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Education

POST-DOC FELLOW (JOSEPHUS AND BIBLICAL STUDIES – E. P. SANDERS) <i>Duke University</i>	YEARS ATTENDED (2004-5) <i>Durham, NC</i>
DEGREE: PH.D. (HERMENEUTICS AND BIBLICAL INTERP.) (MINOR: SECOND TEMPLE JUDAISM) <i>Westminster Theological Seminary</i>	YEARS ATTENDED (1996 -04) <i>Chestnut Hill, PA</i>
Dissertation Topic: “Temple, Exile and Identity in First Peter” Advisor: Dan McCartney External Reader: Paul Achtemeier	
Comprehensive Areas included: Biblical Languages, Hermeneutical Foundations, African Theology, Hermeneutics of the New Testament Period, History of Interpretation, Post-Modernity and Biblical Studies, New Testament Use of the Old Testament, Biblical Interpretation in the Second Temple Period, Rabbinic Literature, Critical Methodologies.	
DEGREE EARNED: MASTER OF DIVINITY (MAJOR: BIBLICAL STUDIES) <i>Africa International University (formerly NEGST)</i>	YEARS ATTENDED (1991 - 94) <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>
DEGREE EARNED AND MAJOR: B.A. (Hons) (MAJOR: ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY) <i>University of Nairobi</i>	YEARS ATTENDED (1987 - 90) <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>

Employment

JOB TITLE: LECTURER, RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT/ AFFILIATE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND DIASPORA STUDIES <i>University of North Carolina at Greensboro</i>	YEARS EMPLOYED (2018-PRES.) <i>Greensboro, NC.</i>
COURSES: AFRICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA RELIGIONS Introduction to African American Religion Bible, Africans and African Americans	

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God, Race and the Bible
Black Lives and the Bible
New Testament Introduction
Topics in Biblical Studies
Social Conflict and the Emergence of Early Christianity
Freshman Seminar: "Strange Stuff the Bible Expects of its Readers"

JOB TITLE: MANAGING EDITOR (VOLUNTARY)
Borderless Press

YEARS EMPLOYED (2017-21)
Philadelphia/California.

A voluntary position, publishing African Scholars
Focus on Postcolonial and Subversive Theological Writings
Travel and Organize annual Writing workshops in Africa for Scholars
Mentoring African scholars on Academic Publishing
Attend Academic Conferences to market books

JOB TITLE: ASSOCIATE PROF. BIBLICAL STUDIES
Shaw University Divinity School

YEARS EMPLOYED (2005-16)
High Point, NC.

COURSES:
Bible, Africans, and African-Americans
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/ Old Testament
Second Temple Judaism
Introduction to the New Testament
Advanced Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation

JOB TITLE: SENIOR TEACHING FELLOW
Duke University

YEARS EMPLOYED (2004-05)
Durham, NC.

COURSES:
NT Introduction
Historical Jesus

JOB TITLE: ASSOCIATE IN RESEARCH (AC/DEAN'S OFFICE)
Duke University Divinity School

YEARS EMPLOYED (2002-05)
Durham, NC.

COURSES:
Black Church Studies
OT/HB Introduction
NT Introduction

Awards and Research Fellowships

- * Selected Participant: Wabash Center 2022 Hybrid Teaching and Learning Workshop for Faculty of African Diaspora (\$3,500.00) (March-Dec, 2022)
- * *Nominee:* Excellence in Faculty Research Award (Spring 2016), Shaw University.

- * *Grant: Wabash Center 2016-17 Peer Mentorship Mini-Grant (\$7,500.00): “African Professors of Religion in American Universities.”* Peer Group - Dr. Kenneth Ngwa (Drew University) [lead], Dr. Aliou Niang (Union Theological Seminary, NY), Dr. Alice Yafeh-Deigh (Seattle Pacific University)
- * *Research Grant: Association of Theological Schools/Lilly Theological Research Grant Fellow (\$12,000): 2012-13 (Sabbatical - Spring 2013): Project - Jude and 2 Peter commentary.*
- * *Research Grant: Wabash Research Grant (2007– 2011)*
Title: “Teaching Exegesis in Historically Black Theological Schools” (Shaw, Howard, Payne, Interdenominational Theological Center, Hood Seminary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University)
PIs: James P. Ashmore and Andrew Mbuvi (\$ 55, 000)
- * *Post-Doc Fellow: Duke University (Second Temple Judaism/ Josephus, with E. P. Sanders: 2004-5)*
- * *Conference Scholarship: Pew Scholarship to the Pretoria 2001 Conference on African History and Theology: July 2001.*
- * *Doctoral Fellowships:*
Mustard Seed Foundation, 1998-2000 (\$9,000)
Africa Theological Initiative (Pew Grant), 1999-2002 (\$60,000)

