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EDUCATION

- 2017 Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Ph.D. in History and Hermeneutics, concentration in World Christianity
Dissertation: “‘A Miracle from Nairobi’: David B. Barrett and the Quantification of World Christianity, 1957–1982,” Readers: Dana L. Robert and Todd M. Johnson
Exam areas: World Christianity and History of Mission; American Religious History; Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methodologies
- 2009 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
M.A. in Religion, *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2007 Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY
B.M. in Education, *Cum Laude*

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

World Christianity, American Religion, Sociology of Religion, World Religions, History of Mission, Research Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019–Present Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
Adjunct instructor, World Christianity and Mission
- 2019–Present Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
Adjunct instructor, World Christianity and Mission
- 2016–2018 Gordon College, Wenham, MA
Adjunct instructor
Foundations of Global Christianity; Contemporary Developments in World Mission; World Religions Survey
- 2017 Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Co-Instructor, The Rise of Global Christianity, 1910–2010
- 2015–2016 Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Facilitator, Spiritual Companionship Groups
Writing Tutor
- 2010–2015 Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Teaching Fellow, The Rise of Global Christianity, 1910–2010

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014–Present Center for the Study of Global Christianity
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
Co-Director
- 2012–Present Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs
Boston University, Boston, MA
Visiting Research Scholar, International Religious Demography Project
- 2017–2019 Center for Mind and Culture, Boston, MA
Post-Doctoral Fellow in Global Religious Demography
- Fall 2014 Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Research Assistant for Rady Roldan-Figueroa
- 2009–2014 Center for the Study of Global Christianity
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
Research Associate
- 2008–2009 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
Byington Scholar for S. Steven Kang, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Educational
Ministries and Gary A. Parrett, Ed.D., Professor of Educational Ministries
and Worship
- 2007–2009 Center for the Study of Global Christianity
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
Research Assistant

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2019–2021 Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers (\$30,000)
- 2019 Constant H. Jacquet Research Award (Religious Research Association) (\$2,000)
- 2016–2017 Maclellan Family Foundation (\$15,000)
- 2016–2017 Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church (\$15,000)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2016–2025 *Edinburgh Companions to Global Christianity*. Edinburgh University Press. Ten-volume series on Christianity in every region worldwide.
- 2019–2021 Women in World Christianity Project: A Mixed-Methods Study of Gender in the World's Largest Religion
- 2015–2020 *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 3rd edition. Edinburgh University Press.

- 2014–2015 “Propensity for Religious Change Among College Students”
Qualitative and quantitative (SPSS) project conducted at Boston University,
Boston, MA
- Fall 2012 “Seek and Ye Shall Find? The Humanist Community at Harvard
Qualitative project conducted at the Humanist Hub, Cambridge, MA

PUBLICATIONS

Editorial

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of Religion and Demography*
Editorial board member, *Review of Religious Research*
Editorial board member, *International Bulletin of Mission Research*

Books

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. *World Christian Encyclopedia*, 3rd ed. Edinburgh
University Press, 2020.

Grim, Brian J., Todd M. Johnson, Vegard Skirbekk, and Gina A. Zurlo, eds. *Yearbook of
International Religious Demography*. Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2018, 2017, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014.

Johnson, Todd M., and Brian B. Grim, eds, with Gina A. Bellofatto (Zurlo). *The World’s
Religions in Figures: An Introduction to International Religious Demography*. Malden, MA:
Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.

Johnson, Todd M., Rodney L. Peterson, Gina A. Bellofatto (Zurlo), and Travis L. Myers, eds.
The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock
Publishers, 2011.

Johnson, Todd M., and Kenneth R. Ross, eds. *Atlas of Global Christianity*. Edinburgh:
Edinburgh University Press, 2009. (Senior Editorial Assistant)

Databases

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo, eds. *World Christian Database*. Leiden/Boston: Brill,
2020.

