**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**COSMAS JUSTICE EBO SARBAH**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**CITIZENSHIP:** Ghanaian

**DATE OF BIRTH**: 14th of April 1970

**Vocation**: A catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Cape Coast, Ghana. Ordained, 29th September 2000

**EDUCATION:**

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| DATE (starting with the most recent | DEGREE/QUALIFICATION | INSTITUTION |
| December 2010 | Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Islamic Studies | University of Birmingham (United Kingdom) |
| October 2007 | Master of Philosophy (M. Phil) in Islamic Studies | University of Birmingham (United Kingdom) |
| June 2006 | Licentiate (M.Phil) in the Study of Arabic, History of Arab People and Islamic Studies | Pontifical Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Rome (Italy) |
| June 2004 | Diploma in the study of Arabic, Arab Culture and History of Islamic Religion. | Pontifical Institute of Dar Comboni for Arabic and Islamic Studies, Cairo (Egypt) |
| June 1998 | Post-Graduate Diploma in Education | University of Cape Coast |
| June, 1997 | Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Religions | University of Ghana, Legon. |
| June 1999 | Certificate of Completion | St. Peter’s Major Seminary-Pedu |

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

\*July 2016, Certificate of Completion for Regular Attendance and Full Participation in all aspects of the 2016 UCSB Study of the United States Institute, “Religion in the United States: Pluralism and Public Space.”, Department for Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (USA)

\*July 2016, Certificate issued by United States Department of State: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, for Full Completion of the Study of the U. S. Institute on Religious Pluralism in the United States, University of California, Santa Barbara.

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

**Lecturer of the Department for the Study of Religions, University of Ghana**-**September 2012 to date. Courses taught-see attached document**

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**Assistant Chaplain**, **Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic Chaplaincy-University of Cape Coast**. October 2011 to September 2012

**\*Priest-in-Charge:** Holy Cross Catholic Church, Out-station of St Martha’s Catholic Church (Kasoa), in a Muslim majority area. September 2012 to date

\*Our Lady and St Bridget Catholic Church, Birmingham. October 2006-October 2007

\*Holy Family Catholic Church, Birmingham. October 2007-September 2011

**Chaplain:** Apam Secondary School, October 2000-September 2003.

**Assistant parish priest**: St Joseph’s Catholic Church (Apam) in charge of 32 stations, October 2000-September 2003.

**Parish Youth Chaplain:** St Joseph’s Parish, Apam. October 2000- August 2003

**Part-Time Lecturer, St Peter’s Regional Seminary, Pedu**- **January 2012-2015**

\*Comparative Religion

\*History of Christian-Muslim Encounters.

\*Introduction to Islam

**UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

1. Member, Welfare and Service committee of the Department for the Study of Religions August, 2017 to date
2. Member, Strategic Implementation Committee of the Department for the Study of Religions since August, 2017 to date
3. GILBT since August 2017 to date
4. Member, Link and Affiliations Committee and Programmes of the Department for the Study of Religions since 2013 to 2018 academic year. We worked on and completed the applications for (a) BA RELIGION, ETHICS AND PSYCHOLOGY programme of Methodist University College Ghana in, December, 2014 (b) BA and Diploma programmes in Religious Studies with Philosophy of St Victor’s Major Seminary, Tamale in July, 2014 (c) MASTERS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND PASTORAL MINISTRY (MARSPM) of Faculty of Arts, Catholic University College of Ghana.
5. Offer Mass and counselling to students and staff as a catholic priest at the St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Ghana since 2012 to date
6. Hall Tutor, Legon Hall, University of Ghana since 2012 to date

**COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

1. Founder and Director: Inter-Faith Youth Core–organising Muslim and Christian Youth for peaceful co-existence in the spirit of inter-religious dialogue in the Kasoa District of the Central Region of Ghana. September 2013 to date
2. Research Fellow: \*Department of Inter-religious Dialogue of the National Catholic Secretariat-Ghana. October 2011 to date.
3. Director of Inter-religious Dialogue: Catholic Archdiocese of Cape Coast, October 2011 to date

