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EDUCATION

University of Birmingham, Birmingham UK

- DOCTOR OF PHILOPHY, 2002 (Theology)
- Dissertation title: “Post-Missionary Christology among African Indigenous churches in Ghana”
- Dissertation supervisor Professor Allan Anderson, Professor of Pentecostal Studies

University of Derby, Derby UK

- MASTER OF ARTS, INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE, 1995 (Distinction)

University of Nottingham

- BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (WITH HONORS) 1992

Overstone Theological College, Northampton, UK

- DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY, 1986

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- Akrofi-Christeller Institute of Mission and Applied Theology, Akropong Ghana, *Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Dr. Kwame Bediako (2002-2003)*
- Union Theological Seminary, New York, *Post-doctoral Research (2009 – 2010)*
- Hartford Seminary, Hartford CT, *Graduate Study (2010-2011)*

ECCLESIASTICAL BACKGROUND

- Ordained, Church of God (Cleveland TN), 1997 - present
- Associate Pastor New Testament Church of God, Nottingham UK, 1992-1997
- Pastor, Christ the King Church, Accra, Ghana 1997-2000
- Founding Pastor, Restoration Christian Fellowship, 2012 - 2017

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Fuller Theological Seminary, April, 2017- Present
- Regent University, 2008 – January, 2017
- Church Mission Society (Anglican, UK), Mission Educator based in Ghana, West Africa, 1997 – 2007, serving in the following capacities

- Professor of World Christianity, *Good News Theological College and Seminary, Accra, Ghana*
 - Adjunct Professor of Contextual Theology, *Akrofi-Kristelle Memorial Center for Applied Theology*
 - Adjunct Professor, Pan-African Christian University
 - Journal editor, *Journal of Africa Instituted Churches*
- University of Nottingham UK, Director of CONTRAST, and Tutor in Intercultural Theology, 2000 – 2007

TEACHING AREA

- *African Christianity*
- *Black Church Studies*
- *African American Christianity*
- *Introduction to Islam*
- *Inter-faith Dialogue in the 21st Century*
- *Pentecostalism*
- *World Christianity*
- *Theology and Race*
- *Systematic Theology*

VISITING LECTURESHIPS

Pan African Christian University, Winnaba, Ghana

2008 – Present, *visiting professor*

Seminar

- African Pentecostalism
- African Christian leadership
- African Christianity in a globalizing world

Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island

2008 – 2009, *Visiting Professor*

Seminar

- African Indigenous churches
- African Pentecostalism

Trinity International University, Chicago, IL

2010 – Visiting Professor

Dominion University, Accra Ghana

2012 – Visiting Professor

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Books

- Clifton R. Clarke, *Pentecostalism: Insight from Africa and the African Diaspora* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2018)
- Clifton R. Clarke and Lord Donkor, *African Mission Maturing* ((Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2018)
- Clifton R. Clarke, *The Islamic Dilemma*, (Houston: High Bridge Books, 2016)
- *Pentecostal Theology in Africa* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013)
- *African Christology: Jesus in Post-Missionary Africa* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2011)
- *Global Renewal, Religious Pluralism, and The Great Commission*. (Lexington, KY: Emeth Academic Press, 2011)
- *The Reason Why We Sing: Introducing Black Pentecostal Spirituality* (Cambridge: Grove Books, 1997).

Forthcoming volumes

Black Evangelicalism in America 2020

Black Public Theology, Notre Dame University Press, 2020

Popular Books

- *The 21st Century Christian Leader* (Birmingham UK: Majestic Christian Press, 1998)
- *Taking Control of Your Destiny* (Majestic Press UK: Majestic Christian Press, 2000)
- *Called to Serve* (Accra: Step Publishers, 2007).
- *Unleashing your Purpose* (Global Empowerment Network Press, 2015)

Selected Chapters and Articles

- 'Ogbu Kalu and Africa's Christianity: A Tribute Essay' in *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* Vol. 32, Number 1 (2010), 107-120.
- 'Old Wine and New Wine Skins: West Indian and the New West African Pentecostal Churches in Britain and the Challenge of Renewal' in the *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* Vol. 19, Number 1 (2010), 143-154.
- Trans-denominational Mission, *Black and White Christian Partnership Publication* (1997), pp. 10-14
- Christ in Africa, *Journal of Theology and Religion*. Vol. 1:No.1 (2000), pp. 2-12.
- Towards an Oral Christology among African Indigenous Church in Ghana, *Journal of Asian Missions*, Vol. 6:2, (2004), pp. 245-264.
- Post-missionary African Indigenous Christology in *Journal of African Christian Thought*. Vol. 8, No. 1, (June 2005), pp. 321
- Towards a Functional Christology Among African Indigenous Churches in Ghana. *Mission Studies: Journal of the International Association for Mission Studies*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (2005), pp. 287- 318. Also published in *Missionalia*, Vol. 33, no.1, (April 2005), pp. 138-165.
- Christological Construction Among Ghanaian AICs, in *Africa. Theological Journal*. Vol. 28, No. 2 (2005), pp. 23-41.

