

**UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA**

**FORMAT OF CURRICULUM VITAE**

*The University prefers the following CV format. Specific items can be added to or omitted to reflect Faculty specific and/or individual circumstances, but the given numbering should, as far as possible, be followed to facilitate the evaluation process.*

*Provision of information about race and gender is optional, but will assist the University to report in terms of current Employment Equity legislation.*

**EVALUATION DATE:** (Office use only)

**1. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION									
<b>Surname</b>	SUKDAVEN								
<b>First names</b>	MANIRAJ			<b>ID Number</b>		6506175189083			
<b>Citizenship</b>	SOUTH AFRICAN			<b>Title</b>	DR	<b>Female</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Male</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Place of birth</b>	PIETERMARITZBURG			<b>Date of birth</b>		17 JUNE 1965			
<b>Population group</b>	<b>African</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Coloured</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Indian</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>White</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Other</b> (Please specify)
<b>Department</b>	SCIENCE OF RELIGION AND MISSIOLOGY			<b>Position</b>		SENIOR LECTURER			
<b>Direct Telephone</b>	012 420-6523			<b>Direct Telefax</b>					
<b>E-mail</b>	maniraj.sukdaven@up.ac.za								
<b>Date of appointment</b>	1 July 2014			<b>Permanent full-time</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Temporary full-time</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>

1.2 ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED				
Degree/ Diploma	Field of study	Higher education institution	Year	Distinctions
BTHEOL	CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY	UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU NATAL	1998	
MA THEOLOGY	MISSIOLOGY	UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE	2007	

PHD	RELIGION STUDIES (HINDUISM)	UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE	2013	
<b>1.2 WORK EXPERIENCE TO DATE</b>				
<b>Name of employer</b>		<b>Capacity and/or type of work</b>	<b>Period From (mm//yy to mm//yy)</b>	
JAFF & CO		QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER	FEB 1984 – JUL 1987	
INTEGRATED BUSINESS INFORMATION SERVICES		DATA QUALITY PROJECT LEADER	SEP 1987 – AUG 1992	
ANALOGUE MARKETING INFORMATION SERVICES		MARKETING MANAGER	OCT 1992 – DEC 1993	
REFORMED CHURCH IN AFRICA		SPRIRTUAL WORKER	FEB 1994 – JAN 1995	
NGK STANGER/BALLITO		MISSIONARY	FEB 1998 – JAN 2001	
REFORMED CHURCH IN AFRICA		MINISTER OF RELIGION	JAN 2001 – AUG 2006	
UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE		LECTURER / HOD	SEP 2006 – June 2014	
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA		SENIOR LECTURER	JULY 2014 -	

## 2. TEACHING ACTIVITIES

<b>2.1 Courses presented</b>		
<b>Course</b>	<b>Level (e.g. second year, Masters)</b>	<b>Self developed (Yes or No)</b>
GDD114 (RELIGION AND SOCIAL MILIEU)	FIRST YEAR	NO
GDD142 (INTRO TO STUDY OF RELIGION & DEVELOPMENT OVER THE CENTURIS)	FIRST YEAR	NO

GDD214 (JESUS AS AN ETHICAL REVOLUTIONARY)	SECOND YEAR	YES
GDD224 (AFRICA INDIGENOUS RELIGION) – BELIEFS AND PRACTICES	SECOND YEAR	YES
GDD314 (UNDERSTANDING OF A GLOBAL ETHICS)	THIRD YEAR	YES
GDD324 (ISLAM AND SHARIA)	THIRD YEAR	YES
RLO122 / RLO142 (A SURVEY OF SA RELIGIONS AND THE EDUCATION OF RELIGION IN THE PRIMARY, INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR AND FET PHASE)	FIRST YEAR	NO
REL 110 B (COMMON ASPECTS OF RELIGION)	FIRST YEAR	YES
REL 210 (FOCUS OF RELIGIONS – CHRISTIANITY AND AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGION)	SECOND YEAR	YES
REL 210 (DYNAMICS OF RELIGIONS)	SECOND YEAR	YES
GSW 220/224 (THIRD WORLD THEOLOGIES)	SECOND YEAR	YES
TRLS1714 STUDIES IN THE ETHICS AND VALUES OF RELIGION	THIRD YEAR (LEVEL 7)	YES
MGT539 (ETHICS, RELIGION AND GOVERNANCE)	POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA (LEVEL 8)	YES