Publications and Conference Presentations

A. **Books**

African Biblical Studies: Unmasking of Embedded Racism and Colonialism in Biblical Studies (Forthcoming: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, UK: 2022)

Jude and 2 Peter: A Postcolonialist Reading (New Covenant Commentary Series; Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2015)

Postcolonial Perspectives in African Biblical Interpretations (eds. Musa W. Dube, Andrew M. Mbuvi, Dora Mbuwayesango; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012)

Temple, Exile and Identity in 1 Peter (Library of New Testament Studies: New York and London: T&T Clark, 2007)

(WIP) *Contextual Bible Study and the Struggle for the Voice of the Ordinary Reader: A Festschrift in Honor of Gerald O. West* (Co-edited with Aliou Niang, Alice Yafeh-Deigh, Tinyiko Maluleka, Kenneth Ngwa; Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022)

(WIP) *The Bible in Africa II* (Co-edited with Musa Dube, Kenneth Ngwa, Funlola Olojede,

Gerald West.; Leiden: Brill, 2022-25)

(WIP) *The African Novel: An Unlikely Resource for A Socially Engaged Biblical Interpretation*

(WIP) *Social Conflict and Social Identity in Early Christianity: A Social Science Analysis on The emergence of Early Christianity.*

(WIP) Co-edited with Musa Dube, *Select African Interpretations of New Testament Writings*

B. Articles and Essays

“The Lukan “Good” Samaritan Story and Violence against Black Bodies: The Case of the Perennially Overlooked *λησταί*!” (Submitted for publication, Jan 2022)

“Brief Reflection of my SBL/AAR Membership Experience as a Minoritized Scholar” (Submitted for Publication with CUREMP - SBL Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, Jan 13, 2022)

“Revisiting Translation and Interpretation Issues in the Story of the African Royal Official (“Ethiopian Eunuch”) in Acts 8:26–40: The Hebrew Bible (LXX) Background,” in *OTE* 34/2 (2021): 474–84.

“An African Biblical Scholar Explores the Broadening of the Biblical Studies Landscape,” *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa* 168 (Dec 2020): 41-63.

“Use of Apocryphal Writing in Jude” in *SBL Bible Odyssey*, Dec 2019
(<https://www.bibleodyssey.org/people/related-articles/use-of-apocryphal-writing-in-jude>)

“African Biblical Studies: An Introduction to an Emerging Discipline,” *Currents in Biblical Research* 15/2 (2017): 149–78.

“Jesus and the *Cultus* in 1 Peter: An African (Kenyan) Appraisal,” in G. L. Green, S. T. Pardue, K. K. Yeo (eds), *Jesus without Borders: Christology in the Majority World* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2014): 141-61.

“Teaching Exegesis in Historically Black Theological Schools,” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 17/2 (April 2014): 141-44.
<<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/teth.12184/abstract>>

Contributor: “Exegetical Commentary” on Luke 22:14-23, 24-28, 29-30 in *Feasting on the Gospels* (A Feasting on the Word Commentary: edited by Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2014).

“Interpreting the Bible with African Novelists Ngugi wa Thiong’o and Bessie Head: The African Novel and its Possible Contribution to Biblical Interpretation in African Theology,” in *Postcolonial Perspectives in African Biblical Interpretations* (eds. M. Dube, A. M. Mbuvi, D. Mbuwayesango; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012)

Contributor: *Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (Eds. Tremper Longman III, Peter Enns, and Mark Strauss; Grand Rapids: Baker Books, 2012).

"The Ancient Mediterranean Values of 'Honour and Shame' as a Hermeneutical Lens for Reading the Book of Job," *OTE* 23/3 (2010): 752-68.

"Jesus and His Mother: An Analysis of Their Public Relationship as a Paradigm for African Women (Widows) Who Must Circumvent Traditional Authority in order to Thrive in Society," in *Mother Goose, Mother Jones, Mommie Dearest: Biblical Mothers and Their Children* (Society of Biblical Literature *Semeia* Studies; eds., Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Tina Pippin: Atlanta, SBL, 2010).

"The Book of Daniel: Maintaining Identity in Exile," in Hugh Page, *et al* (eds.), *The Africana Bible* (Minneapolis: Augsburg-Fortress, 2010).

