

Professor Isabel Apawo Phiri short biography

Dr Isabel Apawo Phiri is Professor of African Theology, Academic Coordinator for Theological Studies, Director of The Centre for Constructive Theology and Editor of the *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa* (formerly known as *Journal of Constructive Theology: Gender and Religion in Africa*), in the School of Religion and Theology at the University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa. Her research and teaching interests span the fields of Systematic theology with a focus on Ecclesiology, Mission history, Studies in African Instituted churches, African theology with a focus on African women's theology. This is also reflected in the dissertation topics of her postgraduate students. While connected to the Universities of Durban Westville, Natal and KwaZulu Natal, she has directed over twenty Doctoral and Masters Students most of whom are serving the church in senior positions or are teaching in theological institutions in different parts of the African continent. From 2002 to 2007 she served as the General Coordinator of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians. on 20th February 2006 she presented a paper entitled "Called to be the One Church" The Future of Ecumenism: A Protestant Voice" at the plenary of the World Council of Churches 9th Assembly, Porto Alegre, Brazil. In 2010 she was rated as a C2 national and recognized researcher by the National Research Foundation in South Africa. Among her most recent publications include: being an associate editor of *Postcolonial Mission: Power and Partnership in World Christianity*, whose main editor is Desmond van der Water and the other associate editors were: Namsoon Kang, Roderick Hewitt, Sarojini Nadar, California: Sopher Press, 2010. Phiri received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Malawi, Master of Arts from the University of Lancaster, UK and PhD from the University Of Cape Town, South Africa. She served or is still serving on the following key ecumenical committees: Moderator of the World Council of Churches Commission on Education and Ecumenical Formation from 2006; Member of the advisory team to the General Secretary of the Council for World Mission, 2006-2010; Member of the International Reference Group for Ecumenical HIV and AIDS initiatives in Africa, from September 2005 to present and Member of the Advisory Theological Committee of the All Africa Conference of Churches 2009-to present. Dr Phiri is a gender activist.

Prof Isabel Apawo PHIRI (Nee MIGOCHI)

POSTAL ADDRESS

School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Private Bag X01, Scottsville, 3209, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, Tel: 27 33 260 6132 (w), Fax 27 33 260 5858
phirii@ukzn.ac.za or phiri.isabel7@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Cape Town, 1992

Thesis Title: African Women in Religion and Culture: Chewa women in the Nkhoma Synod of the church of Central Africa Presbyterian: A Critical Study from Women's Perspective.

Certificate in University Teaching Methods, Chancellor College, University of Malawi, 1985.

Master of Arts in Religious Education, University of Lancaster, England, 1983. Majoring in Religious Education and New Testament Studies.

Dissertation title: Aims of Religious Education in Malawi Secondary Schools in the 1980s.

Bachelor of Education with credit, Chancellor College, University of Malawi, 1981. Majored in Education, Religious Studies and History.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

British Council scholarship to study for Masters degree at the University of Lancaster, England, 1982 - 1983.

Programme on Theological Education Award, World Council of Churches to study for a Doctor of Philosophy degree at the University of Cape Town, 1990-1992.

Woman of the Year 1995 award by *the Nation Newspaper*, Malawi, December 30th 1995.

1998 Honourable Mention for the Noma award for publishing in *Africa Women, Presbyterianism and Patriarchy: Religious Experiences of Chewa Women in Central Malawi*.

2006 University of KwaZulu Natal book prize in the category of edited books for *Women, Religion, and Health, Essays in Honor of Mercy Amba Ewudziwa Oduoye* (ed. Isabel Apawo Phiri and Sarojini Nadar)

ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Academic Coordinator, Theological Studies, School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2009 to present

Head, School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2005 to 2007.

Professor in African Theology in the School of Theology at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg since 1st January 2003.

Senior lecturer in the School of Theology, at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg since 27th February 2001.

Associate Professor at the University of Durban-Westville, August 1997- to December 2000.

Director of the School of Religion and Culture, the University of Durban Westville, January 1999- December 2000.

Director of the Centre for Constructive Theology, which is a non-profit making organization, August 1997-present.

Senior lecturer in the School of Theology and Religion at the University of Namibia May 1996 to August 1997.

