

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy**, Theology, University of Pretoria, South Africa 2015  
Dissertation: *The Making of the Theologian: The Nature and Study of Theologia According to Johann Gerhard*  
Promoter: Werner Klän, Ph.D., Habil. (Lutherische Theologische Hochschule, Germany)  
Co-Promoter: Graham Duncan, Ph.D. (University of Pretoria)
- Master of Science**, Education, Capella University, Minneapolis, MN (GPA: 4.0) 2008  
Concentration: Professional Studies in Education  
Thesis: *Designing a Theological Education Curriculum Platform in and for Africa: A Proposal for the Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques* (Advisor: Howard Jacobs, Ph.D.)
- Master of Divinity**, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (GPA: 4.0, class ranking: 1<sup>st</sup>), 2000  
Concentration: Mission Studies (Institute for Mission Studies, Director, Robert Kolb, Ph.D.)
- Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction**, Concordia College, Seward, NE (GPA: 3.96) 1995  
Major: History/Minor: Spanish  
Pre-seminary Program: Additional courses in Greek, Hebrew, Philosophy, and Rhetoric

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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- Seminary Program Coordinator, Adjunct Missionary**, Lutheran Bible Translators 2024-present  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Professor, Theology**, Concordia University Irvine 2020-present  
Irvine, CA, USA
- Director, Cross-cultural Ministry Center** 2012-2025  
Concordia University Irvine  
Irvine, CA, USA
- Associate Professor, Theology**, Concordia University Irvine 2016-2020  
Irvine, CA, USA
- Assistant Professor, Theology**, Concordia University Irvine 2012-2016  
Irvine, CA, USA

<b>Lecturer &amp; curriculum designer</b> , Lutheran Theological Seminary Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA	2009-2012
<b>Theological Educator – Francophone Africa</b> , LCMS World Mission Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA	2009-2012
<b>Founding and active member</b> , l’Union des Eglises Luthériennes Confessionnelles en Afrique Francophone pour la Promotion de l’Enseignement Théologique (The Union of Confessional Lutheran Churches in Francophone Africa for the Promotion of Theological Education), WEST & CENTRAL AFRICA	2001-2009
<b>Academic Dean</b> , Centre Luthérien d’Etudes Théologiques (CLET) Dapaong, TOGO, WEST AFRICA	2007 – 2009
<b>Director</b> , Centre Luthérien d’Etudes Théologiques (LCMS partner seminary) Dapaong, TOGO, WEST AFRICA	2001 – 2007
<b>Lecturer</b> , Centre Luthérien d’Etudes Théologiques Dapaong, TOGO, WEST AFRICA	2001 – 2009
<b>President</b> , Mission Luthérienne (the LCMS official presence in Togo) Dapaong, TOGO, WEST AFRICA	2001 – 2009
<b>Vicar (Intern)</b> , The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Mission Dapaong, TOGO, WEST AFRICA (supervisor: John Palka, Ph.D.)	1998 – 2000

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## PUBLICATIONS: PEER REVIEWED

“How is Theology a Habitus? Voices from the Past and Why It Matters Today.” *Concordia Theological Quarterly* 89, no. 1 (2025): 3-31.

“Integrating Theology & Mission in the Cross-cultural Ministry Center (CMC).” *Lutheran Mission Matters* 31, no. 1 (2023): 107-117.

“Pastoral Care During the ‘Age of Orthodoxy’: The Case of Johann Gerhard’s Homiletic Advice,” In *Fides, Confessio, & Pietas: Studien zur Wirkungsgeschichte der Reformation*, edited by Christoph Barnbock & Christian Neddens, 63-77. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2021.

“How Online Learning May Disadvantage Students from Some Cultures and What to Do About It in the Theology Classroom.” *The Wabash Center Journal On Teaching* 2, no. 1 (2021): 187-202.

“Johann Gerhard’s Transitional Concept of Theologia.” *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte/ Archive for Reformation History* 109 (2018): 231-259.

*Johann Gerhard (1582-1637) and the Conceptualization of Theologia at the Threshold of the “Age of Orthodoxy”*: *The Making of the Theologian*. Göttingen: Edition Ruprecht, 2018.

“The Doctrine of Justification as the ‘Unifying Center’ of Theology and Missions.” In *“Die einigende Mitte”*. *Theologie in konfessioneller und ökumenischer Verantwortung*, edited by Christoph Barnbrock & Gilberto da Silva, 554-568. Göttingen: Edition Ruprecht, 2018.

“The Giant That Couldn’t Sleep: An Active Theology of Missions as Derived from the Lutheran Confessions.” *Lutheran Mission Matters* 25, no. 2 (2017): 229-242.

“The Dubious History of ‘Contextualization’ and the Cautious Case for its Continued Use.” *Lutheran Mission Matters* 25, no. 1 (2017): 49-69.

“The Dual Nature of Evangelism in the Early Church.” *Concordia Journal* 42, no. 4 (2016): 305-321.

“Why Lutheran Education in Africa?” *Missio Apostolica* 23, no. 2 (2015): 206-210.

“A Historical and Sociocultural Analysis of Distance Education in the United States with Implications for Distance Theological Education in Africa.” *Journal of Adult Theological Education* 7, no. 1 (2010): 26-43.

“Reflections of a New Missionary.” *Missio Apostolica* (Nov. 2000): 80-87.

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## PUBLICATIONS: PROFESSIONAL

“COVID-19 as Gospel Metaphor: God’s ‘Outside-In’ Cure for Our ‘Inside-Out’ Disease.” *Lutheran Witness* (June/July 2020): 28.

“Mission (Un)expected. Mission (Im)possible.” Sermon study on Is. 66:18-23 (Pentecost 11). *Concordia Pulpit Resources* 29, part 3, series C (2019): 39-42.

“A Strategic Analysis and Plan for the Cross-cultural Ministry Center.” Historical & SWOT Analysis with Vision Frame, shared with key stakeholders & partners. July 2014.

“Why Lutheran Education in Africa?” *Lutherans Engage the World* 1, no. 1 (2012): 2-4.

“Commentary: Remembering Pastor Wilbert Kreiss.” *Online Reporter* (Nov 3, 2011).

“African Seminary Celebrates Four Graduates, 13 Vicars.” *Online Reporter* (August 5, 2011).

“La Préparation du Sermon.” Course Manual, Centre Luthérien d’Etudes Théologiques, Dapaong, Togo, 2007

“La Parole Vivante: Un Survol des Livres Bibliques du Daniel à l’Apocalypse.” Course Manual, Centre Luthérien d’Etudes Théologiques, Dapaong, Togo, 2006.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

*A Widower’s Lament: The Pious Meditations of Johann Christoph Oelhafen*, by Ronald K. Rittgers, in *Lutheran Quarterly* 36, no. 4 (2022): 438-440.

*Konfession, Politik, und Gelehrsamkeit. Der Jenaer Theologe Johann Gerhard (1582-1637) im Kontext seiner Zeit*, edited by Markus Friedrich, Sascha Salatowsky, & Luise Schorn-Schütte, in *Lutheran Quarterly* 32, no. 1 (2018): 110-112.

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## PUBLIC SPEAKING, SEMINARS, LECTURES

“Mission Bridge Metaphors,” Lutheran Society for Missiology Banquet Address, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, May 1, 2023.

“Mission Bridge Metaphors: Towards a More Joyful and Hopeful Approach to Missions,” Trembath Lecture, Concordia University Irvine, CA, Feb 1, 2023.

“Grounding our mission in God’s Mission: A Theology of Mission for Unsettling Times,” Winter Retreat for three congregations in Los Angeles, CA, via Zoom Feb 13, 2021; Circuit Pastors Retreat, California, Nevada, Hawaii District of the LCMS, in person, Sept 12-13, 2022; Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church Mission Conference, Wheat Ridge, Colorado, in person, May 20, 2023.

“The Dubious History of ‘Contextualization’ and the Cautious Case for Its Continued Use,” paper presented at the Southwest Regional Conference of the Evangelical Missiological Society, Santa Ana, CA, March 20, 2021.