- African Indigenous Churches in Ghana: Past, Present and Future. *Journal of African Indigenous Church Theology*. Vol.2:1 (2005), pp. 5-16.
- In Our Mother Tongue: Vernacular Hermeneutics within African Initiated Christianity in Ghana. *Trinity Journal of Church and Theology*, Vol. XV, no. 2 (July 2005), pp. 52-68.
- African Epistemology and the Christian Faith: Towards the Epistemic Use of Orality and Symbolism in African Christian Scholarship. *Journal of African Christian Thought*. Vol. 9. No. 1 (June 2006), pp.56-64.
- Christology in African Indigenous Churches in Ghana. *Missionalia*. Vol. 34 No. 2/3 (August /November 2006), pp. 285-309
- ‘Jesus of the Deep Forest: Ghanaian view of Jesus Christ as the Fearless One, the Earth-keeper, the Healer and Redeemer.’ Published on CMS website on Tuesday, September 18, 2007
- ‘Pan-Africanism and Pentecostalism in Africa: Strange Bedfellows or Perfect Partners? A Pentecostal Assist towards a Pan-African Political Theology.’ *Black Theology. An International Journal*, Volume 11, Number 2 / 2013
- “Spirit Filled Mission,” pp. 147 – 171. In *Supernatural Missions*, edited by Randy Clark (Mechanicsburg, PA: Global Awakening, 2012).
- “Old and New Wine Skin: West Indian and the New West Africa Pentecostal Churches in Britain and the Challenge of Renewal” in *The Many faces of Global Pentecostalism*, ed. Harold Hunter, 2013.
- “Nigeria Pentecostalism and Islam: Towards a Pentecostalized Vision of Interreligious Coexistence through Ubuntu Philosophy”, in Yong and Vinson Synan, eds *Global Renewal Christianity* (Lake Mary Florida: Charisma House, 2016), Chapter 19.
- “Charlottesville and White Supremacy”, in *Christianity Today*, September 2017
- “Shalom Justice”, in *Fuller Magazine*, September 2017 Issue.
- “Healing in African Christian Spirituality: A Holistic, Integrated and Multi-dimensional Approach”, in *Fuller Magazine*, July 2018 Issue.
- With Marcia Clarke, “Church Unity and the Spirit of Ubuntu: Insights from the Global South,” in *Pentecostal Theology and Ecumenical Theology: Interpretations, Intersections, and Inspirations*, Edited by Peter Hocken, Tony L. Richie, and Christopher A. Stephenson (Brill Academic Press, 2019).
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Selected Book Reviews

- *Towards a Pneumatological Theology: Pentecostal and Ecumenical Perspectives on Ecclesiology, Soteriology and Theology of Mission* by Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*. Vol.14, No. 1 (October 2005), pp. 123-137
- *In the Name of Jesus: Exorcism among Early Christians*. *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* by Graham Twelftree. *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 17 (2008) 137–144
- A Review of *Healing in the Bible* by Frederick Gaiser. *Journal Pentecostal Theology*. Volume 21, Number 1, 2012, pp. 1-15(15).
- *A Missional Orthodoxy: Theology and Ministry in a Post-Christian Context*. By Gary Tyra. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2013, p. 393

CURRENT RESEARCH AND WRITING

- *Race and Religion in America*
- *Reclaiming Legacy: The Contribution of North African Christianity to World Christianity*
- *The Black Church, Nation of Islam of Islam and the Quest for the Heart and Minds of the Black Community*
- *Black Evangelicalism*
- *Black Pentecostal Theology*
- Global Pentecostalism
- African Pentecostalism

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Presentation, “African Indigenous Churches in Ghana” at Providence College, April 14, 2008, Providence RI.

Presentation, “African Christian churches and Globalization” June 7, 2008, Bethel bible College, Mandeville, Jamaica, WI.

Presentation, “Ruler of Darkness: What the Spirit is saying through the Academy about Poverty” at the Society of Pentecostal Studies, March 25, 2009, Eugene, OR

Presentation, “Old Wine and New Wine Skins West Indian and the new West African Pentecostal churches in Britain” at the European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism conference, June 2, 2009, Birmingham, UK.

Chair, Mission group session at the Society of Pentecostal Studies, March 25, 2009. Eugene, OR.

