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Education

- 2011 Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Studies
University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
Supervisor: Gerald O. West
Dissertation: *Theological Education in the Lesotho Evangelical Church: A Descriptive Analysis* – An ethnographic study, with analysis and strategic recommendations, of the history, mission, systems, relationships, and directions for the future of a denominational theological education program in southern Africa in light of program and mission goals related to John 10:10
- 2003 Doctor of Ministry
Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
Supervisor: J. Clinton McCann
Dissertation Project: *Being the Body of Christ* – A cross-cultural contextual biblical study in Christian connectedness in light of 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 examining North American Christian responses to poverty and human suffering as they relate to individualism, and offering, from a Central-American liberationist standpoint in conversation with the work of Julia Esquivel, a more holistic setting for human relatedness
- 1994 Master of Divinity
Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 1990 Bachelor of Science, Leisure and Environmental Resources Administration
Aurora University, Aurora, IL
(Not-for-profit recreation administration – staff supervision, budget management, property management, legal issues, and program marketing)

Ecclesial Standing

- 2008-present Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – current standing in the Mid-America Region
- 1994-present Ordained Minister of the United Church of Christ - current standing in the St. Louis Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

Teaching Positions

- January 2021 – present Adjunct Professor of Theology and Biblical Studies, Saint Louis University

2008-present Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies and Ministry Studies, Eden Theological Seminary
D.Min., M.Div., and M.T.S. Courses:

Contextual Biblical Interpretation; HIV & AIDS and Theology; Introduction to Canonical Gospels and Revelation; Biblical Hermeneutics; Introduction to the Bible and Its Interpretation; Gospel of John; Revelation; Revelation and *The Lord of the Rings* as Apocalyptic Visions; Cross-Cultural Biblical Interpretation; The Bible and Sexuality; Teaching the Bible and Sexuality in the Church; Greek Grammar; Greek Exegesis; Ethnographic Methods; Research Methodology; Transformational Leadership; Congregational Leadership and Administration; Community Transformation; multiple directed studies in Biblical and Ministry Studies

Supervisor and First Reader – Doctor of Ministry Project: Biblical Interpretation and Ambedkarism among Dalits in Southern India

Supervisor and First Reader – Doctor of Ministry Project: Post-Colonial Biblical Interpretation and Contextual Biblical Interpretation in North America

Second Reader – Master of Theological Studies Thesis: A Biblical Theology of Work in an African Context

Second Reader – Master of Theological Studies Thesis: Phoebe, Biblical Interpretation, and Women and Leadership in Kenyan Congregations

Lay Institute for Faith Exploration (L.I.F.E.) Courses Taught: Gospel of Mark; Gospel of John; Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles; Gospel of Matthew

2003-2007 Instructor, Morija Theological Seminary, Morija, Lesotho

Theological and Biblical Studies Courses:

Contextual Biblical Interpretation; Liberation Theology; Process Theology; Church History; Christian Ethics; Sacraments in Reformation Thought; Theology and HIV&AIDS; Christian Education; Teaching the Bible

2004-2006 Adjunct Professor in Biblical Studies and Ethics, National University of Lesotho

Theological and Biblical Studies Courses:

Contextual Biblical Interpretation; Christian Ethics; World Religions; Pluralism; Theology and HIV&AIDS; Health Care Ethics

Publications, Papers, and Presentations

“Baby It’s Cold Outside”: Coercive and Persuasive Discourse and Hegemony (A Conversation on 2 Samuel 13 between the United States and the Netherlands),” in de Wit and Dyk, eds., *Bible and Transformation: The Promise of Intercultural Bible Reading*. SBL Press, 2015.

“Theological Education and ‘Abundant Life’: Reflections on Morija Theological Seminary,” in Stephen Gill, ed., *Mekolokotoane Kerekeng Ea Evangeli Lesotho: Jubile Highlights, 1833-2008: Thanksgiving and Reflections to Mark the 175th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Gospel in Lesotho*. Morija Press, 2009.

“Lifting the Veil: Revelation and Our Call to Community” presented to Community Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Manchester, Missouri, 2020.

“Standing with Sam: The Epilogue to *The Lord of the Rings* and the Biblical Book of Revelation” presented to The Tolkien Society at St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, 2018.

“Patriarchs and Matriarchs, Prejudice and Power in Genesis” presented to leadership of Metropolitan Congregations United, St. Louis, 2017.

“Contextual Biblical Interpretation and Social Justice” presented to Episcopal Clergy Retreat, Diocese of Missouri, 2015.

