

The Mackay Chair in World Christianity

In the late 1980s, recognizing that Christianity is increasingly a religion of the global South and that theological education in North America needs an open, on-going conversation with Christians from Africa, Asia, and Latin America, Princeton Theological Seminary endowed a chair in World Christianity in honor of John A. Mackay, a former president and long-serving missionary in Latin America. Since then, fourteen ecumenists, theologians, historians, and church leaders from each of these regions has contributed to a broadening of our vision of God’s work in today’s world. Given the huge and continuing impact of North American churches on the world at large, Mackay professors bring much-needed perspectives on the church as an ecumenical, intercultural fellowship.

John A. Mackay Professors of World Christianity (1991-1992 to 2012-2013)

Year	Semester	Professor
1991-1992	Fall	Dr. Károly Tóth Budapest, Hungary Former Bishop of the Danubian District of the Reformed Church in Hungary, President of the Ecumenical Council of Church in Hungary, and Vice President of the Reformed Synod, and now Director of the Ecumenical Study Centre in Budapest
	Spring	Dr. T. Dayanadan Francis Madras, India General Secretary of the Christian Literature Society
1992-1993	Fall	Dr. Pablo A. Deiros Buenos Aires, Argentina Pastor of a church in Buenos Aires. Taught at Seminario Internacional Teológico Bautista in Buenos Aires
	Spring	Vacant Dr. Deiros was to be the Mackay professor for the full year but needed to return to his congregation in December 1992
1993-1994	Fall	Vacant
	Spring	Dr. Kuruvilla Cherukara (“K.C.”) Abraham Bangalore, India Director of the South Asia Theological Research Institute [SATGRI]—a program of the Senate of Serampore College
1994-1995	Academic Year	Dr. Mercy Amba Oduyoye Lagos, Nigeria Former Deputy General Secretary of the World Council of Churches Geneva, Switzerland
1995-1996	Fall	Dr. José Miguez Bonino Buenos Aires, Argentina Former professor of systematic theology and ethics at the Instituto Superior de Estudios Teológicos

	Spring	Father Gustavo Gutiérrez Lima Peru Pastor of Instituto Bartolomé de Las Casas
1996-1997	Academic Year	Dr. Peter King Hung Lee Hong Kong Faculty member, Graduate School of Theology, Association of Theological Education in Southeast Asia
1997-1998	Academic Year	Dr. John S. Mbiti Burgdorf, Switzerland Parish minister in Burgdorf Born in Kenya
1998-1999	Fall	Dr. John S. Mbiti
	Spring	Dr. Yasuo Carl Fuyura Tokyo, Japan Retired professor International Christian University Tokyo
1999-2000	Academic Year	Dr. Luis N. Rivera-Pagan San Juan, Puerto Rico Professor University of Puerto Rico
2000-2001	Academic Year	Dr. Milan Opočenský Geneva, Switzerland General Secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (1989-2000)
2002-2003	Academic Year	Dr. P. Daniel Jeyaraj Chennai (Madras), India Professor, Aaron Chair for the History of Christianity in India, Gurukul
2007-2008	Academic Year	Rev. Dr. Cephias Narh Omenyo Accra, Ghana Senior Lecturer, Department for the Study of Religions, University of Ghana, Legon Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana since 1985
2010-2011	Spring	Dr. Michael Nai-Chiu Poon Singapore Trinity Theological College
2012-2013	Spring	Dr. Jamal Daibes Palestine Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Bethlehem University, Palestine

National and International Engagements of Department Members

Kenneth Appold

- Visiting Adjunct Research Professor, Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France
- Co-Chair, International Lutheran-Pentecostal Study Group
- Member, Lutheran-Orthodox Joint International Commission
- Consultant, Anglican-Lutheran International Commission

Darrell Guder

- Guest professor of missiology at the theology faculties of the Universities of Bern and Basel, Switzerland, during the fall semester 2010.
- Served with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches: as interpreter and translator at the General Council in Frankfurt (1964) and Nairobi (1970), and Chief of Language and Document Services at all council meetings from 1977 to 2010. In June of 2010 he was Co-Chair of Language Services at the United General Council in Grand Rapids, MI, at which the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Reformed Ecumenical Council merged to become the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Elsie Anne McKee

- Woman, Cradle of Abundance, Inc. (Founder 2013)
- United Front Against Riverblindness (Board Member)
- North American Liaison Bureau of the Université Protestante au Congo
- Presidium Member, International Congress of Calvin Research
- Editorial board: Reformed Historical Theology (Göttingen)
- Guest Professor: Kananga, Dem. Rep. of Congo (1995), and Göttingen (2004)
- Lectures in Asia, Africa, and Europe

Kathleen McVey

- Editorial Board, Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity

James Moorhead

- Senior Editor, Journal of Presbyterian History

Paul Rorem

- Editor, Lutheran Quarterly

Richard Young

In the summer of 2010, Dr. Young and Dr. Chad Bauman, an MEHR graduate (now of Butler University, Indianapolis), co-convened a panel on “Christians, Cultural Interactions, and South Asia’s Religious Traditions” at the European Association of South Asian Studies, University of Bonn, Germany. Dr. Young has chaired two such panels in the past (Lund, Leiden) and once before with Dr. Bauman (Birmingham).