

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012 – present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
(Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria, Pretoria - SA)

2010 – present **Lecturer at St Augustine College of South Africa**
(Private Catholic University, www.staugustine.ac.za, Johannesburg - SA)

SUBJECTS TAUGHT (all the courses were designed by JU):

- ❖ UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:
 - *Introduction to Philosophy*
 - *Philosophy of God*
 - *Fundamental Theology*
 - *Church History (Reformation Period)*
 - *Buddhist-Christian Dialogue*
 - *Christian Ethics*
- ❖ POSTGRADUATE LEVEL: *Philosophy of Religion*

2007 – 2012 **Literary Agent at Święty Wojciech Publishing House (Poznan - PL)**

2004 – 2012 **Translator (French – Polish / English – Polish)**

- **LECTURES** held at **A. Mickiewicz University** (Poznan - PL)
- **BOOKS** – for **Święty Wojciech Publishing House** (Poznan - PL)
 - Richard Purtill, *C.S. Lewis' case for the Christian faith*, 2012
 - Larry Richards, *Be a man! Becoming the man God created you to be*, 2009
 - Dennis Gira, Fabrice Midal, *Jésus-Bouddha. Quelle rencontre possible?*, 2006
 - Yves Semen, *Sexualité selon Jean-Paul II*, 2004

ACADEMIC PROFILE

- 2013 – 2014 **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**
(Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria, SA)
[Human Rights and Religious Diversity within the Contemporary South African Context: Hans Küng's Christian Universalism in dialogue with Modern Theologies of Religious Pluralism]
- 2009 **DPhil** (*European University of Brittany, Brest - FR*) *** with distinction
DTh (*A. Mickiewicz University, Poznan - PL*) *** with distinction
[Why isn't it like it should be? Buddhist and Christian intuition of the wretchedness of the human condition in the life and writings of Emile Cioran]
- 2006 – 2009 **Doctoral studies:** Philosophy of Religion (CO-TUTELLE)
European University of Brittany, Brest - FR / A. Mickiewicz University, Poznan - PL
- 2006 **MTh** (*A. Mickiewicz University, Poznan - PL*) *** with distinction
[Dramatic nature of human sexuality in Karol Wojtyla's / John Paul II's theology of the body]
- 2004 – 2005 **ERASMUS** (one year scholarship): Theology
l'Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers – FR
- 2002 – 2006 **Master studies** in Theology
A. Mickiewicz University, Poznan - PL
- 2006 **Metric** (majoring in Philosophy & Human Sciences) *** with distinction
High School No. 2, Poznan - PL

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND INTEREST

- Philosophy of Religion (in particular encounter between faith and unfaith)
- Theology of Religious Pluralism
- Interfaith Dialogue (in particular Buddhist-Christian dialogue)
- Continental Philosophy (in particular Christian Existentialism & Hermeneutics)
- Alternative (literary and film) worlds and their theological-religious potential

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY

- Sophisticated computer and network administration skills
- Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, etc.)

LANGUAGES

- **Polish** (native language)
- Fluent in **English**, in which I have conducted most of my lecturing experience
- Fluent in **French**
- Fair understanding of **Latin** and **Greek**
- Some understanding of spoken **Italian**
- Learning **IsiZulu** (beginner)

VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2012 – 2013 Member of LIONS INTERNATIONAL (Florida Club, Johannesburg, RSA)
- 2010 – 2013 FIDESCO volunteer: a full time lecturer in Philosophy and Theology at St Augustine College of South Africa, www.fidesco-international.org
- 2007 – 2010 Volunteer at *Hospice du Grand Saint Bernard*, Switzerland (during summer holidays)
- 2004 – 2005 Coordinator of the *Academic Missiological Society* (A. Mickiewicz University, Poznan - PL)
- 2003 – 2005 Volunteer at the *Older Brother / Older Sister* Foundation helping the blind children (Poznan - PL)

