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EDUCATION

- **PhD Theology (Practical Theology)** 2021
Department of Philosophy, Practical and Systematic Theology, University of South Africa
Thesis: *The Influence of Youth Culture on Holistic Faith Formation of Youth in Nairobi City*
Supervisor: Prof. Garth Aziz (University of South Africa)
- **M.A. Biblical and Theological Studies** 2015
School of Theology, International Leadership University, Nairobi, Kenya
Dissertation: *Youth Worldviews among the De-Churched in Nairobi and Implications for Ministry (with Hebrew Exegesis)*; Graduated with Highest Honours (3.7 GPA)
Supervisors: Prof. Elizabeth Mburu (AIU/Langham), Prof. Jonghun Joo (Fuller)
- **BSc. Electrical and Electronics Engineering** 2012
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya

CERTIFICATION

- **Grant Management and Compliance**, African Population and Health Research Centre 2025
- **Financial Budgeting**, African Population and Health Research Centre 2025
- **Human Resource Management**, African Population and Health Research Centre 2025
- **Governance in Grant Management**, African Population and Health Research Centre 2025
- **Corporate Governance**, St. Paul's University 2025
- **Ministerial Formation**, Training and Personnel Development, PCEA 2025
- **Online Programs Curriculum Review**, *St. Paul's University* 2024
- **Data Protection Training**, *St. Paul's University* 2024
- **Effective Graduate Students' Supervision**, AICAD and EDI 2024
- **Competency Based Theological Education** *St. Paul's University* 2024
- **International Council of Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) Consulting Training** 2024
- **Supervisor Training** *Anglia Ruskin University* 2023
- **Leading for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Ed.** *University of Michigan* Ongoing
- **Grant Writing** *Bloomsburg University and Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship* 2023
- **Certificate in Basic Counseling Skills** *Kenya Association of Professional Counselors* 2021
- **Certificate in Christian Apologetics** *Biola University* 2021

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Director**, Directorate of Research and Innovation, St. Paul's University Oct 2025 to present
- **Project Coordinator Anglophone Africa**, Africa Theology Worldwide – partnership between St. Paul's University and the Protestant Theological University (PThU). Mar '25 - present
- **Research Fellow**, University of Birmingham, Psychology Cross-Training Program for Theologians March 2024 – Nov 2025
- **Head of Department**, Practical Theology, St. Paul's University, Kenya Oct 2022 – Oct 2025
- **Lecturer**, Department of Practical Theology, St. Paul's University, Kenya Sep 2022 – present
- **Lecturer**, School of Theology, Pan Africa Christian University Jan 2018 – Aug 2022
- **Youth Ministry Coordinator**, Presbyterian Church of East Africa Sep 2017 – Aug 2022

• 4th Assistant Engineer , Kenya Power	Sep 2015 – Aug 2017
• Lead Energy Analyst , Energy Simulation Africa	2014 – 2015
• Associate Consultant , Ashoka East Africa	2013 - 2014

RESEARCH AREAS

Youth Ministry | Youth and (Non)Religion | Apologetics | Pastoral, Political and Public Theologies | Practical Theology | Theology and Mental Health | African Christianities and Theologies | Ecotheologies | Science and Religion / Science Engaged Theology

PUBLICATIONS

Books Under Preparation

(2) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi, ed. *Africanization of Christianity: History, Theology and Practice*. Proposal Under Development to be Submitted to Fortress Press.

(1) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi and Gareth Crispin, eds. *Apologetics for Global Youth Ministry*. [Chapters Received - Proposal Accepted by Langham]

Book Published

(2) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. *Youth Ministry after the Pandemic: A Practical Theology from the Global South*. Wipf & Stock, 2025. <https://wipfandstock.com/9781666756616/youth-ministry-after-the-pandemic/>

(1) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi, ed. *Apologetics in Africa: An Introduction*. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham Publishers, 2024. <https://langhamliterature.org/apologetics-in-africa>

Reviewed in *Conspectus: Journal of the South African Theological Seminary* by Dr. Stephanie Lowery, Africa International University.

<https://www.ajol.info/index.php/conspectus/article/view/290353/273182>

Reviewed in *Christianity Today* by Dr. Agnes Makau, Dean of the School of Theology at Scott Christian University in Machakos, Kenya on 9 April 2024 <https://www.christianitytoday.com/2024/04/why-defend-faith-live-in-africa-book-review-ndereba/>

Top 10 Missions Books to read in 2025 with Chris Howles. <https://missionspodcast.com/podcast/top-10-missions-books-to-read-in-2025-with-chris-howles/>

Book Chapters Under Preparation/Submitted

(3) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Spiritual Attribution and "Sticky" Beliefs: A Cognitive Science of Religion Approach to Youth Mental Health in Sub-Saharan Africa. In *Routledge Handbook of Global Cognitive Science of Religion* edited by Jed Forman. Abingdon: Routledge. [Under Preparation]

(2) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Contending for the Faith: A Missional Apologetics from an African Perspective. In *Reading 2 Peter and Jude Missiologically*, edited by Abeneazer G. Urga, Jessica A. Udall, and Edward L. Smither (Pasadena, CA: William Carey Publishers, 2026). [SUBMITTED, Awaiting Publication]

(1) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Left Behind? Reframing Pastoral Care and Mental Health in view of Amillennial Eschatology. *Eschatology in African Christianity*, edited by David Ngaruuya, Elizabeth Mburu and Nathan Chiroma. (Langham, 2026) [SUBMITTED, Awaiting Publication]

Book Chapters Published

(11) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Youth as Agents of Change: Disability Inclusion in Digital Church Ministries. In Seyram Amenyedzi (ed.), *Let the Digital Doors Open! Digital Ecclesiology and (Dis)Ability*, pp. 113-122. Generis Publishing, 2025. ISBN: 979-8-89966-258-4. <https://www.generis-publishing.com/book.php?title=strong-let-the-digital-doors-open-strong-2800>

(10) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Youth and Culture. In *Youth Ministry in Africa: A Biblical Perspective*, edited by Nathan H. Chiroma, pp. 21-36. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham, 2025. ISBN: 9781839732584 <https://langhamliterature.org/books/youth-ministry-in-africa>

(9) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. The Nicene Creed: Retrieving Confessionalism in the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. In *Nicene Faith: Towards a Contemporary Reformed Reading* edited by Hanns Lessing et al., pp. 535-549. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2025.

DOI: <http://doi.org/10.36199/978-3-374-07975-9>.

(8) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Spiritual Warfare in African Christianity: A Reformed Perspective on the Fear of Curses and Witchcraft. In Daniel Nii Aboagye Aryeh, J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, and Knut Holter (eds.), *Handbook of Christian Prophetism in Africa*, pp. 316-330. Leiden: BRILL, 2025.

DOI: https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004734012_020

(7) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Masculinities and Developments in the Evangelical Tradition. In Felicia Chinyere Priest, Verena Schafroth, and Marilyn Naidoo (eds.), *Empowering Voices: African Women in Theological Education*. Langham, 2025. <https://langhamliterature.org/empowering-voices>

(6) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Youth Transitions During the Pandemic: An Empirical Approach. In *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Social Change* edited by Rajendra, S.M. Sajid, Varoshini Nadesan, Jaroslaw Przeperski, M. Rezaul Islam, and Jianguo Gao (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024).

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-87624-1_251-1

(5) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Apologetics in the New Testament and Church History. In: Kevin Muriithi Ndereba (ed.), *Apologetics in Africa: An Introduction*, pp. 73-102. Langham Publishing. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham Publishers, 2024.