Presentation, “African Epistemology and the Christian Faith: Towards an Epistemic use of Symbolism and Orality in African Christianity” at the Society of Pentecostal Studies, March 4-6, 2009, Minneapolis, MN.

Presentation, “African Pentecostalism in a Global Context” at Empower 21 Conference, August 8, 2010, Tulsa, OK.

Presentation, “Dialogue or Diatribe: Towards a Renewal Approach to Interreligious Conversation” at American Academy of Religion, February 6, 2010 Chicago, IL.

Presentation, “Positioning your church to transform your community” at Project Bridges Conference, April 24, 2010, Washington DC.

Presentation, “Revisiting the Plea for Black Theologies” at Society of Pentecostal Studies, March 10, 2011, Memphis, TN.

Presentation, “African Christology in a post-missionary context” at Trinity Theological Seminary, February 10, 2011, Accra, Ghana

Presentation, “Pan Africanism and African Pentecostalism: Bedfellows or Perfect Strangers” at American Association of Religion, November 19, 2011, San Francisco, California, USA

Presentation, “African Pentecostalism and Liberation” at Society of Pentecostal Studies, February 29 - March 3, 2011, Virginia Beach, VA.

Mission Track chair, Empowered 2 – Society of Pentecostals Studies, Converge conference, at Regent University, February 29 - March 3, 2011, Virginia Beach, VA.

Respondent to two addresses at Society of Pentecostal Studies, February 29 - March 3, Virginia Beach, VA.

- Valarie Landfair (Regent University), “Lamenting Prayers”
- Dr. Victor Cuartas (Regent University), “Dynamics of Religious Conversion to Islam among the Hispanics in the United States.”

Presentation, “Passing on the Baton: Preparing a Successor in Ministry” at Empowered 21 Asia Conference, October 26, 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Presentation, “Early African Christianity in Egypt and Ethiopia” at Trinity International University, September 27, 2012, Chicago, IL.

Presentation, Christianity and Islam: Muslim-Christianity Dialogue post 9/11 at Pan African University Accra, Ghana, 2013

Presentation, “The Holy Spirit in African Christianity” at Harvest Army College, October 9, 2012, Falmouth Jamaica, WI.

Presentation, “The Fall and Rise of African Christianity” at Salem University, November 12-14, 2013 Abuja, Nigeria, Africa.

Presentation, “Post-colonial Ghanaian Christianity” Pan African Christianity University, May 14, 2012

Presentation, “Sharing Christ to the Muslim” World presented at Tamale Council of Churches Tamale, Northern Ghana, May 17, 2014

Presentation, “Missional Church Leadership” presented at Council of Charismatic Churches of Ghana, Accra Ghana, on May 24, 2014

Presentation, “Planting Multicultural Churches in the USA,” presented at Acts2Network Round table, Chesapeake Virginia on June 5, 2014

Presentation, “Society of Pentecostal Studies, Orlando Florida. Paper entitled: “Nigerian Pentecostalism and Radical Islam; March 14- 16

Presentation, “Nigerian Pentecostalism and the rise of Islam in Northern Nigeria,” May 21- 25, Empowered 21 Conference in Jerusalem

Presentation, “African American Pentecostalism: New Readings, New Question,” Society of Pentecostal Studies conference March 10-12, 2016.

Presentation, “The Challenge of Fatherhood for Black America” Fatherhood Project Initiative, Norfolk Jail ministry, November 15 2015

Presentation, “Black Youth, the Police and the Challenge of Implicit Bias” Hampton Roads Pastor’s Conference, October 3, 2015

Presentation, “The History of African American Missions” at Every Tribe and Nations Conference, New Life Providence Church, Virginia Beach VA. Feb, 28, 2016

Presentation, “Navigating African and African American Christianity” at Fuller Theological Seminary Pasadena California, Symposium, January, 2017.

Presentation, “Christianity in a Postmodern World” at the *Convocation of United Christian Communion*, Los Angeles CA, Nov. 2017.

Presentation, “The Rise of Islam in the Black Community: A Critical Response” at the *The Joint College of African American Pentecostal Bishops*, March 2017.

Presentation: “A Theology of the Kingdom of God in African Pentecostal Perspectives” at the *Kingdom Summit*, Houston Texas, October 2018.

Presentation: “African Pentecostal Theology: Critical Issues for a Global Perspective” at the *Church of Pentecostal Conference*, August 2018.

Presentation: “Pentecostalism and the Dilemma of Race in America,” at Vanguard University, March 2018.

Presentation: “Towards an African Pentecostal Hermeneutic” at the *Hampton University Minister’s Conference*, June 2018.

Presentation: “African American Pentecostal Hermeneutics and the Hermeneutical Project of Charles Long” Society of Pentecostal Studies, March 2019.

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