

*CURRICULUM VITAE*  
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**POSITION**

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Professor of Theology and Mission  
Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

**EDUCATION**

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| 2013      | <b>D.Phil</b><br><i>Theology</i><br>University of Oxford.<br>“Culture, Context and Theology: The Emergence of an African Theology in the Writings of John S. Mbiti and Jesse N.K. Mugambi.”         |
| 2003      | <b>Ph.D</b><br><i>Theology</i><br>The Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Dublin.<br>“Towards the Functioning of a Contemporary Theodicy: A ‘Relatiocentric’ Response to Kenneth Surin.” |
| 2006      | <b>Masters of Theology in Applied Theology</b><br>University of Oxford.   |
| 1999-2001 | <b>Anglican Ordination Training</b><br>Church of Ireland Theological College, Dublin.   |
| 1996-1998 | <b>B.A. (Hons) in Theology</b><br>The London School of Theology.  |

## HONOURS, GRANTS

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The St. Augustine's Cross for Services to the Anglican Communion: Awarded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, August 17, 2022.

Conant Grant: "Theologizing History: Narratives and Counter-Narratives of Politics and Grace," 2021.

Covell Research Fellowship, Virginia Theological Seminary, 2019–2020.

Conant Grant: "Christian Witness in the Middle East: Lessons for Reconciliation," 2018.

Conant Grant: "The Mission of God in Post-Colonial Perspective," 2017.

Susan B. Thomas Prize for commitment to excellence in education and the mission of the Episcopal Church, 2016.

Wabash Center Fellowship 2014–2015.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Early Development*

*Multiple Modernities and Religious Thought*

### *Forthcoming*

"Anglican Theology" in R. David Nelson and Philip G. Ziegler eds., *The T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*. London: T&T Clark, 2022.

### *Books*

Senior editor: Robert S. Heaney and John Y.H. Yieh with Jean A. Cotting, *Building Dialogue: Stories, Scripture, and Liturgy in International Peacebuilding*. New York: Seabury Books, 2022.

Senior editor: Robert S. Heaney, Jacques B. Hadler Jr., and Hartley Hobson Wensing, *Reconciling Practices: Listening, Praying and Witnessing in the Midst of Division*. Alexandria: VTS Press, 2022.

Editor: Robert S. Heaney, Christopher Wells, and Pierre Whalon eds., *When Churches in Communion Disagree*. Eugene: Pickwick, 2022.

Senior editor: Robert S. Heaney, John Kafwanka, and Hilda Kabia eds. *God's Church for God's World*. New York: Church Publishing, 2020.

*Post-Colonial Theology: Finding God and Each other Amidst the Hate*. Eugene: Cascade, 2019.

Co-authored with William L. Sachs, *The Promise of Anglicanism*. London: SCM Press, 2019.

*From Historical Postcolonialism to Critical Post-Colonialism: The Contribution of John S. Mbiti and Jesse N.K. Mugambi*. Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2015.

Senior Editor: Heaney, Robert S., Zeyneb Sayilgan, and Claire Haymes eds., *Faithful Neighbors: Christian-Muslim Vision and Practice*. New York: Morehouse Publishing, 2016.

### ***Chapters and Articles***

“The Call of the Church” in Robert S. Heaney, John Yueh-Yieh eds. with Jean A. Cotting, *Building Dialogue: Witness Amidst Conflict*. New York: Seabury Books, 2022.

“Testimony” in Joseph S. Pagano and Amy E. Richter eds., *Saving Words*. Eugene: Cascade, 2022.

“Reconciling Practices: A Process in Formation Amidst Deep Disagreement” in Robert S. Heaney, Jacques B. Hadler Jr., and Hartley Hobson Wensing, *Reconciling Practices: Listening, Praying and Witnessing in the Midst of Division*. Alexandria: VTS Press, 2022, 1–14.

Conclusion in Robert S. Heaney, Jacques B. Hadler Jr., and Hartley Hobson Wensing, *Reconciling Practices: Listening, Praying and Witnessing in the Midst of Division*. Alexandria: VTS Press, 2022, 81–86.

