

CURRICULUM VITAE

SMIT, DIRK JACOBUS

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2018 PhD, honoris causa (Protestant Theological University of the Netherlands, Groningen)
- 2008 DPhil, honoris causa (Umeå University, Sweden)
- 1979 DTh (Systematic Theology) (Stellenbosch)
- 1976 LicTheol, cum laude
- 1975 MA (Philosophy), cum laude (Stellenbosch)
- 1974 HonsBA (Philosophy), cum laude (Stellenbosch)
- 1972 BA, cum laude (Stellenbosch)

EXPERIENCE

- Rimmer and Ruth De Vries Professor of Reformed Theology and Public Life, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, since 1 July 2017
- Emeritus Professor, Stellenbosch University, since 1 January 2017
- Distinguished Professor, Stellenbosch University, 2014 until retirement
- Honorary Professor, Humboldt University, Berlin, since June 2016
- Extraordinary Professor, Stellenbosch University, since May 2017
- Professor of Ethics, University of Heidelberg, Germany, winter semester, 2010 – 2011
- Professor of Social Ethics, Marburg, Germany, winter semester, 1992
- Extraordinary Professor in Christian Studies, University of the Western Cape, 2000 – 2002
- Professor of Systematic Theology, Stellenbosch University, since 2000
- Professor (one-third), Department of Systematic Theology, Stellenbosch University, since 1994
- Senior Professor of Christian Studies, University of the Western Cape, 1995 – 1999
- Senior Professor of Systematic Theology, University of the Western Cape, since 1990
- Professor of Systematic Theology, University of the Western Cape, since 1984
- Minister DRC, Stellenbosch, 1978 - 1980

PUBLICATIONS

- Around 530 articles and chapters in refereed South African and International Journals and Books (including Dictionaries and Encyclopedias), almost all on invitation
- 55 Books (including collected essays; also scholarly, popular, edited and co-edited works)
- Received *Festschriften* on occasion of 55th and 60th birthdays, and international colloquium on 70th birthday
- Weekly editorial column in weekend newspaper (continuously 1996 - 2017)
- Editor of several book series
- Member of several national and international Editorial Committees of journals

PUBLIC LECTURES

- Presenter of several international public lectures and lecture series (including the Josephine So Lecture Series on Culture and Ethics at the China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong China, Jan 2005; co-delivering the Sprunt Lectures at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond Virginia, United States of America, Jan 2006; Haniel Foundation Lectures at St Gallen Business University, St. Gallen, Switzerland, 2006; presenting the 6th Annual Berlin Berliner Reden zur Religionspolitik, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, May 2007; WD Jonker Gedenklesing 2008, Kaapstad; M. Eugene Osterhaven Lectures at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA. 2009; lecturing on invitation during 500th year Calvin celebrations, in Geneva, Switzerland; Kampen, the Netherlands; Villigst, Germany; Stellenbosch, South Africa; key-note lecture in Brussels on occasion of celebration of Confessio Belgica, 2011; public lectures on invitation in Göttingen 2010, Arnoldshain 2010, Strasbourg 2010, Bamberg 2011, Doorn, