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Department of Religion MS 15
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Harry and Hazel Chavanne Chair in Christian Theology
Professor of Religion
Chair Department of Religion
Faculty Associate, Wiess College 1995-
President of the African Association for the Study of Religion 2010-2020

EDUCATION

D.Theo. h.c. 2018 Lund University, Sweden
PH.D. 1995 University of Denver and the Iliff School of Theology
Thesis: *African Witchcraft and Otherness: A Philosophical and Theological Critique of Intersubjective Relations*

Doctoral Committee members:

Director, Jerre Surber

Members,

Carl Raschke

Alton Templin

Allan F. Roberts

1991 M.A. School of Religion, University of Iowa

1989 MDiv, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls

1987 B.A. Sociology and Mass Communication, Sioux Falls College

EMPLOYMENT

2019-Chair, Department of Religion

2008- Harry and Hazel Chavanne chair in Christian Theology

2007- Professor of Religious Studies

2002-2007 Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Rice University

1995-2002 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Rice University

1994-1995 Adjunct Faculty, University of Denver, CORE Curriculum

1995 Adjunct Faculty, Red Rocks Community College

1992-1994 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Denver

1992 Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Iliff School of Theology

1989-1990 Pastor, Olds United Church of Christ, Olds Iowa

1990-1991 Pastor, Amish Circuit, Iowa Conference, UMC

1992-1995 Pastor, The Little Church in the Pines, Boulder, Colorado

1988-1988 Sioux Falls Seminary and Community Choir

1986-1987 Member of the University Chorale, Sioux Falls College

1982-1984 Inaugural Pastor, Etoug-Ebe Baptist Church Yaoundé

1982-1984 Sunday Radio host and Preacher, *Morning Meditation*,
English Section, National Radio Station, Yaoundé.

1981	Member, Cameroon Choristers USA/Canada Tour and <i>Shey</i> of the Group
1980-1982	Pastor, Berean Baptist Church, Kumba South West Province
1973-1975	Pastor, Ntumbaw Baptist Church
1972-1973	Pastor, Cameroon Baptist Convention Church, Wanti
1978-1980	Public School Teacher in Gongola State of Nigeria

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
 African Studies Association
 Caribbean Philosophical Association
 African Philosophy of North America
 North American Cameroon Studies
 Member, Steering committee African Diaspora Religions (AAR) 2013-
 Member, AAR International Dissertation Research Grant 2012- 2017
 Chair, AAR International Dissertation Research Grant, 2013-2017
 African Studies Association (ASA)
 Chair, Scholarship Committee of African Studies Association 2011-2013
 African Association for the Study of Religion 1999-Present
 President of the African Association for the Study of religion 2010-2020
 International Bonhoeffer Society 1996-2002
 Caribbean Philosophical Association
 Society for African Philosophers of North America 1995-2005
 North American Association for Study of Religion
 Bonhoeffer Steering Committee of the AAR 1996-2002
 Member of the Academic Committee International Association of the History of Religions, XVIII Quinquennial Congress, Academic Committee, Durban South Africa, 1998- August 2000.
 Member, International Connections Committee of the American Academy of Religion 2003-2005
 North American Association of Cameroon Scholars
 African Religion/Ifa Cultural Center, Board of Directors, 1995-1997

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses

Reli 111 Introduction to African Religions
 Reli 113 Introduction to Christianity in Africa
 Reli 123, Introduction to World Christianity
 Reli 158 Liberation Theologies, 2006-2008
 Reli 282 Introduction to Christianity
 Reli 382 Religion and global Poverty
 Reli 338 The Church in Africa
 Reli 340 Theology in Africa
 Reli 342 New Religious Movements in Africa
 Reli 348 Christianity and Islam in Africa
 Reli 371 Christianity in the Global South

Reli 396 Pentecostalism

Graduate courses

Reli 423 African Myths and Rituals
 Reli 424 Religion and Politics in Africa
 Reli 426 Religion and Literature in Africa
 Reli 427 History and Methods: Nineteenth Century
 Reli 527 History and Methods: 19th Century
 Reli 528 Religion and Global Poverty
 534 Religion and Politics in Africa
 Reli 539 Theology in Africa
 Rel 540 The Church in Africa
 Reli 561 Christianity in the Global South
 Reli 595 Pentecostalism

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2004-2005 Summer research visits to Cameroon Religion and Politics
 2005-2006 Summer Research in Cameroon (HIV/AIDS)
 2014-2015 Summer Research, Disability Cameroon
 2015 Summer Research in Cameroon, Land an authority in Postcolonial
 Cameroon
 Contending Modernity Project, University of Notre Dame
 2016 Summer Research, Land and Authority in Postcolonial Cameroon

HONORS

1985-1987 Dean's List, Sioux Falls College
 1986 National Alpha Chi
 1988-1989, Who's Who Among International Students in America
 Universities & Colleges
 1986 Mr. Pan African, Mankato State University
 1987 Purple Feather Award, Sioux Falls College
 1988 Dorothy Powell Award for Excellence in Heritage and Thought,
 North American Baptist Seminary
 1989 Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges
 1991-1992, Louis B. Iliff Fellowship, Iliff School of Theology 1998-1999
 1992-1993 Who's Who in Religion, Fourth Edition
 1995 Men of Achievement Sixteenth Edition, 1995.
 1996-1997, Outstanding Faculty Associate Wiess College, Rice University
 2001 Mosle Research Award
 2006-2007 Outstanding Faculty Associate, Wiess College, Rice University
 2007 Frantz Fanon Prize for Outstanding Work in Caribbean Thought
 2008 Distinguished Faculty Associate, Wiess College
 2008-2009 Outstanding Faculty Associate, Wiess College
 2011, Distinguished Faculty Associate Wiess College
 2012, Distinguished Faculty Associate Wiess College
 2015 Distinguished Faculty Associate Wiess College
 2015, Contending Modernity Research Grant, University of Notre Dame, Indiana

2016-2017 Outstanding Faculty Associate, Wiess College, Rice University.
 2019 Wiess-Time Achievement Award for outstanding service as Divisional
 Adviser to Wiess College
 2020 The Ray L Hart Service Award, American Academy of Religion

Awards:

2000/2001 Mosle Junior Faculty Research Award
 2015 Contending Modernity Grant, University of Notre Dame

UNIVERSITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEES

1. Divisional Academic Adviser (Humanities) Wiess College 1999-Present
2. Undergraduate Adviser, Religious Studies Department 1996-2003
3. President's Council on Minority Affairs, 1997-2006
4. Affirmative Action Committee, 1997-1999
5. Wiess College Faculty Associate, 1996-Present
6. Member Religious Studies Department Hebrew Bible Search Committee, 1997
7. Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee, 1998
8. Member, Wiess College John E. Parish Fellowship Committee 1998-2003
9. Humanities Undergraduate Teaching Subcommittee, 2000-2001
10. Humanities Divisional Adviser, Wiess College 1990-2019
11. Adviser for Humanitarian Medical Work founded by Trevor Health, 2001-2010
12. Religious Studies Department Islamic Studies Search Committee, 2000-2001
13. African Studies Association (Local Arrangements Committee), November 2001
14. Rice-Natal Links Steering Committee, AY 2001-02
15. Center for the Study of Cultures Advisory Board, AY 2001-2003
16. Provost Fellowship Committee, AY 2001-Present
17. Holocaust Museum Educational Committee, 2001-2005
18. Adviser for Humanitarian Medical Work founded by Trevor Health, 2001-2010
19. Biotechnology, Religion and Ethics, Coordinating Committee, AY 2001-2005
20. Humanities Dean's Search Committee, 2002-2003
21. Co-Organizer, International Conference on Orality, Literature, and Memory
 October, 2003.
22. President's Lecture Series Committee, 2002-2005
23. Faculty Host Traveling Owls Kenya, 2003.
24. Board of Directors, South West Commission for the Study of Religion,
 2002-2005
25. Steering Committee for the Study of Women and Gender, 2003-2006
26. Chair, Search Committee, Philosophy of Religion Religious Studies 2004.
27. Member Search Committee for Director of Center for Study of Culture 2004-2005
28. Search committee, post-doctoral fellow, Center for Study of Women and Gender,
 2005-2006
29. Minor Undergraduate Adviser, Global Health Technologies, 2007-2011
30. Visit to Valparaiso University to meet with Dena Frantz and the staff of Reviews
 in Religious Studies, to assess the operations and relocate Religious Studies
 Review and Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (CSSR) to the
 department and Rice University June 6-8, 2005 to
31. Undergraduate Review Committee, Religious Studies, 2006

32. Traveling Owls Kenya, 2006
33. Steering committee Member, Poverty and Justice Center, 2007-
34. Undergraduate Adviser, Department of Religious Studies 2009-2011
35. Faculty Committee, Global Health Technologies 2009-2014
36. Chair Department of Religion Search committee for Philosophy of Religion, 2011
37. Member of Steering Committee on the Poverty, Justice and Human Capabilities 2011-Present
38. Faculty Address Incoming Class, September 2011.
39. Graduate Advisor Department of Religion, 2012-2014
40. Advisory Board, Program on Poverty, Justice and Human Capabilities PJHC 2014-Present
41. Undergraduate Adviser, Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities 2014-2018
42. Committee member of Friends of Religion and Public Life, Rice University 2015-2019.
43. Faculty Host Traveling Owls Trip, Southern African, 2013
44. Chair of Committee on Examination and Standing, 2014- 2017
45. Advisory Committee, Program on Religion and Public Life, 2015- 2019
46. Member of Search Committee, History of Africa Search, History Department, 2017.
47. Loewenstein Fellowship Committee, 2017-2017
48. Faculty Host Travelling Owls Trip, Treasure of Southern Africa, 2018
49. PJHC Undergraduate Adviser, 2018-2019
50. Member Search Committee, Chao Center, 2018-2019
51. Chair, Department of Religion, Rice University
52. Faculty Host Traveling Owls, Southern Africa, 2019

GRADUATE TRAINING

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

Department of Religion

Dissertations Directed

1. Stephen Finley Re-imagining Race and Representation: The Black Body in the Nation of Islam, 2009 Tenure track Louisiana State University
2. Terri laws, *African American Religion and Clinical Trials: An Ethnographic Study Spirituality and Patient-subject Decision Making*, 2017, Assistant Professor, University of Michigan Dearborn.
3. Enoch Gbadegesin, *Comparative Analysis of Gift Exchange among a Pentecostal Christian Denomination and the Indigenous Religions Tradition in Ile-Ife, Nigeria*. Tenure track, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria.
4. Rachel Schneider, *The Ethics of Whiteness: Race, Religion and Social Transformation in South Africa*, 2017. Postdoctoral Fellow Religion and Public Life, Rice University
5. Biko Mandela Gray, *Enfleshing the Subject: Race and Religion in the Development of Subjectivity*, 2017. Tenure track, Assistant professor of religious Studies Syracuse University.
6. Itohan, Mercy Idumwonyi, *An Ethnographic Study of Gender Dynamics in Benin Religion and a Pentecostal Congregation in Benin City, Nigeria*, 2018. Placement Assistant Professor of Religion Gonzaga University

7. Nathanael Homewood, *Pneumoeroticism: An Erotic Hermeneutic of Body and Spirit in Ghanaian Pentecostalism*, 2018. Visiting Professor DePauw University, Indiana

Dissertation Committee Member in the Department of Religion

1. Mary Ann Clark Asho Orisha (*Clothing of the Orisha*) *Material Culture as Religious Expression in Santeria*, 1999.
2. Margarita Simon Guillory, *Creating Ourselves: An Interdisciplinary Exploration Of Self and Creativity in African American Religion*, 2011
3. Derek Scott Hicks, *Making the Wounded Whole: An investigation of Healing and Identity in African American Religious Life and Thought*, 2011.
4. Israel Ahimbisibwe, *Covenant Law in Transforming the Culture of Violence: Reading 2 Kings 14:5-6 in the Context of the Rwanda 1994 Genocide*. 2011.
5. Paul Easterling, *The Moorish Science Temple of America: A Study Exploring The Foundations of African American Islamic Thought and Culture*, 2012
6. Jonathan Chism, *The Saints Go marching: An Analysis of Political Protests and Activism Among Pentecostals in the Church of God in Christ Memphis, Tennessee 1955-1968*, 2014.
7. Danie Brubaker, *Internal Changes in Qur'an Manuscripts*, 2014
8. Darrius D. Hill. *Toward a Theory of Reciprocity: Constructing a hermeneutic of Relationality for Black theological Discourse*, 2014.
9. Christopher Driscoll, *Twilight of the God-Idols: The Death of Whiteness and the Birth of White Theology of Limitation.*, 2014.
10. Aundrea Matthews, *Quilting the Faith: African American Spiritual Groups and the Art of Quilting*. 2015.
11. David Kline, *Wounds that Cannot Heal: Political Theology, Race, and the (Auto) Immunity of White American Christianity*, 2017

Dissertation Committee Member/Reader, Rice University

1. Karen Kossie, *The Move is on: African American Pentecostal-Charismatics in the Southwest*, History Department, 1998.
2. Mickie Koster Nwanzia *The Making of Mau Mau: The Power of Oath*, History Department, May 2010.
3. Mngomezulu, Bhekithemba Richard, *A Political History of Higher Education in East Africa: The Rise and Fall of the University of East Africa 1937-1970*, History Department, 2004.
4. Kris Petersen, *HIV/AIDS and Democracy in Nigeria: Politics, Rights, Therapeutic Economies*, PHD Dissertation, Rice University, 2004
5. Nathanael Vlachos *Ethics of Freedom, Pragmatics of Constraint: Theatre in a Post-Mandela South Africa*, Anthropology Department, 2017.
6. Sadibou Sow, *Esthétique de l'horreur: Le genocide rwandais dans la littérature africaines*, French Studies 2009
7. Lisa Travis Bloomquist *Rediscovering the Witch: Hébert, Vassalli, and Sartre*, French Studies
8. Nessette Falu *Lesbiscas Negras' Ethics and the Scales of Racialized Sexual Recognitions in Gynecology and Public discourses in Salvador-Bahia*, Anthropology Department, 2014

9. Simranjit Khasala, *An International Study of Sikhism in the US, UK, and India*, in progress sociology Department
- NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION READER AND EVALUATION**
1. Mari-Anna Pöntinen *Celebrating Life and Harmony: African Theology as Liberating Wisdom in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana*, PHD. Dissertation, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, 2011
 2. Samuel Joina Ngale, *From Tsonga to Mocambicanidade: Civil Religious Dynamics in Mozambican Nationalism*, 2011, University of Cape Town.
 3. Radikobo Philip Ntsimane, *An Historical Evaluation of the Lutheran Medical Services in Southern Africa with Special Emphasis on four Hospitals: 1930-1978* PHD, University of KwaZulu Natal, 2012
 4. Roxane Richter, *Medical Outcasts: Gendered and Institutionalized Xenophobia in Forced Migrants' Emergency Healthcare*, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa 2014
 5. Richard Shadrack Maposa, *Christianity and Development: History of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe and the Emergence of a Theology of Liberation 1965-2005* PHD. University of Zimbabwe, 2013
 6. Innocent Yakaremye, *The Free Methodist Church of Southern Africa and its Response to HIV and AIDS in Southern Africa KwaZulu Natal: Postulating a Reclamation of Wesleyan Healthcare Response from a Gender Perspective*, 2013.
 7. Teddy Sakupapa, *Ecclesiology and Ethics: An Analysis of the History of the All African Conference of Churches, 1963-2013*, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, 2017.
 8. Johanneke Kroesbergern *Speaking of Satanism in Zambia: The Persuasiveness of Contemporary Narratives about Satanism*, PhD, University of Utrecht, 2017.
 9. Godfrey Museka, *African Traditional Religio-Cultural Rituals in the Era of HIV-AIDS: Assets or Liabilities*, PhD. University of Zimbabwe, 2018.
 10. Anna Droll, doctoral examinations at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena California. 2019.
 11. Misheck Mudyiwa, *The Impact and Implications of Eucharistic Intercommunion in Zimbabwe: A Case Study of the Light of Life Christian Group in the Midlands Province*, PhD, University of Zimbabwe, 2020.

MA THESIS: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

1. Rosine Kouamen University of Houston MFA Allons-y Chez
2. Dineo Maitsa, *The Role of Faith-Based Health Providers in the South African health System: A Historical Case Study on their Nationalization and Privatization*, MA Thesis University of Cape Town, 2018.
3. Misheck Mudyiwa, MA Thesis, University of Zimbabwe, 2016.
4. Nisham Cheru, *Moral Responsibility of Embracing the Ethnic Other: A Dialogue with Miroslav Volf and Emmanuel Katongole*, MA Thesis, Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, 2019.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION SENIOR THESIS RICE UNIVERSITY

1. Rachele Sam *HIV/AIDS Revisited: Religion & Faith Reconsidered* 2007
2. Becky Thilo *Rethinking the Western Vies of Kongo Culture through Minkisi Minkondi*, 2007

GUEST EDITORIALS

Editor, 2012 Guest editors: Elias Bongmba and Jim Cochrane, Special Edition of *Religion and Theology*, HIV/AIDS and Public Policy, Vol. 14/1,2 (2007)
 Elias K. Bongmba “Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinarity in African Studies”
Religion and Theology, 21 (2014): 218-250

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *African Witchcraft and Otherness: A Philosophical and Theological Critique of Intersubjective Relations* (SUNY Press, 2001).
2. *The Dialectics of Transformation in Africa*, (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006)
(Winner of the 2007 Frantz Fanon Prize in Caribbean Thought)
3. *Facing a Pandemic: The African Church and the Crisis of HIV/AIDS* (Baylor University Press, 2007)
4. *Witchcraft as Social Diagnosis: Traditional Ghanaian Beliefs and Global Health*, (With Roxane Richter and Thomas Flowers)

EDITED BOOKS

1. Elias Kifon Bongmba *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to African Religions*
2. *Living on the Edge: Essays in Honour of Steve de Gruchy Activist & Theologian*, eds. James R. Cochrane, Elias Bongmba, Isabel Phiri, Des van der Water. (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa: Cluster Publications, 2012).
3. Elias Kifon Bongmba *The Routledge Companion to Christianity in Africa*, New York: Routledge, 2015.
4. Elias Kifon Bongmba *Religion and Social Reconstruction in Africa*, New York, Routledge, 2016.
5. Elias Kifon Bongmba, *The Routledge Handbook on African Theology*

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Same Sex Relations and the Church in Africa

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Executive Editor, *Journal of Religion in Africa* 2019-

Member of the Editorial Board, *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology, and Ethics*, International Editorial Advisory Board 1999-2017.

Member of the Editorial Board, *EJournal of the African Association for the Study of Religion*

Member of the Editorial Board, *African Studies Review* 2011- 2017

Member of Editorial Board, *Ilorin Journal of Religion*

Member of the Editorial Board of *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft*

Member of the Editorial Board, *Western Journal of Black Studies*

Managing Editor, *Religious Studies Review* 2005-2019

International Representative *African Journal of Religion & Gender*
 Managing Editor, *Bulletin of the Counsel of the Society for the Study of Religion*
 2005-2009

REVIEWS FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Journal of Religious History
 Reviewer *African Identities*
Journal of Religion and Gender
African Studies Review
Journal of African Historical Studies
Sophia
Journal of Religion
Africa Today
Political Theology
World Christianity

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS FOR PUBLISHERS

Review and endorsement of books for Eerdmans Publishing Company
 Palgrave MacMillan
 New York University Press
 State University Press of New York
 EJ Brill
 Review and endorsements of books for Pennsylvania State University
 Review of manuscripts for Orbis Books
 Review and Endorsements of books for Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2020
 Manuscript endorsement, Oxford University Press,
 Review and endorsement for Axios Publishers, South Africa
 Review of Manuscripts for Lexington Books

PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS AND ASSESSMENTS

1. Review and Assessment for Promotion to tenure, York College of the City University of New York, 2010.
2. Review and assessment for promotion and tenure, University of San Francisco, 2011
3. Review and assessment of application to the Social Science and Humanities Research Council, 2011
4. Review and assessment for promotion to tenure Florida International University, 2012.
5. Review and assessment for promotion to full professor University of Zimbabwe, 2012
6. Review and assessment for promotion to full professor, Georgia State University, 2013.
7. Review and assessment for Promotion to Associate Professor Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2013
8. Review for Promotion to Full Professor Western Kentucky University, 2014

9. Review and assessment for appointment to the rank of Associate professor Pen State University, 2014
10. Review and assessment for promotion to full professor Baruch College, 2014
11. Review for promotion Associate Professor, Kansas State University, 2014
12. Reviewer and assessment for assessment for promotion to Associate Professor Metropolitan College of Denver, 2015
13. Review and assessment of nomination to a distinguished Chair, University of Denver, 2015
14. Review and assessment for promotion to Associate Professor University of South Africa, 2015
15. Review and assessment for promotion to Professor University of Ibadan, Nigeria, 2016
16. Review and Assessment for promotion to Associate Professor University of Swaziland 2016.
17. Review and assessment for promotion to Associate professor, University of Zimbabwe, 2016
18. Review and assessment for promotion to Reader, University of Edinburgh, 2016
19. Review and assessment for promotion to full professor Binghamton University, 2016
20. Review and assessment for promotion to full professor University of Georgia, Athens, 2017
21. Internal Review for Assessment and promotion to Professor, Rice University, 2017
22. Review and assessment for recruitment and appointment to associate Professor at Yale University, 2017
23. Review and Assessment for promotion and tenure, DePaul University, 2017.
24. Review UCLA Department of World Arts and Cultures.
25. Review and assessment for promotion to Senior Lecturer, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, 2019.
26. Review and Assessment for tenure, University of Ghana
27. Review and assessment for promotion to full professor University of California Los Angeles, 2019.
28. Review and assessment for promotion to a senior academic position at Tel Aviv University, Israel. 2019
29. Review and Assessment for the National Research Found of South Africa
30. Review and Assessment for promotion to full professor Emory University, 2020a
31. Review and assessment for promotion to full professor University of Pittsburgh, 2020
32. Review and Assessment for promotion to full professor, Emory University, 2020b
33. Review for Harvard University
34. Review and Assessment for promotion to Senior Lecturer, University of Pretoria, South Africa, 2020
35. Review and Assessment for promotion to Senior Lecturer, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, 2020.

PUBLIC SERVICE

1. Founding Member, African Community Organization, Houston, 1996
2. Inaugural Lecture, Thabo Mbeki Institute for Thought Leadership, 2010
3. Consultant with the Director of the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library Project on the Concept Document, 2013
4. Plenary Lecture, Inauguration of the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library Theme: Pre-Presidency: Pan Africanism, African Renaissance and the Liberation Struggle, September, 2014.
5. Coordinator, Wimbum Cultural and Development Association Initiative 2001-2002
6. Founding Chair of the Wimbum Cultural and Development Association, (WICUDA-USA) 2012
7. Secretary General, Wimbum Cultural and Development Association (WICUDA-USA) 2012-2013
8. Founding President of the Cameroon Community of Houston (CAMCOH) 2010-2012
9. 2005 Expert Testimony in Asylum case from Cameroon
10. Expert Report on Accusations of Witchcraft against the Local Church, 2003 Report for Attorney Brian L. Watson, and Attorney Allen Cohen, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP later presented Court testimony in Houston.
11. Expert Testimony at Immigration Court, Houston for a Cameroonian immigrant, 2004
12. Expert Witness on Immigration Cases 2010-2017
13. Member of the Resolutions Committee and Rapporteur Wimbum Cultural and Development Association (WICUDA-USA) 2016-2019

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Interview channel 13 1998 on Ritual Killings
 HIV AIDS in Africa, Hope Healing.org, June 29, 2010.
 BBC 2015 on the Reformation and the African Church
 BBC 2018 African Pastors
 Interview for Swedish Magazine Ottar, 2018
 Church and Health in Cameroon, *Christianity Today* podcast

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND PEER REVIEWED CHAPTERS

1. "Preserving African Religious and Cultural Values in Art in Their Context: A Lesson from Heidegger," *Journal for the Society of African Philosophers of North America*, IX:1-2 (Spring 1996), 41-69.
2. "The Priority of the Other: Ethics in Africa - Perspectives from Bonhoeffer and Levinas," ed. John W de Gruchy, *Bonhoeffer for a New Day* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1997), 190-208.
3. Two Steps Forward, One Step Backward: Schleiermacher on Religion, *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, 1997: 190-208.
4. Toward a Hermeneutic of Wimbum *Tfu*, *African Studies Review*, 41:3 (December 1998:165-191)

5. Beyond the Rationality Debate to Contextual Ethics, *African Philosophy*, 12:2, 1999:125-148.
6. Eros as Theological Response to *Tfu* (Witchcraft), *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, 106, April 2000:17-33.
7. Spiritual Development, Its Thought, Public Praxis Review essay: *African Studies Review*, September 2000: 117-125.
8. Refocusing Religious and Theology Thought in Africa, *Religion and Theology* 8:2001: 139-164.
9. Fabian and Levinas on Time and the Other: Ethical Implications, *Philosophia Africana*, 4:1, March 2001, 7-26.
10. African Witchcraft: From Ethnography to Critique, in Diane Ciekawy and George Bond, eds. *Witchcraft Dialogues: Anthropological and Philosophical Exchanges*, 39-79, Athens: Ohio University Press, 2001
11. On Love: Literary Images of a Phenomenology of Love in Ngugi Wa Thiongo's *The River Between*, in *Literature and Theology*, Vol 15, no 4 December 2001:373-395.
12. Targeted for Change: Cameroonian Women and Missionary Designs in Some Fiction by Mongo Beti, in *Deep HiStories: Gender and Colonialism in Southern Africa*, Edited by Wendy Woodward, Patricia Hayes, and Gary Minkley, Amsterdam, Rodopi Press, 2002.
13. Intertextuality in Cheikh Hamidou Kane's *The Ambiguous Adventure*: Multiple Readings of the Death Motif, Seu Kossew and Dianne Schwerdt, eds. *Reimagining Africa: Perspectives on African Literature*, New York: Mova Science Press, 2002.
14. Eschatology: Levinasian Hints in a Preface, *SEMEIA* 43 (Society for Biblical Literature Publication) 2003:75-90.
15. Alterity, Transcendence, and Representation in Levinas: Cross Cultural Implications for African Witchcraft Discourses, in *Who Exactly is the Other*, Massimo Lollini and Steven Shankman, eds. University of Oregon Press, 2002 35-40.
16. Reflections on Thabo Mbeki's African Renaissance," in *Journal of Southern African Studies*, 30, 2 (June 2004): 289-314
17. Rethinking Power in Africa: Theological Perspectives." In *Religion and Theology*, 11/2 (2004): 103-138.
18. Review Essay: "Whither African Philosophy" Review Essay on Paulin Hountondji's *The Struggle for Meaning: Reflections on Philosophy, Culture, and Democracy in Africa*. *African Studies Review*, Vol. 47, No. 2, September 2004. 119-124.
19. Evans-Pritchard and the Theoretical Demise of Magic in Africa" in *The Power of the Occult in Modern Africa, Continuity and Innovation in the Renewal of African Cosmologies* edited by James Kiernan, 19-44, Berlin, Lit Verlag, 2006.
20. African Theology and the Question of Rationality," in *Inculturation and Postcolonial Discourse in African Theology*, edited by Edward Antonio, New York: Peter Lang, 200
21. The Study of African Religions: A Sketch of the Past and Prospects for the Future," in *The Study of Africa, The Study of Africa. Volume 1: Disciplinary and*

- Interdisciplinary Encounters Edited by Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, Dakar, Senegal: CODESRIA, 2006.
22. Witchcraft and The Christian Church: Ethical Implications” in *Imaging Evil: Witchcraft Beliefs and Accusations in Contemporary Africa*, 113-143, edited by Gerrie Ter Haar, Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2006.
 23. “Portable Faith: The Global Dimensions of African Initiated Churches (AIC)” in *African Immigrant Religions in America*, 102-129. Edited by Jacob Olupona and Regina Gemignani, NYU Press, 2007.
 24. Restoring Justice as a Public Virtue in the context of HIV/AIDS” in *Religion and Theology*, Vol. 14, 1/2 (2007): 28-46.
 25. Ancestor Veneration in Central Africa” in *Eternal Ancestors: The Art of the Central African Reliquary*, 79-86. Edited by Alisa LaGamma. New York: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Yale University Press, 2007.
 26. Ethical Challenges of Patenting “Nature”: Legal and Economic Accounts of Altered Nature as Property.” In *Altering Nature: Volume I: Concepts of Nature’ and ‘The Natural’ in Biotechnology Debates*. Edited by B. Andrew Lustig, Baruch A. Brody, and Gerald P. McKenny. (Springer, 2008)199-274.
 27. Beyond Reason to Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Morality and Politics in Africa: Comments on E.C. Eze’s “Between History and the Gods: Reason, Morality, and Politics in Today’s Africa.” *African Today*, volume 55, number 2 (spring 2009): 98-104
 28. Aesthetics in African Art: Implications for African Theology.” In *Black Religion and Black Aesthetics: Religious Thought and Life in Africa and the African Diaspora*. Edited by Anthony B. Pinn, Palgrave MacMillan, 2009.
 29. Phenomenological Humanism: Lewis Gordon on Reclaiming the Human in an Antihuman World” in *CRL James Journal*, vol. 14 number 1, 245-268
 30. Visions and Dreams in an African Initiated Church,” in Akintunde E. Akinade ed. *A New Day: Essays on World Christianity in Honor of Lamin Sanneh*, (New York: Peter Lang, 2010)
 31. Sainly Lives in a World of Violence: Reflections on the Philosophy of Edith Wyschogrod In *Philosophy today*, winter 2011
 32. Alasdair MacIntyre on After Virtue” in *Beyond the Pale: Reading Ethics from the Margins* 169-180, edited by Stacey M. Floyed-Thomas and Miguel A. De La Torre, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, Press, 2011.
 33. A comment on Friedman and Rossi’s dialectical Theory and the Study of HIV/AIDS: A Broad Marxist Critique,” *Dialectical Anthropology* (2011): 35:443-447
 34. The African Renaissance and Religion,” in *Religion, Conflict, and Democracy in Modern Africa*, 51-77, ed. Samuel K. Elolia, (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications) 2012
 35. Introduction” in *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to African Religions*, 1-21, edited by Elias Kifon Bongmba, (Malden, MA.: Wiley Blackwell, 2012)
 36. African Theology” in *The Wiley-Blackwell companion to African Religions*, 241-254, edited by Elias Kifon Bongmba, Malden, MA.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

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ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

INVITED LECTURES AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

1. "Levinas, Otherness and Witchcraft," Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, Rice University, Houston, Fall 1995.
2. "Teaching Religion on the Eve of the 21st Century," University of Houston, Houston, Texas, February 1996.
3. "The Spirituality of African Religions," The Gordon Frazee Lecture Series, Linfield College, Oregon, April 1996.
4. "Life on the Boundaries: Religion, Science and Magic in Africa," Invited Scientia Lecture, Rice University, Houston, Texas, October 13, 1998
5. Cameroon Students Association USA and the Community" Address to the National Convention of Cameroon Students Association Annual Convention, Houston Texas, August 13, 1999.
6. "Alterity, Transcendence and Representation in Levinas," Keynote Address, Oregon Humanities Center, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, May 4, 2000.
7. "African Witchcraft and Theology: The impact of Emmanuel Levinas," School of Theology, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, August 14, 2000
8. Teaching African Spirituality, African Studies Workshop, Texas Southern University, April 20, 2001
9. "Thinking About Death with and Beyond Heidegger" African Studies Seminar, University of Michigan, February 15, 2006
10. "The African Renaissance and Political Reform in Africa," Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University, May 3, 2006.
11. "John and Dominique de Menil's Cosmopolitan Vision for Freedom and Justice," Rothko Chapel, Houston, June 8, 2006.

12. "HIV/AIDS in Africa," Palmer Memorial Church, Houston TX, March 18, 2007.
13. "Genocide in Darfur" Jewish Center, West Houston "Gender an Unnecessary Divide" Saint Luke Episcopal Church, Houston, May 6, 2007
14. "Health and Medicine Africa and HIV/AIDS: Perspectives on Colonial, Missionary, and contemporary Health care in Africa." 4-week Lectures at the Special Topics Class, First Presbyterian Sunday school October-November 2007.
15. "HIV/AIDS in Africa: What Can I do?" Presentation at Spring Meeting of Junior State of America, Texas Branch, Dallas February 10, 2008.
16. "Retrieving Texts, Recasting Traditions: A Symposium on Scriptures, Christian Origins and World Christianities. Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY, March 4, 2008.
17. "The Apostle Paul on the Other" South Main Baptist Church, August 30, 2009
18. Emerging Theologies in Africa, African Seminar, Yale University, November 18, 2009.
19. "Emerging Pentecostal theology," Invited Lecture University of Western Cape, April, 2010
20. "Renaissance and Responsibility," Position Paper presented at the Launching of the Thabo Mbeki Foundation and the Institute for Leadership October 11 2010.
21. "Restoring Human Dignity: Responsibility in Healthcare," Baylor University Institute for Faith and Culture, October 28, 2010
22. "Religious Communities and Healthcare in Africa," Invited Lecture presented at the Second HIV and AIDS and the Churches Conference organized by the Center for Public Theology of the Huron University College London, Ontario Canada
23. Christianity and Crisis in Africa, Invited Lecture, Eckerd College, Saint Petersburg, Florida, March 11, 2011
24. Rice University Faculty Matriculation Address, Rice University, Fall 2011
25. Pentecostalism in Africa Today, Houston Ministerial Association, September 9, 2011
26. "Intersubjectivity and Spirituality," Invited Lecture, Faculty of Theology at University of Eastern Finland Juenso, December 15, 2011
27. "Religion and Public Health in Africa, Dartmouth College, January, 2012.
28. Love in Africa, The Menil Collection, Houston, February 13, 2012.
29. "Facing Challenges: The Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network" Invited Lecture at Eckerd College, October 11, 2012.
30. Hermeneutics and Homosexuality: Reading Rudolf Bultmann, Invited Paper delivered at the University of South Africa, New Testament Colloquium, September, 4, 2012.
31. "The New Short Termers: Reflections on the Dynamic Changes in Mission Practice" Eckerd College, October 11, 2012
32. "Phenomenology of the Face: African Perspectives" Invited Lecture delivered at the Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center 32nd Annual Symposium, Duquesne University February 14, 2014
33. Elias K. Bongmba. African Christianity in the Diaspora, Texas A&M University, March 17, 2014.

34. Thabo Mbeki and Africa in the Pre-Presidential and Presidential Years: Conceptualizing and Grounding the African Renaissance as intellectual and Political Process, Invited Lecture Presented at the Thabo Mbeki Presidential Library Colloquium, University of South Africa, September 17, 2014.
35. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Church and State in Cameroon: The Political Theology of Christian Cardinal Tumi” Invited Lecture, Columbia University, April 10, 2015.
36. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Land and Authority in Postcolonial Africa” Presented at the Contending Modernities Plenary Conference, Notre Dame Global Gateway, Rome, June 5, 2015
37. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Water for Life” Keynote Address Presented at The Wimbun Cultural and Development Association Annual Meeting in Houston, July 4, 2015.
38. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Maximizing Partnerships in Cameroon: Security, Markets and Ethics” 2015, Cameroon Professional Society Congress, Rice University, August 2, 2015.
39. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Teaching African Christianity” Presented at Rice University Christian Graduate Student Association, October 8, 2015 Miner Lounge, Rice University.
40. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Faith Based Organizations in Africa” Presented at the Religion and Global Poverty forum organized by the Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University, October 29, 2015.
41. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “The Ebola Virus” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, 2015
42. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “What has Kinshasa to do with Athens? Towards a new vision of African Political Theology: The Imperative of Dialogue between theology and Social Science” Keynote address presented at the African Lived Christianity-Faith, Ritual and Power Lund University 16-18 March 2016.
43. Elias Kifon Bongmba, Diakonia Today: Advocating for New Technologies to Feed the Hungry. Keynote Lecture at the University of Zambia and Justo Mwale University, April 7, 2016.
44. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Writing African Christianity: Perspectives from a non-Historian” Seminar conducted at the University of South Africa (UNISA) July 7, 2016.
45. Elias Kifon Bongmba, Church and Culture in Africa: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on New Challenges, Keynote address presented at the New Testament Society of South Africa, Joint Society Conference July 2016, University of Pretoria.
46. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Christianity and Culture, presented at the Distinguished Congress of the Cameroon Professional Society 2016 Congress, Rice University, August 13, 2016.
47. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Land and Authority in Postcolonial Cameroon” inaugural lecture at Africa at the Crossroads Trans-Institutional Program, Vanderbilt University, September 28, 2016.
48. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Homosexuality and Law in Africa” Graduate Student Symposium, Rice University, 2017,
49. From Comity to Competition” Presented at the Gathered in My Name:

- Ecumenism and the World Church, DePaul University, Chicago, April 29, 2017.
50. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Church, Disability, and Development: The Case of the Cameroon Baptist Convention Health Board" Keynote Address at the Association of Theological Schools of Central and Southern Africa, (ATISCA) University of Zimbabwe, Harare, July 19, 2017.
 51. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Gender in the Homosexuality Debate in Africa," The Pennsylvania State University, October 11, 2017
 52. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Alternatives to Violence and Exile: Women and Witchcraft in Africa" University of Utrecht, January 15, 2018
 53. Elias Kifon Bongmba, Women and Gender in the Homosexuality Debate in Africa" The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, April 9, 2018
 54. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Eschatology in Africa: Between the Dialectics of Theological Prediction and Social Practice" Inaugural Doctor of Theology honoris causa, Faculty of Humanities and Theology, Lund University, Sweden, May 24, 2018.
 55. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Theology in a Post Age: Theology and Health in Africa" presented at the Nagel Institute Workshop in Pretoria, South Africa, March, 2019.
 56. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Revamping Political Theology in Africa" Lund University, June 4, 2019.
 57. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Rethinking Political Theology: Human Dignity and the Youths of Africa. Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology, October 4, 2019.
 58. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Institutions and World Christianity" Inaugural Consultation on World Christianity, Emory University, October 17, 2019.
 59. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "African Religions" Rice University Travelling Owls Africa Wildlife tour. Lecture one, Victoria Falls Hotel, 24 October, 2019.
 60. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "African Initiated Churches" Rice University Travelling Owls Africa Wildlife", Chobe National Park, 27 October 2019.
 61. Elias Kifon Bongmba, "Christianity and Same Sex Debate in Africa" Rice University Traveling Owls African Wildlife, Chobe National Park, October 28, 2019.
 62. Elias Kifon Bongmba, Christianity and Public Health in Africa" Rice University Travelling OWLS African Wild Life, Lower Zambezi, October 30 October, 2019.
 63. Elias Kifon Bongmba, Acquiescing to Necropolitics? The Church in Africa and Same Sex Relations, Yale Divinity School, March 3, 2020.
 64. Elias Kifon Bongmba "Anthropology and Theology" Book Launch 2020 Faith in African Lived Christianity, November 25, 2020 Zoom Meeting hosted by Lund University.
 65. Elias Kifon Bongmba, COVID-19 Poverty, Religion, and Law in Africa, ICLARS, ACLARS, WARCLAS Webinar, March 16, 2021.

CONFERENCE AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

1. "Beyond the Rationality Debate to Contextual Ethics," African Studies Association, Orlando, Florida, November 1995.
2. "Preserving African Religious Values in Art in their Context," American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 1995.
3. "The Priority of the Other in African Ethics," International Bonhoeffer Congress,

- Cape Town, South Africa, January 1996.
4. "Levinas on the Phenomenology of Eros," Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies, Rice University, Houston, Texas, spring 1996.
 5. "Time and the Other: A Reading of Fabian and Levinas," African Studies Association, San Francisco, California, November 1996.
 6. "Targeted for Change: Mongo Beti on the Catholic Church and Women in Cameroon," Gender and Colonialism Conference, University of Western Cape, South Africa, January 13-15, 1997.
 7. "Religious Pluralism in Sembène's Guelwaar" Presentation and discussion at the Catholic Cenacle Retreat Center, Houston, Jan 29, 1997
 8. Religion in Africa, St. Luke's United Methodist, Houston Church Fall 1997
 9. "Towards a Phenomenology of Eros in Africa: A Preliminary Investigation," Women in African and African Diaspora, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 24, 1998.
 10. "African Witchcraft: From Ethnography to Critique," African Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, October 31, 1998.
 11. "On Love: Images of a Phenomenology of Love in Ngugi *wa* Thiongo," American Academy of Religion, Orlando, Florida, November 21, 1998.
 12. "Shattering the Silence on Widowhood Practices in Africa: Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives," Inaugural J. Marie McCleary Literary Symposium, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, December 1, 1998.
 13. Womanist Theology, Windsor Village United Methodist Church, Winter Session
 14. "Perspectives on Problematic Gifts," Gift Conference, Rice University, Houston, Texas, March 27, 1999.
 15. "Vigilance for a New Generation of Leaders," Enhancing Black Leadership: Strategies for Building Economic and Intellectual Wealth, The Jesse Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University, Houston, Texas, May 21, 1999.
 16. "Meditation on Death in Cheikh Hamidou Kane's *The Ambiguous Adventure*," 22nd African Studies Association of Australia and the Pacific, University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, November 26-28, 1999.
 17. "Religious Freedom in Africa," Parliament of World Religions, Cape Town, South Africa, December 5, 1999.
 18. "Evans-Pritchard and the Theoretical Demise of the Concept of Magic in Africa," 18th Quinquennial Congress of the International Association of the History of Religions (IAHR), Durban, South Africa, August 7, 2000.
 19. "Olumba's Message to the World: Spiritual Identity and Survival in Houston's Nigerian Community," African Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, November 18, 2000.
 20. "Teaching Across Borders, Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Teaching," Southern Humanities Conference, San Antonio, Texas, February 9, 2001.
 21. "Teaching Humanities at Rice," Vision 2001, Rice University, Houston, Texas, February 23, 2001.
 22. "Reflections on Healing in the Northwest Province of Cameroon," Psyche Soma & Spirit Conference, Rice University, Houston, Texas, March 30, 2001.

23. "Negative Theology: Reflections on Nawal El Saadawi's Innocence of the Devil," International Narrative Conference, Rice University, Houston, Texas, March 11, 2001.
24. Legacy of Late Colonialism or the Will to Power: Ethical Reflections on Mahmood Mamdani's *Citizen and Subject*, Pathways Conference, University of Texas, Austin, April 1, 2001.
25. "HIV/AIDS and Human virtues: The Question of Justice and Prudence," Caribbean Philosophical Association, Montreal, Canada, August 3, 2006.
26. "Justice as a Public Virtue and HIV/AIDS in Africa" American Academy of Religion, Washington DC, November 2006.
27. "HIV/AIDS and the Christian Church in Africa" Special Topics Panel On Focus on Africa, American Academy of Religion, Washington DC, November 2006
28. Genocide in Darfur" Respondent to a panel on Genocide, American Academy of Religion, Washington DC, November 2006.
29. "Rethinking History of Christianity in Africa" Response to papers presented on global Christianity, American Academy of Religion, Washington DC, November 2006.
30. "African American Missionaries in Africa" J. Marie McCleary Literary Symposium, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, April 2007
31. Moderator of Session: Speaker: Professor Major Bradshaw, "African Medical Education in a Day of HIV/AIDS." Rothko Chapel, Houston, January 3, 2008
32. "Dreams in African Initiated Churches" Presentation at the North American Association for the Study of Religion. Bates College, Maine, April 26, 2008.
33. "In the Service of Ulu." 50th Anniversary of Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart*, Organized by USAfrica, Houston Texas, August 8, 2008.
34. "Interdisciplinarity in African Theology." American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November, 2, 2008.
35. Moderator Speaker Paul Salopek 'Inside African: The Hidden Wars" Rothko Chapel, November 24, 2008.
36. "The bible on Intersubjectivity." South Main Baptist Church, December, 29 2008.
37. Moderator and Panelist "Do we worship the same God." Rothko Chapel, February 7, 2009.
38. Rethinking Old Alliances: Religion and Public Health in Africa." University of Cape Town, South Africa, July 14, 2009
39. "Rethinking Traditional Authority in Africa." American Academy of Religion Montreal, November 8, 2009
40. "African Historical Anthropology: Reflections on the work of Professor Elisha S. Atieno Odhiambo, African Studies Association New Orleans, November 21, 2009,
41. Commentator Panel on Political, Cultural, and Economic Development, 2009
42. Rethinking the alliance between Religious Healthcare Providers and the State," Presented at Summer School organized at the Makerere University Medical School, July, 2010
43. "Doing Business with a different partner: Religious Health Care Institutions

- and HIV in Africa”, Texas business Summit, February 23, 2010.
44. “Gender in Colonial Studies of Religion in Africa,” presented at the African Association for the Study of Religion panel at the American Academy of Religion October 2010
 45. “Saintly Lives: Reflections on the philosophy of Edith Wyschogrod” Rice University, April 16, 2011
 46. “Responsibility as Communal Freedom: Reflections of Individual and Collective Responsibility,” Maseno University, Kenya July 16, 2011
 47. “Reading Lewis R. Gordon’s Introduction to Africana Philosophy” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Society, December 27, 2011
 48. Interdisciplinarity in Religion and Public Health, June 6, 2012. 50th Anniversary of the Center for African Studies at Edinburgh University
 49. Religion and Sports: The Role of the Occult and Para Church Groups Paper presented at the Conference of the African Association for the Study or Religion, Egerton University, Kenya, July 20, 2012
 50. Religion in the Public Square: Discussion of African Traditions in the Study of Religion: Social and Political Perspectives.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 16, 2012
 51. “Religion and HIV AIDS: Interpreting the Public Realm, Book Discussion, *Religion and HIV and AIDS*,” Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 19, 2012.
 48. Elias K. Bongmba, “Death in Aime Césaire” PADIK workshop, Jomo Kenyatta University of Technology, June 15, 2014
 49. Elias K. Bongmba “Where did the Forest Go?” Presented at the 6th Conference of the African Association for the Study of Religion, University of Cape Town, July 31, 2014.
 50. Elias K. Bongmba, “The Faith Community and Infectious Diseases,” Presented at the American Association of Historical Studies, Texas State University, Huntsville, November 8, 2014.
 51. Elias K. Bongmba “Mandela’s Spiritual Politics, Presented at the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, November 21, 2014
 52. Elias K. Bongmba, “The Church of the Future: Reflections on the Ecclesiology of Jesse N.K. Mugambi”. Presented at the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 23, 2014.
 53. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Ubuntu Ethics and the Homosexuality Debate in African Christianity” Religious Pluralism in Africa Symposium, Department of Religion, Rice University, March 18, 2015
 54. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Religious Images in *Voices of Muslim Women*, Film by Maha Marouan (Panel Discussion) XXI World Congress of the International Association for the Study of Religion Congress, Erfurt, Germany, August, 24, 2015
 55. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Charting Future Research” Response to Panel Discussion on “Religion, Social Space, and Development” at the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 22, 2015.

56. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Responding to the Ebola Virus Disease” on *Ebola, Africa, and Beyond: An Epidemic in Religious and Public Health Perspectives*, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 23, 2015
57. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “Homosexuality and the Law in Africa” Presented at the Religious Pluralism, Heritage, and Social Development in Africa Addis Ababa, Ethiopia May 22 Organized by the African Consortium of Law and Religion Studies (ACLARS)
58. Elias Kifon Bongmba and Tanto Richard Talla, “Land and Authority in Cameroon” Presented at the 7th Biennial AASR Conference at the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, July 27 20016
59. Elias Kifon Bongmba and Tanto Richard Talla “Land and Authority: Prospects for Reconciliation” Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Washington DC, December 3, 1016
60. Elias Kifon Bongmba and Tanto Richard Talla, “The Cameroon Land Law: Promise and Problems,” African Consortium on Law and Religion, (ALARS) International University, of Rabat, Morocco, May 15, 2017.
61. Elias Kifon Bongmba and Tanto Richard Talla, “Negotiating Land Boundaries: Re-examining the Aporias of the Land Law and Customary Laws in Cameroon, Presented at the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, November 13-18, Chicago, 2017.
62. Elias Kifon Bongmba and Tanto Richard Talla, “Family Ties: a Key to Reconciliation and Wellbeing in the Njirong and Ntumbaw Land Dispute. Presented at the annual Conference of the African Consortium on Law and Religion, Abuja Nigeria, 2018
63. Elias Kifon Bongmba ‘Catholic Bishops on the Anglophone Problem in Cameroon’ African Association for the Study of Religion Conference, University of Zambia and Justo Mwale College, Zambia, August 1-4 2018
64. Elias Kifon Bongmba and Tanto Richard Talla, Hunting and the Environment, African Consortium on Law and Religion, University of Botswana, May 19-21, 2019.
65. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Religion and Sexuality from an interdisciplinary Perspective: Adriaan van Klinken’s *Kenyan, Christian, Queer: Religion, LGBT Activism, and the Arts of Resistance in Africa*, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 23, 2019
66. Elias Kifon Bongmba “Celebrating Lamin Sanneh” American Academy of Religion, San Diego 25th November 2019.
67. Elias Kifon Bongmba, “African Christianity and the Religious Question: Pentecostalism and Indigenous Religions” Presented at the Inaugural Lamin Sanneh Conference at The Sanneh Institute, University of Ghana, February, 27, 2020
68. Elias Kifon Bongmba Panel Discussion on Publishing in Religious Studies Journal, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Virtual), 2020.