Johnson, Todd M., and Brian J. Grim, eds. *World Religion Database*. Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2020.
(Associate Editor)

Articles

Zurlo, Gina A., Todd M. Johnson, and Peter F. Crossing. “World Christianity and Mission 2020:
Ongoing Shift to the Global South.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 44, no. 1 (2020):
8–19.

Zurlo, Gina A. “The Study of World Christianity Past, Present, and Future: History, Theology,
Social Sciences, and Beyond.” *Journal of World Christianity* 9, no. 1 (2019): 34–47.

Zurlo, Gina A., Todd M. Johnson, and Peter F. Crossing. “Christianity 2019: What’s Missing? A
Call for Further Research.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, 43, no. 1 (January 2019):

92–102.

Zurlo, Gina A. “More than Numbers: David B. Barrett and the Twentieth-Century Historiography of World Christianity.” *Journal of World Christianity* 8, no. 2 (2018): 89–108.

Zurlo, Gina A. “The Legacy of David B. Barrett.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 42, no. 1 (January 2018): 29–39.

Johnson, Todd M., Gina A. Zurlo, Albert W. Hickman, and Peter F. Crossing. “Christianity 2018: More African Christians and Counting Martyrs.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 42, no. 1 (January 2018): 20–28.

Johnson, Todd M., Gina A. Zurlo, Albert W. Hickman, and Peter F. Crossing. “Christianity 2017: Five Hundred Years of Protestant Christianity.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 41, no. 1 (January 2017): 41–52

Zurlo, Gina A., and Todd M. Johnson. “Unaffiliated, Yet Religious: A Methodological and Demographic Analysis.” *Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion* 7 (2016): 50–74.

Johnson, Todd M., Gina A. Zurlo, Albert W. Hickman, and Peter F. Crossing. “Christianity 2016: Latin America and Projecting Religions to 2050.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 40, no. 1 (January 2016): 22–29.

Zurlo, Gina A. “The Social Gospel, Ecumenical Movement, and Christian Sociology: The Institute of Social and Religious Research.” *The American Sociologist* 46, no. 2 (June 2015): 117–193.

Johnson, Todd M., Gina A. Zurlo, and Albert W. Hickman. “Embezzlement in the Global Christian Community.” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 13, no. 2 (Summer 2015): 74–84.

Johnson, Todd M., Gina A. Zurlo, Albert W. Hickman, and Peter F. Crossing. “Christianity 2015: Religious Diversity and Personal Contact.” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 39, no. 1 (January 2015): 28–29.

Zurlo, Gina A. “The Emigration of Christians from the Middle East and Some Implications.” *Lausanne Global Analysis* 3, no. 4 (July 2014): 24–26.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. “Christian Martyrdom as a Pervasive Phenomenon.” *Society* 51, no. 6 (2014): 679–685.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. “Ongoing Exodus: Tracking the Emigration of Christians from the Middle East.” *Harvard Journal of Middle Eastern Politics and Policy* III (2013–2014): 39–49.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. “Key findings from *Christianity in its Global Context, 1970–2020: Society, Religion, and Mission*.” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 37, no. 3 (June 2013): 157–164.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. "Highlights of *Christianity in its Global Context, 1970–2020: Society, Religion, and Mission*." *Lausanne Global Analysis* (June 2013).

Bellofatto (Zurlo), Gina A. "People and Their Religions on the Move: Challenges and Opportunities of International Migration." *Lausanne Global Analysis* (November 2012): 16–20.

Bellofatto (Zurlo), Gina A. "Religious Belief in the Year 2100." *The Futurist* 46, no. 5 (September–October 2012).

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Bellofatto (Zurlo). "Migration, Religious Diasporas, and Religious Diversity: A Global Survey." *Mission Studies* 29 (2012): 3–32.

Bellofatto (Zurlo), Gina A. "Report on Boston 2010—A Global Mission Conference." *Connections: The Journal of the World Evangelical Alliance Mission Commission* 10, no. 1 (April 2012): 54–57.