GSW710 (RESEARCH METHODOLOGY)	HONOURS	YES
GSW 761 (BIBLICAL ETHICS)	HONOURS	YES
GSW 808 (BIBLICAL ETHICS)	HONOURS	YES
GSW 806 (MISSION AND RECONCILIATION)	MASTERS	NO
NUMEROUS MODULES AT MASTERS LEVEL	LEVEL9	YES
PHD	LEVEL 10	RESEARCH ORIENTATED

## 2.2 Other education and pedagogic courses presented

Course	Year	Institution
MA BIBLE TRANSLATION MANAGEMENT (THEOLOGY, RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND CULTURE)	2013/2014	UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE
RESEARCH: INFORMATION GATHERING METHODOLOGIES	2012/2013	UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE

## 3. TEACHING OUTPUTS

### 3.1 Educational publications and products

*Provide full details including full titles, names of all the authors, publishers, dates, page numbers etc. Specify your exact contribution to the publications or products. Note that the publications here should be of a didactic nature e.g. articles in educational publications, papers presented at educational conferences, etc. A summary and description of educational products developed can be provided (e.g. study guides, learning materials, multimedia*

*productions (CDs), educational videos, web materials, text books etc.) relevant to university education.*

- 3.1.1.** Study Guides – (See attached Appendices 1 pg. 20 & 2 pg. 35)
- 3.1.2.** Online lecture 2017: Prof Ninowy on Religion and violence.  
Part 1: <https://youtu.be/3xhm2Xy1UIY>  
Part 2: <https://youtu.be/WfpKFJschG0>
- 3.1.3.** Online Public Lecture 2016: Prof Karen Armstrong on Religion and the History of Violence. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6I-V3iNeFo>
- 3.1.4.** Online (ClickUp) Lecture 1 REL 210 (2017) - [380968287.mp4](#)
- 3.1.5.** Online (ClickUp) Lecture 4 REL 210 (2017) Dr M Girma on Christian Spirituality.  
Part 1: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5\\_0UBOeSRDc&t=22s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_0UBOeSRDc&t=22s)  
Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o-3ZddoG0Rg>

#### **4. OTHER TEACHING CONTRIBUTIONS**

##### **4.1 Membership of national and international bodies**

*List all the teaching associations or societies to which you belong. Name your involvement, e.g. honorary member, founder member, full member, chairman, president, secretary.*

- 4.1.1.** Southern African Missiological Society (SAMS)
- 4.1.2.** Association for the Study of Religion of Southern Africa (ASRSA)
- 4.1.3.** International Association of Missional Studies (IAMS)
- 4.1.4.** African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR)

##### **4.2 Visits to local and overseas universities as guest professor or lecturer in regard to teaching**

###### **4.2.1. Reformatorisch-Theologisches Predigerseminar. Sommersemester. July 2013. Hanover, Germany.**

- 4.2.1.1. Defining the Concepts Avatara and its Functioning in Different Religious Traditions: A Comparative Study.
- 4.2.1.2. Islam and Christianity: Correcting Some Misconceptions.
- 4.2.1.3. Is Islam a threat to Europe?: The Relationship Between Terrorism and Jihad

###### **4.2.2. University of Islamic Denominations. Tehran, Iran. January 2019**

- 4.2.2.1. The historical development of and the need of a Third World Theology (theology of the South).
- 4.2.2.2. Islamology in Africa: The response of ATR to Islam – a historical perspective

**4.2.3. Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil. March 2019.**

- 4.2.3.1. Inaugural Lecture: The concept of incarnation in philosophical and religious traditions juxtaposed the concept of incarnation in Christianity<sup>1</sup>
- 4.2.3.2. Shankara and non-dualism: Shankara's explanation of non-dualism in an empirical cosmology.<sup>2</sup>
- 4.2.3.3. Shankara and Avatara in Advaita Vedanta: The idea of Maya and illusion.

