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SUMMARY

Theodor Damian is a theologian, writer and editor. He is Professor Emeritus of Human Services and Education at the Metropolitan College of New York; president and founder of the Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York and of the Literary Society “M. Eminescu”; priest of “Sts. Apostles Peter and Paul” Romanian Orthodox Church in New York; director of *Lumina Lina. Gracious Light*, a review of Romanian spirituality and culture, and of the journals *Symposium* and *Romanian Medievalia*; President of the American branch of the Academy of Romanian Scientists; writer, member of the Writers’ Union of Romania; journalist, member of the Union of Professional Journalists, Romania; member of the editorial board of over 20 literary and academic magazines and journals in Romania and the USA; member in numerous national (Romanian and USA) and international associations.

Theodor Damian has published about 40 books in the fields of theology, philosophy, poetry, and literary criticism such as *The Icons. Theological and Spiritual Dimensions According to St. Theodore of Studion* (The Edwin Mellen Press, Lewiston, NY, 2002), *Philosophy and Literature: A Hermeneutic of the Metaphysical Challenge* (in Romanian, Ed. Fundației România de Măine, Bucharest, 2008), *The Spiritual Implications of the Theology of Icon* (Eikon, Cluj, 2003), *Semnul Isar* (Paralela 45, Pitești, 2006), *Apofaze* (Tracus Arte, Bucharest, 2012), *Lazăre, vino afară* (Junimea, Iassy, 2016), *Perihoreze* (Eikon, Bucharest, 2018).

Among the many prizes, medals and distinctions he received over the years, in 2002 he was honored with the title of honorary citizen of the city of Botoșani; în 2016 with an honorary doctorate by Bioterra University, Bucharest; in 2017 with the prize Queens Ambassador Awards offered by TimesLedger Newspapers; in 2018 he was awarded the decoration *Donum Sacrum Unitatis* by Archbishop Irineu Pop of Alba Iulia; and the centennial medal „100 pentru Centenar” by the Romanian Government.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Theology (Systematic theology), Bucharest University, 1999
Ph.D. Theology (Patristics), Fordham University, 1993
Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1990
Theological studies at Lausanne University, Switzerland, 1980-1983
Ecumenical studies at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland, 1979-1980
M.A. Theology, Bucharest Theological Institute, 1978
B.A. Theology, Bucharest Theological Institute, 1975

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Systematic Theology, Ethics, Spirituality, Patristics, Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor at Metropolitan College of New York, School for Human Services and Education, 1992 – 2019
teaching philosophy, ethics and sociology

President of the USA branch of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, since 2009

Parish priest (and founder) of “SS. Peter and Paul” Romanian Orthodox Church in Queens, New York,
since 1993

Founder and president of the Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, since 1993

Founder of the literary society “M. Eminescu”, since 1993

Professor of Philosophy and Literature, Department of Journalism, Spiru Haret University, Bucharest,
2008-2011

Director of the Distance Learning Center in New York for Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, 2005-2011

Theology and Religious Studies expert member in the Romanian National University Research Council
(CNCSIS) and in the Executive Agency for Higher Education and Research Funding (UEPISCU) for the
Coordination of the Strategic project Doctorate in Universities of Excellence - Research Assessment and
Support for Scientific Publishing (www.ecs-univ.ro), 2011

Adjunct Assistant Professor, College of New Rochelle, New York, 2001-2002
Course: “Experience, Learning and Identity”

Coordinator of Master’s Programs for Metropolitan College of New York (formerly Audrey Cohen
College), New York, NY, Staten Island Center, 1999-2003

Administrative and academic coordinator of Staten Island Center of Metropolitan College of New York
(formerly Audrey Cohen College) 1996-1999

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Church History, St. Vladimir’s Theological Seminary, Crestwood, NY, 1995

Psychotherapist at New Hope Guild, New York and coordinator of the Romanian program for the elderly,
1993-1994

Mission to the USA program in the Presbyterian Church USA, 1988-1989
Speaking about Romanian and Orthodox Spirituality, Theology and Culture in more than 40 Presbyterian
churches across the USA

Editorial secretary at Sibiu Archdiocesan Publishing House and priest serving at the Metropolitan
Cathedral, 1986-1988

Priest (and founder) of “Holy Three Hierarchs” Romanian Orthodox parish in Lausanne, Switzerland,
1980-1983

Archpriest (Dean) at Dorohoi Deanery, county of Botoșani, Romania, 1978-1983

Parish priest in parishes of Ibănești and Hănești, Deanery of Dorohoi, Romania, 1973-1978

PUBLICATIONS - BOOKS

Theology, Philosophy, Literature:

- 2017 *Gregory of Nazianzus' Poetry and His Human Face in It*, Sophia Institute - Theotokos Press, New York, 2017
- 2002 *The Icons. Theological and Spiritual Dimensions According to St. Theodore of Studion* [Ph.D. diss., revised and expanded], The Edwin Mellen Press, Lewiston, NY, 2002
- 1993 *The Icons. Theological and Spiritual Dimensions According to St. Theodore of Studion* [Ph.D. diss.], Ann Arbor, MI, 1993

[in Romanian]

- 2021 *Femeia și calea mântuirii [Woman and the Way to Salvation]*, Limes, Cluj, 2021
- 2020 *Cateheze literare [Literary Catecheses]*, RawexComs, Bucharest, 2020
- 2016 *Ideea de Dumnezeu în poezia lui Eminescu [The Idea of God in the Poetry of Eminescu]*, Eikon, Bucharest, 2016
- 2011 *Trăirea în Cuvânt [Living in the Word]* (interviews), Eikon, Cluj, 2011
- 2008 *Filosofie și literatură: O hermeneutică a provocării metafizice [Philosophy and Literature: A Hermeneutic of the Metaphysical Challenge]*, Ed. Romania de Maine, Bucharest, 2008
- 2008 *Introducere în istoria creștinismului. Primul mileniu [Introduction to the History of Christianity: The First Millennium]*, Ed. Romania de Maine, Bucharest, 2008
- 2006 *Răsăritul cel de sus: De la Naștere la Înviere [The One Who Rises from on High]* (meditations), Viata Crestina, Bucharest, 2006
- 2003 *Implicațiile spirituale ale teologiei icoanei [The Spiritual Implications of the Theology of Icon]*, Eikon, Cluj, 2003
- 2003 *Pasiunea textului [The Passion of the Text]* (essays) Universalia, Bucharest/New York, 2003
- 1998 *Roua cărților. O hermeneutică teologică în context literar [The Dew of Books: A Theological Hermeneutic in Literary Context]* (essays), Danubius, Bucharest, 1998

Editor:

- 2015 George Alexe, *The Unknown Continent*, ed. Theodor Damian, Ed. Gens Latina, Alba Iulia, 2015
- 2013 *Life and Mind. Perspectives on the Human Condition*, Theodor Damian, Richard Gallo, Bert Breiner (eds.), Sophia Institute - Theotokos Press, New York, 2013

[in Romanian]

- 2021 Elena Mitru, *Triptic literar. Antologie: Grupul New York. Poezie / Proză / Contribuții critice [Literary Trilogy: Poetry/Prose/Literary Criticism]*, editorial coordinator: Theodor Damian, RawexComs, Bucharest, 2021
- 2007 *Lăuntru și departele [The Interior and the Distant]*, poetry anthology edited by Theodor Damian and Aurel Sasu, TipoMoldova, Iassy, 2007
- 2007 *Altare [Altars: An American-Romanian Anthology of Poetry]*, edited by Theodor Damian and Vasile Amarghioalei, Gee, Botosani, 2007

- 2005 Co-edited and published *Literatura română a diasporei [The Romanian Literature of Diaspora]* (Vol. I, Nr. 1/2005), Proceedings of the First Lumina Lina/Gracious Light International Symposium
- 2000 *Eminescu 2000. Aniversari NewYorkeze [Eminescu 2000. New York Anniversaries]*, (proceedings of the “M. Eminescu” Symposium), Botosani: Axa, 2000
- 1997 Elena Iupceanu Tomescu, *Popas nicaieri [Resting nowhere]*, ed. Theodor Damian, Danubius, Bucuresti, 1997
- 1995 *Mai am un singur dor [I have one last wish]* (proceedings of the “M. Eminescu” Symposium), New York 1995

Poetry:

- 2011 *Semnul Isar / The Isar Sign*, Editura Calauza, Deva, 2011
- 2010 *Prayers in Hell*, Trafford Press, Vancouver, Canada, 2010
- 2010 *The Isar Sign*, PublishAmerica, Baltimore, MD, 2010
- 2000 *Calea Imparatiei / The Door to the Kingdom*, Timpul, Iassy, 2000
- 1989 *The Liturgy of the Word*, Tremain, Klamath Falls, OR, 1989

