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Curriculum Vitae
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Methodist Theological School of Ohio
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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 Studies
 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

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

CT/CE751: Ecotheology and Global ethics
Lecturer

CE/CT/PT752: Ecofeminist Theologies of Liberation
Lecturer

CE620: Resisting Biocide: Environmental Justice Ethics
Lecturer

CT731: Gender and Theology

Lecturer

University of Cape Town, South Africa

REL2047F “Religion, Gender and Sexuality” (2007-2016)

Lecturer

Course Convener (2008-2009)

REL2049S “Religion, Ecology and Spirituality” (2007-2014)

Lecturer and Course Convener

REL1002F “Religion Past and Present” (2009)

Course Convener

REL1006S “Religion Past and Present” (2009)

Course Convener

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

2017 Methodist Theological School of Ohio (MTSO)

Assistant Professor

Theology, Ecology and Race

2016 University of Johannesburg (UJ)

Department of Religious Studies

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2014-2015 University of Cape Town (UCT)

Department of Religious Studies

Institute for Comparative Religions

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

2013 (Nov.) Visiting Professor

Department of History

- Universidade Federal de São Paulo (UNIFESP)
São Paulo, Brazil
- 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 “Recent Observation on Religion and Education in South Africa.” In *British Journal of Religious Education* 38, 3.
- 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.

Book Chapters

- 2018 “Towards a Decological Praxis.” In *Religião, Gênero, Violências e Direitos Humanos*, edited by Wanderley Pereira da Rosa and Reginaldo P. Braga Junior. Vitória, Brazil: Editora Unida.

Guest Editor

- 2011 *Journal for the Study of Religion* – Special Issue: Transforming

Feminisms – Religion, Women and Ecology. Vol. 24, 2

Manuscripts in Submission

“Postcolonial Imaginations of an Ecofeminist Methodological Praxis.” In *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. [in review]

“Pentecostalism and Ecology: A Grim Trajectory.” In *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Ecology*. [in review] Co-authored with Trad Nogueira-Godsey.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Book chapter in edited volume: “A Pedagogy of Decoloniality: Teaching and Learning in the Intersection of Race, Ecology and Theology.”

Monograph: *The Ecofeminist Theology of Ivone Gebara*

AWARDS/GRANTS

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| 2016 | 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

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| 2017 | “Connecting Theology, Ecology and Race: A Conversation on Environmental Justice” (October). |
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- Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- 2017 “Postcolonial Imaginations of Teaching Methodologies for Embodied Learning in Ecotheological Classes” (March).
The Mid-Atlantic Symposium on Ecologically Informed Theological Education.
Catholic University of America’s Pryzbyla Center in Washington DC.
- 2016 “Postcolonizing Ecotheologies”
Methodist Theological School of Ohio, 5th May.
- 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/Symposiums Organized

- 2018 Seminary Hill Colloquy, April 18-19, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, OH.
- 2017 Mountains and Sacred Landscapes, International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC), April 20 – 23, 2017, New York City. USA.
- 2017 Seminary Hill Colloquy, April 5-6, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, OH.
- 2015 “Why a Post-Colonial Study of Religion?” 1st *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 3rd.

Panels Organized

- 2017 “Rethinking Resistance and Resilience.” Women’s Caucus at the American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting in Boston, USA (November).
- 2017 “Learning from Indigenous Traditions to Create Ecological Cultures.” Mountains and Sacred Landscapes, International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC), April 20 – 23, 2017, New York City. USA.
- 2017 “Ecofeminism and Beyond: Revisiting the Intersection Between Gender, Religion and Nature.” Mountains and Sacred Landscapes, International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC), April 20 – 23, 2017, New York City. USA.
- 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 3rd.

Papers Presented

- 2018 “Towards a Decological Praxis”
I Consultation Religion, Gender, Violence and Human Rights. Faculdade Unida de Vitória, May 16-18, Vitória, Brazil.
- 2017 “Teaching Methodologies for Ecotheological Classes.”
The Midwest Symposium on Ecologically Informed Theological Education, October 16-18, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, OH.
- 2017 “A Pedagogy of Decoloniality”
“Making Alliances, Breaking Taboos, and Transforming Religions,”
Feminist Studies in Religion Visioning Conference, June 18-21, Drew University, Madison, NJ.
- 2017 “Ecofeminism and Beyond: Revisiting the Intersection Between Gender, Religion and Nature.” Mountains and Sacred Landscapes, International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC), April 20 – 23, 2017, New York City. USA.
- 2017 “Postcolonial Imaginations of Teaching Methodologies for Embodied Learning in Ecotheological Classes.” The Mid-Atlantic Symposium on Ecologically Informed Theological Education, March 16, Catholic University of America in Washington DC.
- 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*, 36th 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 3rd).
- 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).

Discussant

CAMPUS/DEPARTMENTAL TALK

- 2017 "Connecting Theology, Ecology and Race: A Conversation on Environmental Justice" (October).
Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- 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)
This international group collaboration seeks to develop its own methods of enquire to investigate if the various religions of the world are indeed developing an ecological thinking as reported by several scholarly works.
- 2016-2012 *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
- 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
- 2011-2010 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)
- 2006-2005 *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

- 2017-present Women's Caucus of the American Academy of Religion
Steering-Committee
- 2016-2019 *International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*
Member-at-Large
Board of Directors
- 2016-present *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*
Assistant Editor
- 2014-present *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

Peer-Reviewer

Journal for the Study of Religion;
Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture;
Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa;
Filosofia Theoretica: Journal of African Philosophy, Culture and Religions;
Body and Religion.

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- 2017-present Anti-Racism task Force
Faculty Representative
- 2017-present Coordinators for MDiv Specializations on Feminist and Womanist Studies
- 2017-2019 Cross-Cultural Faculty Committees

- 2017 Conceptualization of Master of Social Justice program at MTSO
- 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

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)
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)

REFERENCES

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 Director of the Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa
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 University of Oslo
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