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EDUCATION

University of Rochester, USA (1986-91): Ph.D. in Philosophy;
University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia (1979-84): B.A. in Philosophy.

Areas of Specialization

Theory of Values; Philosophy of Love; and Problems of Evil and (Non)Violence.

Areas of Competence

Kant; Schweitzer; Gandhi; Tolstoy; Dostoevsky; Plato.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- September – December 2023: A Senior Research Fellow, Peterhouse, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
- May 2023: College of the Holy Cross's Distinguished Scholar: Recognition of the life-long achievement in scholarship.
- July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2015: O'Leary Research Fellow, College of the Holy Cross.
- Fall-Winter 2012-13: Senior Fulbright-Nehru Fellow at the Malaviya Centre for Peace Research, at Banares Hindu University, Varanasi, India.
- 2011 – 2018: Co-Founder of the Albert Schweitzer International Summer School, held every second year in the first week of June, Gunsbach, France.

Editorial Board

- *The Acorn: Philosophical Studies in Pacifism and Nonviolence* (USA);
- *Ethical Thought* (Russia);
- *Ethics and Bioethics* (Slovakia);
- *Philotheos: International Journal for Philosophy and Theology* (Serbia);
- *Schweitzer Institute Journal* (UK).

PUBLICATIONS

Most Recent Authored Books:

- **Barefoot in Benares: Letters from India**

(Belgrade: Center for Serbian and Indian Culture, 2025), pp. 202.

Also published in the Serbian translation as:

Bosonog po Benaresu: Pisma iz Indije

(Belgrade: Center for Serbian and Indian Culture, 2025), pp. 202.

- **The Ethic of the Upward Gaze:**

Essays Inspired by Immanuel Kant and Nicolai Hartmann

(South Bend, IN: St. Augustine Press, 2024), pp. 181.

- **God, Man, and Tolstoy**

(New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022), pp. 297.

- **The Meaning of Life. A Quick Immersion**

(New York: Tibidado Publishing, 2021), pp. 167.

- A Russian translation, *Смысл жизни: кратко о главном*
(Moscow: Center for Humanitarian Initiatives, 2022), pp. 141.

- A Spanish translation, *El sentido dela vida*
(Barcelona: Tibidado, 2023), pp. 178.

- A Persian edition was published in Iran in 2025.

- A Chinese translation was published in 2025 by the Sichuan University Press.

- The Turkish and Serbian translations are in preparation.

Most Recent Edited Books:

- **Tolstoy's "War and Peace,"** ed. Predrag Cicovacki

The Oxford University Press Series in Philosophy and Literature

(New York: Oxford, 2024), pp. 226.

- **The Human Soul: Essays in Honor of Nalin Ranasinghe,**

ed. and intro. P. Cicovacki

(Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2021), pp. xxvii, 276.

- **Tolstoy and Spirituality,**

edited by P. Cicovacki and Heidi N. Grek

(Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2018), pp. 340.

Translated Book:

Laza Kostić, **The Basic Principle: A Critical Introduction to General Philosophy**

(originally published in Serbian in 1884 as "Osnovno načelo"),

co-translated with Heidi Nada Grek
(Sombor: Heritage, 2016), pp. 161.

Books in Preparation:

- Tagore, "What is Art and Other Essays," edited by P. Čičovački [to be published by the Center for Serbian and Indian Culture in 2026; in English and, as a separate book, in Serbian].
- "Gandhi's Footprints" [the Serbian completed edition will be published by the Center for Serbian and Indian Culture in 2026]
- "Personality" [The first of the four projected volumes of "Metaphysical Anthropology"; to be published in 2027 or 2028].

Podcasts:

- "What is the Meaning of Life?"
[Posted March 26, 2025]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0IWAX_ULso
- "The Life and Work of Albert Schweitzer"
[Posted December 28, 2022]
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Df6viDV9kns>
- "The Philosophy of Nicolai Hartmann"
[Posted September 21, 2022]
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=459f7_GvkAA

Articles and Essays

- About a hundred and thirty articles and essays published in, or translated into, English, Serbian, German, Russian, Slovenian, Macedonian, Spanish, Chinese, and Japanese. The list of the most recent reviewed articles and essays includes:
 - Latest published essays:
 - "A Cruel Dilemma: Truth or Love,"
Tolstoy Studies Journal, vol. 37, 2025, pp. 113-123.
 - "Life Immersed in Love: Natasha, Andrei, and Pierre," in *Tolstoy's War and Peace*, ed. Cicovacki (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024), pp. 140-164.

INVITED LECTURES DELIVERED

- About one hundred invited lectures delivered in the US, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Romania, India, Japan, Nepal, Russia, China, and Taiwan.
- The last invited lecture: "Tagorova poseta Beogradu" ["Tagore's Visit to Belgrade"],

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Kolarčev narodni univerzitet, Belgrade, Serbia, May 5, 2026.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Over one hundred and twenty conference presentations in approximately thirty-five countries of the world.
- The latest conference presentation: "Edge of Chaos: Exploring Dynamic Symmetry Theory and the Science of Complexity, The Royal Society, London, United Kingdom, May 15, 2026; the paper presented: "Dynamic Symmetry and the Challenge of Being Human."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- College of the Holy Cross, 1991-2023 (Tenured 1998; Full Professor 2009).
- Guest Professor: Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India, March 2-7, 2014.
- Guest Professor: University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia, March 7-11, 2011.
- Guest Professor: Henry J. Lear Luxembourg Program, May-June, 2006.
- Guest Professor: Center for Applied and Professional Ethics, University of Moscow, Moscow, Russia, June-July, 2005.
- Guest Professor: University of Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany, 1998-99.

COURSES TAUGHT

Seminars:

Meaning and Value; Plato; Tolstoy; Kant and Goethe; Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*; Albert Schweitzer and Reverence for Life; Kant's Moral Philosophy; Gandhi; Love and Wisdom; Dostoevsky.

Intermediate courses:

Metaphysics; Philosophical Anthropology; Philosophy of the Renaissance; Philosophy and Literature; The Art of Living; Philosophers on War and Peace; Reality and Utopia; Theory of Value; Globalization and Its Values; Nonviolent Movements in the World.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- "Tolstoy and Spirituality,"
College of the Holy Cross, April 21-22, 2017.

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- "Reverence for Life,"
Ridgefield, CT, USA, the US "leg,"
sponsored by the Henry J. Lear Foundation and Clark University,
October 15-16, 2013.

- "Reverence for Life,"
Luxembourg, the European "leg,"
sponsored by the Henry J. Lear Foundation and Clark University,
June 29-30, 2013.

- "War, Morality, Nonviolence: A Conference in Honor of Robert Holmes,"
College of the Holy Cross, April 8-9, 2011.

- "Art, Creativity, and Spirituality in Dostoevsky's *Brothers Karamazov*,"
an international and interdisciplinary conference,
College of the Holy Cross, April 10-12, 2008.

- "The Anatomy of Evil,"
an international and interdisciplinary conference,
College of the Holy Cross, April 11-13, 2002.

- "Kant's Legacy: A Symposium in Honor of Lewis White Beck,"
an international conference,
College of the Holy Cross, May 1-2, 1998.