

Israel Kamudzandu - New Testament Studies

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Academic Background

Ph.D. in New Testament Biblical Interpretation

BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL - TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, Ft. Worth, TX, 2005

Master of Divinity

AFRICA UNIVERSITY, Mutare, Zimbabwe, 1996

Master of Arts in Theological Studies

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Dayton, OH, 2001

Diploma in Education

UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE, Harare, Zimbabwe, 1998

Ph.D. Dissertation:

“Abraham as Spiritual Ancestor: A Postcolonial Zimbabwean Reading of Romans 4.” (Advisors: David. L. Balch, Carolyn Osiek, Leo Perdue)

MATS Thesis:

“Ancestral Meals: A Communion with the Living Dead in 1 Corinthians 7: 17 – 34.” (Advisors: Larry Welborn, Tom Dozeman).

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of New Testament Studies & Biblical Interpretation (with tenure)

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Overland Park, KS, 2007 - Present

Director of Course Study for GBHEM 2016 - 2018

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Overland Park, KS, 2013 - Present

Select Pastoral Appointments

Senior Pastor

COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Springfield, OH, 2006 – 2007

Senior Pastor

HATFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Harare, Zimbabwe, 1996 – 1998

Honors, Grants, & Awards

Bishop Herbert Skitt Endowment Scholarship for Church Leadership 1993 - 1996

Jaime Potter-Miller Student Intern Scholarship to Africa University, 1996

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Pastoral care and Preaching Graduation Award, 1996
Africa University Annual Best Student Award, 1993 - 1996
Bishop George Bashore Scholarship, 1998 - 2000
Bishop John Shnack Leadership Scholarship, 1999 - 2001
Hebrew and Greek language Award, 2001
Spiritual Formation and Peace Award, 2000
Texas Christian University Graduate Scholarship, 2002 - 2005
Sisters of Blood Research Fund, 2003 - 2004

Publications

Monographs

Abraham Our Father: Paul and Ancestors in Postcolonial Africa. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.

Abraham as Spiritual Ancestor: A Postcolonial Zimbabwean Reading of Romans. Netherlands: Brill, 2010.

Essays, Dictionary Articles, and Study Notes

"The Nature and Identity of Jesus in Mark 7:24-37: A Zimbabwean Interpretation in A Contextualized Reading of Mark." Daniel Patte, ed., (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 2010).

The Holy Spirit as the Negotiator of Boundaries in Luke – Acts: A Postcolonial Interpretation in *SBL Contextualized Readings*, Daniel Patte, ed. (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 2010).

"Biblical Interpretation and Criticism in Neocolonial Africa: Challenges, Conceptualizations, and Needs in the Twentieth Century," in *The Future of the Biblical Past: Envisioning Biblical Studies on Global Key*. Roland Boer and Fernando F. Segovia, eds. Atlanta: SBL, 2012, pp. 3-12.

"2 Thessalonians" Study Notes in *The Wesley Study Bible*, Joel B. Green and William H. Willimon, eds., (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

Jesus of Nazareth: A Historical, Birth/Life/Death/Resurrection/Ascension in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (forthcoming in June, 2013).

Pharisees and Sadducees in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (2013).

Law and Gospel in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (2013).

Hermeneutics - Biblical Interpretation, Ancient and Modern Methods: A Wesleyan Understanding of Scripture in the 21st Century Church in *Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (2013).

Commentaries

Working Preacher Commentary – Hebrews 10:1-14, [15-18], 19-25 – 11/15/2015
http://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2_kamudzandu_israel

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Working Preacher Commentary- Hebrews 9:11-15 – 11/1/2015

http://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2_kamudzandu_israel

Working Preacher Commentary- Romans 6: 12-23- 6/29/2014

http://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2_kamudzandu_israel

Working Preacher Commentary- Romans 4:1-5, 13-17- 3/16/2014

http://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2_kamudzandu_israel

Working Preacher Commentary- Hebrews 9:24-28 Commentary

http://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2_kamudzandu_israel

Working Preacher Commentary- Romans 7:15-25- 7/6/2014

http://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2_kamudzandu_israel

Working Preacher Commentary- Romans 6:1b-11- 6/22/2014

http://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/default.aspx?uid=2_kamudzandu_israel

Working Preacher Commentaries on the Book of Revelation, March 2018.