**International and National Conferences**

**Conference Theme and Title of Presentations**

1. **Title of Presentation**: “African Catholicism and Islam: Relationship and Tension.” **Conference Theme:** International Palaver on the Handbook of African Catholicism. **Venue**: Hekima Institute of Peace Studies & International Relations (Nairobi, Kenya). **Date:** 28th July 2017 - 30th July 2017. **Organiser and sponsor**: Centre for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology of DePaul University, Chicago (U.S.A)
2. **Conference Theme**: African Christian Theology: Memories and Mission For The 21st Century. **Title of Presentation:** “Islam and Christianity in Dialogue in Africa.” **Organiser and sponsor**: University of Notre Dame (USA). **Venue**: Notre dame Global Gateway, Rome, Via Ostilla, 15. **Date**: March 22-25, 2017.
3. **Title of Presentation:** “The Role of Christianity in Community Building and Its Stance on Extremism.” Venue**:** Kofi Drah Conference Room of Department of Political Science, University of Ghana. **Date:**19th of October 2016. **Organiser and Sponsor**: EdVentures partners and Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the US Department of State in collaboration with Facebook and inter-agency partners.
4. **Title of Presentation**: “Application of Education Act 1961 in the Mission Schools: Implication for Interreligious Dialogue in Ghana” presented at The Study of United States Institute. **Conference Theme:** On Religious Pluralism and Public Space. **Organiser and Sponsor:** US State Department. **Venue:** The University of California, Santa Barbara, USA. **Date:** 16th June to 30th July 2016.
5. **Title of Presentation**: “Inter-religious Dialogue in Ghana.” **Organiser and sponsor**:The Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong. **Date:** 24th May to 3rd June 2015. **Venue:** The Spiritan University College, Ejisu (Ashanti Religion). **Conference theme**: “The Catholic Diocese of Konongo –Mampong in Retrospect: Prospects, Challenges and the Way Forward.”
6. **Title of Presentation**: “The New Evangelisation and Inter-religious Dialogue in Ghanaian Context” **Organiser**: St Paul’s Catholic Seminary (Sowutuom) for Philosophy Week Celebration. **Date**: 19th to 26th of October, 2014. **Conference Theme**: “The New Evangelisation and Priestly Formation in the light of the 2nd National Pastoral Congress in Ghana.”
7. **Title of Presentation:** “Healthy Diet, Healthy Nation.” **Conference Theme**: The celebration of the Appearance of Lord Krishna known as Krishna Janmastami. **Organiser**: Iskon Africa Mission. **Date:** 15th August 2014.
8. **Title of Presentation**: the New Evangelisation and Interreligious Dialogue in Ghana.” **Venue**: 2nd National Pastoral Congress, Sunyani. **Conference Theme**: New Evangelisation for the Transmission of the Christian Faith in Ghana in The Light of *Africae Munus*”. **Organiser:** National Catholic Secretariat of the Catholic Bishops Conference. **Date**: 5th to the 11th of August, 2014.

**FUNDED PROJECT**

**(1)** 7000 Euros received and executed on Christian-Muslim project for the Kasoa Township of the Archdiocese of Cape Coast in 2015. Theme**:** Christian-Muslim co-operation for peaceful co-existence in the Kasoa Township of the Central Region of Ghana. (See attached document)

**CURRENT Research FOCUS**

1. Exploring cultural-religious and social-values of Ghana and sub-Saharan Africa for harmonious and cohesive Christian-Muslim relations and peaceful co-existence.
2. Examining the history of Christian-Muslim encounters in Ghana and West Africa and its impact on the contemporary societies.
3. Examining critical issues of and various approaches to the study of Comparative Religion in religiously pluralistic environment and inter-religious encounters in Ghana and the West African sub-region.
4. Research into the modern trends of Islamic Movements such as religio-political sects in Ghana and West Africa in general.
5. Exploring the role of the history of Islam and Christianity in Ghana and West Africa for peaceful co-existence in the contemporary pluralistic societies.
6. The Impact of the Islamic invasions (7th- 9th centuries) and the Christian crusades (11th -13th centuries) on contemporary Europe and the Christian-Muslim encounters in West Africa Challenges and Trends of Intra-religious dialogue in Ghana and West Africa.
7. Converted Christians and Muslims in Ghana: Prospects and Challenges

