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Education

- 2022** Ph.D., Oxford Centre for Mission Studies / Middlesex University. Dissertation: “State, Religion and the Public Good: An Examination of Nurcholish Madjid in Constructing Civil Religious Pluralism as Political Philosophy.”
- 2008** M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
- 2002** B.A., Biblical and Theological Studies, Wheaton College.

Job Titles

- 2025–present** Adjunct Professor, Palm Beach Atlantic University, MA Intercultural Studies.
- 2024–present** Global Advocacy Director, World Evangelical Alliance.
- 2022–present** Deputy Director, International Institute for Religious Freedom.
- 2022–present** Global Church Resource Coordinator, Pioneers.
- 2022–present** Evening Service Lay Coordinator, Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, Florida.
- 2020–present** Deputy Special Envoy for Engaging Humanitarian Islam, Global Advocacy, World Evangelical Alliance.
- 2015–2022** Area Research and Personnel Development Specialist, Pioneers in Indonesia.
- 2009–2013** International Church Pastor, International Church of Batam, Indonesia.
- 2008–2014** Team Leader, Pioneers, Indonesia.
- 2007–2008** Residence Life Coordinator, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
- 2004–2006** Director of Youth, Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Publications

- 2026** *Civil Religious Pluralism as Political Philosophy*. De Gruyter, 2026.
- Forthcoming** “Protestant Christianity and Humanitarian Islam: War or Peace?” In edited volume on Humanitarian Islam. Routledge.
- Forthcoming** “Assessing the Resilience of Religious Minorities: Case Studies of Nigeria, Iraq, and Mexico.” In *Resisting Mass Atrocities*. Norwegian Center for Holocaust and Minority Studies.

- 2023** “Good Practices to Reduce, Resolve and Prevent Religious Conflict.” *International Journal for Religious Freedom*, 16(1), 1–2.
- 2023** [Review of the book *What about us? Global perspectives on redressing religious inequalities* by Mariz Tadros (ed.)]. *International Journal for Religious Freedom*, 16(1), 135–137.
- 2022** “Indonesia’s Hospitable Democracy.” *International Journal of Asian Christianity*, 5(2), 241–256.
- 2021** “Indonesian Islam and a Tradition of Pluralism.” In *God Needs No Defense: Reimagining Muslim-Christian Relations in the 21st Century*. Edited by Thomas K. Johnson and C. Holland Taylor, 89–103. Bonn: World Evangelical Alliance, Humanitarian Islam.

Teaching and Work Experience

- 2025** Academic paper “Indonesia’s Hospitable Democracy: Muslim–Christian Engagement in the World’s Largest Muslim Majority Nation,” Oxford Centre for Mission Studies.
- 2024** Missions Conference Speaker, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2024** Speaker on panel “Concerning Trends in Latin America” at the International Religious Freedom Summit, Washington D.C.
- 2024** Speaker on the Violent Incidents Database at the Religious Freedom Roundtable, online forum.
- 2024** Academic Conference Paper “Tracking Religious Freedom Violations with the Violent Incidents Database: A Methodological Approach and Comparative Analysis” at the Conference on Religious Freedom, University of Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2024** Conference workshop “Islam in Indonesia,” Bali, Indonesia.
- 2023–present** Action Research Consultant for Field Workers, Indonesia.
- 2023** World Evangelical Alliance deputy for Evangelical–Catholic meeting, Vatican City.
- 2023** World Evangelical Alliance deputy at Conference of Secretary Generals of the Global Christian Communions, Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2023** External Examiner for PhD thesis pre-submission committee, “Live the Vision Church Culture: A Case Study Examining an Evangelical Christian Church in the Southern U.S.,” Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Oxford.
- 2023** Delivered speech at International Summit of Religious Authorities, “Abolishing the primordial cycle of hatred, tyranny, and violence: why a rules-based international order was, and is, necessary,” Jakarta, Indonesia.