Senior lecturer at the University of Malawi May 1994 to May 1995.

Lecturer at the University of Malawi from 1983 to February 1990 and from September 1993 to April 1995.

Staff Associate in the Department of Religious Studies, Chancellor College, University of Malawi, but attached to St. Mary's Secondary School to gain classroom experience, 1981 - 1982.

While on study leave at University of Cape Town:

- **Full time contract lecturer** in African Religion from January to August 1993.
- **Part time lecturer** in Religious Education from 1991 to 1992.

Researcher on Religious Education in South Africa for the Institute of Comparative Religion in Southern Africa, which is housed in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Cape Town, 1992-3.

CONFERENCES SINCE 2000

'Female Academics and Higher Education in Africa'. A **keynote address** presented at an International Conference on Historical and Social Change Research in Malawi, University of Malawi, Zomba from 26-29 June 2000.

A response to David Chidester's keynote address on 'History of Religions: Identity, Location, Media, Method and Education' at the International Congress of the History of Religions, Elangeni Holiday Inn, Durban, 7 August 2000.

'Mission in contemporary change: A call to missionary obedience or prophetic witness? The missionary purpose of the church in Africa' A paper presented at the workshop of the Council for World Mission, Methodist International Central Office, London 10th May 2001.

'Dreaming and visioning: Christian women participation in the transformation of Theological Education' A paper presented at a seminar on Women and Leadership, World Council of Churches, Bossey, Switzerland, 4-10th June 2001.

'Conference Reflection from the perspective of African Women Theologians' at a Symposium on Religion and Social Transformation in South Africa, 18-20 September 2001.

'Feminist Perspectives in the transformation of the Curriculum: Africa Region update' Lutheran World Federation Global Consultation "Engendering Theological Education for Transformation" 4-8 November 2001 Montreux, Switzerland.

'A commentary on the book of Ruth'. A paper presented at a workshop on the African Bible Commentary, African Enterprise, Pietermaritzburg, 12-14 April 2002.

"Virginity Testing? African Women Seeking Resources To Combat HIV/Aids" Theology in Africa Conference, Cape Town, June 2003.

'The Church As A Healing Community: Women's Voices And Visions From Chilobwe Healing Centre' WCC and The Circle Consultation, Johannesburg, October 2003

"A Biblical And Theological Reflection On Mission In Africa" Alliance of Reformed Churches in Africa Launch, Yaoundé, Cameroon, November 2003

"HIV/AIDS: A Theological Response Of Mission" Conference on Mission in the 21st Century: New Models and Strategies in a World of Diversity, Livingstone, Zambia, March 25 –April 1st, 2004.

"Life in fullness: Gender Justice: A perspective from Africa", World Alliance Of Reformed Churches', 3rd Women's Pre-Council, Accra, Ghana, July 27-29, 2004,

"Life Giving And Affirming Spirituality: A Perspective From Africa" World Alliance Of Reformed Churches', 24th General Council, Accra, Ghana, July 31-August 13, 2004,

"Threats And Challenges To Fullness Of Life: Gender Injustice And The Pursuit Of The Church For Gender Justice" Lutheran Theological Institute Graduation, Pietermaritzburg, August 2004

"Healing from the Traumas of Crime in South Africa: Interaction of African Religions with Christianity as Perceived by Female Traditional Healers" Lutheran World Federation Study Seminar on Ancestors and Healing, Kempton Park Conference Centre, 29-13 September 2004.

"Women in Theological Education: African Experience" Paper presented at the Theological Café, the World Council of Churches 9th Assembly, Porto Alegre, Brazil on 15th February 2006.

"Called to be the One Church" The Future of Ecumenism: A Protestant Voice" Paper presented at the plenary of the World Council of Churches 9th Assembly, Porto Alegre, Brazil on 20th February 2006.

"Peacemaking And Reconciliation: The Contribution Of African Indigenous Religious Women In KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa" Paper presented and the American Academy of Religion Conference, Washington DC, 18-21 November 2006.

"Vision for Education and Ecumenical Formation for 21st Century from the perspectives of Ecumenical Theological Education". Paper presented at World Council of Churches Commission on Education and Ecumenical Formation, Bossey, Switzerland 27-30th June 2007.

