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Curriculum Vitae  
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Department of Religious Studies  
University of Johannesburg  
A Ring, 607 Kingsway Campus  
Auckland Park, 2006  
South Africa

## **EDUCATION**

- 2014            Ph.D. in Religious Studies  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town, South Africa  
Dissertation: “The Ecofeminist Theology of Ivone Gebara”  
Supervisor: Professor David Chidester  
Co-Supervisor: Associated Professor Sa'diyya Shaikh
- 2007            M.A. of Social Science in Religious  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town, South Africa  
Thesis: “Reclaiming the Virgin Birth Narrative in Latin American  
Feminist Liberation Theology”  
Supervisor: Professor David Chidester
- 1997            B.A. in Theology  
Faculdade Teológica D'Oeste do Brasil, Campo Grande, Brasil  
Thesis: “The Grace of God” [Thesis passed with distinction]

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Cape Town, South Africa**

REL2047F “Religion, Gender and Sexuality” (2007-2016)  
Lecturer  
Course Convener (2008-2009)  
Area/Field: “Christian Spirituality”, “Christian Feminist Theology”, “Feminist Liberation  
Theology”, “Feminist Spirituality”, “Feminist Theory and Methods” and “Queer Theory  
and Theology”

- REL2049S “Religion, Ecology and Spirituality” (2007-2014)  
Lecturer and Course Convener  
Area/Field: “Christianity and Ecology”, “Ecotheology”, “Animal Theology”, “Social Ecology”, “New Religious Movements (Goddess Spirituality, Neo-Shamanism, Wicca, Neo-Paganism)”, Ecological Movements (Green Peace, Earth First, Deep Ecology)”, “Feminist Spirituality”, “Ecofeminist Theory and Theology”, “Postcolonial Theory and Methods” and “Research Methods”
- REL1002F “Religion Past and Present” (2009)  
Course Convener  
Area/Field: “Introduction to Myth, Ritual and Religion,” “Shamanism,” “Hinduism,” “Buddhism,” and “Chinese Religions”
- REL1006S “Religion Past and Present” (2009)  
Course Convener  
Area/Field: Religions of Ancient Egypt,” “Judaism, Christianity and Islam”
- REL1002F & REL1006S “Religion Past and Present” (2008)  
Teaching Assistant

**Faculdade Teológica D’Oeste do Brasil, Campo Grande, Brasil**

- “Theology of the Old Testament I & II” (1998-1999)  
Junior Lecturer
- “Introduction to Old Testament I, II and VI” (1998-1999)  
Junior Lecturer

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2016-2017      University of Johannesburg  
Department of Religious Studies  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- 2014-2015      University of Cape Town  
Department of Religious Studies  
Institute for Comparative Religions  
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
- 2007-2015      Adjunct Lecturer  
University of Cape Town  
Department of Religious Studies
- 2008-2013      University of Cape Town

Institute for Comparative Religions  
 Department of Religious Studies  
 Senior Researcher Coordinator

- 2005-2007      University of Cape Town  
 Institute for Comparative Religions  
 Department of Religious Studies  
 Research Assistant
- 2000-2005      Junta de Missões Mundiais,  
 Brazil and South Africa  
 Missionary work with Angolan and Mozambican Refugees
- 1998-1999      Faculdade Teológica D'Oeste do Brasil  
 Junior Lecturer

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2016              “Country Report: Religion and Education in South Africa.” In *British Journal of Religious Education* 38, 3. [forthcoming]
- 2013              “A History of Resistance: Ivone Gebara’s Transformative Ecofeminist Liberation Theology.” In *Journal for the Study of Religion* 26, 2.
- 2011              “Transforming Feminisms – Religion, Women and Ecology.” In *Journal for the Study of Religion* 24, 2.

### **Guest Editor**

- 2011              *Journal for the Study of Religion* – Special Issue: Transforming Feminisms – Religion, Women and Ecology. Vol. 24, 2

### **Manuscripts in Submission**

- 2016              “Postcolonial Imaginations of an Ecofeminist Methodological Praxis.” In *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

Article: Co-authored with Trad Nogueira-Godsey “Afro-Brazilian Religious Heritage and Cultural Intolerance: A South-South Educational Perspective.”

Article: “Religious Anthropology for Ecofeminist Theology.”

Article: Co-authored with Nina Hoel “Teaching Methodologies and Practices for Embodied Learning in the field of ‘Religion and Ecology.’”