**5. POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION****5.1 Supervision or co-supervision of students who have completed degrees**

<b>Name of student</b>	<b>Title of dissertation/ date completed</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Co-supervisor(s)</b>	<b>Duration of studies (years)</b>
<b>MDiv Degree</b>				
Anneri du Toit	Godsdiens en rekonsiliasie: die Christelike, Islam en Hindu godsdiens se verstaan van rekonsiliasie in Suid Afrika vandag – 2012	M SUKDAVEN		1
Kirna Hellmuth	Diversiteit kragtens kultuur en wêreld-uitkyk. eenheid in verstaan? Die vergelyking van die NGK (Westerse Christen Religie) en die ZCC (Afrika Christen Religie) – 2012	M SUKDAVEN		1
Werner Klindt	Modegiere of okkultiese rituele onder Suid-Afrikaanse jeug - 2013	M SUKDAVEN		1

<sup>1</sup> Certificate attached (appendix 3 pg.47)

<sup>2</sup> Certificate attached (appendix 4 pg.48)

<b>MA Degree</b>				
Sipho Xaba <sup>3</sup> NB - Won the prize for the best dissertation	Corruption: the Swazi context. The role religion and ethics play in addressing, conscientising and assisting in the elimination of corruption - 2013	M SUKDAVEN		3
<b>MTH Degree</b>				
Simesihle Ngubane	Kenosis as a missiological approach in encounterology - 2019	M SUKDAVEN		3
John Whitehead	The understanding of maya in the philosophy of Shankara, Ramanuja and Madhva – 2019	M SUKDAVEN		2
Mathias Shunmugam	The historical development of Shaivism and contemporary practices – 2019	M SUKDAVEN		1
<b>PHD Degree</b>				
Bokande Michee Bade	A critical engagement with the Islamic concept of religious freedom – 2013	P VERTSER	M SUKDAVEN	3
Gregory Dennyschen	Aspects of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the ministry of deliverance from the occult and idolatory: a	P VERSTER	M SUKDAVEN	3

<sup>3</sup> Student won the prize for the best dissertation in the Department of Government and Politics in the Faculty of Humanities at the University of the Free State.

	perspective from the RCA – 2014			
Guilherme Braun Junior	A Trinitarian modal-sphere of apologetics and cultural redemption: perspectives on religion and contemporary culture – 2016	M SUKDAVEN	A LE ROUX	2
Herbert Ndlovu	African customs and values that can enhance Seventh-Day Adventists missions to South Africans with specific reference to the Zulu cultural heritage – 2018	M SUKDAVEN		3
Shoayb Ahmed	Translating AIMawwaq to be used as a primary source to address curriculum deficiencies in the South African Darul Ulooms.	M SUKDAVEN		2
Ebenezer Sodeke	Astrology and Hinduism: The effect of cosmic bodies on human destiny in the Laws of Manu.	M SUKDAVEN		2
Bobo Togara	The role of Shona traditional institutions in the Zimbabwean health sector in the 21st century	M SUKDAVEN		2

## 5.2 Current post-graduate students

Name of student	Degree enrolled for and date of first registration	Project title	Supervisor	Co-supervisor(s)	Year of registration
VICTOR CHAKANYA	PhD	The socio-religio-cultural causes of rape in Zimbabwe: a case study of the Epworth community in Harare	M SUKDAVEN		2019
Samuel Manoharan	PhD	A critical analysis of Rajni formula in Tamil cinema and its implications for Christian storytelling within wider Tamil culture	M SUKDAVEN		2020
Kee Sing Wong	PhD	The Identity of Malay-Muslim and the Public Role of Non-Muslim in Malaysia: A Religious Perspective	M SUKDAVEN		2020
George Hope	PhD	Religious peacefull co-existance in Uganda. a case study of Islam and Christianity	M SUKDAVEN		2020
Samuel Manoharan	PhD	A critical analysis of the Rajni formula within Tamil cinema and its implications for the communicative practice of the church	M SUKDAVEN		2020

Joshua Mallam	PhD	A critical study of the expansionist ideas and practices among Christians and Muslims in the context of Kaduna in Nigeria	M SUKDAVEN		2020
Ubasi Solomon	PhD	Evaluating the impact of inter-faith dialogues on Christian-Muslim relations in religious crisis in Kaduna-Plateau States of Nigeria	M SUKDAVEN		2020
Mathias Shunmugam	PhD	Can the philosophy of Nishkama Karma in Shankara, Ramanuja and Madhva contribute to social cohesion?	M SUKDAVEN		2020
Simesihle Ngubane	PhD	Who is Jesus? A comparative understanding between Islam and the disciples of Jesus	M SUKDAVEN		2020
Siyabulela Lungana	M	An African Youth Perspective on Missional Ecclesiology; A Methodist Reflection	M SUKDAVEN		2020
Phenyo Montsho	MTh	Mental wellbeing in AIC: An approach to SDG3	M SUKDAVEN	Y DREYER	2020

