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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Systematic Theology (2013)

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY, Pittsburgh, PA

Dissertation: "Hospitality and Friendship as Effective Tools for Sustained Interreligious Dialogue: A Case Study of the Catholic Community of Ihievbe, Edo State, Nigeria."

M.A. in Theology (2007)

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY, Camarillo, CA

Thesis: "Informed Consent/Biomedical Ethics. The Moral Implications of Medical Advance Directives: A Multicultural/Pastoral Approach."

Diploma in Philosophy (1997)

SPIRITAN SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY, Isieniu-Nsukka, Nigeria

Thesis: "Truth in Nietzsche."

Certifications: *Certificate (2011), Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Training Program, Duquesne University; Certificate (2004), HIV/AIDS Ministry Development, The Wall Las Memorias Project Faith, Los Angeles, California; Certificate (2004), Community Based Organization Referral, The Wall Las Memorias Project Faith, Los Angeles, California; Certificate (2004), Intensive Pastoral Spanish Program, Mexican American Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas; Certificate (2003), Detention Ministry, Office of Detention Ministry, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California.*

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

BOOKS

2023

- *Introduction to Global Theology*. Kendall Hunt Publishing Company (under contract).

2021

- *Religion, Women of Color, and the Suffrage Movement: The Journey to Holistic Freedom (Feminist Studies and Sacred Texts Series)*. Lexington Books an imprint of The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc. 2021 (under contract. In print 2021).

2019

- *Fostering Interreligious Encounters in Pluralist Societies: Hospitality and Friendship*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2019. ISBN: 978-3-030-17804-8 (Hardcover). ISBN: 978-3-030-17805-5 (eBook). Number of Pages: XIII, 239. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-17805-5

2016

- *Dimensions in Post-Secondary School Christian Religious Studies Curriculum in Nigeria.* New York: CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016. ISBN: 13-978-1532917806 (paperback). ISBN-10: 1532917805 (Hardcover).

BOOK CHAPTERS (PEER-REVIEWED):

2020:

- “Influences of Religions on African Ethics: Insights from African Indigenous Religions, Christianity, and Islam.” In *A Guide to Key Ideas in African Ethics. Vol. 1: Ethical Methodology and Normative Ethics.* Edited by Luis Rodrigues and Jonathan O. Chimakonam. London: Bloomsbury, 2020 (Accepted. In print 2020).
- “The Role of Religion in Africa’s Twentieth Century Wars and Genocides: Lessons for African Churches.” In *Faith in Action. Volume II: Theological, Pastoral and Prophetic Renewal in the Church in Africa Since Vatican II.* Edited by Stan Chu Ilo, Justin Nabushawo, and Ikenna Okafor. Lagos, Nigeria: Paulines Publications Africa, 2020 (Accepted. In print 2020).
- “African Migrant Christians Changing the Landscape of Christianity in the West: Reading the Signs of the Times.” In *The Church and Migration: Global (In)difference.* Palgrave Macmillan (Accepted. In print 2020)
- “Contemporary Sexual Crises in the Church and the Challenge for Priestly Formation.” In *Formation, The Catholic Priesthood, and The Modern Age: Festschrift in Honour of Rev. Fr. Anselm Jimoh.* Pp. 134 – 153. Edited by Francis Ikhianosime and Gregory Ogbenika. Benin City, Nigeria: Mindex, 2020. ISBN: 978-978-8534-56-3

2016

- “A Mosaic of Identities of the Sensus Fidelium: The realities of African Ecclesial Communities in Diaspora.” In *Learning from All the Faithful: A Contemporary Theology of the Sensus Fidei.* Pp. 226 – 236. Edited by Bradford Hinze and Peter Phan. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2016.
- “Embracing the Pragmatic in African Indigenous Religions: New Perspective for Interfaith Dialogue.” *Christianity and Culture Collision: Particularities and Trends from a Global South.* Edited by Cyril Orji and Joseph Ogbonnaya. Pp. 151 – 163. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016.
- “Recognizing the Place of African Traditional Religions in the Comparative Theological Discourse: Mediating Classroom Encounters through Storytelling.” *Comparative Theology in the Millennial Classroom: Hybrid Identities, Negotiated*

Boundaries. Pp. 164 – 176. Edited by Mara Brecht and Reid Locklin. New York: Routledge, 2016.

2015

- “Interreligious Friendship: A Path to Conversion for a Catholic Theologian” *Interreligious Friendship after Nostra Aetate*. Pp. 187 – 200. Edited by James L. Fredericks and Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.
- “Reflections by a Lay Theologian on the Complementary Ministries of the Ordained and Laity in the Church in Africa.” *The Church We Want. Foundations, Theology and Mission of the Church in Africa: Conversations on Ecclesiology*. Pp. 224 – 234. Edited by Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J. Nairobi, Kenya: Paulines Publications Africa, 2015.

2014

- “The Place of Women in the Catholic Churches of Africa: Using Inculturation as a Model for Inclusion of Women in the Ministerial Life of the Church.” *Theological Reimagination: Conversations on Church, Religion, and Society*. Pp. 256 – 268. Edited by Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J. Nairobi, Kenya: Paulines Publishers Africa, 2014.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED):

2020

- “Social Justice and Rituals of Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Perspectives from African Religion and Roman Catholic-Christianity.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. Volume 55, Number 2 (Accepted. In print 2020)

2019

- “Making A Case for An Economic Alternative for Our Globalized World: Insights from the Margins.” *Filosofia Theoretica: Journal of African Philosophy, Culture and Religions*. Vol. 8. No. 3 (September – December, 2019): 77 – 88. DOI: <https://dx.doi.org/10.4314/ft.v8i3.5>
- “Priestly Formation and Sexual Abuse in The Roman Catholic Church: In Dialogue with The Nigerian Church.” *The Journal of The Black Catholic Theological Symposium*. Volume XII (2019): 105 – 126.

