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**Personal:** Born: July 25, 1950

Entered Discalced Carmelite Order (Roman Catholic): August 15, 1972

Ordained to Priesthood: September 13, 1982

**Education:** Cornell University, 1968-1972

B.A. in Philosophy, magna cum laude with distinction in all subjects, June

1972 (honors thesis on Kierkegaard)

Cornell University, 1973-1976, 1981-1982

M.A. in Philosophy, January, 1976

Ph.D. in Philosophy, May, 1982 (dissertation on John of the Cross &

mysticism)

Catholic University of America, 1977-2000

M.A. in Theology, 1981

Completion of course work for Ph.D. in Theology, December, 1982

Ph.D. in Theology, October, 2000 (dissertation on doctorate of Thérèse of

Lisieux)

#### **Academic Awards and Honors:**

Phi Beta Kappa, Cornell University, 1972

Phi Kappa Phi, Cornell University, 1972

Travel Grant from Cornell Center for International Studies, 1976

Board of Trustees Scholarship, Catholic University of America, 1979-1982

Washington Theological Union Distinguished Scholar, D.Min. Program (2012)

Awarded rank of Professor at Tangaza University College (14 September 2016)

Awarded rank of Ordinary Professor of Practice at Catholic University of America (2019)

#### **Areas of Specialization:**

Carmelite Studies, Spirituality and Mysticism, Philosophy of Religion, Systematic Theology (Foundational), History of Modern Philosophy and Theology (especially 19th and 20th centuries)

#### **Positions in Academic Administration:**

Chair of the D.Min. Proposal Committee, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of America (2022-)

Chair of Center for Carmelite Studies, Catholic University of America (2019-)

Principal, Tangaza University College (August 2012-August 2017)

Assistant Director, Institute of Spirituality and Religious Formation, Tangaza College (2005-2006, 2011-2012)

Director, Institute of Spirituality and Religious Formation, Tangaza College (2006-2011) Chair of incipient "School of Arts and Social Sciences" at Tangaza College (2010-2011)

### **Teaching Experience (according to the tertiary institutions and years indicated below):**

Teaching Assistant at Cornell in the following areas:

Objectivity and Relativism in Science and Ethics, under Richard Boyd (1974) Religion and Reason, under Allen Wood (1975)

Grading Assistant for Introduction to Logic at Cornell University (two semesters under Carl Ginet, and one semester under Robert Stalnaker)

Courses taught at Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, MA: Spirituality of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, Fall, 1983 Kierkegaard, Neo-Orthodoxy, and Existential Theology, Fall, 1983 Theology of Prayer, Spring, 1984

Courses taught at De Sales School of Theology, Washington, DC: Spirituality of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross, Spring, 1988 & Spring, 1989 The Mystery of God (Philosophy of Religion), Fall, 1988 & Fall, 1990 Theology of Prayer, Spring, 1990

Courses taught at Washington Theological Union, Washington, DC: The Reform of Teresa of Avila (1997-2000, 2002-2005)

Carmel through the Modern Era (1997-2000, 2002-2005)

John of the Cross (2002-2005)

Courses taught at Tangaza College, Nairobi, Kenya during first assignment (2000-2001): Introduction to Spirituality/Spiritual Theology (2001)
Modern Spiritual Writers (2001)
Theology of Prayer (2001)

Courses taught at Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya: Spiritual Theology as a Science (2001)

Courses taught at Tangaza College during second assignment (2005-2017): Critical and Appreciative Thinking Introduction to Carmelite Spirituality History of Spirituality History of Consecrated Life Introduction to Spiritual Theology Mysticism

Courses taught at the Catholic University of America:

TRS 650A: Introduction to the History of Christian Spirituality

TRS 754: Mystical Theology

TRS 754F: The Carmelite Tradition: Beginnings to 1500

TRS 754H: The Carmelite Tradition: Since 1500

TRS 759B: John of the Cross TRS 758C: Teresa of Avila

#### **Books Authored:**

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux: Doctor of the Church. Staten Island, NY: Alba House, 2002.

