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Education:

- 2002 Makerere University (Kampala, Uganda, East Africa), Ph.D.—Philosophy
- Dissertation: “Causation in Modern Africa and the Postmodern West: A Study of Cultural and Theoretical Similarities with Special Reference to the Worldviews of the Basoga of Uganda and the Proposals of the Vatican Observatory/CTNS Project.” *Supervisors:* Professor Albert T. Dalfovo and Professor A.B.T. Byaruhanga-Akiiki.
- 2017 Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School, Graduate Certificate—Islamic Studies
- 1994 Harding University Graduate School of Religion, M.Div.—Divinity
- 1989 Harding University, B.A.—Religion

Faculty Experience:

- 2014-
present Associate Professor, Division of Religion and Philosophy, Seaver College, Pepperdine University; Graduate Program in Social Entrepreneurship and Change (SEC), Pepperdine University; Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine Caruso School of Law
- Spring
2017 Doctor of Ministry Program, Hazelip School of Theology, Lipscomb University
- 2002-
2014 Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Rochester University
- Summer
2009 Master of Divinity program, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University
- 1999-
2000 Queen of Apostles Philosophy Centre, Jinja, Uganda, East Africa

Selective Administrative and Professional Experience:

2017-

present Director, Center for Faith and Learning, Pepperdine University
Duties: oversight and administration of the Center's many activities including faculty development and retreats, seminars, workshops, and research projects; helping position Pepperdine in national discussions around issues of faith and learning; strategic oversight and administration of external grants including multiple grants from the Lilly Endowment; development of strategic partnerships with the Council of Independent College's NetVUE initiatives, and the Center for Faith and Culture at Yale Divinity School.

2018-

present President, Kibo Group International 501(c)3 (board member since 2008)
Duties: oversight and management of strategic development and administration of Kibo's sustainable development initiatives in East Africa; fundraising; organization and implementation of Kibo-USA's initiatives for support of Kibo-Africa, including "experience Africa" opportunities for donors, college internships, and study-abroad opportunities in East Africa.

2014-

present Member, board of directors, Missio Dei Foundation
Duties: participation in the overall strategic oversight and administration of missional initiatives, including the journal *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis*; networking and fundraising.

2005-

present Member, The American Philosophical Association (APA).

2008-

2014 Provost, Rochester University
Duties: overall strategic oversight and administration of the university's academic programs, budgets, and personnel; member of the senior administrative team; oversight and administration of university accreditation processes with regional accrediting body (the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools).

2004-

2008 Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Rochester University
Duties: member of provost's cabinet; working with the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences to provide specific oversight of the college's budget, curriculum, faculty, and other academic issues.

- 2004-
2006 Chairperson, Global Educational Opportunities (GEO), Rochester University
Duties: program development, management, and student and faculty recruitment for all international programming; development of strategic partnerships with other universities for shared programming in Europe; development and implementation of summer programs in East Africa.
- 2002-
2008 Chairperson, Department of Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies, Rochester University
Duties: development, oversight, and implementation of the departmental curriculum and programs; development, implementation and teaching of a curriculum of philosophy courses including the development of a new minor in philosophy.
- 1997-
2002 Chairperson, non-government organization (NGO) in Uganda, East Africa, associated with Churches of Christ (NTCC)
Duties: oversight and management of up to forty-five American expatriates living in Uganda including management of immigration and work permit; administration and oversight of government-related procedures and reports; securing of a renewed five year registration license for the organization; oversight and implementation of official communications with government officials on the behalf of the organization including those needed for development activities, educational facilities, relief efforts; oversight of communications and procedures needed between the organization and the United States embassy in Kampala, Uganda.
- 1996-
2002 Founder and Director, Busoga School of Biblical Studies and Leadership Training Centre, Jinja, Uganda, East Africa
Duties: development, oversight, and implementation of the leadership training center; establishment of local revenue-generating projects; development and implementation of curriculum; collaboration with national leaders.

Selected Reviews and Publications:

Review of Robert A. Hunt, *Muslim Faith and Values: A Guide for Christians*, in *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 11, no. 1 (2020).

<http://missiodeijournal.com/issues/md-11/authors/md-11-barton2>

“Love That Casts Out Islamophobia: Formation, Mission, and Christian Engagement with Muslims.” *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 10, no. 2

- (Summer/Fall 2019). <http://missiodeijournal.com/issues/md-10-2/authors/md-10-2-barton>
- "Toward a Non-Racist Frame in the Stone-Campbell Tradition." In *Restoration and Philosophy*. Edited by J. Caleb Clanton, University of Tennessee Press, 2019.
- Invited response to Gabriel Said Reynold's review of Mustafa Akyol's book *The Islamic Jesus*, in *First Things* ("Letters," March 2018).
<https://www.firstthings.com/article/2018/03/letters>
- Review of Monte Cox, *Significant Others: Understanding Our Non-Christian Neighbors*, in *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 9, no. 1 (Winter–Spring 2018). <http://missiodeijournal.com/issues/md-9-1/authors/md-9-1-barton>
- A Muslim Sage Among Peers: Fethullah Gulen in Dialogue with Christians* (editor). Clifton, NJ: Blue Dome Press, 2017.
- "Cruciformity: At the Foot of the Cross in the Middle of the World." *Leaven: A Journal of Christian Ministry* 23, no. 3 (Third Quarter 2015): 124-129.
- "Navigating the Degrees in Christian-Muslim Dialogue: A Comparative Review of Lee Camp and Miroslav Volf." *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 4, no. 2 (August 2013). <http://missiodeijournal.com/issues/md-4-2/authors/md-4-2-jbarton>
- "The Hermeneutics of Identity in African Philosophical Discourse as a Framework for Understanding Ethnicity in Post-Genocide Rwanda." *Philosophia Africana* 15, no. 1 (Winter 2013): 1-34.
- "Confusion and Communion: Christian Mission and Ethnic Identities in Post-Genocide Rwanda." *Missiology: An International Review* XL, no. 3 (July 2012): 227-248.
- "Beyond Cold Wars and Religious Clashes: Reflections on Peaceful Coexistence." *Turkish Review* 2/2 (March/April 2012): 118-123.
- "Causation in Modern African Philosophical Discourse: Four Perspectives." *Philosophia Africana* 12/2 (Fall 2009): 107-139.
- "*The New Faces of Christianity: Reflection in Four Disciplines*" (co-authored). *Restoration Quarterly* 50/ 2 (Second Quarter 2008): 107-120.
- "If Mark Could See Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*." In *Preaching Mark's Unsettling Messiah*. Edited by David Fleer and David Bland. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2006. Pages 72-87.

Selected Professional Presentations/Consultations:

- “Peacemaking Across the Muslim-Christian Divide.” A theme presentation at Abilene Christian University’s *Summit Conference*, October 2020.
- “Interfaith Vocational Reflection at Distinctively Religious Campuses.” Session panelist for the national conference of the Council of Independent College’s NetVUE Project, Louisville, KY, March 2019.
- “Consultations on Religious Freedom in the Middle East, Second Convening.” Consultant and “witness” for the Religious Freedom Institute (RFI), Los Angeles (March 2019).
- “Vocation for Strange Times.” A plenary presentation delivered at Transylvania University on behalf of the Council of Independent College’s NetVUE Project, Lexington, KY, May 2018.
- “Vocation in Higher Education.” A Plenary Presentation for Christian Academic Leaders Conference, Lipscomb University, June 5-6, 2018.
- “Consultations on Religious Freedom in the Middle East.” Consultant and “witness” for the Religious Freedom Institute (RFI), Rome (December 2017).
- “Hearing Vocation Differently: Meaning, Purpose, and Identity in the Multi-Faith Academy.” Session panelist for the Council of Independent College’s NetVUE Project, Boston, MA, November 2017.
- “Faithful Engagements Along the Borders of Christianity and Islam.” A plenary presentation delivered at Hazelip School of Theology’s Annual Workshop, Lipscomb University, February 2017.
- “Reflections on Fethullah Gulen and the Hizmet Movement’s Contributions to Dialogue and the Common Good.” Interviewed for the series FİKİR ATLASI (Atlas of Thoughts) for Irmak TV in Turkey (produced by Spectra Media). November 2014.
- “At the Foot of the Cross in the Middle of the World.” A Plenary Presentation delivered at the Streaming Conference, Rochester University. October 2014.
- “Can Abraham’s Children Be Reconciled?: A Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Discussion.” Convener and presenter on an interfaith discussion with Miroslav Volf (Yale Divinity School), Saeed Khan (Wayne State University), Mark Kinzer (Messianic Jewish Theological Institute). The Christian Scholar’s Conference, David Lipscomb University. June 2012.

- “Muslim and Jewish Responses to Miroslav Volf’s *Allah: A Christian Response*.”
 Convener and presenter on a panel discussion with Miroslav Volf (Yale Divinity School), Saeed Khan (Wayne State University), Mark Kinzer (Messianic Jewish Theological Institute). The Streaming Conference, Rochester University. May 2011.
- “Adaptive Thinking for the 21st Century: Characteristics of the Cultural and Religious Environment in Which We Work.” A plenary presentation delivered at the Conference for Academic Deans and Provosts, Abilene Christian University. October 2007.
- “A Shared Quest for the Transmodern: Modern Africa and the Postmodern West at the Crossroads of Science, Religion, and Philosophy.” Presented at the Christian Scholar’s Conference, Pepperdine University. July 2005.
- “Keeping Each Other Out of the Ditches: Using Theories of Causation to Explore What Modern Africa and the Postmodern West Can Teach One Another About Science and Religion.” Presented to the Africa Working Group at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame. September, 2002.

Memberships/Service Activities:

- 2018-present President, Kibo Group International 501(c)3 (board member since 2008)
Duties: oversight and management of strategic development and administration of Kibo’s sustainable development initiatives in East Africa; fundraising; organization and implementation of Kibo-USA’s initiatives for support of Kibo-Africa, including “experience Africa” opportunities for donors, college internships, and study-abroad opportunities in East Africa.
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- 2010-2014 Consultant, Niagara Foundation Michigan 501(c)3
Duties: advisement and consultation for the foundation’s intercultural and interfaith work in southeast Michigan; consultation, participation, and organization of interfaith events including annual dialogue trips to Turkey.
- 2005-present Member, The American Philosophical Association (APA)

- 2000-
2001 Cultural consultant, Peace Corps (Uganda)
Duties: provided on-the-field cultural training for arriving groups of American Peace Corps Volunteers.
- 1997-
2002 Chairperson, non-government organization (NGO) in Uganda, East Africa, associated with Churches of Christ (NTCC)
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- Sukhsimranjit Singh, Director of Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University's Caruso School of Law, Phone (cell): 503.910.8767; sukhsimranjit.singh@pepperdine.edu
- Miroslav Volf, Founder and Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect St, New Haven, CT, 06511. Phone (office): 203.432.8629; miroslav.volf@yale.edu
- Brian Stogner, President, Rochester University, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI, 48307. Phone: (office) 248.218.2112; bstogner@ru.edu