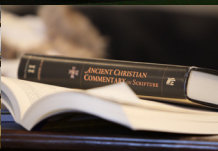




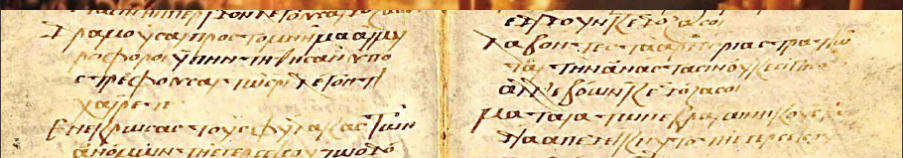
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**Institute for Orthodox  
Christian Thought and Culture**  
at Eastern University



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Gary (Cyril) Jenkins, PhD  
John H. Van Gorden Professor in History  
and Department Chair  
Eastern University



## Orthodox Higher Education

A group of Orthodox Christians proposes to establish an Institute for Orthodox Christian Thought and Culture at Eastern University. An intellectual and spiritual home for Orthodox students, it will focus on Eastern Orthodox thought and culture, especially in the Greek, Arabic, and Slavic traditions. Its interdisciplinary program of study will appeal broadly to all Eastern Christians.

### A Unique Opportunity

Orthodox and Eastern Christian students will be drawn to the Institute because it will offer them an education in the great books of Orthodox thought and culture within the broader context of a Christ-centered education in the arts and sciences. No other university or college in North America offers such an option.

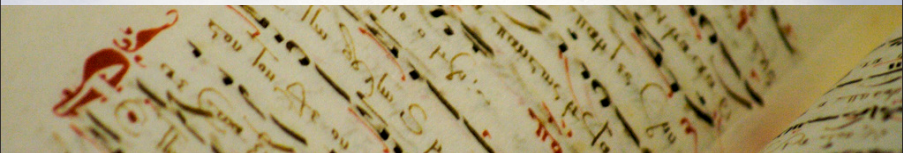


## The Larger University Context

Working in collaboration with Eastern University's existing departments and offices, the Institute will provide students a vibrant university experience at an accredited and stable institution with a strong Orthodox component.

## A Quality Program

The proposed Institute will offer courses related to Orthodox theology, literature, history, and art, including introductory courses that fulfill some general education requirements in Eastern's core curriculum. Working as closely as possible with the Templeton Honors College, it will enable eligible students to receive a Great Books education, complete a minor in Orthodox Thought and Culture, and finish the major or pre-professional program of their choice.



## **An Orthodox Educational Life**

- **Minor in Orthodox Thought and Culture**
- **General Education courses in Old Testament, New Testament and Theology taught by Orthodox faculty**
- **Orthodox community built around the Life of the Church and the Life of the Mind**
- **Orthodox worship and spiritual retreat**
- **Emphasis on Arabic, Hellenic, and Slavic thought and culture**
- **High profile lectures, events, trips**
- **Summer Scholars Program**
- **Seminars for the public on issues pertinent to Orthodox thought and life**
- **Engaged in service to the Church and society, preparing students for lives of virtue and leadership**

- Eastern University is an ideal potential partner
- Ranked 95th among Northeast Colleges and Universities (commensurate with Rutgers and UMass-Dartmouth)
- Christian values and commitment
- Working with the Templeton Honors College
- 35 majors
- Study abroad programs
- Idyllic campus on mainline, suburban Philadelphia

**This project needs your input.**

Please take the brief survey at [www.eastern.edu/orthodox](http://www.eastern.edu/orthodox)  
Thank you.

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