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EDUCATION

Fuller Theological Seminary	Pasadena, CA
Doctor of Philosophy in Intercultural Studies	
Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Studies	
Lee University	Cleveland, TN
Bachelor of Music Education	

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Hartford International University	Hartford, CT
Faculty Associate in Migration Studies and Congregational Life	2019-current
Director, Pastoral Innovation Network of New England	2019-current
Visiting Assistant Professor of World Christianity and Religious Studies	2017-2019
Pentecost Biblical Seminary	Wayne, NJ
Academic Dean	2020-current
Affiliate Faculty	2017-current
Fuller Theological Seminary	Pasadena, CA
Research Assistant	2014-2016
Research and Development Manager	2012-2014
Internal Review Board Administrator	2012-2014
Vocational Discernment and Spiritual Formation Cohort Mentor	2011-2012
Executive Assistant, School of Intercultural Studies Dean's Office	2008-2012
Pan African Christian University College	Accra, Ghana
Registrar	2004-2006
Lecturer	

TEACHING and MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow Cohort Mentor	2023-2025
Vocation of the Theological Educator Initiative of the Louisville Institute	
Online Courses	
Doctor of Ministry Colleague Seminar IV: Project Proposals	2021
Multicultural Ministry in North America	2019-2022
Religion as a Social Phenomenon	2019
Immigration, Race, and Religion in an Era of Resurgent Nationalism	2019; 2020
Meet the Christians: A Global Family Album	2018

American Religious History	2018
Passing on the Faith: Reaching the Next Generation of Youth	2018-2022

Traditional Classroom Courses

Identity and Otherness in Religious Communities	2022, 2023
Social Research: Method and Design	2018
Thinking Missiologically	2014-2015
The Making of Global Christianity	2012
Exegeting a Musical Culture	2009

Hybrid Courses

Contemporary World Christianity	2023
American Religious Realities	2022
Identity and Otherness in Religious Communities	2022
Immigrant Youth in the US: Identities, Trajectories, and Faith	2018
Thinking Missiologically	2016
Doctor of Ministry Colleague Seminar IV: Project Proposals	2020

Webinars

How to Teach Online Using Classe365	2020
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RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

Society and Religion; Immigration and Transnationalism; Global South Megachurches; Youth and Religion; Intergenerational Ministry; Immigrant and Second Generation Identities; Congregations; World Christianity; Intercultural Studies and Missiology.

GRANTS AND SPECIALIZED STUDIES

Grant-funded or Sponsored Research + Projects

Wabash Digital Salon Continuation Grant: Feminist Executive Coaching Supporting Pedagogical Creative Abundance in Early Career Women	2021-2022
Church of Pentecost: Study on Experiences of Second Generation Members in the US	2021
Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC): Innovation Amidst and Beyond COVID-19 (Co-Investigator)	2020-2025
Church of Pentecost: Study on Experiences of non-Ghanaian Members in the West	2020
Modernization, Megachurches, and the Urban Face of Christianity in the Global South	2019-2023
The Lilly Endowment, Thriving in Ministry Grant Project Director	2019-2023

Fellowship

Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship	2017-2019
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Professional Development

Mastery of Instructional Design (Online Learning Consortium workshop)	2023
Getting Started with HyFlex Course Design (Online Learning Consortium workshop)	2022

Wabash Center Early Career Theological Faculty Teaching and Learning Workshop	2021-2022
Assessment 101 Week-Long Workshop at James Madison University	2021
Wabash Center Digital Salon: Tending to the Body and Soul of Early Career Theological School Educators	2020-2021
Designing a Flipped Classroom (Online Learning Consortium)	2020
AAR Workshop on Interfaith/Interreligious Pedagogies	2018
Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. Summer Seminar. The Next Generation: Youth, World Christianity, and the Future of the Faith.	2014-2015

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books

with Matthew Krabill. Forthcoming. *Migrant God, Migrant Faith*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press Academic.