2018

- “Making Way for Comparative Theology within the Liturgy of the Word: In Dialogue with James L. Fredericks.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. Volume 53, Number 4 (Fall 2018): 499 – 520.
- “Locating the Place of Interreligious Friendship in Comparative Theology.” *Journal of Buddhist-Christian Studies*. Vol. 38 (2018): 149 – 152.

- “Women as Ritualistic Agents in the Roman Catholic Church: A Comparative Theological Dialogue with Bede Benjamin Bidlack and Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier.” *Journal of Black Catholic Theological Symposium*. Vol. XI (2018): 42 – 60.

2017

- “Grounded in Mercy: Embracing a Practical Theological Response to the Reality of HIV/AIDS Sero-Discordancy,” *Journal of Black Catholic Theological Symposium*. Volume X (2017): 11 – 27.
- “An African Ethic of Hospitality for The Global Church: A Response to The Culture of Exploitation and Violence in Africa.” *Filosofia Theoretica: African Journal of Philosophy, Culture, and Religions*. Vol. 6 no. 2, (2017): 20 – 41.

2016

- “Going beyond *Nostra Aetate*: The Way Forward for Interreligious Dialogue.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. Vol. 51 no. 3, (2016): 386 – 401.

2014

- “The Need for Prophetic Voices in the African Catholic Churches: The Nigerian Context.” *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Special Edition: Nigerian Catholicism. Winter. Volume 5 Number 1. (2014): 7 – 25.

2013

- “A Case for the Use of Condom as a Therapeutic Means by Discordant Couples in the Roman Catholic Moral Tradition.” *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Summer. Volume 4 Number 2. (2013): 79 – 117
- “Love One Another as I Have Loved You: The Place of Friendship in Interfaith Dialogue.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. Fall. Vol. 48. No. 4 (2013): 491 – 508.
- “Fifty Years After the Second Vatican Council: A Critical Review of the Roman Catholic Church’s Approach to Interreligious Dialogue and Seeking a Way Forward Through Interreligious Friendship.” *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Winter. Vol. 4. No. 1 (2013): 3 – 23.

2012

- “Shaping the Content for Interreligious Engagement: A Case for Interreligious Hospitality in Nigeria's Religiously Pluralistic Societies.” *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Summer. Vol. 3. No. 2 (2012): 1 – 23.
- “Building Interreligious Encounter/Dialogue through Friendship in a Pluralistic World: The Nigerian Context,” *Journal of Black Catholic Theological Symposium*. Vol. VI (2012): 5 - 44.

- "Trinitarian Catholicity: A Paradigm for Enduring Interreligious Dialogue/Encounter." *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Winter. Vol. 3. No. 1 (2012): 1 – 21.

2011

- "Interreligious Living: A Personalistic/Sociological Approach to Religious Pluralism." *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Winter. Vol. 2 No 1 (2011): 1 – 28.

2010

- "Pentecostalism and Political Empowerment: The Nigerian Phenomenon." *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*. Vol. 45. No. 2. (Spring 2010):249 - 264.
- "Ancestorhood in Yoruba Religion and Sainthood in Christianity: Envisioning an Ecological Awareness and Responsibility." *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Vol. 1 No. 1 (Winter 2010): 1 - 22.

BOOK REVIEWS

2021

- *African, Christian, Feminist: The Enduring Search for What Matters*. Teresia Mbari Hinga. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2017. Xxv, 244 pp. \$45.00. ISBN: 978-1-62698-249-9. In *The Journal of Black Catholic Theological Symposium*. Volume XIII (Accepted. In print 2021).

2020

- *Imitating Christ in Magwi: An Anthropological Theology*. By Todd D. Whitmore. T&T Clark, 2019. 400 pages. \$29.95. Paperback. ISBN:978-0-5676-8417-2. *Horizons* (Accepted. In print 2020).

2019

- *The Journey of Reconciliation. Groaning for A New Creation in Africa*. By Emmanuel Katongole. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2017. 216 pp. \$30.00. Paperback. ISBN: 9781626982505. *Horizons*. Volume 46. Issue 2 (December 2019): 398 – 399. DOI: 10.1017/hor.2019.81.
- *Religion and Faith in Africa. Confessions of An Animist*. By Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 2018. 208 pp. \$22.00. Paperback ISBN 9781626982765. *Horizons*. Volume 46. Issue 2 (December 2019): 417 – 418. DOI: 10.1017/hor.2019.92.
- *Jezebel Unhinged. Loosing The Black Female Body in Religion and Culture*. By Tamura Lomax. Durham/London: Duke University Press, 2018. Xx, 262 pp. \$25.95. Paper. ISBN: 9781478001072. *The Journal of The Black Catholic Theological Symposium*. Volume XII (2019): 173 – 174.

2018

- *Born from Lament. The Theology and Politics of Hope in Africa.* By Emmanuel Katongole. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2017. 314 pages. \$30.00. Paperback. ISBN: 978-0-8028-7434-4. *Horizons*. Volume 45, Issue 2 (December 2018): 471 – 472.