“A Biblical Theology of Mission for Today,” Presentation, Pastors’ Circuit Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Aug 14 & Sept 9, 2020.

“Why We Need a Multicultural Reformation in the Lutheran Church and How To Bring it About,” Presentation, Best Practices in Ministry Conference, Phoenix, CA, Feb 20, 2020.

“Travel Junkies & Philanthropic Endeavors: ‘Service Adventures’ as the New Monasticism,” CUI Bono Presentation, Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, CA, Feb 12, 2020.

“Ethnic Specific or Multi-Ethnic?” presented at the Multicultural Gathering, Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, CA, Nov 27, 2018.

“Exploring the Intersect Between Culture and Online Education: Observations and Questions,” paper presented at the annual conference of the Association of Lutheran College Faculties, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, Sept. 21-22, 2018.

“How the Doctrine of Justification Can Bring Theology and Missions Back Together Again,” paper presented at the Theological Symposium, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, Sept. 2017.

“Seven Theses: A Call for a Multi-Cultural ‘Reformation’ in the Lutheran Church,” presented at the annual retreat of the Oromo Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society, Las Vegas, CA, June 30, 2017, at Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, CA, Nov. 28, 2017 and at the LCMS Pacific Southwest District Convention, Irvine, CA, June 28, 2018.

“The ‘Age of Orthodoxy’ as a Time of Personal Spirituality and Pastoral Care: The Case of Johann Gerhard,” Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Dana Point, April 23, 2017.

“Distance Education, Culture, and Theological Formation: Observations and Questions,” paper presented at the LCMS Theologians’ Conference, Irvine, CA, May 25, 2016.

“God’s Word as a Gift of Hope,” presented at the LCMS Pastors’ Conference of the Pacific Southwest District, Palm Springs, CA, Sept. 27, 2012.

“Pastoral Theology of Marriage” two-day seminar at the international gathering of pastors of the Union of Lutheran Churches in Africa, Centre Luthérien d’Etudes Théologiques, Dapaong, Togo, March 2007.

“Sermon Preparation” seminar at the pastoral conference of the Eglise Luthérienne du Togo, Sadori, Togo, March 2006.

“Christ-centered Hermeneutic” two-day seminar at the pastoral conference of the Eglise Luthérienne du Togo, Sadori, Togo, March 2005.

“The Pastor’s Response to Suffering” seminar delivered to students of the Centre Luthérien d’Etudes Théologiques, Dapaong, Togo, March 2004.

“Created and Equipped to Serve God: The Practice of Christian Giving” two-day seminar at the pastoral conference of the Eglise Luthérienne du Togo, Sadori, Togo, Nov 2003.

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## COURSE DEVELOPEMENT AND TEACHING

### University Courses:

- Global Christian Missions (undergraduate, face-to-face, travel course to West Africa)
- Foundations of Christian Theology (undergraduate, face-to-face)
- Intro to Theological Thought (undergraduate, face-to-face)
- History/Literature of New Testament (undergraduate, face-to-face)
- History of the Christian Church (undergraduate, face-to-face)
- Mission of Christ’s Church (undergraduate, face-to-face)
- Lutheran Confessions (MA Theo, face-to-face & online)
- Reformation Era (MA Theo, face-to-face, face-to-face & online)
- Pastor as Missionary (MA Theo, online)
- Theology & Practice of Christian Mission (MA Theo, online)
- Homiletics II (MA Theo, face-to-face)
- Historical Theology (MA Theo, face-to-face)
- Vicarage/Internship (MA Theo, developed online version and regularly supervise and coach vicars/interns)

### In African Seminaries: Togo, South Africa, Madagascar

- Doctrine Chrétienne II [Christian Doctrine II]
- Théologie Pastorale en Afrique [Pastoral Theology in Africa]
- Confessions Luthériennes I [Lutheran Confessions I]
- Histoire de la Réformation [History of the Reformation]
- Pasteur comme Enseignant [Pastor as Teacher]

