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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies

May, 2010

Biola University, Cook School of Intercultural Studies

- Dissertation Title: *Christianity and Animism in a South Pacific Society: Four ecclesiastical approaches toward animism*
- Dissertation Chair: Douglas Hayward

M.Div. Anderson School of Theology, Anderson, IN.

May, 1999

B.A. University of California, Irvine

June, 1995

- Major: Classical Civilization
- Minor: Linguistics
- Honors: Eta Sigma Phi (Classical Honors Society)

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT (* indicates I also designed the course)

Undergraduate:

- *Teachings of world religions
- *Humans, land and Power
- *Introduction to Linguistics
- Introduction to the New Testament
- *International Missions
- *Biblical foundations of Global social Responsibility
- *Globalization and culture
- Contemporary issues in Intercultural Studies
- History of Christianity
- Themes in biblical literature
- Introduction to the Pentateuch
- *New Religious Movements

Graduate

- *Cultural Anthropology
- *Method and Theory of Missions

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

- Belhaven University** 2012-present
Assistant Professor of International Studies, Department Chair
Responsibilities include: designing an International Studies major and an Intercultural studies major; marketing the program through admissions and electronic media, teaching four classes per semester; monitoring academic outcomes and adjusting curriculum to meet those outcomes; advising students in the International Studies major; advising students on their overseas internships and studies abroad; advising the Student Mission Fellowship; developing online curriculum; overseeing ICS instructors in the online and satellite campuses; coordinating the efforts of other professors (Pol Sci, religion, business professors) in the ICS department; working with the provost and president to create new ways to deliver educational programs through ICS to missions organizations in the USA and to NGOs abroad.
- Biola University** 2012-present
Adjunct professor
Courses taught: Method and Theory of Missions (doctoral level)
- Talua College, Vanuatu** 2011-2012
Lecturer
Responsibilities: developing curriculum for the Bachelor's of Ministry program, and teaching cultural anthropology and "new religious movements" to ni-Vanuatu pastors in the B.Min program.
- Liberty University** 2011-present
Adjunct Faculty, Online School of Religion
Responsibilities: teaching Modern missionary methods and Intro to missions.
- Indiana Wesleyan University** 2010-present
Adjunct Faculty, Online School of Religion
Responsibilities include: teaching Survey of the New Testament, the Pentateuch, World religions, and Themes in biblical literature; facilitating discussions on Blackboard, and giving students feedback on their papers.

PASTORAL AND MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

Wycliffe Bible Translators

2000-present

Seed Company (2012-present). Guest Bible Scholar. Responsibilities include: Bible translation consulting; developed a semantic representation for the book of Acts, used by the software “Bible Translator’s Assistant.”

Translation consultant, Vanuatu (2009- 2012). Responsibilities included: consulting Wycliffe teams on their translations of vernacular materials and developing translation helps for Wycliffe teams.

Anthropology coordinator for SIL Vanuatu and Pacific area anthropology consultant (2009-present).

Responsibilities include: publishing on the anthropology of Christianity in Vanuatu; attending professional anthropology meetings; developing anthropological materials for SIL; teaching courses on anthropology at SIL training institutions; conducting workshops in anthropology; and consulting teams on their mandatory anthropology papers.

Translation advisor, Vanuatu (2002-2012). Responsibilities: preaching regularly; engaging in evangelism and discipleship cross-culturally; performing lexicographic analysis; creating an orthography and literacy primers; writing grammars; producing films and audio programs in vernacular; surveying related languages; developing literacy materials; training people in literacy, evangelism, healthcare and translation; advising the translation of the New Testament; and developing financial partners to fund the ministry.

The Connection Church, Fountain Valley CA

1999-2002

Pastor to families

Main responsibilities included: casting vision; engaging in evangelism and discipleship; preaching regularly; recruiting and training volunteers; planning events; visitation; and administering baptism, the Lord’s supper, weddings and funerals.

Grace Church, Elwood, IN

1995-99

Senior Pastor

Main responsibilities included: vision-casting; engaging in evangelism and discipleship; preaching; recruiting and training volunteers; planning; visitation;

overseeing the budget; and administering baptism, the Lord's supper, weddings and funerals.

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS PUBLISHED

(2012). *Nakwakwa kape Kughen* [New Testament in the Southwest Tanna language]. K. Nehrbass, J Aiyoh, Kilion Yo, et. al., transl. Orlando, FL: Wycliffe Bible Translators.

(2012). *Christianity and animism in Melanesia: Four approaches to Gospel and Culture*. Pasadena, Ca: William Carey Library.

(2012). *A comparison of lexemes in the major languages of Tanna (Vanuatu)*. Dallas, Tx: Summer Institute of Linguistics.

(2009). *Anthropological field guide for Vanuatu*. Port Vila, Vanuatu: SIL Vanuatu.

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES PUBLISHED

(forthcoming) "The half-life of missiological facts." *Missiology*.

(2013) "The Haystack Revival." In D. Mitchell & E. Hindson (Eds.), *Popular Encyclopedia of Christian History*: Eugene, OR: Harvest House.