2016

- *Racism and the Image of God.* By Karen Teel. Palgrave Macmillan. 2010. 216 pages. \$100.00. Hardcover. ISBN: 978-0-230-62277-7. *The Journal of Black Catholic Theological Symposium*. Volume IX (2016): 111 – 112.

2010

- Theology Brewed in an African Pot. By Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator. Orbis books, 2008. 162 pages. \$20.00. In *International Journal of African Catholicism*. Vol. I No. 1, 2010.

BLOGS

2018

- “Reading the Signs of the Times – A Response to Cultural Populism.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. October 23, 2018. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2018/populism.html#comments>
- “Same-Sex Marriages: Reading the Signs of the Times.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. September 26, 2018. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2018/same-sex.html#comments>
- “Trinity and Christian Discipleship as Relationships.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. May 27, 2018. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2018/biblical%20intelligence.html#pentecost2>
- “Pentecost and the Church of Empire.” Reflections for the Solemnity of Pentecost. *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. May 20, 2018. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2018/biblical%20intelligence.html>
- "God's Mercy is a Person." Reflections for Fourth Week of Lent. *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. March 1, 2018. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2018/Lent%202018.html#simonmary>
- "Coursework: Faith: What It Is and What it isn't." *University of Portland, Department of Theology Newsletter*. March 1, 2018. <https://sway.com/mAQAUWhFYuYO6G3x?ref=Link>

2017

- “Advent is our Spring Season.” *University of Portland, Department of Theology*

Newsletter. December 1, 2017.
<https://sway.com/gb8ZLcPWdUbpmfT?ref=Link&loc=mysways>

- “Advent: A Prefiguration of the Parousia.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. December 3, 2017.
<http://wakeuplazarus.net/2017/advent.html>
- "Dance and Alterity." Pray Tell Worship, Wit & Wisdom Blog. October 25, 2017.
<http://www.praytellig.com/index.php/2017/10/25/dance-and-alterity/>
- ““The Latin Mass, Thriving in Southeastern Nigeria”? A Critical Response.” *Pray Tell Blog*. October 18, 2017. <http://www.praytellig.com/index.php/2017/10/18/the-latin-mass-thriving-insoutheastern-nigeria-a-critical-response/>
- “The Internal and External Focus of the Liturgy.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. October 8, 2017.
<http://wakeuplazarus.net/2017/mass-d.html>
- “Liturgy, Preaching, and the Social Teaching of the Church: Going Back to Our Roots.” *Pray Tell Blog*. September 4, 2017.
<http://www.praytellig.com/index.php/2017/09/04/liturgy-preaching-and-the-social-teaching-of-the-church-going-back-to-our-roots/>
- “Discerning the Content of Obedience.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. August 10, 2017.
<http://wakeuplazarus.net/2017/conscience-d.html>
- “A Second Look at Prosperity Gospel.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. July 25, 2017.
<http://wakeuplazarus.net/2017/reflections.html#aihokhai>
- “Liturgy: In Nigeria and Portland.” *Church Attendance and Spiritual Development: Testimonies.* *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. July 9, 2017.
<http://wakeuplazarus.net/2017/spirituality-d.html>
- “A Journey of Unity and Restoration in God.” *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. April 9, 2017.
<http://wakeuplazarus.net/2017/Lent%202017.html#SimonMary>

2016

- “Learning from the Electoral Hack.” *Institute of Religious Tolerance Blog*. December 21, 2016.
<http://instituteforreligiousolerance.blogspot.com/2016/12/learning-fromelectoral-hack-guest.html>
- “I am A Pilgrim.” *Institute of Religious Tolerance Blog*. November 24, 2016.

<http://instituteforreligiousolerance.blogspot.com/2016/11/guest-blogger-drsimonmary-aihiokhai.html>

- “Ecumenism with Many “ifs.” *Mercy before Judgment: Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue*. *Wake up Lazarus Blog* (2016). <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2016/ecumenism-d.html>
- “Embracing the Sensus Fidelium.” *World Christianity – Discussion*. *Wake up Lazarus Blog* (2016). http://wakeuplazarus.net/2016/world_christianity-d.html
- “Full and Active Participation: Coming to the Table in Our Humanity.” *Full and Active Participation: Discussion*. *Wake up Lazarus Blog*. 2016. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2016/participation-d.html>
- “What’s Wrong with Secularization?” *When the Saints are Matching Out: Discussion*. *Wake up Lazarus*. 2016. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2016/saints-d.html>

2015

- “Revisiting Nostra Aetate: A New Path for Interreligious Dialogue.” In *Vatican II and the Future Church*. *Wakeup Lazarus Blog*. August 6, 2015. <http://wakeuplazarus.net/v2/ESSAYS/aihiokhai.html>
- “My Wish List.” *Pope Francis and Church Reform: Comments*. *Wake up Lazarus Blog*. (2015). <http://wakeuplazarus.net/2015/reform-d.html>
- “Insights into Traditionalist Catholicism in Africa.” *Oxford University Press Blog*. July 14, 2015. Co-authored with Randall Woodard. <http://blog.oup.com/2015/07/traditionalist-catholicism-africa/>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2018

- “Black Catholic Theology – Consultation.” *Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America*. Volume 73, (2018). <https://ejournals.bc.edu/ojs/index.php/ctsa/article/view/10644/9145>

2008

- “Human Suffering and the Presence of God” *The Mind Opener*. Vol. 16, (2007-2008).

2004

- “We are one Family” *La Reina Herald*. Vol. XIII, No.4. (2004).

