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Curriculum Vitae

Boston University
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in World Christianity (Specializations: African Christianity, Women's History, French Protestantism)

Boston University, Boston, MA, September 2018

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

Exam areas: World Christianity (Modern period: History, Africa, Women); Mission History and Theology; Early Modern History of Christianity

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 AREAS

World Christianity: Overview and History

African Christianity

Women in World Christianity

History of Global Christianity, Early Modern and Modern Era

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Contributions to "France." In *World Christian Encyclopedia* (3rd ed.), edited by Todd M. Johnson and Gina A. Zurlo. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.
- 2019 "Honoring the Christian Lionesses of Africa: Documenting the Legacy of Women in the History of African Christianity." In *African Christianity in Local and Global Contexts: A Festschrift in Honour of Rev. Professor Isaac Deji Ayegboyin*. Religious Studies Series, Volume 7. Ed. by Samson Adetunji Fatokun et al. Ibadan, Nigeria: Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan.
- 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. Pietermaritzburg, South Africa: Cluster Publications. Reprinted in *Journal of African Christian Biography*, Vol. 4, Issue 3 (July 2019).
- 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.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *Women, Evangelical Protestantism, and Mission in 19th Century France* (Working title). Monograph. Baylor University Press.
- 2020 "Trinity in a Woman's Soul: Recovering a Women's Spirituality for Mission in Jan Hus' *Dcerka* [*The Daughter*]." Chapter in *Sixteenth-Century Mission: Global Mission in the Age of Reformations* [Proceedings of the "Sixteenth Century Missions." 2018 Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Missiological Society]. Projected publication, April 2020.
- 2020 "Christianity in Lesotho." In the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 4th ed., edited by Andrew Louth. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Render to Africa that which is Africa's: The *Dictionary of African Christian Biography's* Efforts to Ensure Local Histories are Available at the Local Level." November 2019 Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association in Boston, MA.
- 2019 "Bridging the Social Divide For Mission: The Seminal Role of Female Initiatives in Philanthropy and Education for the Work of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society in Lesotho." June 2019 American Society of Missiology Annual Conference.
- 2018 "Charles Cook, Julie Marzials, and Jean-Louis Rostan: The Contribution of the Methodist Mission to Revival and Mission in Nineteenth-Century France." April 2019, Atlanta, GA. 200 Years of Methodist Mission: Answering the Call: Hearing God's Voice in Methodist Mission, Past, Present, and Future in Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 "Trinity in a Woman's Soul: Introducing the *Dčerka* [Daughter] by Jan Hus and its Surprising Applications for Mission." October 2018 Evangelical Missiological Society Conference.
- 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.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Oct 2000– Present Associate Director, *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* (www.dacb.org) and Managing Editor, *Journal of African Christian Biography*.
- 2019-2020 Program Manager, Yale Faculty Rountables
Rivendell Institute, New Haven, CT
- Fall 2019 Lecturer, Introduction to Sociology
University of New Haven
- Spring 2019 Mentor, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program
Boston University
- 2018-2020 Visiting Fellow, World Christianity and Women
Rivendell Institute, New Haven, CT
- Spring 2015 Teaching Fellow, Boston University School of Theology
Fall 2014 Women in Mission and World Christianity, Fall 2014 (Dr. D. Robert, instructor)
The Reformations, Protestant and Catholic, Spring 2015 (Dr. C. Brown, instructor)
- 2008-2012 Oral History Workshop Co-Instructor
Overseas Ministries Study Center / *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*
New Haven, CT; Uganda, Nigeria, Madagascar, Kenya

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

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

AWARDS

June 2019 Course Enhancement Grant to revise TM 863/963 “African Christianity” from the African Studies Center, Boston University. Grant amount: \$2,000.

April 2019 “Sustaining DH: An NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities.” Two-day workshop, all expenses paid. \$1,000 travel bursary.

Dec 2018 *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*: Co-winner (First digital project to win) 2018 Conover-Porter award from the African Studies Association African Librarians Council for excellence in bibliography and reference work.

LANGUAGES

French (fluent)
Spanish (advanced)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Missiology
American Society of Church History
African Studies Association
Yale-Edinburgh Group

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES

St. John’s Episcopal Church, Humphrey St., New Haven: vestry member, ministry leader (English as a Second Language for refugees and immigrants; monthly teaching series in World Christianity; Covid response digital church outreach-blog)