“Major Challenges For African Women Theologians In Theological Education (1989 – 2007)”. A paper presented at the IV International World Conference of Association of Theological Institutions, And Jubilee Of The, Ecumenical Theological Education Of World Council of Churches. Conference Theme: Theological Education: A Radical Reappraisal 31 May - 7 June 2008, Neapolis, Thessaloniki, Greece.

“South African Black Theology In The 21st Century” A paper coauthored with Julius Mutugi Gathogo and “Gender, Violence And HIV/AIDS Prevention: Behaviour Change Interventions For Church Couples In Slangspruit And Mpumalanga Townships, South Africa” a paper coauthored with Maxwell Phiri. These papers were presented at the Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indian USA during the Saltsburg lectures, September 15 to 19 2008.

‘Gender, Indigenous Religio-Cultural Knowledge and HIV Prevention; A case study of rural Inanda Community . Presentation given at the a Consultation on the Broken Women – Healing Traditions? Indigenous Resources for Gender Critique and Social Transformation in the Context of HIV’. A paper presented at a workshop of the Broken Women Healing Tradition held at Sunbird Nkopola Lodge, Mangochi, Malawi. 9- 15th December 2008.

“WOCATI and Its Works: Retrospect and Prospect:” A response at the Executive meeting of the World Conference of Association of Theological Institutions, Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, March 17-20, 2009.

“Going Through the Fire with Eyes Wide Open”: African Women’s Perspectives on Indigenous Knowledge, Patriarchy and Sexuality”. Plenary paper presented at the Joint Conference of Academic Societies in the fields of Religion and Theology, in Stellenbosch, South Africa 22 to 26 June 2009.

“The Personal Is Political: Faith And Religion In A Public University”. Keynote Address at a Faith, Religion And The Public University Conference, University Of Free Estate, Bloemfontein, South Africa, 22-24 March 2010

“Talking Back to Religion and HIV&AIDS Using an African Feminist Missiological Framework: Sketching the Contours of the Conversation.” Paper presented with Dr Sarojini Nadar at the Talking Back: Religion, HIV And Gender Conference, University Of Oslo, 23-28 May 2010

“Cutting Cultural Corners”: A Case for Ritual Male Circumcision as a Health Asset for HIV Prevention from an African Feminist Perspective’ Paper presented with Dr. Sarojini Nadar at the American Academy of Religion Conference held in Hyatt Hotel, Atlanta on 1st November 2010

SABBATICAL LEAVE

January to June 2005 attached to Yale Divinity School and Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at Yale University, where I gave public lectures and wrote a research proposal, edited 1 book and 2 issues of the *Journal of Constructive Theology*.

September 2008 to January 2009, visiting lecturer at Chancellor College, University of Malawi

VISITING LECTURER

Nairobi Evangelical Graduate Theological school, 11 to 17 January 2007.
Christian Theological Seminary, USA 14 to 19th September 2008
Chancellor College, University of Malawi 29th September to 9th January 2009

ADMISSION TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS/SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the American Academy of Religion from 2006

Moderator of the World Council of Churches Commission on Education and Ecumenical Formation from 2006

Member of the Executive Committee of the World Conference of Association of Theological Institutions from June 2008 to 2012

Member of International Reference Group for Ecumenical HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa, from September 2005 to the present

Member of Southern Africa Reference Group for Ecumenical HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa, September 2003 to August 2005.

General Coordinator of the Continental Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians August 2002 to 2007.

Commissioner of the Programme on Theological Education of the World Council of Churches 1984-1990.

Member of the International Association of Mission Studies, 1985 to present

Vice Chair-person of International Consultations on Religious Education in East, Central and Southern Africa 1986-1990.

Member of the Continental Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, from September 1989 to present

Convener and Co Founder of the Cape Town Chapter of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, 1992-1993

Member of a working group on "Scholarship and Research in Theological Education" of the World Association of Theological Institutions (WOCATI) 1993

Member of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches Committee on Dialogue with Eastern Orthodox Christians from 1994 to 2000

Chairperson of the International Consultations on Religious Education in East, Central and Southern Africa from May 1995 to April 1999

Advisory Board member of the African Initiative in Christian Missions Project, based at the Research Institute for Theology and Religion, University of South Africa from 1995 to present.

