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CURRENT POSITION:

Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and the theology of world church, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame.

President: The Governing Council of Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria (2005-)

EDUCATION:

1989-1993

Regis College/Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto, Canada
Th.D (1993); STD *Magna cum Laude Probatus* (1994)

Major: Moral Theology

Dissertation: "Richard A. McCormick and the Renewal of Moral Theology"

1988-1989

University of St Michael's College/Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto
Th.M., University of Toronto
STL (1990), Regis College, *Summa cum Laude Probatus*

Major: Moral Theology

Thesis: "Richard A. McCormick and Casuistry: Moral Decision-Making in Conflict Situations."

1980-1984

Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Nigeria (in affiliation with Urban University, Rome)
STB, *Magna cum Laude Probatus*

Major: Theology

Thesis: "Christianity Answers Symmachus: A Theological Inquiry into the Problematic of Non-Christian Religions."

1976-1979

Spiritane School of Philosophy, Isieniu, Nigeria
Diploma in Philosophy
Thesis: "'God Is Dead?': A Study of Friedrich Nietzsche's Philosophy of God"

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY: Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans),
Province of Nigeria

PRIESTLY ORDINATION: April 28, 1984

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS

Monographs

Moral Theology in an Age of Renewal: A Study of the Catholic Tradition since Vatican II. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003 (412 pages).

Richard A. McCormick and the Renewal of Moral Theology. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 1995 (254 pages)

Truly African, Truly Christian: Foundations of Moral Theology in the African Context (Forthcoming 2013)

Edited Books

Sexuality, Marriage and Family: Readings in the Catholic Tradition. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2001 (511 pages).

Africa: Towards Priorities of Mission. Co-edited with E. Uzukwu Enugu: SIST Publications, 2000

SOME REVIEWS OF MY BOOKS

(i) *Moral Theology in an Age of Renewal: A Study of the Catholic Tradition since Vatican II.* Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003

Reviewed in

- (a) *The Heythrop Journal* vol 48 Issue 1, January 2007
- (b) *Ethica: Wissenschaft und verantwortung*, vol 13, no. 3 (2005), pp. 293-302 (**This is an extended study of my work and that of James Keenan and James Bretzke**) Title: **“Fundamental Moral, 40 Jahre nach den II. Vatikanum: Zu neueren Studien aus den USA**
- (c) *The Journal of Theological Studies*, vol 55, issue 2, October 2004
- (d) *The Interdisciplinary Journal of Pastoral Studies*, Issue 143, September 2004
- (e) *Journal of Markets and Morality*, vol. 7, no. 2(Fall 2004)
- (f) *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 30, no 2,3/ April, July 2004
- (g) *Catholic Library World*, vol 74, no.3, March 2004

- (h) *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly*, vol 27, no.4, Winter, 2004
- (i) *America*, vol. 189 no.18, December 1, 2003.
- (j) *Pro Ecclesia* Vol. XIII, no.2
- (k) *Theology Digest*
- (l) *Theological Studies* 66(March 2005), p.210-212
- (m) *Studia Moralia*, vol.44 (2006), p.289-291

(ii) *Richard A. McCormick and the Renewal of Moral Theology*. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 1995 (254 pages).

Reviewed in

- (a) *Toronto Journal of Theology*, 13/2, 1997
- (b) *Religious Studies Review*, Vol 23 no. 2/April 1997
- (c) *Theological Studies*, vol 57, Issue 3, 1996
- (d) *New Theology Review*, vol 9, no. 3, August , 1996
- (e) *America*, December 2, 1995
- (f) *National Catholic Reporter*, November 17, 1995
- (g) *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology*

(iii) *Sexuality, Marriage and Family: Readings in the Catholic Tradition*. Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2001

Reviewed in

- (a) *INTAMS reviews* 9 (2003)
- (b) *Josephinum Journal of Theology*, vol. 9., no.2 Summer/Fall 2002

REFERRED PUBLICATION:

“A Theology of Gratuitousness” in *The Moral Dynamics of Economic Life: An extension and critique of Caritas in Veritate*, ed., Daniel K Finn (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), p.28-31

”Africa and the challenge of ‘Foreign’ religious/ethical ‘ideologies’, ‘viruses’ and ‘pathologies’” in *Reconciliation, Justice and Peace: The Second African Synod*, ed., Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis books, 2011), p.214-225

“Truly Africa, and Wealthy!: What Africa can Learn from Catholic Social Teaching about Sustainable Economic Prosperity ” in *The true Wealth of Nations: Catholic Social Thought and Economic Life*, edited by Daniel Finn (Oxford University Press, 2010), pp.267-288.