Co-authored with Jacques B. Hadler Jr., “Facilitating Dialogue Amidst Deep Disagreement” in Robert S. Heaney, Jacques B. Hadler Jr., and Hartley Hobson Wensing, *Reconciling Practices: Listening, Praying and Witnessing in the Midst of Division*. Alexandria: VTS Press, 2022, 15–32.

Co-authored with John Y.H. Yieh, “Method and Themes in *Building Dialogue*” in Robert S. Heaney, John Yueh-Yieh eds. with Jean A. Cotting, *Building Dialogue: Witness Amidst Conflict*. New York: Seabury Books, 2022, 1–11.

Co-authored with John Y.H. Yieh, “Inter-Contextual Peacebuilding” in *Building Dialogue*” in Robert S. Heaney, John Yueh-Yieh eds. with Jean A. Cotting, *Building Dialogue: Witness Amidst Conflict*. New York: Seabury Books, 2022, 201–221.

“Moral Skepticism and Education: Approaching Integrative Education in a Christian University” in Fergus King, Emmanuel Mbennah, Mecka Ogunde, and Dorthy Prentice eds., *Nuru na Uzima: Essays Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Anglican Church of Tanzania 1970–2020*. Missional University Press, 2021, 117–129.

Co-authored with John Kafwanka K., “Discipleship in the Mission of God” in Robert S. Heaney, John Kafwanka K., and Hilda Kabia eds. *God’s Church for God’s World*. New York: Church Publishing, 2020.

Editor with Lucinda Allen Mosher, special edition on Public Theology, *Anglican Theological Review*, 102:2 (2020).

“Public Theology and Public Missiology.” *Anglican Theological Review*, 102:2 (2020): 201–212.

Co-authored with Lucinda Allen Mosher. “Public Theologies and Anglican Futures.” *Anglican Theological Review*, 102:2 (2020): 289–293.

- “The Disciples’ misconceptions of mission and Jesus’ correctives: insights for evangelism and witness today: A response to Muthuraj Swamy” in Muthuraj Swamy and Stephen Spencer eds., *Preparing for Lambeth 2020: Witnessing Together: Global Perspectives on Evangelism and Witness*. London: Anglican Communion Office, 2019, 117–127.
- “Missiology and Ministry” in eds. Martyn Percy, Emma Percy, and Ian Markham, *SPCK Study of Ministry*. London: SPCK, 2019, 279–291.
- “Anglicanism in Southern Africa during the Twentieth Century” in ed. William L. Sachs, *The Oxford History of Anglicanism, Volume V: Global Anglicanism, c.1900-2000*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, 321-344.
- “A Christian Rationale for Engaging the Other” in eds. Heaney, Sayilgan and Haymes, *Faithful Neighbors*, 3–19.
- “Principles for Constructive Interfaith Conversation” with Zeyneb Sayilgan in eds. Heaney, Sayilgan and Haymes, *Faithful Neighbors*, 2016.
- “Prospects and Problems for Evangelical Postcolonialisms” in eds. Kay Higuera Smith, Jayachitra Lalitha and L. Daniel Hawk, *Evangelical Postcolonial Conversations: Global Awakenings in Theology and Praxis*. IVP Academic, 2014.
- “Views of Colonization Across the Communion.” In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Anglican Communion* eds. Justyn Terry, Barney Hawkins, Leslie Steffensen and Ian Markham. Blackwell, 2013, 726–738.
- “Coloniality and Theological Method in Africa.” *Journal of Anglican Studies* 7:1 (2009): 55-65.
- “Conversion to Coloniality: Avoiding the Colonization of Method.” *International Review of Mission* 97:384/385 (2008): 65-77.
- “Approaching an Evangelical Anglican Concept of Authority.” *Evangelical Quarterly* 79:2 (2007): 153-168.
- “Towards the Possibility of Impassibilist Pastoral Care.” *The Heythrop Journal* 48:2 (2007): 171-186.
- “The Problem of Evil: Some Liturgical Considerations.” *Search: A Church of Ireland Journal* 27:2 (2004): 127-133.
- “Flint Re-ignites the Temporal Taper: Molinism and the Human Future.” *Irish Philosophical Society Yearbook* (2002): 42-54.
- “Theodicy Beyond Metaphysics.” *Irish Philosophical Society Yearbook* (2001): 38-53.