Coon, Bradley A., and Gina A. Bellofatto (Zurlo). "A Review of 2010Boston: The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity." *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* 47, no. 2 (April 2011).

Bellofatto (Zurlo), Gina A. "Evangelicals and Interfaith Dialogue: A New Paradigm." *Lausanne World Pulse* (January/February 2010).

Book Chapters

Zurlo, Gina A. "A Demographic Profile of Christianity in South and Southeast Asia." In *Christianity in South and Southeast Asia*, edited by Kenneth R. Ross, Francis Alvarez, and Todd M. Johnson, 3–14. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020.

Zurlo, Gina A. "A Demographic Profile of Christianity in South and Central Asia." In *Christianity in South and Central Asia*, edited by Kenneth R. Ross, Daniel Jeyaraj, and Todd M. Johnson, 3–14. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2019.

Zurlo, Gina A. "A Demographic Profile of Christianity in North Africa and West Asia." In *Christianity in North Africa and West Asia*, edited by Kenneth R. Ross, Mariz Tadros, and Todd M. Johnson, 3–14. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2018.

Zurlo, Gina A. "A Demographic Profile of Christianity in Sub-Saharan Africa." In *Christianity in Sub-Saharan Africa*, edited by Kenneth R. Ross, J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, and Todd M. Johnson, 3–18. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2017.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. "The Changing Demographics of Global Anglicanism, 1970–2010." In *Growth and Decline in the Anglican Communion*, edited by David J. Goodhew, 37–54. London: Routledge, 2017.

Sigg, Michele S., Eva M. Pascal, and Gina A. Zurlo. "Indigenous and Vernacular Christianity." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to World Christianity*, edited by Lamin Sanneh and Michael McClymond, 664–682. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.

Zurlo, Gina A. "Migration, Diasporas, and Diversity: A Demographic Approach." In *Scattered and Gathered: A Global Compendium of Diaspora Missiology*, edited by Sadiri Joy Tira and Tetsunao Yamamori, 49–67. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2016.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. "Religious Demographics of Africa, 1970–2025." In *Anthology of African Christianity*, edited by Isabel Apawo Phiri, Dietrich Werner, Chammah Kaunda, and Kennedy Owino, 155–171. Oxford: Regnum Books International, 2016.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. "Demographics of Religion in the United States." In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark A. Lamport and George T. Kurian. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016.

Zurlo, Gina A. "The Demographics of Global Evangelicalism." In *Evangelicals Around the World: A Global Handbook for the 21st Century*, edited by Brian Stiller and Karen Stiller, 34–47. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2015.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. "The Holy Spirit and Global Christianity." In *Holy Spirit: Unfinished Agenda*, edited by Johnson T.K Lim, 350–356. Armour Publishing, 2014.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. "Global Christianity and Global Diasporas." In *Global Diasporas and Mission*, edited by Chandler H. Im and Amos Yong, 38–56. Oxford: Wipf & Stock, 2014.

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Bellofatto (Zurlo). "Upon Closer Examination: Status of World Christianity." In *River of God: An Introduction to World Mission*, edited by Stephen Burris and Doug Priest, 108–124. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2012.

Reference Work Entries

Zurlo, Gina A. "Barrett, David B." In *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*, Boston University, 2017, <https://dacb.org/stories/kenya/barrett-david/>.

Zurlo, Gina A. "Barrett, David B. (1927–2011): Missionary Statistician and Sociologist of Religion." Boston University School of Theology History of Missiology project, 2017. <http://www.bu.edu/missiology/missionary-biography/a-c/barrett-david-b-1927-2011/>.

Zurlo, Gina A. "Addams, Jane." In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark A. Lamport and George T. Kurian. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016.

Zurlo, Gina A. "Eddy, Mary Baker." In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark A. Lamport and George T. Kurian. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016.

Zurlo, Gina A. "Smith, Amanda Berry." In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by Mark A. Lamport and George T. Kurian. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016.