## 6. RESEARCH FUNDING

### 6.1 Obtaining research funds *(Optional)*

<b>Origin of research funds</b> (e.g. contract research, THRIP, international funding organisations, other(s))	<b>Title of research project or programme</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Money allocated (R)</b> (Optional - exact amounts not required)
College of Galilee (Israel)	Two nations and three religions in Israel and Palestine	2 weeks	College of Galilee
University of Pretoria (Research and Development Fund)	Timbuktu Manuscript Project	3 years	R150,000.00
Muslim Education Islamic Trust	Timbuktu Manuscript Project	3 years	R260,000.00

## 7. RESEARCH OUTPUTS

### 7.1 Publications in peer-reviewed or refereed journals

Provide full details of each publication, including full titles, names of all the authors, journals, dates, page numbers etc.

- 7.1.1.** P. Verster, S. van Vuuren and M. Sukdaven. 2008. *Inclusive or exclusive? An analysis of the missiological response of the Reformed Church in Africa (RCA) towards inhabitants of informal settlements.* Dutch Reformed Theological Journal /Nederduitse Gereformeerde Teologiese Tydskrif 49, pp 360 – 375
- 7.1.2.** Sukdaven, M. 2009. *The Laudium Declaration: a Missiological Statement reaffirming the Reformed Evangelical Character of the Reformed Church in Africa.* Journal for Christian Scholarship, Annual 45, Special Edition 1 Pg. 59-73
- 7.1.3.** M. Sukdaven. 2012. *A systematic understanding of the evolution of Hindu deities in the development of the concept of avatara.* Dutch Reformed Theological Journal/Nederduitse Gereformeerde Teologiese Tydskrif 53, pp 208 –218
- 7.1.4.** Sukdaven, M. Mukhtar, A. Fernana, A.H. 2015. *A Timbuktu Manuscript Expressing the Mystical Thoughts of Yusuf-ibn-Said.* (Journal for the Study of Religion, Vol 28, No2 Pg. 181-201
- 7.1.5.** Sukdaven, M. & Ahmed, S. 2017. *Is Dhul Qarnayn, Alexander the Great? Reflecting on Muhammad Rāghib al-Ṭabbākh’s contribution on a translated manuscript discovered in Timbuktu on Dul Qarnayn,* Verbum et Ecclesia 38(1), a1696. <https://doi.org/10.4102/ve.v38i1.1696> (<https://doi.org/10.4102/ve.v38i1.1696>)

- 7.1.6.** Sukdaven, M. 2018. *The Ethical and Spiritual Project of Martin Prozesky: Influences and Interests*. Journal for the Study of Religion, 31(1), 15-40. Retrieved from <https://journals.ukzn.ac.za/index.php/sra/article/view/738>
- 7.1.7.** Sukdaven, M. 2018. *Exploring the possibility for African traditional religion to be included in a reimagined scriptural reasoning model*. HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies 74(3), a5224. <https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v74i3.5224>
- 7.1.8.** Sukdaven, M. & Bagheri, E. 2018. *Spreading of Islam without any violence in Central, East and West Africa as a case study*, HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies 74(3), a5136. <https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v74i3.5136> (2018)
- 7.1.9.** Sukdaven, M. 2019 *Religion in dialogue: a triadic approach to scriptural reasoning*. Journal of Islamic socio-political Studies. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Spring
- 7.1.10.** Sukdaven, M, & Ndlovu, H. 2019. *The importance of recognizing African customs and values consistent with biblical principles in African missionary endeavours*. South African Baptist Journal of Theology. Vol 28. 137-149 Sep
- 7.1.11.** Sukdaven, M. 2019. *Gog and Magog: the renditions of Alexander the Great from the context of different pre-Islamic to Islamic traditions*. Pharos Journal of Theology. Art 26 Vol 100
- 7.1.12.** Sukdaven, M. 2019. *Religion, religion! Wherefore art thou, religion? Enactment in interreligious encounters as walking the talk*. HTS Teologiese Studies / Theological Studies, 75(4), 7 pages. doi:<https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v75i4.5640>
- 7.1.13.** Sukdaven, M. 2019. *The concept of incarnation in philosophical and religious traditions juxtaposed the concept of incarnation in Christianity*. Pharos Journal of Theology. Art 26 Vol 100