[in Romanian]

- 2018 *Perihoreze. Poezii*, Eikon, Bucharest, 2018
- 2016 *Lazăre, vino afară*, Junimea, Iassy, 2016
- 2015 *Singurul dincolo*, Rawexcoms, Bucharest, 2015
- 2013 *In casa fulgerului*, Opera Omnia, TipoMoldova, Iassy, 2013
- 2012 *Apofaze*, Editura Tracus Arte, Bucharest, 2012
- 2009 *Exerciții de Înviere*, Universalia, Bucharest, 2009
- 2007 *Stihiri cu Stânjenei*, TipoMoldova, Iassy, 2007
- 2006 *Semnul Isar*, Paralela 45, Bucharest, 2006
- 2005 *Nemitarnice*, Dionis, Botosani, 2005
- 2001 *Ispita ranii*, Limes, Cluj, 2001
- 2000 *Rugaciuni in Infern*, Axa, Botosani, 2000
- 1999 *Dimineata invierii*, Axa, Botosani, 1999
- 1995 *Lumina Cuvantului*, Libra, Bucharest, 1995

[in German]

- 2021 *Maria Eich*, Dionysos Verlag, Boppard am Rhein, Germany, 2021
- 2015 *Ein Fallen selbst im Steigen, Lyrik*, Ludwigsburg, Germany, Pop Verlag, 2015

[in Albanian]

- 2010 *Shenja e Isarit*, TipoMoldova, Iassy, 2010

[in Spanish]

- 2005 *Poesias*, Lumina Lina, New York, 2005

Prose:

[in Romanian]

2017 *Un alt jurnal New Yorkez [Another New York Journal]*, RawexComs, Bucharest, 2017

2016 *Vraja emigrației. Însemnări New Yorkeze [The Charm of Emigration. Notes from New York]*, Eikon, Bucharest, 2016

Periodicals (founder, editor, and director):

Romanian Medievalia. Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, New York, since 2001.

Symposium, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, since 1993.

[in Romanian]

Lumina Lina. Gracious Light, Review of Romanian Spirituality and Culture (quarterly), New York, since 1996

Newsletter of The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, 1993-1996.

Remembering, Lausanne, Switzerland, 1980-1983.

PUBLICATIONS - BOOK PROJECTS

[in Romanian]

Glose evanghelice. Meditații la duminicile de peste an (collection of sermons)

Poeemele de la Maria Eich (poetry, in Romanian)

PUBLICATIONS - ESSAYS, ARTICLES, BOOK REVIEWS

Book chapters [as far as published in English only]

- 2013 „Marriage and Family: Traditional Values – Modern Realities”, in *Love, Marriage and Family in Eastern Orthodox Tradition*, Sergey Trostyansky și Theodore Grey Dodon (eds.), Sophia Studies in Orthodox Theology, Vol. 7, Sophia Institute, Theotokos Press, New York, 2013, pp. 71-87; reedited in „Gorgia Eastern Christian Studies”, Nr. 44, Gorgias Press, New York, 2016, pp. 45-60.
- 2013 „The Desert as a Place of the World’s Transformation According to Eastern Asceticism”, in *Monastic Tradition in Eastern Christianity and the Outside World: A Call for Dialogue*, Ines Angeli Murzaku (ed.), Eastern Christian Studies Series, Nr. 19, Peeters Publishers, Leuven, Paris, Walpole, MA, 2013, pp. 55-66, revised version in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, vol.II, 2002, New York, pp. 41-52; in *Almanahul Credința 2007. The Faith Almanac*, Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the USA and Canada, Chicago, IL 2007, pp. 117-121; also posted in <http://www.theordamian.wordpress.com> (ARP, Intermundus Media, „Reconquista”), Apr. 25, 2007.

Essays, articles [as far as published in English only]

- 2020 „The Rescue of the Self: Man’s Metaphysical Vocation and the Dignity of Being in Relation”, in *Anale Științifice ale Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” din Iași (Serie nouă)*, Year XXV, Nr. 2, 2020, pp. 109-119; in *Symposium*, Year XXVII, Nr. 1, 2020, New York, pp. 5-14.
- 2020 „Relativism: The Erosion of Objectivity. The Truth is in the ‚Eye’ of the Beholder”, in *Aftershocks: Globalism and the Future of Democracy. ISSEI – XVI International Conference, The University of Zaragoza, Spain, July 2-5, 2019, Conference Proceedings*, Ivan Lopez (Ed.), Universidad Zaragoza, Zaragoza, 2020, pp. 552-562.
- 2019 „The Relation between the Incomprehensibility of God and the Naming of God in the Theology of Pseudo-Dionysius”, in *The Mystical Tradition of the Eastern Church, Studies in Patristics, Liturgy, and Practice*, Sergey Trostyanskiy și Jess Gilbert (Ed.), Gorgias Eastern Christian Studies, Nr. 56, Gorgias Press, New York, 2019, pp. 11-26; in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. VIII, Nr. 1, 2001, New York, pp. 53-65.
- 2018 „Time and Transcendence: Ethical Values in Theological Perspective”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XXV, Nr. 1, 2018, pp. 5-16; in *Romanian Journal of Artistic Creativity*, New York, Year VII, Nr. 3, 2019, pp. 3-16.
- 2017 „Sing a New Song to the World: The Never Ending Enchantment”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XXIV, Nr. 1, 2017, pp. 7-14.
- 2017 „De Hominis Dignitate in Gregory of Nazianus’ Poetry”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the 51st Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western

- Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. XIV-XV, 2017, pp. 29-44; in *Romanian Journal of Artistic Creativity (RJAC)*, New York, Year 8, Nr. 2, vara 2020, pp. 25-29.
- 2017 „Gregory of Nazianzus’ Poetical Legacy”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. XIV-XV, 2017, pp. 7-14.
- 2016 „Being constantly watched: Transparency and Perichoresis”, *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XXIII, Nr. 1, 2016, pp. 5-21; in *Credința. The Faith*, Apr. – Iun. 2020, vol. 70, nr. 2, pp. 15-17.
- 2016 „The Icon and the Modern World: Theological and Ethical Considerations”, in *Orthodoxy and the Sacred Arts*, J. A. McGuckin (ed.), Sophia Studies in Orthodox Theology, Vol. 10, Sophia Institute, Theotokos Press, New York, 2016, pp. 81-86.
- 2015 „Managing Change in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Poetry”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. XII-XIII, 2015, pp. 55-64.
- 2015 „Errare Humanum Est. Absolvere Divinum”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XXII, Nr. 1, 2015, pp. 7-17.
- 2015 „The Art of Communication in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Poetry”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. XII-XIII, 2015, pp. 5-12.
- 2014 „How can transcendence help reinvent ourselves?”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XXI, Nr. 1, 2014, pp. 7-17.
- 2014 „Teaching Reloaded. How Can Meaning and Transcendence Help Us Reassess Who We Are?”, in *Proceedings of the 14th International Conference of ISSEI* (The International Society for the Study of European Ideas) held at the Catholic Portuguese University in Porto, Portugal, Aug. 4-8, 2014, online, 2016, pp. 135-150, http://www.uceditora.ucp.pt/site/custom/template/ucptpl_uce.asp?SSPAGEID=2942&lang=1&artigoID=1561
- 2014 „The Beauty of Silence in the Christian Monastic Tradition”, in *Orthodox Monasticism. Past and Present*, J. A. McGuckin (ed.), Sophia Studies in Orthodox Theology, Vol. 8, Sophia Institute, Theotokos Press, New York, 2014, pp. 413-424.
- 2013 „The Transcendent Dimension of Place and Time: A Theological Narrative”, *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XX, Nr. 1, 2013, pp. 7-18.
- 2012 „Man as Divine Gift: The Transcendent Character of Human Identity”, *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XIX, 1, 2012, pp. 5-19.
- 2012 „Poetry as Witness, Gregory of Nazianzus’ Three Special Vocations: Theology, Mysticism, Poetry”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. XI,