Member of the Association of Theological Institutions in Southern and Central Africa (ATISCA) from 1989 to present

Member of Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT) from 1996 to present

Member of the Council of African Theological Initiative from 1998 to 2000

Member of the Advisory Committee of the African Bible Commentary Project from 2001-2005

Convener and **Founder** of the Durban chapter of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, 1997 to 2001

Co Founder of the Pietermaritzburg chapter of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, 2001.

Member of a core group on Engendering Theological Education of the Lutheran World Federation, 2001-2003

Member of the World Council of Churches planning group for a Consultation on Theological Education in Africa, from 2001 to 2002

Co-Coordinator of the Commission on the Biographies of Women of Faith of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologian 1996 to 2002.

Chairperson of the Southern Regional Reference Group (RRG) of Ecumenical HIV/AIDS Initiative in Africa 2003 to 2005

RECOGNITION FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Since 1998 I have been external examiner for the University of Cape Town, Fort Hare and UNISA and from 1999 to 2000 I was external examiner for the University of Natal. In 2001 and 2002 was external examiner for University of Malawi and University of Durban Westville, 2006 external examiner for University of Botswana, 2010 to present external examiner of University of Zimbabwe. In all these institutions I have been external examiner at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

I participated in conducting interviews for promotions for some of the Staff in the Department of Systematic Theology and Ethics in the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at University of South Africa in 2000 and 2001.

The then Faculty of Theology at the University Of Fort Hare requested for my help in establishing a Centre for Gender Studies. I also co-supervised their Math student in 1999-2001.

In 1999 I was part of a team that designed a Programme for International Human Rights Exchange that is offered during winter school at University of Cape Town. The programme is offered to five students from each of the following universities: Cape Town; Western Cape; Natal; Durban Westville; Rhodes; Fort Hare; Zimbabwe and a University college in New York. I was the external examiner of this programme in 2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The end of the Tunnel: Religious Education for Non Racial South Africa. Co authored with Gordon Michell, Nokuzola Mndende, and Janet Stonier. Cape Town: University of Cape Town Press, 1993, 105 pages.

Religion in Public Education: Options for a New South Africa. Co authored with David Chidester, Gordon Michell and Rashied Omar. Cape Town: University of Cape Town Press, 1994, 176 pages.

The Role of Christianity in Development, Peace and Reconstruction: Southern African Perspectives. Co edited with J. L. Cox and K.L. Ross. Nairobi: All Africa Council of Churches, 1997.

Women Presbyterianism and Patriarchy: Religious Experiences of Chewa Women in Central Malawi. Blantyre: CLAM, 1997.

Her-Story: The Histories of Women of Faith in Africa. Co edited with Betty Govenden and Sarojini Nadar. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2002.

African Women, HIV/AIDS and Faith Communities Co edited with Beverley Haddad and Madipoane Masenya. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2003.

On Being Church: African Women's Voices and Visions edited with Sarojini Nadar, Geneva: World Council of Churches 2005.

African Women, Religion and Health: Essays in Honour of Mercy Amba Oduyoye. Edited with Sarojini Nadar, Maryknoll: Orbis, 2006.

Chapters in books

“African Traditional Religion: The misunderstood Religion” in Melissa Steyn and Khanya B. Motshabi (eds.) *Cultural Synergy South Africa: Weaving Strands of Africa and Europe*. Randburg: Knowledge Resources, 1996, 55-64.

“African Traditional Religion and Eco-feminism: The Role of Women at Chisumphi Shrine in Preserving Ecology” in Rosemary Radford Reuther (ed.), *Women Healing Earth*. Maryknoll: Orbis Publishers 1996, 161-171.

“Marching, Suspended and Stoned: Christian Women in Malawi” in Kenneth R. Ross (ed.) *God, People and Power in Malawi: Democratisation in Theological Perspective*. Gweru: Mambo Press, 1996, 63-105.

“The Initiation of Chewa Women of Malawi: A Presbyterian Woman’s Perspective” in James Cox ed. *Rites of Passage: The Interaction between Christianity and African Traditional Religions*. Edinburgh: Cardiff Press, 1997, 129-145.

“Doing Theology as African Women” in *A Reader in African Christian Theology*. Ed. John Parratt, London: SPCK, 1997, 45-56.