“The Church in Africa: What is the Spirit Asking?” *Spiritan* (Spring 2010), vol.34.1, p.16-18

“The Second Synod of Bishops for Africa: A Review of Some of the Major Points Discussed,” *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology*, vol.22 (2010), p.87-107

“African Catholics in the United States: Gifts and Challenges,” in *Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics*, ed. Shawn Copeland et al (Maryknoll, N.Y: Orbis books, 2009), pp.195-204

“God, Nigeria, and the Church: A Theological Essay on the Church and Politics in Nigeria.” *Encounter: Journal of African Life and Religion* (Rome), vol 8 (2008), pp.40-58

“An African Moral Theology of Inculturation: Methodological Considerations.” *Theological Studies* vol. 69, no.3 (September 2008), pp.583-609

“Liturgy and Life: A Discussion from an African Christian Theological Perspective,” *Worship*, vol.82, no.5 (September 2008), pp.413-433.

“Africa’s double-edged Inheritance” *The Tablet* (5 July, 2008), pp14-15

“Healthy Vision for Africa,” *The Tablet* (26 July, 2008), p.25 (This is an essay on the 40th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*)

“Casuistry and AIDS: A Reflection on the Catholic Tradition,” in *Catholic Ethicists on HIV/AIDS Prevention*, eds. James F. Keenan, S.J, with Jon D. Fuller., S.J., M.D, Lisa Sowle Cahill and Kevin Kelly. New York/London: Continuum, 2000, pp.294-302.

“How Can The Gospel Be Heard in the Secular Culture of Africa’s Cities?” in *The Gospel as Good News For African Cultures: A Symposium on the Dialogue Between Faith and Culture*, ed. Juvenalis Baitu. Nairobi: Catholic University of Eastern Africa Publications, 1999, pp.63-84.

“The Challenge of Africa to the Western Conscience: US Bishops and Solidarity with Africa,” *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology*, vol. 17 (2005), p.3-28.

“Classical Moral Theology and the World Church: Some Suggestions on How to Move Forward”, *Louvain Studies* vol. 30 , no. 4 (2005), p.276-298

“Emerging African Alternatives to Globalization,” *Vidyajoti Journal of Theological Reflection* Vol 63, n. 7 (July 1999), pp. 516-523

--- also published in *Sedos Bulletin* Vol 32. No.3 (March, 2000), pp. 63-84.

“Tradition, Rationality and Morality,” *Nigerian Journal of Theology*, vol. 14, 1998, pp. 20-40.

“Proportionalists and the Reinterpretation of the Principle of Double Effect – A Review Discussion,” *Christian Bioethics* Vol. 3, no.2 (1997), pp.115-130

“Globalization and Mission in Africa in the Third Millennium,” *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology*, Vol.9: 1-2. 1997, pp. 3-22.

“Some Thoughts on an African Christian Theology of Marriage,” *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology* 6 (January, 1995), pp.56-71

“Atheism,” in *Horizons: A Journal of Theology and Religion* (1983), pp.65-78

“Man and Meaning,” in *Colloquium* (published by Bigard Memorial Seminary, Ikot Ekpene) vol. 1.no.1 June 1985, pp.46-60

“Cultural and Religious Stereotypes Militating against Women’s Participation in Politics in Nigeria,” *Beyond Frontiers* (1997), pp.43-45

“The Making of the Nigerian Constitution,” *The Educator*, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 1979

Human Rights and the New Nigerian Constitution,” *The Educator* (November/December, 1980)

“The Psalms: Prayer For Christians?” *The Nigerian Statesman*, July 19, 1983, pp.4-7

“Pope John Paul II and Non-violence,” *Weekly Star (Nigeria)*, May 23, 1982, pp. 13-14

Web Publications “Solidarity with Africa: Implications for ministries and services’, posted on the web at
<http://www.usccb.org/mrs/pcmr/solidarity1.shtml>.

