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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D., Religion and Anthropology, Harvard University
2010 A.M., Study of Religion, Harvard University
2005 M.Div., Harvard Divinity School
2002 B.A., History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2018-present Emory University
 Winship Distinguished Research Associate Professor, Department of Religion (2023-present)
 Associate Professor, Department of Religion (2021-23)
 Assistant Professor, Department of Religion (2018-21)
 Faculty Affiliate in the Department of Anthropology, Graduate Division of Religion, and Institute of African Studies

2013-18 Colorado College
 Assistant Professor, Department of Religion (2014-18)
 Riley Scholar-in-Residence, Department of Religion (2013-14)
 Faculty Affiliate in the Program in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2018 *Faith in Flux: Pentecostalism and Mobility in Rural Mozambique*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

 Winner, Pneuma Book Award of the Society for Pentecostal Studies
 Finalist, Albert J. Raboteau Prize for Best Book in Africana Religions

Reviews: *Africa* (2020), *African Studies Quarterly* (2019), *African Studies Review* (2020), *AnthroCyBib: The Anthropology of Christianity Bibliographic Blog* (2020), *Anthropological Quarterly* (2019), *Anthropology Southern Africa* (2019 and 2023), *Cahiers d'Études Africaines* (2021), *Church History* (2020), *Contending Modernities* (four-review symposium; 2020), *International Journal of African Historical Studies* (2019), *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (2019), *Journal of Modern African Studies* (2020), *Journal of Religion in Africa* (2020), *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (2020), *Journal of World Christianity* (2019), *Mission Studies* (2019), *Nova Religio* (2019), *Pneuma* (2019); *Practical Matters* (2020), *Reading Religion* (2018), *Religious Studies Review* (three-review symposium; 2019), *Social Sciences and Mission* (2023), *Studies in World Christianity* (2020).

Edited Works

- 2024 *Between Life and Thought: Existential Anthropology and the Study of Religion*, co-edited with Don Seeman. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- 2019 “Orienting Africana Religious Studies: East African and Indian Ocean Perspectives.” Guest-edited special issue. *Journal of Africana Religions*, vol. 7, no. 1.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- under review “Too Much Christianity in the Anthropology of Christianity? Making Space for Ambiguous, Ambivalent, and Multiply Religious Christians.”
- 2024 “Beyond the One: Toward a Multireligious Framework for the Study of World Christianity.” *Journal of World Christianity* 14(2): 145-65.
- 2024 “Introduction: Religion, Phenomenological Anthropology, and the Existential Turn.” In *Between Life and Thought: Existential Anthropology and the Study of Religion*, edited by Don Seeman and Devaka Premawardhana, 1-34. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- 2020 “Reconversion and Retrieval: Nonlinear Change in African Catholic Practice.” *Religions* 11(7), article number 353: 14pp.
- 2020 “In Praise of Ambiguity: Everyday Christianity through the Lens of Existential Anthropology.” *Journal of World Christianity* 10(1): 39-52.
- 2019 “Orienting Africana Religious Studies: East African and Indian Ocean Perspectives.” Introduction to the Special Issue. *Journal of Africana Religions* 7(1): 1-16.
- 2018 “Spirit(s) in Motion: Pentecostalism, Pluralism, and Everyday Life.” *PentecoStudies* 17(1): 37-53.
- 2018 “Egress and Regress: Pentecostal Precursors and Parallels in Northern Mozambique.” *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 83(1): 100-118.

- 2017 “Before Habitus: Embodied Indeterminacy in Black Atlantic Pentecostalism.” *Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion* 8: 139-58.
- 2015 “Conversion and Convertibility in Northern Mozambique.” In *What is Existential Anthropology?*, edited by Michael Jackson and Albert Piette, 30-57. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2012 “Transformational Tithing: Sacrifice and Reciprocity in a Neo-Pentecostal Church.” *Nova Religio* 15(4): 85-109.
- 2011 “The Unremarkable Hybrid: Aloysius Pieris and the Redundancy of Multiple Religious Belonging.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 46(1): 76-101.
- 2008 “Between Logocentrism and Lococentrism: *Alambrista* Challenges to Traditional Theology.” *Harvard Theological Review* 101 (3-4): 399-416.