## PRESENTATIONS (HIGHLIGHTS)

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Keynote Speaker *A Better World is Possible* Retreat, Episcopal Center, Florida State University meeting at Camp Weed, Florida, October 21, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, *Anglican Memory, Modernities, and Missiology*, Diocese of Ottawa, Clergy Conference, September 20–23, 2022.

“International Anglicanism Today” Seminar, Church Divinity School of the Pacific May, 5, 2022.

“Anglican not ‘Anglian’: Reading for Inter-Cultural Communion”, *Church and Academy Seminar, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, Scottish Episcopal Institute at Glasgow University, UK*, November, 18, 2021.

Keynote Speaker, *National Meeting of the Anglican Church of Canada, House of Bishops*, April 13–15, 2021.

Keynote Speaker, *Freedom in Christ, The Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue*, Liverpool Diocese, U.K., June 19–22, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, *Reading on the Anglican Way: Scripture and Identity*” Clergy Education Conference, Monrovia, Diocese of Liberia, West Africa, December 15, 2018.

“From Historical to Post-Colonial Theology.” Paper at American Academy of Religion, Postcolonial Roundtable Panel addressing Robert. S. Heaney, *From Historical to Critical Post-Colonial Theology: The Contributions of John S. Mbiti and Jesse N.K. Mugambi*, Denver Colorado, November 17, 2018.

“Borderland Theology: Crossing Over from Empire to Kingdom.” Corrymeela Center (N. Ireland) Summer School Lectures, July 8, 2018.

“Race and the Communion.” Conceived, chaired, presented. General Convention of the Episcopal Church (USA), Austin, Texas, July 5, 2018.

“Power, Time, and Scope in Christian Witness: A Response to Muthuraj Swamy.” Paper presented at the Mission Theology in the Anglican Communion conference, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, June 1, 2018.

“Mission Connects Us: God, Church, World I: Without a Theology of Mission we Perish.” Keynote address, the Global Episcopal Mission Network Conference, Alexandria, Virginia, April 11, 2018.

“Mission Connects Us: God, Church World II: Without Partnership in Mission we Perish.” Keynote response to the Rev. Canon John Kafwanka (Director of Mission, Anglican Communion), Global Episcopal Mission Network Conference, Alexandria, Virginia, April 13, 2018.

“Calibrate Mission: Right Thinking and Acting Today.” The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Churches, San Antonio, Texas, February 23, 2018.

“Why the Episcopal Church needs World Anglicanism.” Conceived, convened, and facilitated lecture and panel event featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Virginia Theological Seminary, February 1, 2018.

