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EDUCATION

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Université Marc Bloch, Faculté de Théologie Protestante, Strasbourg, France

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Sixty Years of Pentecostalism in Alsace (1930-1990): A Socio-Historical Approach

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Other degrees received:

Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies (D.E.A.), Spécialité de Théologie Protestante, 1983

Pre-doctoral program with special emphasis on

Sociology of Religion, New Testament Studies and Theology of the Spirit

Université Marc Bloch, Faculté de Théologie Protestante, Strasbourg, France

Master of Divinity, Concentration in Christian Education, 1982

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, MO, USA

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Grade Point Average: 3.9 (of 4.0)

Master of Arts in Biblical Languages, Concentration in New Testament, 1981

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, MO, USA

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Bachelor of Arts in Theology, 1980

Teaching Practica in Greek, Philosophy and Christian Education

Continental Theological Seminary, Sint-Pieters-Leeuw, Brussels, Belgium

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Baccalauréat A 4, Philosophy and Literature, 1974

Lycée Jean de Pange, Sarreguemines, France

SPECIAL TRAINING

State-certified youth camp counselor, Strasbourg, France, 1974

Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis (T-JTA) Seminar - Advanced study program
Christian Marriage Enrichment, Santa Ana, CA, USA, 1982

Social Work Documentation Program "Horizont" – User Seminar
Ohltec HORIZONT GmbH, Kiel, Germany, 2001

Management Training (in relationship with CBI Hamburg)
Enigma Company Builders, Hamburg, Germany, 2002 - 2003

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Modern languages: **French** (mother tongue)
Alsatian (mother tongue)
English (fluent)
German (fluent)
Italian (fair)

Ancient languages: **Biblical Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Coptic**

COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Office 2007
Web Design

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Pentecostal Studies (since 1980)
European Pentecostal Theological Association (since 1987)
European Pentecostal-Charismatic Research Association (since 1989)
American Academy of Religion (2001-2004)

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES:

Member of Theological Committee, Council of Christian Churches of Hamburg, Germany
(1991-2004)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Council of Associations involved in the ambulatory treatment of alcohol addiction in Hamburg
(1996-2001)

Member of the Commission on Drugs and Addiction of the Health Department
of the City of Hamburg, Germany
(2000-2001)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2008 -** Church Education Consultant
David Russell Associates, Solihull, West Midlands, UK
- 2006 - 2008**
(Full-time) Principal of **Birmingham Christian College**
Senior Lecturer in Theology and History
Birmingham, United Kingdom
- 2004 - 2006**
(Full-time) Pastor of a Charismatic Baptist Church
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Teacher at the **Institut Biblique et Théologique (IBETO)**
Orvin, Switzerland
Courses taught: Introduction to Global Pentecostalism, Sermon on the Mount, Christian Education in the Local Church
Director of the **Ichthus Institute** (formerly CBI Hamburg)
Castres, France
- 2002 - 2004**
(Full-time) Founding Director of CBI Hamburg, Germany
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Offering seminars, courses, counseling and supervision (in German, English and French)
- with an intercultural and interdenominational orientation
- from a Pentecostal-charismatic perspective
- 2001-2004**
(Part-time) Teaching seminars for Pastors and Leaders of Immigrant (mostly African and Asian) Churches in Germany
in collaboration with the **United Evangelical Mission** in Wuppertal (Leadership Training “The Church in a Intercultural Setting” – Seminars on Ecclesiology and Church History), and **the Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg** (Seminars on Pneumatology and Soteriology)
- 1993 - 2001**
(Full time) Director of „PARK-IN Treffpunkt Billstedt“, Hamburg, Germany
a **Salvation Army** medical and social counselling centre aimed at multiple social-disabled alcohol addicts (low-key approach)
- 1994 - 2004**
(Part-time) Adjunct faculty member at the Academy of Mission, **University of Hamburg**, Germany
– A post-graduate center of studies for theology students coming mostly from Protestant Churches located in Africa, Asia, and Latin America –
Seminar subjects: European Pentecostal History and Theology; Pentecostal Spirituality and Worship; Mission and Evangelism; Ecumenism; Christian Social Work & Ministry; Pastoral Counseling; Church Leadership and Lay Ministries; Church and Pluralistic Society; The Church's Ministry of Healing

- 1992 - 1993**
(Part-time)
Adjunct Instructor at the Department of Protestant Theology (Ecumenism and Missiology),
University of Hamburg, Germany
Courses taught:
Pentecostalism and its Ecumenical Challenge;
The Theology of the Holy Spirit and Pentecostalism
- 1992 - 1993**
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Researcher at the Church and City Research Center,
University of Hamburg, Germany
Research topic:
Esoteric Cults in Hamburg from a sociological perspective
- 1990 - 1992**
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Associate Pastor at „**Christengemeinde ELIM**“,
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preaching, teaching and counseling responsibilities; training
volunteers; in charge of the house cell program
- 1990 - 1990**
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International speaking engagements at churches and
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(Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, USA)
- 1987 - 1989**
(Full time)
Professor of Biblical Studies and Theology at **Continental
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Courses taught: *Biblical Greek, Intro. to Psychology, Intro. to
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Comparative Study of Religion, Theology of Ministry,
Theological Research Methods*
- 1984 - 1987**
(Full time)
Associate Pastor at „**Assemblée de Dieu**“,
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preaching, teaching and counseling responsibilities; training
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- 1982 - 1984**
(Part-time)
Instructor of Protestant Religion at various elementary
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- (Part-time)
Instructor of American English
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Strasbourg, France
- (Full time: six months)
Ambulance driver at „Ambulance 2000“,
Strasbourg, France
- 1980**
(Part-time)
Instructor of Biblical Greek and Christian Education
Continental Theological Seminary, Sint-Pieters-Leeuw,
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- 1976 - 1978**
(Part-time)
Instructor of French
Continental Theological Seminary,
Sint-Pieters-Leeuw, Brussels, Belgium

PUBLICATIONS

- "Approche sociographique de l'Eglise Evangélique de Pentecôte de Strasbourg". In Aspects du Protestantisme 'Evangélique', Bulletin no. 7, 69 - 98. Edited by Jean-Paul Willaime. Strasbourg, France: Centre de Sociologie du Protestantisme, 1986.
- "Pentecôtisme et politique en France". Ibid., 99 - 114.
- "Pentecôtisme et Evangélicisme: Prolégomènes pour une analyse sémantique et implications relationnelles". EPTA Bulletin 7, no. 1 (1988): 11 - 19.
- "Some Reflections on Social Ministry in European Pentecostal Churches: Three Study Cases". EPTA Bulletin 10, no. 1 (1991): 19 - 24.
- "Social Ministry in the Local Pentecostal Church: Three Western European Case Studies". Transformation: An International Evangelical Dialogue on Mission and Ethics 11/1 (January-March 1994): 16 - 18.
- Soixante ans de pentecôtisme en Alsace (1930-1990): une approche socio-historique. Studies in the Intercultural History of Christianity. Vol. 93. Foreword by Prof. Dr. Walter J. Hollenweger. Frankfurt a. M.: Peter Lang, 1995.
- "Fundamentalismus und charismatische Bewegung". In Ökumenisches Forum Volkskirche und charismatische Bewegungen 10.-12. Oktober 1994. Dokumentation einer Tagung. Orientierungen und Berichte Nr. 21, V/1995, 75-81. Edited by Reinhard Hempelmann. Stuttgart: Evangelische Zentralstelle für Weltanschauungsfragen, 1995.
- "Rehabilitations- und Suchtkrankenhilfe im Park-In Treffpunkt Hamburg-Billstedt". In Alkohol Konsum und Missbrauch - Alkoholismus Therapie und Hilfe. Schriftenreihe zum Problem der Suchtgefahren, volume 38, 371-78. Edited by Deutsche Hauptstelle gegen die Suchtgefahren. Freiburg im Breisgau: Lambertus, 1996.
- "Neue Gemeinden aus der Sicht eines pfingstkirchlichen Theologen". In Neue Gemeinden in Deutschland: 2. Ökumenisches Forum Kirchen und charismatische Bewegungen 29.11.-1.12.1995. Dokumentation einer Tagung. Orientierungen und Berichte Nr. 23, XI/1996, 41-43. Edited by Reinhard Hempelmann. Berlin: Evangelische Zentralstelle für Weltanschauungsfragen, 1996.
- "L'action de l'Armée du Salut à Hambourg". In Autres Temps. Entre compassion et efficacité. Cahiers d'Ethique Sociale et Politique. N° 56 / Winter 1997-98.
- "Brücken bauen, Mauern abbauen: Auf dem Wege zu einem Dialog zwischen Ost und West." In Missionsprofile und Kirchenbilder: 3. Ökumenisches Forum Kirchen und charismatische Bewegungen 27. bis 29.10.1997. EZW-Texte 1998 Nr. 144, 32-36. Edited by Reinhard Hempelmann. Berlin: Evangelische Zentralstelle für Weltanschauungsfragen, 1998.
- "Auf dem Wege zu einem gemeinsamen Verständnis von Mission: Über einen Prozeß innerhalb der Theologische Kommission der Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in Hamburg". In Missionsprofile und Kirchenbilder: 3. Ökumenisches Forum Kirchen und charismatische Bewegungen 27. bis 29.10.1997. EZW-Texte 1998 Nr. 144, 37-38. Edited by Reinhard Hempelmann. Berlin: Evangelische Zentralstelle für Weltanschauungsfragen, 1998.
- "Le défi oecuménique des missions pentecôtistes. Un point de vue pentecôtiste européen". In Perspectives Missionnaires. Revue protestante de Missiologie. N° 39 - 2000/1, 19-32.

- "Pentecostalism and Ecumenism in France: A Critical Examination of Seeming Antipodes". In Pfingstkirchen und Ökumene in Bewegung. Beiheft zur Ökumenische Rundschau, volume 71, 199-216. Edited by Christoph Dahling-Sander, Kai M. Funkschmidt and Vera Mielke. Frankfurt am Main: Verlag Otto Lembeck, 2001.
- "Pentecostalism and Ecumenism: A Critical Examination of Seeming Antipodes in light of Recent Developments within French Pentecostalism", in The Spirit and Church. Theological Journal of the Gospel Theological Seminary, Daejeon, South Korea, November 2001.
- "Les Assemblées de Dieu en Alsace : une expression classique du pentecôtisme français", in Actualité des protestantismes évangéliques, Société, Droit et Religion en Europe (SDRE). Edited by Christopher Sinclair. Strasbourg, France: Presses Universitaires de Strasbourg, 2002.
- "Pratiques missionnaires pentecôtistes et oecuménisme. Récit d'expérience d'un théologien pentecôtiste", in Œcuménisme et pratiques missionnaires. Actes du 21^e colloque du Centre de recherche et d'échanges sur la diffusion et l'inculturation du christianisme organisé avec la collaboration du Centre Vincent Lebbe (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 27-31 August 2000). Collection Mémoire d'Eglises. Paris : Karthala, 2002.
- "Perception de la Mission: Le point de vue pentecôtiste: annoncer, guérir et convertir", Œcuménisme et Mission commune des Eglises aujourd'hui. Supplément to n°138 (January 2003) of the *Journal Mission de l'Eglise*.
- "An urgent plea for a real ecumenism of the Spirit: Revisiting Evangelicalism and Ecumenism within Pentecostal-Charismatic Theological Education", in Evangel: The British Evangelical Review, Spring 2008, 21-27.
- "An urgent plea for a real Ecumenism of the Spirit", in Journal of the Pentecostal Theological Association, Vol. XXIX No. 1 (2009), 8-25.
- "Does Europe matter? Toward a European Agenda for the Church", in Evangelical Review of Society and Politics (forthcoming: Spring 2009)
- "Gypsies, Charismatic Movement among", in Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity. Ed. David M. Patte (forthcoming: October 2009).

PAPERS READ AT CONFERENCES

- "Pentecostalism and Evangelicalism: Semantic Analysis and Relational Implications"
International Conference for the Sociology of Religion, Tübingen, Germany (August 1987)
- "Ermeneglossia and Orthopraxis: Is there a Way out of Confusion?" International Correspondence
Institute Faculty Colloquium, Brussels, Belgium (October 1988)
- "Finding the Will of God: Biblical Guidance within the Pentecostal Tradition", 12th Annual
Conference European Pentecostal Theological Association, Hamar, Norway (July 1990)
- "Culture and Change: Pentecostalism in the Making in Alsace", 20th Annual Meeting of the Society
for Pentecostal Studies, Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. (November 1990)
- "Some Reflections on Social Ministry in European Pentecostal Churches: Three Study Cases"
6th Conference on Pentecostal and Charismatic Research in Europe, Kappel a. Albis,
Switzerland (July 1991)
- "Die Pfingstkirchen: Verfälschung oder Richtigstellung?" (Pentecostalism: Distortion or Correction?)
Evangelische Akademie Nordelbien, Ecumenical Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church Board, Bad Segeberg, Germany (March 1992)
- "Fundamentalismus unter dem Aspekt pfingstlicher Theologie" (A Pentecostal View of
Fundamentalism), 20th Ecumenical and Theological Seminar, Hauptkirche St. Petri (Lutheran
Church), Hamburg, Germany (January 1993)
- "Fundamentalismus im Christentum: Begriffe, Geschichte und charakteristische Grundzüge"
(Fundamentalism in Christianity: Terminology, History, and Characteristics), Advent-Gemeinde
Grindelberg (Seventh-day Adventist), Hamburg, Germany (October 1993)
- "Fundamentalismus und die charismatische Bewegung" (Fundamentalism and the Charismatic
Movement), Ecumenical Forum "State Church and Charismatic Movements" (10 - 12
October 1994), Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg, Germany
- "Neue Gemeinden aus der Sicht eines pfingstkirchlichen Theologen" (Church Planting from a
Pentecostal Viewpoint) 2nd Ecumenical Forum "State Church and Charismatic Movements" (29
November - 1 December 1995), Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg,
Germany.
- "La place des oeuvres et de leurs agents, clercs et laïcs, dans le champ religieux" (The role of
charitable institutions and of their agents, clergymen and laymen, within the religious field),
Round-table discussion Colloquy "Entre le public et le privé: conditions institutionnelles et sens
de l'action caritative" (Between public and private service: institutional conditions and the
meaning of charitableness) 7 - 8 March 1996, Centre de Sociologie des Religions, Faculté
de Théologie Protestante, Université Marc Bloch de Strasbourg, France.
- "Auf dem Wege zu einem gemeinsamen Verständnis von Mission: Bericht über einen Prozess
innerhalb der ACKH" (Towards a common understanding of Mission: Reflections upon the work
of the Theological Committee of the Council of Christian Churches of Hamburg), 3rd Ecumenical
Forum "Churches and Charismatic Movements: Mission Profile(s) and Church Picture(s)" (27 - 29
October 1997), Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg, Germany.
- "Der Heiligen Geist im Leben der Pfingstkirchen" (The Holy Spirit in the life of the Pentecostal
Churches), St. Ansgar-Week (30 - 31 January 1998), Katholische Akademie, Hamburg,
Germany.

- "The Ecumenical Challenge of Pentecostal Churches", European Pentecostal/Charismatic Research Association, July 13 – 17, 1999, Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg, Germany.
- "Die ambulante Suchtkrankenhilfe und chronisch mehrfach beeinträchtigte alkoholranke Menschen: Anders denken, um anders zu helfen" (The ambulant treatment of addiction and severely restricted, chronically ill alcohol addicts: a different way of thinking for a different way of helping), Conference on *Addiction '99*, German National Association Against the Dangers of Addiction, November 8-10, 1999, Weimar, Germany.
- "The Ecumenical Challenge of Pentecostal Missions: A European Pentecostal Perspective for the 21st Century", 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies: Issues Home and Abroad at 2000, March 16-18, 2000, Plenary Session, Northwest College, Kirkland, WA., U.S.A.
- "Les Assemblées de Dieu en Alsace: une expression classique du pentecôtisme français" (The Assemblies of God in Alsace: a classical expression of French Pentecostalism), Journée d'études Actualités des protestantismes évangéliques, March 25, 2000, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) «Société, Droit et Religion en Europe», Palais Universitaire, Strasbourg, France.
- "L'Eglise du 21^{ème} siècle sera-t-elle pentecôtiste ? Le défi lancé par les mouvements pentecôtistes et charismatiques à la mission de l'Eglise: un point de vue pentecôtiste français" (Will the Church of the 21st Century be Pentecostal ? The Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements and their Challenge to the Mission of the Church: a French Pentecostal Point of View), Assemblée Générale de l'Association Francophone Oecuménique de Missiologie (AFOM), Mission et mouvements de l'Esprit, May 26-27, 2000, Paris, France.
- "Pratiques missionnaires pentecôtistes et œcuménisme: Récit d'expérience d'un théologien pentecôtiste" (Pentecostal Mission Praxis and Ecumenism: Recalling the Journey of a Pentecostal Theologian), Colloque: Oecuménisme et pratiques missionnaires (1948-2000), Centre Vincent Lebbe and Centre de Recherche et d' Echanges sur la Diffusion et l' Inculturation du Christianisme (CREDIC), August 27-31, 2000, Faculté de théologie, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- "Die Ökumenische Herausforderung der Pfingstbewegung für die Reformierte Kirche in Deutschland" (The Ecumenical Challenge of Pentecostalism for the Reformed Church in Germany). Annual Colloquium of the Reformed Pastors in Northern Germany, October 9, 2000, Hannover, Germany.
- "Einblick in die weltweite Pfingstbewegung: Erfahrungen und Praktische Arbeit mit Pfingstbewegungen und Charismatische Bewegungen." (A Look at the Worldwide Pentecostal Movement: Experiences and Practical Work with Pentecostal Churches and Charismatic Movements). Colloquium of the *Vereinte Evangelische Mission*, April 3, 2001, Wuppertal, Germany.
- "Pentecostalism and Ecumenism in France: A Critical Examination of Seeming Antipodes". 10th Conference of the European Pentecostal Charismatic Research Association, July 17 - 21, 2001, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.
- "Pentecostalism and Ecumenism: A Critical Examination of Seeming Antipodes". 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, March 14-16, 2002, Southeastern College, Lakeland, Florida, U.S.A.

- "Le défi œcuménique des Eglises et missions pentecôtistes". Enjeux et perspectives pour la mission en ce début de 3^e millénaire : Entre la mondialisation et les résurgences des réflexes identitaires. Symposium organised by the *Institut évangélique de missiologie*, St-Légier, Switzerland, April 2-6, 2002.
- "Revisiting Evangelicalism and Ecumenism within Pentecostal Theological Education". Conference of the European Pentecostal Theological Association, Warsaw, Poland, 10-12 May 2007.
- "Toward a Theology and Praxis of Reconciliation among the nations: A Pentecostal perspective on the making of Europe in the 21st Century". European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism: Transnational Pentecostalism in Europe. Fourth GloPent Conference, 6-7 February 2009, Selly Oak, Birmingham, UK (Facilitated by the Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies, University of Birmingham).