2002

- “September 11” *Azure and Amber*. Owings Mills, Maryland: *International Library of Poetry*, 2002.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

2020

- “Lamentation as a Ritual of Healing.” An Intergenerational Conversation about Race, Black Liberation, Healing and Resilience, and Where We Go from Here. A Town Hall Panel Organized by Active Minds and Black Student Union of the University of Portland. Via Zoom. Held on Friday, June 19th, 2020. Time: 6:00PM – 7:30PM.
- “Religious Identity, Othering, and Violence in Nigeria: Towards A Reimagination of Interfaith Dialogue.” To be presented at the *Emerging Ideas on Conversational Thinking* conference. To be held at the Future Africa Campus of the University of Pretoria, South Africa. August 26 – 28, 2020.
- “Identities, Space, and Learning: Shaping the Contours of A Globalized Curriculum in a Catholic University.” A plenary paper to be presented at the Faculty Development Day, University of Portland. May 5, 2020.
- “Rethinking Eschatology in An Era of Systemic Evil – Towards A Theology of Human Wholeness: Reflections on The Life of Rev. Augustus Tolton.” Given at *The 2020 Annual Augustus Tolton Lecture at The Catholic Theological Union*. Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Time: 4:30PM. Venue: Catholic Theological Union, Room 210.

2019

- “What Lessons Can African Churches Learn from the Role of Religious Conflicts in 20th Century Wars and Genocide?” Plenary paper presented at the *Pan-African Catholic Congress on Theology, Society and Pastoral Life*. In Celebration of 50 Years of SECAM, 25 Years of *Ecclesia in Africa* and 10 Years of *Africae Munus*. Organized by the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology/ DePaul University, Chicago, USA. Held at Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Nigeria, December 5 – 8, 2019.
- “Christian Forgiveness as Incarnational: Turning to the Black Existential Experience in an Era of Hate.” A Keynote Address Given at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. Held at College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina. Thursday, October 10, 2019. 7:30PM – 8:30 PM.
- “The Intersections of Theology, Ecology, and Technology.” *UPCrossroads Podcast*. *University of Portland*. Held on Thursday, September 26, 2019. Franz Hall 33. 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM.

- "Black Theology in Dialogue with LGBTQ+ Persons in the Church and Trump's America: Walking in the Shoes of James H. Cone and Katie G. Cannon." Presented at the *Black Theologies of Liberation and Racial Justice. In Memoriam: James H. Cone and Katie G. Cannon*. Organized by the University of San Francisco, San Francisco, California, February 8, 2019.
- "Seeking An Economic Alternative: Walking in the Shoes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Featured Presentation at the Focus Session: Wealth & Inequality. MLK Day Events at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana. Harre Union Hall. January 21, 2019.

2018

- "Social Justice Understood as Life Flourishing: Perspectives from African Indigenous Religions and Christianity." Presented at the *Parliament of the World's Religions* on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Held in Toronto, Canada.
- "Insights from the Crossroads of African Histories: Colonialism, Identities, Languages, and Religions." Lecture given to students registered in *PHL 410-A: Education and Politics*. University of Portland. October 25, 2018. Time: 9:45AM – 11:10AM. Venue: Buckley Center 106.
- "Sarajevo: Memories of Bridge-Building for Our Times." Presented at *The College of Arts and Sciences Humanities Collaborative*. Held on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the Bauccio Commons. 4:00PM – 5:30PM.
- "Muslim – Christian Dialogue in Nigeria: Paradoxes and Successes. Seeking a Third Voice." A Lecture Given to Students in CST 491: Intercultural Engagement and Leadership. Tuesday, October 2, 2018. Location: Franz Hall 227. Time: 2:30PM - 3:35PM.
- "The Role of Ancestors in Yoruba Religious and Cosmological Worldview." A Lecture given to students registered in *RELG 130: Living Religions of the World* at Roanoke College. September 28, 2018. Time: 10:15AM – 11:15AM. Lecture was delivered via Skype.
- "Storytelling and Friendship." Presented to the FGEN (First Generation College Students) Mentors. Organized by the *Shepard Academic Resource Center*, University of Portland. Held at Buckley Center #104. Held on Monday, August 20, 2018.
- "God, Land, and Politics as Pathways to the Flourishing of Life: A Comparative Theological Discourse." Presented at *The Third International Conference of Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church (CTEWC). Building Bridges for the Future*. Held in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, July 26 – 29, 2018.

- “African Migrant Christians Changing the Landscape of Christianity in the West: Reading the Signs of the Times,” Presented at the *Twelfth International Gathering of The Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network*. Held in Toronto, Canada, June 25 - 27, 2018
- “Faculty Diversity.” Panel Discussion for the University of Portland Master of Arts in Higher Education and student Affairs (UP MA HESA) Graduate Course Titled, Inclusive Excellence in Higher Education. March 22, 2018. 4:10 – 5:30PM. Franz Hall 214.
- “Embracing the Radical Power of Love: Seeking a Way Forward in the Era of Hate.” Presented as a Reflection Paper at the Event: *Beloved Community – Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Our Way Forward*. Monday, January 15th, 2018. 4:30-5:30pm. Chapel of Christ the Teacher. Organized by the Moreau Center, with music led by Maureen Briare.

