



# Charel Daniël du Toit

## Research Associate and PhD Candidate

### PROFILE

I am a hardworking, goal orientated PhD candidate at the University of Pretoria and the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. My primary research foci includes historical Jesus, parables, alternative reading scenarios, and feminist methodologies.

I have experience in ministry, both youth and music, within many protestant denominations and am an ordained minister in the NKHA church. I am a research associate at the University of Pretoria widely assisting the faculty in lecturing duties, as member of teaching and learning, and presenting workshops on academic writing and referencing from undergraduate to postgraduate level. I have published locally and internationally and regularly attend and present papers at international and local conferences



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### EXPERIENCE

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August 2023 – Present

**Project Manager • Oxford (UP) Centre for Religion, Public Life, and Security in Africa, University of Pretoria**

I am currently employed in the Oxford (UP) Centre for Religion, Public Life, and Security in Africa as Project Manager. The Centre is based within the department of Religion Studies. My task include focusing, amongst other things, on advancing the academic and publication components of the Centre through research, conferences, events, workgroups, and panels. I also promote inter-religious dialogue through networking with various stakeholders and partners.

March 2022 – August 2023

**Part-time Lecturer • Department of New Testament and Related Literature, University of Pretoria**

I taught introduction to the New Testament to first year students and Pauline literature to a post-graduate class. My responsibilities included giving class, creating and marking assessments, maintaining the online platform (ClickUP), and various administrative tasks.

January 2018 – December 2021

**Research assistant & Tutor • Department of New Testament and Related Literature, University of Pretoria**

My responsibilities as research assistant included: assisting the vice-dean with administrative tasks and academic research, marking of assessments, assisting in Greek translations, teaching classes, curriculum development, and various technological responsibilities.

November 2018 – April 2022

**Researcher • VJARS research program, University of Pretoria & Humboldt Universität zu Berlin**

Part of the VJARS research group partnering with German students to engage in short term research focused on development.

August 2021 – November 2021

**Exchange student • Bridging Gaps program, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam & Protestant Theological University**

My time in the Netherlands consisted of academic research which led to the publication of an article, community engagement and church participation and exposure to Dutch culture. At the end of my exchange I delivered a paper at the PThU and received a mark final mark of 8.5 (85%) for my exchange term.

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## EDUCATION

**PhD:** Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam & University of Pretoria  
2022 – Present  
Title: Hidden women in the parables of Luke

**MTh (with distinction):** University of Pretoria  
2020 – 2021  
Title: Jesus' attitude towards women: Ex nihilo or not?

**BDiv (with distinction):** University of Pretoria  
2017 – 2020  
Completed 3<sup>rd</sup> year level Biblical Languages (Greek and Hebrew) and 2<sup>nd</sup> year level German (Level B1.2)

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Du Toit, C.D., 2022, 'A realistic reading as a feminist tool: The Prodigal Son as a case study', *HTS Teologiese Studies/Theological Studies* 78(4), a7413
- Du Toit, C.D., 2022, 'The Friend at Midnight: A 'realistic' reading as a feminist tool', *Verbum et Ecclesia* 43(1), a2633
- Du Toit, C.D. & Stork, J., 2022, 'Finding Ubuntu in the Bible: How the Zion Christian Church in South Africa related to concepts of ecology in African Traditional Religions', in J. Köhrsen, J. Blanc & F. Huber (eds.), *Religious environmental activism*, pp. 194–217, Routledge, London.
- Du Toit, C.D., 2024, 'Unhiding the voices of women in the Parable of the Good Samaritan: A call for academic inclusion', *Verbum et Ecclesia*, 45(1), 1–5.

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## AWARDS

**2020:** UP post-graduate masters bursary  
**2021:** Dean's Merit Award  
**2022:** UP Study Abroad Bursary

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## RECENT PAPERS & CONFERENCES

**March 2023:** Presented a paper at the Parables as Persuasive narratives conference (Joensuu, Finland)  
Paper title: 'Women, innkeeping, and the parable of the Good Samaritan: A 'realistic' feminist reading and a call for academic inclusion'

**July 2023:** Presented a paper at SBL International Conference (Pretoria, South Africa)  
Paper title: 'Unhiding in plain sight: An inclusive, feminist reading of the Persistent Widow'