“Jewish – Christian Dialogue in Africa.” See
http://www.nd.edu/~msigner/2005_spring/documents/JewishChristiandialogue3.pdf

Accepted for publication

1. “Aquinas in Africa: : continuing the search for foundations in African moral Theology
2. “Formed by the Good news in the liturgy”

WORK IN PROGRESS

Still working on the book, *Moral Theology: Truly African, Truly Christian*.(expected to be published by ND Press in Spring 2013)

Honors and Awards

1. Holy Ghost Juniorate Ihiala: Best graduating Student in the Arts, 1975.
2. Toronto School of Theology: Several Graduate Fellowships
3. **ATS/Lily Theological Fellowship, 2011-2012**

INVITED LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS /ADDRESSES

**Individual lectures
and presentations**

(October 4-25 2009): Rome: Invited by the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI and participated in the 2nd Special assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa as “learned expert assistant” to the synod.

“Africa and the challenge of “foreign” religious/ethical “ideologies”, “viruses “and “pathologies” (Presentation at Hekima College, Nairobi, at a follow-up convention on the synod of Africa organized by Hekima College (The Jesuit Theological Faculty in Nairobi) and Orbis books, New York, **March 16-** March 20, 2010: **Nairobi, Kenya.**

“Catholic Women Theologians on the HIV/AIDS pandemic.” A review discussion of *Calling for Justice throughout the World: Catholic Woman Theologians on the HIV/AIDS Pandemic*, edited by Mary Jo Iozzio (with Mary M. Doyle Roche and Elsie M. Miranda (June 10-13: Cleveland, OH: The Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America).

“Fuelling our faith as we reclaim our faithful” (Made a series of presentations on this theme as director at the annual retreat organized by the Office of lay catholic Ministry of the Archdiocese of Chicago Techny Illinois: July 30-August 1 2010

“The Synod in Review: A Synopsis of the Major Points of the 2nd Synod on Africa”(A paper delivered at the 11th convention of ACCCRUS (African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the United States). South Bend: August 4-8, 2010). Also, delivered the welcome address as president of the hosting chapter on “African Missionary presence in the US today: Issues, Challenges and Prospects.”

“*Caritas in Veritate* and the Economics and Ethics of Gratuitousness A Reflection on the American Situation by an African “Alien” Resident in the United States of America” (A presentation at the conference on “*Caritas in Veritate* and the United States,” co-sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. Rome: October 14-16, 2010)

“Truly Africa and Wealthy!: What Africa can Learn from Catholic Social Teaching about Sustainable Economic Prosperity.” (Paper presented at the Conference on The true Wealth of Nations: Developing an Architecture for Analysis, organized by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California), June 18-22, 2008.

“God, Nigeria, and the Church: A theological Essay on the Church and Politics in Nigeria” (This was a major address I was invited to give as part of the celebrations to mark the 25th anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of His Excellency, Most Reverend John O. Onaiyekan, Metropolitan Archbishop of Abuja, Nigeria.), Tuesday, January 29, 2008

“Paths of Peace: Islam, Christianity, and African Traditional Religions in Dialogue” (Invited lecture at the conference on Dialogue of Cultures organized by the Notre Dame Centre for Ethics and Culture), November 29-December 1, 2007.

“The Future of Catholic Moral discourse” (Presentation to the group New Wine, New Wineskins” during their annual convention, July 29, 2006. My book, *Moral Theology in an Age of Renewal* was chosen as the work for discussion this year. I was therefore invited to make a presentation to the group as my contribution to the discussion.

“Mending Broken Fences: The Challenge of Solidarity Between Africans and African Americas (2005 Augustus Tolton Lecture presented at Catholic

Theological Union, Chicago under the auspices of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry program and the office of the President, CTU, Chicago), March 3, 2005.

“The Catholic Church and the HIV/AIDS Pandemic: A Theological Discussion.” (Paper Presented at Notre Dame to mark World AIDS DAY 2005, November 30, 2005

“The Marital Sacrament: Issues, Challenges and Lessons from Africa.” The Keynote Presentation at the conference on Christian Marriage and Family, St Louis University, St Louis Missouri, November 19, 2005

The American Bishops’ text on Solidarity with Africa: Implications for international ecclesial and political engagement with Africa. Address to the planning committee for the conference on solidarity with Africa, Notre Dame, October 17, 2002

A Call to Solidarity with Africa: US Bishops on the challenge of Africa to (the Western) Christian Conscience – A Review Discussion. Address to the Board of the Institute for Church Life (ICL), Notre Dame, 2003

“Religious/Priestly Formation in Nigeria: A reflection on the task ahead as we prepare to enter the Third Millennium.” A paper presented to the Regional meeting of the Carmelite Missionaries in Enugu, January 12, 1999.