(4) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Atheism in Africa. In: Kevin Muriithi Ndereba (ed.), *Apologetics in Africa: An Introduction*, pp. 315-334. Langham Publishing. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham Publishers, 2024.

(3) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. An Exploration of Pentecostal Theology and Praxis of Salvation in Kenya. In: David Ngaruuya & Rodney Reed (eds.), *Salvation in African Christianity*, pp. 381-400. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham Publishing, 2023. <https://langhamliterature.org/books/salvation-in-african-christianity>

(2) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Integrating a Biblical Worldview and STEM: Implications for the Kenyan Public University and Theological Education. In: David Ngaruuya & Rodney Reed (eds.), *Governance and Christian Higher Education in the African Context*. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham Publishing, 2019. <https://langhamliterature.org/governance-and-christian-higher-education-in-the-african-context>

(1) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Toward a Theology of Creation: An African Approach to the Environment. In: David Ngaruuya & Rodney Reed (Eds.), *God and Creation*. Carlisle, Cumbria: Langham Publishing, 2019. <https://langhamliterature.org/god-and-creation>

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Under Preparation/Submitted

(5) Faith Muthithi, Julius Kithinji and Kevin Muriithi Ndereba. Contemporary Readings of Mark 5:1-20 and Its Influence on African Christian Perceptions of Mental Health. *East African Journal of Traditions, Culture and Religion*. ISSN: 2707-5362 (Print) and 2707-5370 (Online). Issue: Volume 8, Issue 1, 2025. Journal DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37284/2707-5370>

(4) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Beyond Mental Health Stigma: Youth Leaders Voices through an African Theology of Hospitality. *Stellenbosch Theological Journal*. SUBMITTED.

(3) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi and Gladys Siamanda Naisiae. Fostering Mental Health Resilience in Emerging Adulthood: A Study of Kenyan Congregations. *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*. SUBMITTED.

(2) Falade, Bankole A., Kevin Muriithi Ndereba, Ernest Darkwah, and Ganiyat Tijani-Adenrele. Perspective taking, Cognitive Polyphasia, Trust in Science and Beliefs Post Covid 19 Pandemic in Africa. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*. Submitted to the Special Issue “Grassroots” Research: International Perspectives on Science and Belief in Society.” SUBMITTED.

(1) Edise Wairimu Ndirangu and Kevin Muriithi Ndereba. Spirituality and Religious Coping Post-COVID: A Scoping Review. *Journal for the Study of Spirituality*. SUBMITTED.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Published

(28) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. 'I am Spiritual but not Religious': Expanding Non-Religious Identities through Digital Kinship. *Utambuzi: Journal for the Study of the Religions of Africa and its Diaspora* 8, no. 2 (2025): 33-44. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.36615/5hk1v519>.

(27) Neema Ndooki Mollel, Kevin Muriithi Ndereba & Elijah Macharia Ndung'u. Implementation of Clinical Pastoral Education and Cultural Mediation in Enhancing Program Adaptability Among Maasai Clergy and Congregations. *East African Journal of Traditions, Culture and Religion (EAJTCR)*. 2707-5362 (Print) and 2707-5370 (Online). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajtcr.8.1.3996>

(26) Jacqueline Kang'ori and Kevin Muriithi Ndereba. Fostering Mental Health Resilience among the Youth Through the Relational Youth Ministry Model. *East African Journal of Traditions, Culture and Religion (EAJTCR)*. Journal ISSN: 2707-5362 (Print) and 2707-5370 (Online). Journal DOI: DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37284/eajtcr.8.1.4056>

(25) Eunice Anyanje Obulemire, Kevin Muriithi Ndereba and Lucy Gachenia. Effectiveness of Counseling Programs in Addressing Suicide among Young People: A Case of Butere Hospital, Kakamega County, Kenya. *African Journal of Emerging Issues*, 7.21 (2025), pp. 85–98. Available at: <https://ajoeijournal.org/sys/index.php/ajoei/article/view/966> (Accessed: 29 September 2025).

(24) David Wilson Mdabuko, Kevin Muriithi Ndereba, and Aloo Mojola. The Impact of Missional Theological Education on Clergy Leadership Development: A Tanzanian Perspective within African and Global Contexts. *East African Journal of Arts and Social Sciences*, 8.3 (2025): 402-417. Print ISSN: 2707-4277. Online ISSN: 2707-4285. DOI <https://doi.org/10.37284/eaass.8.3.3604>

(23) David Wilson Mdabuko, Kevin Muriithi Ndereba and Aloo Mojola. Reimagining Theological Education in the Anglican Church of Tanzania: Overcoming Institutional and Pedagogical Barriers to the Five Marks of Mission. *Africa Theological Journal* 41.1 (2025): 105-141. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25661/atj.v41i1.1234>

(22) Mangong, James Baak, Petronilla Otuya, and Kevin Muriithi Ndereba. The Church's Integral Mission as an Enabler to Community Development: A Case Study of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. *Journal of Poverty, Investment and Development*, 10.1 (2025): 23–30. <https://doi.org/10.47604/jpid.3407>

(21) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi & Kyama Mugambi. Christian 'Dual Citizenship' and Civic Duty: Implications of the Accra Charter (2011) for Africa Today. *Religion and Politics in the Public Square: African Theological Journal for Church and Society*, 5.3 (Supplementa) (2024): 1-12. <https://atjes.netact.org.za/index.php/netact/article/view/240>

(20) Mlugu, Kepha H. and Kevin Muriithi Ndereba. Bridging Youth Unemployment through Theology of Work in the Anglican Church of Tanzania. *Research Journal of Education, Teaching and Curriculum Studies*, 2.2 (2024): 59-69. ISSN (Online): 2958-8626 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.58721/rjetcs.v2i2.744>

(19) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Preaching as Apologia: Narrative Exposition as a Strategy for Engaging African Millennials. *Journal of the African Homiletics Society*, 1 (2024): 125-135. <https://journal.africanhomileticsociety.org/?id=12>

(18) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi and Susan Wanja. Integration of Spirituality and Health Science Education: An Empirical Study of University Students and Lecturers. *Christian Higher Education*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15363759.2024.2402350>

(17) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Emotive or Ethical? A Theological Reflection on Kenya's Comprehensive Sexuality Education. *Conspectus: Journal of South Africa Theological Seminary* 36 (2023): 58-70. <https://sats.ac.za/conspectus/emotive-ethical-theological-kenya/>

(16) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Digital Ecclesiology and Africa's Digital Natives: Prospects and Challenges. *Acta Theologica* 43.1 (2023): 98-111. <https://doi.org/10.38140/at.v43i1.6195>

(15) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Discipling Kenyan Gen Z's on Sexuality: Reflections from the Global Study on Youth Culture. *Journal of Contemporary Ministry*, 8 (2023)

<https://journalofcontemporaryministry.com/index.php/jcm/article/view/257>

(14) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Ethnic Reconciliation from the Margins: Public Theology from the Perspective of Youth Ministry. *International Journal of Public Theology* 17 (2023): 117-131.

<https://doi.org/10.1163/15697320-20230074>

(13) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Faith, Science and Non-Religious Identity Formation among Male Kenyan Youth. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 58.1 (2023): 45-63.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/zygo.12848>

(12) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Analysing African Traditional Gods through Trinitarian Apologetics. *African Theological Journal for Church and Society* 3.2 (2022), 72-89.

