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Dr Simangaliso Kumalo is the Head of the School of Religion and Theology, university of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa.

He has served the MCSA in a number of capacities, including being a member of the Doctrine Committee, Chairperson of the Church Planting Committee, and Chairperson of the Academic Task Team of the Seth Mokitimi Seminary. He is also ecumenically involved, being in the executive of the Kwazulu-Natal Christian Council. In the year 2000 the *Mail and Guardian* listed Dr Kumalo was one of the 100 people in South Africa who had made their marks in their fields. In 2008 Dr Kumalo was awarded the Mellon Foundation Merit Award for emerging scholars in recognition of his work in research and teaching.

In terms of research and writing, Dr. Kumalo has three major areas of focus.

1. **Political history of Christianity in South Africa.** Here he has worked on the history and heritage of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and the engagement of the church in the struggle against apartheid.
2. **Religion and Governance.** Here he has worked with both the school and faith-based organizations to do research and develop modules in the interface between politics and religion in the South African context and history.
3. **Transformation-centred Christian Education.** Here he has developed modules in the area of Transformation-centered Education.

Papers authored

Dr Kumalo has published over 20 academic , journal articles both locally and overseas.

Books Authored

1. Kumalo, R.S. 2003. *From Forests to Deserts: A Model of Ministry in Communities of the Poor*. Pretoria: UNISA CB Powell Publishers.

2. Kumalo, R. S. 2009. *Methodists with a White History and a Black Future: The People Called Methodists in KwaZulu-Natal*. Johannesburg: Upper Room Ministries.
3. Forthcoming, Kumalo, R. S. *An Approach to African Political Theology: The Contribution of JB Mzizi to Religion, Culture and Politics in Swaziland*. Cluster Publications