2023	Academic Conference Paper “Tracking Religious Freedom Violations with the Violent Incidents Database: A Methodological Approach and Comparative Analysis,” Fjellhaug Symposium, Fjellhaug International University College.
2023	Guest Lecture, “Discussion of Islam in Geopolitics,” Latin American University of Science and Technology, Costa Rica.
2023	Mission of God speaker, Dallas, Texas.
2023	Presenting research paper “The Impact of Interfaith Interactions on the Development of Islamic Jurisprudence in Indonesia,” Next Generation Researchers Conference, Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford.
2022	Delegate to New Wineskins Conference for Pioneers, Asheville, North Carolina.
2022	Represented the World Evangelical Alliance at the G20 Religion Forum, Bali, Indonesia.
2022	Represented the International Institute for Religious Freedom at the Southeast Asia Freedom of Religion or Belief Summit, Bali, Indonesia.
2022	Abrahamic Faith Initiative working group member with the US State Department, including audience with Pope Francis, Rome.
2022	Co-led spiritual pilgrimage on Celtic spirituality, Scotland and England.
2022	Mission of God course Speaker, Jacksonville, Florida.
2022	Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Teacher, North Carolina.
2021–present	Thomistic Study Circles Participant, Virtual Study Group.
2021–present	Lector, Cathedral Church of St. Luke, Orlando, Florida.
2021	Contributing author for Book Launch at The Nations Mosque, Washington, D.C.
2021	Designed and supported three action research projects, Indonesia.
2020–2023	Represented WEA to US State Department convened Abrahamic Faiths Initiative.
2020	Research project to assess Covid-19 impact among field teams, Indonesia.
2019	Seminar speaker, “Illuminating Differences between Western and Islamic Indonesian Views on Identity and Selfhood: Nurcholish Madjid in dialogue with Charles Taylor,” Oxford.
2019	Summit Participant for World Evangelical Alliance and Nahdlatul Ulama dialogue, Jakarta, Indonesia.
2019	Missions Conference Speaker, Hamilton, Massachusetts.

2019	Workshop speaker, “Spiritual Formation and Growth,” Bali, Indonesia.
2019	Completed research project to assess field effectiveness for Java and Kalimantan.
2018	Trainer, “Developing Local Partners,” Surabaya, Indonesia.
2018	Retreat Speaker and Trainer, Sekolah Para Penuaian, Kalimantan, Indonesia.
2018	Seminar speaker, “Indonesian Muslim ‘social imaginaries’: Nurcholish Madjid’s contribution to Modern Muslim thought in dialogue with Charles Taylor,” Oxford.
2018	Seminar speaker, “A Modern Islamic Social Imaginary: Nurcholish Madjid’s Contribution from Indonesia,” Jogjakarta, Indonesia.
2017	Seminar speaker, “Transcendence After Modernity: An Islamic Perspective from Nurcholish Madjid,” Oxford.
2017	Organized and facilitated philosophy reading retreat, Wales.
2017	Research Consultation, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Oxford.
2017	Retreat speaker, “Lifelong Learning,” Bandung, Indonesia.
2016–2019	Research Fellow, Samvada Research Centre.
2016	Seminar speaker, “Javanese Muslim Followers of Jesus,” Oxford.
2016	Missions Conference Speaker, Hamilton, Massachusetts.
2016	Completed security and emergency training, Orlando, Florida.
2015–2019	Strategy coordinator and consultant for three Indonesian field teams, Indonesia.
2015–2019	Co-Founded L10, an Indonesian peer learning community, Indonesia.
2015	Retreat Speaker, Palembang, Indonesia.
2015	Lecturer, Sekolah Para Pekerja Penuaian, Indonesia.
2014–2018	Course lecturer, Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Injili Indonesia, Jogjakarta, Indonesia.
2014	Completed research project to assess Pioneers’ field teams effectiveness for Java and Kalimantan.
2014	Plenary Conference Speaker, Impact Indonesia Missions Conference.
2014	Guest lecturer, Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Injili Indonesia, Samarinda, Indonesia.
2014	Trainer, Sekolah Para Pekerja Penuaian, Bandung, Indonesia.
2013	Certified trainer of trainers, Community Health Development.

2012–2013	Guest lecturer, Sekolah Tinggi Teologi Bina Arah Strategi Onetasi Melayani, Batam, Indonesia.
2013	Church Planting Movements intensive seminar, Philippines.
2011–2018	Church Planting Trainer, Indonesia.
2010–2013	Leadership Team Member, Missional International Church Network.
2008–2009	Intensive immersion language study, Bandung, Indonesia.
2008	Uttermost Parts of the Earth Internship, Batam, Indonesia.

Project Grants

2017	\$5,000 USD, Seminary Internship Program.
2015	\$20,000 USD, Media2Movements field followup.

Scholarships

2016–2022	Scholarship, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Ph.D.
2008	Wilson Fund Scholar, M.Div.
2007–2008	Howes Fund Scholar, M.Div.
2006–2008	Kerusso Fund Scholar, M.Div.
2006–2008	Graham Scholar, M.Div.
2000–2002	Wheaton Fund Scholar, B.A.