Editor-Reviewed Articles and Chapters

- in press “Religiosidade ou Modernidade? A Repensar as Fontes do Extremismo Violent.” In forthcoming book, edited by Severino Ngoenha.
- in press “Covenantal Pluralism in Multi-Religious Mozambique: Precedents, Problems, and Potentials,” co-authored with Chapane Mutuia. *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*.
- 2024 “Polyontological Mobility: Border-Making and Border-Crossing in African Religions.” In *Muslims, Christians, and ‘Traditionalists’ in Africa: Coexistence, Conviviality, and Conflict in Plural Religious Fields*, edited by Marloes Janson, Kai Kresse, Hassan Mwakimako, and Benedikt Pontzen, 69-91. London: James Currey.
- 2024 “Restoring Religion to the Land: Gender, Race, and Ecology in the Literature of Paulina Chiziane.” In *Ecofeminist Perspectives from African Women Creative Writers: Earth, Gender, and the Sacred*, edited by Enna Sukutai Gudhlanga, Musa Dube, and Limakatso Pepenene, 35-50. London: Palgrave-Macmillan.
- 2023 “‘A Alegria da Alteridade’: Reflexões de um Antropólogo sobre o Padre Frizzi.” In *Giuseppe Frizzi: Biosofia e Biosfera Macua – Vida e Obra no Coração dos Macuas*, edited by Jorge Ferrão e Celestino Victor Mussomar, 293-306. Forte da Casa: Classica Editora.
- 2023 “Faith and the Existential.” In *The Routledge International Handbook of Existential Human Science*, edited by Hon Wardle, Nigel Rapport, and Albert Piette, 183-193. London: Routledge.
- 2022 “Expecting the Unexpected: Pentecostal Miracles as Performance, Production, and Placeholder.” In *Miracles: An Exercise in Comparative Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Karen Zwiwer, David Weddle, and Timothy Knepper, 67-84. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

- 2022 “Ethnography in Interreligious Studies: Embodiment, Self-Critique, and the Virtue of Vulnerability.” In *Georgetown Companion to Interreligious Studies*, edited by Lucinda Mosher, 63-71. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press.
- 2022 “Mobility, Relationality, and the Decolonizing of Religious Studies: A Response to the Special Issue.” *Material Religion* 18(1): 106-114.
- 2013 “Pilgrims: Progress and Regress in Three African Memoirs.” [Review essay of memoirs by Chinua Achebe, Lamin Sanneh, and Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o.] *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 41(2-3): 60-66.
- 2011 “Christianity Becomes Unfamiliar.” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 39(1-2): 29-34.
- 2009 “O Espírito Santo e as Religiões do Mundo: Para Além da Mera Tolerância Religiosa.” *Epistémê* (Brazil) 11(1): 123-41.
- 2009 “Protestantism and Candomblé in Bahia: From Intolerance to Dialogue (and Beyond),” co-authored with Raimundo C. Barreto, Jr. In *The World’s Religions after September 11*, vol. 3: “The Interfaith Dimension,” edited by Arvind Sharma, 137-51. Westport, Conn: Praeger.
- 2009 “Martin Luther King Jr. e a Teologia Afro-Brasileira: Um Encontro Crítico.” In *Religião, Utopia e Sociedade: Diálogos com Martin Luther King e Richard Shaull*, edited by Aliança de Batistas do Brasil, 103-13. Lauro de Freitas, Brazil: Editora Livro.
- 2006 “From Dialogue to Liberation: An Ethical Appropriation of Raimon Panikkar’s ‘Radical Pluralism.’” *KLATS Theological Journal* (South Korea) 2(2): 359-85.

Encyclopedia Entries and Other Short Pieces

- 2022 “Christianity (Global Interactions).” In *Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, edited by William Schweiker, 908-16. West Sussex: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2021 “Colonialism.” In *Brill’s Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism*, edited by Michael Wilkinson, 140-43. Leiden: Brill.
- 2020 “Mobility beyond Modernity: A Response to Baum, Englund, Grillo, and Obadare.” *Contending Modernities* website. February 6. Approx. 2,300 words.
- 2018 “Anthropology of Christianity.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*, edited by Mark A. Lamport, 22-24. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2018 “Mozambique.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*, edited by Mark A. Lamport, 542-46. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2018 “Syncretism and Hybridity.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*, edited by Mark A. Lamport, 767-69. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

- 2017 Comment on Yonatan N. Gez, Yvan Droz, Edio Soares, and Jeanne Rey, "From Converts to Itinerants: Religious *Butinage* as Dynamic Identity." *Current Anthropology* 58(2): 153-54.
- 2011 "Response to Klostermaier, Phan, and Light." *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 46(2): 275-78.

Book Reviews

- 2023 "Anti-anti-intellectualism in Ebenezer Obadare's Pastoral Power, Clerical State." Online symposium on Pastoral Power, Clerical State. *Contending Modernities* (October). Approx. 1800 words.
- 2022 Review of Karen Lauterbach and Mika Vähähangas (eds.), Faith in African Lived Christianity: Bridging Anthropological and Theological Perspectives. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 52(1-2): 240-42.
- 2021 Review of Eric Morier-Genoud, Catholicism and the Making of Politics in Central Mozambique, 1940-1986. *Church History* 90(2): 488-90.
- 2021 Online review of Judith Casselberry and Elizabeth A. Pritchards (eds.), Spirit on the Move: Black Women and Pentecostalism in Africa and the Diaspora. *H-Africa, H-Net Reviews* (August). Approx. 1900 words.
- 2021 Review of J. Derrick Lemons (ed.), Theologically Engaged Anthropology. *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology* 86(3): 592-93.
- 2021 Review of Joel Cabrita, David Maxwell, and Emma Wild-Wood (eds.), Relocating World Christianity: Interdisciplinary Studies in Universal and Local Expressions of the Christian Faith. *The Journal of World Christianity* 11(2): 305-307.
- 2019 Review of Daan Beekers and David Kloos (eds.), Straying from the Straight Path: How Senses of Failure Invigorate Lived Religion. *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (17 July). Approx. 1,000 words.
- 2018 Review of Naomi Haynes, Moving by the Spirit: Pentecostal Social Life on the Zambian Copperbelt. *African Studies Review* 61(3): 238-40.
- 2018 Review of Girish Daswani, Looking Back, Moving Forward: Transformation and Ethical Practice in the Ghanaian Church of Pentecost. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 48(1-2): 163-65.
- 2017 Review of Linda van de Kamp, Violent Conversion: Brazilian Pentecostalism and Urban Women in Mozambique. *PentecoStudies* 16(2): 255-57.
- 2017 Review of Esther E. Acolatse, For Freedom or Bondage? A Critique of African Pastoral Practices. *The Journal of Religion* 97(2): 259-60.