"Missionary Acts, Things Fall Apart: Modeling Mission in Acts 17:15-34 and a Concern for Dialogue in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*," *Ex-Auditu* (June 2008)

"The African Novel: An Unlikely Resource for A Socially Engaged Biblical Interpretation?" *The SBL Forum* [May 2006]] <http://www.sbl-site.org/Article.aspx?ArticleId=527>

"African Theology From the Perspective of Honor and Shame," in M. Ortiz and Susan Baker (eds.), *The Urban Face of Mission: Ministering the Gospel in a Diverse and Changing World. A Festschrift in Honor of Prof. Harvey Conn* (Phillipsburg, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed, 2002): 279-95.

C. Conference Presentations

Annual Meeting, *Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion*, San Antonio, TX.

Date: Nov 21, 2021

Title: "Pouring a Little Academic Libation in Homage to the "Living-Dead" Ancestors, Prof. John S. Mbiti and Dr. Justin Ukpong: Pioneers of African Biblical Scholarship."

75th Annual *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas/Society of New Testament Studies*, KU Leuven, Belgium (virtual meeting).

Date: July 26-29, 2021.

Title: "A Re-Reading of Luke 10:29-37 in Light of Historical Violence against Black Bodies: The Case of the Universally Overlooked ληστές ('Highway Robbers')!"

Annual Meeting, *Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, GA.

Date: November 22, 2015.

Title: "African Biblical Hermeneutics Unit in SBL: Retrospect and Prospect!"

Annual Meeting, *Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion*, Baltimore, MD.

Date: November 26, 2013.

Title: "Polemical Rhetoric of 2 Peter 2, in light of Stereotyping and Discourse

Identity in Greco-Roman Regulations and Associations."

Wabash Research Grant (2007–2011) Findings at SBL/AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Date: November 2010.

Title of the Project: "Teaching Exegesis in Historically Black Theological Schools"

PIs: James P. Ashmore and Andrew Mbuvi.

Respondent to 3 essays at the African Biblical Hermeneutics Section in the Annual SBL/AAR Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Date: November 22, 2009.

Annual Meeting, *SBL/AAR Annual Conference*, Washington, DC.

Date: November 18, 2006.

Title: "Interpreting the Bible with African Novelists Ngugi wa Thiong'o and Bessie Head: The African Novel and its Possible Contribution to Biblical Interpretation in African Theology."

Annual Meeting, *SBL/AAR Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA.

Date: November 21, 2005.

Title: "The African Novel: An Unlikely Resource for A Socially Engaged Biblical Interpretation?"

D. Invited Lectures and Public Presentations

Podcast Interview with Rev. Peter Rodgers of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Antelope, CA, based on my book *Temple, Exile and Identity in 1 Peter* (Feb 17th, 2022) for Episcopal Clergy of Northern California.

Endowed Lecture: 2021 Bishop Alfred E. and Mrs. Mamie White Endowed Memorial Lecture,

Title: "Reading the Bible in Light of the Violence on Black Bodies and the Black Church Experience in America."

Organizer: Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC.

Date: February 12 & 13, 2021.

Scholar-in-Residence, Public Lecture: Elon University, NC.

Title: "'Minoritized' Scholars and the Re-Shaping of Western Disciplines: A View from Biblical Studies."

Date: November 16, 2016.

University Professors' Writing Workshop at St. Paul University, Limuru, Kenya.

Organizer and Presenter: Postcolonial Networks <postcolonialnetworks.net>

Title: "Research, Writing and Publishing for African Universities' Faculty"

Date: August 7-12, 2016.

University Professors' Writing Workshop at Kyambogo University, Kampala, Uganda.

Organizer and Presenter: Postcolonial Networks <postcolonialnetworks.net>

Title: "Research, Writing and Publishing for African Universities' Faculty"

Date: July 3-7, 2017.

Lecture at Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors, Greenville, SC.

Title: "Just (An)Other Voice! A Minoritized African Immigrant Teaching Biblical Studies in the West."

Date: March 8, 2013.

Public Lecture: Annual *Ex-Auditu* Conference at North Park College, Chicago, Ill.

Title: "Missionary Acts, Things Fall Apart: Modeling Mission in Acts 17:15-34 and a Concern for Dialogue in Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*."

Date: June 21, 2008

Book Launch Special Session at SBL/AAR Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Title: "The Book of Daniel: Maintaining Identity in Exile."

Date: November 22, 2008

Conference Public Lecture at the Urban Ministers' Conference, Chicago, Ill.

Organizer: Urban Outreach Foundation, Chicago.

Title: "Committed to Doing Right: An Exegetical Analysis of the book of Micah,"

Date: Oct 6, 2006

E. *Book Reviews*

Shively Smith, *Strangers to Family: Diaspora and First Peter's Invention of God's Household* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2016), in SBL's *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org> - 10/26/2017].

