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**Current Position:** Senior Research Fellow, International Christian College, Glasgow

**Post-Secondary Education:**

1990 PhD, University of Aberdeen

(Thesis: 'Secularisation and Evangelicalism: A Study in the

Reaction of Conservative Churches to the Modern World')

1986 MA (First Class) Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen

1965 Diploma in Biblical Studies, South Wales Bible College,

Barry, Glamorgan

**Academic Prizes:**

1986 Ewen Prize in Religious Studies, Kings College, Aberdeen

1984 Henry Prize in Philosophy of Social Science, Kings College,

Aberdeen

**Previous Experience:**

2002-2009 Lecturer in Urban Mission and World Christianity

Programme Leader, M.Th 'Ministry in an Urban World',

International Christian College, Glasgow

Honorary Lecturer in Divinity, History and Philosophy,

University of Aberdeen

1999-2002 Co-Director, The Whitefield Institute, Oxford

1999-2011 Visiting Lecturer:

St Andrews University

Redcliffe College, Gloucester

Evangelical Theological College of Wales [now Welsh School

of Theology], Bridgend, Glamorgan

Irish Bible Institute, Dublin

Belfast Bible College, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Scottish Baptist College, University of the West of Scotland

1998, 2001, 2010 Visiting Lecturer, Theological College of Northern

Nigeria, Bukuru, Jos and Jos Evangelical Theological

Seminary.

1990-1998 Principal and Lecturer in Christian Mission, Northumbria Bible

College, Berwick-upon-Tweed,Northumberland.

1990 Teaching Fellow, Centre for Study of Religions, University of

Aberdeen. Lectured on 'Secularisation and Religion' and taught

'World Religions' Course for Centre for Continuing Education.

Taught 'Christianity and Primal Religions' at University of

Edinburgh.

1985 Visiting Lecturer, Cubao Baptist Seminary, Manilla, Philippines.

Taught Practical Theology and Lectured on 'Liberation Theology in

a Filipino Context'

1977-1983 Lecturer, Samuel Bill Theological College, Abak, Cross River

State, Nigeria

1965-1976 Minister, Eden Baptist Church, Cambridge

**Academic Experience:**

1977-1983 Developed degree programme at Samuel Bill Theological

College, Abak, Nigeria for validation with University of

Calabar

1990-1998 Led extensive programme of course development at

Northumbria Bible College, writing courses at DipHE and

degree level for validation by the Open University.

2002-2009 Led team developing in-service, professional Masters

degree in 'Ministry in an Urban World', Validated by

University of Aberdeen.

2002-2009 External Examiner appointed by:

Open University (for All Nations Christian College);

University of Middlesex (for Oakhill Theological College,

London);

University of Gloucestershire (for Open Theological

College,Cheltenham)

Member of Validation Panels for University of Wales,

Lampeter and University of Gloucestershire;

External Examiner for PhDs for University of Wales, Open

University, and Queens University, Belfast.

Supervised successful postgraduate research students at

M.Th. and Ph.D. Levels for awards from the Open

University and the University of Aberdeen.

**Publications:**

2011 *Seeking a City With Foundations: Theology in an*

*Urban World* (Leicester:Inter Varsity Press)

“ Russian editions of my *Moving Toward Emmaus*

published in Kiev and Moscow

2010 'Theology as a Voice for the Voiceless: The “African Cry” of Jean-

Marc Ela' *Theological College of Northern Nigeria Research*

*Bulletin* 52 (March):19-29

“ 'Jesus and the City: reflections on the urban context of Galilee'

*Evangelical Quarterly* LXXXII/4 (October): 316-325

2009 'Evangelicals and Society: The Story of an On-Off Relationship' in

Grant & Hughes [eds], *Transforming the World? The Gospel and*

*Social Responsibility* (Leicester:Inter Varsity Press): 246-267

2008 'Evangelicals and Social Responsibility' *Evangelical Review of*

*Society and Politics,* 21 (2008): 32-35

2007 *Moving Toward Emmaus: Hope in a Time of Uncertainty*

(London:SPCK)

“ 'The Work of the Holy Spirit in Revival and Renewal' in

David F. Wright (ed), *Spirit of Truth and Power: Studies in*

*Christian Doctrine and Experience* (Edinburgh:Rutherford

House): 180-195

2006 'The Forgotten “Grandfather” of Protestant Mission: Perspectives

on Globalization from Jean de Lery' *Missiology* XXXIV/3,

July: 349-359

2005 'A Victorian Prophet Without Honour: Edward Miall and the

critique of Nineteenth Century British Christianity' in Stephen

Clark (ed), *Tales of Two Cities: Christianity and Politics*

(Leicester:Inter Varsity Press):152-183

“ Articles on 'World Religions and Christianity', 'Agnosticism' and

'Imagination' in *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*

(Leicester:Inter Varsity Press)

“ 'Contemporary Christianity in the Non-Western World' in

Christopher Partridge (ed), *The New Lion Handbook: The*

*World's Religions* (Oxford:Lion/Hudson)

