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EDUCATION

D.S.L., Doctor of Strategic Leadership, Regent University (2007)

- Doctoral Research Project: *Developing Cross-Cultural Leadership Competencies for Church Planting in North America*

M.A., Biblical Literature, Oral Roberts University (1992)

- Thesis: *Theological Reflections on the Wilderness Wanderings*

B.A., Evangelism, Oral Roberts University (1990)

ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION: Global Leadership; Leadership; Practical Theology; Missiology

TEACHING COMPETENCE: Global Leadership; Leadership Theory & Practice; Ministerial Leadership; Church Growth; Church Planting; Preaching and Communication in Ministry; Practical Theology; Missiology; Intercultural Studies; Old Testament; New Testament; World Religions; Applied Ministerial Research

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor

Oral Roberts University, School of Theology, Tulsa, OK (Fall 2013–present)

- Ph.D. Courses (1): Contextualized Leadership Development (starting Spring 2021)
- D.Min. Courses (9): Missional Leadership Strategies for Today's Church; Communicating the Gospel; Leadership Theory & Practice for the Church; Leading for Ministry Effectiveness; Ministerial Identity & Personal Assessment; Theological Reflection in the Context of Ministry; Methods of Ministry Research; Tools of Ministry Research
- M.Div. Courses (4): Developing Global Missional Churches; Major Religions of the World; Leadership in Ministry; Minister as Equipper
- B.A. Courses (16): Global Leadership; Ministry & Business; Church Growth & Planting; Discipleship & Small Groups; Internship Preparation; Missions Internship; GMMP Internship; Europe Today; Monotheistic Religion; Missions & Culture; Intro to Christian Missions; History of Missions; Theology of Missions; Sermon Preparation & Preaching; Team Ministry; Old Testament Introduction

Adjunct Professor

Oral Roberts University, School of Theology, Tulsa, OK (2009–2012, 2001–2003)

- D.Min. Courses: Missional Leadership Strategies for Today's Church; Leading for Ministry Effectiveness
- M.Div. Courses: Principles of Church Growth
- B.A. Courses: University Success

Global Equip Instructor

Nepalgunj, Nepal (October 2017)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (one-week study for pastors and ministry leaders)

Dessalines, Haiti (December 2014, December 2016)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (one-week study for pastors and ministry leaders)

Vanderbijlpark, South Africa (May 2011, February 2012, October 2015)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (two-week study for pastors & ministry leaders)

Fort Portal & Entebbe, Uganda (July 2014)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (two three-day leadership summits for pastors and ministry leaders)

Monrovia, Liberia and Lungi, Sierra Leone (Feb 2013)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (one-week study in Monrovia and two day leadership summit in Lungi)

Kathmandu, Nepal (July 2012)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (one-week study for pastors and ministry leaders)

Monrovia, Liberia (April 2012)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (three-day leadership summit for pastors and ministry leaders)

Lungi and Bo, Sierra Leone (Bo - October 2009; Lungi - October 2010; Lungi - October 2011)

- Topics: Leadership, Ministry, Bible (two-week study for pastors and ministry leaders)

Adjunct Professor

Bacone College, Department of Religion, Muskogee, OK (2006–2008)

- B.A. Courses: World Religions; Sociology of Christianity

Instructor

Fushun Petro-Chemical Company Staff & Workers College, People's Republic of China (1992–1993)

- E.S.L. Courses: English Listening Comprehension

Teaching Assistant

Oral Roberts University, School of Theology, Tulsa, OK (1990–1992)

- B.A. Courses: Old Testament Survey; New Testament Survey

HONORS AND AWARDS

President's Research Fund Award (ORU 2017–2018)

Billy Graham Center for Evangelism Fellow (2016–present)

ORU Distinguished Service to the University (ORU 2001)

Graduate Teaching Assistantship (1990–1992)

Student of the Year: Evangelism Major, ORU Theology Department (1990)

PRESENTATIONS

Thompson, John P. "Spirit-Empowered Apostolic Ministry to the Poor." E21 Scholars Consultation. June 4, 2019, Bogota, Columbia.

_____. "Christian Ministry to Refugees in the Contrasting Settings of Germany & Greece." E21 Scholars Consultation. May 14, 2018, Johannesburg, South Africa.

_____. "Refugee Ministry in Germany & Greece." ORU Research Symposium. April 20, 2018, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ma, Julie, Eloy Nolivos, and John Thompson. "Speak My Language: Customer Service in a Global Environment." ORU Faculty & Staff Training. March 1 & 5, 2018, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Thompson, John P. "The Disappearance of the Religious Academic." Presentation at The International Conference for Spiritual Leadership in Academia. February 8, 2018, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel.

_____. "The State of Evangelism in Athens Greece." Presentation at Billy Graham Center Fellows December 2017 Colloquium. December 15, 2017. Billy Graham Center, Wheaton, Illinois.

PUBLICATIONS

Thompson, John P. "Bulgarian Pentecostal Leadership at the Centennial Crossroads." *Spiritus ORU Journal of Theology* (forthcoming fall 2020).

_____. Review of Truls Akerlund. *A Phenomenology of Pentecostal Leadership*. (Forthcoming Fall 2020).

_____. Review of Marcus K Kilian. *Formational Leadership: Developing Spiritual and Emotional Maturity in Toxic Leaders*. (Forthcoming Fall 2020).

_____. "Spirit-Empowered Apostolic Ministry to the Poor: Through the Lens of Three Ministries." Chapter in a book edited by W. Ma (forthcoming).

_____. "Refugee Ministry in the Contrasting Settings of Greece and Germany." In *Proclaiming Christ in the Power of the Holy Spirit: Opportunities & Challenge*, edited by W. Ma and E. Anin. Tulsa, Oklahoma: ORU Press, 2020.