John of the Cross and the Cognitive Value of Mysticism: An Analysis of Sanjuanist Teaching and its Philosophical Implications for Contemporary Discussions of Mystical Experience. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1990.

NOTE: *John of the Cross and the Cognitive Value of Mysticism* was included among theologian Sarah Coakley's "five picks" of "essential theology books of the past 25 years" (*Christian Century*, 10/4/2010).

#### **Books Edited:**

Teresa of Avila in Dialogue with Africa: Acts of the 2012 and 2014 OCD Congresses in Nairobi. Rome: Edizioni OCD, 2019.

*The Carmelite Tradition.* Spirituality in History Series. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2011.

Paul-Marie of the Cross. *Carmelite Spirituality in the Teresian Tradition*. Trans. K. Sullivan. Rev. and ed. with a preface by Steven Payne. Washington, DC: ICS Publications, 1997.

Carmelite Studies VI: John of the Cross. Washington, DC: ICS Publications, 1992.

## **Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters:**

Introduction to Keith J. Egan, What Makes a Carmelite A Carmelite?: Exploring Carmel's Charism. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2022: 1-21.

"New Directions in the Understanding of the Title «Doctor Ecclesiae» since 1970 and Questions for the Future." In *Teresa de Jesús: Mujer Excepcional*. Ed. Maria Luisa

- Pro Velasco and Javier Sancho Fermín. Burgos: Editorial Monte Carmelo, 2022, 467-480.
- "The Dark Night of the Soul, Yesterday and Today: Revisiting John of the Cross's Classic Text and Symbol." *Studies in Spirituality* 31 (2021): 85-101.
- "Lingering at the Intersection of Theology and Spirituality." *Tangaza Journal of Theology and Mission* (2018/1-2): 69-83.
- "A Surge of the Heart': Thérèse of Lisieux on Prayer," in *Sentire cum Ecclesia: A Festschrift in Honour of Christopher O'Donnell, O.Carm.* Ed. Patrick Mullins and Simon Nolan. Rome: Edizioni Carmelitane, 2018, 223-234.
- "Teresa of Avila." In *Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*, ed. William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017, 446-458.
- "Do That Which Best Stirs You to Love': St Teresa and the Virtue of Flexibility." *Mount Carmel* 65 (January-March 2017): 8-15.
- "Les bases d'une communauté carmélitaine thérésienne." In *Thérèse d'Avila en dialogue avec l'Afrique*. Yaoundé, Cameroun: Conférences des Supérieurs Majeurs d'Afrique anglophone et francophone et de Madagascar, 2016, 345-371.
- "Symposium on Consecrated Life: Welcoming Remarks". *Tangaza Journal of Theology and Mission* (2015): 8-10.
- "Something Surprising': Reflections on the Proclamation of St. Thérèse of Lisieux as 'Doctor of the Universal Church'". In *A Better Wine: Essays Celebrating Kieran Kavanaugh, OCD*. Ed. Kevin Culligan. *Carmelite Studies* 9. Washington, ICS Publications, 2007, 197-230.
- "Documentation: Edith Stein Materials in the Archives of the State University of New York at Buffalo." *Teresianum* 55 (2004): 195-222.
- "Edith Stein and John of the Cross." *Teresianum* 50 (1999): 239–256. Reprinted in French translation in *Edith Stein: disciple et maîtresse de vie spirituelle*, ed. C. Rasoin. Toulouse: Éditions du Carmel, 2004.
- "The Teaching of Spiritual Theology in the United States of America." *Teresianum* 52 (2001): 319-329.
- "Contemporary Theological Thought and Carmel: A North American Perspective." *Teresianum* 45 (1994): 273-283.
- "Although It Is Night': A Carmelite Perspective on Spirituality at the Juncture of Modernity and Postmodernity," *The Merton Annual* 6 (1993): 134-159.
- "The Relationship between Public Revelation and Private Revelations in the Theology of Saint John of the Cross." *Teresianum* 43 (1992): 175-215.
- "John of the Cross in the English-Speaking World." In *God Speaks in the Night: The Life, Times, and Teaching of St. John of the Cross*, ed. Federico Ruiz. Washington, DC: ICS Publications, 1991, 380.
- "The Influence of John of the Cross in the United States: A Preliminary Study." *Teresianum* 42 (1991): 123-152.