2017

- “Negotiating Pre-Colonial, Colonial, and Post-Colonial Identities of Africa: A Response to Globalization.” A Lecture given to students registered for the course, PHL 491: Race, Gender, and Colonialism. Tuesday, November 14th, 2017. Location: Franz Hall 229. Time: 9:45AM.
- “Memory and Identity: A Critical Review of the Play ‘Appropriate.’” Presented as a Panel Paper for the Pre-Screening Event for the Play, *Appropriate*. Organized by the Garaventa Center. University of Portland, Oregon. Maggo Hall. 8:00PM. October 7, 2017.
- "Negotiating Identity and Hermeneutics - Existential Realities of Migrants in Today's World." A Lecture given to students registered for the course, CST 491: Intercultural Engagement and Leadership. Tuesday, September 19th, 2017. Location: Franz Hall 234. Time: 2:40PM - 3:35PM.
- “New Perspectives on the Role of Women as Ritualistic Agents in the Roman Catholic Church: A Comparative Theological Dialogue with Bede Benjamin Bidlack and Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier.” Presented as a response at a special session of the *Catholic Theological Society of America*. Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 8 – 11, 2017.
- “New Perspectives for Interfaith Dialogue in the 21st Century.” Presented at the Theology Thursday Lectures organized by the Department of Theology, University of Portland on Thursday, April 6th, 2017 at Franz Hall, Room 120.
- “Institutional Witness: The University and the Work of Evangelization.” Panelist at the Bishops Meeting with the Learned Societies. *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*. Friday, March 24, 2017.

2016

- “The Continuing Crisis of HIV/AIDS in the Global South and the Moral Obligation of the Church.” Presented at the Theology Thursday Lectures organized by the Department of Theology, University of Portland on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at the Terrence Room, Bauccio Commons.
- “Locating the Place of Interreligious Friendship in Comparative Theology.” Presented as a panel paper at the Comparative Theology Session of the *Catholic Theological Society of America*. Held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 8 – 12, 2016.
- “*Grounded in Mercy: Embracing a Practical Theological Response to the Reality of HIV/AIDS Sero-Discordancy*.” Presented as a formal response paper at the Black Catholic Theology Consultation Session of the *Catholic Theological Society of America*. Held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 8 – 12, 2016.
- Review of the novel *Americanah* at the Book and Coffee Series for the Department of English, Valparaiso University. Held on February 11, 2016, 4 – 5PM in the Christopher Center Community Room.

2015

- “Embracing the Pragmatic in African Indigenous Religions: A New Perspective for Interfaith Dialogue in Africa.” Presented at the 2015 International Conference on World Christianity: Focus on Africa and the Global South in Light of Vatican II and Pope Francis’ *Evangelii Gaudium*. Held in Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 1 – 3, 2015.
- “Constructing An African Ethic for The Global Church: A Response to The Culture of Religious Violence.” Presented at the *International Theological Colloquium on Church, Religion, and Society in Africa* in Nairobi, Kenya on July 16 – 18, 2015.
- “A Mosaic of Identities of the Sensus Fidelium: The realities of African Ecclesial Communities in Diaspora.” Presented at the *Catholic Theological Society of America*. Held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 11 – 14, 2015.
- “All of Creation is Liturgical: Embracing a Broader Hermeneutic of the Liturgy as Cosmic in Nature. A Response to Joseph Martos’ Paper: “Looking for Meaning in All the Wrong Places. Why the Mass Does Not Mean What We Are Told It Means.” Presented at the *College Theology Society*. Held at the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. May 28 – 31, 2015.
- “African Aesthetics in Dialogue with the West: A Response to John D. Dadosky Insights in *The Eclipse and Recovery of Beauty: A Lonergan Approach*. Presented at the 30th Annual

Fallon Memorial-Lonergan Memorial Symposium, *West Coast Methods Institute*, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, April 9 – 11, 2015.

2014

- “Teaching Comparative Theology to the Millennial Generation: What Works and What Needs to be Improved upon.” Presented at the Annual *American Academy of Religion* in San Diego, California on November 22 – 25, 2014.
- “Collaborative Worship: What We Christians Can Learn from Interfaith Gestures by A Catholic community in A Pluralistic Town in Midwestern Nigeria.” Presented at the annual meeting of *African Studies Association* in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 20 – 23, 2014.
- Panel Discussion: ISIS: In the Name of Islam? Held at Loyola Marymount University, October 15th, 2014, Seaver Hall 200 at 7:30PM. Co-sponsored by The Institute for Religious Tolerance, Peace and Justice and Society to Offer Prosperity and Peace (STOPP). Endorsed by Syrian Christians for Peace. Hosted by Loyola Marymount University Campus Ministry.
- “Reflections by A Lay Theologian on The Complementary Ministries of The Ordained and Laity in The Church in Africa.” Presented at the *International Theological Colloquium on Church, Religion, and Society in Africa* in Nairobi, Kenya on August 6 – 8, 2014.

2013

- “The Place of Women in the Catholic Churches of Africa: Using Inculturation as a Model for Inclusion of Women in the Ministerial Life of the Church.” Presented at the *International Theological Colloquium on Church, Religion, and Society in Africa* in Nairobi, Kenya on August 14 – 16, 2013.
- “The Prophetic Character of the Marginalized and Voiceless in Communities of Faith: The Nigerian Experience.” Presented at the *Catholic Theological Society of America*, Miami, Florida, June 6 – 9, 2013.
- “The Need for Prophetic Voices in the African Churches: The Nigerian Context.” Presented at the *College Theology Society*, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, May 30 – June 2, 2013.

2012

- "Shaping the Content for Interreligious Engagement: A Case for Interreligious Hospitality in Nigeria's Religiously Pluralistic Societies." Presented at the annual meeting of *Catholic Theological Society of America* held at St. Louis Missouri, June 7-10, 2012.