- “The Vitality of World Anglicanism.” Conceived, convened, and facilitated lecture and panel event featuring the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop Josiah Idowu Fearon, Virginia Theological Seminary, November 15, 2017.
- “Reforming Christian Mission.” Public Lecture, The Near East School of Theology, Beirut, Lebanon, April 6, 2017.
- “The Hope of Mission as the Future of the Church.” Keynote speaker, Diocese of Central Florida Clergy Day, March 21, 2017.
- “Renewing a Theology of Christian Mission: Critical and Constructive Migrations.” Cambridge Center for Christianity Worldwide Lecture, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK, January 18, 2017.
- “From Empire to the Kingdom: Evangelical conversations about colonisation and Christianity.” Corrymeela Community Lecture, Belfast, UK, December 20, 2016.
- “The Future of Missiology.” Panelist at the Association of Professors of Mission, Maryknoll Mission Institute, New York, October 22, 2016.
- Keynote Speaker, “Post-Colonial Theology.” Keynote speaker, Hawaiian Leaders Education Day, Diocese of Hawai’i, St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Honolulu, February 27, 2016.
- Keynote Speaker, “The Future of Anglican Mission: Critical and Constructive Conversations.” Diocese of Hawai’i Clergy Education Day, St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Honolulu, February 26, 2016.
- “The Episcopal Church, Marriage, and the Anglican Communion.” Lecture and Seminar, Anglican-Episcopal House of Studies, Duke Divinity School, February 8, 2016.
- “The Marks of Mission.” Keynote speaker, Community Education Day, Society of Saint John the Evangelist, Cambridge, MA, January 6, 2016.
- “Interfaith and Intercultural Pedagogies.” Presentation with Safwat Mazouk and Najeeba Sayeed, Wabash Center, IN, June 11, 2015.
- “Towards an Anglican Critical and Constructive Missiology.” Lecture, *Anglican Bishops in Consultation*, May 28, 2015, Richmond Hill, Richmond, VA, May 28, 2015.
- “Considering the Whole Person in Teaching: Multisensory Strategies.” With Lisa Thompson, Presentation at Wabash Center Workshop, Corpus Christi, TX, January 23, 2015.
- “Jehovah our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we hearken.” Keynote Speaker, Toungoo Diocesan Clergy and Staff Retreat, Myanmar, January 11-13, 2015
- Various parish fora/sermons e.g. Christ Church, Georgetown; St. Francis in Potomac; St. Stephen’s, Richmond; Washington National Cathedral; St. Paul’s, Alexandria; St. John’s, McClean; Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria; St. John’s, Lafayette Square.

## **EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE**

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2020-present	Professor of Theology and Mission, Virginia Theological Seminary.
May 2021	Designer and Convenor of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Roundtable on Post-Colonial Theology.
2020-present	Scholarship Committee, St. Augustine's Foundation, UK.
2016-2019	Senior Manager, "Building Dialogue." Grant Funded Conflict Analysis Project with Trinity Wall Street; Diocese of Liberia; Cuttington University, Liberia; Msalato Theological College, Tanzania; Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and St. George's College, Jerusalem.
August 2018-2021	Reference Group for the Theological Education department (TEAC), Anglican Communion.
November 2018	St. Augustine's Seminar, Lambeth Palace, U.K. The seminar acts as the theological resource for the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lambeth Conference, 2020.
November 2017	Consultant to the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) Roundtable on Theological Education for Bishops.
November 2017	Designed, organized, and oversaw the Virginia Theological Seminary's Mollegen Forum 2017 with the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Most Rev. Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, "The Vitality of Anglicanism."
November 2017-present	Designed, organized and facilitated the "Reconciling Practices" Project with sister seminaries for Virginia Seminary's Center for Anglican Communion Studies.
October 2017	Reconciling Leaders Network.
2016-2022	Design Group for the Lambeth Conference 2020.
2016-2019	Board of the Community of the Cross of Nails, North America.
2016 September	Designed, organized, and oversaw the Virginia Theological Seminary's Mollegen Forum 2016 with Secretary Madeleine Albright, "The Mighty and the Almighty."
April-November 2017	Consultant to All Saints, Beirut "Cedars of Hope" Inter-Religious Ecological Project in conjunction with the British Embassy, British Council, and Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

2015-2020	Associate Professor of Christian Mission, Virginia Theological Seminary.
2013-2015	Assistant Professor of Christian Mission, Virginia Theological Seminary.
2013-2020	Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary.
2014-2018	Executive Co-Convenor, Society for the Study of Anglicanism.
2015, November	Organizer for Society for the Study of Anglicanism event, Canon David Porter “An Anabaptist at the Court of St. Augustine.” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia.
2015, June	Study Tour Faculty Leader, “Exploring a World of Difference.” In conjunction with the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture.
2015, June	Chairperson, “The Mission of God and the Future of the Anglican Communion.” Episcopal Church General Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah.
2015, January	Keynote Speaker, Diocese of Toungoo, Clergy Conference, Myanmar.
2014, November	Organizer and chairperson for “Faithful Neighbors: Transforming Attitudes.” Christian-Muslim Conference, Virginia Theological Seminary.
2014, November	Organizer for Society for the Study of Anglicanism event with Prof. Miroslav Volf, “Dimensions of Reconciliation.” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California.
2014, June	Study Tour Faculty Leader, “Exploring a World of Difference.” In conjunction with the Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture, Turkey.
2014, June	Chairperson, Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Msalato Theological College, Christian-Muslim Relations Conference, Dodoma, Tanzania.
2014, March	Organizer for “Anglican Women at Prayer” Conference with the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, Virginia Theological Seminary.
2013, November	Organizer for Society for the Study of Anglicanism event, at American Academy of Religion with Brian McLaren. Baltimore, Maryland.
2010-2013	Senate Member, St. John’s University of Tanzania.
2010-2013	Senior Management Team, St. John’s University of Tanzania.
2010-2013	Director of Postgraduate Studies and Research, St. John’s University of Tanzania.
2010-2013	Co-ordinator of the Masters of Arts in Theology and Contemporary Issues, St. John’s University of Tanzania (SJUT).



