

GLOBAL SCHOLARS CANADA SCHOLAR PROFILE

1. Academic Profile

- Education background

- 1980 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Promotor: Prof. A.P. Bos
Topic: Plotinus, on the soul
- 1973 Drs. Free University, Amsterdam; in Patristics and Ancient Philosophy
- 1971 M.A. in Classical Languages, University of Toronto
- 1967 A.B. in Philosophy and Classical Languages, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, USA
- Where you have taught and what you have taught (experience teaching before joining Christian Studies International in 1995 is included here)
- 2016 Zaporozhye Biblical College and Seminary (Ukraine)
Course: Early Christianity AD 1-500: History and Important Authors (graduate)
- 2012 Gambia Theological Institute
Course: The Apostolic Fathers
- 2010 Gambia Theological Institute (Kololi, The Gambia)
Courses: Introduction to the New Testament; Augustine as African Church Leader
- 2009 Department of Philosophy, St. Augustine's University of Tanzania (Mwanza)
Course: Introduction to Philosophy
- 2002-2008 University of Nigeria in Jos, Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy
Courses (graduate and undergraduate): New Testament Greek, History of Early Christianity, Philosophy of Religion, The Impact of Science on Awareness of God.
- 2004-2005 Theological College of Northern Nigeria
Course: Basic Works of St. Augustine (graduate)
- 2004-2007 Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary (Ogbomosho)
Course: Intertestamentary Language and Literature (graduate); Seminar on Research Writing
- 2003-2008 St. Augustine's Major Seminary, Jos
Course: History of Ancient Philosophy
- 1995-2002 Moscow State University, Faculty of Philosophy.
Courses: Heroes, Saints and Martyrs; Sophia as Lady Wisdom, and other courses introducing students to philosophical terminology in English.
- 1997-2000 Moscow Christian School of Psychology/ Center for Psychology and Psychotherapy.
Course in Early Christian Thought; courses in English at various levels.

- 1997 Open Christianity, a philosophical/theological institute in St. Petersburg.
Vertical course (January): "Creation, Evil and Utopia: ancient pagan and Christian perspectives"
- 1988-95 University of Toronto, Scarborough and Erindale Campuses.
Courses: Greek and Latin languages and literature, Education in the ancient world, Introduction to Plato, Plato's *Symposium*, Greek & Roman Mythology, Greek and Roman Civilization, Penelope & Homer's Odyssey
- 1991 McMaster Divinity College, McMaster University (Hamilton Ont.)
Course: History of Christianity: the New Testament to the Reformation.
- 1987-88 Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo.
Courses: Greek and Roman Tragedy, Ancient Civilizations, Virgil's *Aeneid*, Greek Language
- 1978-86 Philippines: Asian Theological Seminary (Manila), Alliance Biblical Seminary (Manila), International School of Theology (Baguio) and Christian Reformed Seminary and Bible College (Bacolod City).
Courses: New Testament Greek, Readings in the Gospels (in Greek), Exegetical Methods, Background to the New Testament (Intertestamentary Period), Philosophy of Early Christian Fathers, Early and Medieval Christianity.

- Focus on GSC ministry as a whole:
 - Total # students: probably 2,000 or more
 - Total # graduate student mentorships: 3 doctoral students finishing with myself (one still waiting for date of defense); 5 doctoral students finishing with other professors; 15 masters students (estimate/ some for part of the preparation).
 - Total # classes: (hard to estimate...)
 - Total # campuses: at least 9
 - Total # countries: 4
 - Feel free to include your CV and I will link to the document (attached)

2. Personal Bio - family, hobbies, volunteer ministries, etc. - 250 words

We have three children; Sharon, our oldest was three when we first went overseas to teach in the Philippines (1977), our son David was not a year, and our youngest daughter Pauline was born during the second year in the Philippines. They did relatively well there, so that when on leave in Canada, would ask us when we are going 'home,' i.e. the Philippines. Our two oldest had the biggest challenges when we returned to Canada in 1986, so they could take high school there. Sharon is now a personal support worker and artist (fine arts, painting) in Toronto; David has been teaching ESL in the Middle East, settled in Turkey where he found his wife, and has a son in Istanbul. Pauline married a civil engineer after graduating from Calvin College, and now lives in Massachusetts, with their four children. Even though they live nowhere close to us in Toronto, our grandchildren remain a great source of joy.