- "The Dark Night of St. John of the Cross: Four Centuries Later." Review for Religious 49 (November/December, 1990): 891-900.
- "The Tradition of Prayer in Teresa and John of the Cross," in *Spiritual Traditions for the Contemporary Church*, ed. Robin Maas and Gabriel O'Donnell. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 1990, 235-258.
- "The Christian Character of Christian Mystical Experiences." *Religious Studies* 20 (1984): 417-427.
- "En torno a San Juan de la Cruz." Revista de Espiritualidad 37 (1978): 685-686.

#### With Michael Dodd:

- "Master in the Faith: John of the Cross for Today." *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture* 26 (Fall, 1991): 232-245.
- Translation from Spanish of "The Economic Concerns of Madre Teresa," by Teofanes Egido. *Carmelite Studies* 4 (1987): 151-172.
- Translation from Spanish of "The Historical Setting of St. Teresa's Life," by Teofanes Egido. *Carmelite Studies* 1 (1980): 122-182

## **Encyclopedia / Reference Work Entries:**

- "La Preghiera nell'America del Nord," in *Enciclopedia della Preghiera*, ed. C. Rossini and P. Sciadini. Rome: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2007, 687-694.
- "Simplicity." In *New Westminster Dictionary of Spirituality*. Edited by Philip Sheldrake. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.
- "Mysticism, History of" and "Mysticism, Nature and Assessement of." In *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Edited by Edward Craig. London: Routledge, 1998.
- "Andrew of the Ascension and Companions," "Carmelite Friars, Discalced (O.C.D.)," and "Paul of St. Peter (1746-1826)." In *The Encyclopedia of American Catholic History*. Edited by Michael Glazier and Thomas J. Shelley. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1997.
- "Attention," "Simplicity," and "Waiting." In *New Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. Edited Michael Downey. Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier, 1993.

## **Popular Articles:**

- "End of the World: Religion Misinterprets the Signs." *Tangaza Journal of Theology and Mission* (2016): 115-118.
- "Apology Accepted." Spiritual Life 53 (Spring 2007): 20-34.
- "Until You Give Me a Smile: Humor in St. Thérèse of Lisieux." *Apostolate of the Little Flower* 71 (July/August 2003): 16-17, 20.

- "Edith Stein: A Fragmented Life." America 179 (10 October 1998): 11-14.
- "To Ask God the Right Questions." Spiritual Life 25 (Winter, 1979): 204-214.
- "Eros and Contemplation." Spiritual Life 24 (Summer, 1978): 126-136.
- NOTE: The article "Edith Stein: A Fragmented Life" won a Catholic Press Association Award for "Best Personality Profile" of 1998.

#### **Select Reviews:**

- Mitchell, Donald W. My Dark Nights: Encounters with God. Review in Teresianum 72 (2022/2): 687-686.
- Howells, E. and McIntosh, M., eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Mystical Theology*. Review in Teresianum 73 (2022/1): 467-468.
- Hole, Sam. *John of the Cross: Desire, Transformation, and Selfhood.* Christian Theology in Context series. Review in *Teresianum* (forthcoming).
- Hole, Sam. *John of the Cross: Desire, Transformation, and Selfhood.* Christian Theology in Context series. Review in *Theological Studies* 82 (2021): 386-388.
- Eire, C. *The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila: A Biography*. Lives of Great Religious Books series. Review in *Teresianum* 71 (2020/2): 471-472.
- Tyler, P. and Howells, E., eds. *Teresa of Avila: Mystical theology and spirituality in the Carmelite tradition*. Review in *Teresianum* 70 (2019/2): 639-641.
- Serrán-Pagán y Fuentes, C. Saint John of the Cross: His Prophetic Mysticism in the Historical Context of Sixteenth-Century Spain. Reviewed in Teresianum 70 (2019/1): 259-261.
- Griffin, E., ed. Ascending the Mountain: The Carmelite Rule Today / Jotischky, A. The Carmelites and Antiquity: Mendicants and their Pasts in the Middle Ages. Reviewed in Spiritual Life 52 (2006): 122f.
- Howells, E. *John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila: Mystical Knowing and Selfhood.* Reviewed in *Carmelus* 51 (2004): 245-248.
- Scheuring, L. Paradox of Poverty: Francis of Assisi and John of the Cross / Martin, R. Transformation in Christ: The Wisdom of St. John of the Cross / Foley, M. John of the Cross: The Ascent to Joy. Reviewed in Spiritual Life 50 (Spring, 2004): 57-59.
- Wicks, R., ed. *Handbook of Spirituality for Ministers vol.* 2. Reviewed in *Spiritual Life* 49 (Summer, 2003):122-124.
- Welch, J. *The Carmelite Way: An Ancient Path for Today's Pilgrim.* Reviewed in *Horizons* 24 (1997): 320-321.
- Pike, N. *Mystic Union: An Essay in the Phenomenology of Mysticism*. Reviewed in *Theological Studies* 54 (1993): 368-369 and *Spiritual Life* 39 (1993): 112-114.
- Hofmeister, H. *Truth and Belief: Interpretation and Critique of the Analytic Theory of Religion.* Reviewed in *Theological Studies* 53 (1992): 564-566.