“Christianity and African Women: Liberation or Oppression?” in Kenneth R. Ross ed. *Faith at the Frontiers of Knowledge*. Blantyre: CLAIM, 1998, 198-217.

“African Independent Churches” in Virginia Fabella, M.M. and R.S. Sugirtharajah, *Dictionary of Third World Theologies*. Maryknoll: Orbis books, 2000, 3-4.

“Stand up to be Counted: Identity, Spirituality and Theological Education in my Journey of Faith” in Denise Ackerman, Eliza Gateman, Hantie Cotze and Judy Tobler ed. *Claiming Our Foot Prints: South African Women Reflect on Context, Identity and Spirituality*. Stellenbosch, ESSA Institute for Theological and Interdisciplinary Research, 2000, 145-160.

“Called at Twenty Seven and Ordained at Seventy Three!” The Story of Rev Victory Nomvete Mbanjwa in the United Congregational Church in Southern Africa’ in eds. Isabel Apawo Phiri, Betty Govenden and Sarojini Nadar *Her-Story: The Histories of Women of Faith in Africa*. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2002, 119-138.

“Transformation in South African Universities: The case of female Academics in leadership positions in Theological Institutions” in Roswith Gerloff (ed.) *Mission is Crossing Frontiers*. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2003, 414-432.

‘African Indigenous Religions’ in *Concise Encyclopaedia of Language and Religion*. 2003.

‘Caring During Burial and Bereavement in Traditional Society and the Church in Africa,’ in Hance O Mwakabana ed. *Crisis of Life in African Religion and Christianity*. Geneva: The Lutheran World Federation, 2002, 57-68.

‘Africa: Christianity and Other Faiths’ in Hance O Mwakabana ed. *Multi-faith Challenges Facing the Americas*. Geneva: The Lutheran World Federation, 2002, 133-142.

'African Women of Faith Speak Out in an HIV/AIDS Era' in Isabel Apawo Phiri, Beverley Haddad and Madipoane Masenya. *African Women, HIV/AIDS and Faith Communities*. Pietermaritzburg: Cluster Publications, 2003, 3-20.

'Contextual Theologies in Southern Africa' in John Parratt, (ed.), *Introduction To Contextual Theologies*, Cambridge: Cambridge Press, 2004, -----.

"Ruth"; in Tokunboh Adeyemo (ed) *Africa Bible Commentary*. London: Piquant Publishers, 2006.

"Rape" in Tokunboh Adeyemo (ed) *Africa Bible Commentary*. London: Piquant Publishers, 2006.

"The Bible and Polygamy". in Tokunboh Adeyemo (ed) *Africa Bible Commentary*. London: Piquant Publishers, 2006.

"Lobola and Weddings" In Tukunboh Adeyemo (ed) *Africa Bible Commentary*. London: Piquant Publishers, 2006.

"President Frederick J.T. Chiluba and Zambia: Evangelicals and Democracy in a Christian Nation?" in Terence O Ranger ed. *Evangelical Christianity and Democracy in Africa*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, 95-129.

"HIV and AIDS: An African Theological Response in Mission". In ed. Kwok Pui-lan. *Hope Abundant: Third World and Indigenous Women's Theology*. Orbis, 2010, 219-228.

"African Women's Theologies co authored with Nadar S in Diane B Stinton. Ed. *African Theology on the way: Current Conversation*. London: SPCK. 2010, pages 90-100.

Peer –reviewed articles

"The future of Missions in Malawi" in *The International Review of Missions*. Vol. LXXVI, No. 301, January 1987.

"Women in Theological Education in Malawi" in *Women and Theology: Ministerial Formation*. No. 48, World Council of Churches, January 1990, 14-19.

"The 'Proper' place of women (Genesis 1 and I timothy 2) A Biblical Exegetical Study from a Malawian Chewa Presbyterian Perspective." in 'Walk my Sister' The Ordination of Women: Reformed Perspectives. Geneva: World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Vol. 18, July 1993, 42-33.

"Women's/Feminist Challenges for Wholeness" in *Reformed World*. Vol. 43, No. 4, Dec. 1993, 159-168.

"Women, Church and Theological Education" *Ministerial Formation*, No. 17, October 1995, 39-43.

