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Personal Profile

Researcher passionate about the history of Christianity in Africa

Career Summary

Director of the Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa (JHIA), and
Lecturer at Hekima University College

Work Experience

2020 Director Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa

- Organized workshop for Jesuit archivists and their supervisors in Africa and Madagascar (March 3-5, 2020)
- Published the Guidelines for Jesuit Archivists in Africa and Madagascar in French and English
- Working on Several Digital Projects, including: Jesuit Sources in Africa; Ignatian Spirituality in Africa; African Jesuit Biographies; and other Publications.

2019 Interim Director JHIA

- Organize the transition of JHIA to Hekima University College
- Attend a Meeting on Jesuit Archivists and Historical Centers in Rome, February 2019
- Attend the International Symposium on Jesuit Studies (Boston College)

2019 Lecturer Hekima University College

- Teaches Medieval Church History
- Interim Coordinator of Theology for the Laity
- Conference Paper on “Eboussi Boulaga, 1936-2018”

Education

2018 History Boston University School of Theology

- Ph.D. on “The Creation of the Jesuit Vice-Province of West Africa and the Challenges of Africanization, 1946-1978.”

2013 **Theology** Boston College School of Theology

- STL *Magna Cum Laude*

2011 **Theology** Universidad Pontificia Comillas

- Licentiate *Magna Cum Laude*. “*The Spirit Beyond the Christological Debate. Toward a Pneumatological Interpretation of John 1:5.*” Thesis for the Licentiate in Sacred Theology (Boston College, 2013).

2004-2006: **Philosophy** Saint Peter Canisius Philosophy
Department (Kimwenda), affiliated with the
Gregorian University of Rome
BA Magna Cum Laude.

2002 **History** University of Yaoundé I

- BA

Publications

Book:

Competing Catholicisms: The Jesuits, the Vatican, and the Making of Postcolonial French Africa, 1946-1978 (Suffolk, UK: Boydell & Brewer Ltd, May 2022)

Book in Progress:

The Jesuit Ethos. A Social and Spiritual History (Paulist Press: Spring 2023)

Book Chapters

Enyegue, Jean Luc. “*Terre d'émergence de la pensée d'Engelbert Mveng. Et si le Cameroun était tout simplement infanticide.*” In *Père Engelbert Mveng, SJ: Un pionnier*, edited by Thomas Ahoussi, 21-34. Kinshasa: Loyola, 2005.

-----“Engelbert Mveng, Nouvelles Pistes Pour Une Épistémologie de L'histoire.” In *Engelbert Mveng: Chantre de La Libération Du Muntu*, edited by François-Xavier Akono, 193–209. Yaoundé: Presses de l'UCAC, 2014.

———. “The Jesuits in Fernando Po, 1858-1872: An Incomplete Mission.” In *Jesuits’ Survival and Restoration*, edited by Robert Maryks, 466–86. Leiden: Brill, 2015.

“Mission as New Catholicity, Afro-Westernization and Globalization.” In *Africa Bears Witness. Mission Theology and Praxis in the 21st Century*, edited by Harvey Kwiyan, 32–43. Nairobi: African Theological Press Network, 2021.

———. “‘To Make the Church in Africa Really African’: A Perspective of a Church Historian on the Endless Quest of Laurenti Magesa, 1946...” In *African Theology in the 21st Century*, edited by Elias O. Opongo and Paul Bere, 19–46. Nairobi: Paulines, 2021.

———. “Writing African History in a Global World. The Intercultural Paradigm.” *Equinox* 5, nos. 1–2 (2021): 33–54.

Journal Articles

———. “Spiritual Direction in An African Context: Challenges and Opportunities.” *Perspectiva Teológica* 53, no. 2 (August 2021): 353–69.

———. “New Wine into Old Wineskins? African Reactions to Arrupe’s Governing Vision (1965-1978).” *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu* 88, fasc. 176 (II 2019): 385–420.

———. “The Archeology of the Jesuit Missions in Ethiopia, 1557-1632 by Víctor M. Fernandez, Jorge de Torres, Martínez d’Alòs-Moner, and Carlos Cañete.” *Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu* 88, fasc. 176 (II 2019): 228–31.

———. “Histoire Des Jésuites En Afrique: Du XVIIe Siècle à Nos Jours, Written by Léon de Saint Moulin, S.J.” *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 4, no. 3 (June 2017): 541–543.

———. “Hidden Treasures of Ethiopia: A Guide to the Remote Churches of an Ancient Land, Written by Friedlander, María-José, and Bob Friedlander.” *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 4 (2017): 339–341.

———. “The Adulteresses Were Reformers: The Perception and Position of Women in the Religious Fight of Fernando Poo, 1843-1900.” *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 4 (2018): 215–232.

———. “L'appel à la consistance.” *Hekima Review* 42 (2010): 18-30.

———. “La déclaration du Pape Benoît XVI au sujet de l'ordination des femmes ou la redécouverte d'un débat biaisé.” *Hekima Review* 44 (2011): 17-32.

———. “Quand Roland-Roger devient sourd! Engagement chrétien en Afrique dans un contexte d'anarchie démocratico-révolutionnaire et de dogalisation de l'homme.” *Hekima Review* 45 (2012): 21-35.

Online Article

———. “Pierre Charles, S.J. (1883-1954): Pioneer of Catholic Missiology.”

<http://www.bu.edu/missiology/missionary-biography/c-d/charles-pierre-1883-1954/>

Conference Papers

“The Jesuits in Fernando Poo (1858-1872).” Boston College International Symposium on the Restoration of the Society of Jesus, Boston, June 10-14, 2014.

“Jesuit’s Distinctiveness: The Indoctrination of Children in the Formula of the Institute.” International Symposium on Jesuit Studies. Boston College Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies. June 10-14, 2015.

“Shining Black: Challenges of the Rise of African Christianity to World Christianity,” Keynote to the Costas Consultation, organized by the Boston Theological Institute (BTI), Boston College, February 26, 2016.

“Religious Monopoly and “the Other” in Fernando Poo, 1868-1894,” Biennial Boston College Conference on the History of Religion, April 2, 2016.

“The *Adulteresses* were ‘Reformers:’ The Perception and Position of Women in the Religious Conflict of Fernando Poo, 1843-1900.” Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa International Symposium on “Encounters Between Jesuits and Protestants in Africa,” Nairobi, June 2016.

“The Reaction of Archbishop Paul Dalmais, S.J., to the Massacre of Unnamed Protestant Pastors in Banda (Chad, 1973),” Jesuit

Historical Institute in Africa International Symposium on “Encounters Between Catholics and Protestants in Africa,” for the 500th Year Anniversary of the Reformation, Nairobi, July 11-14, 2017.

“The Jesuits and Popular Education in Chad, 1946-1975,” 35. African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Panel on “Educational Tools and Spaces in Religious Community Building.” Chicago, ILL, November 16, 2017.

“Writing and Teaching African History in a Global World. An Intercultural Paradigm.” Encounters Ku Leuven (Belgium), Tanganza College (Nairobi, Kenya), and Hekima College (Nairobi, Kenya) on “An Intercontinental Exchange on Theological Methods.” Nairobi, Kenya, November 6-7, 2018.

“To Africanize Christianity or to Catholicize Africity? A Cameroonian Response to Global Catholicism in the 1970s,” University of Notre Dame Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism on “Global History and Roman Catholicism.” Notre Dame, IN, April 4-6, 2019.

Languages:

- Fluent: French, Spanish, English, Ewondo
- Read: Latin, Italian

Skills:

- Microsoft Office:
 - Excel, Word, PowerPoint

Hobbies and Interests

Soccer; Reading

References

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