“Reconciliation as Evangelization: A Reflection on Nigeria.” A paper presented at a meeting of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria held at the Daughters of Divine Love Retreat and Conference Center, Emene, Enugu, Nigeria, March 11-14, 1999

“A Moral Evaluation of Technology and its effects on Human Relations.” Lecture presented to the Faculty and Students of Claretian Institute of Philosophy, Nekede, Nigeria, March 3, 1995

CONFERENCE LECTURES

“Aquinas in Africa: What African moral Theology can learn from the Angelic Doctor concerning method in Christian Ethics,” Society of Christian Ethics, New Orleans, January, 2011.

“Theological challenges to Inculturation of Moral Theology in Africa”. Convention of World-wide Catholic Ethicists, Padova, Italy, July 9, 2006

“Liturgy and Spirituality from A Global Perspective”. Invited presentation at the Conference on Liturgy and Spirituality, University of Notre Dame, June 20, 2006

“Postmodernity and The Subject in African Christian theologies”. Catholic Theological Society of America Convention, San Antonio Texas, June 10, 2006

Invited presentation on “Catholic Theological Perspectives on Female Sexuality & Violence against Women” as part of the discussion following the performance of *The Vagina Monologues* at Notre Dame, February 14, 2006.

African Catholics in the United States: Gifts and Challenges.” Invited paper presented at the conference on “Uncommon Faithfulness: The Witness of African American Catholics,” (University of Notre Dame, March 11-14, 2004).

“Solidarity with Africa: Implications for ministries and services.” Paper presented at the Conference on Migration Sponsored by the USCCB office of the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, Washington, D.C. at Omni Center, July 8, 2003.

“Preaching the Gospel of Life in a Milieu of Death.” Paper Read at the Culture of Life Conference, University of Notre Dame, November 29-December 2, 2001.

“How can the Gospel be Heard in the Secular cultures of Africa’s Cities?” Invited paper read at the Conference on Faith and Culture organized by the Pontifical Council for Culture, Vatican City in Nairobi, Kenya, February 11-18, 1998

“Emerging African Alternatives to Globalization.” Invited paper presented at a conference on globalization and the victims of history, organized in Delhi, India, by Missio-Achen, Germany in collaboration with the Vidjajyoti Jesuit School of Theology, Delhi, India, January, 26- February 1, 1998

“Marriage, Truly African, Truly Christian?”, SIST Annual Theological Symposium, November, 2-5, 1995

“Moral Good for the Life of the Church and the World: Reflections on the Third Chapter of *Veritatis Splendor*,” Invited paper presented at the “Theology week” of Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, May 9-11, 1994

“The Wider Ecumenism: Muslim/Christian Relations in Nigeria.” Presented at Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing, Ihiala, May, 1986.

“After the Euphoria: The Church in Eastern Nigeria in the year 2050.” A paper presented to the men and women religious in Onitsha Archdiocese at a seminar for the centenary celebrations of the Church in Eastern Nigeria, August, 1985

“The Challenge of Atheism in Africa Today,” Paper Presented at Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, under the auspices of Bigard Theological Coterie, April 1982.

TEACHING

University of Notre Dame

Undergraduate

Theology of Marriage
Introduction to Christian Ethics
Theology University Seminar
Introduction to Theology
Veritatis Splendor
The Popes on Morality (Fall Semester, 2010)

Graduate

Foundations of Christian Ethics
Christian Ethics and Pastoral Practice
African Christian Theologies
Modern Catholic Moral Theology

Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria

Undergraduate

Ethical Problems of Life and Death
The Popes on Social Justice
Human Sexuality and Christian Marriage
Fundamental Moral Theology

Graduate

Moral Theology since Vatican II
Philosophical Texts as Background to Christian Ethics

St. Augustine's Seminary, University of Toronto

Graduate

Fundamental Moral Theology
The Popes on Social Justice
Human Sexuality and Christian Marriage

Xavier University of New Orleans

Graduate

Moral Issues in the Black community

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Foundational Issues in Moral Theology/Christian ethics
History of Moral Theology
Questions in Fundamental Theology
African Christian theology Contextual theological issues, including questions relating to inculturation, Theology and society
Inter –Religious Dialogue

