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PERSONAL DATA – BIO

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Date of Birth: 6th April, 1982

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Home Town: Chiana, Upper East Region, Ghana

Language Proficiency:

- English – Official language
- Kasem – Native language (mother tongue)
- Buli – Very Good
- Italian – Very Good
- Gurene/Nankani – Good
- French – Fair
- Twi – Fair

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Nora K. Nonterah is a Theological and Comparative Ethicist from Ghana. She obtained her doctor's degree (PhD) in theology (Theological and Comparative Ethics) from the Catholic University of Leuven in 2016. As a scholar her research focus is peace-building and interreligious dialogue. A teacher by profession, teaching, research, and mentoring of students are her passion. Dr. Nonterah enjoys scholarly engagements like reviewing, editing, and participating in conferences. She carries out theological and ethical discourse in a way that has impact on the day-to-day lives of people.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

➤ **Doctor's Degree in Theology (Ph.D)**

KU Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven), Belgium, 17th November, 2016

Dissertation: Peace-Building in Northern Ghana: Religion as Indispensable Component of a Multidimensional Approach – Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Johan Verstraeten and Co-supervisor: Prof. Dr. Marianne Moyaert

➤ **Sacrae Theologiae Doctorem (S.T.D)**

KU Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven), Belgium, 2016

➤ **Sacrae Theologiae Licentiatam (S.T.L)**

KU Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven), Belgium, 2011

➤ **Master of Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion**

KU Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven), Belgium, 6th July, 2011

Thesis: Inter-Religious Peace Education: Challenges and Prospects for Multi-Religious Ghana – Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Didier Poleffeyt

➤ **Master of Religious Studies**

Pontifical Urbana University, Rome, Italy, 16th June, 2009

Thesis: The Role of Youth in Evangelisation: With Particular Reference to the Navrongo-Bolgatanga Diocese – Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Francis Oborji and Co-Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jerome Vallabaraj

➤ **Bachelor of Religious Studies**

Pontifical Urbana University, Rome, Italy, 30th June, 2008

➤ **3-Year Post-Secondary Teacher Training Certificate**

St. John Bosco's College of Education, Navrongo, Ghana, 2004

➤ **Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSSCE)**

Navrongo Senior Secondary School, Ghana, 1999

➤ **Elementary Education**

Chiana L/A primary and Junior Secondary School, Chiana, Ghana, 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

➤ **Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi**

❖ **Lecturer**, August 2020 to date

- African Christian Theologies
- Comparative Study of Religions
- Religion and Human Rights
- Professional Ethics
- Religion and Media

➤ **Catholic University College of Ghana, Fiapre**

❖ **Lecturer**, September 2019 to 31st July, 2020

- Social Ethics
- Comparative Study of Religions
- Special Issues in Ethics and Morality
- Introduction to African Studies

- Contemporary Ethical and Moral Issues
- Research Methods
- West African Traditional Religion
- Sociology of Religion

❖ **Contract teaching** (summer programme) Lecturer, 2017 to date

- Suffering and Hope: The Meaning of the Cross and Resurrection
- Prevention (of Sexual Abuse) in the Church through Learning from the Past

➤ **Regentropfen College of Applied Sciences, Kansoe**

❖ **Lecturer**, 1st October, 2017 to July, 2019

- Business Ethics
- Leadership and Professional
- Leadership and Social Ethics
- Methods of teaching Religious and Moral Education in Basic School
- Religious and Moral Education for Basic School Teachers
- Genders Issues in Basic Education
- Research Methods

➤ **Teaching Position, St. John Bosco College of Education, Navrongo**

❖ **Tutor**, 2009-2010 academic year

- Religious and Moral Education – Content
- Religious and Moral Education – Methods

➤ **Ghana Education Service, Monsignor Abatey R/C Primary School, Navrongo**

❖ **Teacher**, 2004-2005 academic year

- **Classroom teacher**

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

➤ **Regentropfen College of Applied Sciences, Kansoe**

❖ **Director of Academic Planning and Quality Assurance**, February, 2018 to July, 2019

- Academic Planning – Coordinating the Process for Mounting of New programmes, Coordination of the Process for re-accreditation, Staffing and Staff Auditing, Monitoring of Staff Recruitment Processes, Monitoring of Beginning of Lectures, Verification of credentials
- In charge of Affiliations and Collaborations
- International Relations and Collaboration
- Ensure Quality and Excellence in Academics

❖ **Academic and Research Auditor and Ombudsperson, 1st October, 2017 to February, 2018**

- Interpret the vision of the president’s office to reflect on the registry
- Investigate complaints from members of staff or students who believe they have been unfairly treated
- To ensure quality and academic excellence
- Coordinate the re-accreditation of the institution and its programmes

➤ **KU Leuven (Catholic University of Leuven), Belgium, October, 2011 – 13th June, 2016**

- ❖ Project Research – Interfaculty Scholarship for development and cooperation (IRO) – Peace-Building in Northern Ghana: Religion as Indispensable Component of a Multidimensional Approach, KU Leuven
- ❖ Ombuds services (Responsible for practical arrangements during examinations – cancelations, rescheduling, postponements and supervising of examinations)
- ❖ Member of the faculty committee for equal opportunities and diversity – organizing activities and lectures for the promotion of cultural diversity and equal opportunities for people of different cultures, genders and status
- ❖ Project Research (with paper presentation) - Junior Mobility Programme, KU Leuven (in affiliation with Institute for Continuing Education and Interdisciplinary Research (ICEIR), UDS, April 2013 – September 2013 - *Women in Conflict Situation in Northern Ghana: Their Role in the Peace-Building Process*