- Dubay, T. Fire Within: St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and the Gospel On Prayer. Reviewed in Theological Studies 51 (1990): 539-540.
- Dupré, L. and Wiseman, J. eds. *Light from Light: An Anthology of Christian Mysticism*. "Shorter Notice" in *Theological Studies* (1989): 613-614.
- Wilhelmsen, E. Cognition and Communication in John of the Cross. Reviewed in *Theological Studies* 48 (1987): 190-191.
- Thulstrup, N. *Commentary on Kierkegaard's* Concluding Unscientific Postscript. Reviewed in *Philosophical Review* 96 (1987): 115-117.
- \_\_\_\_\_. Kierkegaard's Relation to Hegel. In Philosophical Review 92 (1983): 295-297.
- Hong, H. and Hong, E., eds. *Søren Kierkegaard's Journals and Papers*, 4 vols. Reviewed in *Philosophical Review* 87 (1978): 302-316.

## Select Books from ICS Publications (Washington, DC) Containing Signed Preface / Foreword (as Editor):

Thérèse of Lisieux. The Plays of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (2008)

Stein, Edith. *Investigation Concerning the State* (2006)

Stein, Edith. Finite and Eternal Being (2002)

Stein, Edith. *Philosophy of Psychology and the Humanities* (2000)

Stein, Edith. *Knowledge and Faith* (2000)

Herbstrith, Waltraut, ed. Never Forget: Christian and Jewish Perspectives on Edith Stein (1998)

Paul-Marie of the Cross. Carmelite Spirituality in the Teresian Tradition (1997)

Thérèse of Lisieux. The Prayers of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1997)

Thérèse of Lisieux. Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, 3d ed. (1996)

#### **Select Lectures and Presentations:**

- Online presentations for the Spiritual Direction Formation Programme offered by the Center for Applied Carmelite Spirituality (Oxford, England), September 29-30, 2022.
- "Mother Teresa: A Carmelite Perspective." Presentation for Mother Teresa Institute Inaugural Conference, Catholic University of America (Washington, DC), 10 September 2022.

Carmelite Study Week on John of the Cross. Nairobi, Kenya, June 2022.

Two interviews on Carmelite saints and spirituality for the "Encounter" program of the Catholic Faith Network, April 2022. Videos available here (https://vimeo.com/698700264) and here (https://vimeo.com/703004693).

- Online Lenten Series on Carmelite Saints, St. Matthew's Cathedral (Washington, DC), March-April, 2022.
- "Amada en el Amado Transformada!": John of the Cross on Transformation." Lecture for *St. John of the Cross: Carmel, Desire and Transformation* International Conference, St. Mary's University, Twickenham (London), 25-27 June 2021.
- "New Directions in the Understanding of the Title «Doctor Ecclesiae» since 1970 and Questions for the Future." Lecture for *Teresa de Jesús: Mujer Excepcional* International Conference, Avila (Spain), 12-15 April 2021.
- Lecture for Carmelite Studies Program (Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC), 14 January 2021.
- Classes on John of the Cross (program for OCD students in temporary vows). 11-15 January 2021.
- "The Dark Night of the Soul, Yesterday and Today: Revisiting John of the Cross's Classic Text and Symbol." Inaugural Lecture, Chair of Carmelite Studies. 14 December 2021. <a href="https://youtu.be/ccFEsTcaJqg">https://youtu.be/ccFEsTcaJqg</a>.
- Lectures for Carmelite Studies Program (Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC), 14-15 August 2020.
- Seminar on "Teresian Carmelite Community." Carmelite Study Week, Jinja, Uganda. 13-17 May 2019.
- "Do Not Be Afraid." Carmelite Institute Lenten Webinar, 23 March 2019. https://carmeliteinstitute.net/webinars/
- "Carmelite Tradition(s) as a Contemporary Resource." Public lecture at Catholic University of America, 23 January 2019. <a href="https://carmeliteinstitute.net/carmelite-resources/fr-steven-payne-o-c-d-presentation-at-catholic-university-of-america/">https://carmeliteinstitute.net/carmelite-resources/fr-steven-payne-o-c-d-presentation-at-catholic-university-of-america/</a>
- "The 'Doctorate' of St. Thérèse and Its Possible Implications for Proposing Oscar Romero as 'Doctor of the Church'." Presentation to organizers of "Romero Days 2018," Notre Dame, Indiana, 22 March 2018.
- "Lingering at the Intersection of Theology and Spirituality." Professorial Inaugural Lecture, Tangaza University College, Nairobi (Kenya), 11 April 2017.
- "Intervention: What Kind of Innovations Do We Have That Improve Well-Being at University?" Positive Economy Forum, San Patrignano, Italy, 7-8 April 2016.
- "Saint Teresa of Avila and the Virtue of Flexibility". Inter-University Congress ("St Teresa of Avila, Maestro de la Vida"), Avila (Spain), 1-3 August 2015.
- "Carmelite Spirituality in a Cross-Cultural Context". Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series. Washington Theological Union, 12 July 2012.
- "Carmelite Saints: Their Wisdom for a New Millenium." Workshop at Carmelite Forum, St. Mary's College, South Bend, Indiana, June 2012.
- "What Is Spirituality? What Is My Spirituality? What Is Our Spirituality?" Lorica Program, Patrician Brothers, Eldoret, Kenya, 2006.

- "St. John of the Cross: Journey through Darkness to Dawn." Carmelite Seminar (with Elisabeth Peeters, OCD), 8-10 November 2005. Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, Australia.
- "Love and Suffering in John of the Cross: Some Reflections." Vaishnava-Christian Dialogue 2005. Washington, DC, sponsored by the USCCB.
- "The Moral Dimensions of Carmelite Prayer". Carmelite Forum, St. Mary's College, South Bend, Indiana, June 2004.
- John of the Cross and the Kingdom of God." Florida OCDS Congress, January 2004.
- "My Awkward Style': Reflections on the Relationship between the Poetry and Commentaries of St. John of the Cross". Lumen Christi Institute, Chicago, 9 November 2002 (Conference on Poetry of John of the Cross).
- "St. Thérèse: Doctor of the Church". John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington, DC, 17 August 2002.
- "Elizabeth of the Trinity." Conferences to the Inter-Carmelite Formation Program on Twentieth-Century Saints. 30 July 2002.
- "The Presence of God in the Carmelite Tradition, with Special Emphasis on Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection and Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity." Carmelite Seminar. 1-14 July 1999. Nairobi, Kenya.
- "Sects and New Religious Movements: A Carmelite Response." Discalced Carmelite International Theological Commission. Rome, 1996.
- "Carmel as a School of Spirituality for the United States." Discalced Carmelite International Theological Commission. Washington, DC, 2-8 September 1995.
- "In Obsequio Iesu Christi Vivere': Reflections on What It Means 'To Live a Life of Allegiance to Jesus Christ' as a North American Carmelite Today." Discalced Carmelite International Theological Commission. Birkenwerder, Germany, 2-7 September 1994.
- "Contemporary Theological Thought and Carmel: A North American Perspective." Discalced Carmelite International Theological Commission. Rome, 25-27 September 1993. Published in *Teresianum*, 1994 (see "Peer-Reviewed Articles" above).
- NOTE: I have given numerous retreats, "study days," talks, and conferences on Carmelite saints and themes to Carmelite friars, nuns and lay members, and to general audiences. Many of these were recorded and some are available through Carmel Clarion Communications.

