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## **EDUCATION**

1975 B.A. Cornell College (Political Theory, Russian Language and Literature)

1980 Ph.D. Harvard University (Theology and Religious Thought)

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Professor, University of South Carolina, 2000 - 2018

Dean, Rose Hill College, 1995 - 1997

Associate Professor, University of South Carolina, 1986 - 2000

Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina, 1980 - 1986

## **TEACHING**

Philosophical Theology and Philosophy of Religion; Systematic Theology and History of Christian Doctrine; Mysticism, Spirituality, and Perennial Philosophy; Comparative Religious Thought; Great Books

Director: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminars for Teachers on "Coleridge and the Imagination" (1986, 1988, 1991)

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

### Books

*The Form of Transformed Vision: Coleridge and the Knowledge of God*, Foreword by Owen Barfield (Mercer University, 1987)

*Advice to the Serious Seeker: Meditations on the Teaching of Frithjof Schuon* (State University of New York, 1997)

*Reclaiming the Great Tradition: Evangelicals, Catholics, and Orthodox in Dialogue*, ed. (InterVarsity Press, 1997)

*Paths to the Heart: Sufism and the Christian East*, ed. (Fons Vitae, 2002)

*Not of This World: A Treasury of Christian Mysticism*, ed. (World Wisdom, 2003)

*The Fullness of God: Frithjof Schuon on Christianity*, ed., Foreword by Antoine Faivre (World Wisdom, 2004)

*Prayer Fashions Man: Frithjof Schuon on the Spiritual Life*, ed., Foreword by Philip Zaleski (World Wisdom, 2005)

Frithjof Schuon, *Gnosis: Divine Wisdom*, trans. and ed. (World Wisdom, 2006)

Frithjof Schuon, *Sufism: Veil and Quintessence*, trans. and ed. James S. Cutsinger (World Wisdom, 2006)

Frithjof Schuon, *Spiritual Perspectives and Human Facts*, trans. and ed. (World Wisdom, 2007)

Frithjof Schuon, *Christianity/Islam: Perspectives on Esoteric Ecumenism*, trans. and ed. (World Wisdom, 2008)

Frithjof Schuon, *Logic and Transcendence*, trans. and ed. (World Wisdom, 2009)

*Splendor of the True: A Frithjof Schuon Reader*, ed., Foreword by Huston Smith (State University of New York, 2013)

*What I Know I Believe, What I Believe I Know: A Century of Ruminations* (Cutsinger Contemplations, 2019)

### Catalogue and Curriculum Design

“Rose Hill College Catalogue” (1996-97) [Founding charter, pedagogy, and curriculum for a Christian (Eastern Orthodox) “great books” college in Aiken, South Carolina]

### Selected Articles and Chapters

“On the Meaning of ‘Man’ and Maybe ‘Woman’”, *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 9:3 (1982)

"Coleridgean Polarity and Theological Vision," *Harvard Theological Review*, 76:1 (1983)

“Error in Coleridge,” *Hamartia: The Concept of Error in the Western Tradition*, ed. Donald V. Stump, James A. Arieti, Lloyd Gerson, Eleonore Stump (Edwin Mellen, 1984)

"Toward a Method of Knowing Spirit," *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, 14:2 (1985) — selected “Best Article of the Year” by the College Theology Society

“Inside without Outside: Coleridge, the Form of the One, and God,” *The Interpretation of Belief: Coleridge, Schleiermacher, and Romanticism*, ed. David Jasper (Macmillan, 1986)

“Tam Antiqua, Tam Nova,” *Fragments of Infinity: Essays in Religion and Philosophy*, ed. Arvind Sharma (Prism Press, 1988)

"Femininity, Hierarchy, and God," *Religion of the Heart: Essays Presented to Frithjof Schuon*, ed. Nasr and Stoddart (Foundation for Traditional Studies, 1991)

"Listening More Closely to Schuon," *ARIES: Association pour la Recherche de l'Information sur l'Esoterisme*, 14 (1992)

"A Knowledge that Wounds Our Nature: The Message of Frithjof Schuon," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 60:3 (1992)

“An Open Letter on Tradition and Modernity”, *Modern Age: A Quarterly Review*, 36:3 (1994)

"On Earth as It Is in Heaven: A Metaphysical Cosmogony," *Sacred Web: A Journal of Tradition and Modernity*, 1:1 (1998) — anthologized in *Science and the Myth of Progress*, ed. Mehrdad M. Zarandi (World Wisdom, 2003)

"The Mystery of the Two Natures," *Sophia: The Journal of Traditional Studies*, 4:2 (1998) — also published in French translation as "Le Mystère des Deux Natures," *Connaissance des Religions* (Numero Hors Serie, 1999); anthologized in *Every Branch in Me: Essays on the Meaning of Man*, ed. Barry McDonald (World Wisdom, 2002)

“Colorless Light and Pure Air: The Virgin in the Thought of Frithjof Schuon,” *Maria: A Journal of Marian Studies*, 3:1 (2002) — also published in French translation as “La Vierge”, *Frithjof Schuon*, ed. Patrick Laude and Jean-Baptiste Aymard (L’Age d’Homme, 2002); anthologized in *Ye Shall Know the Truth: Christianity and the Perennial Philosophy*, ed. Mateus Azevedo (World Wisdom, 2005)

“Hesychia: An Orthodox Opening to Esoteric Ecumenism,” *Paths to the Heart: Sufism and the Christian East*, ed. James S. Cutsinger (World Wisdom and Fons Vitae, 2002) — also published in Serbo-Croatian translation as “Hezihija: Pravoslavno otvaranje ezoterijskom ekumenizmu,” *Bosna Franciscana*, 10 (2002)

“The Ladder of Divine Ascent: The Yoga of Hesychasm,” *Merton and Hesychasm: The Prayer of the Heart in the Eastern Church*, ed. Bernadette Dieker and Jonathan Montaldo (Fons Vitae, 2003) — reprinted in *Parabola: The Magazine of Myth and Tradition*, 30:2 (2005); anthologized in *The Inner Journey: Views from the Christian Tradition*, ed. Lorraine Kisly (Morning Light Press, 2006)

“Perennial Philosophy and Christianity”, *Christianity: The Complete Guide*, ed. John Bowden (Continuum, 2005) —Greek translation: Χριστιανισμός και Διηνεκής φιλοσοφία; Russian translation: Перенијална филозофија и хришћанство

“The Noble Lie”, *Sacred Web: A Journal of Tradition and Modernity*, 19:1 (2007)

“Disagreeing to Agree: A Christian Response to *A Common Word*”, *A Common Word in Theory and Practice* (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2010)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

University of South Carolina Mortar Board Excellence in Teaching (1986, 1995, 2006)

University of South Carolina Honors College Distinguished Professor of the Year (1990)

Michael J. Mungo Distinguished Professor of the Year (2011)