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Education

2009	Brunel University/London School of Theology London, United Kingdom	Doctor of Philosophy (New Testament Studies)
2005	Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky	Master of Divinity
2001	Caribbean Wesleyan College Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland Jamaica	Diploma in Theology (Magna Cum Laude)

Language Proficiency

French	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Native
Haitian Creole	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Native
English	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Fluent Level
Spanish	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Advanced Level
Russian	Reading, Speaking, Listening	Conversational Level
Koine Greek	Reading	Advanced Level
Classical Latin	Reading	Intermediate Level
Biblical Hebrew	Reading	Intermediate Level
German	Reading	Basic Level

Ordination

2010 Ordained Minister of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti, Northern District

Academic Appointments

Indiana Wesleyan University
School of Theology and Ministry
4201 South Washington Street
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Professor of New Testament &
Ancient Languages (2016 –)
Associate Professor of New Testament &
Ancient Languages (2011 – 2016)

Asbury Theological Seminary
Wilmore, Kentucky

Affiliate Professor of New Testament (2010 –)
Adjunct Professor of New Testament (2009 – 2010)
Adjunct Instructor of Biblical Languages (2005 – 2009)

Caribbean Wesleyan College
Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica

Visiting Faculty (2011 –)
Academic Dean (2005 – 2011)
Biblical Studies Faculty (2005 – 2011)

Vladimir Wesleyan Evangelical Bible
College
Vladimir, Russia

Visiting Faculty (January 2003, January 2004)

Awards

- 2017 Lilly Endowment *Accelerate Indiana* Grant (\$2,650.00), Indiana Wesleyan University. Lead 15 students on a Biblical Studies Field Trip to attend the Midwest Region Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, visit the University of Notre Dame, and explore the cultural centers of South Bend, Indiana.
- 2017 Hinds Fellowship Award – Research Load Release & \$3,500.00 Research Funds for 2017-18 Academic Year, Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2016 Hinds Fellowship Award – Research Load Release & \$3,500.00 Research Funds for 2016-17 Academic Year, Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2015 End of Year Research Funding Award (\$1,200.00), Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2015 Hinds Fellowship Award – Research Load Release for 2015-16 Academic Year, Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2013 Lilly Faculty Research Load Award, Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2013 Lilly Scholarship Fund Award (\$2,000.00), Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2005 Zondervan Award for Excellence in New Testament Greek, Asbury Theological Seminary
- 2005 Elected to the International Honor Society of Theta Phi
- 2005 Towel and Basin Award for Servant Leadership, Asbury Theological Seminary
- 2005 Excellence in Biblical Studies Award, Asbury Theological Seminary

- 2004 Wilbur T. Dayton Award for Scholarship and Leadership Potentials in the Wesleyan Church, Asbury Wesleyan Community
- 2004 Elected to עבר, the National Honor Society of Students of Hebrew Language and Culture
- 2001 Valedictorian, Caribbean Wesleyan College, Jamaica

Publications

Books

A Narratological Reading of 1 Peter (Library of New Testament Studies 440; London: T&T Clark, 2012).

Shaping Theological Education in the Caribbean: A Community Approach (co-edited with Dieumème Noelliste, Trinidad: Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association, 2011).

FORTHCOMING:

Reading the Law from the Margins (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2017).

Hearing and Doing the Word of God (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2019).

The Book of James: One Book Daily-Weekly Bible Study (Franklin, TN: Seedbed Publishing, 2019).

Articles & Book Chapters

Review of Timo Eskola, *A Narrative Theology of the New Testament: Exploring The Metanarrative of Exile and Restoration* (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament, 350; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2017)

Review of Benjamin Sargent, *Written to Serve: The Use of Scripture in 1 Peter* (Library of New Testament Studies, 547; London: Bloomsbury, 2015), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2017)

“New Testament Perspectives on Leadership.” Pages 83-92 in *Leadership the Wesleyan Way: An Anthology for Forming Leaders in Wesleyan Thought and Practice* (ed. Aaron Perry and Bryan Easley; Lexington: Emeth Press, 2016).