- 2012, pp. 5-18; in *Vetiver: The Portal of New York Romanian-American Writers*, <http://vetiver.weblog.ro>, May 24, 2012.
- 2012 „Constantin Antonovici’s Sacred Art: Tradition and Innovation”, in *Beauty and the Beautiful in Eastern Christian Culture*, ed. Natalia Ermolaev, Sophia Studies in Orthodox Theology, Vol. 4, Theotokos Press, New York, 2012, pp. 225-231.
- 2011 „Synesius of Cyrene and His Simliarity with Gregory of Nazianzus’ Life and Work”, in *Critical Discourse and Linguistic Variation. New investigation perspectives: receptions, analyses, openings*, International conference, Ștefan cel Mare University of of Suceava, First edition, Sept. 8-9, 2011, Suceava, pp. 95-98.
- 2011 „Encoding and Decoding Messages: The Interplay between Apophatic and Cataphatic in the Art of Communication”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XVIII, 1, 2011, pp. 5-16.
- 2011 „The Poetry of Gregory of Nazianzus: Self-Assessment and Moral Formation”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. X, 2011, pp. 47-67; in *Contact Internațional*, Vol. 22, Nr. 1 (91-93), 2012, Iași, pp. 9-14.
- 2011 „The Patriarchal Church of Romania”, in *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity*, Vol. II, ed. John A. McGuckin, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, UK, 2011, pp. 472-482.
- 2011 „Perichoresis”, in *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity*, Vol. II, ed. John A. McGuckin, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, UK, 2011, p. 484.
- 2011 „Icons”, in *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity*, Vol. I, ed. John A. McGuckin, Wiley-Blackwell, Oxford, UK, 2011, pp. 330-336.
- 2011 „The Theology of St. Cyprian of Carthage: The Unity of the Church and the Role of the Bishop”, in *Power and Authority in Eastern Christian Experience*, The Sophia Institute Studies in Orthodox Theology, Vol. 3, 2011, Fevronia K. Soumakis (ed.), Theotokos Press, New York, 2011, pp. 90-101.
- 2011 „Who is afraid of religion? Can science deal with belief and religion with research?”, in *Omul și Societatea*, Proceedings of the First International Conference „Man and Society”, Asociația de cultură Argedava, bibliotecă județeană „Dinicu Golescu” Argeș, Nov. 2010, pp. 19-24; in *Vetiver*, The Portal of New York Romanian-American Writers, <http://vetiver.weblog.ro>, May 10, 2011.
- 2011 „The Divine Trinity as Paradigm for Ideal Human Relationships: an Orthodox Perspective”, in *Annals of the Academy of Romanian Scientists. Series on Philosophy, Psychology, Theology and Journalism*, Vol. 3, Nr. 1-2, 2011, pp. 11-22.
- 2011 „The Romanian Orthodox Church between *déjà vu* and *not yet*”, in *Warsaw East European Review*, Vol. I, 2011, pp. 37-46; in *Almanahul Credința. The Faith Almanac*, The Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of USA and Canada, 2020, pp. 171-178.
- 2010 „The Autocephaly of the Romanian Orthodox Church: 125 Years Since Its Recognition”, in *Religion in Eastern Europe*, Vol. XXXI, No. 3, Aug. 2011, pp. 36-40.

- 2010 „The Romanian Orthodox Church. Post Communist Transformation”, *Religion in Eastern Europe*, Vol. XXX, Nr. 1, Feb. 2010, pp. 18-25; abstract in *Abstracts of 2008 WEEC*, Bibliotheca Europae Orientalis, XXXV, Warsaw, 2009, p. 16; in *Romanian Journal of Artistic Creativity*, New York, Year VII, Nr. 4, 2019, pp. 3-18.
- 2010 „St. John Chrysostom’s Teaching on Neighborly Love”, in *Philanthropy and Social Compassion in Eastern Orthodox Tradition*, Matthew J. Pereira (ed.), The Sofia Studies in Orthodox Theology, Vol. 2, Sophia Institute, Theotokos Press, New York, 2010, pp. 106-114.
- 2010 „Logos and Science: Hide and Seek in God’s Universe”, in Giacomo Botta, Marja Härmänmaa, *Language and the Scientific Imagination: Proceedings of the 11th Conference of ISSEI (The International Society for the Study of European Ideas), 28 July – 2 August 2008 at the University of Helsinki, Finland*, Language Center, 2010, <https://blogs.helsinki.fi/issei2008>, <http://helda.helsinki.fi/>, ISBN 978-952-10-6118-9.
- 2010 „God Mysticism in Meister Eckhart’s Synthesis”, in Henry Frendo, ed., *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity, Proceedings of the 10th Conference of ISSEI (The International Society for the Study of European Ideas)*, Malta University Press, 2010, Vol. II, pp. 398-403; also posted in <http://www.theodordamian.wordpress.com> (ARP, Intermundus Media, „Reconquista”), Apr. 25, 2007.
- 2010 „Psalm 103: Doxology as Philosophy of Life. Historico-Critical Exegesis and Theological Interpretation”, in *Biblie și misiune creștină. Popas aniversar Pr. Prof. Dumitru Abrudan*, ed. Aurel Pavel și Constantin Oancea, Ed. Universității „Lucian Blaga” din Sibiu, Ed. Andreiana, Sibiu, 2010, pp. 165-199; in *Symposium*, Vol. IX, Nr. 1, 2002, New York, ISSN 1084-0591, pp. 39-77; in *Vetiver*, The Portal of New York Romanian-American Writers, <http://vetiver.weblog.ro>, Sept 11, 2012.
- 2010 „Human Identity and Dignity. The fight Between Theology and Madness”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, ISSN 1084-0591 Vol. XVII, Nr.1, 2010, pp. 28-39.
- 2009 „Gregory of Nazianzus: Where Greek Philosophy Meets Christian Poetry. Greek Philosophical Influences in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Poetry”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. 9, 2009, New York, pp. 31-38.
- 2009 „The Signs of the Time: With or Without Post-Modernism”, in *Analele Universității Spiru Haret. Seria Studii de Filosofie*, Nr. 11/2009, București, pp. 223-228; under the title „Cultural and Spiritual Signs of the Time: With or Without Post-Modernism?” in *Symposium, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium*, New York, ISSN 1084-0591 Vol. XVI, Nr, 1, 2009, pp. 33-41; in *Comparative Civilizations Review*, The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, Nr. 74, Spring 2016, pp. 60-66.
- 2009 „The Language of the Christian Mission to the Thraco-Geto-Dacians, the Ancestors of Romanians and Vlaho-Romanians”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, Vol. 7, New York, 2009, pp. 21-30; under the title „The Language of the Christian Mission in the Carpatho-Danubiano-Pontic Area in the First Centuries A.D.”, in

- Annals of the Academy of Romanian Scientists. Series on History and Archeology*, Bucharest, Vol. 5, Nr. 1, 2013, pp. 33-38.
- 2008 „Christianity as Ideal Paradigm of Globalization”, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies*, Vol. XX, No. 1/2, 2008, Pasadena, CA, pp. 155-170.
- 2007 „Origen, Theologian and Philosopher: *On First Principles*”, in *Lumină Lină/Gracious Light: Review of Romanian Spirituality and Culture*, Nr. 4, 2007, pp. 17-25.
- 2007 „The Transcendence of God According to St. Gregory of Nyssa: Continuity and Discontinuity with the Thought of Origen. How is God Known?”, *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XIV, Nr. 1, 2007, pp. 9-32.
- 2006 „The Day of the Lord: The Apocalyptic Dimension of the Old Testament Prophets’ Warnings”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XIII, 1, 2006, pp. 47-57; also posted in <http://www.theodordamian.wordpress.com> (ARP, Intermundus Media, „Reconquista”), Apr. 25, 2007.
- 2006 „The Poetry of Gregory of Nazianzus in the Christian Poetical Context of the Fourth Century”, in *Romanian Medievalia*, Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI, New York, ISSN 1539-5820, Vol. VI, 2006, pp. 65-80; in *Studia Universitatis Septentrionis. Theologia Orthodoxa*, Year III, Nr. 1, Ian.-Iunie 2011, Baia Mare, 2011, pp. 71-87; also posted in <http://www.theodordamian.wordpress.com> (ARP, Intermundus Media, „Reconquista”), Apr. 25, 2007; in *Anul comemorativ-omagial al Sfântului Vasile cel Mare și al Sfinților Capadocieni*, Proceedings from the national Symposium on St. Basil the Great and the Cappadocian Fathers, Bârsana Monastery, Maramureș, Ed. Universității de Nord, Baia Mare, 2009.
- 2005 „Globalization as Reconstruction of the World: The Theological Value of Recapitulation”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XIII, Nr. 1, 2005, pp. 63-70; also posted in <http://www.theodordamian.wordpress.com> (ARP, Intermundus Media, „Reconquista”), Apr. 25, 2007.
- 2005 „Man's Deification in the Poetical Vision of Gregory of Nazianzus”, in *Romanian Medievalia. Proceedings of Presentations at the Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies at the Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo, MI*, Vol. V, 2005, pp. 45-52; ; also posted in <http://www.theodordamian.wordpress.com> (ARP, Intermundus Media, „Reconquista”), Apr. 25, 2007; in *Almanahul Credința 2008. The Faith Almanac*, The Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the US and Canada, Chicago, Illinois, 2008, pp. 123-126; in *Lumina de Duminică*, București, Year V, Nr. 57 (171), 8 Feb. 2009, p. 6.
- 2004 „Science and Religion: The Transcendent Ground of Order”, in *Symposium*, Proceedings of the Annual Theological Ecumenical Symposium, New York, Vol. XI, Nr. 1, 2004, pp.43-52; in *Analele Universității Spiru Haret. Seria Sociologie-Psihologie*, Nr. 5/2010, Bucharest, pp. 157-162.
- 2004 „The Concept of *Imago Dei* in Pseudo-Dionysius Areopagite’s Synthesis”, in *The Patristic and Byzantine Review*, vol.22, 1-3/2004, New York, pp. 53-80; in *Dava Internațional. Carpatho-Danubian Studies*, 6, <http://iatp.md./dava/Dava6/dava6.htm>.