## **7.2 Books and/or chapters in books**

*Provide full details, including full titles, names of all the authors, publishers, dates, page numbers etc. Specify your exact contribution to the book e.g. editorial role, co-author*

- 7.2.1.** Sukdaven, M (ed), Mukhtar, A (ed). 2015. *Qissat Dhul Qarnayn, the tale of the Two Horned One*. Pretoria: Open Book Press [ISBN: 978-0-620-66863-7]
- 7.2.2.** Sukdaven, M (ed), Mukhtar (ed), A. 2015. *Curing Disease and Defects, both Apparent and Hidden*. Pretoria: Open Book Press s [ISBN: 978-0-620-66865-1]
- 7.2.3.** Sukdaven, M, Mukhtar, A. Fernana, AH. 2015. *Timbuktu Manuscript Series. African Written Heritage. Volume 1*. Pretoria: Awqaf SA [ISBN: 978-0-620-67730-1]
- 7.2.4.** Sukdaven M. 2017. "Religion, religion, wherefore art thou religion? How can the interfaith dialogue walk the talk?" in Shorjakhani, M. (ed). *Interreligious Dialogues in Zimbabwe* (2017). Tehran: Alhoda International Publishers [ISBN: 978-964-439-730-1]
- 7.2.5.** Sukdaven M, Mutavhatsindi A. 2018 "Die antwort der Kirche in Afrika auf migration und flucht" in Migration und Flucht: Zwischen Heimatlosigkeit und Gastfreundschaft (Theologie der Einen Welt) Gebundenes Buch. Klaus Krämer (Herausgeber), Klaus Vellguth (Herausgeber, Mitwirkende) Pg. 304-320. Germany: Verlag Herder

- 7.2.6.** Sukdaven M, & Sodeke, E. 2019. *Karma, Caste System, and Vedic Astrology: A Critical Analysis of Human Destiny in the Laws of Manu*. Papers of Canadian International Conference on Humanities & Social Sciences 2019. Toronto: Unique Conferences Canada Pages 100-105 [ISBN: 978-1-988652-31-3]

### **7.3 Published full-length conference papers/keynote addresses**

*Provide full details of each publication, including full titles, names of all the authors, journals, dates, page numbers etc.*

- 7.3.1.** Sukdaven, M. 2009. *The Laudium Declaration: a Missiological Statement reaffirming the Reformed Evangelical Character of the Reformed Church in Africa*. Journal for Christian Scholarship, Annual 45, Special Edition 1 Pg. 59-73
- 7.3.2.** Sukdaven M. 2017. Religion, religion, wherefore art thou religion? How can the interfaith dialogue walk the talk? in Shojakhani, M. (ed). *Interreligious Dialogues in Zimbabwe*. Tehran: Alhoda International Publishers [ISBN: 978-964-439-730-1]
- 7.3.3.** Sukdaven M, Mutavhatsindi A. 2018 “*The response of the church to the challenges of migration and asylum*” in Migration und Flucht: Zwischen Heimatlosigkeit und Gastfreundschaft (Theologie der Einen Welt) Gebundenes Buch. Klaus Krämer (Herausgeber), Klaus Vellguth (Herausgeber, Mitwirkende) Pg. 304-320. Germany: Verlag Herder
- 7.3.4.** Sukdaven, M. & Bagheri, E. 2018. *Spreading of Islam without any violence in Central, East and West Africa as a case study*, HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies 74(3), a5136. <https://doi.org/10.4102/hts.v74i3.5136>
- 7.3.5.** Sukdaven, M. 2018. *The Ethical and Spiritual Project of Martin Prozesky: Influences and Interests*. Journal for the Study of Religion, 31(1), 15-40. Retrieved from <https://journals.ukzn.ac.za/index.php/sra/article/view/738>
- 7.3.6.** Sukdaven M. 2019 *Religion in dialogue: a triadic approach to scriptural reasoning*. Journal of Islamic socio-political Studies. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Spring
- 7.3.7.** Sukdaven. M. 2019. *The concept of incarnation in philosophical and religious traditions juxtaposed the concept of incarnation in Christianity*. Pharos Journal of Theology. Art 26 Vol 100