_____. "Christian Ministry to Refugees in the Contrasting Settings of Germany and Greece." *Great Commission Research Journal* (Vol. 10, No. 2, Spring 2019).

_____. "Witness to Following Jesus in Athens, Greece." *Witness: The Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* (Vol. 32, 2018).

_____. Review of Sam Metcalf. *Beyond the Local Church: How Apostolic Movements Can Change the World.* *Journal of Christian Ministry* (Vol. 7, 2018).

_____. Review of William A Dyrness. *Insider Jesus: Theological Reflections on New Christian Movements.* *Journal of Christian Ministry* (Vol. 7, 2018).

_____. Review of Gerritt Noort, Kyriaki Avtzi and Stephan Paas, eds. *Sharing Good News: Handbook on Evangelism in Europe.* *Mission Studies* (Vol. 34, Issue 3, 2017).

_____. Review of Stefan Paas. *Church Planting in the Secular West: Learning from the European Experience.* *Great Commission Research Journal* (Winter 2017).

_____. Review of Joerg Rieger. *Faith on the Road: A Short Theology of Travel & Justice.* *Journal of Christian Ministry* (No. 6, 2017).

_____. *Dark Room Bright Light.* Choctaw: HGM Publishing, 2011.

PRE-PUBLICATIONS PEER REVIEWS FOR PUBLISHERS

Thompson, John P. Pre-Publication Peer Review: "On Medicine Men and Anointing: The Question of Power in African Pentecostalism." Forthcoming from *Spiritus*.

DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Doctor of Ministry Applied Research Projects, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK (2015–2019)

- Teach research courses preparing D.Min. students for their Applied Research Projects
- Assign supervisors for each project and serve as consultant to supervisors
- Facilitate the defense of all D.Min. research projects

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate of Proficiency in Qualitative Research, Burke Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio (March, 2020)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Doctor of Ministry Education
Great Commission Research Network
Evangelical Missiological Society
Insights Association
Vineyard Association of Churches

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Committees

University Committees, Oral Roberts University

- Leadership Taskforce
- University Planning Council
- Multi-Disciplinary Team for UPC, Chair
- Chapel Offering Committee
- Student Commencement Speaker Selection Committee
- Study Abroad Taskforce
- Ph.D. Committee

Theology Department Committees, Oral Roberts University

- D.Min. Committee, Chair
- Curriculum Committee
- Accreditation Preparation Committee

Advisor

Academic Advisor UG Intercultural Studies, Global Ministry & the Marketplace Majors, Oral Roberts University (Currently)

Director

Director of Doctor of Ministry Program, Oral Roberts University (2015–2019)

Coordinator

Internship Coordinator for Majors in Missions and Global Ministry & the Marketplace, ORU (2013–2016)

Administrator

Spiritual Life Department Administrator, Oral Roberts University (2000–2003)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director

Global Equip Founder & Executive Director, Tulsa, OK (2009–present)

- International leadership development organization equipping indigenous leaders in developing nations

Church Planter

All Nations Fellowship Founder & Senior Pastor, Tulsa, OK (2003–2013)

- A multi-national church plant in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Executive Director

Toledo Youth for Christ Executive Director, Toledo, OH (1999–2000)

Youth Minister

Church of the Cross Minister of Youth & Christian Education, Toledo, OH (1994–1999)

COMMUNITY SERVICE (TEACHING)

Guest Professor

New Life College, Bangalore, India (October, 2019)

- Course: Mission: History and Contemporary Issues

Livets Ord Bible College, Uppsala Campus, Sweden (May, 2015)

- Course: Introduction to Missions

Livets Ord Bible College, Brno Campus, Czech Republic (March, 2014)

- Course: Church Growth

Invited Speaker

World Ministry Fellowship (July 2019)

- Workshop speaker for annual conference. Topic: Developing Emerging Spiritual Leaders.

Bulgaria Pentecostal Union (November 2018)

- Keynote speaker for annual conference

Southeast Europe Leadership Conference (November 2018)

- Speaker for annual conference in Greece with participants from Albania, Greece, Cyprus, Ukraine, & Belgium

Soul Winner's Alliance (May 2018)

- Opening speaker for annual conference

An Tobar Nua, Galway, Ireland (August 2017)

- Keynote speaker for annual staff retreat for An Tobar Nua

Cornerstone Church, Tulsa, OK; The Heart Church, Tulsa, OK; Liberty Church, Tulsa, OK; DeKalb Foursquare Church, DeKalb, IL; Northpoint church, Toledo, OH; Keystone Hills Baptist Church; Abiding Harvest UMC; Borger First Baptist (2013 to Present)

- Speaker for Sunday service at often annually

Evangelical Pentecostal Church, Sliven, Bulgaria (November 2018); Nesseber Pentecostal Church, Bulgaria (September 2018); Holy Trinity Assemblies of God, Plovdiv, Bulgaria (May 2017); Athens Christian Center, Athens, Greece (May 2017); Vienna Christian Center, Vienna, Austria (June 2016); LCF Church, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa (October 2016, 2018); Resurrection Church, Kathmandu, Nepal (July 2012);

- Speaker for a Sunday Service

Instructor

Liberty Church, Broken Arrow, OK (2014)

- Course: Introduction to Missions

Church of the Cross, Toledo, OH (1997)

- Courses: History of Missions

COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACTIVITIES)**Service on Non-Profit Boards**

Global Equip Board President, Tulsa, OK (2011–present)

Greens at Cedar Ridge HOA Board President, Broken Arrow, OK (2016–2017)

International Community Outreach Board of Directors, Tulsa, OK (2002–2014)

All Nations Fellowship Board President, Tulsa, OK (2003–2014)