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019 „Relativism: The Erosion of Objectivity. The Truth is in the ‚Eye’ of the Beholder”, paper presented at the *16th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, July 2-5, 2019, at the University of Zaragoza, Spain.
- 2019 „ ‚Nationality Must be Felt with the Heart and not only Spoken by Mouth’ (M. Eminescu)” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *26th Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 12, 2019, New York.
- 2018 “The National Church in M. Eminescu’s Vision” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *25th Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 13, 2018, New York.
- 2017 „Nationalism vs. Globalism. The Cultural Meaning of Borders”, paper presented at *The XXVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 2, 2017, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
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- 2013 „The Idea of God and the Revelation of the Prototype in Eminescu’s Poetry” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *20th Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 12, 2013, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2012 „The Transcendent Dimension of Place and Time: A Theological Narrative”, paper presented at *The XXth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 1, 2012, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2012 „The Sacrament of Marriage: Traditional Values and Modern Realities”, paper presented at the *5th Annual Conference of the Sophia Institute*, „Love, Marriage, Family in Eastern Orthodox Culture”, Dec. 7, 2012, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2012 „The Day of the Lord: The Apocalyptic Dimension of the Old Testament Prophets’ Writings,” paper presented at the *13th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, July 3-6, 2012, at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus.
- 2012 „Poetry as Witness. Gregory of Nazianzus’s Three Special Vocations: Theology, Mysticism, Poetry”, paper presented at the *47th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #345, May 10-13, 2012, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2012 „Christian Doctrine in Eminescu’s Works: Poem *Rime alegorice*” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *19th Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 14, 2012, New York.
- 2011 „Man as Divine Gift: The Transcendent Character of Human Identity”, paper presented at *The XIXth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 3, 2011, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2011 „Constantin Antonovici. Sacred Art: Tradition and Innovation”, paper presented at the *4th Conference of the Sophia Institute*, „Beauty and the Beautiful in Eastern Christian Thought and Culture”, Dec. 2, 2011, at Union Theological Seminary, New York;
- 2011 „The Poetry of Gregory of Nazianzus: Self-Assessment and Moral Formation”, paper presented at the *46th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #483, May 12-15, 2011, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2011 „The Autocephaly of the Romanian Orthodox Church: 125 Years from its Acknowledgement”, paper presented at the *Annual CAREE (Christians Associated for Relationships with Eastern Europe) Conference*, World Council of Churches, March 25, 2011, at Riverside Ecumenical Center, New York; at the 77th congress of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas, Chicago, ILL, July 1-3, 2010.

- 2011 „Christian Accents in Eminescu’s Poetry” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *18th Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 15, 2011, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2010 „Encoding and Decoding Messages: The Interplay Between Apophatic and Cataphatic in the Art of Poetry and Communication”, paper presented at *The XVIIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 4, 2010, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2010 „The Unity of the Church and the Role of the Bishop in the Theology of St. Cyprian of Carthage”, paper presented at the *3rd Conference of the Sophia Institute*, „Power and Authority in Eastern Christian Experience”, Dec. 3, 2010, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2010 „Horia Ion Groza, or When the Instant is Filled with Eternity”, [in Romanian], paper sent and presented (by Dr. Mihaela Albu) at the International Symposium *The Return to Ithaca: Romanian Culture in Exile, Realizations, Recuperations, Restitution*, second edition, State University of Craiova, Oct. 8-10, 2010, in Drobeta Turnu-Severin, Romania.
- 2010 „Theology and Poetry. God: The Word at the Extremity of Silence”, paper presented at the *12th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, Aug. 2-6, 2010, at the University of Cancaya, Ankara, Turkey
- 2010 „Michael the Brave and the Orthodox Religion” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *10th International Congress on Dacian Studies*, University of Alba Iulia, Transylvania, Romania, May 28-30, 2010.
- 2010 „M. Eminescu: Glossa as Ecclesiast” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 16, 2010, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2009 „Human Identity and Dignity: The Fight Between Theology and Madness”, paper presented at *The XVIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, 2 Dec. 2009, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2009 „St. John Chrysostom’s Teaching on Neighborly Love”, paper presented at the *Sophia Institute Winter Conference 2009*, „Lord When Did We See You Hungry? Philanthropy in Orthodox Tradition”, at Union Theological Seminary, Dec. 4, 2009.
- 2009 „The Poetry of Gregory of Nazianzus in the Poetical Context of the IVth Century” [in Romanian], paper presented as invited speaker at the Symposium *St. Basil the Great and the Cappadocian Theologians*, State University of Baia Mare, Nov. 11-13, 2009, at Barsana Monastery, Romania.
- 2009 Who Is Afraid of Religion? Can Science Deal with Belief and Religion with Research?”, paper presented at *Intelligent Design and Artificial Intelligence: The Ghost in the Machine*, Institute of Interdisciplinary Research (IIR) and The International Christian Studies Association (ICSA), July 30 – Aug. 2, 2009, in Pasadena, California.
- 2009 „Romanian Orthodox Church: Post-Communist Transformations”, paper presented at the *Warsaw East European Conference*, „Independence - Totalitarian Regimes – Independence”,

- Center for the East European Studies, July 15-19, 2009, at the University of Warsaw, Poland; also presented at the *Annual CAREE (Christian Association for Relations with Eastern Europe) Conference in cooperation with New York Theological Seminary*, „After Twenty Years: Religion in Post-communist Eastern Europe”, Nov. 20, 2009, at Interchurch Center, New York.
- 2009 „Gregory of Nazianzus: When Greek Philosophy Meets Christian Poetry”, paper presented at the *44th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #303, May 7-10, 2009, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2009 „The Theme of the Prodigal Son in Eminescu’s Poetry” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *16th Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 17, 2009, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2008 „Cultural and Spiritual Signs of the Time: With or Without Post-Modernism?”, paper presented at *The XVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, 6 Dec. 2008, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2008 „The Contribution of the First Translation of the New Testament in Romania (Alba Iulia/Balgrad, 1648) to the Development of the Romanian Language”, paper presented at the *Symposium 500 Years of Orthodox Printing in Romania: Macarius Slouzhbnik, Târgoviște, 1508*, Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas at Villanova University, 18 Oct. 2008;
- 2008 „Values Worth Dying for in Contemporary Society”, panel presentation in plenary session at *11th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, July 28 - Aug. 2, 2008, at the University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2008 „Logos and Science: Hide and Seek in God’s Universe”, paper presented at the *11th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, July 28 - Aug. 2, 2008, at the University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2008 „Thraco-Cappadocian Contributions to the Christian Poetry of Greek Expression by Gregory of Nazianzus and Synesius of Cyrene”, paper presented at the *43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #82, May 8-11, 2008, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2008 „Time between Immanent and Transcendent: Chronos and Kairos in Eminescu’s Poetry” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 12, 2008, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2007 „A poet of the Transcendent: Mihail Crama *The Realm of Dusk*”, paper presented at *The XVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 1, 2007, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2007 „Holy Trinity as Supreme Paradigm of Globalization”, paper presented at the *International Symposium „Globalization and Its Discontents”*, International Christian Studies Association Congress (ICSA), at the University of San Francisco, Philosophy Department, Aug. 2-5, 2007.

