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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Biblical Studies, **The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C**., October 2009

**Dissertation:** Social Alienation As a Consequence of Human Suffering in the Book of Job: A Study of Job 19:13-22

**Summer Studies in Egypt (2007)**

Religious and Archeological Studies

**Summer Studies in Israel (2006)**

Biblical and Archeological Studies

Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL), **Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA**, May 2004

**THESIS:** “Understanding the Lament Prayers in the Bible: A Case Study of Psalm 22

Clinical Pastoral Education, May 2004, **Brigham and Women Hospital, Boston, MA**

M.Th., in Biblical Studies, **The Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Nigeria,** June 2002

**THESIS** on “Έΐδōλοθυτōν in 1 Cor 8:1-13: Implication for the Ewe Christians in Ghana”

Post Graduate Certificate in Theology, **St. Peter’s Regional Seminary, Cape Coast, Ghana**, June 1996

B.A., in Sociology and Theology, **University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana,** June 1994

Certificate in Philosophy, **St. Paul’s Major Seminary, Accra, Ghana,** June 1992

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Wisdom Literature, Psalms, Pentateuch, Deuteronomistic History, and Prophets

Gospels, Acts of the Apostle, Pauline Letters,

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Koch Foundation 1992-1994 - **Weston Jesuits School of Theology, Cambridge, MA**

GRADUATE ASSISTANCE – **Catholic University of America, Washington, DC**.

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**SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

1. Food Offered to Idols in 1 Cor 8:1-13 and Ancestor Veneration among the Ewe in Ghana. July 2017. To the Faculty and Staff of the Department for the Study of Religions.
2. Sirach 6:32-37: An Invitation to the Youth to Acquire Wisdom. April 2006. Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
3. Observation of the Law is Essential to Life: the Paramount Aim of the Deuteronomist (Deut 4:1-8). October 2005. Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
4. The Exodus Motif in the Book of Deuteronomy: A Case Study of Deut 9:1-8. April 2005, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
5. The Feast of the Tabernacle and Jesus’ Self Manifestation (John 7:1-13). February 2005, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
6. Mountain of Transfiguration: A Mystery. November 2004, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
7. The Role of Myth in the Biblical Book of Job. April 2004. Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.
8. “You Shall Be for Me a Priestly Kingdom and a Holy Nation” (Exod 19:6): A Nation is Born. February 2004. Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA.
9. Prayer of the Ancestors in the Bible: A Model of a Human Divine Relationship. November 2003. Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA
10. Jesus’ Acknowledgement of the Spirit in Luke 4:18: Its Implication in the Fulfillment of the Mission of Christ. March 2003. Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA.
11. Compare and Contrast the Dignity Placed on Human Life in the Creation Stories in Genesis 1-11 and in ATRAHASIS. December 2002. Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA.
12. Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18): A Departure Point on Contemporary Issues in African Women’s Hermeneutics. May 2002. Catholic Institute of West Africa, Nigeria.
13. Cultural Prejudice in John 4:1-41: A Study in African Context. March 2002. Catholic Institute of West Africa, Nigeria.
14. The Misunderstood Woman. October 2001. Catholic Institute of West Africa, Nigeria.

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**SEMINARS ATTENDED**

1. Worldwide University Network, 2nd November, 2018.

“Trouble in Paraadise: Rape Culture, Race, Religion and the Bible” by Prof. Johanna Stiebert, University of Leeds, UK and Dr. Katie Edwards, University of Sheffield, UK.

1. Biblical Section of the Department for the Study of religions; 12th May 2018
	1. Mother Tongue Translation and theologizing and their Implication for the Bible Studies in Multilingual Ghana by Prof. Ansre
	2. Current Methodological Trends in Biblical Interpretation in Africa by Prof. Eric Anum.

**TRAINING/ WORKHOPS**

1. Human Resource & Organizational Development Directorate. University of Ghana, Legon. 13th -15th August 2018.
2. Training Program for Newly Appointed Academic Staff Members 6th -8th Feb 2018 by Quality Assurance Unit, University of Ghana Legon.
3. Sakai LMS/Turnitin Training Workshop; 27th -28th Feb 2018 by Sakai Team, University of Ghana, Legon.
4. Elsevier Research Workshop: 9th May 2018 by Electronic Resources Balm Library, University of Ghana, Legon

**PAPER PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES**

1. “Έΐδōλοθυτōν in 1 Cor 8:1-13: and its Implications for Ancestor Veneration among the Ewe in Ghana” at the 81st International Conference of the Catholic Biblical Association of America at Regis University, Denver, Colorado, July 28-31 2018.
2. The Implications and the Demands of the Decalogue in the Life of A Christian. The Catholic Laity within the Territory of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and New England. Worcerster, MA. August 2016.
3. Jesus the Good Shepherd—Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Anloga, Ghana, May 1997

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED WITHOUT PAPER PRESENTATION**

1. 4th International Research Conference. “Prospect and Challenges of Humanities Research in the 21st Century. College of Humanities. University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana. November 1-2, 2018.
2. International Conference & Workshop. “An International Exploration of Religion and Gender – Based Violence: A Case Study of Accra in Global Context.” Worldwide University Network at University of Ghana, Legon 30th -31st October 2018.

