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## Education

2009	Brunel University/London School of Theology London, United Kingdom	Doctor of Philosophy (New Testament Studies)
2005	Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky	Master of Divinity
2001	Caribbean Wesleyan College Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland Jamaica	Diploma in Theology (Magna Cum Laude)

## Other Qualifications & Awards

2010	Ordained Minister of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti, Northern District
2005	Zondervan Award for Excellence in New Testament Greek, Asbury Theological Seminary
2005	Elected to the International Honor Society of Theta Phi
2005	Towel and Basin Award for Servant Leadership, Asbury Theological Seminary
2005	Excellence in Biblical Studies Award, Asbury Theological Seminary
2004	Wilbur T. Dayton Award for Scholarship and Leadership Potentials in the Wesleyan Church, Asbury Wesleyan Community
2004	Elected to עבר, the National Honor Society of Students of Hebrew Language and Culture
2001	Valedictorian, Caribbean Wesleyan College

## Academic Appointments

Indiana Wesleyan University School of Theology and Ministry 4201 South Washington Street Marion, IN 46953	Associate Professor of New Testament (2011–)
Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky	Affiliate Professor of New Testament (2010 –) Adjunct Professor of New Testament (2009–2010) Adjunct Instructor of Biblical Languages (2005– 2009)
Caribbean Wesleyan College Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica	Academic Dean (2005 –2011) Biblical Studies Faculty (2005 –2011)
Vladimir Wesleyan Evangelical Bible College Vladimir, Russia	Visiting Faculty (January 2003, January 2004)

## Publications

### Books

*A Narratological Reading of 1 Peter* (Library of New Testament Studies 440; London: T&T Clark, 2012).

*Shaping Theological Education in the Caribbean: A Community Approach* (co-edited with Dieumème Noelliste, Trinidad: Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association, 2011).

### Articles & Book Chapters

Review of Karen A. Longman (ed.), *Thriving in Leadership: Strategies for Making a Difference in Christian Higher Education* (Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press, 2012), *Teaching Theology and Religion* 16.3 (July, 2013).

Review of Russell Pregeant, *Encounter with the New Testament: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, *Review of Biblical Literature* 12 (2010), pp. 337-40.

“Theology of Missions,” in *Global Voices: International Leaders Identify Critical Issues Facing the Church* (co-authored with Larisa Levicheva; ed. Joy Bray; Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2008), 67-77.

***FORTHCOMING:***

“Social Holiness in James and 1 Peter” in *Holy Imagination: Thinking About Social Holiness* (eds. Nathan Crawford, Jonathan Dodrill, and David Wilson; Lexington: Emeth Press, 2013)

### **Seminars and Papers**

“Taking Aim: Looking Back and Looking Forward.” Response to Ben Witherington, “Did the Canon Misfire? The Story of how the NT was assembled.” Passages: Colorado Springs Speakers Series; Green Scholars Initiative. Colorado Springs, CO; July 30, 2013.

“The Infiltration of Superstitious Practices and Beliefs in the Church and their Impact on Christian Life.” Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of Télé Louange: Haitian Christian Television. Boston, MA; June 8, 2013.

“Not at Home: Lessons for Living from James and Peter”. Chambers Family Camp, Chambers, NY; July 1-8, 2012.

“From Eden to Jerusalem: Toward a Wesleyan Perspective on Spiritual Transformation,” A Doctrinal Symposium on Human Nature, Board of General Superintendents Initiative, The Wesleyan Church, June 2010.

“Practical Holiness, Powerful Witness” (with Larisa Levicheva), Fifth Wesleyan National Convention, The Wesleyan Holiness Church in Jamaica, December 28-31, 2009.

***FORTHCOMING:***

“Their story, Our Story: The use of Exodus imagery in the Prophets and Dead Sea Scrolls and its appropriation in 1 Peter.” *Institute for Biblical Research*, ‘Relationship Between Old Testament and New Testament’ Section. The Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Baltimore, MD; November 2013.

### **Sermons and Lectures**

“There and Back Again” – Ruth. SAGE MINISTRIES, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. September 8, 2013.

“Look beyond what you see!” – Isaiah 6:1-8. FLAME, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. May 16, 2013.

“A Father like no other” – 1 Peter 1. Ricketts River Wesleyan Holiness Church, Westmoreland, Jamaica. May 5, 2013.

“What the mirror tells” – James 1:19-27. Cox Deeper Life Series, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN. March 22, 2013.

“To be, but not to belong: Rooted in the Word, Engaged in the World, An Incarnational Mandate” – John 17:11-19. International Council for Evangelical Theological Education Consultation. Nairobi, Kenya. October 19, 2012.

## **Editorial**

Editorial Board: *Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology*

## **Professional Activities**

### **Memberships**

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute for Biblical Research
- Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- International Council for Evangelical Theological Education

### **Offices**

- Member at Large, Executive Committee, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- Chair, Theological Commission, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- Member of the Accreditation Commission, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association

### **Services at Indiana Wesleyan University**

- Assessment Fellow; School of Theology and Ministry (2012 – )
- Member at Large, University Global Initiative Council (2011 – )
- Member, Assessment Committee; CAS (2012 – )
- Member , Marketing Committee; School of Theology and Ministry (2012 – )
- Member, John Wesley Honors College Committee (2012 – 2013)

## **Local Church & District Appointments**

Savanna-la-Mar Wesleyan Holiness Church, Jamaica: Youth Pastor (2000–2001)

L’Eglise Wesleyenne d’Haiti du Limbé, Haiti: Temporary Pastor (May–September 2000)

Member of the Judicial Board, Northern District of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti (1995-1996)

### **Other Ministry & Community Involvements**

The DecAid Project  
2011-

Member, Executive Board of Directors

Asbury Theological Seminary  
Office Community Life  
2004-2005

Chapel Intern: Intercultural Assistant  
(Worship Design, Spiritual Formation of Students,  
Interculturalization of Worship)

World Hope International  
1998-2003

Translation of materials from English to French for Teacher  
Training Seminars  
Interpret during Teaching Sessions  
Teach on Leadership and Contextualization

Campus Crusade for Christ  
1996-1997

Translate materials for evangelism, team training, and  
seminars from English to French  
Interpret during teaching sessions  
Team Coordinator, showings of the Jesus Film

Youth With a Mission  
September 1996 – March 1997

Discipleship Training School  
Mission work in the Dominican Republic

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Graduate (M.Div., M.A.) (Online Instruction)**

Christian Proclamation  
Concise Greek  
Elementary Greek I  
Exegesis: Acts of the Apostles  
Introduction to Biblical Studies: Inductive Bible Study  
Introduction to Biblical Studies: New Testament  
Introduction to Theology  
Mark (Inductive Bible Study)  
New Testament Introduction  
The Bible as Christian Scripture

#### **Undergraduate (Dipl. Th., A.A., B.A.) (Classroom Instruction)**

Advanced Greek  
Advanced Topics in Biblical Studies: Luke-Acts  
Advanced Topics in Biblical Studies: Pauline Letters  
Apocalyptic Literature  
Child Evangelism  
Contemporary Theological Trends  
Johannine Literature  
General Epistles  
Inductive Bible Study  
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics  
Introduction to Homiletics I & II  
Introduction to Music and Worship  
Introduction to Theology I & II  
Life and Teachings of Jesus  
New Testament Exegesis: 1 Peter  
New Testament Exegesis: Romans  
New Testament Greek I & II  
New Testament Survey  
Old Testament Introduction  
Theology of John Wesley