

## The Ecumenical, Theological, and Interdisciplinary Symposium

2012: Time, Place and Self in Interdisciplinary Narratives

2011: Alienation and Authenticity in Environments of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Technology, Person and Transcendence

2010: Meaning and Mystery: From the Philosophy of Knowledge to the Theology of Person

2009: Religion and Politics: The Human Society between the Power of God and the Power of Man

2008: Cult and Culture: The Transcendental Roots of Human Civilization

2007: Theology and Literature: The Deification of Imagination and Its Cathartic Function in Spiritual Growth

2006: The Glory of Knowledge: Construction and Deconstruction. When Human Quest Ends in Apophasis

2005: Unity in Diversity: Can We Live Together in an Apocalyptic World?

2004: Globalization from A (Archeology) to S (Spirituality): What Is It and Who Needs It?

2003: Science and Theology: New Challenges and Perspectives

2002: Contemporary Culture in the Light of Christian Spirituality at the Beginning of the Third Millennium. The Secular Realities and Spiritual Perspectives

2001: Prayer as Theology of the Mind and of the Heart for the Humanity in the New Millennium

2000: Humanity in the Third Millennium and the Mystery of the Divine

1999: Jesus Christ as the Theandric Paradigm of Man's Restoration at the Dawn of the Third Millennium

1998: The Theological Legacy of Fr. Dumitru Staniloae and its Ecumenical Actuality

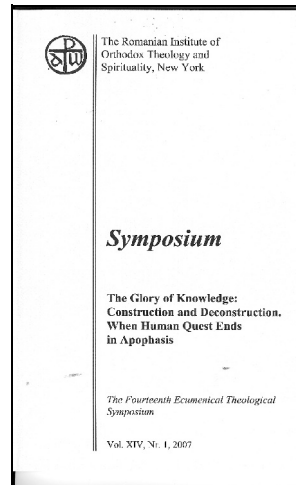
1997: Rediscovering God: The Relation between God and Man and its Significance for our Life Today

1996: Freedom and Responsibility in Contemporary Society

1995: Divine Creation and Human Responsibility in the Context of Contemporary Ecological Preoccupations

1994: Quo Vadis Homo? Salvation and the Modern World

1993: Worship and Identity in our Contemporary Society



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#### PROGRAM

*XXIst Ecumenical Theological and  
Interdisciplinary Symposium*

**Vivat Academia!**

**How Post-Modern Rhetoric  
Shapes Our Understanding of  
Modern and Pre-Modern  
Values**

Saturday, December 7th, 2013  
10:00 AM

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431 Canal Street (at Varick Ave.)  
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**11th Floor - Conference Room 11 N**  
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**Theodor Damian, PhD**

Professor of Philosophy and Ethics,  
Metropolitan College of New York;  
President of the Romanian Institute of  
Orthodox Theology and Spirituality:  
*How Can Transcendence Help Reinvent  
Ourselves?*

**Richard Grallo, PhD**

Professor of Applied Psychology,  
Metropolitan College of New York:  
*On Seeking Understanding*

**Louis Tietje, PhD**

Professor of Ethics, Metropolitan College of  
New York, and

**Steven Cresap, PhD**

Associate Professor of Modern European  
Intellectual History, Metropolitan College of  
New York:  
*The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard  
in Matthew 20: 1-16: A Story about Justice  
of Mercy?*

**Steven Cresap, PhD**

Associate Professor of Modern European  
Intellectual History, Metropolitan College of  
New York:  
*Advocacy in the Mission Statement:  
What Academics Should Do about  
Institutional Partisanship*

**Doru Tsaganea, PhD**

Associate Professor of Mathematics,  
Metropolitan College of New York:  
*Industrialization - The Defining Economic  
Element of Modernization*

**Constantin Virgil Negoita, PhD**

Professor of Computer Science, Hunter  
College, City University of New York:  
*Postmodern Logic*

**Elvin Ramos,**

Assistant Dean, Metropolitan College of New  
York:

*The Rethoric of Hope: Illuminating the  
Reality of the World's Poor and the Role of  
Religious Charity*

**Paul J. LaChance, PhD**

Associate Professor, Philosophy/Theology  
Department, College of St. Elisabeth, New  
Jersey:

*Process and Insight: Sounding in Gendlin  
and Lonergan Toward a Future Dialectic*

**Bert Breiner, PhD**

Adjunct Professor of Religion, Hunter  
College, City University of New York  
*Al-Ghazali, Certitude and Postmodernism*

MODERATOR:

**Humphrey Crookendale, JD**

Dean, School of Management, Metropolitan  
College of New York

GUESTS OF HONOR:

**His Eminence Dr. Nicolae Condrea,**  
Archbishop, The Romanian Orthodox  
Archdiocese in the Americas

**Vinton Thompson, PhD**

President of the Metropolitan College of  
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**Ruth Lugo, PhD**

Dean of the Audrey Cohen School for  
Human Services and Education,  
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DISCUSSANTS:

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Assistant Professor of Values and Ethics,  
Metropolitan College of New York

**Clyde Griffin, EdD**

Assistant Professor of Human Services,  
Metropolitan College of New York

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