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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D in History of Christianity with a specialization in World Christianity

Boston University, Boston, MA

Dissertation title: “L’influence des femmes’: Women, Evangelical Protestantism, and Mission in Nineteenth Century France”

First Reader: Dr. Dana Robert

Second Reader: Dr. Christopher Brown

M.Th in World Christianity, *Honors*

Africa International University/Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology
Nairobi, Kenya, 2012

Thesis title: “A Theology of Carrying Water: Women as Radical Disciples and Subversive Apostles in the *Fifohazana* Revival Movement and the Reformed Church (FJKM) in Madagascar”

Thesis advisor: Dr. Diane Stinton

M.A. in French Literature

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; 1990

B.A. in French and Hispanic Language and Literature, *Summa cum laude*

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; 1989

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow

Women in Mission and World Christianity, Fall 2014 (Dr. D. Robert, instructor)

The Reformations, Protestant and Catholic, Spring 2015 (Dr. C. Brown, instructor)

Overseas Ministries Study Center / *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*, Oral History
Workshop Co-Instructor
New Haven, CT; Uganda, Nigeria, Madagascar, Kenya
2008-2012

The Stony Brook School, French and Ceramics Teacher
Stony Brook, NY
1996-2000

University of Pennsylvania, Adjunct Professor, French Department
Philadelphia, PA
1991-1996

TEACHING AREAS

World Christianity: Overview and History
Women in World Christianity
African Christianity
Early Modern and Modern Church History
Christian Mission

PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 "Pointillist History and the Essential Role of Biography in the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*." In *African Christian Biography: Stories, Lives, and Challenges*, volume of the proceedings of the October 2015 Conference on African Christian Biography at Boston University, edited by Dana L. Robert.
- 2016 Biographical entries: "Abrams, Minnie," "Bushnell, Katharine," "Farrington, Sophronia," "Veenstra, Johanna," and "Webb, Mary." In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark A. Lamport and George T. Kurian. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- 2016 "Indigenous and Vernacular Christianity." With co-authors Eva M. Pascal and Gina A. Zurlo. In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to World Christianity*, edited by Lamin Sanneh and Michael McClymond. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2016 "African Christian Biography Conference: Narratives, Beliefs, and Boundaries." Report in *Noteworthy*. *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, (January 2016): 96.

- 2015 "The Dictionary of African Christian Biography and the Story of Ethiopian Christianity." *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, Vol. 39, No. 4. (October 2015): 204-207.
- 2015 "Oral History as an Essential Tool for the Historian of African Christianity: The Case of the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*." In *Orita: Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies* XLVII/1&2 (June & December 2015).
- 2014 "Carrying Living Water for the Healing of God's People: Women Leaders in the *Fifohazana* Revival and the Reformed Church in Madagascar." *Studies in World Christianity* 20.1 (2014): 19-38.
- 2014 "Jesus as Daily Bread When Life Turns Sour: Suffering and the Widows of Kitula Village (Kenya)." *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Vol. 50, No. 1 (January 2014): 36-42.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 "Trinity in a Woman's Soul: Introducing the *Dcerka* [Daughter] by Jan Hus and its Surprising Applications for Mission." October 2018 Evangelical Missiological Society. To be published as a chapter in *Sixteenth-Century Mission: Global Mission in the Age of Reformations*.
- 2017 "Women Missionaries, Intercultural Marriage, and Exile: Desert or Promised Land for the Early Work of the Lesotho Mission?" June 2017 Yale Edinburgh Group Conference, New Haven, CT.
- 2017 "Infant Education and Social Renewal in Early French Protestant Missions (The Lesotho Mission)." June 2017 American Society of Missiology Annual Conference.
- 2015 "A Smorgasbord of Protestants: How Evangelicals From Different Nations and Denominations Came Together to Form the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society." November 2015 Graduate Student Conference on Religious Diversity, Boston University School of Theology.
- 2015 "Pointillist History and the Essential Role of Biography in the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*." October 2015 Conference on African Christian Biography, Boston University.

- 2015 "Maurice Leenhardt (1878-1954), Missionary-Anthropologist: His Contribution to the Birth and Growth of French Protestant Missiology." 2015 Yale Edinburgh Group Conference, New Haven, CT.
- 2014 "'Until Lions Start Writing Their Own [Hi]Story': The Challenge of Contextualizing the Research, Writing, and Teaching of African Christian History in a Global Context." 2014 American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting.
- 2013 "Carrying Living Water: Women as Radical Disciples and Subversive Apostles in the *Fifohazana* Revival and the Reformed Church in Madagascar." 2013 Yale Edinburgh Group Conference in New Haven, CT.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dictionary of African Christian Biography (www.dacb.org): Associate Director
October 2000–Present

Position includes serving as managing editor of the *Journal of African Christian Biography*, directing the DACB office, developing the website, working on collaborative projects, teaching seminars, and organizing international conferences and consultations. The DACB received the 2018 Conover-Porter award for excellence in bibliography and reference work.

LANGUAGES

French (fluent)
Spanish (good)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Yale-Edinburgh Group
American Society of Missiology
Evangelical Missiological Society
American Society of Church History