“Social Holiness in James and 1 Peter.” Pages 29-40 in *Holy Imagination: Thinking About Social Holiness* (ed. Nathan Crawford, Jonathan Dodrill, and David Wilson; Lexington: Emeth Press, 2015).

Review of Chantal Reynier, *Pour Lire La Lettre de Saint Paul aux Romains* (Paris: Cerf, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2015)

Review of Daniel Keating, *First and Second Peter, Jude* (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Reinhard Neudecker, *Moses Interpreted by the Pharisees and Jesus: Matthew’s Antitheses in the Light of Early Rabbinic Literature* (Subsidia Biblica 44; Rome: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2012), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Marie-Laure Veyron, *Le Toucher dans les Évangiles* (Lire la Bible 176; Paris: Cerf, 2013), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Matthew V. Johnson, James A. Noel, and Demetrius K. Williams, eds, *Onesimus Our Brother: Reading Religion, Race, and Culture in Philemon* (Mineapolis: Fortress, 2012), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Yann Redalié, *La Deuxième Épître aux Thessaloniens* (Commentaire du Nouveau Testament IXc; Genève: Labor et Fides, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough, *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey* (3rd ed., Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014).

Review of Karen A. Longman (ed.), *Thriving in Leadership: Strategies for Making a Difference in Christian Higher Education* (Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press, 2012), *Teaching Theology and Religion* 16.3 (July, 2013).

Review of Russell Pregeant, *Encounter with the New Testament: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, *Review of Biblical Literature* 12 (2010), pp. 337-40.

“Theology of Missions,” in *Global Voices: International Leaders Identify Critical Issues Facing the Church* (co-authored with Larisa Levicheva; ed. Joy Bray; Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2008), 67-77.

FORTHCOMING:

“Caribbean Hermeneutics” in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Kansas City, MO: Nazarene Publishing House, 2017)

“Communal Holiness” in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Kansas City, MO: Nazarene Publishing House, 2017)

“Commentary on 1 Peter” in *The Wesley One-Volume Commentary on the Bible* (ed. Joel B. Green and Kenneth J. Collins; Nashville: Abingdon, 2017)

“The Petrine Letters” in *The State of New Testament Studies* (ed. Nijay Gupta and Scot McKnight; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2018)

Papers

“Their story, Our Story: The use of Exodus imagery in the Prophets and Dead Sea Scrolls and its appropriation in 1 Peter.” Kingswood University, New Brunswick, Canada. March 22, 2017.

“The Background and Implications of the Language of New Birth in 1 Peter.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. St. Mary’s College, University of Notre Dame; South Bend, IN. February 10-12, 2017.

“Daughters of Huldah, Sons of the Queen?: Response to T. L. Birge, “A Closer Look at Huldah: Biblical Precedent for Female Tempered-Radicals.” Graduate Students Research Seminar. The Wesleyan World Headquarters, Fishers, IN. September 16-17, 2016.

“The Background and Implications of the Language of New Birth in 1 Peter.” Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. March 11-12, 2016.

“The Language and Experience of New Birth in Cultural Contexts.” Panel Discussion. Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. March 11-12, 2016.

“Reading the Law from the Margins.” Principium Faculty Lecture Series, Indiana Wesleyan University. February 1, 2016.

“Integrity: A Core Biblical and Theological Value.” Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association Biennial Consultation, *Integrity in Theological Education in the Caribbean*. Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. March 17, 2015.

“Holiness and Community in James and 1 Peter.” Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Mount Vernon, OH. March 6-7, 2015.

“Their story, Our Story: The use of Exodus imagery in the Prophets and Dead Sea Scrolls and its appropriation in 1 Peter.” *Institute for Biblical Research*, ‘Relationship Between Old Testament and New Testament’ Section. The Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Baltimore, MD; November 2013.

“Taking Aim: Looking Back and Looking Forward.” Response to Ben Witherington, “Did the Canon Misfire? The Story of how the NT was assembled.” Passages: Colorado Springs Speakers Series; Green Scholars Initiative. Colorado Springs, CO; July 30, 2013.