## **Organizer and Convener:**

## I. International Conferences on African Spirituality at Tangaza University College:

- "Symbolism, Prayer and Ritual in African Spirituality" (18-20 May 2010)
- "African Spirituality Responding to Contemporary Challenges in Africa" (19-21 May 2009)
- "African Spirituality and its Definitions in the African Context" (23-25 May 2007)

NOTE: I was able to obtain substantial outside funding for these conferences and I am currently editing the proceedings for publication.

# II. ISRF (Institute of Spirituality and Religious Formation) Symposia at Tangaza University College:

- "A Spirituality of Non-Violence" (23-24 January 2012)
- "Proclaim Jubilee!: A Symposium on Jubilee Spirituality" (18-19 February 2011)
- "One Priestly People': Ordained Priesthood and Priesthood of the Faithful in Africa" (9-11 February 2010)
- "The Power of Story: Reclaiming our African Narratives for Contemporary Formation and Ministry" (10-12 February 2009)
- "Forms of Accompaniment in Africa" (5-7 February 2008)
- "Spirituality and Healing: The Christian Response to Witchcraft" (6-8 February 2007)

## **III. Carmelite Conferences / Celebrations:**

- "Teresa of Avila in Dialogue with Africa." Discalced Carmelite International Congress for Africa and Madagascar. Co-organized with General Definitory of Discalced Carmelite Friars. Nairobi, Kenya, November 2014.
- "Always Strive to Advance from Good to Better." Discalced Carmelite International Congress for Africa and Madagascar. Co-organized with General Definitory of Discalced Carmelite Friars. Nairobi, Kenya, February 2012.
- "St. Thérèse of Lisieux Centenary Celebration." CUA and National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, 26-28 September 1997.

#### **Other Carmelite Offices:**

Reviews editor (1983-1991), co-editor (1984-1988) and editor (1988-1993) of *Spiritual Life* quarterly

Editorial Director of ICS Publications (1990-1995). In addition, I have served as series editor for The Collected Works of Edith Stein for ICS Publications, and was recently appointed as "editorial liaison" for the same series.

Member of the Institute of Carmelite Studies (Washington, DC) and Carmelite Forum

Member of the Discalced Carmelite International Theological Commission

Provincial Director of Formation/Education for Washington Province (1984-1990)

Provincial Councilor of the Washington Province of Discalced Carmelites (1987-1993)

Superior of Discalced Carmelite Monastery in Washington, DC (1995-1999)

Director of Simply Professed, Carmelite Community, Nairobi, Kenya (2000-2001, 2011-2012)

Organizer and first chairman of "Carmelite Family in Kenya" (2001)

President of the Carmelite Institute, Washington, DC (2001–2005, 2018-)

Member of the international Discalced Carmelite committee promoting the intellectual life of the Order.

## **Membership in Professional Associations:**

American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA)
American Philosophical Association (APA)
Catholic Theological Society of America (CTSA)
Fellowship of Catholic Scholars (FCS)
International Association for the Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein (IASPES)
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality (SSCS)

#### **Other Information:**

Member of the advisory board for the Mother Teresa Institute, Washington, DC (2022-) Editor, *Tangaza Journal of Theology and Mission* (2018-2019)

Editorial Committee member for the academic journal *Teresianum*, published by the pontifical university "Teresianum" in Rome

Editorial Committee member for the French-English theological journal *TheoForum*, published by the University of St. Paul in Ottawa, Canada (2000-)

Named the 2012 "Distinguished Scholar" by the Washington Theological Union and invited to give their annual "Distinguished Scholar Lecture"