### **7.4 Non-refereed publications or popular articles**

*Provide full details of each publication, including full titles, names of all the authors, journals, dates, page numbers etc.*

- 7.4.1.** Sukdaven, M. 2009. Kerk as tempel van die Heilige Gees – 1 Korintiërs 3:16. In: Van der Watt, G (ed). *Opreg en bereidwillig”: nagedink oor Calvyn en die Heilige Gees*. Bloemfontein: Algemene Diensgroep Diens en Getuienis Pg. 46-51

## 8. OTHER SCHOLARLY RESEARCH-BASED CONTRIBUTIONS

### 8.1 Participation in conferences, workshops and short courses - specify type of contribution

*Provide full details of participation in national and international conferences etc*

#### 8.1.1 National

- 8.1.1.1** International Conference on Mission and Conversion. September 2008. University of Free State. *“Mission and conversion as understood in the Reformed Church in Africa and as reflected in the “Laudium Declaration. (Presented paper)”*
- 8.1.1.2** Continuous Theological Training. June 2009. University of the Free State. *“Jesus Christ – an Avatar of Krishna?” (Presented Paper)*
- 8.1.1.3** Seminar (2012): Dept. Governance and Political Transformation - UFS (July): Information Gathering Methodologies. **(Presented Course)**
- 8.1.1.4** 2nd Inter-Religious Forum Conference “Religion and Ecology”. August 2012. University of Pretoria. *“Hinduism and Ecology“.* **(Presented Paper)**
- 8.1.1.5** Colloquium: Homo Ethicus. April 2013. University of the Free State. *“Ego as the seat of selfishness: Concepts from Eckhart Toll”.* **(Presented Paper).**
- 8.1.1.6** Seminar (2013): CRL Rights Commission. 2 Aug. Bloemfontein. Religion and Education in Public Schools **(colloquium)**
- 8.1.1.7** Conference (2014): Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa Congress. Aug. *The Ethical and Spiritual Project of Martin Prozesky: influences and interests - Part 1. (Presented Paper)*
- 8.1.1.8** International Conference on Dhul Qarnayn and Alexander the Great. October 2015. *An Introduction to the Basic Renditions of Alexander the Great from the Context of Different Pre-Islamic and Islamic Traditions. (Presented Paper)*
- 8.1.1.9** Conference (2017): 1<sup>st</sup> International Religion in Dialogue Conference. August. Pretoria. *Religion in Dialogue: an African contribution to scriptural reasoning. (Presented Paper)*
- 8.1.1.10** Seminar (2018): *Christian Leadership.* September 30. Pretoria. Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa.
- 8.1.1.11** Conference (2018): Human Science Research Council, Iran (South) Africa Cultural Dialogue. October. *Religion in Dialogue: Collaboration between the Faculty of Theologies of the University of Pretoria and Tehran.* Pretoria. South Africa

### 8.1.2 International

- 8.1.2.1 Conference (2005): Reformed Ecumenical Council. 2005. Utrecht, **Holland**. Joint presentation of paper on “*Christian education in South Africa*”. (Presented Paper)
- 8.1.2.2 Conference (2016): International Conference on Interfaith Dialogue. November. **Zimbabwe**. *Religion, religion! Wherefore art thou, religion? How can the interfaith dialogue walk the talk?* (Presented Paper)
- 8.1.2.3 Conference (2019): The first international conference on Imam Reza and Interfaith Dialogue. Mashhad, **Iran**. *Religion in Dialogue: A triadic approach to Scriptural Reasoning*. (Presented Paper)
- 8.1.2.4 Lecture (2019): University of Islamic Denominations. Tehran, **Iran**. January. *The historical development of and the need of a Third World Theology (theology of the South)* (Short Course)
- 8.1.2.5 Lecture (2019): Razavi University of Islamic Sciences. Mashhad, **Iran**. *Islamology in Africa: The response of ATR to Islam – a historical perspective*. (Short Course)
- 8.1.2.6 Inaugural Lecture (2019): Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, **Brazil**. “*The concept of Logos in the Gospel according to John juxtapose other religious traditions of ‘incarnations’*”. (Presented Paper)
- 8.1.2.7 Postgraduate Lecture (2019): Pontifical Catholic University Of Minas Gerais. **Brazil**.  
Lecture 1: “Shankara and non-dualism: Shankara’s explanation of non-dualism in an empirical cosmology. (Short Course)  
  