➤ **St. John Bosco College of Education, Navrongo, 2009-2010**

- ❖ Project work supervision

- ❖ Teaching Practice supervision

RESEARCH OUTPUT – PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ **Reviewed Articles in Books or Journals**

Ilo, Stan Chu, Nonterah, Nora K, and Otu, Idara. “Introduction: Faith in Action in Africa.” In *Faith in Action: Reform, Mission, and Pastoral Renewal in African Catholicism Since Vatican II*, Vol I, edited by Stan Chu Ilo, Nora K. Nonterah, and Idara Otu, 41-50. Abuja: Paulines, 2020.

Nonterah, Nora K. “Formation in Adult Faith for African Lay Faithful: A Theological Foundation for Collaborative Ministry and Service.” In *Faith in Action: Reimagining the Mission of the Church in Education, Politics, and Servant Leadership in Africa*, Vol III, edited by Stan Chu Ilo, Nora K. Nonterah, Ikenna U. Okafor, Justin Clemency Nabushawo, Idara Otu, 233 to 262. Abuja: Paulines, 2020.

Nonterah, Nora K. “The Challenges of Interfaith Relations in Ghana: A Case Study of its Implications for Peace-Building in Northern Ghana.” In *Pathways for Interreligious Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century*, edited By Vladimir Latinovic, Gerard Mannion, and Peter C. Phan, 197-211. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

..... “The Use of Religious Education in Fostering Inter-Religious Peace in Ghana.” In *Christianity and Cultural History in Northern Ghana: A Portrait of Cardinal Peter Poreku Dery (1918-2008)*, edited by Alexis Tengan, 201-227. Brussels: Peter Lang, 2013.

- ❖ **Editorial work**

Ilo, Stan Chu, Nonterah, Nora K, and Otu, Idara (eds). *Faith in Action: Reform, Mission, and Pastoral Renewal in African Catholicism Since Vatican II*, Vol I. Abuja: Paulines, 2020.

Nonterah, Nora K. et al (eds). *Faith in Action: Reimagining the Mission of the Church in Education, Politics, and Servant Leadership in Africa*, Vol III. Abuja: Paulines, 2020.

- ❖ **Newsletter Articles**

Nonterah, Nora K. and Pehrah, Kasisse Ricky. “Ghana’s Uneasy Bedfellows: A Skin-Deep Muslim-Christian Harmony.” Available at: <https://catholicethics.com/forum/ghanas-uneasy-bedfellows/> (June, 2021).

Nonterah, Nora K. “Defying the Odds, Vulnerable but not Weak: The Saga of Kayaye in Covid-19 Times.” PDF, Available at: <https://catholicethics.com/resources/publications-by-topic/covid-19/> (July 1, 2020).

COMMUNITY SERVICE – KNUST COMMUNITY

- ❖ Coordinator of department doctoral programme (Chairperson of department doctoral committee)
- ❖ Supervision of Thesis and Project work
- ❖ Internal Examiner
- ❖ BA Reaccreditation Committee – Chairperson

EDITORIAL ROLES

- ❖ A Reviewer for the E-Journal of Religious and Theological Studies (ERATS), November, 2019 to Date
- ❖ Member of the editorial team, Pan African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network, 2019 to date

Professional Group Membership

- ❖ Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church
- ❖ Pan African Catholic Theology and Pastoral Network

Conferences/Seminars/Workshops

- ❖ Pan-African Catholic Theological and Pastoral Network (Enugu, Nigeria: 2019), Pan- African Catholic Congress on Theology, Society and Pastoral Life. Paper presented: “Forming the Laity to Adult Faith in Africa: Theological Foundation for Collaborative Ministry and Service”
- ❖ Association of African Universities (Accra: Ghana, 2019). Quality Assurance (QA) Knowledge and Skills for the 21st Higher Education Personnel Workshop
- ❖ Business and Career Development Centre (Namoo: Ghana, 2018) Career Development Course: Trainer of Trainees
- ❖ Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church (Sarajevo: Bosnia, 2018). Building bridges for the future. Paper presented “Autonomy through Sustainable Growth: An Examination of the Role of Aid in Giving Preferential Option for the Less Privileged”
- ❖ University for Development Studies (Tamale: Ghana, 2013) Interdisciplinary Conference. Paper presented: “Women in Conflict Situation in Northern Ghana: Their Role in Peace Building Process”
- ❖ Ecclesiological investigations international research network (Assisi: Italy 2012) Assisi 2012; Where We Dwell in Common-Pathway for Dialogue in the 21st Century. Paper presented “The Challenges of Interfaith Relations in Ghana; A Case Study of its implications for Peace Building in Ghana”
- ❖ Cardinal Dery Colloquium (Wa: Ghana 2010) Christianity and the Cultural History in Northern Ghana. Paper presented “Religious Education in Fostering Interreligious Peace in Ghana”

RESEARCH INTEREST

- ❖ Peacebuilding
- ❖ Interreligious Dialogue
- ❖ Social/Professional/Business/Leadership ethics
- ❖ Religious Education
- ❖ Youth and Women Development

REFERENCE

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