<https://atjes.netact.org.za/index.php/netact/article/view/80>

(11) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. The Relevance of Covenant Theology to Fatherlessness in Kenya: A Youth and Family Ministry Perspective. *Acta Theologica* 42.1 (2022): 84-97. <http://orcid.org/0000-0002-6029-0826>

(10) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Emerging Apologetics Themes in Contemporary African Youth Ministry: A Kenyan Perspective. *Stellenbosch Theological Journal* 8.2 (2022), 1-18. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.17570/stj.2022.v8n2.a3>

(9) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. A Holistic Approach to Youth Ministry Models in Africa: A Practical Theology for Faith Formation. *Journal of Youth and Theology* (2022), 66-77. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/24055093-bja10030>

(8) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Ubuntu Apologetics in Faith Formation: An Ethnography of Youth Ministry in Nairobi. *Journal of Youth and Theology* 21 (2022), 107-122. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/24055093-02002007>

(7) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Towards a Kenyan Political Theology: The Importance of Church History for Contemporary Public Life. *African Journal of History and Culture* 13.2 (2021), 102-109.

<https://doi.org/10.5897/AJHC2021.0529>

(6) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Engaging Youth Worldviews in Africa: A Practical Theology in Light of John 4. *Conspectus – The Journal of the South African Theological Seminary* 32 (Oct 2021)

<https://sats.ac.za/conspectus/engaging-youth-worldviews-africa/>

(5) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. The Supremacy of Jesus Christ: A Theological Response to Mbūri Cia Kiama. *African Theological Journal for Church and Society* 2.2 (2021), 40-57.

<https://atjes.netact.org.za/index.php/netact/article/view/36>

(4) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Apologetics in a Digital Age: Incarnating the Gospel for African Next Gens. *Global Missiology* 18.4 (2021), 24-32.

<http://ojs.globalmissiology.org/index.php/english/article/view/2527>

(3) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Environmental Justice and Ecumenism: The Lacuna in African Christianity. *Ecumenical Review* 73.4 (2021), 524-534. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/erev.12635>

(2) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Let them Come to Me: A Youth Inclusive and Missional Perspective in Presbyterian Context. *Journal of Youth and Theology* 1 (2021). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/24055093-02002011>

(1) Chiroma, Nathan and Kevin Muriithi. Transforming Youth Ministry Higher Education in Kenya: A Practical Theological Approach (co-authored with Prof. Nathan Chiroma). *Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science* 32.1 (2019), 1-10. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.9734/jesbs/2019/v32i130163>

Book Reviews and Bibliographies

(3) Apologetics (with Benno van den Toren and Sam K. Bussey). *Africa Theology Worldwide*. <https://african.theologyworldwide.com/bibliography/6057921>

(2) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Revitalizing and Reforming Urban Pentecostalism in Kenya. *African Christian Theology* 2(2):349-355. BOOK REVIEW ESSAY of Mugambi, Kyama. A Spirit of Revitalization: Urban Pentecostalism in Kenya. Waco, Texas, USA: Baylor University Press, 2020. Pp. 348 +xvii. US\$59.99 (hardcover). <https://doi.org/10.69683/hxnt5z04>

(1) Ndereba, Kevin Muriithi. Review of God's Design for the Church: A Guide for African Pastors and Ministry Leaders, by Conrad Mbewe. *African Theological Journal for Church and Society*, 3.1 (2022), 154-157. <https://atjcs.netact.org.za/index.php/netact/article/view/69>

Select Public Commentaries, Podcasts and Blogs

(14) Webinar: "Apologetics in Africa: Then and Now." *Society of Christian Scholars*. (2025). <https://scshub.net/webinars/apologetics-in-africa-then-and-now-by-kevin-muriithi-ndereba/>

(13) "Psychology-Engaged Theology of Mental Health: An African Hospitality Lens." *Cross Training Theology and Psychology*. (2025). <https://crosstrainingpsychologyandtheology.com/2025/10/06/an-african-hospitality-lens/>

(12) "A Brief but Practical Theology of Mental Health." *The Gospel Coalition Africa*. September 30, 2025. <https://africa.thegospelcoalition.org/article/a-brief-but-practical-theology-of-mental-health/>

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(10) "The Centrality of Character to Preaching." *The Gospel Coalition Africa*. May 1, 2025. <https://africa.thegospelcoalition.org/article/the-centrality-of-character-to-preaching/>

(9) "Being Human, From Creation to Consummation." July 23, 2024. <https://africa.thegospelcoalition.org/article/being-human-from-creation-to-consummation/>

(8) "Making the Most of Social Media, Memory, and Moments." February 21, 2024. <https://africa.thegospelcoalition.org/article/making-the-most-of-social-media-memory-and-moments/>

(7) "YouTube - African Traditional Religion and Apologetics." *Jude 3 Project*. (2024) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXM4U2idW2I> Also on Apple podcast here: <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/african-traditional-religions-and-apologetics-in/id978012810?i=1000667471726>

(6) "YPT Podcast 70: Youth Ministry and Apologetics in Africa (Kevin Muriithi)." *Youth Pastor Theologian*. (2024). <https://www.youthpastorthelogian.com/blog/yp-t-podcast-70-youth-ministry-and-apologetics-in-africa-kevin-muriithi>

(5) "The True Mark of Cultism in God's Name" coverage on Nation Newspaper. Sunday 3 March 2024 <https://nation.africa/kenya/life-and-style/lifestyle/the-true-mark-of-cultism-in-god-s-name-4543700#story>

(4) "The case of cults: Identifying and avoiding || News Court" panel discussion on NTV Kenya's programme 'News Court' on 2 March 2024 <https://ntvkenya.co.ke/news-court/the-case-of-cults-identifying-and-avoiding-news-court/>

(3) "Untapping the Ecological Potential of Africa's Youth." *Leeds African Studies Bulletin No. 84* (Running Issue, 2023), published online on 2nd November 2023. <https://lucas.leeds.ac.uk/article/untapping-the-ecological-potential-of-africas-youth/>

(2) "Podcast: Emerging Youth Ministry Research in Kenya and The Role of Ubuntu." *OJKC: Research Center for Youth, Church and Culture – Protestant Theological University*. (2022). <https://www.ojkc.nl/en/news-and-events/news/2022/07/podcast-emerging-youth-ministry-research-in-kenya-and-the-role-of-ubuntu/>

(1) "Subverting Political Powers through the Power of Advent." *Practical Theology Hub*. (2022). <https://practicaltheologyhub.com/?p=630>

GRANTS SUBMITTED OR UNDER PREPARATION

- **€ 300,000** Co-Investigator of *Digital Faith and Mental Wellbeing: A German–Kenyan Qualitative Study of Spiritual Coping in Postdigital Youth Cultures* with Prof. Dr. Sabrina Muller (Principal Investigator), University of Bonn for the Daimler and Benz Foundation – Ladenburg Horizons Funding Line.
- **\$ 250,000** Principal Investigator of *Spiritual Yearning and Mental Health: A Comparative African Approach among Islamic, Christian and Non-Religious Youth* with Co-Investigators Dr. Lydia Maina, and Dr. Scholar Kiilu Wayua for the "Virtues and Vices of Spiritual Yearning" Hillsdale College Initiative courtesy of Templeton Foundation.
- **\$ 100,000** Principal Investigator of *Spiritual Capital and Youth Innovation in an Age of Economic Anxiety* for Templeton Religion Trust.
- **\$ 40,000+** Principal Investigator of *Cultivating "Ubuntu" Hope: An Interdisciplinary Theology of Spiritual Capital and Resilience for Youth Education in the Global South* for the Princeton's Centre of Theological Inquiry's 2027-2028 program "From Despair to Hope: Interdisciplinary Theology in the Service of Building Spiritual Capital" focusing on Youth and Education.
- **\$ 12,000** Principal Investigator of *AI, African Narratives, and Youth Mental Wellbeing: Reimagining Indigenous Knowledge Systems for Digital Mental Health Interventions* EHURA-AHA postdoctoral fellowship 2026.