- “Challenging the Dialogical Model of the Roman Catholic Church in Relation to Interreligious Dialogue: Engaging the Religious Other Through Friendship.” Presented at the annual meeting of *College Theology Society* held at San Antonio, Texas, May 30 – June 3, 2012.
- “Love One Another As I have Loved You: The Place of Friendship in Interfaith Dialogue.” Presented at the *Conference, Vatican II Reconsidered* held at Walsh University, Ohio, May 3 – 5, 2012.
- "Tackling Religious Violence in Nigeria: The Place and Role of trans-Religion Friendship in Shaping the Content of Interreligious Encounters" Presented at the annual meeting of *Society of Christian Ethics* held at Washington DC, January 48, 2012.

2011

- "Building Interreligious Encounter/Dialogue through Friendship in a Pluralistic World: The Nigerian Context." Presented at the annual meeting of *African Studies Association* held at Washington, D.C., November 17-20, 2011.
- "Trinitarian Catholicity: A Paradigm for Enduring Interreligious Dialogue/Encounter" Presented at the annual meeting of the *College Theology Society* held at Iona College, New Rochelle, New York, June 2-5, 2011

2010

- "Ecology and Holiness in the Judeo-Christian Religion" Presented at the annual conference of *African Studies Association* held in San Francisco, California, November 18-21, 2010.
- "Interreligious Dialogue or Interreligious Living?: Moving the Conversation to the Person-Centered Context" Presented at the annual meeting of the *College Theology Society* held at the University of Portland, Oregon, June 3-6, 2010.
- "Recapturing the Link between the Cosmos and the Ethical Life in the Judeo-Christian Religion" Presented at the annual regional meeting of *American Academy of Religion, Eastern International Region*, held at University of Ottawa Montreal, Canada, May 8-9, 2010.

2009

- "A Call to Responsibility: Ancestorhood in Yoruba Religion and Sainthood in Christianity as means to articulating an ecological awareness" Presented at the *College Theology Society Annual Meeting* held at University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, May 28-31, 2009.
- "Pentecostalism and Political Empowerment: The Nigerian Phenomenon" Presented at the annual regional meeting of *American Academy of Religion, Eastern International Region*, held at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, New York, May 1-2, 2009.

2008

- "Roman Catholic Virtue Ethics Since The Second Vatican Council: An African Perspective" Presented at the annual conference of *African Studies Association* held in Chicago, Illinois, November 13-16, 2008.
- "The Effects of Econo-Religious Globalization in Sub-Sahara Africa: A New Perspective." Presented at the annual regional meeting of *American Academy of Religion, Eastern International Region*, held at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, on May 2-3, 2008.

SCHOLARLY AFFILIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Christian Ethics
- College Theology Society
- United States Association for the Study of Religion
- Black Catholic Theological Symposium
- Catholic Theological Society of America
- African Association for the Study of Religions
- African Studies Association
- Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church (CTEWC)
- Member, South Coast Ecumenical Council, Long Beach, California (2001 – 2004).
- Member, South Coast Interfaith Council, Long Beach, California (2004 – 2007).

SERVICE

COMMUNITY:

- "Christian Identity as an Invitation to Become the Medium of God's Life in the World: In Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." A Reflection Given at 2020 MLK Celebration Mass at Saint Andrew Parish, Northeast Portland, Oregon. January 12, 2020. Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

INSTITUTIONS:

University of Portland

- “Service Learning: Encounter, Humility, and Gift.” A talk given with Dr. Lara Trout to Students registered for the Spring 2020 Immersion Program Organized by the Moreau Center. Held at Saint Mary Hall. Friday, January 24, 2020. 4:00PM – 5:00PM.
- Co-organized A Diversity Dialogues Event: “This I Believe.”. Sponsored by the Office of Assistant Provost for International Education, Diversity and Inclusion. Held on Thursday, January 23, 2020. Dundon-Berchtold Hall #131. 6:00PM – 7:00PM
- Reviewer of Applications for the University of Portland Honors Program (2019 – 2020).
- “Solitude, Identity, and Vocation.” A Talk Given to The Resident Assistants of the Resident Halls at the University of Portland during their Spring Semester Retreat. Held at Shirley Hall 319. January 9, 2020. 10:00AM – 12:00PM.
- Participated at the University of Portland, International Day Prayer for Peace. Organized by the Office of International Students Services. Held on November 11, 2019. 2:00PM – 3:00PM.
- “Achieving Success in College.” A Talk Given at the National FGEN Day at the University of Portland. Organized by the Shepard Academic Resource Center. Held at Franz Hall 120. November 8, 2019. 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM.
- “Embracing the Assets of FGEN Experiences for College Success.” A lecture Given at the Summer Launch Pre-Orientation for FGEN Freshmen at the University of Portland. Organized by Shepard Academic Resource Center, University of Portland, Sunday, July 14, 2019. 2 PM. Franz Hall 120.
- “Sacraments: Pathways of Being in a World in need of Justice, Equity, and Community.” A Retreat Given to Participants at the RCIA Retreat at the University of Portland. Organized by *Campus Ministry*. March 24, 2019. 12:00 PM. Bauccio Commons Teske Room.
- “Encountering Other Cultures in a Time of Cultural Pluralism.” A Talk given to Participants at the Moreau Center Immersion Seminar. Organized by *Moreau Center for Service and Justice*. Talk was co-presented with Dr. Lara Trout. November 30, 2018. 4:00 PM. Franz Hall #120.
- Participated at the Prayers for Peace Event. University of Portland. Friday, November 9, 2018. Held at the International Peace Garden.