In terms of hobbies, I have always enjoyed swimming. I love singing, joining a choir when possible, and enjoy listening to classical/choral music. I also love a good novel, especially a historical novel, and have recently gotten into mystery writers like P.D. James and Ellis Peters. Here in Toronto the last years we have continued

involvement with the Light House, a community-oriented Christian ministry, helping with the food bank, and presently serving on the board. For some years we have hosted a Bible Study group (based on our First CRC Toronto congregation), meeting about twice a month; and we initiated a Book Reading club, a great source of inspiration and fun.

3. Special Moments in GSC Ministry - up to about 3 stories - 750 words

The Russian Idea: During the second year at Moscow State University (teaching philosophy in English) we realized the relevance of resurgent attention to the “Russian Idea”, focused on renewed integration of the Orthodox church and theology with state issues. We collected some 20 good articles from journals and newspapers and asked our students to summarize these and work on an English translation. This really challenged them, for regular assignments went from English to their own language, Russian. The project intrigued our MGU colleagues and generated many interesting discussions. In the final stages we got professional translators to check the translations; our own Russian was pretty good by that time, but we did not trust ourselves for publication of the material. It also took time to find a publisher, but finally Slavica accepted a group of essays, and *The Russian Idea: In Search of a New Identity* appeared in 2004; we presented a copy to the department when we visited in the summer of 2005.

Magdalyn Aboh defence: Some time after arriving at the University of Jos (2002) a colleague mentioned a post-graduate student whose supervisor for doctoral work, *Technological Changes and their Effects on Belief in God: the Tiv Experience*, had retired and dropped the project. I agreed to help when asked, but discovered significant weaknesses in development of the argument, and (English) expression, and recommended serious rewriting. When unable to make sense of her written work, I found a Master’s student with good command of English to help her rephrase what she had written. Since the thesis subject matter overlapped with a course I was teaching (Science and Awareness of God), I risked the situation by asking her to take a class, and was happy to note her command of the material in oral expression. So, we pushed on; by October 2005 she defended the work and received the right to a well-earned doctor’s title.

GTU graduation February 2020. Although officially retired from teaching assignments in Africa (2009), we had little hesitation in responding to Prof. Glen Taylor’s request in May 2010 to help start a Christian Studies program newly approved by the Humanities Dept. at the University of the Gambia. Traveling to the Gambia that fall, we quickly discovered that before we would actually be teaching students, approval of the several bishops of the Gambia Christian Council was needed. When even in 2015 the matter had not been resolved, the dean affirmed university protection for the program, and warned us that if we did not start that year, we could forget about starting at all. At that point we (Hellemans) introduced Dr. Layne Turner of Global Scholars to initiate the program. Some 18 students enrolled that fall, all highly committed, for we have had almost 100% retention. And this past February we had the happy task of helping them celebrate their Bachelor degrees! To God be the glory!

4. Gallery - up to about 5 photos (and if you have a GSC ministry video you haven’t already sent, please do so 😊)

These photos have been attached with the email sending this file:

RussianIdeaStudents

This represents one of the best classes I taught Philosophy in English at Moscow State University. They worked on the various possible articles for translation on the Russian Idea. Here we were trying to choose the best of the options.

Work with Rebecca.

This photo was taken in the week before Rebecca defended her doctoral thesis on violence against women. We went over the critical details to prepare her for oral defence.

Teaching@UnijosOffice

This represents consultation with one of the student representatives in our office at the University of Jos. A strike was threatening, so we were discussing information and materials that could be passed along to the other students in the class in case of disruption to normal schedules.

Masters Students@UnijosOffice

This is a graduate class in NT Greek in session in our office. We were assigned an office in the corner of the building - excellent, because there was adequate light even when the power was off.

TeachingGreek@office

This was a class of undergraduate NT Greek students, one of the first years of our teaching at the University of Jos.

5. Publications – books, articles, etc (we'll link to a document if your list is extensive – yes, see CV attached)