- 2015 Review of Ilana van Wyk, The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God in South Africa: A Church of Strangers. *Africa* 85(4): 729-30.
- 2011 Review of Sónia Silva, Along an African Border: Angolan Refugees and Their Divination Baskets. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 41(4): 453-54.

Public Scholarship

- 2020 “Op-Ed: A Cure for Tribal Politics? Try Learning from Actual ‘Tribal’ People.” *Los Angeles Times*. February 20. Approx. 700 words.
- 2018 “Engaged Anthropology: Devaka Premawardhana.” *The Wenner-Gren Blog*. March 8. Approx. 900 words.
- 2017 “Resistance and Life Force.” In exhibit catalog for *Roots/Roots: Transformations in Contemporary Brazilian Art*, 15-17. Colorado Springs: Fine Arts Center.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Extramural

- 2020-21 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant (deferred to 2022-23)
- 2019 summer Project Launch Grant, Global Religion Research Initiative at the University of Notre Dame
- 2017 Emerging Scholar, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*
- 2016 summer Engaged Anthropology Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
- 2015 summer Ethel-Jane Westfeldt Bunting Fellowship, School for Advanced Research
- 2011-12 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research
- 2001 Phi Beta Kappa

Colorado College

- 2014-17 Research and Development Award, Humanities Executive Division (received annually)
- 2015 Faculty Development Block, Office of the Dean
- 2014 Jackson Fellowship, Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies

Harvard University

- 2014 Dissertation Research Grant, Committee on African Studies
- 2011-12 Weatherhead Initiative Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 2009 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2009 John L. Loeb Fellowship
- 2004 Summer Internship Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

University of North Carolina

- 2002 Highest Distinction
2002 Highest Honors, Department of History
2001 Joshua Meador Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Research

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public Talks (Invited)

- 2024 “Ethnography and the Virtue of Voluntary Displacement.” Ecclesiology and Ethnography 2024 North America Conference. Atlanta, GA. April 26-28.
- 2024 “Rite of Passage, Rite of Return: Male Initiation and Matrilineal Values in Northern Mozambique.” School of Religious Studies, McGill University. Montreal, Canada. February 14.
- 2023 “Male Initiation and Matrilineal Ideology in Northern Mozambique. Baraza African Studies Lecture Series, University of Florida. Gainesville, FL. October 20.
- 2023 “Rethinking Tribalism: A Perspective from Mozambique.” Interfaith Lecture Series, Chautauqua Institution. Chautauqua, New York. August 22.
- 2023 “Christianity among the Makhuwa of Northern Mozambique.” Amakuwa-Zanzabari in South Africa 150 Year Community Celebration: A Research-Based Conference. Durban, South Africa. August 5.
- 2023 “Religiosidade ‘Tradicional’ Africana: Recurso Inexplorado na Luta contra Extremismo e Intolerância.” Primeiro Congresso de Pensamento Prática Social: Sociedades Diferenciadas, Instituições e Tolerância. Universidade Pedagogical University. Maputo, Mozambique. June 21-23.
- 2023 “A Influência de Valores Religiosos numa Sociedade Multicultural, Multiétnica, e Multireligiosa.” Simpósio de Diálogo com Lideranças Religiosas. Anchilo, Mozambique. June 6-8.
- 2023 “Rethinking Conversion: Pentecostalism, Indigenous Religion, and the Constancy of Change.” Saint Paul’s University. Limuru, Kenya. March 23.
- 2023 “David Carrasco’s Elliadean Inheritance: Logos and *Loco*, Day and Night.” CarrascoFest: An Interdisciplinary Celebration of the Life and Work of Prof. David Carrasco. Tulane University. New Orleans, LA. March 3-4.
- 2022 “Extremismos (Religiosos) como Reação aos Extremismos da Modernidade.” Atelier Filosófico, organized by Severino Ngoenha. Fundação Fernando Leite Couto. Maputo, Mozambique. November 2.

