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1- Education

PhD in Theology – 2019

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Louvain, Belgium) and Faculdade Jesuíta (FAJE, Brazil)
Dissertation Title: “Relational Confession as Therapy of the Heart? A Postmodern Dialogue Between Augustine of Hippo’s *Confessions* and Elementary Experience in Psychology”

Summa cum laude, with congratulations of the examination committee

Master of Arts in Theological Studies – Pastoral Ministry/Applied Theology, 2012

Regent College (University of British Columbia), Canada
Comprehensive Paper: “Biblical Anthropology and its Implications for Mission, Counseling and the Whole People of God”

Academic Prize: Mission Studies

Counseling Psychology Specialization, Existential Psychology/Gestalt Therapy –

2009 Faculdade de Estudos Administrativos de Minas Gerais (FEAD), Brazil
Thesis title: “O Mal-estar na Pós-Modernidade e a Redescoberta da Pessoa” [trans.: The Malaise of Postmodernity and the Rediscovery of Personhood]

Bachelor in Psychology – 2008

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil with a semester at University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison, USA)

2- Awards, Scholarships and Grants

Academic awards

- Lamin Sanneh Research Prize, Overseas Ministry Study Center (OMSC) at Princeton Theological Seminary, 2021-2023. omsc.ptsem.edu/what-we-do/lamin-sanneh-research-prizes/2021-23-awardees/
- *Summa cum Laude*, PhD Thesis: KU Leuven, Belgium. At Faculdade Jesuíta, the doctoral dissertation has run for the Brazilian national prize in theology, 2019.
- Mission Studies Prize, 2012. Regent College

Scholarships and Grants

- Visiting Researcher Langham Scholarship, Evangelical Theological Faculty Leuven, Belgium. 2022.

- Doctoral CAPES Scholarship, Brazil. 2015-2019.
- Doctoral Langham Foundation Scholarship, United Kingdom. 2017-2019.
- Regent College's Geographic Scholarship, Canada. 2009-2012 (full tuition for M. A, recognized leadership in the Global South).

3- Publications, Conference Papers and Presentations

Publications

Book

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "“Relational Confession as Therapy of the Heart? A Postmodern Dialogue Between Augustine of Hippo's Confessions and Elementary Experience in Psychology”". Langham Literature (2025, forthcoming).

Book Chapters

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "The Absence of Dialogue in a Technologically Faceless Age: an Augustinian Response of Embrace and Confession" In: *Building on Integral mission: Fresh Voices from Latin America*. Oxford Center for Mission Studies: Regnum Press (2022) 81-93.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. Preface to *Corpo como Palavra: Uma perspectiva bíblica sobre saúde integral*, [trans.: The Body as Word: A Biblical Perspective on Integral Health], by Karen Bomilcar. São Paulo: Mundo Cristão, (2021).

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Terapia no mundo antigo e suas implicações para um diálogo entre Psicologia e Teologia" [trans.: Therapy in the Ancient World and its Implications for a Dialogue between Psychology and Theology], In: Conselho Regional de Psicologia - Minas Gerais. (Org.). *Psicologia, laicidade, espiritualidade, religião e outras tradições: encontrando caminhos para o diálogo*. 1ed. Belo Horizonte: CRP04, (2019) 167-180.

Main Peer-Reviewed Academic Articles

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Agostinho de Hipona e a redescoberta do potencial terapêutico da teologia narrativa para a saúde mental" [trans: Augustine of Hippo and the Rediscovery of the Therapeutic Potential of Narrative Theology for Mental Health] *Cuestiones Teológicas* v.49 n. 112 (2022) 1-18.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Love's Crossing through Self-emptying Language: Augustine of Hippo's *confessio* and Adélia Prado's Mystical Poetry" *Teoliterária* v.10 n. 21 (2020) 445-469.

DUPONT, A., RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Unidade cordial da pessoa humana e da comunidade: o símbolo do coração nos escritos e na recepção artística de Agostinho de Hipona" [trans.: Cordial Unity of Person and Community: the Heart Symbolism in the Writings and Artistic Reception of Augustine of Hippo], *Franciscanum* 175 v. 63 (2021) 1-22.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Augustine's Anti-ideological Political Realism in *De Civitate Dei*", *Atualidade Teológica*, v. 24, n. 66 (2020) 760-774.