“From Eden to Jerusalem: Toward a Wesleyan Perspective on Spiritual Transformation,” A Doctrinal Symposium on Human Nature, Board of General Superintendents Initiative, The Wesleyan Church, June 2010.

Seminars and Lectures

“La Sainteté, la Sanctification, et le Salut.” Sommet National des Pasteurs Wesleyens (National Wesleyan Pastors’ Summit). Port-au-Prince, Haiti. November 1-3, 2016.

“L’Aspect Communautaire de la Sainteté.” HAWENEM. Anderson, SC. August 7, 2015.

“Les Caractéristiques Distinctives de l’Église Wesleyenne Arminienne.” Northern District of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti. Fauché, Port Margot, Haïti. July 23-25, 2015.

“Les Caractéristiques Distinctives de l’Église Wesleyenne Arminienne.” Northern District of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti. Cap-Haïtien, Haïti. March 14, 2015.

“Slavery and the Bible.” Green Scholars Initiative Lecture Series. Yale University, New Haven, CT. October 31, 2014.

“A Holiness that Matters: Preaching and Teaching Holiness in the 21st Century and Beyond.” The Stream Theological Symposium, *Applied Ministry in the South Pacific Today*. Auckland, New Zealand, August 7-9, 2014.

“Expanding to Global Markets – IWU: A Global Christian University.” IWU Graduate Faculty Retreat, Wabash, IN; April 28, 2014.

“Qualitative Research: Constructing a Cogent Argument.” Research Seminar, Indiana Wesleyan University, March 18, 2014.

“Méthode d’Étude Biblique Inductive.” Seminar on the Inductive Bible Study Method. Ministère Pour la Guérison des Nations: Namur, Belgium. November 25-28, 2013.

“The Infiltration of Superstitious Practices and Beliefs in the Church and their Impact on Christian Life.” Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of Télé Louange: Haitian Christian Television Network. Boston, MA; June 8, 2013.

“Living a Holy Life in an Unholy Society.” Interview with Télé Louange, Haitian Christian Television Network. Boston, MA; July 2012.

“Not at Home: Lessons for Living from James and Peter.” Chambers Family Camp, Chambers, NY; July 1-8, 2012.

“Pedagogies for Diverse Learning Communities.” Indiana Wesleyan Faculty Panel, 2012 CCCU New Faculty Institute, Marion, IN; June 7, 2012.

“Practical Holiness, Powerful Witness” (with Larisa Levicheva), Fifth Wesleyan National Convention, The Wesleyan Holiness Church in Jamaica, December 28-31, 2009.

Thesis Supervision & Examination

2011 External Examiner for Louise Karsney Onen Ongeya, “The Existence of a Jewish Remnant as Evidence of God’s Redemption Plan for Israel.” Master of Theology thesis supervised at South African Theological Seminary, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Sermons

“To Be Present, and Not Be Seen: Joseph and the Nativity Story” – Matthew 1-2. SAGE MINISTRIES, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. December 4, 2016.

“The will to Obey” – Luke 22:39-46. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University. October 5, 2016.

“Souvenirs d’Enfance” – 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:1-3; Luke 18:15-17; Hosea 11:1-11. Église Wesleyenne d’Haïti, Rue 23 I, Cap-Haïtien, Haïti. March 15, 2015.

“Memories of Childhood” – 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:1-3; Luke 18:15-17; Hosea 11:1-11. Solas Wesleyan Holiness Church, Westmoreland, Jamaica. December 7, 2014.

“Memories of Childhood” – 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:1-3; Luke 18:15-17; Hosea 11:1-11. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University. November 10, 2014.

“Sing the Silence” – Psalm 67. East City Wesleyan Church; Auckland, New Zealand. August 10, 2014.

“There and Back Again” – Ruth. SAGE MINISTRIES, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. September 8, 2013.

“Regardez au-delà de ce que vous voyez” – Esaïe 6:18. Tabernacle Voix de l’Evangile, Boston, MA. June 9, 2013.