- 2022 “A Violência e o Sagrado.” Simpósio de Diálogo Intercultural e Inter-Religioso. Rovuma University. Nampula, Mozambique. September 2.
- 2022 “Religiosidade Africana além dos Paradigmas Ocidentais.” ARPAC: Instituto de Investigação Sócio Cultural. Maputo, Mozambique. August 25.
- 2022 “Discursos sobre Violência Religiosa.” Atelier Filosófico, organized by Severino Ngoenha. Fundação Fernando Leite Couto. Maputo, Mozambique. August 24.
- 2020 “Between Rupture and Hybridity: Religious Mobility among the Makhuwa of Mozambique.” Anthropology Seminar, University of the Witwatersrand. Johannesburg, South Africa. May 7.
* cancelled due to global pandemic
- 2020 “Mobile Roots and Circular Routes: Migration and Conversion among the Makhuwa of Southeast Africa.” Religious Studies Seminar, University of Cape Town. Cape Town, South Africa. May 6.
* cancelled due to global pandemic
- 2020 “Rupture and Return in Mozambique: A Pentecostal Counter-Narrative.” Anthropology and Religious Studies/Theology Combined Seminar, Stellenbosch University. Stellenbosch, South Africa. May 4.
* cancelled due to global pandemic
- 2020 “In Praise of Ambiguity: Everyday Christianity through the Lens of Existential Anthropology.” Asbury Theological Seminary. Wilmore, KY. April 15.
* cancelled due to global pandemic
- 2019 “Pentecostal Failure in Northern Mozambique: An Ethnographic History of Existential Mobility.” African Studies Workshop, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. October 8.
- 2019 “A Mobilidade Religiosa e a Vida Cotidiana: Um Estudo Etnográfico sobre o Povo Macua do Niassa.” Center of African Studies, Eduardo Mondlane University. Maputo, Mozambique. July 10.
- 2018 “The Variety and Vitality of African Indigenous Religions.” Summer Institute for Educators. MacMillan Center Programs in International Educational Resources, Yale University. New Haven, CT. July 9-13.
- 2018 “Selections from *Faith in Flux: Pentecostalism and Mobility in Rural Mozambique*.” African Studies Workshop and Global Christianities Workshop, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. May 8.
- 2018 “Pentecostalism in Mozambique: Beyond the ‘Explosive Growth’ Narrative.” School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. London, England. April 25.

- 2018 “Pentecostalism in Rural Mozambique: Existential Mobility and Everyday Life.” Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies. Columbia University. New York, NY. February 6.
- 2018 “Rupture and Return: Life Lessons from the Makhuwa of Mozambique.” Department of Religion, Emory University. Atlanta, GA. January 25.
- 2018 “Pentecostalism in Rural Mozambique: Existential Mobility and Everyday Life.” Department of Religion, Middlebury College. Middlebury, VT. January 23.
- 2017 “Pentecostalism and African Indigenous Religion: An Ethnography of Existential Mobility.” Emory Forum for the Ethnographic Study of Religion, Emory University. Atlanta, GA. October 18.
- 2017 “The Body Unbound: Rupture and Return in the Study of Global Christianity.” Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. January 12.
- 2016 “Beyond Pentecostal Explosion: Mobility and Mutability in Northern Mozambique.” Religious Studies Forum, Arizona State University. Tempe, AZ. Feb. 17.
- 2015 “Egress and Regress: Pentecostal Precursors and Parallels in Northern Mozambique.” School for Advanced Research. Santa Fe, NM. July 15.
- 2014 “Movimentos Religiosos e Mobilidade Religiosa: Pentecostalismo entre os Macuas do Niassa.” Center of African Studies, Eduardo Mondlane University. Maputo, Mozambique. July 30.
- 2013 “The Art of Not Being Evangelized: Mobility and Mutability on an African Frontier.” Department of Religion, Colorado College. Colorado Springs, CO. February 4.
- 2011 “Religions without Borders: Hybridity and Connectivity in the Practice of Faith.” 48th Annual College Day of the Theological College of Lanka. Pilimatalawa, Sri Lanka. July 15.
- 2006 “Christianismo e Império.” A New World Conference on Pedagogy. Feira de Santana, Brazil. February 6.
- 2006 “O Espírito Santo e as Religiões do Mundo: Para Além de Tolerância Religiosa.” Annual Congress of the Theological Fraternity of Latin America, Northeast Brazil region. Paripueira, Brazil. April 20-22.

Papers at Closed Consultations and Plenary Panel Presentations (Invited)

- 2023 Book Manuscript Workshop for Chris Tirres’s *Liberating Spiritualities in the Americas* (Fordham University Press). Online. June 9.

