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## ALISON FITCHETT CLIMENHAGA

### EDUCATION

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Doctor of Philosophy in Theology expected May 2018  
*University of Notre Dame*

Ph.D. Dissertation

- Title: *Reconciling Charisma: Healing, Conflict, and Identity in Catholic Renewalist Movements in Uganda*
- Admitted to degree candidacy December 2015
- Committee: Paul Kollman (director); Emmanuel Katongole, Mary Ellen Konieczny (Department of Sociology), Timothy Matovina

Ph.D. Areas of Concentration

- Primary field: World Religions and World Church
- Secondary field: History of Christianity
- Interests: Christianity in Africa, Christian-Muslim relations, Comparative Theology, Identity formation, Mission history, Peace studies, Pentecostal-charismatic Christianity, Religion & conflict, World Christianity

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) May 2011  
*University of Notre Dame*

- Concentration: Systematic Theology
- GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude* May 2009  
*Messiah College, Grantham, PA*

- Major: Humanities: Philosophy and History
- Minors: Religion; Peace and Conflict Studies
- GPA: 3.99

University of Oxford, visiting student Spring 2008  
*Oxford, United Kingdom*

- Tutorials in philosophy, history, and theology
- GPA: 4.0

### SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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- Graduate Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, \$7,000 grant for dissertation field research in Uganda (Summer 2016)

- Summer Stipend, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant for Religion Across the Disciplines, \$6,000 for dissertation research and writing (Summer 2016)
- Notebaert Professional Development Fund, University of Notre Dame, \$1400 for travel to IAMS meeting in Seoul, South Korea (Summer 2016)
- Travel Award, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, \$800 for travel to IAMS meeting in Seoul, South Korea (Summer 2016)
- Conference Presentation Grant, Graduate Student Union, University of Notre Dame, \$350 for travel to IAMS meeting in Seoul, South Korea (Summer 2016)
- Graduate Research Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, \$3,739 grant for dissertation field research in Uganda (Spring 2016)
- Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, \$2,486 grant for dissertation field research in Uganda (Spring 2016)
- Research Award, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame, \$1,517 grant to support field research in Uganda and Rwanda (Summer 2015)
- Professional Development Award, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, \$400 grant to support research in Uganda and Rwanda (Summer 2015)
- Professional Development Award, Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, \$2,500 grant to support participation in a course at Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem (Summer 2014)
- Tuition scholarship and stipend, University of Notre Dame (Fall 2009-Spring 2011, Fall 2012-present)
- Boyer Scholar, Messiah College, named for exemplary scholarship, service, and leadership (Fall 2008-Spring 2009)
- Travel Grant, College Honors Program, Messiah College, for honors thesis research at Yale's Day Missions Library (declined) (Fall 2008)
- College Honors Program, Messiah College (Fall 2005-Spring 2009)
- President's Scholarship, Messiah College, awarded for academic merit (Fall 2005-Spring 2009)
- Dean's List, Messiah College (Fall 2005-Spring 2009)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed Article*

- "Heathenism, Delusion, and Ignorance: Samuel Crowther's Approach to Islam and Traditional Religion," *Anglican Theological Review* 96, no. 4 (2014): 661-681.

### *Book Chapter*

- "The *Huei tlamahuiçoltica*: Responding to Pastoral Challenges in Light of Our Lady of Guadalupe," in *New Frontiers in Guadalupan Studies*, ed. Virgilio Elizondo and Timothy Matovina (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2014), 65-88.

### *Book Reviews*

- "Samuel Johnson of Yorubaland, 1846-1901: Identity, Change and the Making of the Mission Agent, written by Kehinde Olabimtan," *Mission Studies* 32, no. 1 (2015): 155-156.
- "Prophetic Identities: Indigenous Missionaries on British Colonial Frontiers, 1850-75, written by Tolly Bradford," *Mission Studies* 31, no. 1 (2014): 117-118.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

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### *Presentations*

- “Healing, Conflict, and Religious Transformation in Catholic Charismatic Movements in Uganda.” Paper to be presented at the International Association for Mission Studies conference (Seoul, South Korea; anticipated August 11-17, 2016)
- “Religious Transformation and Conflict in Catholic Renewal Movements in Uganda.” Paper presented at the American Society of Missiology annual meeting (University of Northwestern, St. Paul, Minnesota, MN; June 17-19, 2016)
- “Catholic Charismatics in Uganda.” Paper presented at Finding Beauty in the Other: Inaugural World Religions World Church Conference (University of Notre Dame; September 10-12, 2015)
- “Portraying Islam in Light of One’s Faith: Catholic and Protestant Missionaries Writing about Islam.” Paper presented at the Midwest Mission Studies Fellowship (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; November 1, 2014)
- “Graduate School: What, Why, and How.” Professional development session for junior and senior Biblical and Religious Studies majors (Messiah College; October 17, 2014)
- “Samuel Ajayi Crowther: Engaging with Islam and African Traditional Religion in Nineteenth-Century West Africa.” Paper presented at the Midwest Mission Studies Fellowship (Cardinal Meyer Center, Chicago, IL; November 16, 2013)

### *Conference Administration*

- Conference coordinator and parallel session organizer: “Missiology and Public Life: Mission’s Engagement with Societies, Change, and Conflict,” American Society of Missiology annual meeting (University of Northwestern, St. Paul, Minnesota, MN; June 17-19, 2016)
- Parallel session organizer: “*Missio-logoi*: The Many Languages of Mission,” American Society of Missiology annual meeting (Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL; June 19-21, 2015)

## AFFILIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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### *Academic Affiliations*

- Graduate Student Affiliate, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (September 2015-)
- Research Affiliate, Makerere Institute of Social Research, Kampala, Uganda (July 2015-)

### *Membership in Professional Societies*

- American Academy of Religion
- American Society of Missiology
- International Association for Mission Studies
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, TEACHING, RESEARCH, AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

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*International Research and Study*

- Field research, Uganda: conducting archival and ethnographic research on healing, social reconciliation, and identity formation in Catholic charismatic movements (July-November 2016)
- Field research, Rwanda: archival and ethnographic research on healing and social reconciliation in Catholic charismatic and Marian movements (July 2016)
- Field research, Uganda: archival and ethnographic research on Catholic charismatic movements (February-March 2016)
- Field research, Uganda and Rwanda: archival and ethnographic research on Catholic charismatic movements and Marian devotion (July-August 2015)
- Faculty study trip: led by Emmanuel Katongole, focused on the history and contemporary experience of Christianity in Uganda and Rwanda (July-August 2014)
- Jerusalem, the Desert, and Galilee: course taught by Virgilio Elizondo, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem (May-June 2014)
- Middle East Studies Program, Cairo, Egypt: coursework on Islam, Middle Eastern history and culture, and Arabic; meeting human rights activists, religious and political leaders, and student groups in Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, and Israel/Palestine (Fall 2007)

*Teaching and Research Assistantships*

- Research Assistant to Fr. Paul V. Kollman, CSC, University of Notre Dame; assisting with research on the history of Christianity in Africa (Fall 2011, August 2014-May 2017)
- Graduate Assistant to Dr. Robert Krieg, University of Notre Dame; assisting with research and “THEO 13183 Theology University Seminar” course (August 2014-May 2015)
- Graduate Assistant to Fr. Paulinus Odozor, University of Notre Dame; assisting with “AFST 40117 African Literature and the Moral Imagination” and “THEO 20606 Theology of Marriage” courses (August 2013-May 2014)
- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Richard Crane, Messiah College; assistance with research and “THEO 205 Introduction to Christian Theology” (August 2008-May 2009)
- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Emerson Powery, Messiah College; assistance with research and “BIBL 201 Encountering the Bible” course (August 2008-May 2009)

*Academic Service and Tutoring*

- Theology Department admissions weekend coordinator: leading information sessions on home buying and a tour of local housing for incoming doctoral students (2013-2015)
- Near Eastern Reading Room grant project: developing a library collection on Islamic studies, eastern Christianity, and Christian-Muslim relations for Notre Dame’s Hesburgh Library (July 2013-July 2014)
- Orientation leader: mentoring first year, transfer, and international students at Messiah College (2006-2008)
- Learning Center tutor: Latin and study skills tutor at Messiah College (Spring 2007, Fall 2008-Spring 2009)

## EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### *Employment*

- Communications Coordinator, Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend: producing weekly worship materials, publishing monthly newsletter, web design, revising church vision statements, grant writing, administering pastoral review survey (November 2011-August 2012)
- Conference Services, Messiah College: facilitating conference registration, conference planning, leading facilities tours for clients, managing student staff (Summer 2007, Summer 2008)

### *Community Service*

- Lots of Hope, South Bend: assistance with property maintenance and event organization for an organization that revitalizes vacant lots and hosts community events (2013-2015)
- Missionaries of Charity, Cairo, Egypt: working weekly at a facility caring for children 0-2 years of age, older children with disabilities, and elderly residents in Moqattam, Cairo (Fall 2007)
- Bethany Village, Mechanicsburg, PA: weekly visits with residents of Bethany's dementia care facility (Fall 2006-Spring 2006)

## DOCTORAL COURSEWORK AND LANGUAGES

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### *Coursework*

- Christianity in Africa
- World Christianity
- African Christian Theologies
- Islam in Africa
- Methods Seminar: The Modern Study of Religion
- Readings in Classical Arabic
- Islamic Origins
- Convivencia, Conversion, and Inquisition
- Comparative Theology
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Catholics and Protestants in America
- God of the People: A Latino/a Theology
- Early Christianity Seminar: The Preaching of John Chrysostom
- On Being Interreligious Religiously
- Lament: A Theo-Political Exploration from an African Perspective
- Jerusalem, the Desert, and Galilee

### *Audited Courses*

- Sociology of Religion
- Global Catholicism
- Islam and Muslim-Christian Dialogue
- Modern Islam

*Languages*

- Arabic (Classical): advanced reading proficiency
- Arabic (Egyptian Colloquial): intermediate speaking proficiency
- French: advanced reading proficiency
- German: intermediate reading proficiency
- Latin: advanced reading proficiency
- Spanish: intermediate speaking and reading proficiency
- Old English: intermediate reading proficiency
- Rutooro: Intermediate speaking and reading proficiency

REFERENCES

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Paul V. Kollman, CSC, Associate Professor of Theology, Executive Director of the Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame (574-631-3002, pkollman@nd.edu)

Mary Ellen Konieczny, Associate Professor of Sociology, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame (574-631-2781, MaryEllen.Konieczny.1@nd.edu)

Emmanuel Katongole, Associate Professor of Theology, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (Emmanuel.Katongole.1@nd.edu)

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