- Participated at the Semester-long *First Year Workshop – Cohort Instructor Meetings for Students Registered in THE 105: Introduction to Theology*. Organized by the Shepard Academic Resource Center. August 27, 2018 to December 14, 2018.
- Participated in the Orientation Mass for Freshmen and their Families. Organized by the University of Portland’s Campus Ministry. Held in the Chiles Center on Saturday, August 25, 2018.
- Participated in the Orientation Reception for Parents of Freshmen. Organized by the University of Portland. Held at the Bauccio Commons on Thursday, August 23, 2018.
- Participated in the *First Year Workshop – Cohort Instructor Meeting*. Organized by the Shepard Academic Resource Center. Held at Saint Mary’s Lounge, University of Portland on Wednesday, August 22, 2018.
- Participated in the “Treating Faculty to Coffee” Event. Organized by the *Shepard Academic Resource Center*. Held at the Bauccio Commons, University of Portland, on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.
- Participated in the *UP Connections Lunch with Freshmen and their Families Event*. Organized by the office of Diversity and Inclusion Programs. Held at the Pilot House at the University of Portland on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.
- Participated in the Honors Program Mentor/Mentee Dinner. Sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Provost, University of Portland. Held at Franz Hall #120 on Saturday, August 18, 2018.
- Presidential Appointment to Presidential Advisory Committee On Inclusion (2018 – present).
- Participated at the FGEN Annual Dinner. Shepard Academic Resource Center/FGEN. April 19, 2018.
- Presidential Appointment to the Dean Search Committee for Dean of College of Arts and Sciences: Member of committee (2017 – 2018).
- Diversity Officer for Dean Search Committee for Dean of College of Arts and Sciences (2017 – 2018).
- Member of the Dean Search Committee for Dean of College of Arts and Sciences (2017 – 2018).
- Reviewer of Applications for the University of Portland Honors Program (2017 – 2018).

- Mentor, Honors Program, University of Portland (2017 – present).
- Spiritual Mentor. University of Portland Campus Ministry (2017 – present).

College of Arts and Science (University of Portland)

- Member of the College of Arts and Sciences Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (CAS SURE) 2018 Review Panel
- Faculty Representative of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dundon-Berchtold Hall Groundbreaking Ceremonies. September 21, 2017.

Department of Theology (University of Portland)

- Member, committee on drafting statement on racism. June 3 -15, 2020.
- Member, sub-committee on Department Course Offerings. February 2020 – present.
- Member, Faculty Hire, Search Committee. Department of Theology, University of Portland. September 2018 – April 2019.
- Diversity Officer for the Search Committee. Department of Theology, University of Portland. September 2018 – April 2019.
- Scholarship Presentation. Department of Theology, University of Portland. March 7, 2018.
- Chair, Committee on Theology Thursday Lecture Series (2017 – present).
- Member of Masters of Pastoral Ministry (MAPM) Committee on Program Restructuring and Evaluation. Department of Theology committee appointment (2016 – present).

Valparaiso University

- Convener: Panel Discussion on *Global Violence in the Twenty-First Century*. Held at Valparaiso University, Christopher Center, January 13, 2016, 7:00PM – 9:00PM.

ACADEMY:

- Reviewer and Endorser of Manuscript: *African Women and the Shame and Pain of Infertility*. By Damasus C. Okoro. To be published by Wipf and Stock Publishers in 2020.
- Reviewer and Endorser of Manuscript: *An Introduction to Religious and Theological Studies. Second Edition*. By Cyril Orji. To be published by Cascade Books in 2020.
- Member – Board of Directors of College Theology Society (2020 – present).

- Reviewer and Endorser of manuscript: *Mother Earth, Mother Africa & African Indigenous Religions*. The Proceedings of 5th Pan-African Conference of the *Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians*. Held at the University of Botswana, Gaborone, from July 2 – 4, 2019. To be Published by African Sun Media in 2020.
- Reviewer, *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory* (2019 – present).
- Reviewer, *African Journal of Contextual Theology* (2019 – present).
- Reviewer: *Horizons* (2018 – present)
- Reviewer: *Theological Studies* (2018 – present).
- Convener, Black Catholic Theology Consultation/Catholic Theological Society of America (2018 – present).
- Member, Faculty Learning Community – Support Teaching of International Students, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana (2015 – 2016).
- Moderator, Black Catholic Theology Consultation/Catholic Theology Society of America (2015 – 2018).
- Member of Administrative Team of Black Catholic Theology Consultation/Catholic Theological Society of America (2010 – 2015).
- Panel Convener, Society of Christian Ethics held at Washington DC (2012).
- Panel Convener, African Studies Association (2014, 2008).
- Reviewer: *Filosofia Theoretica – Journal of African Philosophy, Culture and Religions*. 2018 – present.
- Reviewer: SAGE Open 2014 – Present.
- Reviewer: *Journal of Society of Christian Ethics (JSCE)* 2010 – Present.
- Reviewer: *Journal of Critical Southern Studies* (2013).
- Reviewer: *International Journal of African Catholicism (IJAC)* (2009 – 2018).
- Reviewer: *African Studies Review (ASR)* 2009 – Present.
- Reviewer: *Journal of Ecumenical Studies (JES)*, 2010 - Present.

AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

- Named A Shepard's Shepherd (2018 – 2019), Shepard Academic Resource Center, University of Portland.
- Elite Member of African Philosophical Circle. The Conversational School of Philosophy - University of Calabar, Nigeria (2017 – Present).
- Departmental Scholarship, Duquesne University (2007 – 2012).
- National Scholars Honors Society (2008 – present)
- Golden Key International Society (2008 – present)
- National Association of Philosophy Students, Nigeria (1994 – 1997).

GRANTS

NATIONAL

- Interfaith Starter Grant from Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC) to support my former student, Matthew Nelson, to take young adults in his parish in Vancouver, Washington State to visit Buddhist Temples and Mosques in the city (\$500.00).
- Received Institutional Grant from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to attend the Interfaith Youth Core Summer Institute in Atlanta, Georgia (\$5000.00).

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

- Butine Grant, University of Portland. March 2020 (\$2000.00).
 - Butine Grant. University of Portland. November 2018 (\$3295.00).
 - Butine Grant. University of Portland. April 2018. (\$2000.00).
 - Collaborative of International Studies and Global Outreach (CISGO). University of Portland. June 2018. (\$1000).
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THESIS TOPICS DIRECTED/COMMITTEE MEMBER

PHD DISSERTATIONS

COMPLETED Dissertation

Committee Member

- **Dissertation Topic:** *Muslim-Christian Dialogue of Life via Hospitality: A Theology of Abrahamic Asymmetric-Mutual Substitutive Responsibility Applied in An African Context.* By: Rev. Levi Nkwocha, Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, USA. Defense Date: Thursday, March 15, 2018. Time: 9:00 – 10:30AM (EST) . Location: 134 Malloy Hall. University of Notre Dame.

IN-PROGRESS Dissertation

Committee Member

- **Dissertation Topic:** *A Comparative and Critical Analysis of the Practice of Politics and Religion in Nigeria: Towards Overcoming the Lingering Religio-Political Conflicts.* By Boniface Omatta, Ph.D. (Candidate) Ghent University, Belgium.

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS

Director

- **Thesis Topic:** *Meaning in Suffering: A Scriptural and Systematic Examination of Christian Suffering Per Hebrews 12:1-13 and 2Corinthians 4:8-14.* By Amanda Smith, University of Portland (2016 – 2017 Academic Year).

Co-Director

- **Thesis Topic:** “Bodies and Souls: Examining the Ritual of Priestly Ordination through the Eyes of Aquinas’ Anthropology.” By: Tyler Tangen, University of Portland (2018 – 2019 Academic Year).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of Portland, Portland, Oregon

Position: Assistant Professor of Theology (Systematics), Department of Theology, College of Arts and Sciences (2017 – present).

University of Portland, Portland, Oregon

Position: Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology (Systematics), Department of Theology, College of Arts and Sciences (2016 – 2017). McNerny-Hanson Chair in Ethics (Theology).

Courses Taught

Graduate Level

- RELI 552A: Christology

Undergraduate Level

- THE 105: Introduction to Theology
- THE 371A/471A: Heaven/Hell/Hope (Eschatology)
- THE 391/491: Theologies of Encounter: Christianity Encountering Other Religions
- THE 351A/451A: Religions of Africa (Comparative Theology)
- THE 352A/452A: God and the Human Person (Theological Anthropology)
- THE 499: Senior Capstone

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

Position: Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology (Global Christianity), Department of Theology, College of Arts and Sciences (2015 – 2016).

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Level

- CORE 110: The Human Experience
- CORE 115: The Human Experience
- THEO 200: The Christian Tradition: Global Christianity
- THEO 200: The Christian Tradition: The Biblical Foundation
- Theo 369: Religions of Latin America

Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida

Position: Adjunct Professor of Graduate Theology, Department of Theology, Religious Studies, and Philosophy (2014 – 2017).

Courses Taught

Graduate Level

- THY 502: Christian Scriptures: History and Theology.
- THY 575: Christology.
- THY 522: Christian Ethics II: Social Justice.
- THY 523: Christian Ethics: Medical-Moral Issues.

Loyola Marymount University. Los Angeles, California

Lecturer, Department of Theological Studies (2013 – 2014)

Courses Taught Undergraduate Level

University Core Course:

- THST 198: Comparative Theology: Christianity and African Traditional Religions cross-listed with CATH 198: Exploring Catholic Theological Tradition.

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Theology (2008-2010)

Course Taught

Undergraduate Level

- UCOR 141 “Biblical and Historical Perspectives.

Saint Francis Medical Center, Lynwood, California

Biomedical Ethics Consultant/Chaplain (2004 – 2005)

La Reina High School, Thousand Oaks, California

Teaching and Counseling Intern (2004)

All Souls Cemetery, Long Beach, California

Consultant (2002 – 2005)

Moorpark Community College, Moorpark, California

Research Internship (2003)

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, California

Pastoral Associate/Consultant (2001 – 2007)

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Ihiala, Nigeria

Biomedical Ethics Consultant/Chaplain (1997 – 2001)

Holy Ghost Juniorate, Ihiala, Nigeria

Vice-Rector/Head of Faculty Senate/Dean (1997 – 2001)

Courses Taught

High School Level

- African History; Christian Religious Knowledge; Latin; Christian Doctrine; European History; Introduction to Computer Science.

Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans) – Province of Nigeria, Onitsha, Nigeria

Conflict Resolution/Peace-building Expert (1992 – 2001)

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Benin City, Nigeria

Community Relations Coordinator (1990 – 1992)