- 2022 “Consolata Missions and the Discipline of Voluntary Displacement: A Model for Interreligious Learning.” Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America. Atlanta, GA. June 9-12.
- 2022 “Universals and Particulars in the Encounter of Christianity and African Indigenous Religions.” Online workshop on Universal versus Particular in the 20th Century. Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain. April 22.
- 2022 “Lived Theology and the Anthropological Framing of the World Church.” Digital curriculum program of the Overseas Ministries Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary. Princeton, NJ. January 28.
- 2020 “Human Flourishing amid Global Crisis in Makhuwa Perspective.” Workshop on Public Morality in Africa. Yale University. New Haven, CT. April 17.
* cancelled due to global pandemic
- 2020 “Growing Up by Going Back: Initiation Rites and Development Debates in Mozambique.” Workshop on Doing Good: Religions and Development in Africa. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. March 6-7.
* cancelled due to global pandemic
- 2020 “Continuities of Change: ‘Traditional’ Religion and the Convertible Self.” Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. Athens, GA. February 28-March 1.
- 2019 “Nuancing World Christianity’s Ethnographic Turn: The Case for Lived Religion and Multi-Religious Frameworks.” World Christianity Consultation: Issues, Questions, and Debates. Emory University. Atlanta, GA. October 17-19.
- 2019 “African Evangelicalism and Grassroots Cosmopolitanism: Reflections from Mozambique.” Workshop on Evangelical Christianity and the Transformation of Africa. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. May 23-24.
- 2019 “In Praise of Ambiguity: Everyday Christianity through the Lens of Existential Anthropology.” Conference on Currents, Perspectives, and Ethnographic Methodologies in World Christianity. Princeton Theological Seminary. Princeton, NJ. March 15-18.
- 2018 “Religion and Nationalism in Mozambique: A Historical Survey through the Lens of Mission Schools and their Language Policies.” Colloquium on Religion and the Public Sphere in Africa and the African Diaspora. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. December 7-8.
- 2017 “Polyontological Mobility: East African Perspectives on Religious Plurality.” Workshop on Modalities of Co-Existence across Religious Difference: Critical Terms for the Study of Indigenous Religion, Christianity and Islam in Plural Settings in Africa and Beyond. Zentrum Moderner Orient. Berlin, Germany. March 22-24.

Meetings and Panels Convened

- 2022 “Attending to the Margins: Religious Cultures and Philosophical Traditions of Northern Mozambique.” Panel organized for the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa. Cape Town, South Africa. October 12-13.
- 2019 “Beyond the Narrative of Pentecostal Explosion.” Panel organized for the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Boston, MA. November 21-23.
- 2015 “Phenomenological Anthropology and the Study of Religion.” Panel organized for the Anthropology of Religion Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA. November 21-24.
- 2010 “Pentecostalism in Transnational Perspective: A One-Day Workshop.” Workshop co-organized (with Jacob Olupona) for the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. May 21.

Papers Presented (Selected from Submitted Abstracts)

- 2023 “Male Initiation in Northern Mozambique: A Window into the Region’s Multireligious History.” Biennial Conference of the African Association for the Study of Religions. Nairobi, Kenya. August 2-4.
- 2022 “From Religious Identities to Religious Repertoires: Existential Mobility in Everyday Mozambique.” Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa. Cape Town, South Africa. October 12-13.
- 2021 “Beyond Religious Hybridity: A Paradigm for Pluralism after the Politics of Essentialism,” Currents, Perspectives, and Methodologies for the Study of World Christianity: 3rd International, Interdisciplinary Conference. Princeton Theological Seminary. Online. March 3-6.
- 2020 “‘Roots that Work as Routes’: Beyond Pentecostal Triumphalism in the Study of Pentecostalism.” The Philosophy of Nimi Wariboko: A Conference on Ethics, Economy, Society, Religion and African Social Traditions. Online. November 21.
- 2020 “Existential Anthropology and Everyday Pentecostalism: A Case Study from Mozambique.” Conference of the European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism (GloPent). Basel, Switzerland. February 14-15.
- 2019 “Being Pentecostal without Breaking with the Past: Case Studies from Southeast Africa.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Boston, MA. November 21-23.
- 2019 “Between Rupture and Hybridity: Religious Mobility among the Makhuwa of Mozambique.” European Conference on African Studies. Edinburgh, Scotland. June 11-14.

- 2019 “Religious Boundaries and Boundary Crossings among the Makhuwa of Mozambique.” Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. Toronto, Canada. May 21-23.
- 2019 “The Consolata Order in Portuguese East Africa: Between Colonialism and Postcolonialism.” Conference on Global History and Catholicism. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN. April 4-6.
- 2018 “Mobile Roots and Circular Routes: Migration and Conversion among the Makhuwa of Southeast Africa.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO. November 17-20.
- 2018 “Rupture and Return in Mozambique: A Pentecostal Counter-Narrative.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Jose, CA. November 14-18.
- 2018 “When Pentecostalism Fails: Religious Deconversion in Northern Mozambique.” Conference on Africa in the World: Shifting Boundaries of Knowledge Production. American Anthropological Association and African Studies Association. Johannesburg, South Africa. May 25-28
- 2017 “A Rite of Return: Boys and Mothers in an African Initiation Ceremony.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 18-21.
- 2017 “Persisting through Change: Initiation Rites in Northern Mozambique.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Chicago, IL. November 16-18.
- 2017 “The Fringes of Faith: Beyond Pentecostal ‘Explosion.’” Conference on Christian Renewal Movements in the Global South in the 20th and 21st Centuries: Religious, Social and Political Transformation. Hebrew University. Jerusalem, Israel. May 28-29.
- 2017 “Rupture Routinized: Rites of Passage(s) as Model for Christian Conversion(s).” Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. New Orleans, LA. May 15-17.
- 2017 “Duality without Dualism: Makhuwa Catholicism in Northern Mozambique.” Workshop on Contemporary Christianities in the Lusophone World. School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. London, England. February 11.
- 2016 “Beyond Hybridity: Rethinking the Multiple in Multiple Religious Belonging.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. November 19-22.
- 2015 “Egress and Regress: Religious Mobility in Northern Mozambique.” Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. San Diego, CA. April 16-19.