Lecture 2: Shankara and Avatara in Advaita Vedanta: The idea of Maya and illusion. (Short Course)
- 8.1.2.8 International Conference of Imam Reza and Religious Dialogue (May 2020): Fasting and Abstinence in Religions and its functions.
- 8.1.2.9 International Research Methodology and Skills Seminar (May 2020): Developing preproposal for PhD research
- 8.1.2.10 International Research Methodology and Skills Seminar (May 2020): Data Collection Methodologies for PhD research
- 8.1.2.11 International Research Methodology and Skills Training Seminar (June 2020): Critical thinking approaches in research.

## **8.2 Teamwork and collaboration with others:**

### ***Other researchers (national and international).***

- 8.2.1.** Sheik Abdul Hamid Fernana (University of the Free State): Translation and interpretation of the Timbuktu manuscripts.
- 8.2.2.** Prof Enrico Rodriques (University of Toronto): Manuscripts on Zoroastrianism in Iran.
- 8.2.3.** Dr Mohammad Vaezi (University of Tehran): Flourishing of Life and Interreligious Dialogue.
- 8.2.4.** Dr Jahangiri Yahya (University of Islamic Denominations): Interreligious Dialogue and Islamic Jurisprudence
- 8.2.5.** Prof Mohammad Oraee (University of Ferdowski). Interreligious Dialogue

### ***Other research institutions (national and international)***

- 8.2.6.** Muslim Education Islamic Trust (Timbuktu Manuscript Project)
- 8.2.7.** Madina Institute SA (Religion and Violence)
- 8.2.8.** Turquoise Harmony Institute (Peace, Harmony and Social Cohesion)
- 8.2.9.** Human Science Research Council (Iran-Africa Cultural Dialogue)

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- 8.3.1.** Southern African Missiological Society (SAMS) - member
- 8.3.2.** Association for the Study of Religion of Southern Africa (ASRSA) - member
- 8.3.3.** International Association of Missional Studies (IAMS) – member
- 8.3.4.** African Association for the Study of Religion (AASR) - member

## **8.4 Visits to local and overseas universities or research institutes as guest professor or researcher**

*Details are required*

- 8.4.1.** Visiting lecturer: Reformatorisch-Theologisches Predigerseminar. Sommersemester.. Hanover, Germany. July 2013
  - Lecture 1: *Defining the Concepts Avatara and its Functioning in Different Religious Traditions: A Comparative Study.*
  - Lecture 2: *Islam and Christianity: Correcting Some Misconceptions.*
  - Lecture 3: *Is Islam a threat to Europe?: The Relationship Between Terrorism and Jihad*

- 8.4.2.** Visiting lecturer: University of Islamic Denominations. Tehran, Iran. January 2019. *The historical development of and the need of a Third World Theology (theology of the South)* **(Short Course)**
- 8.4.3.** Visiting lecturer: Razavi University of Islamic Sciences. Mashhad, Iran. January 2019. *Islamology in Africa: The response of ATR to Islam – a historical perspective.* **(Short Course)**
- 8.4.4.** Visiting lecturer: Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais, Brazil. March 2019. *“The concept of Logos in the Gospel according to John juxtapose other religious traditions of ‘incarnations’”.* **(Presented Inaugural Lecture)**
- 8.4.5.** Visiting lecturer: Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais. Brazil. March 2019.  
Lecture 1: *Shankara and non-dualism: Shankara’s explanation of non-dualism in an empirical cosmology.* **(Short Course)**  
Lecture 2: *Shankara and Avatara in Advaita Vedanta: The idea of Maya and illusion.* **(Short Course)**

## 9. MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

9.1 List your involvement in departmental activities (e.g. administrative functions), faculty (e.g. Faculty Committees) or other university activities.

- 9.1.1. Head of Department Religion Studies (UFS)
- 9.1.2. Member of the Committee for Equity in Faculty of Theology (UFS)
- 9.1.3. Member of the Board of the Faculty of Theology (UFS & UP)
- 9.1.4. Member of the Faculty Research Committee (UP)
- 9.1.5. Member on the Board of the Faculty of Education (UFS)
- 9.1.6. Member of the Faculty Exec Committee (UFS)
- 9.1.7. Chairperson of Marketing Portfolio Committee (UP)
- 9.1.8. Member of Transformation Committee (UP)

## 10. COMMUNITY SERVICE OR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

### 10.1 Outreach projects

(e.g. project titles, institutions and communities involved, etc.)