LIN, D. C. R. "Encountering God through Human Experience: the Life and Thought of

Additional Academic Articles

RIBEIRO LIN, D., DUPONT, A. "Graça e Heteronomia na Antropologia Relacional de Agostinho de Hipona" [trans.: Grace and Heteronomy in the Relational Anthropology of Augustine of Hippo], *Civitas Augustiniana* n. 9 (2020-2021), 35 – 59.

BUARQUE, V., RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Corporeidade/encarnação em interfaces" [trans.: Embodiment/Incarnation in its Interfaces], *Pensar: Revista Eletrônica da FAJE*. v.9 n.1 (2018), 149 – 158.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "A responsabilização humana diante do problema do mal na argumentação antimaniqueia de Santo Agostinho." [trans.: Human Responsibility and the Problem of Evil in Saint Augustine's Anti-Manichean Polemic], *Pensar: Revista Eletrônica da FAJE*. v.8 n.2 (2017), 153 - 163.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "O amor subverte os projetos ideológicos de poder: contribuições de Santo Agostinho à política em tempos de crise" [trans.: Love Subverts the Ideological Projects of Power: Saint Augustine's Contributions to Politics in Times of Crisis], *Actas XVI Congreso Latinoamericano de Filosofía Medieval* (2017) 199-207.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Nos dois braços do mesmo rio: a travessia interior na poesia de Adélia Prado e em Confissões de Santo Agostinho" [trans.: In the Two Banks of the Same River: the Interior Crossing in the Poetry of Adélia Prado and in Augustine's Confessions], *Annales FAJE: II Colóquio Interfaces, Literatura, Teologia e Corporeidade*. v. 2 n. 1 (2017) 23-30.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "‘Anima et corpus una persona est’: desencarnação gnóstica contemporânea e a unidade pessoal em Santo Agostinho." [trans.: "‘Anima et corpus una persona est’: Contemporary Gnostic Disincarnation and Personal Unity in Augustine"], *Pensar: Revista Eletrônica da FAJE*. v.6 n.2 (2015) 205 – 212.

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "‘Mi peso es el amor’: La concepción cristiana del 'peso' en el diálogo con la teleología del amor en San Agustín." [trans.: "'My Weight is Love': The Christian Conception of 'Weight' in Dialogue with the Teleology of Love in Saint Augustine"], *VI Congreso Internacional de Literatura, Estética y teología*. (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2016).

RIBEIRO LIN, D. "Amadurecimento relacional e psicológico como união espiritual: um diálogo a partir de Jó, João da Cruz e Bernardo de Claraval" [trans.: "Relational and Psychological Maturation as Spiritual Union: a Dialogue from Job, John of the Cross and Bernard of Clairveaux"], *Anais do 29º Congresso Internacional da SOTER: tempos do espírito: inspiração e discernimento*. (2016) 499-504.

RIBEIRO LIN, D., ALKMIM, A. "Ensinando a juventude evangélica a cuidar do planeta: propostas e experiências de alfabetização ecoteológica." [trans.: "Teaching Evangelical Youth to Care for the Planet: Proposals and Experiences of Ecotheological Literacy"], *Anais do Congresso Anptecre*, v. 05 (2015) ST 1210, 1-8.

Plenary Conference Papers and Oral Presentations

“Pastoral Posture and the Shepherd of the Addict”, *The Convergence: Critical Conversations for Healthcare & Theology*, Plenary Speaker at Dallas Theological Seminary (Online Conference, Sept. 2024).

“Can Theology in a Narrative From Convey Therapy?” Augustine’s Confessions and Health Oriented Theographies” Oxford Patristics Conference, (Oxford, UK, 2024)

“Human Relations in an Age of Automation” Per Aspera Ad Perfectiora (PAAP) Symposium, Evangelical Theological Faculty, ETF (Leuven, Belgium, 2022)

“The Key Role of the Church in Mental Health” in “Re-envisioning the Mission of Health: A Global Invitation to Heal and Thrive in Crisis (Pasadena, Online, Fuller Missiology Lectures 2021).

“Towards a Relational Vocation Understanding of Imago Dei: Augustine’s Biblical Anthropology in *Confessions*” International Online Conference: “Biblical Anthropology- a Message for Contemporary People” (The Pontifical Biblical Commission, Rome and the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Online, 2021).

“*Agnoscamus in psalmo vocem nostrum*’: Embracing the Psalms and Augustine’s Confessions for Affective Transformation and Mental Health in Pandemic Times” Society for Liturgical Study Symposium (United Kingdom, Online, 2021).

