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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies** May, 2010
Biola University, Cook School of Intercultural Studies
- Dissertation Title: *Christianity and Animism in a South Pacific Society: Four ecclesiastical approaches toward animism*
 - Dissertation Chair: Douglas Hayward
- M.Div. Anderson School of Theology, Anderson, IN.** May, 1999
- B.A. University of California, Irvine** June, 1995
- Major: Classical Civilization
 - Minor: Linguistics
 - Honors: Eta Sigma Phi (Classical Honors Society)

EXPERIENCE

- Liberty University** 2011-present
Adjunct Faculty, Online School of Religion
- Talua College, Vanuatu** 2011-present
Lecturer
Responsibilities include: developing curriculum for the Bachelor's of Ministry program, and teaching cultural anthropology to ni-Vanuatu pastors in the B.Min program.
- Indiana Wesleyan University** 2010-present
Adjunct Faculty, Online School of Religion
Responsibilities include: teaching Survey of the New Testament; facilitating discussions on Blackboard, and giving students feedback on their papers.
- Summer Institute of Linguistics/
Wycliffe Bible Translators (Vanuatu)** 2000-present
Translation advisor (2002-2011). Responsibilities included: preaching regularly; engaging in evangelism and discipleship cross-culturally; performing lexicographic analysis; creating an orthography and literacy primers; writing grammars; producing films and audio programs in vernacular; surveying related languages; developing literacy materials; training people

in literacy, evangelism, healthcare and translation; advising the translation of the New Testament; and developing financial partners to fund the ministry.

Member of the Administrative Council (2005-present) and chairman (2009-present). Responsibilities include overseeing the organization's finances; working with the board to set policies regarding employee conduct, academic requirements, missiological strategy and organizational structure.

Translation consultant (2009- present). Responsibilities include: consulting SIL teams on their translations of vernacular materials and developing translation helps for SIL teams.

Anthropology coordinator for SIL Vanuatu and Pacific area anthropology consultant (2009-present). Responsibilities include: publishing on the anthropology of Christianity in Vanuatu; attending professional anthropology meetings; developing anthropological materials for SIL; conducting workshops in anthropology; and consulting teams on their mandatory anthropology papers.

The Connection, Fountain Valley, CA

1999-2002

Pastor to families

Main responsibilities included: casting vision; engaging in evangelism and discipleship; preaching regularly; recruiting and training volunteers; planning events; visitation; and administering baptism, the Lord's supper, weddings and funerals.

Grace Church, Elwood, IN

1995-99

Senior Pastor

Main responsibilities included: vision-casting; engaging in evangelism and discipleship; preaching regularly; recruiting and training volunteers; planning events; visitation; overseeing the budget; and administering baptism, the Lord's supper, weddings and funerals.

BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS PUBLISHED

Forthcoming (2012). *Nakwakwa kape Kughen* [New Testament in the Southwest Tanna language]. K. Nehrbass, J Aiyoh, Kilion Yo, et. al., transl. Orlando, FL: Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Forthcoming (2011). *Mixers, transplanter, contextualizers and separators: Four ecclesiastical approaches toward animism in Vanuatu*. Pasadena, Ca: William Carey Library.

(2011). *A comparison of lexemes in the major languages of Tanna (Vanuatu)*. Dallas, Tx: Summer Institute of Linguistics.

(2009). *Anthropological field guide for Vanuatu*. Port Vila, Vanuatu: SIL Vanuatu.

JOURNAL ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Forthcoming. (2012) "Translator's toolbox: How Bible translation techniques can help anyone communicate the Gospel cross-culturally." *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*. (April).

Forthcoming (2011). Dealing with Disaster: Critical contextualization of misfortune in an animistic setting. *Missiology*, 39 (4).

(2011). Formal Theological Education in Vanuatu: Hopes, challenges and solutions. *Melanesian Journal of Theology*, 27 (2). 54-72.

(2007). "God's Story." *Word&Deed*, 6 (2).

(2007). "Megabenefits from Megavoice." *Word&Deed*, 6 (2).

REVIEWS PUBLISHED

(2011). [Review of the book *Sanguma in Paradise: Sorcery, Witchcraft and Christianity in Papua New Guinea, Point No. 33*]. *Missiology*, 39 (3). p. 248-249.

(2010). [Review of the book *Gender, Christianity and Change in Vanuatu*]. *Missiology*, 38 (3). p. 361-362.

(2009). [Review of the book *In God's Image: The metaculture of Fijian Christianity*]. *Missiology*, 37 (3). p. 429-430.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Forthcoming (2011). "Technology in Translation: Bible software developments and the internet make the work seamless." *Beyond Words*. (Autumn).

(2011). "More than a volcano: Other must sees on Tanna." *Island Spirit*, 54.
(April-June). p. 42-43

(2011). "Trucks and Translation." *Rev 7. 6* (Winter). p. 2-4.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| Conference organizer, moderator and keynote speaker
"Anthropological Themes in Vanuatu"
SIL Vanuatu | July 2011 |
| Keynote Speaker for International Literacy Day
"A Comprehensive Comparison of Lexemes in the Major
languages of Tanna"
University of the South Pacific, Emalus Campus | Sept. 2010 |
| Lecturer, Probe Course,
Anthropology; Bible Translation Methods
Wycliffe New South Wales, Australia | Dec. 2009 |
| Presenter, Informal Session on "Christian Politics"
Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania (ASAO) | Feb. 2008 |
| Conference Speaker for the Vernacular
Education Workshop, Vanuatu Department of Education | Aug. 2006 |

AFFILIATIONS

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| Member, Association of Professors of Mission | 2010 – present |
| Member Great Commission Research Network | 2009 – present |
| Member American Missiological Society | 2008 – present |
| Member Evangelical Missiological Society | 2008 – present |
| Member Folklore Society (UK) | 2008 – 2010 |
| Member of the Association for Social Anthropology
in Oceania | 2007 – present |

CERTIFICATIONS

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| Certificate Workplace Training,
Australia Dept. Education | 2006 |
| Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate
St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis, IN | May 1998 |

HONORS AND AWARDS

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Anderson SOT,
Anderson, IN 2007

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Lecturer, Joy Bible Institute
Vanuatu 2011

Lecturer, Galilee Ministerial and Rural Training Center,
Vanuatu 2006 – 2008

Lecturer, Southern Islands Presbyterian Bible College,
Vanuatu 2005 – 2008

Trainer, Certificate in Translation,
Tanna, Vanuatu 2003 – present

Spanish teacher, King's Academy High School,
Upland, IN 1996 – 1999

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, Koine Greek, Bislama (Vanuatu), Nivhaar (SW Tanna,
Vanuatu)

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Featured on "700 Club" November 27, 2007

Interviewed on Life 90 FM (Vanuatu) August 31, 2008

EXTENDED EDUCATION

Translation Consultant Training Course Jan. 2009

Emalus Linguistic Lectures
Univ. South Pacific, Vanuatu May 2007

Pacific Area SIL Discourse Analysis Workshop Jan. 2006

"Telling the Truth" Conference on evangelizing
Postmoderns May 1998
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School