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EDUCATION

- D.Th. Missiology** 2014-2019
University of South Africa
Thesis title: *Decolonizing Mission Partnerships: Evolving Collaboration between United Methodists in North Katanga and the United States of America.*
- Master of Divinity 3.9/4.0** 2006-2009
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.
- Non-degree Coursework (3 grad-level courses)** 2003
California Institute of Integral Studies
Topic: Human and Organizational Transformation
- M.A. in International Development 3.86/4.0** 2001-2002
American University, Washington, D.C.
Foci: Community Development and Demography
Thesis topic: Internally Displaced Persons
- B.A. in International Studies 3.9/4.0** 1997-2001
American University, Washington, D.C.
Foci: International Development and Latin America

CURRENT ROLES

- Fully Affiliated Faculty** 2021-present
Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO)
Teach courses on mission, evangelism, and United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity. Serve on the cross-cultural immersion committee.
- Executive Assistant, Strategic Partnership and Engagement** 2017-present
Office of the Rev. Dr. Bishop Mande Muyombo, The UMC, North Katanga-Upemba-Tanzania Episcopal Area
Advise the bishop, coach area leaders, and provide missionary oversight. Facilitate communication with anglophone partners, including grant proposal development. Coordinate communications for the UMC's Africa College of Bishops during Bishop Mande's presidency.
- Ordained Elder** 2013-present
The United Methodist Church, North Katanga Conference (DR Congo)
Congregational ministry has included: pastor of the UMC's congregation in the Matero township of Lusaka, Zambia (2009-2011), *de facto* associate pastor of the protestant congregation in Djibouti (2012-2014), pastor of the UMC's congregation in Algiers, Algeria (2014-2017), and pastor on loan to The Church of England's congregation in Ljubljana, Slovenia (2019-2022). Have also served as guest preacher in India and Egypt. Pastoral internship (2007-2009) was at Asbury UMC in Washington, DC.

PAST EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty 2021-2025

Bakke Graduate University (BGU)

Advised doctoral students and served on PhD program committee. Co-taught online courses on Theology of Work and Qualitative Research Methods.

Program Coordinator, Osijek Doctoral Colloquium 2020-2022

Central and Eastern European Association of Mission Studies (CEEAMS)

While living in Slovenia, acted as primary communications liaison as well as coordinator of program logistics (including managing hybrid gatherings) and database management for the doctoral colloquium and its year-round mentoring program. Coached students in the program.

Interim Director, Community Development Department 2005

The United Methodist Church, North Katanga Conference

Facilitated the design and leading of training events with department staff. Provided oversight of conference development projects. Coached church leaders in wide range of development topics.

Ecumenical Campus Ministry Founder/Leader 1998-2001

American University, Washington DC

Winner of the UMC's General Board of Higher Education's Allan Jerome Burry Award (1999) for launching a congregation that remains a vibrant faith community on American U.'s campus.

CURRENT VOLUNTARY PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Clergy member of the Judicial Council 2024-2028

The United Methodist Church (transitioned from alternate to full member in Dec 2025)

Board Member, Wesley College 2024-present

a United Methodist Institution in Mwanza, Tanzania

Planning Committee Member, the 16th OIMTS Conference 2024-2030

Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies

Founding Partner and President 2009-present

Friendly Planet Missiology (FPM)

Write, speak, and coach (in the USA and internationally) on rethinking approaches to mission. Facilitate missional collaborations and provide a fiscal accountability structure for initiatives. Guest preach/teach at congregations, gatherings, and conferences on missiological topics.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

“The Salvation of The United Methodist Church” in *Methodist History*, Fall 2025.

Review of Darryl Stephen's *Reckoning Methodism* in *Reading Religion*, June 2025.

“Ecclesiastic Empires: American Conflict and the UMC in Africa” in *Methodism & American Empire* edited by David W. Scott and Filipe Maia, Abington, 2024.

Foreword writer and co-editor of Bob Walters and Kate Kopyy's *Pastors, Chiefs, and Warlords: The Ministry of Being With*. Wipf and Stock, 2022.

"Isolation, Connection, and the Worldwide Web" in *Acta Missiologicae*. Central and Eastern European Association of Mission Studies, Vol 10, 2022.

"Decolonizing Methodist Mission Partnerships" in *The Practice of Mission in Global Methodism: Emerging Trends from Everywhere to Everywhere*, edited by David W. Scott and Darryl W. Stephens, Routledge Methodist Studies Series. New York: Routledge, 2021.