“What the Clobber Texts Say” 6 sessions presented to Memorial Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), St. Louis, Missouri, 2016.

“Sexuality and Biblical Interpretation” presented to ecumenical 6-week gathering, St. Louis, 2015.

“Apocalypse Now: Revelation and the Church in Society” presented to Coral Gables, UCC, Coral Gables, Florida, 2014.

1 Corinthians 12 and Christian Connectedness in Our Communities” presented to Community Ecumenical Retreat, Fairhope, Alabama, 2013.

“Liberation and Community” 2-week course presented to CONASPEH (National Spiritual Council of Haitian Churches) Bishops, Port au Prince, Haiti, 2012.

“HIV and AIDS: The Church’s Response” presented to MissionWorks! United Church of Christ National gathering, Cleveland, Ohio, 2010.

“Jubilee and Community” presented to pastors and community members, Caracas, Venezuela, 2009.

2003 – present: multiple Contextual Bible Study series and sessions engaging Old and New Testament texts with community groups in United States, Jamaica, Guatemala, Venezuela, The Netherlands, Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, England, India, and Haiti.

Editor, *Journal of the Association of Lesotho Theologians*, 2008-2009.

Peer Reviewer, assorted articles on Bible and Context, *Journal of Theology in Southern Africa*.

Member, Society of Biblical Literature

Employment History

May 2020 – present	Interim Pastor and Team Leader, Memorial Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), St. Louis, MO
2008 – present	Senior Minister, Webster Groves Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) St. Louis, MO
2003-2008	Missionary, Common Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
2003-2007	Instructor, Morija Theological Seminary, Lesotho, southern Africa
2005-2007	Interim Minister, Maseru United Church, Maseru, Lesotho (English-language, non-denominational congregation with members from 26 different nations and 10 denominational traditions)
2004-2006	Adjunct Professor, National University of Lesotho, Department of Theology and Religious Studies
2006-2007	HIV & AIDS Coordinator, Lesotho Evangelical Church of Lesotho and South Africa Working with regional committees and an international health committee, I developed, funded, and implemented an integrated denomination-wide response to HIV & AIDS in Lesotho and South Africa – two of the countries with the world’s highest per-capita HIV infection rates. This response included culturally sensitive applications of education (social analysis, transmission, gender and poverty awareness, nutrition); prevention; testing; treatment; and care. Programs were funded through local efforts, international grants, and multi-sector partnerships with strategically selected international partners.
2007-2008	Global Mission Interpreter, United Church of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Designed and implemented interpretive programs, discussing and describing my participation in international theological education and community development, delivering workshops, sermons, and presentations in national, regional, and local settings of two denominations.
2007-2008	Missioner in Residence, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO Taught and lived on campus at Eden Theological Seminary, interpreting the nature of our global partnerships with students, faculty, staff, and the wider St. Louis community through seminars, worship services, lectures, and presentations. I taught “HIV & AIDS and Theology” and “Contextual Biblical Interpretation.”
1997-2003	Pastor, St. John’s UCC, Pana, IL and St. Paul UCC, Dollville, IL
1995-1997	Manager of Camp Properties/Director of Outdoor Ministries Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church of Christ

Managed camp and conference centers, creating, implementing, managing, and evaluating budgets, programs, property developments, marketing and strategic planning, working with a board of directors and supervising 20 full and part-time year-round and seasonal staff.

1993-1995 Pastor, Holy Ghost UCC, Darmstadt, IL and Trinity UCC, Biddleborn, IL

Pertinent Training, Continuing Education, and Community Involvement

Trained Interim Minister, Interim Ministry Network

World Council of Churches HIV and AIDS Trainer

Churches, Channels of Hope Trainer/Facilitator, Christian AIDS Bureau of Southern Africa

Certified HIV Tester and Counselor, Kingdom of Lesotho, southern Africa

Anti-Racism and Social Justice Organizing Trainer, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Co-Chair, Anti-Racism Justice Ministries Team, Mid-America Region, Disciples

Member, Board of Directors (2014-2021) Doorways (HIV and AIDS Housing and Health Initiative), St. Louis, MO

Member, Board of Directors
(2017 – present; President 2019) Kirkwood Area Every Child Promise (early childhood education initiative), Kirkwood, MO

Member, Board of Directors (2009-2019) Room at the Inn (interfaith emergency housing initiative), St. Louis, MO

Member, Board of Directors (President, 2020) Webster-Rock Hill Ministries (ecumenical social services organization), Webster Groves, MO

Member, Coordinating Council Alliance for Interracial Dignity (racial justice organization), 63119, MO