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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2022- Assistant Professor, Theology, and International Studies

Boston College

**EDUCATION**

2017 -2023 **Ph.D.**

Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion

Ethics and Society

Dissertation: *“The Lunatic Express: Development, the Law, and the Myth of Progress*

Committee: Ted A. Smith (Adviser)

Cathleen Kaveny

Pamela M. Hall

Nimi Wariboko

Elizabeth Bounds

2017 **LL.M. (Master of Laws),** Duke University

2016 **Certificate in Theological Studies**, University of Oxford

2003- 2007 **LL.B.** (**Bachelor of Laws) (Hons),** University of Nairobi

**AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALTY**

Christian Ethics, Theories of Justice, Postcolonial Theory, Economic Justice and International Development, Law and Society, Lived Theology, Virtue Ethics.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

Christian Ethics, Law, History, and Politics, Human Rights and Economic Equality, Faith and Justice.

**PUBLICATIONS**

“The False Promises of Progress: Human Rights and the Legitimization of Inequality,” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (Upcoming, Fall 2021).

“Dismissing Atheists Unwise, Engage Them.” *The Standard*, June 3, 2016.

“What is the role of the church when a national government has internal healthcare policies that fail its own citizens?” *Ethics & Medicine*, [Vol. 32, Issue. 3,](https://search-proquest-com.proxy.library.emory.edu/indexingvolumeissuelinkhandler/44457/Ethics+$26+Medicine/02016Y10Y01$23Fall+2016$3b++Vol.+32+$283$29/32/3?accountid=10747) (Fall 2016): 143-152. (with Mary B. Adam)

“The Evolution of East African Mining Laws.” *Mining Journal UK*, March 6, 2013 (with Iain Duncan).

“Case Study: Child Trafficking in Zambia, Nigeria, and Ethiopia” *The Legal Aid Research & Policy Foundation Magazine*, November 2007.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Panelist, “Law, Justice, and Religious Identity in America” Workshop

Georgia Institute of Technology, September 27, 2019

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATION**

Paper presentation: “Human Rights, Progress, and the Depoliticization of Inequality”

Society of Christian Ethics (SCE) Annual Conference, Jan 9, 2021

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Spring 2021 Teaching Fellow

Development in Context: Interdisciplinary Field Seminar I

Masters in Development Practice Program

Emory University, Laney Graduate School

Jan 2021 Teaching Assistant

Theology and Community: A Lived Theology Approach

Columbia Theological Seminary

Fall 2020 Teaching Fellow

Foundations of Development: Theories and History

Masters in Development Practice Program

Emory University, Laney Graduate School

Fall 2020 Teaching Fellow

Development in Practice: Interdisciplinary Field Seminar II

Masters in Development Practice Program

Emory University, Laney Graduate School

Fall 2019Teaching Associate

Research Methods in Development Practice

Masters in Development Practice Program

Emory University, Laney Graduate School

Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Christian Ethics

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Preaching

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

Fall 2017 Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Christian Ethics

Emory University, Candler School of Theology

**AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, and FELLOWSH**IPS

2023 John Fenton Prize for Graduate Students, Emory University

Louisville Scholar Fellowship, 2022-2024

Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, 2021/2022

Fellowship Award for Doctoral Studies, Emory University

Merit Scholarship, Duke School of Law, 2016-2017

Full Scholarship to study Theological Studies at Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics, 2015-2016

Kenyan representative, International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) programme, 2012

Kenya School of Law Scholarship for training in Advanced Trial Advocacy, 2009.

**Academic SERVICE**

2023- 2024 Member of the Nominating Committee

Society of Christian Ethics (SCE)

2021-2023 Student Board Member

Society of Christian Ethics (SCE)

2020-2022 Student Representative

Policy and Curriculum Committee (PCC), Emory Graduate Division of Religion

2021-2022 Undergraduate Research Mentor

Scholarly Insight and Research Experience (SIRE) Program, Emory College of Arts and Sciences

2020/2022 Student Advisory Council

Emory Graduate Division of Religion

2019 Doctoral Orientation Leader

Graduate Division of Religion: Ethics and Society

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Beyond the academy (Selected)**

2007-2013 Legal Associate, Mboya, Wangong’u, & Waiyaki Advocates

2012 Foreign- qualified Lawyer, Simmons & Simmons LLP, UK

2007 Research Assistant, Africa Peace Forum

2007 Research Assistant, Legal Aid Research and Policy Foundation

**LANGUAGES**

Swahili

Kikuyu

Kamba

English

Spanish (intermediate)