2010-2013	Senior Lecturer, School of Theology and Religious Studies, St. John's University of Tanzania.
2010-2013	Chairperson of the Working Group for the proposed African Institute for Transformative Philosophy, St. John's University of Tanzania.
2010-2013	Founding editor of pilot journal project <i>Soma: An International Journal of Theological Discourses and Counter-Discourses</i> .
April, 2007	Delegate to the Inaugural Seminar in Holocaust Studies for British Clergy (in conjunction with the Council of Christians and Jews), Yad Vashem, Jerusalem, Israel.
2007-2010	Tutor in Doctrine for Regent's Park College, University of Oxford.
2002-2004	Anglican Chaplain to the The National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

## **TEACHING & RESEARCH**

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### **Primary Areas of Specialization**

Mission Theology and History, Missiology, World Anglicanism, Post-Colonial Theology, Philosophical Theology, Inter-Cultural Theology, African Christian Theology.

### **Teaching Interests & Responsibilities to Date**

Mission Theology, Missiology, Theology and Culture, World Theologies, Missional Communities, Contemporary Witness of the Church, Anglican Theology, Practical Theology, Post-Colonial Theology, African and Global Theologies, Christian Doctrine level II (God, Christology, Ecclesiology), Christian Doctrine level III (Creation, Salvation, Eschatology), Philosophical Theology, Theology of Acts, Anglican Ecclesiology, Introduction to Philosophy of Religion, Worldviews, Practical Doctrine of God, Freedom and Community, Violence and Peace, Christian Theology and the Environment.

### **Research Interests**

Mission Theology and History, Missiology, Critical and Constructive Missiology, Post-Colonial Theology, Modern (Post-Colonial) Anglican Identities, Theology and Culture, Religio-Imperial Mission, Theodicy.

## **MEMBERSHIPS OF SOCIETIES**

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American Academy of Religion

American Society of Missiology

Association of Professors of Mission

International Association for Mission Studies

## **UNIVERSITY/SEMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

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- 2013-2020 Director of Virginia Theological Seminary's Center for Anglican Communion Studies.
- 2017 Acting Chair, the Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM), grant awards meeting.
- 2017-2019 Chair of the Cross-Cultural Education Programs Committee, Virginia Theological Seminary.
- 2013-2020 Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM), Virginia Theological Seminary Representative.
- 2021–present Co-ordinator, New Mission Practices Concentration, Virginia Theological Seminary.
- 2013-present Virginia Theological Seminary committees: faculty search committees; Masters committee; Worship committee; Lectures committee; Board of Trustees Faculty Representative; Board of Trustees Academic Affairs; Area Convener; Field Education Committee; Mission Society Faculty Representative; Yoder Prize; Anglican Communion Prize; Convener of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies Vision Group and Advisory Committee.
- 2010-2013 Member of University Senior Management Team, St. John's University of Tanzania.
- 2010-2013 Director of Postgraduate Studies and Research (DPGSR), St. John's University of Tanzania.
- 2007-2008 Interviewer of prospective undergraduate students for Theology and for Law, University of Oxford.
- 2006-2007 Member of the Graduate Joint Consultative Committee, Faculty of Theology, University of Oxford.