

Israel Kamudzandu – New Testament Studies

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EDUCATION

PH.D. NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (2005)

Brite Divinity School-Texas Christian University

Fort Worth, TX

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

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES – NEW TESTAMENT (2000)

United Theological Seminary

Dayton, OH

- Thesis: "Ancestral Meals: A Communion with the Living Dead in 1 Corinthians 7: 17 – 34." (Advisors: Larry Wellborn, Tom Dozeman).

MASTER OF DIVINITY (1996): SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Africa University

Mutare, Zimbabwe

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (1990)

University of Zimbabwe

Harare, Zimbabwe

ORDINATION

ELDER'S ORDERS (1998)

United Methodist Church, Zimbabwe Annual Conference

Murewa, Zimbabwe

DEACON'S ORDERS (1996)

United Methodist Church, Zimbabwe Annual Conference

Masvingo, Zimbabwe

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES – BIBLICAL & NONBIBLICAL

New Testament Greek, Hellenistic Greek, Hebrew, French, German, Shona, Zulu, Nyanja & Swahili

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE LINDSEY P. PHERIGO. ASSOCIATE. PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES & BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION (2014 - PRESENT).

ADMINISTRATIVE GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY REGIONAL COURSE OF STUDY DIRECTOR – UMC (2013 – 2020).

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES (2007 – 2014)

Saint Paul School of Theology

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Leawood, Ks 66224

- Received tenure.

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PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR, ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & PASTORAL VISITATION (2000 – 2004)

University United Methodist Church (UMC)

Fort Worth, TX

SENIOR PASTOR (1998 – 2000)

Richards Chapel UMC

Springfield, OH

SENIOR PASTOR (1996 – 1998)

Hatfield UMC

Zimbabwe, Harare

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Texas Christian University Graduate Scholarship (2002 – 2005)

Sisters of Blood \$20K PhD Research Grant (2003 – 2004)

Hebrew and Greek Language Award (2001)

Bishop John Shnack Leadership Scholarship (1999 – 2001)

Spiritual Formation & Peace Award (2000)

Bishop George Bashore Scholarship (1998 – 2000)

Jaime Potter-Miller Student Intern Scholarship to Africa University (1996)

Pastoral Care & Preaching Graduation Award (1996)

Africa University Annual Best Student Award (1993 – 1996)

Africa University Best Preaching Award (1993 – 1996)

Bishop Herbert Skitt Endowment Scholarship for Church Leadership (1993 – 1996)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

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/ARTICLES:

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

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

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

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

Biblical Interpretation and Criticism in Neocolonial Africa: Challenges, Conceptualizations, and Needs in the Twentieth Century, Roland Boer and Fernando F. Segovia, eds., *The Future of the Biblical Past: Envisioning Biblical Studies on Global Key* (Atlanta: SBL, 2012). [I. Kamudzandu, 9-25-2015, p.2]

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).

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).

"2 Thessalonians: Biblical Scholar Notes for Lay People," in *The Wesleyan Study Bible*, Joel B. Green and William H. Willimon, eds., (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

SELECTED ACADEMIC PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

"Precolonial, Colonial and Vernacular Translations of the Bible: A 21st century Model of reading, Interpreting and Appropriating the Bible," Signifying Group and Black Lives Matter, An Online presentation, August 20 – 23, 2020.

"Postcolonial - Neocolonial Readings and Interpretations of the Bible in African Indigenous 21st century denominations." Invited Panel Presenter, SBL, Annual Meeting, Global South Hermeneutics Group, San Antonio, TX. November 19 – 22, 2016.

"Reception of Holy Communion in the Greco – Roman Early Christianity Groups: A Global South View of the Lord Supper," SBL, Annual Meeting, Early Christian Meals and Banquets Group, Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

"Health, Sickness and Healing in the Gospel of Mark: An African Pentecostal Reading of Jesus in the New Testament," (Gospels in Context Group, SBL, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. November 21 – 24, 2009. November

Ancestry and Ancestors in Paul's Letter to the Romans: A Greco – Roman Construction of Aeneas as the Founder of Rome," Invited to present at KU, Religion Department, January 20, 2009.

"The Holy Spirit in Luke – Acts: An Afro - centric Reading and Global South Interpretations of the Bible," University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio. August 20, 2007.

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“Colonial Readings of the Bible and land issues in Zimbabwe: Ecclesial Challenges and Prospective for Unity and Peace,” United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio Regional, February 17 – 18, 2006.

NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS & UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Pre-Colonial, Pre-Missional, Colonial, and Vernacular Bible Translations in the Global South Christendom: A 21st Century Model for Reading and Interpreting the Bible. (Due Fall 2022 (WPF&STOCK Publishers).

“The Transforming Work of the Holy Spirit” in Sondra Wheeler, Russell E. Richly, Hendrick R. Pieterse, Kyle R. Tau, and David Field, eds., *Faith Working Through Love: A Resource for Teaching.* USA: The United Methodist Publishing House, 2022.

SELECTED COMMENTARIES PUBLISHED BY WORKINGPREACHER.ORG

Selected Working Preacher Commentaries Published by Luther Seminary.