- La Théologie de Saint Paul [Theology of St. Paul]
- La Parole Vivante III: Daniel à Apocalypse [The Living Word III: Daniel to Revelation]
- Interprétation de la Bible [Hermeneutics/Interpretation of the Bible]
- Homilétiques I, II [Homiletics I, II]
- Greek I-IV (taught in French & English)
- L'Histoire de l'Eglise Primitive [Early Church History]
- History of Christian Doctrine: Middle Ages
- History of Christian Doctrine: Post-Reformation
- History of the Church in Africa
- Pastor as Educator

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## SERVICE TO CHURCH

<b>Member</b> , Editorial Committee, <i>Lutheran Mission Matters</i> (LSFM)	2020-present
<b>Certified Mission Coach</b> , Center for US Missions & The 2:47 Network	2019-present
<b>Participant</b> , Multicultural Ministries Network, Pacific Southwest District of LCMS	2017-2020
<b>Instructor</b> , Reformation Bible Study, Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Forest, CA	2017-2018
<b>Member</b> , Board of Directors, Crean Lutheran High School, Irvine, CA	2017-2025
<b>Member</b> , Board of Directors, Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso, TX	2017-2020
<b>Lead Fundraiser</b> , All Nations Endowment at Concordia University Irvine	2015-2025
<b>Member</b> , Board of Directors, Center for US Missions, Irvine, CA	2013-2019
<b>Assessor</b> , Church Planters Assessment, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, CA	2013

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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

<b>Cultural Intelligence Certified Facilitator</b> , Cultural Intelligence Center	2022-present
<b>Ordained minister</b> , on the roster of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	2000-present
<b>Member</b> , Lutheran Society for Missiology	2014-present
<b>Member</b> , Society for Reformation Research	2015-present
<b>Member</b> , Society of Concordia Theological Faculties	2012-present
<b>Member</b> , Evangelical Missiological Society	2018-present

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## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Cultural Intelligence Train-The-Trainer Program**, Cultural Intelligence Center 2022
- Cultural Intelligence Certification Program**, Cultural Intelligence Center 2022
- Mission Coach Certification Training**, Center for US Missions 2019
- French**, one semester of French studies, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE. 2001
- Pathways Missionary Training**, a two-year missionary on-the-field training program consisting of 25 modules/courses (LCMS World Mission). 1999-2001
- French**, completed an on-the-field French language learning program of the Foreign Services Institute of the U.S. 1999-2000
- Program in Language Acquisition Techniques (PILAT)**, a two-week training program in language learning techniques, Mission Training International, Colorado Springs, CO. *May-June, 1998*
- French**, one semester of French studies, Laval University, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. 1998

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## LANGUAGES

- **French** – fluent (speaking, reading, and writing)
- **Spanish** – proficient
- **German** – working reading knowledge
- **Latin** – reading/translation proficiency (into English)
- **Biblical Greek** – advanced reading/translation proficiency (into English and French)
- **Biblical Hebrew** – reading/translation proficiency (into English)
- **Moba** (traditional African language in northern Togo/Ghana) – working knowledge

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## CROSS-CULTURAL GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

- **Ethiopia** – Exploratory trip researching potential partnership between Concordia University Irvine, Lutheran Bible Translators, and Mekane Iesus Seminary 2024
- **Burkina Faso & Togo** – Taught/led a team of students to Burkina Faso and Togo for three weeks in partnership with the Lutheran Church of Togo. 2018
- **Africa** – Living/working in Togo and South Africa for thirteen years and working with/visiting church bodies in other African countries (e.g., Ivory Coast, Guinea, Benin, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Madagascar). 1999 – 2012
- **France** – Occasional visits to France (e.g., Paris, Strasbourg) to visit and work with leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church – Synod of France. 2004, 2008

- **Sidik, Togo** – Learning the Moba language by ten months of immersion into village life. 2000-2001
- **Quebec City, Quebec, Canada** – Living/studying French for five months. 1998
- **Bangkok, Thailand** – Teaching English and evangelizing for six weeks at Concordia Gospel Ministry Center in collaboration with a local university. 1996
- **Israel** – Archeological excavation for seven weeks of the ancient Philistine city of Ekron, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. 1993
- **Quetzaltenango, Guatemala**, living/studying Spanish for six weeks during which lived with Guatemalan family, Independent study for Concordia College, NE. 1992