Zurlo, Gina A. "Douglass, Harlan Paul (1871–1953): Pastor, Mission Administrator, and Social Scientist." Boston University School of Theology History of Missiology project, 2015.

<http://www.bu.edu/missiology/missionary-biography/c-d/douglass-harlan-paul-1871-1953/>.

Bellofatto (Zurlo), Gina A. "Religion in the Occupied Territories." In *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*, edited by J. Gordon Melton and Martin Baumann. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2010.

Reports

International Panel on Social Progress: Re-Thinking Society for the 21st Century. Chapter 16, "Religious Communities, Ideas and Practices," 2017, <https://www.ipsp.org/>.

Christianity in its Global Context, 1970–2020: Society, Religion, and Mission. Report presented by researchers at the Center for the Study of Global Christianity at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary South Hamilton, MA. June 2013.

Lausanne Global Briefing: Furthering the Cape Town Commitment through Global Trends Analysis. Special report prepared for the Lausanne Biennial Leadership Meeting, June 20–24, 2011, Boston, MA. <http://www.lausanne.org/docs/LausanneGlobalBriefing-Boston.pdf>.

Manuscripts in Submission

Johnson, Todd M., and Gina A. Zurlo. "Religious Conversion in Africa in the 20th Century." In *Oxford Handbook of African Christianity*, edited by Lamin Sanneh. Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Zurlo, Gina A., and Todd M. Johnson. "Global Mission Statistics and Religious Demography." In *Oxford Handbook of Mission Studies*, edited by Kirsteen Kim. Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Babies Run the World: The Future of Religion Worldwide"
BBC 100 Women consultation
Delhi, India, October 22
- 2019 "The World Christian Encyclopedia, 3rd edition: Amassing Global Data on Christianity in its Social, Religious, and Historical Contexts"
International Society for the Sociology of Religion meeting
Barcelona, Spain, July 8–12
- 2018 "Hashtags and Jesus: A Quantitative Content Analysis of Megachurch Social Media Use"
American Academy of Religion annual meeting
Denver, CO, November 16–19
- 2018 "The Quantitative Study of World Christianity: What Do Numbers Tell Us Beyond Size?"
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting
Las Vegas, NV, October 25–28
- 2018 "The World Christian Encyclopedia, Third Edition"

- Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies annual meeting
Louisville, KY, October 23–24
- 2018 “Christianity in North Africa and West Asia”
Lausanne-Orthodox Initiative, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Brookline, MA, June 5–7
- 2018 “Global Christianity: Continuity and Change”
Global Christian Forum Third International Gathering
Bogotá, Colombia, April 23–27
- 2018 “The Study of World Christianity Past, Present, and Future: History, Theology, Social
Sciences, and Beyond”
Princeton Theological Seminary, Currents, Perspectives, and Methodologies in World
Christianity
Princeton, NJ, January 18–20
- 2018 “African Nationalism from a Transnational Perspective: David B. Barrett and the Study
of African and World Christianity”
American Society of Church History annual meeting
Washington, D.C., January 4–7
- 2017 “Who are the ‘Unaffiliated’ in East Asia? A Presentation of Exploratory Data”
Pew Research Center, Survey Research and the Study of Religion in East Asia
Washington, D.C., October 11–12
- 2017 “Conversion and Religious Change in Africa in the 20th Century”
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting
Washington, D.C., October 13
- 2016 “Quantifying Religious Adherence: A Comparative-Historical Approach”
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting
Atlanta, GA, October 29
- 2016 “How Does Our Understanding of Religion Change with Having More Detail on Sub-
Religion and Data Over Time?”
Pew Research Center, Advancing the Demography of Religion
Washington, D.C., March 30
- 2015 “Demographic Perspectives on Religious Diversity”
Religious Diversity: Conflict, Cooperation, and Creolization, Graduate Student
Conference
Boston University, Boston, MA, November 14
- 2014 “Demographics of Religious Change”
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting
Indianapolis, IN, November 1