- 2007 „The Romanian Orthodox Church Between Deja Vu and Not Yet”, paper presented at the *International Conference on Democracy vs. Authoritarianism*, July 15-18, 2007, at the University of Warsaw, Poland.
- 2007 „The Language of Christian Mission to the Thraco-Geto-Dacians, the Ancestors of the Romanians and Vlaho-Romanians”, paper presented at the *42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #506, May 10-13, 2007, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2007 „The Longing for God in Eminescu’s Poetry”, paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, and Boston Theological Institute, Harvard University, Boston, Jan. 12-14, 2007.
- 2006 „The Transcendence of God According to St. Gregory of Nyssa: Continuity and Discontinuity with the Thought of Origen. How is God Known?”, paper presented at *The XIVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 2, 2006, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, New York.
- 2006 „God Mysticism in Meister Eckhart’s Synthesis”, paper presented at the *10th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, July 24-29, 2006, at the University of Malta.
- 2006 „The Poetry of Gregory Nazianzus in the Christian Poetical Context of the Fourth Century”, paper presented at the *41st International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #109, May 4-7, 2006, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2006 „Mihai Eminescu: *Mortua est as Non Omnis Moriar*” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 15, 2006, New York.
- 2005 „The Day of the Lord: The Apocalyptic Dimension of the Old Testament Prophets’ Warnings”, paper presented at *The XIIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 3, 2005, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, New York.
- 2005 „Man’s Deification in the Poetical Vision of Saint Gregory of Nazianzus”, paper presented at the *40th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, MI, session #235, May 5-8, 2005, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2005 „The Divine Trinity as Paradigm for Ideal Human Relationships: An Orthodox Perspective”, paper presented at the *19th World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions*, „Religion: Conflict and Peace”, section „Christian Views on Dialogue and Peace”, March 23-31, 2005, in Tokyo, Japan.
- 2005 „*The Prayer of a Dacian: The Poem as Prayer and Curse*” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 16, 2005, New York.
- 2004 „Globalization as Reconstruction of the World: The Theological Value of Recapitulation”, paper presented at *The XIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The

Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Metropolitan College of New York.

- 2004 „The Language of the Christian Mission to the Ancestors of Romanians” [in Romanian], paper presented at the 5th *International Congress on Thraco-Dacian Studies*, June 25, 2004, Bucharest, Romania.
- 2004 „Gregory of Nazianzus’ Poetry and His Human Face in It”, paper presented at the 39th *International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #3, May 6-9, 2004, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2004 „Theology and Philosophy: The Image of God and our Life Today”, paper presented at the *Third Northeast Collegiate Romanian Cultural Conference*, Apr. 30, 2004, Columbia University, New York.
- 2004 „Angel and Demon: The Physics and the Metphysics of an Idea” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 18, 2004, New York; at *Seratele „Eminescu, jurnalistul”*, UZPR (Union of Professional Journalists of Romania), 14 Mar. 2016; at the literary circle „Mircea Eliade”, Denver, May 30, 2020.
- 2003 „Science and Religion: The Transcendent Ground of Order”, paper presented at *The XIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 7, 2003, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, New York; at the 6th *International Christian Studies Association Congress (ICSA)*, July 29 – Aug. 1, 2004, at Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA.
- 2003 „Gregory of Nyssa on the Power of God”, paper presented at the 38th *International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #437, May 8-11, 2003, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2003 “The Aesthetics of Death in Mircea Ciobanu’s Work” [in Romanian], paper presented at the International Symposium “Mircea Ciobanu”, organized by Petra Vlah at the Italian Cultural Center in Los Angeles, CA, April 14-15, 2003.
- 2003 „Why Do We Honor Eminescu?” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 12, 2003, New York.
- 2002 “Globalisation: Between Fear and Joy. The Future of Religion”, paper presented at the *Xth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 1, 2002, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 2002 „The Theology of *Imago Dei* in Dionysius the Pseudo-Areopagite’s Synthesis”, paper presented at the 17th *International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, Sept. 6-8, 2002, St. Michael’s Monastery, Simi Island, Greece.
- 2002 „The Desert as Place of the World theWorld'sTransformation According to Eastern Asceticism”, paper presented at the 37th *International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #479, May 2-5, 2002, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

- 2002 „The Silent Desert”, paper presented at the *2nd Annual Northeast Collegiate Romanian Cultural Conference*, Columbia University, New York, Apr. 27, 2002.
- 2002 „Faith and Piety in Eminescu: The Poem *Christ*” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 13, 2002, New York.
- 2001 „Psalm 103: Doxology as Philosophy of Life. Historico-Critical Exegesis and Theological Interpretation”, paper presented at *The IXth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 2, 2001, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 2001 „The Concept of Recapitulation in St. Irenaeus’ Theology”, paper presented at the *17th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, New York, Nov. 15-16, 2001, New York.
- 2001 „The Language of the Christian Mission in the Carpatho-Danubiano-Ponntic Area in the First Centuries A.D.” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Second International Congress on Dacian Studies*, Dacia Revival International Society, Aug. 15-16, 2001, Bucharest.
- 2001 „The Christian Icon in the Early Middle Ages: Its Dimension and Relevance for Our Life Today”, paper presented at the *36th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, session #517, May 3-6, 2001, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2001 „Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Concept of Good Works as a Subjective Condition of Salvation”, paper presented at the *First Annual Northeast Collegiate Romanian Cultural Conference*, New York, at Columbia University, New York, Apr. 7-8, 2001.
- 2000 „The Relation between the Incomprehensibility of God and the Naming of God in the Theology of Pseudo-Dionysius”, paper presented at *The VIIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 3, 2000, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 2000 „Fr. Dumitru Stăniloae, Theologian of Joy and of God’s Generosity” [in Romanian], paper presented at the International Symposium dedicated to the memory of Fr. Stăniloae organized by the Romanian Patriarchate, Oct. 2-4, 2000, Bucharest.
- 2000 „The Bird Worship of the Very Distant Ancestors of Romanians” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *First International Congress on Dacian Studies*, Dacia Revival International Society, Aug. 15-16, 2000, Bucharest.
- 2000 „The Liturgical Dimension of Icons”, paper presented at the *35th International Congress of Medieval Studies*, May 4-7 Mai, 2000, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI (missing from catalogue).
- 2000 „The Orthodoxy of the Esthetics of Death in Eminescu’s Poetry” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 15, 2000.
- 1999 „Man’s Recapitulation in Christ According to St. Irenaeus and Its Significance for Our Life Today”, paper presented at *The VIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*,

- The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 5, 1999, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1999 „Word and Image in Christian Icon”, paper presented at the *34th International Congress of Medieval Studies*, May 6-8, 1999, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 1999 „The Longing for God in Eminescu's Poetry” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 17, 1999, New York.
- 1998 „Aspects of the Theology of the Gift in Fr. Staniloae's Synthesis”, paper presented at *The VIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 6, 1998, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1998 „The Byzantine Icon and Its Meaning for Our Life Today”, paper presented at the *33rd International Congress of Medieval Studies*, May 7-10, 1998, at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
- 1998 „A Few Considerations on the Uncreated Energies in St. Gregory Palamas' Theology and His Continuity with the Patristic Tradition”, paper presented at the *First Symposium of the Romanian Academy of Scientists / The American Branch*, Feb. 10, 1998, New York.
- 1997 „The Concept of *Imago Dei* in St. Gregory of Nyssa's Theology and Its Significance for Our Life Today”, paper presented at *The Vth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 7, 1997, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1997 „Eminescu, the Pilgrim” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Jan. 7, 1997, New York.
- 1996 „The Concept of Freedom in Nicholas Berdiaev's Philosophy”, paper presented at *The IVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 8 1996, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1995 „The Doctrine of Creation in Pseudo-Dionysius Areopagite's Theology”, paper presented at *The IIIrd Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 3, 1995, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York; and at the *16th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, Oct. 25, 1996, New York.
- 1995 „A Few Considerations on the Uncreated Energies in St. Gregory Palamas's Theology and His Continuity with the Patristic Tradition”, paper presented at the *15th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, Nov. 29-30, 1995, at Newport, Rhode Island.
- 1995 „The Idea of God in Eminescu's Work” [in Romanian], paper presented at the *First Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 15, 1995, New York.

- 1994 „Contemporary Orthodox Soteriology”, paper presented at *The IInd Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 4, 1994, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1994 „Romanian Church Music as an Offspring of the Byzantine Tradition”, paper presented at the *14th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, Nov. 5, 1994 (second part), at New York University.
- 1994 „Fr. Dumitru Stăniloae, Theologian of Joy and of God’s Generosity”, paper presented at the *14th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, Oct. 22 1994, at New York University, New York.
- 1993 „The Liturgy Between Chronos and Kairos in our Post-Modern Society as an Urgent Issue of the Church”, paper presented at *The Ist Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 5, 1993, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1993 „The Unity of the Church according to St. Cyprian of Carthage and Karl Barth”, paper presented at the *13th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, Oct. 22, 1993, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 1993 „The Romanian Population in N.Y.C.: Cultural Perspectives and Implications for Clinical Practice”, paper presented at the international seminar on *Mental Health of Eastern European Immigrants and Refugees*, June 23, 1993, at Hunter College School of Social Work, New York.
- 1993 „Overview of the Process of Migration of Romanians to New York City and Systems of Resettlement”, paper presented at the international seminar on *Mental Health of Eastern European Immigrants and Refugees*, June 23, 1993, at Hunter College School of Social Work, New York.
- 1992 „St. Theodore of Studion’s Theology of Icon”, paper presented at the *12th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, 2 Oct. 1992, at State University of New York at Albany, New York.
- 1989 „Some Critical Considerations and New Arguments Reveiwing the Problem of St. John Cassian’s Birthplace”, paper presented at the *9th International Symposium of the American Institute of Patristic and Byzantine Studies*, Oct. 7, 1989, at Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED, SESSIONS ORGANIZED AND CHAIRED