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic

- 2005- Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and the theology of world Church, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
- 2001-2005 Visiting Associate Professor of Theology, Department of Theology, U of Notre Dame
- 2003 - Associate Professor, Institute of Black Catholic Studies, Xavier University of New Orleans (Summer Program).
- 1999-2001 Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Theology, U of Notre Dame
- 1994-1999 Senior Lecturer, Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria
- 1993-1994 Lecturer in Theology, Spiritan International School Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria.
- 1992-1993 Lecturer in Moral Theology, St Augustine’s Seminary, University of Toronto, Canada
- 1990-1992 Lecturer, St Augustine’s Seminary of Toronto, Extension Division
- 1985-1987 Teacher, Holy Ghost Juniorate, Ihiala, Nigeria
1979-1980 Teacher, Holy Ghost Juniorate, Ihiala, Nigeria

Pastoral

- 2004- Pastoral Associate, St Hedwig and St Patrick Parishes, South Bend
2002-2004 Priest in Residence, St Monica Parish, Mishawaka

1999-2002	Associate Pastor, St Adalbert and St Augustine's Parishes, South Bend, IN, USA
1991-1993	Chaplain, Cardinal Macquigan and Francis Libermann High Schools, Toronto, Ontario
1987-1988	Associate Pastor, St Joseph's Parish, West Hill, Ontario, Canada
1984-1985	Associate Pastor, St Martin's Parish, Ihiala, Nigeria
1982-1982	Intercultural Pastoral Experience, Kene ma Diocese, Sierra Leone

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Academic

Member: Ad hoc committee on theology, religion and dialogue in the world church (2005-)

Member: Master of Theological Studies Committee (2006-)

Member: M. Div Committee (2004/2005)

Member: Committee on evaluation of African student applications

Faculty Advisor: African Students Association, Notre Dame (2006-)

Member: Provost's Advisory Committee on Africa (2007-2009).

Non-Academic

2002-2004: Played pivotal role along with Professor John Cavadini and others in organizing at/for University of Notre Dame series of talks and activities centered around the pastoral letter of the United States Bishops on *A Call to Solidarity with Africa*. The Conferences were held both at Notre Dame and in Nigeria. Still at work in trying to further the gains of these dialogues.

Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria

Academic

2005 to date **President**, Governing Council, Spiritan International School Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria.

- 1994-1999 **Academic Dean**, Spiritan International School Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria.
- 1994-1999 **Secretary**, Governing Council, Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu.
- 1993-1994 **Registrar**, Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu.

Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Nigeria

- 1982-1984 Founding Editor, *Horizons* (now *Bigard Studies*) a Journal of Religion and Theology, Bigard Memorial Seminary, Enugu, Nigeria.

Holy Ghost Juniorate, Ihiala, Nigeria

- 1985-1987 Dean of Studies, Holy Ghost Juniorate, Ihiala, Nigeria, 1985-1987

Service to the Larger Academic Community

- 2006-2008 External Examiner for doctoral theses (Faculté des études Supérieures, Université de Montréal, Canada, 2006
- 2006- Manuscript evaluator, Scranton University Press, 2006
- 2005-2009 Member, Grievances Committee, Society of Christian Ethics.
- 2001- Article referee for *Theological Studies*.
- 1996- Article referee for *Toronto Journal of Theology*.
- 1995-1998 Chairman, Research and Publications Committee, Catholic Theological Association of Nigeria.

Other Ecclesial Services

- 2010 Invited by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Rome, to participate in a closed-door deliberation on Pope Benedict's encyclical, *Caritas In Veritate* (October 11-14, 2010)
- 2005- Been serving as President of the Governing Council of Spiritan International School of Theology, Attakwu, Enugu, Nigeria, since 2005 till date. Mandate just renewed for another three years.
- 2009 Appointed by the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI as "adiutor secretarii specialis," that is, a learned expert consultant, for the Second Special Assembly for Africa of the Synod of Bishops.

- 1998 Member, Lineamenta/Planning Committee, Catholic
Bishop's Conference of Nigeria for the Nigerian Synod, 2002
- 1986-1987 Member (Representing the ordination classes, 1980-1985), Onitsha
Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Catholic Theological Society of America
Catholic Theological Association of Nigeria
Canadian Theological Society
Society of Christian Ethics
Black Catholic Theological Symposium (USA).
American Academy of Religion