### AWARDS/GRANTS

- 2016-2017      Postdoctoral Research Fellowship  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Johannesburg  
PI: Professor Farid Esack
- 2013-2015      Free Standing Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship  
Institute for Comparative Religions  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town  
PI: Professor David Chidester
- 2010-2013      National Research Foundation Academic Achievement Grant  
Institute for Comparative Religions  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town
- 2005-2007      Merit Based Scholarship  
Institute for Comparative Religions  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town

### INVITED TALKS

- 2014              “Cultural Intolerance and the State of Religion Education in South Africa and Brazil” (August).  
*Southern Knowledge* research collaboration annual meeting  
Centro Cultural de São Paulo
- 2013              “Religion and Cultural Diversity in the South African Post-Apartheid Context” (November).  
Department of History  
Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP), São Paulo, Brazil
- 2013              “Debates on Religion and Education in a South African Post-Apartheid” (November 11-12).  
Department of History  
Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP), São Paulo, Brazil

- 2013 “Religious Studies in Current South African Context.” *Week of Black Consciousness* (November 17-19).  
Department of History,  
Federal University of São Paulo, Assis, Brazil
- 2013 “Religion, Education and History in Brazil and South Africa: A South South Perspective.” Colloquium (November 21).  
Department of History  
Federal University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2013 “Religion and Cultural Diversity in the South African Post-Apartheid Context.” *Week of Black Consciousness*.  
Symposium (November 2013)  
Municipality of Cubatão, Brazil
- 2008 “Ecofeminist Theories.” *Genderlogue Conference*  
University of Cape Town

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

### Conferences Organized

- 2015 “Why a Post-Colonial Study of Religion?” 1<sup>st</sup> *Southern Knowledge* Research Group Collaboration Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, March 11-13.
- 2014 “Religion, Ecology, and the Environment in Africa and the African Diaspora.” African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR) Cape Town Conference, July 30-August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Panels Organized

- 2015 “Religion Education Emerging Teaching Methodologies and Practices.” *Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present*, XXI World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religion, August 23-29, Erfurt, Germany.
- 2014 “Teaching Religion and Ecology: Engaging Teaching Methodologies and Practices for Embodied Learning.” *Religion, Ecology, and the Environment in Africa and the African Diaspora*. African Association for the Study of Religion Cape Town Conference, July 30-August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Papers Presented**

- 2016 “Postcolonial Imaginations of an Ecofeminist Liberation Methodology.” American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting in San Antonio, USA (November 19-22).
- 2016 “Indigenous Medicinal Knowledge as Commodity among the San People of Southern Africa.” *Religion, Science and the Future*, The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC) The University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida (January 14-17).
- 2015 “Afro-Brazilian Religious Heritage and Cultural Intolerance: South-South Educational Perspective.” *Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present*, XXI World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religion, Erfurt, Germany (August 23-29).
- 2015 “Ivone Gebara’s On-The-Move Liberationist Methodology.” *Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present*, XXI World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religion, Erfurt, Germany (August 23-29).
- 2015 Co-written and delivered by Dr Nina Hoel: “Teaching Religion and Ecology: Engaging Teaching Methodologies and Practices for Embodied Learning.” *Dynamics of Religion: Past and Present*, XXI World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religion, Erfurt, Germany (August 23-29).
- 2014 “The Praxis-Oriented Ecological Ethics of Ivone Gebara.” American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting in San Diego, USA (November 22-25).
- 2014 “Religiões Afro-Brasileiras e Intolerância Cultural em Perspectiva Sul.” *Religião, Mídia e Cultura*, II Congresso Internacional da Faculdades EST, São Leopoldo, Brazil (September 8-12).
- 2014 “Afro-Brazilian Religious Heritage: A South-South Educational Perspective.” *Religious Freedom and Human Rights: Law Education and Civil Society*, 36<sup>th</sup> Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa, Potchefstroom, South Africa (August 27-29).
- 2014 “Teaching Religion and Ecology: Engaging Teaching Methodologies and Practices for Embodied Learning.” *Religion, Ecology, and the Environment in Africa and the African Diaspora*. African Association for the Study of Religion Cape Town Conference (July 30-August 3<sup>rd</sup>).
- 2012 “Ivone Gebara’s Transformative Christian Spirituality: Incorporating

Women's Embodied Experiences into a Theology of Hope." American Academy of Religion's Annual Meeting in Chicago, USA (November 16-20).