Regular conferences and sessions:

- Since 2006 Sessions organized at the biennial *International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, at the universities of din Malta, Helsinki, Ankara, Nicosia, Porto, Lodz, Zaragoza.
- 2001-2017 Annual sessions sponsored by The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, organized at the *International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI (until 2009 in collaboration with George Alexe).
- 2008-2014 Presided or co-presided seminars at the Annual Longergan Conference in June at Boston College, Boston.
- 1993-2017 *The Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, organized annually on the first weeked of December by The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, from 2009 under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, at different venues such as the Consulate General of Romania in New York, Union Theological Seminary, The General Theological Seminary, New York, The Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2007-2015 Presided sessions at the *Annual Conference of the Sophia Institute*, organized by John McGuckin, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

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- Since 1995 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, organized in January (2009-2020 in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society „Dorul”, New York), (from 2009 under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, from 2018 under the aegis of under the aegis of UZPR (Union of Professional Journalists in Romania), The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, from 2020 under the aegis of UZPR (Union of Professional Journalists in Romania).
- 2003-2017 *„Gracious Light” Days*, organized anually in different Romanian cities (Chişinău, Braşov, Vatra Dornei, Galaţi, Craiova, Constanţa, Sibiu, Râmnicu Vâlcea, Reşiţa, Bistriţa, Alba Iulia, Giurgiu, Iaşi).
- Since 2002 The annual *Symposium dedicated to the Unification of the Romanian Principalities*, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, organized in January (2010-2020 in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society „Dorul”, New York), (from 2010 under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, from 2018 under the aegis of The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, from 2020 under the aegis of UZPR (Union of Professional Journalists in Romania).
- Since 1993 Bi-monthly sessions of the literary circle “M. Eminescu”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York.

Conferences and sessions organized, sessions chaired (selection):

- 2021 *The XXVIIIth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”, “Eminescu between the Sacred and the Profane”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch; UZPR (Union of Professional Journalists in Romania), and The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, Jan. 17, 2021, New York.
- 2020 *The XXVIIth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”, „Eminescu: „Guarantor of our Identity’ (Al. Paleologu)”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch; UZPR (Union of Professional Journalists in Romania), and The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, and St. Andrew’s Romanian Orthodox Church, Jamaica, New York, Jan. 11, 2020, New York.
- 2019 „Subjectivism and Globalism: The Metaphysical Self in the Post-Truth Era between Now and Tomorrow”, session at the *16th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, University of Zaragoza, Spain, July 2-5, 2019.
- 2019 *The XXVIth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”, „The Identity Discourse in Eminescu: Patriotism and Nationalism Yesterday and Today in Romanian Consciousness”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan. 12, 2019, New York.
- 2018 „The Role of Nature and the Body in the Byzantine Tradition of Prayer” (session #386), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the *53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13, 2018.
- 2018 *The XXVth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”, „M. Eminescu’s Vision on National Identity and Contemporary Tendencies of De-Nationalization on the Context of Post-Cultural Globalism”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The Romanian Orthodox Metropolia of the Americas, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, January 13, 2018, Queens, NY.
- 2017 *The XXVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium, „Nation and Identity: Reconciling the Traditional Sense of Belonging with the Globalist Tendencies of Post-Culturalism”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The Metropolitan College of New York, Dec. 2, 2017, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2017 „Asceticism and Philosophy in Medieval Asia Minor and Central and South Eastern Europe” (session #330), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the *52nd International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-14, 2017.
- 2017 *The XXIVth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”, „M. Eminescu, Guardian of Perennial Values of Romanians”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and

- Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, January 14, 2017.
- 2016 *The XXIVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, cu tema „Knowledge and Enchantment: A World without Mystery?”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The Metropolitan College of New York, Dec. 3, 2016, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2016 „Evolving Identities in a Globalist Age: Constant Transition vs. Stability”, session at the *15th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, University of Lodz, Poland, July 11-15, 2016,
- 2016 „Theology and Literature in Medieval Asia Minor, Central and South Eastern Europe” (session #366), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the *51st International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15, 2016.
- 2016 Moderator: „Youth Religious Education: Wisdom from Christian Tradition for the Contemporary Society”, at the *Symposium of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas*, in collaboration with the Sophia Institute și Fordham University, at Fordham University, Law School, Apr. 16, 2016.
- 2016 *The XXIIIth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „Epigonism between value and non-value” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan.16, 2016, New York.
- 2015 *The XXIIIrd Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, cu tema „Cultural Transparency and the Loss of Privacy in the Era of Digital Technology: How Is This Shaping Our Becoming and the Ethical Dilemmas Related to It”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The General Theological Seminary, New York, Dec. 2, 2017, at The General Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2015 Session chair: „Iconology”, at the *8th Conference of the Sophia Institute*, „The Sacred Arts of Eastern Orthodoxy”, Dec. 4, 2015, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2015 „Theory and Practice in Medieval Contexts” (session #173), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the *50th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 14-17, 2015.
- 2015 *The XXIIth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „M. Eminescu ‘The VIth Letter’ to Contemporary Romania” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan. 17, 2015, New York.
- 2014 *The XXIInd Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Remembering Peace: Justice and Forgiveness in a Time of War”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch,

and The General Theological Seminary, New York, Dec. 6, 2014, at The General Theological Seminary, New York.

- 2014 „What Identity? The Abolition of Borders from the Traditional Village to the Postmodern One”, session at the 14th *International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, Catholic University of Portugal, Porto, Aug. 4-8, 2014.
- 2014 „Lonergan and Orthodox Theology (on the three levels of human good according to B. Lonergan)”, a series of four seminars led by Theodor Damian with Paul LaChance at the 41st *annual Lonergan Conference* at Boston College, June 15-20, 2014.
- 2014 „Gaudemus Igitur: Exploring Values in Medieval Systems” (session #200), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the 49th *International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11, 2014.
- 2014 *The XXIth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „Eminescu: Opus Magnum” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, and with the Romanian Cultural Institute in New York, Jan. 18, 2014, New York.
- 2013 *The XXIst Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Vivat Academia! How Post-Modern Rhetoric Shapes Our Understanding of Modern and Pre-Modern Values”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The Metropolitan College of New York, Dec. 7, 2013, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2013 Session chair: „Spirituality”, 6th *Conference of the Sophia Institute*, Dec. 6, 2013, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2013 „Lonergan and Orthodox Christianity (on Vocation, Discernment and the Four Levels of Conscience)”, a series of four seminars led by Theodor Damian with Paul LaChance at the 40th *annual Lonergan Conference* at Boston College, June 17-22, 2013.
- 2013 „Asia Minor and South Eastern Europe: Spirituality and Identity. In Honor of George Alexe” (session #357), and „Romanian Medievalia: The Center with No Periphery. In Memory of Lucian Rosu” (session #443), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the 48th *International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-12, 2013.
- 2013 *The XXth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „Eminescu XX - New York” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan. 12, 2013, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2012 *The XXth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Time, Place and Self in Interdisciplinary Narratives”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, The Metropolitan College of New York, Dec. 1, 2012, at the Metropolitan College of New York.

- 2012 Session chair: „Liturgy and Sacraments”, at the *5th Conference of the Sophia Institute*, Dec. 7, 2012, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2012 „From Hic et Nunc to the Apocalypse: How Do we Transfer Ourselves into the Future? Absolute versus Relative Values”, session at the *13th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, University of Nicosia, Cyprus, July 3-6, 2012.
- 2012 „Lonergan and Orthodox Christianity”, a series of four seminars led by Theodor Damian with Paul LaChance at the *39th annual Lonergan Conference* at Boston College, June 17-22, 2012.
- 2012 „Romanian Medievalia: Narratives of Identity” (session #445), and „Exploring Medieval Values in Asia Minor and South/Eastern European Geographies” (session #345), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the *47th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13, 2012.
- 2012 *The XIXth Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „Mihai Eminescu – Dialogue with Time” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan. 14, 2012, New York, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2011 *The XIXth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Alienation and Authenticity in Environments of the 21st Century: Technology , Person and Transcendence”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch and the Sophia Institute, Dec. 3, 2011, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2011 Session chair: „Literature and Art”, at the *4th Conference of the Sophia Institute*, at Union Theological Seminary, New York, 2 Dec. 2011.
- 2011 „Spiritual Patrimony as Reflected in the Christian Patristic Literature as well as in the Romanian and European Medieval Heritage” (session #427), and „Romanian Medievalia: Historic Recuperations” (session #483), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, at the *46th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 12-15, 2011.
- 2011 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „M. Eminescu: From Idolatry to Denial” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan. 15, 2011, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2010 *The XVIIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Meaning and Mystery: From the Philosophy of Knowledge to the Theology of Person”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The Metropolitan College of New York, Dec. 4, 2010, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2010 Session chair: „Patristic Era”, at the *3rd Conference of the Sophia Institute*, Dec. 3, 2010, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

