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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political Philosophy and Theology; Theological Anthropology; History of Christian Thought; Russian Religious and Political Thought; Christian Ethics and Moral Theology; Intellectual History (Western & Enlightenment thought); 20th Century Political Philosophy; Political Ideologies and Regimes; Comparative Politics and International Relations

**EDUCATION****McGill University, Canada**

Religious Studies, Ph.D., 2021

**Concordia University, Canada**

Theological Studies, M.A., 2015

**Concordia University, Canada**

History, B.A., 2011

**Varna Free University, Bulgaria**

Political Science, B.A., 2000

**WORK EXPERIENCE****Editor & Publisher**

The Montreal Review ([www.themontrealreview.com](http://www.themontrealreview.com)) 2009-Present

**Teaching Assistant & Lecturer**

Russian Political Theology (Institute of Philosophy Edith Stein, Spain), Fall, 2022

Religion, Politics, and Society (McGill University), 2020

Religion and Human Rights (McGill University), 2019

Religion, Politics, and Society (McGill University), 2018

Religion and Human Rights (McGill University), 2017

Sexual Ethics (McGill University), Winter & Summer, 2017

Sexual Ethics (McGill University), 2016

Religion, Politics, and Society (McGill University), 2016  
 Origins of Christianity (Concordia University), Fall & Winter, 2015  
 Religious Pluralism in a Secular Culture (Concordia University), 2014

### **Grader**

Theology in Film (Concordia University), 2013

### **Journalist and Editor, Media Relations Representative**

Local and national radio stations and newspaper publications, Union of Democratic Forces, 1999-2005

### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Person and Communion: The Political Theology of Nikolai Berdyaev" Ph.D. thesis, McGill University's institutional digital repository: McGill University.

(<https://escholarship.mcgill.ca/concern/theses/cf95jh19g>), 2021

"The Political Theology of Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Reinhold Niebuhr: Essays in Political Theology and Christian Realism." The Montreal Review Publishing, 2018

"Discourses on Rights: A History of Rights from Antiquity to the Present." (Vol. I.) The Montreal Review Publishing, 2017

"Freedom, Happiness, and the Communion of Life" (in Dostoyevsky, Zamyatin, and Berdyaev) *Journal of the Council for Research on Religion (JCREOR)*

"Not Peace but a Sword: The Prophetic Visions of a Russian Exile (D. Merezhkovsky's Criticism of Modernity)." *The Journal of the Oxford Graduate Theological Society (JOGTS)*

"Russia and the West: Fyodor Tyutchev on Russian Exceptionalism." *The Montreal Review* (September, 2018)

### **CONFERENCES AND LECTURES**

"Freedom and Happiness." (The Dystopian Visions of Dostoyevsky and E. Zamyatin), 21st Annual AECDO Student Conference: "On Ethics and the Good Life," Dominican University College, Ottawa, Canada, March 2021

"Not Peace but a Sword: The Prophetic Visions of a Russian Exile (D. Merezhkovsky's Criticism of Modernity)." Society for the Study of Christian Ethics 2021 Postgraduate Conference: "Cities of God: Politics, Theology, and Ethics," Oxford Graduate Theological Society, March 2021

"'Sbornost' and 'Sobornost': Nikolai Berdyaev's Perspective on State, Society, and Christian Community." Conference: "Christian Theology after Christendom: Engaging the Thought of Douglas John Hall," McGill University, November, 2019

"Dionysus versus the Crucified: Berdyaev and Socialism" Doctorklub lecture, McGill University, October, 2019

"Person and Communion: The Political Theology of Nikolai Berdyaev." Political Theology Network Conference, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, October, 2019

"Nikolai Berdyaev's Trinitarian Personalism." International Conference "Beyond Secular Faith: The Whole in the Fragment: Sacramental versus Contractual Logic," Institute of Philosophy Edith Stein, Granada, Spain, 2019

McGill CREOR Colloquium: "Religion and Violence: Sources, History and Contemporary World," Member of organizing committee, 2018

"Early Christian Discourses on Law and Justice." McGill CREOR Graduate Student Conference: "Problematizing Religious Diversity in a Secular Age," McGill University, Montreal, 2017

"Christian Human Rights," Annual Graduate Conference: Religion, Ideology, Violence, Concordia University, Montreal, 2017

"Religious Dialogue and Church-State Relations in Contemporary Bulgaria," Round Table and Conference, "Freedom for All" and Foundation "Preobrzenie" Sofia, March, 2005

## **LANGUAGES**

Bulgarian – native speaker

English – fluent

Russian – fluent

French – reading and spoken knowledge

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

J.W. McConnell Fellowship, 2020-2021

Graduate Excellence Award, 2020-2021

McCall MacBain Fellowship, 2019-2020

W M Birks Graduate Award, 2019

Graduate Excellence Fellowship, 2018-2019

Redemptorist Moral Theology Bursary, 2017-2019

Eugene McBurney Award, 2017-2018

Graduate Excellence Fellowship, 2015-2017

## **CITIZENSHIP**

Canadian and Bulgarian (EU)

### **PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (UK)

The Political Theology Network (US)

Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR), McGill University (Canada)

Bulgarian Friedrich Hayek Society (Bulgaria)

### **REFERENCES**

#### **Torrance Kirby [for research purposes]**

Professor of Ecclesiastical History; Fellow of the Royal Historical Society

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#### **Lucian Turcescu [for research and teaching purposes]**

Professor and Graduate Program Director, Theological Studies

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