AWARDED

- **\$ 2,500** Principal Investigator for the research titled "Gĩkũyũ Hymnology as an Indigenous Expression of Presbyterian Piety and Spiritual Formation: An Ethnographic and Liturgical Analysis of Women's Voices" for the *Afua Kuma – Dora Yu Paper Prize* of the Overseas Ministries Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary (OMSC@PTS), in collaboration with the Global Spiritual Formations Project funded by the Templeton Religion Trust and administered by the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity. AWARDED 23rd May 2025.
- **€ 799,896.69** Erasmus+ Project: FOSTERing digital transformation of science in Sub-Saharan Africa –Project Manager at St. Paul's University as part of the consortium with Daystar, Garissa, Dar Es Salaam Universities (Kenya and Tanzania) and other European institutions including University of Zaragoza, Spain, International School for Social and Business Studies, ISSBS, Slovenia, Vrije Universiteit (Stichting VU), Netherlands, and European Policy Development and Research Initiative, EPDRI, Slovenia. Project ERASMUS2027, Project ID: 101178078. 1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2027 (36 months). See more: <https://fosteropenscience.org/>
- **£ 19,295** from Psychology Cross-Training Programme for Theologians, University of Birmingham funded by John Templeton Foundation as Primary Investigator of the Project "Ubuntu Ecclesiology: Fostering Mental Health Resilience in Emerging Adulthood" No. 02/007. The project includes 6 postgraduate students research grants on mental health and theology research, peer-reviewed publications/submissions and a public engagement event. Period: 1 Nov 2024 to 31 Oct 2025 (12 months).
- **\$ 1,000** grant from the Yale Macmillan Center as convener for the *Religions, Ecotheology and African Societies* Early Career workshop hosted on 17-18 October 2024 at St. Paul's University.
- **£ 19,362** from INSBS Regional Network Grant Scheme as Co-investigator (PI – Dr. Falade Bankole, Department of Psychological and Behavioral Science, London School of Economics and Political Science), Grant number Small/03/110 for the research project titled "African Publics' Perceptions of Science and Spirituality Post COVID-19 Pandemic: A Collaboration between UK, Ghana, Kenya and South Africa". Completed: 1 Jan 2024 – 30 June 2024 (6 months).
- **\$ 7,500** grant for development of 30 online resources for the International Commission for Theological Education (ICETE).
- **\$ 1,000** grant as co-convener of *Politics and Religion in the Public Sphere: Early Career Workshop*, with the Yale Macmillan Center: *Project on Religious Freedom & Society in Africa*, 21st October 2023 at St. Paul's University

- **\$ 4,000** grant from Mustard Seed Foundation (TOW Grant No: 3233) to develop the Theology of Work program with faculty members at St. Paul's University which ran from 16th to 19th Oct 2023.
- **\$ 2,224** grant as co-convener of the *Intelligent Design – Faith and Science* workshop co-organized BioCosmos Africa held on 7th November 2022 at St. Paul's University.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- **Afua Kuma-Dora Yu \$ 2,500 Paper Prize** awarded by the [Overseas Ministries Study Center](#) at Princeton Theological Seminary, in collaboration with the Global Spiritual Formations Project funded by the Templeton Religion Trust and administered by the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity
- **Psychology Cross-Training Fellowship Programme for Theologians, 2024-2025** one out of 18 fellows awarded in 2nd Cohort by University of Birmingham on the *role of religion in human flourishing in social relationships*.
<https://crosstrainingpsychologyandtheology.com/researcher/kevin-muriithi-ndereba/>
- **Thomas Coleman III Bursary (£2,800)** for the 2024 Explaining Atheism Capstone Conference *Atheism Explained?* At the Oxford Natural Museum of History, Oxford, UK on 26-28 June 2024. <https://www.explainingatheism.org/>
- **African Ecologies Interdisciplinary Workshop** held on 29-31st July 2023 funded by the British Academy and co-hosted by the Center for African Studies, University of Leeds and the British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA), Nairobi, at the BIEA in Nairobi.
<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/projects/african-ecologies-interdisciplinary-writing-and-mentoring-workshop/>
- **Research Fellow**, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, March 2022 – 2025, renewed for the period 2025-2028
- **Global Reformed Advocacy Platforms for Engagement (GRAPE) project** Aug 2022 – Apr 2024, by the World Communion of Reformed Churches and Economic Policy Research Institute which mobilizes churches and civic organizations for climate change advocacy programmes.
- **2020 UNISA Doctoral Research Bursary, ZAR 17,227**

TEACHING

- **Bachelors:** TRC 101 Research Methods; TPS 102 Youth Ministry; TPS 200 Christian Worship; TPS 201 Homiletics; TPS 301 Pastoral Counselling; TPS 302 Christian Education; TPS 311 Church Administration and Management.
- **Masters:** MTH 542 Foundations for Practical Theology; MTH 543 Pastoral Theology and Praxis; MTH 546 Ministry to Adolescents and Young Adults; MTH 548 Christian Apologetics; MTH 549 Theology of Work and Development; MTH 550 Theology and Public Life; MDSE 531 Church and Transformational Development.
- **PhD:** PPT 710 Contemporary Trends in Practical Theology; PPT 810 Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development; PPT 811 Communicating the Gospel in a Pluralistic Society; PMS 810 Mission and Culture.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- **St. Paul's University:** Master of Theology (review); PhD in Theology (review); Master of Divinity (new); Postgraduate Diploma in Christian Apologetics (new). **Courses Developed:** MTH 542 Foundations for Practical Theology, MTH 543 Pastoral Theology and Praxis, MTH 545 Marriage and Family in Contemporary Context, MTH 548 Christian Apologetics, MTH 546 Ministry to Adolescents and Young Adults, MTH 547 Political Theology, MTH 549 Theology of Work and Development, MTH 523 Missional Theology, MTH 524 Postcolonial Perspectives for Mission Studies, MTH 527 Cross-Cultural Communication, MTH 526 Evangelism and Mission to Muslims, MTH 525 Mission Strategy and Leadership; PhD Courses: PPT 710 Contemporary Trends in Practical Theology, PPT 810 Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development, PPT 811 Communicating the Gospel in a Pluralistic Society.

- **Pan Africa Christian University:** Diploma in Youth Ministry; Masters in Children and Youth Ministry; PhD in Theology (practical theology courses)
- **Presbyterian University of East Africa:** Master of Theology, practical theology specialization.

THESIS SUPERVISION

COMPLETED (3 PhDs, 14 Masters, 6 Bachelors)

2025

(23) Neema Ndooki Mollel. *Clinical Pastoral Education and Pastoral Ministry: An Analysis of Program's Contextualization for Adaptability in a Tanzanian Cross-Cultural Context. Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, Pastoral Counseling*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(22) David Mdabuko. *Enhancing Missional Theological Education through the Five Marks of Mission: A Case Study of the Anglican Church in Tanzania. Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, Missiology*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(22) Teresa Kagika. *Rethinking the Role of Ruling Elders in the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) Towards Enhancing Urban Ministry: A Case Study of Othaya Presbytery, Nyeri County. Master of Theology in Systematic Theology*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7/11/ 2025.

(21) Faith Muthithi. *Contextual Readings of Mark 5:1-20 and its Influences on African Christian Perceptions of Mental Health. Master of Theology in New Testament*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7/11/ 2025.

(20) Carolyne Kiarie. *Eco-Theological Pathways for Faith Formation: A Case Study of Young Theologians in Climate Action, Kenya. Master of Theology in Practical Theology*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(19) Eunice Anyanje. *Effectiveness of Counselling Programs in addressing Suicide among Young People: A Case of Butere County Hospital, Kakamega County Kenya. Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(18) Jacqueline Kang'ori. *Fostering Youth Mental Health Resilience through a Relational Youth Ministry Model: A Case of PCEA Ngecha Parish, Ngecha Presbytery, Kiambu County, Kenya. Master of Theology in Practical Theology*, St. Paul's University. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(17) John Karumwa. *Evaluating Moralistic Teaching in the East Africa Revival Movement and Intergenerational Continuity: A Case Study of the Anglican Church of Kenya Diocese of Mount Kenya Central, Murang'a 1947-2014. Master of Theology in Church History*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(16) Kasereka Victoire. *Child Inclusive Programming in the AAC for the Future of Ecumenism in Africa. Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(15) David Gatebuka. *Factors Affecting the Church's Involvement in Ecumenical Activities in Kerehe. Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(14) Dancan Muthomi Miriti. *Responding to Deconversions from Christianity to African Traditional Religion: A Case Study of Reverend Kamau wa Macharia and the Nairobi Central Presbytery. Masters of Evangelical Theology* in the Systematic and Historical Theology Division, Tyndale Theological Seminary. Graduated 7/6/2025.

(13) Paul Nderu Karanja. *A Comparative Analysis on Comprehension of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Charismatic Churches and the Anglican Church Diocese of Nairobi. Master of Theology in Systematic Theology*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

(12) Stanley Myogoya. *Effectiveness of Pastoral Ministry in Addressing Secularism among University Students: A Case Study of the University of Dodoma (UDOM) in Tanzania. Master of Theology in Practical Theology*, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Awaiting graduation.

(11) James Baak Mangong. *The Role of the Church in Community Development: A Case Study of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) in the Diocese of Wau*. **Master of Development Studies**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 7th Nov 2025.

2024

(10) Edise Wairimu Ndirangu. *An Alternative Integrated Pastoral Counseling Model to Mitigate Crimes of Passion: Insights from Faculty and University Students from Kenya's Kiambu County*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, Pastoral Counseling** St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 15/11/2024.

(9) Kepha Mlugu. *Youth Unemployment in the Urban Anglican Deanery of Nyamagana District, Mwanza, Tanzania: A Practical Theological Case Study*. **Master of Theology in Practical Theology**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Graduated 15/11/2024.

(8) Joy Wambui. *Effects of Pornography on Clergy and Lay Leaders on their Spiritual Formation among Selected Denominations in Kajiado North Sub County, Kenya*. **M.A. Religion**, Africa Nazarene University, Kenya. Completed 17/8/2024.

(7) James Muhia. *A Study of the Liturgical and Worship Praxis of the Rastafari Group, the Twelve Tribes of Israel, Kenya Chapter and Missional Implications*. **Bachelor of Divinity**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Completed 30/7/2024.

(6) Daniel Muhia. *The Place of the Differently Abled in the Church: A Case Study of the Anglican Diocese of Thika*. **Bachelor of Divinity**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Completed 30/7/2024.

(5) Evarlyne Wamwenja. *The Role of the PCEA Church in Mitigation of Climate Change in Kenya: A Comparative Study of the Green Anglican Movement*. **Bachelor of Divinity**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Completed 25/10/2024.

(4) Merab Awino. *Lay Church Members' Attitude towards Women Clergy*. **Bachelor of Divinity**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Completed 31/8/2024

(3) Sheila Wambui Nderitu. *The Impact of Sexual Orientation on Youth Faith Formation: Pastoral Care Response within a Presbyterian Context*. **Bachelor of Divinity**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Completed 31/8/2024

(2) Neema Andrea. *The Effects of Training of the Church Workers on Effective Church Leadership: A Case of Anglican Church of Tanzania, Mara Diocese*. **Bachelor of Divinity**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Completed 12/4/2024

2023

(1) Charles Onyango. *A Comparative Study of Pastoral Work Health between the Church of Nazarene and Anglican Church of Kenya*. **M.A. Religion**, Africa Nazarene University, Kenya. Graduated 28/7/2023

ONGOING SUPERVISION

(15) Benjamin Kibara. *The Role of Local Church Leadership Training Initiatives in Developing Servant Leaders in Kenya: A Practical Theological Approach*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, Practical Theology** St. Paul's University, Kenya. Proposal Stage.

(14) Jesse King. *Toward a Theology of Kenosis and the Problem with Forgiveness in the Context of Post-War Liberia*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, Systematic Theology**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Proposal Stage

(13) Jonas Musengimana. *Historical Development of John Calvin's Leadership Model and its Contribution to Self-Sufficiency of the Presbyterian Church in Rwanda*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, Church History** St. Paul's University, Kenya. Field Work.

(12) Peter Anyang' Nyongo. *Bishop Henry Okullu (1929-1997) and Liberation Theology in Kenya*. **Master of Theology in Systematic Theology**. St. Paul's University, Kenya. Proposal.

(11) Isaac Ndegwa. *The Qur'an and the Bible in Dialogue: Comparative Hermeneutics and Theological Implications for Interfaith Engagement in Nairobi, Kenya*. **Master of Arts in Islam Christian-Muslim Relations**. St. Paul's University, Kenya. Proposal.

(10) Randrianaaina Marozoky. *An Ecumenical Inquiry into the Missional Obligation of the Council of Christian Churches in Peacebuilding in Madagascar*. **Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership**. St. Paul's University, Kenya. Field Work.

(9) Wellingtone Gonja Chiranzi. Assessing the Ecumenical Contribution Toward Countering Radicalization and Religious Extremism among the Youth in Mombasa, Kenya. **Master of Theology in Ecumenical Leadership**. St. Paul's University, Kenya. Field Work.

(8) Gloria Taabu. *Family Counseling and Psychological Wellbeing among Women in Agenga-Nanguba Ward, Samia Sub County, Busia County, Kenya*. **Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Proposal.

(7) Jackson Muteithia. *Impact of Youth Exodus from the Methodist Church in Kenya: A Case Study of Youth Aged 19–30 years at the Methodist Church in the Nairobi Circuit*. **Master of Theology in Practical Theology**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Proposal.

(6) Carol Ng'ang'a. *Strengthening Mental Health Resilience through Faith Based Counselling: A Case Study of Widows in the Anglican Church, ACK Kianjogu*. **Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Submitted for Final Defense.

(5) David Ngigi Mburu. *Influence of Social Media Use on the Effectiveness of the Youth Ministry at the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, Nairobi Central Presbytery, Kenya*. **Master of Theology in Practical Theology**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Awaiting Graduation.

(4) Elisha Nyambori. *African Ethnocultural Counseling Approaches: Its Implications to Counseling and Psychotherapy of Foreign Africa University Students in Nairobi County*. **Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Field Work

(3) Carol Maina. *Impact of Masculinity Dominancy on Family Stability: A Case of Milimani Presbytery, Dagoretti South Sub-County, Nairobi*. **Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling**, St. Paul's University. Proposal.

(2) Wilson Maina. *The Influence of Dowry Practice on Christian Worship: A Case Study of PCEA Karatina Parish, Kenya*. **Master of Theology in Practical Theology**, Presbyterian University of East Africa. Proposal.

(1) Vivian Wanjiku Ritho. *Relationship between Teen Spiritual Formation and Psychosocial Development among Teenagers in the Anglican Diocese of All Saint's Cathedral, Nairobi-Kenya*. **Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling**, St. Paul's University, Kenya. Field Work.

THESIS EXAMINATION (9 PhDs, 4 Masters)

(14) William Murphy. *Pastoral Leadership Development within Multisite Churches among Association of Related Churches in the USA*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. In-Progress.

(13) Josephine Kamau Kabui. *Strategies Towards Conflict Transformation Within Local Congregations Associated with Aberdare Baptist Convention Congregations in Central Kenya*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. 22/10/2025.

(12) A.R. Kamoga. *Approaches to Children's Ministry in the Church of the Province of Uganda: A Focus on the Diocese of Kampala*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology**, University of Pretoria, South Africa. 3/11/2025.

(11) Eric Nyamekye. *Schisms within The Church of Pentecost (CoP): Towards formulating a Contextualised African Pentecostal Ecclesiology for The Church of Pentecost (CoP)*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. Examined 14/5/2025.

(10) Michael Dennis Kalito. *Leadership and Finance in African Congregations: A Practical Theological Study in the Reformed Church in Zambia*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology**, University of Free State, South Africa. Examined 24/1/2025.

(9) Tesfaye Baffa. *The Spread of Evangelical Christianity in Southern Ethiopia: A Case Study of the Kale Heywet Church of Ethiopia over the Period 1945 to 1975*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. Examined 7/9/2024

(8) Rudolf P. Boshoff. *A Comparative Study of the Knowability of the Christian God and Allah: Strategic Implications for Muslim Evangelism*. **Master of Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. Examined 12/8/2024

(7) Hans-Joachim Rieger. *The Impact of Confrontational Leadership on the Longevity of Revival: A Comparative-Historical Analysis of the Influence of William Nagenda and Simeoni Nsibambi on the East African Revival of 1935 to 1955 from a Biblical Perspective*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. Examined 15/5/2024

(6) Humphrey Chabu. *Arranged Early Childhood Marriages among the Northern Tribes in Zambia: Lessons from Customary Marriage in Genesis 29: 13-30*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. Examined 29/11/2023

(5) Roseline Vandi. *Integrative Trauma Counselling Approach for Women Victims of the Boko Haram in Michika-Adamawa State, Nigeria*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology**, Pastoral Counseling, St. Paul's University. Examined (Internal) 27/3/2023

(4) Purity Mumbi Njoroge. *A Biblical Integrated Framework for Promoting Mental Health*. **Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. Examined 15/8/2023

(3) Chosana Frans Edwin Modiba. *Death and Mourning Rituals in South African Church: Towards a Biblical Model for Counselling Bereaved Families of Emmanuel Assemblies in Bolobedu South, Limpopo Province*. **Master of Theology**, South African Theological Seminary. Examined 7/2/2024.

(2) Elizabeth Musimbi Duncan. *Determinants of Sustainability of Compassionate Ministries in the Church of the Nazarene*. **Master of Arts in Religion**, Africa Nazarene University, Kenya. Examined 2/12/2022

(1) Vallerie Musanga Khamati. *The Role of Church-Sponsored Schools in the Moral Education of High School Students in Nairobi County*. **Master of Arts in Children and Youth Ministries**, Pan Africa Christian University, Kenya. Examined 13/6/2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATIONS

“From Water Scarcity to Water Advocacy and beyond to Innovation: A Sustainable Research and Innovation Agenda” Speech by Rev. Dr. Kevin Muriithi Ndereba, Director of Research and Innovation, St. Paul’s University, 13th Nov 2025. At the Grape/WCRC Webinar on Advocacy for Clean and Safe Drinking Water, with leaders from the Church, civic society, donors, and interfaith partners.

State of the Kenyan Church (2025-2030) Report for the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK), co-investigator, St. Paul’s University.

Youth, Justice and Church Engagement for Gen Z and Alpha after the Protests, Consultative forum with National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) on Thursday 14th November 2024 at Ufungamano House, Nairobi, Kenya.

Facilitator for the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care short-course at St. Paul’s Institute for Life-Long Learning on 28th May 2024

Consultant, *Science, Faith and Unbelief for African Next Gens: What it Means for Ministry and Scholarship*, International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Francophone Africa and Latin America Region. 28 October 2023.

Media panelist on national television to discuss *Foundations of the Faith: Protecting ourselves from Cults* hosted by KIRK TV Kenya on 24th July 2023 at 8-9 PM.

Media panelist on national television to discuss on *False Doctrine, Regulating Religion and Freedom of Worship* hosted by NTV Kenya on Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 9:30 PM, during prime-time news.

Academic mentor for the Young Theologians Students Conference on *Pandemics and Transformative Masculinities and Femininities* co-hosted by the All-Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) and the Humboldt African Cluster Research Center on 28-29 March 2023.

Co-convener of a career talk for 60 students from the two Schools of Health Science and School of Theology in conjunction with Christian Mission Aid on 16th February 2023 from 2-4 pm on "Working in Undeserved Areas".

Frequent speaker, preacher and trainer for churches and Christian organizations like FOCUS in the areas of leadership training, resource development, apologetics and youth ministry.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer, Archive for the Psychology of Religion

Review Board, Conspectus - Journal of the South Africa Theological Seminary

Editorial Board, Africa Multidisciplinary Journal of Research

Editorial Board, Africa Theological Journal for Church and Society

Chair, Africa Society of Evangelical Theology (ASET)

Executive Board Member, International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry (IASYM)

Member, International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development

Member, International Academy of Practical Theology (IAPT)

Member, International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society (INSBS)

Member, Africa Association for the Study of Religion (AASR)

Member, Society for Practical Theology in South Africa (SPTSA)

Member, Institutional Scientific Review Committee (ISERC), St. Paul's University

Member, University Senate, St. Paul's University

Member, Program Development Committee, School of Theology, St. Paul's University

Denominational Head, Presbyterian Students, St. Paul's University

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION AND CONVENING

2025. Co-convener of the 8th Congress of *The African Association for Pastoral Studies and Counselling* at St, Paul's University, Kenya, from November 11th to 14th, 2025. www.asps-africa.com

2025. Participated in the KCA 4th Innovation Week and Industry Summit 2025 themed "Innovate! Elevate! Impact!" from the 4th to 6th November 2025 at KCA, Main Campus.

2025. Participated as the Project Manager for the FOSTER Project in the Slovenia mobility visit (13th to 17th Oct) at the New University Ljubljana and the ISBSS; and Spain mobility visit (20th to 24th Oct 2025) at University of Zaragoza. Participated in roundtable discussions, workshops, and panel discussions on open science policy and open science infrastructure development.

2025. Convener of the mental health workshop themed "bringing church leaders and healthcare professionals together" co-funded by the John Templeton Foundation and the University of Birmingham from 30th to 31st Oct 2025 at St. Paul's University.

2025. Co-convener of "AI and the Future of Theological Research" public lecture by Dr. Kyama Mugambi, Yale Divinity School hosted on 17th Oct 2025 at St. Paul's University bringing together researchers from Africa International University and Pan Africa Christian University.

2025. Jitegemea Webinar hosted by Presbyterian University of East Africa on 24th to 25th September 2025. Keynote speaker: "Jitegemea as Gen Z Mission Praxis".

2025. Co-convener of the first PCEA Nairobi Region Theology Conference themed *Renewing Ministry for a Changing World: Advancing Holistic Mission for the Next Generation* (Lk 4:18-19) from 9th to 11th June 2025 held at Ridge Cabin Resort, Limuru.

2025. Co-convener of *The Open Science Forum* and panel moderator of the session "Strengthening the Open Science Ecosystem" hosted at Daystar University from 24th to 25th April 2025 as part of the FOSTER project, an Open Science project on digital transformation in Higher Education led by universities in Kenya, Tanzania and Europe.

2025. Presenting preliminary findings of the Psychology Cross-Training Programme for Theologians, University of Birmingham funded by John Templeton Foundation as Primary Investigator of the Project “Ubuntu Ecclesiology: Fostering Mental Health Resilience in Emerging Adulthood” No. 02/007 at the University of Birmingham, from 7th to 11th April 2025.

2025. Co-convener of the 15th Annual Conference and AGM of the Africa Society of Evangelical Theology hosted at Africa International University on 14th to 15th March 2025 on the theme *Eschatology: Doctrine of Last Things in African Christianity*. Keynote speaker: Dr. Wanjiru Gitau, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and World Christianity, Palm Beach Atlantic University, US.

2024. Co-convener with Dr. Kyama Mugambi (Assistant Professor of World Christianity, Yale Divinity School) of the 2nd Annual Early Career workshop themed *Religions, Ecotheology and African Societies* in partnership with the Yale Macmillan Center, Project on Religious Freedom and Society in Africa on 17th to 18th October, 2024 at St. Paul’s University.

2024. Co-convener of the *Reasonable Faith: Apologetics Symposium* in partnership with Apologetics Kenya, Apologetics on Mission, Reasons to Believe Africa and Africa Center for Apologetics Research held on 12th to 13th September, 2024 at St. Paul’s University. Prof. David Block, Professor Emeritus School of Computer Science and Mathematics, University of Witwatersrand, invited as Keynote Speaker.

2024. Co-convener of the 1st Consultation and Launch of the Center for Leadership Training, Anglicanism and Research in Africa (CLETARA) with a focus on “Homiletics and Decoloniality” hosted at St. Paul’s University, 1st to 5th July 2024.

2024. Co-convener of the 3rd Annual Nairobi-hub version of the Yale-Edinburgh Conference themed “Spirit and the Spiritual: Ancestors, Deities and the Holy Spirit in Church and Mission” and hosted in-person at Pan Africa Christian University, Nairobi, Kenya from 26th to 28th June, 2024.

2024. Co-convener of the 1st Annual Conference of the *Equipping Christian Leaders in an Age of Science (ECLAS-Africa)* project themed ‘Church Response to Emerging Technologies in 21st Century’ bringing together 68 Church Leaders in Africa and abroad, hosted on 29th to 30th May 2024 at St. Paul’s University.

2024. Convened the Public Lecture “Global Migration: The Making of World Christianity” by Dr Sam George, on 14th March 2024 as part of the SOT public lectures

2024. Co-convener of the 14th Annual Conference and AGM of the Africa Society of Evangelical Theology hosted on 8-9 March 2024 at Pan Africa Christian University, Kenya, which was a hybrid conference on African Missiology bringing together 85 theologians across the world in person and virtually.

2024. Co-convened the Public Lecture “The Prophet and Bahira the Monk: Explorations in Pre-Islamic Christianity and the History of the Church in the Near East and Eastern Africa” by Rev. Dr. David Grafton on 4th March 2024

2024. Convened the Public Lecture “Looking again at the Signs of the Fourth Gospel” by Dr Bill Salier, on 22nd Feb 2024 as part of the SOT public lectures

2023. Co-convener of *Politics and Religion in the Public Sphere: Early Career Workshop*, with the Yale Macmillan Center: *Project on Religious Freedom & Society in Africa*, 21st October 2023 at St. Paul’s University. Grant funding £ 1,000.

2023. Early Career Workshop for international scholars working on religion interface with Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths or Medicine (STEMM) hosted by the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society (INSBS) held at the University of Exeter from 10-11 July 2023. Travel Grant Award of £ 1,250.

2023. Grant Writing Workshop by Prof. John Okpara, Bloomsburg University, sponsored by Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship in association with St. Paul’s and KCA Universities from 22nd to 23rd May 2023.

- 2023. Co-convener of the Faith, Cults and Culture: Apologetics workshop held on 11-12 May 2023 (collaborated with Apologetics Kenya, Apologetics on Mission, International Training and Equipping Ministry (ITEM) and Africa Center for Apologetics Research (ACFAR). Engaged 100 clergy and other Christian leaders, both in-person and virtually and raised funding of \$ 500.
- 2023. Co-convener of the 13th Annual Conference and AGM of the Africa Society of Evangelical Theology hosted *on 3-4 March 2023* at St. Paul's University, Kenya, which was a hybrid conference bringing together more than 100 theologians across the world in person and virtually.
- 2022. Intelligent Design – Faith and Science workshop co-organized BioCosmos Africa held on 7th November 2022. Raised funding of \$ 2,224.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURESHIPS

- 2026. Keynote presentation titled “Ubuntu ecclesiology: Communal aspects for fostering youth resilience in the face of mental health challenges” to be presented at the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, Bi-annual International Conference, at Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, South Africa from 5th to 8th Jan 2026.
- 2025. Conference speaker for the 6th Annual African Apologetics Conference hosted by Apologetics Kenya online on the topic “Science and Religion: Conflict Thesis vs Reverse Conflict Thesis” on 30th October 2025.
- 2025. “Youth Unemployment and Migration” presented at the BEACON (Biblical Equity Conference) held at St. Paul’s University Limuru from 8th to 10th September 2025.
- 2025. “Psychology-Engaged Theology of Mental Health: Through the Lens of African Hospitality” to be presented for the St. Paul’s University and University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity Joint Webinar online on 2nd Oct 2025.
- 2025. Co-convener and paper presenter “A Church for the People? A Theology of Justice for Kenyan Gen Z Protests” presented at the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, Africa Regional Conference hosted at Africa College of Theology, Kigali, Rwanda from 3rd to 5th Sep 2025. <https://iasym.org/Africa2025/>
- 2025. “Ubuntu Ecclesiology: Fostering Mental Health Resilience in Emerging Adulthood” to be presented as part of a 4-paper panel, panel title: *Exploring Science Engaged Practical Theologies Across the Global Majority* at the [International Association for the Psychology of Religion](#), to be held at the University of Birmingham from 19th to 22nd Aug 2025.
- 2025. “Leading Youth Homeward: Mental Health Resilience through an African Theology of Hospitality” to be presented as part of the panel (chair) *Finding our way Home: A Panel on Psychology-Engaged Practical Theology from Global South Perspectives* with Drs. Aizaiah Yong, Claremont School of Theology, Gillian Chu, Hongkong Baptist University and Carlton Turner, Queen’s Foundation, for the [International Academy of Practical Theology \(IAPT\) conference](#) held on 13 to 16 June 2025 at University of Saskatchewan, Canada, as part of research dissemination for the Psychology-Cross Training program where we are participating as Research Fellows.
- 2025. “Left Behind? Reframing Pastoral Care and Mental Health in view of Amillennial Eschatology” presented during the 15th Annual Conference and AGM of the [Africa Society of Evangelical Theology](#) held at Africa International University, AIU Kenya from 13th to 14th March 2025.
- 2024. “Conflict Management and Mediation in Academic Settings” presented during the KAICID International Network Meeting of African Regional Fellows and Institutions held on 18-19 Dec 2024 at Limuru, St. Paul’s University.
- 2024. “Approaches for Responding to Misleading Theologies as it Pertains to Gender Justice” a Lecture given to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Africa Gender Justice conference on 8th Oct 2024 at the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) Nairobi, Kenya.
- 2024. “Church on the Streets or Inside the Four Walls? What the Kenyan Gen Z Protests can Teach Us about Public Witness” given virtually on 10th Sep 2024 to the [Reformed Family Forum](#) Annual

meeting 8-11 September 2024 on the theme “A Call to the Church in Africa: Care now for Nature and Nature will Care for the Future” held at Emseni Conference Centre, Kemptonpark, South Africa.

2024. “Scientists in African Congregations: Shifting Perspectives of the Conflict Thesis between Faith and Science” presented during the 5th Annual Conference of the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society (INSBS) held on 1st to 4th July 2024 at Dorint Hotel, Frankfurt, Germany. Awarded travel grant of £1,000.

2024. “Atheism among Emerging Adults in Africa: A Comparative and Regional Perspective” presented for the Explaining Atheism conference hosted at the Oxford Natural Museum of History, Oxford, UK, on 26-28 June 2024 as a recipient of the Thomas Coleman III Bursary of £2,800.

2024. “Science and Religion as a Missiological Frontier for Africa’s Next Gens” invited Guest Lecture presented virtually for the Pan-African Roundtable: A Project of Missio Africanus and African Theology Worldwide on 14 May 2024.

2024. “Mediating Science and Religion: A Missiological Strategy for Non-Religious Emerging Adults in Kenya” Paper presented during the 14th Annual Africa Society of Evangelical Theology Conference held at Pan Africa Christian University on 8-9 March 2024

2024. “An African Theology of Hospitality for Youth Ministry in a Postmodern and Postcolonial Context” Research seminar presented virtually for the Wesley House, Cambridge on 22nd February 2024

2023. “New Religious Movements in Kenya: An Overview” Special Lecture presented at the Biblical Equity in Africa Conference on 25 Oct 2023 hosted at St. Paul’s University, Kenya.

2023. “The Politics of Digital Religion: Contesting Church and State during ‘Shakahorror’” presented during the *Politics and Religion in the Public Square: Early Career Workshop* hosted at St. Paul’s University, 21 October 2023.

2023. “Apologetics in Africa: Then and Now.” Guest Lecture presented virtually for Edinburgh Theological Seminary, Scotland, 19 September 2023.

2023. “Economic Justice as Youth Ministry for the Margins: Practical Theology during Pandemics” presented virtually during the 5th Africa Regional Conference of the *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry*, 5-7 September 2023 in Abuja, Nigeria.

2023. “Mapping Lived Ecotheology among Presbyterian Youth in Kenya” during the *9th Annual Conference of the Africa Association for the Study of Religion*, 2-4 August 2023 hosted at the University of Nairobi under the theme “Creativity, Innovation, and Imagination in African Religions”.

2023. “Integrating Spirituality in Health Science Education: An Empirical Study of University Students” (co-authored with Susan Wanja) presented during the *4th annual conference of The International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society*, 12-14 July 2023 at the University of Exeter. Awarded travel honorarium of £ 1,250.

2023. “Preaching as Apologia: Narrative Exposition as a Strategy for Engaging African Millennials” presented virtually for the African Homiletics Society (AHS) held at *The Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, Ogbomosho, Nigeria* from 15-18 May 2023.

2023. “Young and Environmentally Conscious: Mapping Environmental Theology among Kenyan Presbyterians”. *Princeton University World Christianity Conference themed War, Pandemic and Climate Change: Past and Present – and their Place in World Christianity*, 14-17 March 2023.

2023. “Emotive or Ethical? A Theological Reflection on Kenya’s Comprehensive Sexuality Education” presented at the South Africa Theological Seminary (SATS) annual e-conference, *Theology, Ethics, and the Church: Perspectives from the Global South* held on 14-16 March 2023.

2023. “Rethinking Evangelical Discipleship for Kenyan Youth Political Agency: Learning from Bonhoeffer and Njoya.” *13th Annual Conference and AGM of the Africa Society of Evangelical Theology* hosted on 3-4 March 2023 at St. Paul’s University, Kenya.

2022. "The Role of Faith and Science Dialogue in Non-Religious Youth Identity Formation: A Kenyan Perspective". 3rd annual conference of *the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society, 11-15 July 2022* at the University of Birmingham (online).

2022. "Digital Ecclesiology and Africa's Digital Natives: Prospects and Challenges" presented at the annual SATS e-conference, Theology from the Global South: Text, Context and Mission held on 9-10 March 2022.

2022. "Understanding Apologetics." Guest Lecturer, Africa Renewal University, Uganda. Feb to March 2022.

2021. "Incarnating the Gospel for Africa's Next Gens." Guest Lecturer for Ratio Christi Annual Apologetics Symposium, Pretoria, South Africa. 17-27 Aug 2021.

2018. "Toward a Theology of Creation: An African Approach to the Environment" presented during the 8th Annual Africa Society of Evangelical Theology Conference at St. Paul's University on March 9-10, 2018, themed: "God and Creation in Contemporary Theological Discourse"

2017. "Integrating A Biblical Worldview and STEM: Implications for the Kenyan Public University and Theological Education" presented during the 7th Annual Africa Society of Evangelical Theology Conference held on March 6, 2017 at Africa Nazarene University

MINISTRY AND ECCLESIAL SERVICE

ORDINATION

Ordained Minister of Word, Sacraments and Order / Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) on 17th Aug 2025. Attached to Milimani North Presbytery.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- **Associate Minister**, PCEA St. Andrew's, Milimani North Presbytery. 6 Sep 2025 – present
 - **Ecumenical Committee**, Desk of Deputy Secretary General
 - **Theological Committee**, Centennial Celebration for Ordination of African Ministers
 - **Training Sub-Committee**, Milimani North Presbytery
- **Student Minister**, PCEA Ngecha Parish, Ngecha Presbytery. 19 Nov 2024 – 16 Aug 2025
- **Ordained Ruling Elder**, PCEA St. Andrew's, Milimani North Presbytery. 6 Oct 2024
- **Main Expositor**: PCEA National Youth Conference (YSummit) from 14th to 16th August 2024 at Alliance Girls High School to 2,300 young people; PCEA 24th General Assembly from 10th to 12th April 2024, at PCEA St. Andrew's Church to 900 delegates.
- **Youth Pastor**, PCEA Loresho Parish. 2017-2022

Teens, campus and young professionals' ministries; preaching, pastoral care and counselling; missions; evangelism; mentoring; community engagement and development; partnerships.
- **Chairperson**, Apologetics Kenya. 2018 – 2023

Ministry strategic direction; partnerships and fundraising; national and international speaking engagements; university / campus outreach events and debates; education and training.
- **Deacon**, PCEA St. Andrew's. 2013 – 2017

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