Biblical Studies) – co-editor of the Biblical Studies Bulletin (Deltion Vivlikon Spoudon)
* Member of the Greek Union of Biblical Theologians
* Member and co-editor of *Theologia* (Official Academic Journal of the Church of Greece) 2014-2015
* Member and co-editor of the Scientific Review of the Postgraduate Program ‘Studies in Orthodox Theology’ at the Hellenic Open University

**Books**

* *The Heavenly Worship in Sec. 4-5 of the Revelation of John*, PhD Thesis, Wiesbaden (2000)
* *Τhe Transfiguration in Mark's Gospel and the Pauline Epistles*, Wiesbaden (2000), pp.165
* *Liturgical plans for the teaching curriculum of Greek-Orthodox religious doctrine (classes 5-13)*, Hessian Ministry of Culture (2001), pp.30
* *Jesus as Christ and Political Power in the Synoptic Evangelists*, Athens: Athos (2006), pp. 450
* *The Revelation of John. Hermeneutical Approach to the Book of Prophecy. Vol. I*, Athens: Athos 2005, pp. 243
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* *The Code of the Gospels. Introduction to the Synoptic Gospels and Practical Methods for their Interpretation*, Athens: Athos 2007, pp. 489
* *Human Identity and Morality in the New Testament. The New Testament in the 21st century. Vol. II*, *Biblical Studies in Biblical Ethics*, Athens: Athos 2008
* *The Apostle Paul in Athens. Synchronic Interpretation of Acts 17,* Athens: Athos 2009
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* *Commentary on 1 Timothy. Christianity and its "silent" Expansion.* Athens: Tremendum 2014, pp. 500
* *The New Testament in the 21st century. Pauline Studies: On the traces of the Apostle of the Nations Vol. III*. Athens: Tremendum 2014, pp. 350
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* ‘Christianity and political authority: the interpretation of Rom 13:1-7 by J. Crysostomus’, Symposium on J. Chrysostomus: The personality and theology of St. J. Chrysostomus, Athens: Apostoliki Diakonia (2007), pp. 427-451.
* ‘Luke as a Historian and Evangelist’. *Sinaxi* 107 (2008), pp. 4-16
* ‘Paul and Sports in 1 Cor. 9:24-27 and Phil. 3:12-15’, *Alexandrian Amitos.* P. Tzoumerkas and P. Tzoumerkas (ed.), Alexandria: Patriarchal Library Edition of the Alexandria Patriarchate, 2008, pp.131-144. Honorary tribute in Memory of I. Hadjifotiou
* ‘Greek Ethical Philosophy and the Ethics of Early Christianity, *Timeless Components of Orthodox Theology. [ΟΡΘ 60]*, Volume III, Patras: Greek Open University, (2009), pp. 155-275
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* *Ap. Paul and Corinth. 1950 Years since His Arrival. Proceedings of the First World Congress, Corinth 2007*. Athens: Psychogios 2009 (in collaboration with Chr. Karakolis, K. Belezos)
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* Participation in the scientific-editorial Committee of the *SCIENTIFIC REVIEW OF POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME "STUDIES IN ORTHODOX THEOLOGY",* which is issued by the OPEN GREEK UNIVERSITY-FACULTY HUMANITIES STUDIES. ISSUED THREE VOLUMES www.eap.gr/newsite/images/stories/pdf/orth\_epitheorisi.pdf
* Participation from 01/2014 at the *Scientific-Editorial Committee of the Journal “Theologia”*
* *1950 years since the martyrdom of Apostle Paul – Proceedings of the Conference on the 1950 years since the Martyrdom of Paul* (February 2017) in Pyrgos and Amaliada (2018), chief editor
* *Τhe Song of Songs in Jewish and Christian Literature, Symposium in Greece*, 2016, co-editor with P. Stamatopoulos (forthcoming)
* *The Holocaust: Diachronic and Interdisciplinary Approaches, Proceedings of the International Conference* (Athens, 3-5 October 2017), edited by S. Despotis and P. Stamatopoulos (forthcoming)

**Activities and Seminars/Conferences**

* Co-organizer of the 1st World Bible Conference in Greece, which was successfully held from 21-24 September 2007 in Corinth. Topic: "Ap. Paul and Corinth.
* Organizer of the Conference -in cooperation with the Athens Archdiocese- which was successfully held on the 20th of April 2013 at Douroutio Cultural Center. Topic: “God suffers." Speech: “The ekkentimenos Messiah of the Old and New Testament”
* Organizer of Seminars, in cooperation with the University Clinic of Munich, which were held in May 2013 at Patmos. Topic: “The Revelation”
* Organizer of The International Colloquium Ioanneum, in collaboration with Prof. Dr. J. van der Watt, which was held in September 2013
* Participation at the 8th Moral Meeting (Doxologische Ethik) in Mainz, Germany in November 2013. (H) 16-18.05.2013 took part in the filming of the Russian state cultural channel Культура (Culture) concerning the Footsteps of Apostle Paul in Athens
* Organizer of the reception (July 2013/July 2014) at the Theological Faculty of the University of Athens and introductory meeting with professors and students from the Eastern Pontifical Institute of Rome participating in the New Greek Language teaching program co-organized with not Apostolic Diakonia of the Church of Greece
* Organizer of Workshop -in cooperation with the Dean of the Theological School of Athens- dedicated to Albania Archbishop Messrs. Anastasios, on June 26, 2014. Topic: “The Expansion of Christian preaching in the black continent: From the Ethiopian official in the 21st century”

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