2021-2022

Published Commentaries on Revelations (2), Romans, Philemon and Ephesians – Listed and Published on WorkingPreacher.Org.

2020

Romans 12: 1 – 8 & 9 – 21; 13: 8 – 14; 14: 1 – 12

2019

Acts 3: 1 – 10

Corinthians 1: 18 – 31

Romans 5: 12 – 19 & 1 – 11

2018

Acts 8: 14 – 17; 13: 1 – 3, 14: 8 – 18; 10: 1 – 17, 34 – 48

Ephesians 3: 1 – 12

2017

Romans 8: 1 – 11 & 12 – 25; 8: 26 – 39; 9: 1 – 5

2016

Revelation 1: 4 – 8; 5: 11 – 14; 7: 9 – 17; 21: 1 – 6

2015

Hebrews 9:11 – 15; 10:1 – 14

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2014

Hebrews 9: 24 – 28

Romans 4:1-5; 6:1b – 11 & 12 – 23, 7:15 – 25

ECCLESIAL MEMBERSHIPS & CONFERENCES

Africa University Advisory Board Member

Black Methodist Church Renewal (BMCR) Member

Great Plains Annual Conference UMC

Lee's Summit United Methodist Church Teaching Pastor

Zimbabwe East Annual Conference UMC

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Signifying Scriptures

Society of Biblical Literature

Society of Pentecostal Studies

Wesleyan Theological Society

Global South Hermeneutics Group

PROFESSIONAL MEETING & CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Society of Biblical Interpretation: San Diego (2019)

Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Institutional & Accrediting Member (2016)

Society of Pentecostal Studies: Washington, DC (2006); Atlanta (2010); ATS Chicago (2012); Austria (2013); Tampa (2014); Atlanta (2015).

Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting: Toronto (2002); Austria (2013).

ATS Conference Presenter: Chicago (2013).

ATS Conference on Mid-Career Faculty: Chicago (2012, 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).

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Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: San Antonio (2001); Toronto (2002); Atlanta (2003); Philadelphia (2005); San Diego (2007) & New Orleans (2009).

PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Assessment Committee (2017 – 2020)

Admissions Committee (2018 – 2020)

Interim Course of Study Director (2015)

Peace & Justice Faculty Coordinator (2012 – 2015)

Faculty Marshall (2013 – 2015)

Faculty Personnel & Steering Committee (2014 – 2015)

Educational Enrichment Committee (2013 – 2014)

Master Curriculum Chair (2013 – 2014)

International Student Group Advisor (2009 – 2014)

Curriculum Revision Committee (2010 – 2013)

Curriculum Committee Chair (2014 – 2016)

Academic & Professional Development Committee (2009 – 2010)

Diversity & Equity Committee (2008 – 2009)

UPPER LEVEL NEW TESTAMENT COURSES

Introduction to the New Testament (2016 – 2020)

Reading & Interpreting Greet New Testament (2008 – 2020)

Theological Interpretation of Romans (2009 – 2020)

Women in the Early Christian Church (2010 – 2020)

Women in the New Testament (2010 – 2020)

The Book of Revelation (2011 – 2020)

Biblical Hermeneutics for Clergy Formation (2014 – 2020)

Pauline Epistle to the Romans (2009 – 2017)

Spiritual Formation (2015 – 2017)

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Summative Seminar for Graduating Students (2015 – 2017)

Interpreting Gospels (2012 – 2016)

Spiritual Retreats: Encountering the Love of God (2013 – 2015)

Advanced Praxis Seminar (2014)

Gospel of John (2012 – 2014)

Biblical Visions of Love & Justice & Responsibility for Children (2011)

Ethics of Biblical Interpretation (2010)

Reading Romans (2010)

Peace, Justice & Reconciliation (2008 – 2010)

COURSES TAUGHT: COURSE OF STUDY

Introduction to New Testament (2008 – Present)

Upper Level New Testament Studies (2010 – Present)

Methodism & Doctrine (2013)

SERVICE TO SEMINARY

International Student Adviser (2009 – 2014)

Raising tuition and flight funds for students from Africa (2012 – 2020)

Attending community meals with students

Advising students on course registrations

Preaching and serving communion in Chapel

SERVICE & FUNDRAISING FOR NATIONAL & GLOBAL CHURCH

Support Orphanage Fund, \$33K in Mutare through Bethel UMC in Pittsburgh, PA (2006 – Present)

Raised \$357K for drilling 24 wells in Zimbabwe \$357K (2000 – 2020)

Raised \$105M for Africa Breast Cancer Medical Center Project (2016 – 2019)

Raised \$22K for Zimbabwe Idai storm victims (2019)

Raised \$45K for Underprivileged Grant for Youth & Children (2016 – 2018)

Raised \$347K for Africa's Children's Fund through Ohio West UMC Conference (2005 – 2007)

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Raised \$500K for Children of Africa (2006)

Africa University Advisory Member, assisted in raising tuition funds for students

Annual Africa University Trustees & Advisory Meeting Member

Guest speaker at UMC annual conferences

Lead missionary trips to Nicaragua and Zimbabwe

Serve as missionary and guest preacher in local US churches

UMC district seminars on biblical interpretation