- 10.1.1. Exec board member of “freshly young minds” (an NPO initiative)
- 10.1.2. Chairperson of the “inter-religious forum” (a department of religion studies initiative to facilitate discussions on a range of subjects pertaining to religions)
- 10.1.3. Further education and Training in the Reformed Church in Africa
- 10.1.4. Minister of Religion in the Reformed Church in Africa
- 10.1.5. Marriage Officer and Commissioner of Oaths

**10.1.6.** Leadership Training: Evangelical Presbyterian Church Mamelodi East.

## **10.2 Professional service performed**

*(e.g. courses presented, lectures at professional associations/clubs, radio or TV appearances, outside expert or appointment committee, etc.)*

- 10.2.1.** Guest speaker on CNTV regarding terrorism
- 10.2.2.** Guest speaker on Lesotho Evangelical Church radio in Lesotho
- 10.2.3.** Keynote speaker on global ethics to U3A (Universal Third Agers)
- 10.2.4.** Keynote speaker at the Commission for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Cultural, Religious and Linguistic Communities of the South African Government.
- 10.2.5.** Panel on Radio Sonder Grense on the Proper Understanding of Easter.
- 10.2.6.** Guest speaker on Islamic TV regarding the Timbuktu Manuscript Project
- 10.2.7.** Interviewee on various radio and media houses in Iran regarding Islam in Africa and the status of Muslims.
- 10.2.8.** Member appointed to the Expert Panel on Religion and Intellectuality at the First International Conference on Imam Reza and Interfaith Dialogue.
- 10.2.9.** Guest speaker: African Women Chartered Accountants. Wits University.
- 10.2.10.** Interviewee for KykNet TV documentary on Religion.

## **10.3 Involvement with other universities/scientific institutions**

*(e.g. external examiner, editor of journal, advisory council, CSIR, SA Council for Scientific Professions)*

### **Served as external examiner for the following Universities:**

- 10.3.1.** Masters Students
  - 10.3.1.1.** University of Pretoria. (2).
  - 10.3.1.1.** University of the North West (1)
  - 10.3.1.2.** University of South Africa (3)
  - 10.3.1.3.** University of the Free State (2)
  
- 10.3.2.** Doctoral Students
  - 10.3.2.1.** University of Pretoria. (1)
  - 10.3.2.2.** University of the North West. (3).
  - 10.3.2.3.** University of Stellenbosch. (2)
  - 10.3.2.4.** University of South Africa. (1)
  - 10.3.2.5.** UKZN. (2)
  
- 10.3.3.** Journal Editorial Board
  - 10.3.3.1.** Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Contemporary Research on Islamic Revolution (International Islamic accredited Journal)

## **10.4 Referee duties**

*(e.g. journals, dissertations/theses)*

**Peer review journals**

- 10.4.1** Alternation (journal): 3
- 10.4.2.** Acta Theologica (journal): 4
- 10.4.3.** HTS (journal): 12
- 10.4.4.** Journal for Christian Scholarship: 5
- 10.4.5.** Journal for the Study of Religion: 4
- 10.4.6.** Missionalia: 1
- 10.4.7.** South African Baptist Journal of Theology: 2
- 10.4.8.** Verbum et Ecclesia: 3

**Full Professorship evaluation**

- 10.4.9.** UKZN: 1

**NRF Evaluation Rating**

- 10.4.10.** One

## 11. AWARDS AND SCIENTIFIC/SCHOLARLY RECOGNITION

### 11.1 Evaluation status as scientist/scholar

*(e.g. NRF; first evaluation and date, subsequent evaluations and dates)*

- 11.1.1.** Application for NRF Rating approved by the University of Pretoria and subsequently submitted to NRF (Feb 2020)
- 11.1.2.** Research Gate score = 4.22
- 11.1.3.** Research interest = 7.7 (Research Gate)
- 11.1.4.** Reads = 1809 (Full text reads = 891)
- 11.1.5.** H-index = 2 (Google Scholar)
- 11.1.6.** Citation = 7 (Google Scholar)