- 2010 „Philosophy and Literature: The Power of the Word and the Worlds Born of It”, session at the *12th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, University of Cancaya, Ankara, Turkey, Aug. 2-6, 2010.
- 2010 „Lonergan and Orthodox Christianity”, a series of four seminars led by Theodor Damian with Paul LaChance at the *37th annual Lonergan Conference* at Boston College, June 20-25, 2010.
- 2010 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „M. Eminescu’s Reception in the Romanian Culture, Past and Present” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan. 16, 2010, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2009 *The XVIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Religion and Politics: The Human Society between the Power of God and the Power of Man”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, and The Metropolitan College of New York, Dec. 2, 2009, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2009 Session chair: „Seeking Justice and Promoting Human Rights”, at the *2nd Conference of the Sophia Institute*, Dec. 4, 2009, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2009 Session chair: „Evolution, Intelligence and Design”, at the symposium „Intelligent Design and Artificial Intelligenc: The Ghost in the Machine?”, Institute of Interdisciplinary Research (IIR) and the International Christian Studies Association (ICSA), July 30 – Aug. 2, 2009, Pasadena, CA.
- 2009 „Lonergan and the Dialogue with the Orthodox Christianity”, a series of four seminars led by Theodor Damian with Jennifer Clark at the *36th annual Lonergan Conference* at Boston College, June 21-26, 2009.
- 2009 „Spirituality and Patristic Literature of the Thraco-Geto-Dacian Holy Fathers of the Eastern Orthodox Byzantine Romanity in Europe and Asia Minor” (session #198), „Historical Thraco-Geto-Dacian Cultural and Artistic Background and Its Medieval Monuments and Influences in Europe and Asia Minor” (session #322), and „Medieval Patrimony Preserved by the Autochthonous Romanian Byzantine Art of the Easter Orthodox Monasteries and Churches in Romania” (session #303), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *44th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 7-10, 2009.
- 2009 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „Eminescu's Posterity: Followers and Detractors” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, USA Branch, in collaboration with the Romanian Christian Society “Dorul”, New York, Jan. 16, 2009, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2008 *The XVIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Cult and Culture: The Transcendental Roots of Human Civilization”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 6, 2008, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.

- 2008 „The Theological Dimension of Language as Ground for the Dialogue Between Religion and Science”, session at the *11th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, University of Helsinki, Finland, July 28 – Aug. 2, 2008.
- 2008 „Lonergan and the Dialogue with Orthodox Christianity”, a series of four seminars led by Theodor Damian with Paul LaChance at the *35th Annual Lonergan Conference* at Boston College, June 15-20, 2008.
- 2008 „Thraco-Geto-Dacians in Asia Minor Before and After the Fall of Constantinople” (session #132), „The Thraco-Geto-Dacians’ Contributions to Greek Mythology and Poetry and to Eastern Orthodox Church Organization” (session #82), and „Historical, Ethnical, and Religious Roots of the Thraco-Geto-Dacians and Their Successors: Romanians and Vlaho-Romanians” (session #35), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *43rd International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11, 2008.
- 2008 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „Mihai Eminescu’s Relevance in Contemporary Romanian Culture” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 12, 2008, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2007 Moderator: *The First Annual Symposium on Romanian Orthodox Spirituality*, „Transfiguration in Christ”, The Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese in the Americas, Dec. 7, 2007, at Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- 2007 *The XVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Theology and Literature: The Deification of Imagination and Its Cathartic Function in Spiritual Growth”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 1, 2007, at the Consulate General of Romania in New York.
- 2007 Session moderator: „Christian-Muslim Dialogue and Human Rights”, at the *International Christian Studies Congress*, „Globalization and Its Discontents”, at the University of San Francisco, Philosophy Department, Aug. 7, 2007.
- 2007 „Ecumenical Participation of the Romanian Eastern Byzantine Romanity in the Christian Foundation of Europe” (session #420), „Thraco-Dacian Religion, Culture, and Spirituality during the Macedonian Empire and Hellenistic Era” (session #459), and „The Romanization and Hellenistic Impact on Romanian Eastern Byzantine Romanity of Romanians and Vlaho-Romanians” (session #506), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 10-13, 2007.
- 2007 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”*, „God in the Poetry of Europe’s Last Romantic, Mihai Eminescu” [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with Marian Simion, Boston Theological Institute and Saint Parascheva Romanian Orthodox Church of Boston, Jan. 13-14, Ianuarie 2007, at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.
- 2006 *The XIVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „The Glory of Knowledge. Construction and Deconstruction. When Human Quest Ends in Apophysis”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 2, 2006, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, New York.

- 2006 „The Mystical Mind or How the Ethics of Wilderness Shaped European Identity”, session at the *10th International Conference of The International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI)*, University of Malta, July 24-29, 2006.
- 2006 „Romanian Byzantine Cultural and Spiritual Synthesis of the Thraco-Dacian and Greco-Roman Symbiosis in Eastern Europe and Asia Minor: A Roundtable” (session #168), „Thraco-Dacian and Romano-Byzantine Roots of Transcarpatia, Transnistria, and Vlaho-Romanian Tribalities of the Southern Danube: A Roundtable” (session #2), and „Reminiscences of Thraco-Dacian and Roman-Byzantine Culture and Spirituality as Reflected in Romanian Folklore, Popular Tradition, Literature and Art” (session #109), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *41st International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 4-7, 2006.
- 2006 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, Jan. 15, 2006, New York.
- 2005 *The XIIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Unity in Diversity: Can We Live Together in an Apocalyptic World?”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Dec. 3 2005, at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church, New York.
- 2005 „Thraco-Dacian and Byzantine Culture, Spirituality, and Art in Eastern Europe and Asia Minor” (session #235), „Thraco-Dacian and Byzantine Traditions in Romanian Folklore, in Art, and in Literature” (session #291), and „The European Role Ecumenically Played by the Proto-Romanian Monks, Hierarchs and Saints” (session #308), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *40th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 5-8, 2005.
- 2005 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, Jan. 16, 2005, New York.
- 2004 *The XIIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Globalization from A(Archeology) to S(Spirituality): What Is It and Who Needs It?”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, under the aegis of Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, and The Metropolitan College of New York, Dec. 4, 2004, at the Metropolitan College of New York.
- 2004 Session moderator: „Science, Freedom and Divine Action”, at the *6th International Christian Studies Association Congress*, „Science and Religion: From War to Peace”, July 29 Iulie – Aug. 1, 2004, at Pepperdine University, Los Angeles.
- 2004 „Thraco-Dacian and Byzantine Roots of the Romanian Spirituality and Literature” (session #3), „Romanian Tradition of Medieval Pilgrimage and Literature” (session #103), and „Greco-Roman and Thraco-Dacian Cultural Symbiosis and Its Byzantine Impact” (session #167), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *39th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 6-9, 2004.

- 2004 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, Jan. 18, 2004, New York.
- 2003 *The XIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Science and Theology: New Challenges and Perspectives”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 7, 2003, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 2003 „Theological and Spiritual Dimensions of Icons According to St. Theodore of Studion”, round table discussion on the book with the same title by Theodor Damian, organized at the Metropolitan College of New York, NY, June 27, 2003.
- 2003 „Byzantine and Thraco-Dacian Spirituality, Culture, Theology, and Art in Eastern Europe and Asia Minor” (session #378), „Byzantium in Romanian Folklore, Literature, Theology, and Iconography” (session #437), „Thraco-Dacians of Eastern Europe and Asia Minor in European Culture, Literature, and Art” (session #499), and „Western Romanity and Eastern Romanity of Thraco-Dacian Structure Canonically Reflected in the Ecumenical Synodality of the First Millennium” (session #613), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *38th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-11, 2003.
- 2003 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, Jan. 12, 2003, New York.
- 2002 *The Xth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Contemporary Culture in the Light of Christian Spirituality at the Beginning of the Third Millennium. The Secular Realities and Spiritual Perspectives”, Theodor Damian, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 1, 2002, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 2002 „Thraco-Dacian and Byzantine Theology, Culture, and Art in Eastern Europe and Asia Minor I” (session #421), „Thraco-Dacian and Byzantine Theology, Culture, and Art in Eastern Europe and Asia Minor II” (session #479), and „Byzantium in Romanian Folklore, Literature, and Art” (session #531), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with George Alexe, at the *37th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2-5, 2002.
- 2002 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, Jan. 13, 2002, New York.
- 2001 *The IXth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Prayer as Theology of the Mind and of the Heart for the Humanity in the New Millennium”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 2, 2001, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 2001 „The Medieval Roman and Byzantine Cultural, Spiritual, and Artistic Inheritance of Eastern Europe and Asia Minor I” (session #465), and „The Medieval Roman and Byzantine Cultural, Spiritual, and Artistic Inheritance of Eastern Europe and Asia Minor II” (session #517), The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, in collaboration with

George Alexe, at the *36th International Congress on Medieval Studies*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 3-6, 2001.

- 2000 *The VIIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Humanity in the Third Millennium and the Mystery of the Divine”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 3, 2000, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 2000 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 9, 2000 and Jan. 16, 2000, New York.
- 1999 *The VIIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Jesus Christ as the Theandric Paradigm of Man’s Restoration at the Dawn of the Third Millennium”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 5, 1999, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1999 *Symposium dedicated to the life and work of Mihai Eminescu on the occasion of the commemoration of 110 years from his death* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, June 13, 1999, New York.
- 1999 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, Jan. 17, 1999, New York.
- 1998 *The VIth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „The Theological Legacy of Fr. Dumitru Stăniloae and its Ecumenical Actuality”, Theodor Damian, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 6, 1998, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1998 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, The Literary Circle „Mihai Eminescu”, New York, and *Gracious Light*, New York, Jan. 18, 1998, New York.
- 1997 *The Vth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Rediscovering God: The Relation between God and Man and its Significance for our Life Today”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 7, 1997, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1997 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 12, 1997, New York.
- 1996 *The IVth Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Freedom and Responsibility in Contemporary Society”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 8, 1996, at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1996 *Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 14, 1996, New York.
- 1995 *The IIIrd Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Divine Creation and Human Responsibility in the Context of Contemporary Ecological Preoccupations”, The

Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 3, 1995, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York.

- 1995 *First Annual Symposium „Mihai Eminescu”* [in Romanian], The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, Jan. 15, 1995, New York.
- 1994 *The IInd Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Quo Vadis Homo? Salvation and the Modern World”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 4, 1994, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York.
- 1993 *The Ist Ecumenical Theological and Interdisciplinary Symposium*, „Worship and Identity in our Contemporary Society”, The Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Dec. 5, 1993, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, New York.

Guest speaker and workshop leader at other events

- 2013 Spoke about Romanian traditional dress at the roundtable *La Blouse Roumaine*, Romanian Cultural Institute, New York, May 13, 2013.
- 2011 Panelist at the Panel Discussion “Whatever Happened to Academic Freedom?”, The Metropolitan College of New York, Nov. 18, 2011.
- 2007 Participated as active discussant in four workshops, between Apr. 13 – May 4, 2007 at LaGuardia Community College on religious diversity and values. The program, called *Difficult Dialogues* was sponsored by the Ford Foundation and LaGuardia Community College.
- 2002 Spoke about Orthodox tradition and spirituality at the annual conference of the Academy of Parish Clergy, Richmond, VA, Apr. 16-18, 2002.
- 1996 *Mission to the USA. Prayer for Christian Unity*, Presbyterian Church USA, Astoria, New York, 1996, workshop leader.
- 1995 „Orthodox Family of Faith”, *Global Mission Conference. The Church Alive in the New Europe*, Presbyterian Church USA, July 23-29, 1995, Montreat, NC, workshop leader.
- 1995 *Global Village – Share the World*, Presbyterian Church USA, June 23-25 1995, Council Bluffs, Iowa, speaker and workshop leader.
- 1995 *Mission to the USA. Share the World*, Presbyterian Church USA, Minnesota, 1995, workshop leader.
- 1990 The Eighth Annual Ecumenical Event, „The Church and Revolution in Romania”, sponsored by the Roman Catholic/Presbyterian Dialogue, Pope John Center, Apr. 23, 1990, Rock Hill, South Carolina, workshop leader and speaker.
- 1990 *Mission to the USA. Share the World*, Presbyterian Church USA, Iowa, May 1990, workshop leader.

- 1989 *Mission to the USA*, Presbyterian Church USA, Princeton Seminary, 6 Dec. 1989, workshop leader.
- 1989 *Mission to the USA*, Presbyterian Church USA, Princeton Seminary, Feb. 1989, workshop leader.
- 1989 *Mission to the USA*, Presbyterian Church USA, Farmington, MN, 1989, workshop leader.
- 1989 *Mission to the USA*, Presbyterian Church USA, Oregon, 1989, workshop leader.

ACADEMIC CONSULTANCY

Aug. 2011, Theology and Religious Studies expert member in the Romanian National University Research Council (CNCSIS) and in the Executive Agency for Higher Education and Research Funding (UEPISCU) for the Coordination of the Strategic project Doctorate in Universities of Excellence - Research Assessment and Support for Scientific Publishing (www.ecs-univ.ro) which assess the research activities in Romanian universities. The project was funded through the European Union Structural Funds, Operational Program Human Resources Development (assigned evaluation of theology departments of University of București and Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj).

PEER REVIEWER

Open Journal of Philosophy, Irvine, CA
Guest Peer Reviewer (since May 2012)

International Journal of Philosophy, New York

Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, Institute of Interdisciplinary Research, Pasadena, California

The European Legacy, ISSEI (The International Society for the Study of European Ideas), Taylor and Francis, Abingdon and London, UK

Comparative Civilizations Review, Michigan, USA

International Journal of Systematic Theology, London, UK.

MEMBER IN EDITORIAL BOARDS

[past and present, English publications only]

The European Legacy, London, UK, The Official Journal of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI) , ISSN Print 1084-8770, online 1470-1316
Editorial consultant (Vol. 16, Nr. 7, Dec. 2011)

Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies, Pasadena, CA, ISSN 0890-0132
Editorial Board member (since 2010)

The Patristic and Byzantine Review, New York, ISSN 0737-738X
Book reviews editor (1994-2005)

Member in editorial boards of academic publications in Romania (past and present)

Eon, Sibiu (since 2021)

Altarul Reîntregirii, Alba Iulia (2012-2018)

Philosophia Militans, Pitești (since 2010)

Studia Universitatis Septentrionis. Theologia orthodoxa, Baia Mare (since 2009)

Ortodoxia Maramureșeană, Universitatea de Nord, Baia Mare (since 2009)

Analele Universității Spiru Haret. Seria Sociologie-Psihologie, Bucharest (since 2009)

Analele Universității Spiru Haret, Seria Studii de Filosofie, Bucharest (since 2008)

Mitropolia Ardealului, Sibiu (1986-1990)

Member in the editorial boards of 38 non-academic, literary publications in Romania

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Senior Fellow, The International Institute of Research “Sofia”, New York (2009-2017)

Member of the Scientific Committee, ISSEI (International Society for the Study of European Ideas) (din 2006)

Fellow, The Institute of Interdisciplinary Research, Pasadena, CA, SUA (din 2009)

Member, AWP (American Writing Program) (2003-2005)

Member, The International Society of Poets (din 2003)

Member, The Academy of Parish Clergy (1997-2006)

Member, The American Academy of Religion (1997-2009)

Member, The American Association of Journalism „City News Services” (1996-2006)

Member, The Association for Religion and Intellectual Life (ARIL) (1996-2008)

Member in the board of Justinianum Oikomenikon Research Center, Portsmouth, RI (1995)

Ecumenical Associate, Queens Federation of Churches (din 1993)

Member, The Danubian Academic Society of America (1993-1996)

Member, Fordham Academic Theological Association (1993-1995)

National Speaker, The American Bible Society (1993-1995)

Romanian institutions:

Member, Romanian Academy of Scientists, AOSR (since 1999)
(since May 2009 President for the USA branch)
Member, Union of Romanian Writers (since 1999)
Member, The Society of Romanian Journalists (1990-1999)
Member, The Union of Romanian Journalists, UZPR (since 1999)
Member, LiterArt XXI (International Association of Romanian Writers and Artists) (1998-2010)
Member, Religious Education for Adults Department of the Romanian Orthodox Archdiocese of the Americas (since 2011)

HONORS AND AWARDS

(selection)

- 2019 Title of Professor Emeritus of Human Services and Education, granted by The Metropolitan College of New York
- 2018 Centennial medal „100 pentru Centenar” offered by the Romanian Government
- 2017 Queens Ambassador Award, TimesLedger Newspapers, New York
- 2016 Doctor Honoris Causa, Bioterra University, Bucharest
- 2004 The Metropolitan College of New York Crystal Award for Outstanding Service to Higher Education
- 2002 Honorary citizen of Botoșani, Romania

Numerous other distinctions related to academic and cultural activities.