Decolonizing Mission Partnerships: Evolving Collaboration between United Methodists in North Katanga and the United States of America. American Society of Missiology Monograph Series. Pickwick Publications, 2020.

"The First Sunday After Pentecost" in *Missional Preacher*. Year C. American Society of Missiology, 2019.

Foreword writer and consulting editor of Bob Walter's *The Last Missionary*. Wipf and Stock, 2020.

TEACHING / ACADEMIC SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS

Invited Guest, Leading Ideas Podcast, February 2026
Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Transforming Mission, January 2026
Intensive DMin course, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

U. Methodist History (2024, 2025), Doctrine (2026), and Polity (2025), Affiliated Faculty,
Graduate-level UM Studies courses at Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Mission and Evangelism Working Group co-convenor, August 2024
15th Oxford Institute of Methodist Studies

"The Salvation of The United Methodist Church," paper presenter, August 2024
15th Oxford Institute of Methodist Studies

South Africa Cross-Cultural Program, co-leader, January 2024
Methodist Theological School in Ohio

U. Methodist History, Doctrine, and Polity, Adjunct Faculty, Spring/Summer/Fall 2023
Special West Ohio Cohort, Graduate-level course at Methodist Theological School in Ohio

The UMC's West Ohio Conf.'s Local Pastor Licensing School, lecturer, June 2023 & 2024
Created and led modules on discipleship and leadership

The Ministry of Evangelism: Theology and Practice, Adjunct Faculty, Spring 2022
Graduate-level course at Methodist Theological School in Ohio

"Isolation, Connection, and the Worldwide Web," presenter, February 2022
Paper presented at CEEAMS' annual conference

Qualitative Research Methods, Assistant Faculty, Spring Semester 2022
Doctoral-level course at Bakke Graduate University

“Decolonizing Church Partnerships,” Featured Speaker, January 2022
Bakke Graduate University Alumni Association Webinar Series

“Decolonizing Mission Partnerships,” Featured Speaker, December 2021
Pan-African Theological Roundtable, a monthly series organized by Missio Africanus

Christian Mission in the Global Context, Adjunct Faculty, Fall Semester 2021
Graduate-level course at Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Theology of Work, Adjunct Faculty (shadowing lead professor), Spring Semester 2021
Graduate-level course at Bakke Graduate University

“Racism in the System,” Podcast Guest Speaker, May 2021
Un-Tied Methodism: Unraveling the Past to Make Sense of Today.
The UMC’s General Commission on Archives and History.
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/1mE8uHgxnlhYVnqe9JAclO>

“Naming Our Hidden Assumptions: Holistic Healing of Mission Partnerships,” Invited Speaker, May 2021
Mission Organizations in Times and Places of Worldwide Connectivities: Symposium co-hosted by Protestant Theological University (Amsterdam), Centre for Theology and Christianity Worldwide, Nederlandse Zending Raad.

“The Doctoral Journey,” Webinar Lecturer, May 2021
Central and Eastern European Association of Mission Studies

“Understand Racism,” Guest Lecturer, November 2019
The University of Ljubljana (Slovenia). Invited by Prof. Bogomil Ferfila

“The Missiology of John Wesley” Seminar Leader, July 2019
Annual Pastor Training School, The UMC’s North Katanga Annual Conference: Kamina, DR Congo

“Decolonizing Methodist Mission Partnerships” Third Wave Panelist, June 2019
American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting: South Bend, Indiana

“Rethinking Mission” Keynote Speaker, April 2019
The UMC’s North East Jurisdiction’s Mission Academy: North Andover, MA

“Theology of Mission” Workshop Leader, April 2019
The UMC’s North East Jurisdiction’s Mission Academy: North Andover, MA

Discussion on *The Last Missionary*, Mission Course Guest Speaker, April 2019
Boston University. Invited by Prof. Dana Robert

“Colonialism and Empire in Mission” Panel Presenter, April 2019
The UMC’s Mission Bicentennial Conference: Atlanta, GA

Mission, Adjunct Faculty, March/April 2019

Course of Study program, Wesley Theological Seminary: Washington, DC

Mission Course Guest Speaker, February 2019

Illiff School of Theology. Invited by Prof. Julie Todd

“Decolonizing Mission Partnerships” Invited Workshop Leader, January 2017

Leadership Training Seminar for International and Migrant Methodist Congregations in Europe. Hosted by the United Methodist Church in Germany: Stuttgart, Germany