- 2014 “Christianity in the Middle East: A Demographic Perspective”
Costas Consultation for Global Mission
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, March 28
- 2013 “Methods and Sources of International Religious Demography”
American Academy of Religion annual meeting
Baltimore, MD, November 24
- 2013 “*World Religion Database* and *World Christian Database: Academic Rigor with Multi-Media Delivery*”
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting
Boston, MA, November 9
- 2013 “Demographics of World and Asian Christianity”
Global Ecumenical Theological Institute of the World Council of Churches
Busan, South Korea, October 30
- 2013 “Christian Sociology in Transition: The Institute of Social and Religious Research”
Reenvisioning the History of Sociology: A Symposium for Junior Historians of Sociology
History of Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association annual meeting
New York City, New York, August 10
- 2013 “Highlights from *Christianity in its Global Context, 1970–2020: Society, Religion, and Mission*”
Lausanne Global Leadership Forum
Bangalore, India, June 17
- 2011 “Forced Migration: ‘District 9’”
Costas Consultation on Global Mission
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, February 18
- 2009 “Shifting Paradigms in Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue”
New Challenges in Faith and Order Graduate Student Conference
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, April 4

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
American Society of Missiology
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies
Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Mission
Foundation for Religious Diplomacy
International Society for the Sociology of Religion
Religious Research Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

MEDIA CITATIONS

Named one of the BBC's most inspiring and influential women of 2019:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-50042279>

Bogan, Jesse. "Maplewood Flock Quits Fast-Growing Pentecostal Denomination in Protest Over Racism," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, January 27, 2019.

Mintner, Terrance J. "Squeezed on All Sides: Ongoing Christian Exodus from the Middle East." *The Media Line*, January 15, 2019.

Gettleman, Jeffrey, et al. "John Chau Aced Missionary Boot Camp. Reality Proved a Harsher Test." *The New York Times*, November 30, 2018.

Sahgal, Neha, and Alan Cooperman. "Orthodox Christianity in the 21st Century." *Pew Research Center*, November 8, 2017.

Zylstra, Sarah Eekhoff. "Counting the Cost: DR Congo Demonstrates Difficulty of Measuring Martyrdom." *Christianity Today*, March 31, 2017.

"Study: 90k Christians Were Killed for Their Faith in 2016." Special Report with Bret Bair, *Fox News*, January 12, 2017.

Stub, Sara Toth. "Christianity in the Holy Land Has Gotten a Big Boost from Migrant Workers." *The Tower Magazine*, November 2016.

Gaffey, Conor. "Jesus Has Found a Home Here: The Rise of Catholicism in Africa." *Newsweek*, November 30, 2015.

Gryboski, Michael. "Christian Anti-Fraud Group Goes Global to Investigate 'Religious' Fraudsters Who Bilk Believers Out of \$50 Billion a Year." *The Christian Post*, March 6, 2015.

Botelho, Greg. "Amid Killings and Kidnappings, Can Christianity Survive in the Middle East?" *CNN*, February 27, 2015.

"Canonization and Christian Persecution," The Catholic Channel (Sirius XM Radio), Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New York, May 3, 2014.

"The Future of Ecumenism: BTI Conversations," with Rodney Peterson. Boston Theological Institute, September 13, 2013.

SERVICE

2017–Present Christ Church of Hamilton & Wenham Episcopal Church
Adult education instructor

- 2017–Present Religious Research Association
Publications committee chair
Annual meeting program chair (2019 & 2020)
- 2016–Present Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA
Mentored ministry supervisor for M.Div. students
- 2015–Present Winthrop Elementary School, Hamilton, MA
Parent volunteer
- 2012–2015 Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Doctoral Student Association President
- 2008–2009 Beverly Bootstraps, Beverly, MA
English as a Foreign Language Teacher
- 2008 Literacy and Evangelism International, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
English as a Foreign Language Teacher