- 2014 “Pentecostalism and the Banality of Change in Northern Mozambique.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. December 3-7.
- 2014 “‘Makhuwa Women Have no Religion’: Refusing Religious Borders in Northern Mozambique.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November 22-25.
- 2013 “Between River and Road: Circular Migrations and Reversible Conversions in Northern Mozambique.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, MD. November 23-26.
- 2013 “Between River and Road: Circular Migrations and Reversible Conversions in Northern Mozambique.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Baltimore, MD. November 21-24.
- 2013 “The Influence of ‘Traditional’ Spatial Practices on Pentecostal Conversion.” Annual Department of Religion Graduate Student Conference. Columbia University. New York, NY. April 26.
- 2013 “Symbiosis: Asian Theologian Aloysius Pieris’ Critique of Syncretism and its Relevance for Anthropology.” Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. Pasadena, CA. April 11-14.
- 2011 “Sacrificed Objects, Modified Subjects: Pentecostal Tithing in Light of Godfrey Lienhardt’s Ritual Theory.” Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. Santa Fe, NM. April 28-May 1.
- 2010 “Intersections of World Christianity and World Religions.” Center for the Study of World Religions 50th Anniversary Symposium. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. April 15-16.
- 2009 “Brazilian Candomblé and the Transnational Politics of Purity.” Globalization from Below: Annual Conference of the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies. University of California, San Diego. San Diego, CA. May 28-29.
- 2007 “Martin Luther King Jr. e a Teologia Afro-Brasileira: Pressupostos, Semelhanças e Divergências.” Conference on Protestantism, Public Theology and Prophetic Relevance. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. May 25-26.
- 2005 “As Origens da Teologia Negra nos Estados Unidos.” Conference on Black Evangelical Consciousness. Northeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Feira de Santana, Brazil. November 18-19.

Discussant (Invited)

- 2023 Respondent to keynote lecture by Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu. Summer Institute for Global Charismatic and Pentecostal Studies. Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Atlanta, GA. July 28-29.

- 2021 “Morality and Gender Politics in African Christianities.” Biennial Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion. Online. May 14-16.
- 2020 “Virtual Book Launch of *Faith in African Lived Christianity: Bridging Anthropological and Theological Perspectives* (Brill).” University of Copenhagen. Online. November 25.
- 2019 “Pentecostal Conversion in Global Perspective: A Roundtable Discussion of *Faith in Flux: Pentecostalism and Mobility in Rural Mozambique* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018).” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November 23-26.
- 2018 “Author Meets Critics: Devaka Premawardhana’s *Faith in Flux: Pentecostalism and Mobility in Rural Mozambique* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018).” Conference on Currents, Perspectives, and Methodologies in World Christianity. Princeton Theological Seminary. Princeton, NJ. January 18-20.
- 2015 “Phenomenological Anthropology and the Study of Religion.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA. November 21-24.

Roundtable Panels (Invited)

- 2020 “Teaching African Religions.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Online. November 29-December 10.
- 2020 “Decolonial Futures: Religion as a Source of Resistance.” Raising Our Voices: Fall Event Series of the American Anthropological Association. Online. November 5-14.
- 2018 “New Directions in African History of Christianity.” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association. Atlanta, GA. November 29-December 1.
- 2005 “Concluding Student Panel.” Costas Consultation in Global Missions. Boston Theological Institute. Cambridge, MA. March 4-5.

Campus Talks – Emory University

- 2024 Faculty Address at Graduate Division of Religion recruitment reception. February 2.
- 2020 “To be Changed by the World.” Convocation address to Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program. September 12.
- 2020 “Línguas e Religiões Indígenas de Moçambique.” Presentation at *Bate-Papo* (Portuguese-language weekly conversation table). Department of Spanish and Portuguese. February 28.
- 2020 Respondent at Faculty Research Lunch to presentation by Professor Deanna Womack. Candler School of Theology. February 17.
- 2020 Faculty Address at Graduate Division of Religion recruitment reception. January 31.

- 2019 Respondent for workshop on “New Directions in the Study of Religion.” Institute of African Studies Seminar and Workshop Series. October 17.
- 2019 “Ethnography as a Way of Life: Where Scholarly Practice Meets Religious Practice.” Annual Lecture for the Religious Practices and Practical Theology Concentration of the Graduate Division of Religion. April 25.
- 2018 Panelist for “Roundtable on Theologically-Engaged Anthropology.” Emory Forum for the Ethnographic Study of Religion. November 28.

