

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

2005 PhD in Systematic Theology (Duquesne University-Pittsburgh, USA)
Skills acquired: Research Work, Teaching, and Leadership. The ability to analyze situations and accomplish the task at hand. Mastery of tools and techniques of research, and organizing my knowledge so as to make an original contribution to contemporary discussions. The ability to have a critical and constructive dialogue with major contemporary cultures, traditions, and issues.

Major Research Work

PhD Dissertation Title: “Convergences and Conflicts in a Comparison of Lwo Marriage Tradition and Contemporary Catholic Understanding of Marriage.” The main goal and objective of the study is to confront the challenges of inculturating Catholicism (Christianity), and especially its understanding of marriage among the Lwo people of eastern Africa, in order to find a “common ground” between the two traditions.

Current Researches

1. Topic: “Existential, Psychological, Emotional, and Spiritual Healing in the African Context: With Specific Reference to the Northern Uganda Situation.” This research explores ways of bringing holistic healing to the suffering people of northern Uganda, who have been wounded, hurt, and scarred by the 20 year-old war in their region, as they recover from the traumatic and dehumanizing effects of the war.
2. Topic: “The Analysis and Evaluation of Acholi Traditional and Cultural Practices.” The main objectives of the research are: to collect the data on these practices and document them; to analyze and examine these practices into details; to interpret their meanings for the people in the past, now and the future; to find out why they have survived up to now, or what makes them appeal and are attractive to the people, such that they have refused to disappear.

2001 MA in Systematic Theology (Duquesne University - Pittsburgh, USA)

2001 Diploma in Legal Assistant (Stratford Career Institute - Washington, DC, USA)

1990 Bachelor of Theology (Pontifical Urbaniana University - Rome)

1989 Diploma in Theology (Makerere University, Kampala – Uganda)

1990 Diploma in Theology (Ggaba National Major Seminary – Kampala)

1986 Bachelor of Philosophy (Pontifical Urbaniana University - Rome)

1985 Diploma in Philosophy (Alokolum National Major Seminary – Gulu)

Additional Courses

2001 Completed 3 Credits on “Theory and Practice of Conflict Resolutions” (Summer Course-at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - USA)

2006 Completed 4 units of **Clinical Pastoral Education** (CPE) and Counseling at Saint Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. I acquired the knowledge and skills to provide excellent pastoral care and counseling to patients, family, and staff members, through Active-Attentive-Listening and Communication Skills. I learned how to use the assessment tools in order to identify the patient’s existential, psychological, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs. I learned to work as a team, and in confidentiality. I learned documenting my healthcare assessments on Medic-Tech computers (Mox), for other caregivers to know my interventions and encounters with the patients.

Working Experience

2009 Academic Director, Post-Conflict Transformation Uganda/Rwanda, World Learning School for International Training (SIT) Study Abroad Program, USA.

2008 Founding member and Managing Director of **Hope Research and Consultancy Limited**, which has been registered with the Registrar of Company in Kampala on July 1, 2008, with the main office in Gulu Town.

2007 1st September - Lecturer at Gulu University Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS).

Courses Taught at Postgraduate Level: “Human Rights, Social Justice and Development”, “Peace and Conflict Resolution in African Culture”, “Research Methodology”, and “Civil Society in Peace Building”. Courses taught at Undergraduate level: “African Christian Theology”, “The Theology of the New Testament and the Synoptic Problem.”

2007 February - August Visiting Lecturer at Gulu University, Center for Peace Studies and Conflict Management. Courses Taught at Postgraduate Level: “Globalization: Effects for Peace and Conflicts,” and “Communication and Conflict Resolutions Skills.”

2007 Main Organizer of “Peace Prayer Week, January 8th to 12th”, for northern Uganda, at Uganda Martyrs’ University Center, Ngetta.

2005-2006 Resident Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Chaplain at Saint Vincent Charity Hospital, Cleveland, USA. I provided existential, psychological, emotional, mental, and spiritual support to patients, family, and staff. On Night Calls Chaplain for 4 nights a week.

1998-2006 An extern visiting Priest-Student in Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese, PA, USA. Celebrated Masses, visited the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and medical centers.

1996-1998 Lecturer at Katigondo National Major Seminary, Masaka - Uganda. Taught Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Contemporary Philosophy. Trained and formed Major Seminarians for the priesthood.

1990-1996 Parish Pastoral Ministry in Lira Catholic Diocese. A Chaplain at Lira Government Hospital and Prison.

Workshops Attended

Attended the Workshop on: “Breaking the Silence of Shame: An Inner Journey” at the MetroHealth System Hospital, in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. May 11 and 12, 2006.

Attended: “Developing Multicultural Competency Workshop” at St. Vincent Charity Hospital Cleveland, Ohio USA July 26 – 28, 2006

Attended the Workshop on: “The Quest for Peace in Northern Uganda: Towards an Alternative Justice System.” Organized by Uganda Joint Christian Council, Program of Regional Stakeholders Consultation on Alternative Justice at White House Hotel Lira, on October 12 to 14, 2006.

Attended the Regional Research Dissemination Workshop with the: “Continuing to Promote National Reconciliation.” Organized by Makerere University Faculty of Arts, Department of Religious Studies, MA Peace and Conflict Studies Programme. November 10 and 12, 2006, at Sunset Hotel Gulu.

Attended the Workshop on: “Training of Trainers Program on Psychosocial Support” at St. Augustine Church Lira, organized by Uganda Joint Christian Council. December 18 to 23, 2006.

Attended the Workshop on: “Civil Society Consultative Conference for National Reconciliation” at Speke Resort Munyonyo. Organized by Makerere University Faculty of Arts, Department of Religious Studies. MA Peace and Conflict Studies Programme. February 12 to 14, 2007.

Attended the Workshop on: “Children in Conflict and Post Conflict Areas in Northern Uganda.” Organized by Makerere University, Child Health and Development Center, and Gulu University, at Saint Mary’s Hospital Lacor, Gulu. February 20 and 21, 2007.

Attended the Workshop on: “Civil Society Multi Stakeholders Workshop on Monitoring the Implementation of the PRDP.” Organized by Advocate Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE), and Civil Society Organization for Peace in Northern Uganda CSOPNU at Acholi Inn, Gulu District. January 16 and 17, 2008.

Attended: “Information Literacy and Information Resources workshop” Organized by Electronic Resources Awareness & Training Among Universities in Uganda: Gulu University 5th – 6th June, 2008.

Attended: “Workshop for Academic Directors for World Learning School for International Training (SIT) Study Abroad Uganda/Rwanda Program in Kampala, SIT Head Office, January 5th to 10th, 2009.

Attended: “15 Years After Genocide: Where Now for Rwanda?” at Laico Umubano Hotel Kigali. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga in Association with Oxford Transitional Justice Research, the Law Faculty and Center for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford. This symposium commemorates the 15th anniversary of the Rwanda genocide by recalling the events of 1994, the justice, security, reconciliation, and development responses to the genocide, and asks what the future holds for Rwanda. April 3rd, 2009.

Attended: World Learning, School for International Training (SIT) Study Abroad Academic Director Training in Brattleboro, Vermont, USA. January 10th – 16th, 2010. The goals were to: prepare new academic directors to function effectively as faculty; orient them to experiential and competency-based learning model; instruct ADs in key policies and procedures pertinent to their programs and sites; brief ADs on their roles and responsibilities with students, local staff, and HQ; enable ADs to interact with and learn from fellow members of the SIT/World Learning community in a supportive environment; and assist ADs in synthesizing and building on their experience.

Community Outreach/Workshop Facilitated

Facilitator at the Workshop at Emmaus Retreat Center Luwero, for 30 students of 5 Universities in Uganda on: “Towards the Uganda We Want” August, 2007 organized by Uganda Joint Council of Churches (UJCC).

Facilitator at the Workshop on “Psychosocial-Support in the Greater Northern Uganda” at Eneku Village, Soroti Town, 25th -28th November, 2007 organized by Uganda Joint Council of Churches (UJCC).

Project and Research Activities

A committee member on the Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Counseling and Guidance to prepare Certificate Course in Counseling, Guidance and Reconciliation by Faculty of Medicine and Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies (IPSS) Gulu University, created on 10/08/2007.

A Survey team member for a baseline survey of the Greater northern Uganda, for Institute of peace and strategic studies and DED- funded community outreach peace project (COPP). As a researcher in Amuru District January 2008.

A Research Associate for Livelihoods in Crisis: A Longitudinal Study in Pader, Uganda for **hpg** (Humanitarian Policy Group - UK), Evidence for Development and **odi** (Overseas Development Institute - UK), April-May, 2008.

A Consultant on Conflict Mapping and Assessments at the Border areas of Uganda, Congo and Sudan for the Justice and Peace Council of Gulu Archdiocese and Sudan Council of Churches August 26 – September 10, 2008.

Moderated Research Papers

1. “Challenges of Post-conflict Land Disputes for Sustainable Reconciliation and Peace Building in Amuru District Northern Uganda” by Omony Alfred Ogaba, for Post-Graduate Diploma in Conflict Management and Peace Studies of Gulu University, September 2007.
2. “The Role of Men in Domestic Violence in Laroo Division Gulu Municipality, Gulu District, Northern Uganda” by Jacqueline Dibebe, for Post-Graduate Diploma in Conflict Management and Peace Studies of Gulu University, September 2007.

Writings

1. A Handbook for Counselors (In Progress)
2. A Handbook for Paralegals (In Progress)
3. A Handbook on Health Care Ethics (In Progress)

Countries Visited

USA, UK, Italy, Canada, Netherlands, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Congo, and Rwanda

Hobbies: Teaching, Research Work, Charitable Works, and Movies.

Volunteer work: Visiting chaplain at Gulu Regional Referral Hospital, St. Mary's Lacor Hospital, The Aids Support Organization –TASO (U) Limited.

Membership

A perpetual member of Knights of Columbus, Cleveland Council No. 733, 2132 East 9th Street. 319 Cleveland, Ohio 44115-1245

A member of Uganda Counselor Association, 2008.