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1. International Conference on “Religion and the 21st Century City: Openings and Closures”, University of Ghana, Legon, June 20-22, 2018.
2. 2ND International Research Conference on Promoting Humanities Research for Development in Africa, 15-17 June, 2016. College of Humanities, University of Ghana, Legon.
3. Catholic Biblical Association of America Conference, New York.
4. Society of Biblical Literature Association Conference, Washington DC.
5. Catholic Biblical Association of America Conference, St. Lious.

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

1. Social Alienation As a Consequence of Human Suffering in the Book of Job: A Study of Job 19:13-22. Revised edition. I Universe Publications USA, 2010.
2. Social Alienation As a Consequence of Human Suffering in the Book of Job: A Study of Job 19:13-22. Doctoral Dissertation, Catholic University of America. Washington DC. October, 2009.

**PASTORAL PUBLICATIONS**

1. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Spirit of Pentecostalism: Is There Any Need for the Sacrament? July 1997. National Catholic Standard, Ghana
2. Do We Still Need This? Cultural Prejudice. March 1997. National Catholic Standard, Ghana
3. Witnessing to the Word. December 1996. National Catholic Standard, Ghana

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

1. “Ancestral Veneration Revisited within the Pupil of 1 Cor 8:1-13: The Ewe of Ghana in Context” (A Book, Ready for publication)
2. “Έΐδōλοθυτōν in 1 Cor 8:1-13: and its Implications for Ancestor Veneration among the Ewe in Ghana” An article yet to be published at Catholic Biblical Quarterly, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. (2018)
3. “Human Dignity (Acts 3:1-11) and Creation Stories” An Article yet to be published in Legon Journal of Humanities, University of Ghana, Legon. (2018)

1. The Effect of Dignity placed on Human Life in Creation Stories: The Consequent Result of Human Trafficking, Child Labor, and the Like (ready for publications).

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1. Compare and Contrast the Dignity of Human Life in the Creation Stories in Genesis 1-11 and in Atrahasis.
2. “Would that All God’s People were Prophets” (Num 11:29).
3. Called to the Sanctuary: Biblical Implications.
4. When Marriage Dishonours the Eucharist: Biblical, Canonical, and Sacramental Insights.
5. Walking with Jesus Christ: Tit Bits for Spiritual Reflection.
6. Can Evil be done away with? The Reason for the Continuous Existence of Evil.

**RESEARCH INTEREST**

Social Sciences and Biblical Interpretation

**LANGUAGES**

Working knowledge of: Ewe, Ancient Greek and Hebrew, Syriac, Aramaic, Latin, German, French.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

1. Lecturer, University of Ghana, Legon Accra, 18th Jan 2018.

Courses taught so far includes Introduction to Old Testament; Introduction to New Testament; Introduction to Wisdom Literature; New Testament Greek I; Theology and Ethics of the Old Testament; Introduction to OT Prophetic and Apocalyptic Literature; Theology and Ethics of the New Testament; Background to the New Testament; Introduction to Biblical Exegesis and Hermeneutics; New Testament Greek II; Introduction to Pentateuch; Prophetic Literature; and Apocalyptic Literature.

1. Lecturer University of Ghana, Legon, Accra (Part-time); 2014- 17th Jan 2018.
2. Lecturer, The Josaphite Students of the Catholic University of America (Part-time), Course taught was New Testament Theology. Washington, DC. Fall 2007.
3. Lecturer (Part-time) Cambridge, MA Course taught was Introduction to Old Testament. Spring 2004.

**SUPERVISED MPhil THESIS**

1. “The Destiny of the Earth: Ecological Reading of 2 Peter 3:3-15” by Alex Greats Worlanyo
2. “I Believe You are the Messiah, the Son of God: The Christology of Women in John’s Gospel.” By Amelia Dedoo

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1. “Gen 1:1-2:3 and the Environment: An Exegetical and Theological Study.” By Otis Asiedu.

**PASTORAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Ghana Bible Society, Accra: Translations and Commentary on the Book of Job: 2013-
2. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Abor: Parish Priest and a Teacher: 2011-2018.
3. Ghana Bible Society, Accra: Translating the Deuterocanonical Books into Ewe (2009-2011).
4. Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Nigeria: General Secretary (Student’s Union, 2/2001-3/2002).
5. Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Nigeria: Assistant General Secretary (Student’s Union, 2/2000-2/2001).
6. Keta-Akatsi Diocese, Ghana: Coordinator Biblical Apostolate (2/1999-9/1999).
7. St. Michael’s Cathedral, Keta, Ghana: Associate Pastor (10/1998-9/1999).
8. Keta-Akatsi Diocesan Priest Association, Ghana: Vice Secretary (5/1998-9/1999).
9. Keta-Akatsi Diocese, Ghana: Deanery Youth Coordinator (10/1996-9/1999).
10. Keta-Akatsi Diocese, Ghana: Coordinator, Diocesan Renew Program (10/1997-9/1999).
11. St. Francis of Assisi, Juapong, Ghana: Associate Pastor (9/1996-9/1998).
12. Diocese of Keta-Akatsi, Ghana: Ordained Catholic Priest at Dzelukofe (20/07/1996).

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

# Catholic Biblical Association of America, USA.

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1. Society of Biblical Literature, USA.
2. American Academy of Religion, USA.
3. Catholic Biblical Association of Ghana.

**CHRISTIAN FRATERNAL ASSOCITIONS**

1. Joint Conference of Ghanaian Priests Association and the Catholic Bishop’s Conference of Ghana.

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1. Knights of Columbus, USA.
2. Knights and ladies of St. John International.