Campus Talks – Previous Institutions

- 2022 “Mobilidade Populacional e Mobilidade Religiosa: O Dinamismo de um Povo ‘Tradicional’ em Niassa, Moçambique.” Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences, Eduardo Mondlane University. November 1.
- 2022 Presenter for seminar series on “Pesquisa Avançada e Internacionalização.” Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences, Eduardo Mondlane University. August 15.
- 2017 Panelist for “Ethnography Panel.” Department of Anthropology, Colorado College (CC). February 9.
- 2014 “Ethnography as a Way of Life.” Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, CC. October 14.
- 2014 Respondent for exhibition on “Devotional Cultures: Spanish Colonial Art in the Southwest.” IDEA Space, CC. February 17.
- 2014 Presenter for series on “Spiritual Journeys.” Chaplain’s Office, CC. January 30.
- 2013 Panelist for “Stories from the Field: Ethnographic Approaches in the Study of Religion” forum. Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University. April 9.
- 2011 “Aloysius Pieris and the Redundancy of Multiple Religious Belonging.” Harvard Divinity School Society for Comparative Theology, Harvard University. April 18.

Community Talks

- 2020 “Responses to Religious Supremacy.” OMNIA Institute for Contextual Leadership. Online. October 1.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Positions Held

Senior Fellow, Center for Theologically Engaged Anthropology, University of Georgia 2022-present

Research Associate, Center of African Studies, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Maputo, Mozambique), 2011-12, 2014, 2016, 2019
Research Assistant to Harvey Cox, Harvard Divinity School, 2003-5, 2007-9

International Field Study

Brazil: 2004, 2005-7, 2010
Mozambique: 2009, 2011-12, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2022-23
Sri Lanka: 2001, 2011

Research Languages

French (intermediate)
Makhuwa (advanced)
Portuguese (fluent)
Spanish (intermediate)
Swahili (beginning)

TEACHING

Visiting Positions Held

Visiting Professor, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane (Maputo, Mozambique), 2022-23
Visiting Professor, Seminário Unido de Ricatla (Marracuene, Mozambique), 2022
Visiting Lecturer, Theological College of Lanka (Pilimathalawa, Sri Lanka), 2011
Visiting Lecturer, Seminário Teológico Batista do Nordeste (Feira de Santana, Brazil), 2005-7

Graduate Student Advising – Emory University

2024-present	Committee Member for Melvin Douglas, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2023-present	Committee Member for Anya Fredsell, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2022-present	Committee Member for Sonia Wind, Qualifying Exams, Department of History
2022-23	Committee Member for Kevin Lazarus, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2022-23	Committee Member for Cassie Hawkins, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2021-23	Committee Member for Mayuri Patankar, Qualifying Exams and Primary Advisor (2022-23), GDR
2019-23	Committee Member for Emmy Corey, PhD Prospectus and Dissertation, GDR
2021-22	Committee Member for Caitlin Joy Hubler, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2021-22	Committee Member for Mark Stone, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2021-22	Committee Member for Jessie Washington, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2020-21	Committee Member for Shiva Urella, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2020-21	Committee Member for Chelsea Mak, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2020-21	Committee Member for Aditya Chaturvedi, Qualifying Exams, GDR
2019	Second Reader for Gregory Coates, ThM Thesis, Candler School of Theology

Graduate Student Advising – Other Institutions

- 2023 Tammy Vanessa Wilks, PhD Dissertation External Reader, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Cape Town (South Africa)
- 2022 Clayton Guerreiro, PhD Dissertation External Reader, Postgraduate Program in Social Sciences, Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Brazil)
- 2022 Douglass Bafford, PhD Dissertation External Reader, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University

Undergraduate Student Advising – Emory University

- 2024-present Committee Member for Paige Scanlon, Honors Thesis in Interdisciplinary Studies
- 2021-22 Thesis Advisor for Jane Xie, Honors Thesis in Religion
- 2019-20 Committee Member for Aleksei Kaminski, Honors Thesis in African Studies

Undergraduate Student Advising – Previous Institutions

- 2016-17 Faculty Advisor for John Williams, Undergraduate Thesis, Department of Religion, Colorado College
- 2015-16 Faculty Advisor for Will Clary and Mica Cohen-Fuentes, Undergraduate Theses, Department of Religion, Colorado College
- 2014-15 Faculty Advisor for Nichelle Giraldes and Jaden Hawkinson, Undergraduate Theses, Department of Religion, Colorado College
- 2010-11 Faculty Advisor for Cate Nelson, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University
- 2009-10 Faculty Advisor for Allison La Fave, Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University

Courses – Emory Department of Religion

- African Religions (Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, and Fall 2023)
- Conversion (Fall 2019)
- Early and Medieval Christianity (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, and Fall 2021, Fall 2024)
- Global Christianities (Fall 2018)
- Interpreting Religion (Fall 2023)
- Magic and Modernity: First-Year Seminar (Fall 2020)
- Religion and Everyday Life: First-Year Seminar (Fall 2021)
- Rites of Passage (Spring 2024)
- Teaching Religion at Emory (co-taught) (Spring 2021)

Course – Emory Graduate Division of Religion

- Indigenous Religions (Spring 2021)
- The Study of Religious Practices (Fall 2019, Spring 2022)
- Theories and Debates in the Study of Religion (Fall 2024)

Courses – Previous Institutions

Christianity
Contemporary Issues in Asian Theology
Conversion
História do Fundamentalismo [History of Fundamentalism]
Indigenous Christianities (Undergraduate Tutorial)
Introdução às Ciências da Religião [Introduction to Religious Studies]
Lost Christianities (co-taught)
Multiple Religious Belonging (co-taught)
Religion and Colonialism
Religiões Mundiais [World Religions]
Religion in Africa
Research and Writing
Sociologia da Religião [Sociology of Religion]
Teologia de Religiões [Theology of Religions]
A Vida e o Pensar do Martin Luther King, Jr. [The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.]

