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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Ph.D., History, University of Kentucky, 1982.

M.A., History, University of Kentucky, 1976.

Special Programs in Evangelism, Pastoral Clinic Education and Urban Ministries, Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington Theological Seminary, and the University of Kentucky Medical Center, 1975.

M.Th., Systematic Theology, 1970.

Free University of Congo School of Theology.

B.S., Biochemistry, University of Congo, 1965.

LANGUAGES:

I speak and write in English, French, Lingala, Swahili, and Otetela.

I studied Dutch, German, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and Spanish.

ORDINATION:

I was ordained Deacon in 1968 and Elder in 1970, in The United Methodist Church.

EMPLOYMENT:

1994-

Present

Associate Professor of History

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Currently teaching: U.S. History To 1865,
African History To 1870 and two sections of
Western Civilization.

- August 2002-
Present* Adjunct Professor of History
Eastern Kentucky University
Currently teaching: American Civilization To 1877
and American Civilization Since 1877.
- January 2001
June 2001* Youth Counselor
Metro Group Homes, Inc.
Offered counseling in a residential treatment home
for abused, chemically dependent, and emotional
and behavioral challenged adolescent boys and girls.
- June 2001-
June 2006* Pastor of Jimtown United Methodist Church
Lexington, Kentucky.
- June 1998
June 2001* Pastor of Scott United Methodist Church,
Maysville, Kentucky.
- August 1996
August 1999* Residential Counselor
ResCare-Excepticon Campus, Lexington, Kentucky.
Offered counseling services to mentally ill and mentally retarded
men and women.
- June 1992-
August 1994* Adjunct Professor of History
Virginia State University
Taught World Civilizations and American History.
- Served as Consultant to the Virginia Conference Council on
Ministries.
My duties and responsibilities included congregational
development, evaluating and revising the Virginia Conference
Comprehensive Plan for Ethnic/Racial Churches.
- Served as an Associate Pastor of Fredericksburg United
Methodist Church of the Virginia Conference. A predominantly
white congregation of 2,600 members.
- June 1986
June 1992* Assistant Professor of History
West Virginia State College, Charleston, West Virginia.
Taught Ancient History, European History, World Civilizations,
Renaissance and Reformation.
Designed two courses in World Civilizations.

Taught History of Western Civilization at **West Virginia Wesleyan College**, Buckhannon, West Virginia.

Served as the Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church Charleston, West Virginia, a predominantly white congregation of 230 members.

- 1965-1966* Teacher at Law Memorial Secondary School in Wembo-Nyama, Congo. Taught Biology, Chemistry, and French.
- 1970-1972* Director of Center of Communications at Lodja. Teacher at Diengenga Secondary School where I taught French, in addition to teaching Theological courses at the Lodja Bible School.
- 1972-1973* Assistant to Bishop Onema Fama of the Central Congo Area.
- 1974-1978* Mission Interpreter for the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. Duties and responsibilities included: (1) speaking engagement every two weeks in churches in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, New York, Illinois, Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, to raise the money for various mission projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America; (2) developing and maintaining a system of recruitment, training, and selection.
- 1979-1983* Assistant Professor at **Greenbrier Community College**, Lewisburg, West Virginia. Taught World Civilizations and American History, in addition to providing academic advising and personal counseling to students.
- 1983-1986* Assistant Professor of History **Fairmont State College**, Fairmont, West Virginia. Taught Cultural Anthropology, African American History and Culture, Mesoamerican Civilizations, and United States History To and After 1865.
- 1984-1986* Member of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at Fairmont State College Campus Ministry Served as the Coordinator for Taylor County Cooperative Parish in Grafton, West Virginia

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES:

Member of the Faculty Senate, 1998-2002
Member of the Curriculum Committee, 1998-2002
Member of the Substance Abuse Prevention Committee
Member of Animal and Human Welfare Committee
Member of the Agriculture Literacy Committee
Member of the BSS Planning/Faculty Concerns Committee
Member of Faculty Award/Grant proposal Committee
Member of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation at
Kentucky State University Campus Ministry
Paper Presentations in the Southern Interdisciplinary Roundtable
on African Studies, 2000 to present

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Member of the Commission on Archives and History
Member of the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministries
Member of the Committee on Ethnic Minority Ministries
Member of Kentucky Conference Caucus of Black Methodists for
Church Renewal
Member of the Kentucky Conference Commission on Religion and Race
Community Representative for International Exchange Students, Since 1998
Participation in the Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration

PUBLICATIONS:

History of the Methodist Church in Central Congo, University Press of
America, 1998

“Spirit of cooperation Between African American and European American
Churches,” *Journal of Methodist History*, July 1998.

La Traduction du mot grâce dans la langue des Ana-Mongo, Lodja, 1970.
(Semantic Analysis of the word Grace in Greek and Hebrew and its
equivalents in the Otetela Language.)

“The Contribution of Black People to World Civilization,” *West Virginia
Conference Paper*, 1992.

“Dr. John Wesley Gilbert: An African American and Co-Founder of the
Methodist Mission in Central Congo in 1912,” *West Virginia Conference
Paper*, 1990.

“Missionary Response to Changing Political Environment in the Congo, 1946-1953” *CEREZ*, 1982.

“La Liberté Académique,” *Libertas*, Université Libre du Congo, Kisangani, Juillet, 1967.

“Célébration du 50eme Anniversaire de la Fondation de l’Eglise Méthodiste au Congo Central,” *Dikendji*, 1964.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP AND RECOGNITION:

Phi Alpha Theta, the International Honor Society in History.
Congoese Historical Society.

Listed in *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers*, 2002-2003 Seventh Edition.