“Augustinian Theographical Writing as Theological Meaning Making” 7th European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health. (Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon, Online, 2021).

“Tudo o que é vivo, morre: o corpo padecente como linguagem da doação”, [trans.: The Suffering Body as the Language of Donation], *Ciclo de Debates – Entre a vida e a morte* (Faculdade Jesuíta, Belo Horizonte, 2020).

“Visão relacional de Agostinho de Hipona para tempos de individualismo e ausência de diálogo” [trans.: Augustine of Hippo’s Relational Vision for Times of Individualism and Absence of Dialogue], *Simpósio: Grandes Respostas Em tempos Difíceis: Resiliência e Esperança* (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, 2019).

“Augustine, Thomas Aquinas and Martin Luther on Grace: Retracing a Historical Course for a Complementary Dialogue” *Eighth Annual RefoRC Conference* (University of Warsaw, Poland, 2018).

“Love and Humility Through Absolute Poverty: a Dialogue Between Adelia Prado’s Mystical Poetry and Saint Augustine’s Confessional Language.” *Medieval Theology in Dialogue with Contemporary Thought* (KU Leuven, Belgium, 2018).

“Teologia como graça e verdade: uma experiência de diálogo inter-religioso no contexto brasileiro” [trans.: Theology as Grace and Truth: an Experience of Interreligious Dialogue in the Brazilian Context], (*Consulta Continental da Fraternidade Teológica Latino-Americana*, São Paulo, 2015).

“Acompanhando indivíduos tornarem-se pessoas: experiência elementar e a relacionalidade trinitária no atendimento psicológico.” [trans.: Accompanying Individuals Becoming Persons: Elementary Experience and Trinitarian Relationality in Psychological Care], *I Congresso*

Internacional Pessoa e Comunidade: Psicologia, fenomenologia e teologia (USP, São Paulo, 2014).

Academic Lectures/Presentations

“The Seduced Church needs the Persecuted Church”, *Lausanne 4: Missions Panel Discussion*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, (Hamilton, MA, 2024)

“Augustine’s Heart Therapy: Lived Theology as Sacred Narratives for Mental Health in Brazil/Canada”, *Overseas Ministry Study Center, Princeton Theological Seminary*. Lecture for Digital Curriculum and Certificate in “Lived Theology and World Christianity” (2022).

“Universidad y Salud Mental” [trans.: University and Mental Health], *Cono Sur South American Conference, International Fellowship of Evangelical Students*, IFES (Online, 2021).

“Psicologia e fé no atendimento clínico: junções, sobreposições e singularidades.” [trans.: Psychology and Faith in Clinical Care: Junctions, Overlaps and Singularities], *Lecture at FEAD* (Belo Horizonte, 2017).

“De quem é a culpa?’ A responsabilização diante do mal: uma resposta teológico-filosófica.” [trans.: Whose fault is it? Accountability in the face of evil: a theological-philosophical response], *Lecture at FUMEC* (Belo Horizonte, 2015).

“Caminhos de esperança para viciados em pornografia pela internet: em busca da beleza e de um posicionamento.” [trans.: Paths of Hope for Internet Porn Addicts: In Search of Beauty and Responsiveness], *Lecture at VIII Seminário Experiência Elementar em Psicologia: desafios contemporâneos*. (Belo Horizonte, 2013).

“The Spiritual Theology of René Padilla” Presentation at *The Spiritual Writings of the Global South*, Regent College (Vancouver, 2011).

“O reconhecimento de um encontro excepcional: experiência e encarnação na vida e teologia de Luigi Giussani,” [trans.: “The Recognition of an Exceptional Encounter: Experience and Incarnation in the Life and Theology of Luigi Giussani”], Public Lecture at FAFICH-UFMG (Belo Horizonte, 2011).

“Depressão, mal do século XXI” [trans.: Depression, malaise of the 21st century], *Lecture at Universidade Federal de Viçosa* (Viçosa, 2009).

4- Teaching, Professional and Ministry Experience

Current Teaching

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology & Ministry

· **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary**, Hamilton, MA. Nov 2022–Current

www.gordonconwell.edu/faculty/current/davi-ribeiro-lin/

Previous Teaching

Adjunct Professor

- **Seminário Teológico Servo de Cristo (STSC)**, São Paulo, Brazil - 2019–2022

www.servodecristo.org.br/professor/davi-chang-ribeiro-lin

Additional Academic Teaching Experience:

Courses taught:

- Pastoral Counseling, 2023-2025.
- Pastoral Ministry, 2023-2025.
- Biblical Theology of Leadership, 2023-2025.
- Augustine's Theography and Therapy: Confessions, Community and Health, 2024.
- The Person of the Christian Leader, 2024.