SCHOLARLY, RESEARCH-BASED CONTRIBUTIONS

SUPERVISION & EXAMINATION

- ❖ Supervision – Master in Theology:
 - Charles Uloko: *A critique of the christological implications in Jacques Dupuis' religious pluralism* (St Augustine College – in process)
 - Craig Van der Merve: *The death of God, past and present: Moltmann and Altizer on 'how God has died'* (St Augustine College – in process)
 - Walter van Wyk: *Wolfhart Pannenberg's christology as a challenge to the present crisis in the Dutch-Reformed Church in South Africa* [provisional topic] (University of Pretoria – in process)
* co-supervision with Prof Graham Duncan
 - Linus Nwagbo: *Catholic teaching on withdrawing artificial support systems with reference to the case of Terri Schiavo* (St Augustine College – graduated in 2011)
- ❖ External Examination – Doctoral Level:
 - Prof Corneliu C. Simut: *The Making of Contemporary Catholic Radicalism: Hans Kueng, Edward Schillebeeckx, and Vito Mancuso* (University of Pretoria, Faculty of Theology – 2013) * Doctor of Divinity by virtue of publications
- ❖ External Examination – Honours / Bachelor in Theology:
 - Lauren Matthew: *Are there similarities between Jacques Derrida's ideas about deconstruction and "differance" and the apophatic tradition as expressed in the writings of Meister Eckhart?* (University of KwaZulu-Natal – 2011)
 - External Examination for Theology Programme at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (on regular basis since 2012)

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SHORT COURSES

- **Order and Disorder in the Age of Globalization(s): Philosophy and the Development of Cultures** – COMIUCAP World Congress (St Augustine College, Johannesburg: 13-17 November 2013) – co-organiser & speaker: *To trust in the midst of multi-ordered reality: Religion as a source of (dis)order*
- **Writing for Impact: Setting the Hook** (University of Pretoria Early Career Researcher Programme, 6 November 2013) – participant
- **Supervision: Practitioner's insights on good supervision** (University of Pretoria Early Career Researcher Programme, 30 October 2013) – participant
- **The Paradox of Liberation and Religion** – Conference of the Australian Association for the Study of Religions (University of South Australia, Adelaide, South Australia: 2-4 October 2013) – speaker: *Liberation as a correlate of religiosity: A Christian-Muslim perspective on fundamental trust*
- **DST/NRF Postdoctoral Fellowship Funding: Information Support Session** (University of Pretoria, 23 July 2013) – participant
- **Research Orientation Workshop: Funding & Research Africa Information Session** (University of Pretoria Early Career Researcher Programme, 9 May 2013) – participant
- **Research Orientation Workshop: Write Winning Grant Applications for Research** (University of Pretoria Early Career Researcher Programme, 6 February 2013) – participant
- **The Legacy of Vatican II** (Koinonia, Johannesburg: 10-12 September 2012) – participant
- **Spiritual Direction in the African Context** (St Augustine College, Johannesburg: 24-27 June 2012) – organiser and participant
- **Memory: Impressions, Expressions, Reflections** (Department of English Studies, UNISA, Pretoria: 28-30 March 2012) – speaker: *Religion as Memory – Memory as Religion*
- **Mysticism without Bounds** (Bangalore, India: 5-8 January 2011) – speaker: *Dukkha – Passio: Buddhist and Christian meanings of suffering in the context of mystical experience*

- **CARITAS IN VERITATE. The Social Doctrine of the Church: Leaven for Integral Development** (Accra, Ghana, 26-29 September 2010) – delegate from South Africa
- **"Eat the Scroll" (Rev. 10:9): Scripture's Challenge to Church and Society** (St Augustine College, Johannesburg: 20-22 September 2010) – participant
- **New Directions in Economics and Ethics: towards a New World Order** (Parktown, Johannesburg: 15-16 September 2010) – participant
- **Many Faces of Jesus: short course by Fr Gerry O'Collins, SJ** (Jesuit Institute's Theological Winter School, Mazenod Centre, Germiston: 20-22 July 2010) – participants

Preparation of the international conferences held at St Augustine College of South Africa:

- ***Order and Disorder in the Age of Globalization(s): Philosophy and the Development of Cultures*** (COMIUCAP World Congress & General Assembly, 13-17 November 2013)
- ***Humanities and Social Sciences in an African Context: Education for Life*** (1-3 November 2012)
- ***Spiritual Direction in the African Context*** (24-27 June 2012)
- ***Faith in the face of Secularism*** (28-31 August 2011)
- International Interfaith Conference organised by the *Turquoise Harmony Institute* (2014) – member of the organising committee
- Fundraising Committee at St Augustine College of South Africa – member
- Leading University Choir at St Augustine College (2010-2013)

MEMBERSHIP OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BODIES

- **Catholic Theological Society of South Africa** – member
- **Jesuit Institute South Africa** – collaboration in organising conferences
- **Lions International** – member (Florida-Johannesburg Club)

GUEST TALKS

- **Ongoing Formation of Clergy, Archdiocese of Johannesburg** (November 2012): *Key Perspectives from Vatican II: Apostolicam Actuositatem*
- **Men of God Formation Session** (September 2011): *Where is sacrum, where profanum?*
- **Newman Society in Port Elizabeth** (October 2010): *"Where is God?" The Sacred / Secular Distinction in Christian Theology and Outlook*

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