(2012) "Korean Missiology: A Survey of dissertations and theses from Western Institutions." *Reformed Life Theology and Mission*. (2012, vol. 2). 149-173

(2012) "Translator's toolbox: How Bible translation techniques can help anyone communicate the Gospel cross-culturally." *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*. April, 198-204.

(2011). Dealing with Disaster: Critical contextualization of misfortune in an animistic setting. *Missiology*, 39 (4). 459-471.

(2011). Formal Theological Education in Vanuatu: Hopes, challenges and solutions. *Melanesian Journal of Theology*, 27 (2). 54-72.

(2007). "God's Story." *Word&Deed*, 6 (2).

(2007). "Megabenefits from Megavoice." *Word&Deed*, 6 (2).

REVIEWS PUBLISHED

(2013). [Review of the book *Multilingual God*]. *Missiology*, 41 (3). pp. 359-360.

(2012) [Review of the book *Summoning the Powers Beyond: Traditional Religions in Micronesia*]. *Missiology*, 40 (4). p. 486.

(2011). [Review of the book *Sanguma in Paradise: Sorcery, Witchcraft and Christianity in Papua New Guinea, Point No. 33*]. *Missiology*, 39 (3). pp. 248-249.

(2010). [Review of the book *Gender, Christianity and Change in Vanuatu*]. *Missiology*, 38 (3). pp. 361-362.

(2009). [Review of the book *In God's Image: The metaculture of Fijian Christianity*]. *Missiology*, 37 (3). pp. 429-430.

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES PUBLISHED

(2012). "Six language Tanna Dictionary Published." *Daily Post*. (April 7, 2012).

(2011). "Technology in Translation: Bible software developments and the internet make the work seamless." *Beyond Words*. (Autumn).

(2011). "More than a volcano: Other must sees on Tanna." *Island Spirit*, 54. (April-June). p. 42-43

(2011). "Trucks and Translation." *Rev 7. 6* (Winter). p. 2-4.

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

Intro to the Pentateuch, Survey of the New Testament, Cultural Anthropology, New Religious Movements, Themes in Biblical Literature, Modern missionary issues and problems, Globalization and culture, International missions, Global Christian social responsibility, Teachings of world religions, Intro to linguistics, Humans, land and power.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Informal presenter, "Adoption in Oceania" Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO)	Feb., 2013
Gospel and Culture Grid Evangelical Missiological Society, SW Region	March 2012
"Comprehensive Comparison of Lexemes in Tanna" International Conference on the languages of Vanuatu Australia National University	October 2011
Conference organizer, moderator and keynote speaker "Anthropological Themes in Vanuatu": SIL Vanuatu	July 2011
Keynote Speaker for International Literacy Day "Lexicography in Vanuatu" University of the South Pacific, Emalus Campus	Sept. 2010
Lecturer, Probe Course, Anthropology; Bible Translation Methods Wycliffe New South Wales, Australia	Dec. 2009

Presenter, Informal Session on “Christian Politics” Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO)	Feb. 2008
Conference Speaker for the Vernacular Education Workshop, Vanuatu Department of Education	Aug. 2006
AFFILIATIONS	
Korean Evangelical Missiological Society (Moderator for the journal)	2012-present
Member Great Commission Research Network	2009 – present
Member American Missiological Society	2008 – present
Member Evangelical Missiological Society	2008 – present
Member Folklore Society (UK)	2008 – 2010
Member of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania	2007 - present
CERTIFICATIONS	
Certificate Workplace Training, Australia Dept. Education	2006
Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, IN	May 1998
GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS	
Reviewer for a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation	2012
Grant to Return Knowledge to Indigenous communities Award: \$1000.00 Association of Social Anthropology	2012
Distinguished Alumnus Award, Anderson SOT, Anderson, IN	2007
ORDINATION	
Southern Baptist Convention	
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	
Lecturer, EQUIP (Melbourne, Aus.)	Jan/Feb 2012
Lecturer, Joy Bible Institute	Jan 2011/2012

Vanuatu

Lecturer, Galilee Ministerial and Rural Training Center,
Vanuatu 2006 – 2008

Lecturer, Southern Islands Presbyterian Bible College,
Vanuatu 2005 – 2008

Trainer, Certificate in Translation,
Tanna, Vanuatu 2003 – present

Spanish teacher, King's Academy High School,
Upland, IN 1996 – 1999

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, Koine Greek, Bislama (Vanuatu), Nivhaar (SW Tanna,
Vanuatu)

COUNTRIES I HAVE WORKED IN OR DONE RESEARCH IN

USA, Spain, Mexico, Canada, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, New
Caledonia, Vanuatu, Australia, Thailand.

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Featured on "700 Club" November 27, 2007

Interviewed on Life 90 FM (Vanuatu) August 31, 2008

EXTENDED EDUCATION

Translation Consultant Training Course Jan. 2009

Emalus Linguistic Lectures May 2007
Univ. South Pacific, Vanuatu

Pacific Area SIL Discourse Analysis Workshop Jan. 2006

"Telling the Truth" Conference on evangelizing
Postmoderns May 1998
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School