Articles and Chapters

Under review. With Felicity Apaah. "No Access for You: Insights on Gaining Entry in African Religious Spaces with Researcher Positionality in View." In the *Studies in World Christianity Journal*.

Under review. With Felicity Apaah. "Combatting COVID-19 and 'Possessing the Nations:' Insights from Ghana's Megachurches." In *Journal of Religion in Africa*.

Forthcoming. "Immigration and US Congregations: Contemporary Trends and Issues." In *The Identity and Mission of the Korean American Church*, edited by Jesudas M. Athyal. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press.

Forthcoming. "Negotiating a Multicultural Church." in *Pentecostals in Transition: Next Generation African Pentecostals in the West*, edited by Caleb Opoku Nyanni. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock.

Forthcoming. "The Role of Transnational Pentecostalism as Public Religion in Ghana and Beyond: Pandemic Realities and the 'Flexibility' Model." in *Re-Envisioning African Pentecostal-Charismatic Ecclesiology in the Public Sphere*, edited by Christian Tsekpoe. Accra, Ghana: Pentecost University Press.

with Felicity Apaah. Forthcoming. "Faith in a Time of Uncertainty: Hospital Chaplaincy Amidst Covid-19" in *Imagining Megachurches in the Global South and Beyond: Trends, Trajectories and Impacts*, edited by Babatunde Adedibu, Felicity Apaah, Okelloh Ogera, and Benson Igboin. Lagos, Nigeria.

Forthcoming: "Not Just Going It Alone: Megachurch Networking and Collaboration." In *Handbook of Megachurch Studies*, edited by Afe Adogame, Chad Bauman, Damaris Parsitau, and Jeaney Yip. Milton Park; Routledge Press.

Norton, Allison L., and Caleb Opoku Nyanni. 2023. "New Generations, New Mission: Intergenerational Faith Transmission and the Missionary Function of African Immigrant Faith Communities." *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 47 (2): 216-230.

2018. "Fanning the Pentecostal Fire: Faith Transmission and the Second Generation in African Immigrant Churches." In *African Pentecostal Missions Maturing: Essays in Honor of Apostle Opoky Onyiah*, edited by Elorm Donkor and Clifton Clarke. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock.

with Gornik, Mark R. 2016 "African Diaspora Christianity: Mother Cooper and New York City." In *Scattered and Gathered: A Global Compendium of Diaspora Missiology*, edited by Tetsunao Yamamori and Sadiri Joy Tira. Oxford: Oxford Centre for Mission Studies.

with Krabill, Matthew. 2015. "New Wine in Old Wineskins: A Critical Appraisal of Diaspora Missiology." *Missiology* n. 43 (4):442-455

2015. "Migrant-Shaped Urban Mission: The Missionary Nature and Initiatives of The Church of Pentecost, USA." *ASM Working Papers*. First Fruits Press.

Blog Posts

"Clergy after a Year of Pandemic Adaptation: Innovation, Creativity, and Burn Out." Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations. July 2021. <https://www.covidreligionresearch.org/clergy-pandemic/>

Book Reviews

Forthcoming. Review of *Migration and Public Discourse in World Christianity* (2019) by Afe Adogame, Raimundo Barreto, and Wanderley Pereira Da Rosa. *Religious Studies Review*.

Forthcoming. Review of *Migration and Public Discourse in World Christianity* (2019) by Afe Adogame, Raimundo Barreto, and Wanderley Pereira Da Rosa. *Religious Studies Review*.

2020. Review of *Online Teaching at Its Best: Merging Instructional Design with Teaching and Learning Research*, by Linda B. Nilson and Ludwika A. Goodson. *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching* 1, 3 (July 2020).

Forthcoming. Review of *Genuinely Ghanaian: A History of the Methodist Church Ghana, 1960-2000*, by Casely B. Essamuah. *Journal for the Academic Study of the Religions of Africa and the African Diaspora*.

2017. Review of *West Indian Pentecostals: Living their Faith in New York and London*, by Janice A. McLean-Farrell. *Sociology of Religion* 78, no. 2 (June):242-43.