Works In Progress

Commentary on Acts of the Apostles, due March 2019 (Working Preacher: Luther Seminary)

Immigration and Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts: A Global South Interpretation of the Books of Acts. (Due, March 2019 in the Journal of Pentecostal Studies)

Ordination & Ecclesial Membership / Conferences

Deacon's Order, The United Methodist Church (Zimbabwe Annual Conference), 1996

Elder's Orders, The United Methodist Church (Zimbabwe Annual Conference), 1998

Great Plains Annual Conference UMC

Zimbabwe East Annual Conference UMC

Member of the Black Methodist Church Renewal (BMCR)

Africa University Advisory Board Member

Teaching Pastor at Lees Summit United Methodist Church, 2008 – 2015

Visiting and Organizing Pastor at Living Hope United Methodist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, 2016 – 2017

Professional Affiliations

Signifying Scriptures

Society of Biblical Literature

Society of Pentecostal Studies

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Professional Meetings and Conferences Attended

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Toronto 2002; Atlanta, 2003; Philadelphia, 2005; New Orleans, 2009; San Diego 2007; San Antonio, 2009

Society of Pentecostal Studies, Tampa, Florida, 2014; ATS, Chicago, 2012; Atlanta, 2010; Washington DC, 2006; Austria, 2013; Atlanta, 2015

Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Toronto 2002, and Austria, 2013

African Council of Churches Meetings, Kenya 2012

African Biblical Scholars' Conference, South Africa, 2010

ATS Conference on Newly Hired Faculty Members, Pittsburgh, 2008; 2009; 2010

ATS Conference on Mid-Career Faculty, 2012, 2013

ATS Conference Presenter, Chicago, 2013

ATS Institutional and Accrediting Member 2016

Additional Professional Experience

Academic and Professional Development Committee, 2009 – 2010

Curriculum Revision Committee, 2010 – 2012

Diversity and Equity Committee, 2008 – 2009

International Student Group Advisor, 2009 – 2013

Master Curriculum Chair, 2013 – 2014

Educational Enrichment Committee, 2013, 2014

Peace and Justice Faculty Coordinator, 2012 – 2015

Faculty Marshall, 2013 – 2015

Faculty Personnel and Steering Committee, 2014 – 2015

Courses of Study & Courses Taught

Introduction to New Testament, 2008 – 2015

Methodism and Doctrine, 2013

Upper level New Testament Studies, 2010 – 2015

Upper Level Courses at Saint Paul School of Theology (Face To Face, Hybrid and Online)

Reading and Interpreting Greet New Testament, 2008 – 2014

Biblical Hermeneutics for Clergy Formation, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Women in the Early Christian Church, 2010 – 2014

Interpreting Gospels, 2012 – 2016

Gospel of John, 2012 - 2016

Pauline Epistle to the Romans, 2009 – 2014

Theological Interpretation of Romans, 2009 – 2016

Summative Seminar for Graduating Students, 2015, 2016

Spiritual Formation, 2015, 2016, 2017

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Courses Taught At Saint Paul School Of Theology (All Formats: Face To Face, Hybrid And Online)

Advanced Praxis Seminar: Ethics of Biblical Interpretation

Introduction to the New Testament

Peace, Justice and Reconciliation

Reading Romans

Women in the New Testament, January 2010

Biblical Visions of Love and Justice and Responsibility for Children January, 2011

The Book of Revelation, May, 2011, Summer 2013, Summer 2015

Encountering the Love of God (Spiritual Retreat) - with Harold Knight-Fall 2015