“Look beyond what you see!” – Isaiah 6:1-8. FLAME, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. May 16, 2013.

“A Father like no other” – 1 Peter 1. Ricketts River Wesleyan Holiness Church, Westmoreland, Jamaica. May 5, 2013.

“What the mirror tells” – James 1:19-27. Cox Deeper Life Series. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN. March 22, 2013.

“To be, but not to belong: Rooted in the Word, Engaged in the World, An Incarnational Mandate” – John 17:11-19. International Council for Evangelical Theological Education Consultation. Nairobi, Kenya. October 19, 2012.

Editorial

Editorial Board: *Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology*

Professional Activities

Memberships

- Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- Institute for Biblical Research
- International Council for Evangelical Theological Education
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Wesleyan Theological Society

Offices

- Member at Large, Executive Committee, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- Chair, Theological Commission, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- Member, Board of the Governors of the Francis Asbury Society
- Member of the Accreditation Commission, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- Member, Higher Learning Commission Peer Corps

Service at Indiana Wesleyan University

- Chair, Assessment Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2016 –)
- Member, Intercultural Advisory Council, College of Arts and Sciences (2015 –)
- Member, Global Studies Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2015 –)
- Assessment Fellow; School of Theology and Ministry (2012 –)
- Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Theology and Ministry (2013 – 2016)
- Member , Marketing Committee; School of Theology and Ministry (2012 – 2016)
- Member, Assessment Committee; College of Arts and Sciences (2012 – 2016)
- Interim Member, Academic Affairs Council (Fall Semester 2014)
- Interim Member, University Assessment Council (2013 – 2014)
- Member, John Wesley Honors College Committee (2012 – 2013)
- Member at Large, University Global Initiative Council (2011 – 2015)

Local Church & District Appointments

Savanna-la-Mar Wesleyan Holiness Church, Jamaica: Youth Pastor (2000–2001)

L’Eglise Wesleyenne d’Haiti du Limbé, Haiti: Temporary Pastor (May–September 2000)

Member of the Judicial Board, Northern District of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti (1995-1996)

Other Ministry & Community Involvements

The Francis Asbury Society
2016 –

Member, Executive Board of Directors

The DecAid Project
2011 –

Member, Executive Board of Directors

Asbury Theological Seminary
Office Community Life
2004 – 2005

Chapel Intern: Intercultural Assistant
(Worship Design, Spiritual Formation of Students,
Interculturalization of Worship)

World Hope International
1998 – 2003

Translation of materials from English to French for Teacher
Training Seminars
Interpret during Teaching Sessions
Teach on Leadership and Contextualization

Campus Crusade for Christ
1996 – 1997

Translate materials for evangelism, team training, and
seminars from English to French
Interpret during teaching sessions
Team Coordinator, showings of the Jesus Film

Youth With a Mission
September 1996 – March 1997

Discipleship Training School
Mission work in the Dominican Republic

Teaching Experience

Graduate (M.Div., M.A.) (Classroom & Online Instruction)

Christian Proclamation
Concise Greek
Elementary Greek I
Exegesis: Acts of the Apostles
Hermeneutics for Ministry
Introduction to Biblical Studies: Inductive Bible Study
Introduction to Biblical Studies: New Testament
Introduction to Theology
Mark (Inductive Bible Study)
New Testament Introduction
The Bible as Christian Scripture

Undergraduate (Dipl. Th., A.A., B.A.) (Classroom Instruction)

Advanced Greek
Advanced Topics in Biblical Studies: Luke-Acts
Advanced Topics in Biblical Studies: Pauline Letters
Apocalyptic Literature
Child Evangelism
Contemporary Theological Trends
Johannine Literature
General Epistles
Inductive Bible Study
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics
Introduction to Homiletics I & II
Introduction to Music and Worship
Introduction to Theology I & II
Life and Teachings of Jesus
New Testament Exegesis: 1 Peter
New Testament Exegesis: Romans
New Testament Greek I & II
New Testament Survey
Old Testament Introduction
Theology of John Wesley