2004 'Global Christianity and the Healing of the Nations' *Patmos*

*Papers 6* Centre for Contemporary Christianity in Ireland [Edited

version of the Catherwood Lecture delivered in Belfast, October,

2002]

2003 *Against The Stream: Christianity and Mission in an Age of*

*Globalisation* (Leicester:Inter Varsity Press)

“ *Mission After Christendom* (London:Darton Longman & Todd)

2002 'Between Bukuru and New York: Reflections on Islam,

Christianity and Western Values' *Theological College of Northern*

*Nigeria Research Bulletin* 37 (March):3-11; and *Themelios* 27/3

“ 'Global Christianity and the Healing of the Nations' [Catherwood

Lecture in Public Theology] *Patmos Papers* Centre for

Contemporary Christianity in Ireland

2001-2005 Wrote regular column for *World Mission,* publication of the

Baptist Missionary Society (30 columns in all, some translated

into Welsh)

2000 *Crying in the Wilderness: Evangelism and Mission in Today's*

*Culture* (Carlisle:Paternoster Press)

“ 'Junction or Terminus? Christianity in the West at the Dawn of the

Third Millennium' in Timothy Yates (ed), *Mission: An Invitation to*

*God's Future* (Calver:Cliff College)

“ 'The Gospel: Made in London or Lahore?'*Third Way* June

“ Contributor, Christopher Partridge (ed) *Dictionary of Religions in*

*the Contemporary West* (Leicester:Inter Varsity Press)

“ Contributor, Trevor Hart (ed) *Dictionary of Historical Theology*

(Carlisle:Paternoster Press)

1999 'Between Jos and Oxford: Personal Reflections on Theology

Between Two Continents' *Whitefield Briefing,* 14/1

1998 *Transforming the World? The Social Impact of British*

*Evangelicalism* (Carlisle:Paternoster Press)

“ 'Scottish Culture as a Context for Mission: A View From Across

the Border' *Theology in Scotland* Spring

1997 Contributor, Gerald Anderson (ed), *Biographical Dictionary of*

*Christian Missions* (New York:MacMillan)

1995 *Stairways to Heaven? God in Other Religions*

*(*Edinburgh:Rutherford House)

1993 Contributor, Nigel Cameron (ed) *Dictionary of Scottish Church*

*History and Theology* (Edinburgh:T & T Clark)

1992 *Marx and Jesus in a Post-Communist World*

(Leicester:Religious and Theological Students Fellowship)

1989 'Church and Society in Britain: A Mid-Nineteenth Century

Analysis' *Evangelical Quarterly* 61/1: 141-158

1989 'Secularisation: Changing Perceptions' *Church Growth Digest*

11/2, Winter:7-9

1988 'In Praise of Ambiguity: A response to Jonathan Harrop's critique

of the sociology of David Martin' *Religion* 18:81-85

“ 'The Church and its Mission in the Contemporary World' in Ian

Shaw (ed), *Social Issues and the Local Church*

(Bridgend:Evangelical Press of Wales)

1986 'A Survey of New Religious Movements Among the Annang of

Nigeria' *Neue Zeitschrift fur Missionwissenschaft*

42-1986/4:151-156

1985 'Jesus and the Pharisees in Socio-Anthropological Perspective'

*Trinity Journal* 6/NS: 151-156

**Other Relevant Experience:**

Managing editor of *The Global Christian Library,* a joint publishing

project on the part of Langham Partnership, Inter Varsity Press, UK

and Inter Varsity Press, USA. Edited eight volumes written by

international authors and designed to facilitate the publication and

worldwide distribution of work by non-Western scholars. The books

have appeared in British and American editions and are widely

circulated in the Global South.

I have travelled widely to teach and speak, including training

conferences for the international staff of Scripture Union International

held in France (twice), South Africa (twice), and Kenya. I have twice

addressed conferences in Nairobi Cathedral, Kenya, under the title

'Seeking the Shalom of the City' and have taught at the Urban Mission

Training Centre in the slum of Kibera, Nairobi. I have addressed the

Finnish Evangelical Alliance Conference in Helsinki, and conferences

in Antwerp, Brussels and Lyon in under the auspices of the Inter-

Continental Church Society, for whom I also delivered a lecture in

Lambeth Palace, London. Other speaking and teaching engagements

have taken me to Bangkok, Thailand; Bangalore, India; Yerevan,

Armenia; and locations across the United Kingdom and Ireland.

**Memberships and Additional Activities:**

British and Irish Association of Mission Studies, Member

*Evangelical Review of Society and Politics,* Consulting Editor

Fellow of the College of Preachers

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**Research Interests:**

Urban theology and Christian discipleship in a globalised world. The

publication of my book *Seeking A City With Foundations* has stimulated

a cross-disciplinary conversation concerning the contribution of

theology to urban studies in general. It has led to an invitation to

contribute to a forthcoming volume on theology and the future, edited

by Trevor Cairney and to be published in July, 2014 by T & T Clark. I

am also working on a follow-up volume to my book with the title

*Building the City With Foundations: Ministry in an Urban World.*

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