"Women in the Gospel of Luke: An African Women's Perspective" in *Journal of Constructive Theology*, Vol. 3, No 1, July 1997, 35-48.

“Doing Theology in Community: The Case of African Women Theologians in the 1990s.” in *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa* No. 99, November 1997, 68-76.

‘Empowerment of Women Through the Centre for Constructive Theology’ in Ministerial Formation. World Council of Churches, No. 89, April 2000 and in *International Review of Mission*. Vol. LXXXIX No. 354, July 2000. 329-337.

‘African Women in Mission: Two case Studies from Malawi’ in *MISSIONALIA* Vol. 28, No. 2/3 November 2000, pages 267-293. This article appears also in a book ed. by M.L. Daneel, African Christian Outreach Vol.1 Pretoria: 2001, 267-293.

‘Healed from AIDS: The testimony of Pastor Fridah Mzumara-Ngulube of Barak Ministries Lusaka Zambia’ in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 7, No. 1, July 2001 pages 63-81.

‘Domestic Violence in Christian Homes: A Durban Case Study’ in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 6, No. 2, December 2000 pages 85-110 and in *Journal for the Study of Religion: Transition and Transformation in South Africa: Aspects of Women’s Spirituality* Volume 14, Number 2, 2001, 85-101 and in Reisenberger Azila ed. *Women’s Spirituality in the Transformation of South Africa*. New York/Munchen/Berlin: Waxmann Munster.

“Why Does God Allow Our Husbands To Hurt Us”: Overcoming Violence Against Women” in *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, Number 2002, November 2002, 12-30.

“President Frederick J.T. Chiluba: Zambia: Christian Nation and Democracy” in *Journal of Religion in Africa: Expressions of Christianity in Zambia* Volume 33.4, 2003, 400-428.

“Life In Fullness: Gender Justice A Perspective From Africa” in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 8, No. 2, December 2002 pages 69-82.

“Virginity Testing? African Women seeking Resources to Combat HIV/AIDS in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 9, No. 1, July 2003 pages 63-78.

“A Theological Analysis Of The Voices Of Teenage Girls On ‘Men’s Role In The Fight Against HIV/AIDS’ In KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa” in *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, Number 120, November 2004, 34-54.

“African women’s Theologies in the new millennium” in *AGENDA: empowering Women for Gender Equity* Number 61, 2004

‘The Church As A Healing Community: Women’s Voices And Visions From Chilobwe Healing Centre’ in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 10, No. 1, July 2004, 13 - 28.

‘Dealing With The Trauma Of Sexual Abuse: A Gender-Based Analysis Of The Testimonies Of Female Traditional Healers In KwaZulu-Natal’ in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 10, No. 2, December, 2004, 41-58.

“HIV/AIDS: An African Theological Response in Mission” in *The Ecumenical Review*, vol. 56, no. 4, October 2004, 422-431.

"The Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians: Its Contribution to Ecumenical Formation", in *The Ecumenical Review*, vol. 57, no. 1, January 2005, 34-41.

“Peacemaking and Reconciliation: The Contribution of African Indigenous Religious Women in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. *Journal of theology for Southern Africa*, 2005, Issue 123, 84-92.

With Nadar, S. “What’s In A Name? – Forging A Theoretical Framework For African Women’s Theologies *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 12.2. December 2006, 5-24.

“Called to be the One Church” The Future of Ecumenism: A Protestant Voice” in *The Ecumenical Review*. Vol. 58 No. 1-2 January –April 2006, 121-123.

A sostegno della vita. La riflessione teologica Africana su Hiv e Aids” in *CONCILIUM* 3/2007, 54-63.

Major challenges for African women theologians in theological education (1989-2008) in *STUDIA HISTORIAE ECCLESIASTICAE* December/Desember 2008, Volume XXXIV, No/Nr 2, pages 63-81./ also in *International Review of Mission*. Vol. 98, No. 388, April 2009, 105-119.

African Theological Pedagogy In The Light Of A Case Study On Gendered Violence in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Vol. 14.2/15.1. December/July 2008/9,109-124.

Xenophobia/Afrophobia in Post-Apartheid (South Africa: Strategies for Combat with JM Gathogo in *Theologia Viatorum: Journal of Theology and Religion in Africa*, 33/2 2009, pages 216-241.