MEDIA COVERAGE

“Líderes Religiosos em Nampula Consideram a Religião como a Chave Fundamental Para União de Todos.” *Jornal Encontro of Radio e Televisão Encontro*. June 14, 2023.
<https://web.facebook.com/radiotvencontro/videos/6401708749896602>
“An Interview with Devaka Premawardhana.” *New Books Network: New Books in Christian Studies*, August 31, 2021
“John Mbiti, 87, Dies; Punctured Myths about African Religions.” *New York Times*, October 24, 2019.
“Exploring Christianity’s Global Reach.” *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, January 26, 2017.
“Should We Sympathize with ‘the Repugnant Other?’” *Vancouver Sun* staff blogs, May 4, 2011.

SERVICE

Editorial and Advisory Positions

2024-present Deputy Editor, *Journal of Religion in Africa*
2024-present Co-Editor, “World Christianity” book series, Pennsylvania State University Press
2022-present Editorial Board, “African Religions, Social Realities” book series, Ohio University Press
2022-present Editorial Board, *Indigenous Religious Traditions*
2022-2023 Book Review Editor and Editorial Board, *Journal of Religion in Africa*
2019-2023 Editorial Advisor, Religion Section, *The Routledge Encyclopedia of African Studies*
2019-22 Editorial Board, *Practical Matters: A Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology*
2019-20 Co-Chair, Religion and Spirituality Section, Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association
2015-20 Steering Committee, African Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion

2015-18 Editorial Advisory Board, *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*

External Reviewer

Boston University, Tenure and Promotion Review

Manuscript Reviewer

Berghahn Books; Ohio University Press, Routledge Press; Rutgers University Press; University of Pennsylvania Press; University of Toronto Press; *American Ethnologist*; *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology*; *Critical Research on Religion*; *Ethnos: Journal of Anthropology*; *History in Africa*; *Journal of Africana Religions*; *Journal of Contemporary Religion*; *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*; *Journal of Interreligious Studies*; *Journal of Modern African Studies*; *Journal of Religion in Africa*; *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History*; *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*, *SAGE Open*; *Social Compass*; *Student Anthropologist*.

Campus Service – Emory Department of Religion

2023-present Faculty Search Committee (Science, Health, and Healing position)
2023-present Chair's Executive Committee
2021-22 Faculty Search Committee (South Asian Religions position)
2020-22 Working Group on Intellectual Life / Intellectual Community
2018-22 Curriculum Committee
2020 Working Group on Anti-Racism Statement
2018-19 Faculty Search Committee (African-American Religious History position)

Campus Service – Emory Graduate Division of Religion

2023-24 Ph.D. Admissions Committee, Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Religions Course of Study
2023-24 GDR Course of Study Restructuring Task Force
2021-22 Ph.D. Admissions Committee, West and South Asian Religions Course of Study
2019-22 Advisory Board, World Christianity Program
2019-22 Policy and Curriculum Committee

Campus Service – Emory College of Arts and Sciences and Emory University

2024-present Humanities Faculty Representative, College Senate
2024-present Faculty Mentor, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence Grantseekers' Institute for Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences Scholars
2023-present Faculty Mentor, ECAS Dean's Office Faculty Mentoring Initiative
2018-present Co-Coordinator, Emory Forum for the Ethnographic Study of Religion
2023-24 Director's Executive Committee, Institute of African Studies
2021-22 Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee, Institute of African Studies
2019-22 Interview and Nomination Committee (Fulbright Awards), National Scholarships and Fellowships Program, Office for Undergraduate Education
2022 Grant Proposal Reviewer, University Research Committee
2021 Field Scholars Award Proposal Reviewer, Emory Global Health Institute

2020-21 Organizing Committee for Hightower-Funded Campus Visit by Ishmael Tetteh
2020 Humanities Subcommittee, University Research Committee
2020 Grant Proposal Reviewer, University Research Committee

Campus Service – Previous Institutions

2017-18 Provost Search Committee, Colorado College (CC)
2015-17 Colorado College Press Committee (Chair, 2016-17)
2014-17 Dean’s Advisory Committee, Sheffer Fund for Roman Catholic Studies, CC
2015-16 Faculty Search Committee (open position), Department of Sociology, CC
2013-14 Faculty Search Committee (Biblical Studies position), Department of Religion, CC
2004 Student Liaison to Faculty Search Committee (World Christianity position), Harvard Divinity School

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

African Association for the Study of Religion

African Studies Association

Subsidiary Affiliation: Lusophone African Studies Organization

American Academy of Religion

American Anthropological Association

Subsidiary Affiliations: Association for Africanist Anthropology, Society for Humanistic

Anthropology, Society for the Anthropology of Religion

Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa