

# Mabiala Justin-Robert Kenzo

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## Personal

Date of Birth: June 27, 1959  
Marital Status: Married  
Citizenship: Canadian and Congolese

## Education

Ph.D. in Theological Studies, 1994-98

- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, USA
- Dissertation: *The Dialectic of Sedimentation and Innovation: A Study in Paul Ricoeur's Philosophical Hermeneutics with Implications for an African Theological Discourse*

Master of Divinity, 1983-86

- Canadian Theological Seminary, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Part-time studies, University of Regina, 1984-86

Graduat en Theology, 1977-80

- Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de Boma, République Démocratique du Congo

English Language Certificate, Level 6, 1983.

- Zaire American Language Institute, Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo.

Diplôme d'Etat en Psycho-Pédagogie, 1977

## Language Abilities

Fluent in : French, English, Kiyombe, Kikongo, Lingala  
Reads and understands : Greek, Hebrew, Latin, German, Swahili.

## Ordination and Accreditation

Licensed worker, Communauté Évangélique de l'Alliance au Congo, June 28, 1980.  
Ordained Pastor, Communauté Évangélique de l'Alliance au Congo, July 31, 1983.

## Teaching Experience

**Professor of Theology**, Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de Boma , 2005-present.

My responsibilities include :

- Teaching courses in the area of Theology and New Testament. Most recent courses taught include: *Christianity and Culture, Modern Theology, Postmodern and Postcolonial Theology, Trinitarian Theology, Advanced Greek Grammar, Advanced Greek Exegesis*
- Directing Master Degree Theses in the area of Theology and New Testament
- Mentoring students in research methodology.

**Chargé de cours en théologie**, ETEQ/Université Laval, 2015-present

- My responsibility consists in teaching a course in Theology and Contemporary Society.

**Professor of Theology**, Ambrose Seminary, 2004-2013

My responsibilities included:

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- Teaching courses in the area of Theology. The courses I taught included, among others: *Introduction to Christian Faith; Trinitarian Theology, Theology in Context; Narrative Theology; Postcolonial Theologies.*
- Supervising MA Theses
- Mentoring students.

**Associate Professor of Theology**, Canadian Theological Seminary, 2001-2004

My responsibilities included:

- Teaching both onsite and online courses in the area of Theology. Most recent courses taught include: *Introduction to Christian Faith; Creation, Fall, and Redemption; The Church and its Future; Trinitarian Theology; Advanced Theological Prolegomena; Christianity and Culture; Narrative Theology; Christian Ethics; Christian Apologetics.*
- Supervising MA Theses
- Mentoring Students

**Assistant Professor of Theology**, Canadian Theological Seminary, 1998-2001

My responsibilities included:

- Teaching both onsite and online courses in the area of Theology. Most recent courses taught include: *Introduction to Christian Faith; Creation, Fall, and Redemption; The Church and its Future; Trinitarian Theology; Christianity and Culture; Narrative Theology; Christian Ethics; Christian Apologetics.*
- Serving as international students faculty advisor
- Mentoring students in various aspects.

**Visiting Professor of Theology**, Faculté de Théologie Bethel, Libreville, République du Gabon, 2014-présent

My responsibilities include :

- Teaching a course in Contemporary Theology

**Visiting Professor of Theology**, Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de l'Alliance Chrétienne (FATEAC), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 1998-2003

My responsibilities included::

- Teaching one or two courses a year in the area of theology

**Visiting Professor of Theology**, Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de Boma (FACTEB), Boma, République Démocratique du Congo, 1991-94; 2001-2005

My responsibilities included :

- Teaching advanced courses in the area of theology, African Theology and Philosophy, and New Testament.
- Providing oversight to the process of curriculum review .

**Adjunct Professor Biblical and Systematic Theology**, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1996-98

My responsibilities included:

- Teaching MA and MDIV courses in systematic theology
- Occasionally substituting for Drs. H. O. J. Brown and Tite Tiéno.

**Assistant Professor of Theology and New Testament**, Faculté de Théologie Évangélique de Boma, 1986-1991.

My responsibilities included:

- Teaching courses in the area of Theology and New Testament. Some of the courses I taught included: *Greek Grammar, Greek Exegesis, African*

*Theology, and Intro to Philosophy.*

- Mentor students in various aspects.

**National Coordinator of Theological Education by Extension (TEE)** for the Evangelical Community of the Alliance in Congo, 1980-83.

My responsibilities included:

- Providing oversight for the implementation of the TEE program
- Teach TEE classes
- Train national teachers
- Translate TEE material into Kikongo

**Instructor in French Literature** in public schools (part-time), Boma, 1980-83.

My responsibilities included:

- Teaching a course in French literature in Public High Schools in Boma

## **Pastoral and Church Leadership Experience**

**National Church President** of the Evangelical Community of the Alliance in Congo, 2011-present.

- My responsibility consists in vision casting and giving oversight of the the ministry of the "Communauté Évangélique de l'Alliance au Congo, which is the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo and which has an inclusive membership of over 1,600,000; 650 organized churches; 350 unorganized churches; 467 active ordained pastors.

**Rector**, Faculté de Théologie Évangélique de Boma (FACTEB), 2005-11.

- My responsibilities included providing oversight to the overall running of the school of theology.
- During my tenure, I oversaw the transformation of the school of theology into a university

**General Secretary** of the Evangelical Community of the Alliance in Congo, 1991-94.

- During my tenure, I led the Church through the process of Constitution and Bylaw change

**Senior Pastor** of *Eglise du Rocher*, Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo, 1991-94.

- I helped plant and provided pastoral oversight to a Church among middle and upper class people in Kinshasa, which grew from a nucleus of 40 people to over 1,000 people in one year.

**Executive Pastor**, *Paroisse CEAC, Mont Sinaï*, Boma, République Démocratique du Congo, 1988-91.

- With an average attendance of 3,000 on Sunday morning, Boma 2 is the largest Alliance church in Congo. Serving under the leadership of the National Church president, my role was to give oversight to all aspects of pastoral ministries.
- During my time of service, the Church increased its staff from 2 to 5 pastors and gave autonomy to the French service.

**Senior Pastor**, *Paroisses CEAC, Seka Mbote et Kidima*, Boma, République Démocratique du Congo, 1987-88.

- These were two small churches with different needs. In Seka-Mbote, our mission was to bring healing to a once dynamic church of 300 that has shrunk to about 70. With the Lord's help, in a year the Church bounced back to 500.
- Kidima was a small rural church of about 5 baptized members with an inclusive membership of about 30. Our greatest achievement was to baptize the first 3 new

members several years.

**Assistant Pastor**, *Paroisse CEAC, Boma I*, Boma, République Démocratique du Congo, 1986-87.

- In this 2,000 member Church, my responsibility consisted in preaching, especially in the French service, and giving oversight to different adult ministry programs.

## Additional Professional Experience

**Chairperson** of the Board of Governors, *Cooperative Centrale d'Epargnes et de Crédits (COOCEC-CEAC)*, 1990-94.

My responsibilities consisted in:

- Providing administrative oversight to the Credit Union network of over 86 branches with a capital of about US\$ 2,250,000.

**Vice-Chairperson** of the National Board of Governors, *Union des Coopératives Centrales d'Epargnes et de Crédits (UCCEC)*, Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo, 1990-94.

My responsibilities consisted in :

- Providing leadership in securing a new legislation to regulate small savings and loans outside the traditional banking system.
- Represent the Congolese Credit Union movement in international forums.

**Delegate** to the *Conférence Nationale Souveraine (CNS)*, Kinshasa, République Démocratique du Congo, 1991-92.

As delegate of the civil society to this national legislative body, my responsibility consisted in :

- Actively participate in the process of drafting a new constitution for the country and in overseeing the country's transition to democracy.

## Publication

"L'impératif hérétique: autour de la question problématique de la différence en théologie Africaine", *Diathèkè* 3/1 (2015): 45-62.

"Entre tradition et modernité: vers une identité Kongo postcoloniale", *Congo-Monde* 2 (2014): 45-63.

"Blood of Christ," in *Zondervan Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Glen Scorgie (Zondervan, 2011)

"Creativity," in *Zondervan Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Glen Scorgie (Zondervan, 2011)

"Good Works," in *Zondervan Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Glen Scorgie (Zondervan, 2011)

"Reconciliation," in *Zondervan Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Glen Scorgie (Zondervan, 2011)

"Spirituality of Primal Religions," in *Zondervan Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Glen Scorgie (Zondervan, 2011).

Book Review of Athena Gorospe, *Narrative and Identity: An Ethical Reading of Exodus 4* in *Journal of Hebrew Scripture* 10 (2010)

*The Dialectic of Creativity and Innovation: Paul Ricoeur on Creativity and the Subject*

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(Peter Lang, 2009).

"The Future of Evangelical Theology in an Age of the Empire: Postfoundational and Postcolonial," in *Evangelicals and the Empire* (Brazos, 2008).

"Evangelical Faith and (Postmodern) Others," in *A New Kind of Conversation* (Paternoster, 2007)

"Religion, Hybridity, and the Construction of Reality in Postcolonial Africa." *Exchange: Journal of Missiological and Ecumenical Research* 33/3 (2004): 244-68.

"Book Review of V. Y. Mudimbe, *The Idea of Africa*," *Book Notes in Africa* 15 (2003): 16.

"Thinking otherwise about africa: poscolonialism, postmodernism, and the future of african Theology," *Exchange: Journal of Missiological and Ecumenical Research* 31/4 (2002): 323-41.

"Book Review of V. Y. Mudimbe, *Parables and Fables: Exegesis, Textuality, and Politics in Central Africa*, in *Book Notes in Africa* 7 (1997).

*Introduction à la théologie africaine.* Monograph (Boma: ISTE, 1991)

*Initiation à l'exégèse Grecque du Nouveau Testament.* Monograph (Boma: ISTE, 1990)

*Compendium de Syntaxe Grecque du Nouveau Testament.* Monograph (Boma: ISTE, 1989).

## Academic Papers Presented

"Entre tradition et modernité: vers une identité kongo postmoderne." Paper presented at the Journées Scientifiques de l'Université Kasa Vubu, Mars 2013.

"Eglise-Communauté: Réflexion sur l'avenir d'une Eglise." 8<sup>ème</sup> Convention Nationale de l'Eglise Protestante Evangélique CMA de Côte d'Ivoire," Yamoussoukro, March 27-31, 2012.

"Post-Colonialism and Christianity," Paper presented at the Postcolonial Roundtable at Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, October 21, 2010.

"Postcolonialism and Why It Matters," Paper read at the Amahoro Annual Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2009.

"African Theology: The Imperative to Differ," Paper read at the Amahoro Annual Conference, Kampala, Uganda, December 2007

"Donald Bloesch on Christology." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

"The 'Hermeutization' of African Traditional Religions." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

"Postmodernity, Postcoloniality, and the Many Faces of Jesus Christ in Africa." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

"Truly Astonishing Gods: Gods in the Fictive Universe of Ben Okri." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 23-26, 2002.

"The Dialectic of Innovation and Sedimentation: Paul Ricoeur on Creativity within Language, Theology, and Action." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Toronto, November 20-22, 2002.

"Christes d'Afrique: vers une christologie africaine," Paper presented at the Institut Supérieur Théologique de Kikimi, Kinshasa (DR Congo), June 2002.

"Christology in the African Context," Paper presented at *De Wittenberg Christelijke Hogeschool en Toerustingencentrum*, Zeist, The Netherlands (April 22, 2002) and at the *Christelijke Hogeschool*, Ede, The Netherlands (April 23, 2002).

"Africa, Tradition, and the Emerging Postmodern Context," Paper presented at the Conference on *The Bible in the Emerging Postmodern Context*, Houston, January 2002

"Christes d'Afrique? Une lecture des tendances actuelles dans la théologie africaine," Paper read at a conference organized by the Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de Boma, May 2001.

"Evangelical Theology, Postmodernity, and the Promise of Interdisciplinarity," Paper read (Dr. Enoch Wan) at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Boston, December 1999.

"Christian Mission in a Postmodern World." Paper read at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Missiological Society/Canada, Peterborough, June 1998.

"Ricoeur and Narrative Theology: Can It Stretch or Will It Break?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Santa Clara, November 1997.

"Paul Ricoeur and the Idea of Revelation: Whatever Happened to the Holy Spirit?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Jackson, November 1996.

"Théologie Africaine: Pour une approche herméneutique," paper read at the first theological consultation organized by the *Faculté de Théologie Evangélique de Boma* in December 1993.

## **Additional Academic Activities**

### **Academic Conference Attended**

*Alliance World Fellowship Regional Meeting*, Libreville, 2014

*Alliance World Fellowship Quadrennial Meeting*, Toronto, Canada, 2012.

*Alliance World Fellowship Regional Meeting*, Kinshasa, DRC, 2010.

*Alliance World Fellowship Quadrennial Meeting*, Santiago, Chile, 2008.

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*Alliance World Fellowship Regional Meeting, Conakry, Guinea, 2006.*

*Alliance World Fellowship Regional Meeting, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 1993*

*The Postcolonial Roundtable at Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, October, 2010.*

*Annual Meeting of the Association of Alliance Theological Educators, Hong Kong, October 2010*

*Annual Meeting of the Association of Alliance Theological Educators, Calgary, September 2010*

*Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November, 2004.*

*Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November, 2004.*

*Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, Texas, November, 2004.*

*Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003*

*Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003*

*Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, Canada, November 2002*

*Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Toronto, Canada, November 2002*

*Conference on The Bible in the Emerging Postmodern Context, Houston, Texas, January 2002*

*Third Conference on Religion and Postmodernism, Villanova University, Philadelphia, September 2001.*

*Annual meeting of the Canadian Missiological Society, Three Hills, Alberta, June 2000.*

*Annual meeting of the Canadian Missiological Society, Peterborough, Ontario, June 1998.*

*Annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, California, November 1997.*

*Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Santa Clara, California, November 1997.*

*Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November 1996*

*Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Jackson, Mississippi, November 1996*

*Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 1995*

*Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia, November 1995*

*Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 1994*

*Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Chicago, November 1994*

**Seminars Led:**

January 2002, Edmonton: Seminar on "Understanding Postmodernism." Sponsor: The School for Intercultural Leadership (SIL)

May 2001, Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire: Seminar on "Postmodernism in Africa: What is in it for the Church?" Sponsor: Africa Centre for Lifelong Learning (ACLL).

**Professional Organizations**

I am an active member of the following professional organizations

- The American Academy of Religion since 1994
- The Evangelical Theological Society since 1994
- The Evangelical Philosophical Society since 1997
- The Evangelical Missiological Society since 1998

**Academic Awards and Grants**

- Lilly Foundation Faculty Research Grant, 2004-5: A grant of up to 25,000 (US \$) to conduct research and produce a book on African Christology during my sabbatical year.
- Wabash Summer Grant, Summer 2001: A grant of 7,000 (US \$) in order to offset cost related to the revision of my dissertation with a view to its publication.
- C. B. Bjuge Award, Trinity Evangelical Divinity Schools, 1998: An award for the most innovative PHD dissertation

**Professional Development**

- Participant in Wabash Workshop for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology, 2000-2001.
- Participant at the Association of Theological School's seminar for newly appointed faculty members, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 1999

I hereby do certify that all the above information is true and correct

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