



TRACKING GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY

Pentecostalism, Women and World
Christianity, and Mission Strategy



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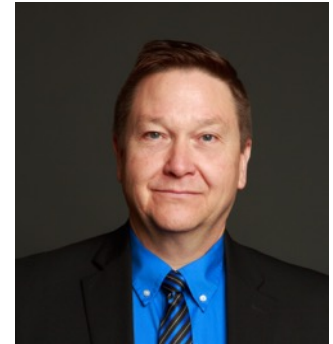


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NEWS FROM THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY

Dr. Johnson Appointed to Paul E. and Eva B. Toms Distinguished Chair of Mission & Global Christianity

In his new role Dr. Johnson will continue to represent the seminary in conferences and speaking engagements around the world. He will also work with GCTS faculty to serve the global church in theological education. At the Center he will continue to produce helpful reference works describing global Christianity and Christian mission.



Dr. Zurlo Attends Rise in Strength Conference in Amsterdam

From June 2–5, Dr. Zurlo attended a Christian women's leadership conference, Rise in Strength, organized jointly by the Lausanne Movement and the World Evangelical Alliance. Sixty women from 19 nations gathered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, to provide data and stories about the roles and work of Christian women around the world. A key focus of the meeting was the develop a call for churches and Christian organizations around the world to more adequately respond to the unique challenges women face both specifically in Christian ministry and in society as a whole. The conference was unique in that it had no plenary speakers, but instead provided opportunities for participants to hear stories from many different women working from around the world. Dr. Zurlo attended this meeting as part of the CSGC's Women in World Christianity Project, which is a study that fills a gender gap in our knowledge of Christianity in every country of the world by analyzing data related to women's roles and activities.



Dr. Zurlo together with the participants of the Rise in
Strength conference.

Journal of Religion and Demography Launch

As part of the CSGC's ongoing partnership with Boston University's Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs, Dr. Zurlo attended the meeting on the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR), held in Barcelona, Spain from July 9–12. At this meeting of sociologists from all around the world, Dr. Zurlo, with her colleague Vegard Skirbekk (Columbia University), formally launched the revamped *Journal of Religion and Demography* (formerly the *Yearbook of International Religious Demography*) as a peer-reviewed journal, published by Brill. In a session also attended by Tessel Jonquière of Brill, Dr. Zurlo presented information on the methodology behind the quantification of world religions as well as the forthcoming *World Christian Encyclopedia* 3rd edition (Edinburgh University Press).



Dr. Zurlo with Vegard Skirbekk in Barcelona.

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Research Update

The CSGC has three new research projects this year:

1. *Mission strategy*. In partnership with a major mission organization, the CSGC is performing detailed research and analysis of particular provinces and people groups worldwide. The results from this study will be used to discern the opportunities and challenge for mission in these areas and inform missionary sending with solid, reliable research.
2. *Pentecostalism*. Funded by Oral Roberts University and the Empowered21 movement, the CSGC is working on a book on Pentecostalism worldwide. It features historical information and contemporary data on different Pentecostal/charismatic churches around the world, including photos and quantitative data.
3. *Women and World Christianity*. This project, funded by the Louisville Institute and the Jacquet Research Award from the Religious Research Association, aims to create the first quantitative analysis of women in world Christianity down to the denominational level. Research is underway on this project and we are digging up new information daily.

The Inquiry: A New Blog About Global Christianity

The Center for the Study of Global Christianity now has its very own blog: [The Inquiry](#). Most of the posts will be by the co-directors of the Center, Dr. Gina Zurlo and Dr. Todd Johnson. Recent posts include “The Hidden History of Christianity in the Global South” in which Dr. Johnson sheds some light on some lesser known parts church history and “How many Muslims are there in the United States?” by Dr. Zurlo.

“Christians in the Global South represented at least 50% of all Christians from the beginnings of Christianity until the year 923. Yet, most books or courses on church history tell a Europe-focused story.”

- Dr. Todd M. Johnson

Teaching Highlight: *Hamilton & CUME; Trends in Global Christianity*

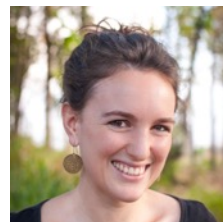
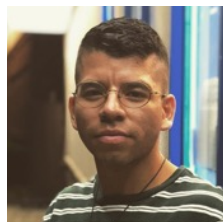
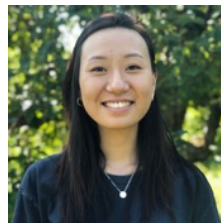
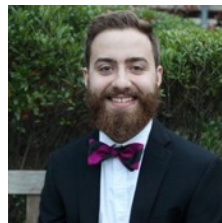
Fall 2019: Dr. Johnson & Dr. Zurlo teaching “Trends in Global Christianity” at both Hamilton and Boston campuses of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Spring 2020: Dr. Johnson teaching with Dr. Dana Robert at Boston University School of Theology, “Rise of Global Christianity, 1910–2010”

Spring 2020: Dr. Zurlo teaching at Hamilton campus of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, “Women in World Christianity”

Our Growing Team

The Center is busier than ever before with six research assistants and a Byington Scholar on the team. They are Ale from Colombia/Tennessee, David from West Virginia, Jane from New York, Michael from California, Nadia from Washington, Renzo from Peru/New York, and Sharon from Canada. You can learn more about them on our website under Faculty & Staff.



ABOUT US

The Center for the Study of Global Christianity is an academic research center that monitors worldwide demographic trends in Christianity, including outreach and mission. We provide a comprehensive collection of information on the past, present, and future of Christianity in every country of the world. Our data and publications help churches, mission agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to be more strategic, thoughtful, and sensitive to local contexts.

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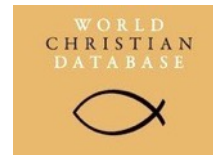


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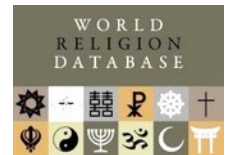


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