“Going Through the Fire with Eyes Wide Open”: African Women’s Perspectives on Indigenous Knowledge, Patriarchy and Sexuality” with S Nadar. In *Journal for the Study of Religion*. Vol. 22, Number 2, 2009, 5-21.

“A reconstructive motif in South African Black Theology in the 21st century”, With J Gathogo in *Studia Historiae Ecclesiae* July 2010, XXXVI, pp 185-206.

“Talking Back to Religion and HIV&AIDS Using an African Feminist Missiological Framework: Sketching the Contours of the Conversation” With Nadar S. In *Journal of Constructive Theology*, 16.2, 2010, page numbers 8-24.

‘Partnership in Mission: An Appraisal of the Partnership of Women and Men’. *Missionalia: Southern African Journal of Missiology*. Vol.40. No. 4, 2010 pages 452-465.

Journal Editing

Editor of *Journal of Constructive Theology* from Vol. I. 3, No. 2, December, 1997 to Vol 16.No. 2. December 2010

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

University of Malawi

Representative of the Faculty of Education on the University Colleges Housing Committee 1985-1990.

Member of the Opportunity for Women Group of the University of Malawi 1989-1990.

Member of Editorial Board of the Journal of Religion in Malawi from 1987 to present.

Member of the Editorial Board of the Chancellor College Weekly Bulletin from 1987-1990.

Representative of the Faculty of Humanities on the University Research and Publication Committee from June 1994 to May 1996.

Chair-person of the University Research and Publication Committee from May 1995 to May 1996.

The University Of Durban- Westville

Representative of the Faculty of Theology on the Board of the School of Public Policy and Development Management, from October 1997-1999.

Member of the College Lecture Committee from January 1999-2000.

Member of Students Disciplinary Committee 1999-2000.

Member of the University Senate 1999-2000.

The University Of Natal

Member of the Transformation Committee of the School of Theology 2001-2002.

Coordinator of the Transformation Committee of the School of Theology 2002.

Coordinator of the PhD Seminars and Honours applications within the Higher Degrees Committee of the School of Theology 2001 to present.

Member of INATE Committee of the School of Theology 2001-

Coordinator of the Staff Colloquium of the School of Theology 2002.

Member of the School of Theology High Degrees Committee, 2001-.

Member of the School of Theology Executive Committee, 2002.

Member of the Faculty of Human and Management Sciences Research Committee, 2002.

Member of the Faculty of Human and Management Sciences High Degrees Committee, 2002.

Member of the University Superannuation Committee of the University of KwaZulu- Natal, 2004.

Representative of the Faculty of Human and Management Sciences on the Academic Affairs Board, 2004

Member of the University of KwaZulu-Natal Senate, 2005-2007.

Community Activities

Malawi

Member of the Advisory Board of the Christian Literature Programme in Malawi 1984 -1986.

Secretary of the Theological Society of Malawi 1984-1986.

Senior Friend of the Universities and Colleges Section of the Student Christian Organization of Malawi, 1985-1989.

Member of the Advisory Council of Students Christian Organization of Malawi 1984-86.

Member of the Bible Knowledge Syllabus Committee 1984-1990.

Moderator of Bible Knowledge, Malawi Certificate of Education Examinations, 1985-1990.

Chief Examiner of Bible Knowledge paper 1, Malawi Certificate of Education Examinations, 1989-1990.

Advisor of Primary Syllabus Review for Religious Education, 1986-1990.

Member of the Trustee of Zomba Christian Action Group from September 1994 to May 1996.

Member of the Society for the Advancement of Women in Malawi from August 1994 to May 1996.

Member of the Women's Voice from June 1995 to May 1996.

Chair-person of the Committee on the Directory of Prominent Malawian Women funded by UNICEF as part of the Malawian Girl Task Group from August 1994 to May 1996.

South Africa

Member of Standard Generating Body (SGB) Religious Studies and Multi-Religion Education. 2000

Member of Standard Generating Body (SGB) Theological Education. 2000

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

The Spirit in the Region – an interdisciplinary and collaborative investigation of the impact of African Instituted Churches in the KwaZulu Natal region