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Religions on the Silk Road, 2022

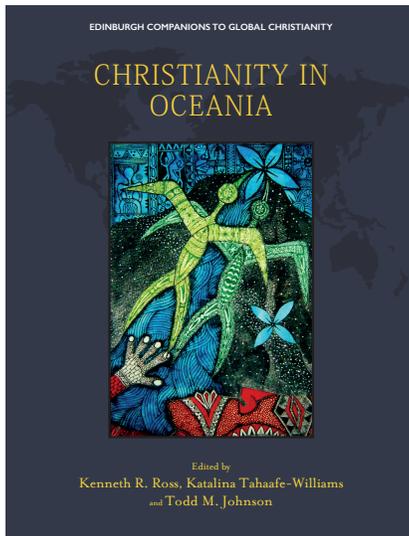
Like so many things this last year, our global education course in Uzbekistan and Turkey had to be postponed until 2022. From May 25 to June 16, 2022, Dr. Johnson will lead this class on a explorative journey along the ancient Silk Road through a lesser-known republic of Central Asia. The course explores the history of religions on the Silk Road from antiquity to the present examining the impact of trade, translation, and interaction of world religions from Venice, Italy to Chang'an, China. For many centuries this historic trade route made it possible for travelers to discover the arts, crafts, spices and world views of those very different from themselves. Along the journey, one comes in personal contact with the majority of major world religions, and will visit important historical sites in Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand and Khiva. Final debriefing sessions will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, while visiting ancient Silk Road sites like the Hagia Sophia.

This course will not only explore such major world religions as Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Manichaeism, Sikhism, Zoroastrianism, Hinduism, Christianity and Chinese traditional religions; but also the music, cuisine, visual arts, and film of the various cultures visited. Students will ride camels, learn how to cook traditional Silk Road dishes, eat a traditional meal in a yurt, attend an Uzbek wedding and learn how to dance Uzbek style!

The course is also open to non-Gordon-Conwell students interested in taking the course for credit or as an audit. This includes GCTS friends and alumni, and students from other seminaries. The proposed cost is \$3,600. More information can be found at <https://www.gordonconwell.edu/global-education/courses/silk-road/>.



A previous Silk Road trip to Uzbekistan and Turkey.



Edinburgh Companions Vol. 5, Christianity in Oceania, Now Available

The latest volume of the series combines empirical data and original analysis in a uniquely detailed account of Christianity in Oceania. This comprehensive reference volume covers every country in Oceania, offering reliable demographic information, analysis, and original interpretative essays by indigenous scholars and practitioners. It maps patterns of growth and decline, assesses major traditions and movements, analyses key themes and examines current trends. Profiles are provided of Christianity in every country in Oceania including clearly presented statistical and demographic information. It also contains essays examining each of the major Christian traditions (Anglicans, Independents, Orthodox, Protestants, Catholics, Evangelicals, Pentecostals/Charismatics) as they are finding expression in Oceania. It also explores the direction of Christian faith in Oceania in relation to such key themes as faith and culture, worship and spirituality, theology, social and political engagement,

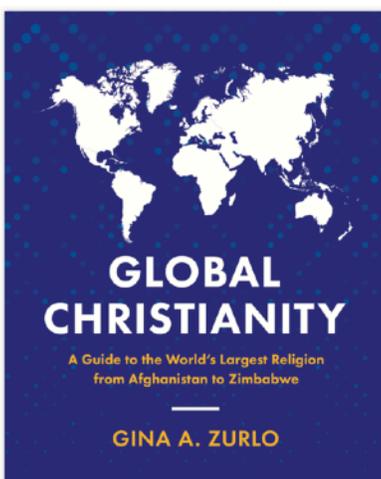
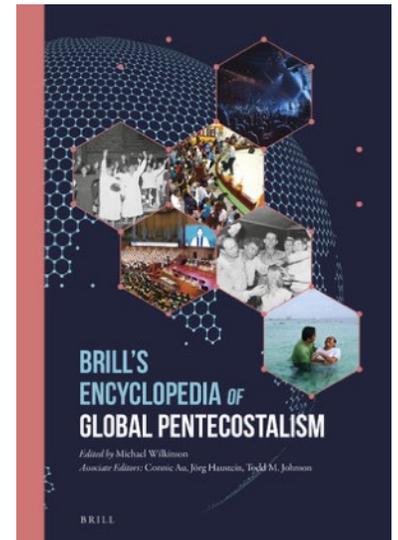
mission and evangelism, religious freedom, gender, inter-faith relations, integrity of creation, indigenous spirituality, and migration and diaspora.

Brill Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism

The rise of Pentecostalism is one of the most important changes in Christianity in the past century. Growing rapidly, it has expanded throughout the world.

Brill's Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism draws upon disciplines such as anthropology, biblical studies, economics, gender studies, history, theology, and other areas of related interest to answer questions of demographics, history, and the experiences of Pentecostals around the world. This resource presents 42 important themes & topics in Pentecostalism, biographies of 138 historical figures, 60 Pentecostal movements & organizations, the development of Pentecostalism in 81 countries, and 5 regional articles: Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, Latin-America.

The online version of the Encyclopedia is already available [here](#).



Global Christianity: A Guide to the World's Largest Religion from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe

Dr. Zurlo's latest book is currently in production with Zondervan. This is a popular-level reference work on the status of Christianity in every country of the world. It features demographics of Christianity, other world religions, and Christian activities (mission, etc.) in every country, as well as brief histories and current challenges facing the churches. The book will be released September 6, 2022.

Martyrdom Talk at the Association of Professors of Mission

In June 2021, Dr. Johnson gave a plenary pre-recorded talk at the Association of Professors of Mission titled, "Teaching Martyrdom as a Global and Pervasive Phenomenon." He covered the use of art work, photos, icons, film, and other visual aids in teaching on Christian martyrdom. He also briefly covered our definition of martyrs and how counting martyrs is a complex and contested subject. The intersection of genocide and martyrdom was also explored. The article will appear in a compendium to be published in 2022.

Teaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Todd Johnson: Global Pentecostalism (Fall 2021) and NGOs and Development in Mission (Spring 2022)
Gina Zurlo: Trends in Global Christianity (January 2022)

Fall Forum on Global Pentecostalism

With the publishing of *Brill's Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism*, on October 28th two Gordon-Conwell Students, Grateful Itiowe from Nigeria and Michael Ubac from the Philippines, speaking about their experience as Pentecostals from the Global South.



CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY
FALL 2021 FORUM

GLOBAL PENTECOSTALISM

with Grateful Itiowe and Michael Ubac

Thursday October 28th, 12:15-1:30pm
Alumni Hall
Lunch Provided
Register by October 18th

For more information see the Hilltop or contact sellis@gordonconwell.edu.

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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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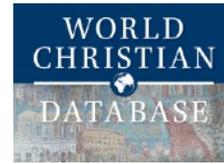


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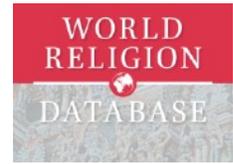


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