Organization: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Hamilton, MA, USA)

Courses taught:

- Terapia do coração a partir de Agostinho de Hipona: o lugar das Confissões na vida comunitária [trans.: Augustine of Hippo's Heart Therapy: the Place of Confessions in Community Life], 2019, 2020, 2022.
- Corpo como palavra: sexualidade, saúde e relações humanas [trans.: The Body as Word: Sexuality, Health and Human Relations], 2020-2021. *Organization:* Seminário Teológico Servo de Cristo (São Paulo, Brazil)

Course taught: Cristo é o Senhor do corpo: Sexualidade Saúde e Relações Humanas [trans.: Christ is Lord of the body: Sexuality, Health and Human Relations], 2019.

Organization: Centro Cristão de Estudos, CCE (Brasília, Brazil)

- Course: Christology, tutorial instructor, 2018.

Organization: Faculdade Jesuíta (FAJE, Brazil)

- Course: Spiritual Discernment, teaching assistant, 2011.

Organization: Regent College.

Professional Experience in Counseling Psychology

Description: Part time private practice in counseling psychology (a licensed in Brazil) with a specialization in existential therapy and Elementary Experience in Psychology (based on theological anthropology). From 2012–2017.

Church Ministry Experience

Pastor Theologian

- Comunidade Evangélica do Castelo, Belo Horizonte, Brazil
2012-2022 [trans.: Evangelical Church of Castelo]

Main duties involved:

- Preaching, teaching and developer of Bible school curriculum.
- Pastoral counseling, pastoral care and discipleship.
- Supervision of worship ministry, youth ministry and groups aimed at sexual integrity.
- Co-Leader of a 5-year project of church revitalization.

Parachurch Ministry Experience

· Aliança Bíblica Universitária do Brasil

International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, IFES. In the USA: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Dates Involved: 1999-2009, 2012-2021.

· Bible Expositor and speaker in Student and Staff Conferences for Brazil (2005 – 2021)

Menno Simons Centre, Vancouver, Canada

Dates Involved: 2010-2011

Job Title: Resident Assistant in Supervised Ministry/Field Education

Description: Mennonite community housing aimed at student spiritual formation. Main tasks: community-building, discipleship, counseling.

Regent College Student Association - RCSA

Dates Involved: 2010-2011

Job Title: RCSA Missions Coordinator

Description: Designed to foster a mission oriented perspective on theology among the students and public at large.

Dorcas' Home at Favela Pedreira Prado Lopes Shanty Town

Dates Involved: 2008

Job Title: Forgiveness Education Coordinator

Description: educational course about justice and forgiveness to children at the oldest favela (Shanty Town) of Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

Ministry in the Worldwide Evangelical Movement

Lausanne Movement

- Participation at the Forth Lausanne Congress, Incheon, South Korea, 2024 (North American delegation).
- Participation at Lausanne Younger Leaders Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2016 (Brazilian delegation).
- Conference Coordinator: Lausanne at Regent College Conference, Oct. 2010. Main Speaker: J. I. Packer.

Langham Foundation (Former John Stott Ministry)

- Member of the Fellowship of Langham Graduates for evangelical theological education in the global south.
- Participation at Langham Scholars Consultation, Cambridge, UK, 2018.

5- Research Projects and Memberships

Main Research Project

Theography as Cura Animarum: Augustine's Confessions as narrative Meaning Making for Mental Health

Research award: Lamin Sanneh Research Grant, Overseas Ministry Study Center (OMSC), Princeton Theological Seminary.

This interdisciplinary project examines Augustine's theology and its mental health effects by constructing a narrative writing model based on his *Confessions*.

- By drawing from Augustine's *cura animarum* (cure of souls) and its integration of theoretical wisdom into practical living, theological formation which is enhanced by an awareness of grace in biography may result in improved future pastoral formation.
- As contemporary culture flirts with individualism and narcissism, often church leaders have developed their abilities before their character and virtues. This project is an antidote against leadership cultures that are not shaped by a deep awareness of grace and humility.

Professional Memberships

- Fellowship of Langham Graduates
- North American Patristics Society (NAPS)