Elisabeth Schüssler, *1 Peter: An Introduction and Study Guide: Reading against the Grain* by Fiorenza (Sheffield Academic Press, 2015), in SBL's *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org> - 10/5/2017].

Eric F. Mason and Tray W. Martin (eds.), *Reading 1-2 Peter and Jude: A Resource for Students*, in SBL's *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org> - 7/21/2016].

George Aichele, *The Letters of Jude and Second Peter: Paranoia and the Slaves of Christ*, in SBL's *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org> - 6/11/2015].
<<http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=9077>>

James Henry Owino Kombo, *The Doctrine of God in African Christian Thought: The Holy Trinity, Theological Hermeneutics, and the African Intellectual Culture* (Leiden: Brill, 2007) in *Theology Today* 23/3 (July 2009): 510-12.

Lamin Sanneh, *Whose Religion is Christianity? The Gospel Beyond the West* (Grand Rapids, MI and Cambridge, UK: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003) in *Anglican Theological Review* 88:3 (2006): 472-3.

Review Article: "Temple Imagery in the Book of Revelation" in *Westminster Theological*

Journal (Fall 2001): 466-69.

University and Community Service

Ph.D. External Examiner – University of South Africa, 2018.

Name: Ndikhokele Mtshiselwa

Dissertation Title: “Re-Reading the Israelite Jubilee in Leviticus 25:8-55 in the Context of Land Redistribution and Socio-Economic Justice in South Africa: An African Liberationist Perspective.”

Undergraduate Mentor: Honors Program Senior Project Supervisor – UNCG 2021

Name: Jonathan Jefferson

Title: “The Fourth Synoptic?: A Re-Evaluation of the Gospel of John”

Member, Strategy Planning Committee (Diversity and Racial Justice)

Mishkan Shalom Synagogue, PA (2022 -)

Member, Liberal Arts Advantage Committee, UNCG (2018-Present) –

<https://hnac.uncg.edu/liberal-arts-advantage/>

Member, “Ethiopia and East Africa Studies Project” Forum, UNCG (2019-Present)

<https://aads.uncg.edu/ethiopian-and-east-african-studies-project/>

Board Member - Greensboro Jewish Family Services (2017-2021)

Board Member at B'nai Shalom Day School, Greensboro NC (2016-2017)

Faculty Senate Member, Shaw University (2010 - 2015)

Chair, Library Committee - Shaw University Divinity School (2006 - 2016)

Member, Faculty Development Committee, SUDS - Member (2005 - 2016)

Student Faculty Advisor, SUDS (2005 - 2016)

Faculty Search Committees, Shaw University Divinity School

Chair, NT Search Committee - 2006

Member, NT Search Committee - 2011

Member, Pastoral Psychology and Practical Ministry Search Committee - 2012

Dean's Liaison, for Partnership with Kenyan Theological Schools (Scott Theological College and Africa International University – NEGST, 2011-2014)

Research Interest

- Biblical interpretation in African and African Diaspora (especially African American) contexts. The focus is on the impact of the history of Colonialism, American Slavery, Racism, and White Supremacy on Biblical Studies as a discipline, and the challenge and alternatives of anti-colonialism and anti-racism offered by African biblical studies and African American biblical interpretations.
- Postcolonial and Liberationist readings of the Bible - A critique of how historical colonial power relationships between the West and former European colonies continue to influence academic discourse and constructions of Western biblical interpretations that retain racist and oppressive readings of the Bible.
- Social Conflict theory as a lens to analyzing the troubling violence in the New Testament, especially in the parables of Jesus, paradoxically juxtaposed against Jesus' teachings of anti-violence in the emergence of Christianity.
- Postcolonial readings of Second Temple Judaism writings and Greco-Roman colonial occupation of Palestine, and their significance in providing an anti-colonialist background in the reading of the Bible.
- African Novels and religion. I am interested in the interpretive role that religion plays in African novels beyond simply providing narrative backdrops. I am interested in investigating what I think are their hermeneutical interpretations of religion, especially the Bible, that make a distinct contribution.

Professional Membership

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL 1999-)

* *Chair*, African Biblical Hermeneutics Unit (2010-14)

* *Member*, Steering Committee, African Biblical Hermeneutics (2008-14)

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) (2002-21)

**Co-Chair*, New Testament Section (2010-12)

Mid-Atlantic Region of the Society of Biblical Literature (MARSBL) (2021-)

Conference on Christianity and Literature (CCL 2005-)

New Testament Colloquium at Duke University (2002-16)