2015. Review of *Ubuntu, Migration, and Ministry: Being Human in a Johannesburg Church*, by Elina Hankela. *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 39, no. 3 (July 2015):163-64.

2015. Review of *Introducing Christian Mission Today: Scripture, History, and Issues*, by Michael W. Goheen. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* 51, no. 3 (July):345-46.

Encyclopedia Entries

2019. "Migration." In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. World Christianity Section. Berlin: De Gruyter Press

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Plenaries and Invited Presentations

2023. Clergy Leadership Across the Employment Spectrum: Co-vocational Insights and Trends. Plenary at *Annual Bracke Public Lecture on Leadership*. Eden Theological Seminary.

2022. Environmental Issues Advocacy and the Resistance of US White Evangelicals: Responses that Combine Faith, Science, and Education to Change Minds. International Symposium Institute for Religion and Civic Culture. Religion and Civic Education in the Era of Ecological Crisis: Theory and Policy. Kyung Hee University. Seoul, South Korea.

with Evans, Hannah. 2022. Workshop: Plans and Hopes for Faith Formation Amidst and Beyond the Pandemic. Protestant Church-Owned Publishers Association Meeting. Nashville, TN.

2022. Immigration and US Congregations: Contemporary Trends and Issues. Korean Studies Center Symposium 2022: The Identity and Mission of Korean Immigrant Churches.

2022. America—Land of Religious Immigration. Lecture in HI-532 Contemporary World Christianity Course at Hartford International University.

2021. The Role of Transnational Pentecostalism as Public Religion in Ghana and Beyond: Pandemic Realities and the “Flexibility” Model. At James McKeown Memorial Lectures: Re-Envisioning African Pentecostal-Charismatic Ecclesiology in the Public Sphere. Pentecost University. Accra, Ghana.

2021. The Complex Contagion: Generational Change and the God of the Ages. At *Tell the Next Generation Conference*. June 26, 2021. Toronto, Canada.

2021. Passing on the Faith: Intergenerational Religious Transmission in Transnational Immigrant Congregations. Interview with Harvey Kwiyani, *Missio Africanus Journal of African Missiology*.

2021. Profound Social Change and “Unsettled” Religion. At *Newtown Congregational Church, Newtown CT*. Workshop.

2020. Teaching Online Using Classe365. At *Church of Pentecost Pastor Training Seminar*. Webinar.

2019. Passing on the Faith to Second Generation Ghanaian Americans. At *Church of Pentecost Canada Youth Leadership Training Seminar*. Toronto, ON.

2018. Stories About the Vocation of the Theological Educator. At *Louisville Institute, Vocation of the Theological Educator Fall Gathering*. Louisville, KY.

2015. Immigrant America: Social Continuity and Change. Guest Lecture in *Social and Cultural Change*. Vanguard University of Southern California. Costa Mesa, CA.

2015. African Diaspora Christianity. At *The Lausanne Movement’s Global Diaspora Forum*. Manila, Philippines.

with Matthew Krabill 2014. New Wine in Old Wineskins: A Critical Appraisal of Diaspora Missiology. At *Evangelical Missiological Society Canada Regional Meeting*. Vancouver, BC.

2013. Migration, the New Diaspora, and the Future of Mission. At *Fuller Theological Seminary Annual Missiology Lectures*. Pasadena, CA.

Academic Conferences

with Felicity Apaah. 2022. Ghanaian Megachurches: Globalization, Attraction, and Innovation in a Time of Crisis. At *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO.

2022. Solidarity at Six Feet Away? Congregant Experiences in Different Worship Modalities and Gatherings. At *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*. Baltimore, MD.

with Felicity Apaah. 2022. The Politics of Faith in Ghanaian Megachurches: Pandemic Response and Social Action in the Public Sphere. At *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*. Baltimore, MD.

with Lizardy-Hajbi, Kristina. 2022. Knowledge Collaboration Session: Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations, Innovation Amidst and Beyond COVID-19. Association of Practical Theology Biennial Conference: virtual.