### CAMPUS/DEPARTMENTAL TALK

- 2013 "Contours of Global Ecofeminism." Department of Religious Studies Seminar at the University of Cape Town, April 3
- 2010 "The Ecofeminism of Ivone Gebara." Postgraduate Seminar Series. Religious Studies Department, University of Cape Town.
- 2009 "Ecofeminism: A dialogue between Globe North and South." Postgraduate Seminar Series. Religious Studies Department, University of Cape Town.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016- *Greening of Religion Hypothesis*  
 Headed by professor Bron Taylor (University of Florida) and Hans Geir Aasmundsen (University of Bergen, Norway). This international group collaboration seeks to develop its on methods of enquire to investigate if the various religions of the world are indeed developing an ecological thinking as reported by several scholarly works.
- 2015 *Mapping Religion Education in South African Public Schools—Pilot Project.* This project employs qualitative approach and semi-structured interview methods. Teachers from public primary and high schools are interviewed in the school's campus and through workshops.  
 Research Coordinator  
 Network for Religion Education  
 Department of Religious Studies  
 University of Cape Town
- 2012-2016 *Southern Knowledge* is an interdisciplinary and bilingual research collaboration group that brings together four universities. In South Africa, it is jointly hosted by the Network for Religion and Education and the Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa (ICRSA) at the Religious Studies Department of the University of Cape Town. In Brazil, it is hosted by the History Department of the Federal University of São Paulo (UNIFESP). The Indian wing of the project is hosted by the African Studies Centre of the University of Delhi, and in Portugal, the project is housed in the African Studies Centre of the Porto University (Portugal).  
 Research Coordinator

- 2010-2011 Contested Ecology, a university-wide, interdisciplinary reading and research group on environmental ethics.
- 2007 Research coordinator of a comparative study on religious media's representations of women from Christian traditions in contemporary South Africa. Methods employed quantitative and qualitative content Analysis.  
Southern African Media and Gender Institute (SAMGI)
- 2005-2006 *Wild Religion* and *Empire of Religion* projects.  
Archives and library research. Compilation and organization of the collected resources.  
Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town  
Cape Town, South Africa

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- 2016-2019 *International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*  
Member-at-Large  
Board of Directors
- 2016- *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*  
Assistant Editor
- 2016-2014 *Journal for the Study of Religion*  
Editorial Board
- 2015 *Network for Religion Education*  
Website Designer  
Website Administrator
- 2013 *Journal for the Study of Religion*  
Co-editor
- 2013-2008 *Journal for the Study of Religion*  
Managing Editor

### **DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICES**

- 2015-2014 Founder and Coordinator of the Post-Graduate Association (PGA)  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town

- 2015-2005 Student recruitment programs and activities  
University of Cape Town
- 2014 Development of Writing Skills Mini-Mooc – Pilot  
Focused at Post-Graduate Students in Religious Studies  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town
- 2010-2006 President of the Post-Graduate Students Association  
Department of Religious Studies  
University of Cape Town
- 2009- 2008 Coordinator of departmental colloquium at the Religious Studies  
Department  
University of Cape Town
- 2008-2014 Conceptualisation of the undergraduate course (upper-level)  
“Religion, Ecology and Spirituality.”  
Religious Studies Department  
University of Cape Town

### **EXTRA TRAINING**

- 2014 Retreat for postdoctoral fellows on post-graduate supervision  
University of Cape Town (January 22-23).
- 2014 Mooc on Writing Skills: Achieving Expertise  
Duke University (April 1-July 14)

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH**

Social development (e.g. workshop facilitator on sexuality, gender sensitivity and HIV) with refugees, focused at youth and women empowerment in South Africa.

Social service (e.g. literacy) among refugees and people from under-privileged areas, Brazil and South Africa.

Women empowerment projects, workshops focusing on gender-sensitive training and advocacy skills within communities in the Western Cape, South Africa.

Chaplain work in Hospital, old age houses and youth prisons in Brazil and South Africa.

Social service in centres for youth and children’s social rehabilitation in Brazil

President of the Baptist Youth Association of Mato Grosso do Sul in Brazil, 1996-1997.

## **LANGUAGES**

Portuguese – native speaker

English – fluent, with proficiency in reading, writing and speaking

Spanish – conversational and proficiency in reading

Biblical Greek – can read with dictionary

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2015	International Association for the History of Religion (IAHR)
2014	African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR)
2014	IAHR Women Scholars Network (WSN)
2013	International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)
2013	Brazilian Citizens Counsel in Cape Town
2011	American Association of Religion (AAR)
2011	Feminist Liberation Theologians Network
2008	The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
2008	Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa (ASRSA)