**Publications**

**Published Research Works in Journals**

1. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “Christian-Muslim Relations in Ghana: Competition or Cooperation?, in *E-Journal of Religious Studies and Theological Issues*, Vol 1(1) pp. 47-71. Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana, June, 2017
2. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “Interrogating the Approaches of Interreligious Dialogue in West Africa” in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 51 (3) pp. 364-385. University of Pennsylvania, USA. June, 2016
3. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, Christian “Grace” and Muslim “Dīn Al-Fithra”: Implication for Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Ghana” in E-*Journal of Religious Studies and Theological Issues*, 1 (2) (pp. 106-124). Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana. June 2016
4. *Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, Christian-Muslim Marriage in Ghana: Prospects and Challenges” in Journal of Applied Thought 5(2) pp. 103-114. All Nations University, Ghana.May, 2016.*
5. *Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo,* “Christian-Muslim Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Contribution of Indigenous Cognate Filiation of the Akan People of Ghana” *in Journal of Applied Thought 4(2) pp. 103-114. All Nations University, Ghana.* June 2015.
6. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “The Planting of Christianity in Ghana” in *Trinity Journal of Church and Theology* 18 (2), pp. 7-26. Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana, September, 2014
7. *Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “Paradigm Shift in Theological Formation towards Interreligious Dialogue in Ghana” in Studies in Interreligious Dialogue 24 (2), 2014 ( 225-236).*

**Book Chapters:**

1. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “Religious Rights in the State Regulated Mission Schools in Ghana”, in Religion and Sustainable Development: Ghanaian Perspectives, George Ossom-Batsa, Nicolleta Gatti, Rabiatu Deinyo Ammah (edts). Vatican City: Urbaniana University Press, 2018
2. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “Sin and Redemption in Christianity and Islam”, in Theological Issues in Christian-Muslim Dialogue. Charles Tieszen (ed.) Eugene, Oregon:Pickwick Press, 2018 (pp. 77-90).
3. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “Application of Education Act 1961 in the Mission Schools: Implication for Interreligious Dialogue in Ghana”, in *International Symposium Proceedings 2016* (pp.59-67)*.* California (Santa Barbara): University of California Press, 2016)
4. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “The New Evangelisation and Inter-religious Dialogue in the Ghanaian Context”, in *Acts of the 2014 National Pastoral Congress*, pp.172-192. Accra: National Catholic Secretariat, 2014.

**Articles in Review**

1. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo & Emmanuel Kojo Enin Antwi, Inter-religious Dialogue: A Non-Institutional Approach to the New Evangelisation, in *Journal for the Study of Religion (JSR)*, by Department of Religious Studies & Arabic, College of Human Sciences, University of South Africa
2. Sarbah Cosmas Ebo, “Contextualisation of Theological Formation in Ghana: Nature, Challenges and Prospects”, in *Oguaa Journal of Religion & Human Values*, University of Cape coast, Ghana
3. Sarbah Cosmas Ebo, “Islam and Christianity in Dialogue”, to be published by Center for Ethics and Culture on Conference” in African Christian Theology: Memories and Mission for the 21st century, University of Notre Dame, United States of America.
4. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “African Catholicism and Islam: Relationship and Tension”, as Chapter of *Handbook of African Catholicism* in 2018 by Center for Global Catholicism, DePaul University, Chicago (USA)
5. Appiah-Sekyere Paul & Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, “Christian Ethics and Islamic Ethnic: A Critical Comparative Study”*, in International Journal of Arts and Social Science (*Published)
6. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, Religious Extremism in a Ghanaian City: Challenges and Responsibilities of Christians and Muslims, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Ghana
7. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, The Quest for Global Peace: The Role of Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Department For Religious Studies, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
8. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, Establishing Islam in Ghana: A Critical Review of the Approaches, in *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs,* (UK)
9. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, Mobilising Christians and Muslims towards Living in Harmony and Fellowship: A Theological Perspective, *Christ University, Bangalore, India*
10. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, Christian and Muslim Scriptures: A Comparative Study and Implication for the Ghanaian Context
11. Sarbah, Cosmas Ebo, Prophethood in Christianity and Islam: A Critical Study of their Similarities and Dissimilarities and Implication for Dialogue in Ghana
12. African Christian Theology as a Dialogical Theology
13. Political Neutrality in Ghana: Al-Hajj and the National Cathedral*.*

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