2021. *Understanding Pandemic-Driven Changes in Worship: Insights from U.S. Congregations*. At *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*. Religion and the Social Sciences Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit. San Antonio, TX.

with Felicity Apaah. 2021. *Combating COVID-19 and “Possessing the Nations”: Insights from Ghana’s Megachurches*. At *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting and The African Association for the Study of Religions Unit*. San Antonio, TX.

2021. *Embarking on Large-Scale Congregational Research: Methodological and Practical Considerations*. At *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association Annual Meetings*. Portland, OR.

With Felicity Apaah. 2021. *African Megachurches in the era of COVID-19: Insights from Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya*. At *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting*. Portland, OR.

with Scott Thumma. 2021. *Bring Back the NERDS: Relaunching the New England Religion Discussion Society*. At Northeast Regions of the AAR Virtual Symposium.

with Felicity Apaah. 2021. *Faith in a Time of Uncertainty: Hospital Chaplaincy Amidst Covid-19*. At Templeton Megachurches International Conference: Imagining Megachurches in the Global South and Beyond: Trends, Trajectories and Impacts. Lagos, Nigeria.

with Felicity Apaah. 2021. *Combating COVID-19 and “Possessing the Nations”: Insights from Ghana’s Megachurches*. At *Currents, Perspectives, and Methodologies in World Christianity and its Interaction with Other Religions*, Princeton Seminary. Princeton, NJ.

2020. *Methodological Perspectives in Researching Megachurches in Africa in the era of COVID-19: Insights from Nigeria, Ghana and Kenya*. Accepted for presentation at the SSSR+RRA Annual Meeting. (cancelled due to COVID-19)

2019. *New Developments in World Christianity: A Transnational and Multi-Disciplinary Conversation*. At *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*. San Diego, CA.

2018. *Exploring New Horizons: Intergenerational Approaches to Studying Transnational Religion*. At *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO.

2018. Code-Switching: Stepping Outside Our Comfort Zone for what Evidence Looks Like in Religion. At *Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA.

2018. Immigrant Young Adult Religious Identities and Belonging in the US: Diversity, Pluralism, and Processes of Othering. At *American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting*. South Bend, IN.

2018. Saving Transnationalism from Overuse: Addressing Methodological and Ethical Challenges in Research on the Local/Global Nature of World Christianity. At *Currents, Perspectives, and Methodologies in World Christianity*, Princeton Seminary. Princeton, NJ.

2015. Migrant-Shaped Urban Mission: The Missionary Nature and Initiatives of the Church of Pentecost, USA. At *American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting*. Wheaton, IL.

2015. Made in the U.S.A and Ghana and? Hybrid, Transnational Identities and Next Generation Faith in the Church of Pentecost, USA. At *The Next Generation: World Christianity, Immigration and the Transmission of Faith*, Calvin College. Grand Rapids, MI.

with Matthew Krabill. 2014. *New Wine in Old Wineskins: A Critical Appraisal of Diaspora Missiology*. At *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, GA.

2014. Intergenerational Religious Transmission in African Transnational Congregations: Continuity and Change in the Church of Pentecost, USA. *The Next Generation: World Christianity, Immigration and the Transmission of Faith*, Calvin College. Grand Rapids, MI.

with Matthew Krabill. 2013. *New Wine in Old Wineskins: A Critical Appraisal of Diaspora Missiology*. At *American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting*. Wheaton, IL.

AWARDS

1998 Presidential Scholar

2000 Celeste Ann Marley Music Scholar

2001 TMTA Collegiate Piano Solo Competition, Honorable Mention

2001 Alpha Chi National College Honor Society Alfred E. Nolle Scholarship

2002 Instrumental Music Department Award Winner

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Academy of Religion

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion / Religious Research Association

Peer reviewer for the *Journal of Religious Research* and *Religions Journals*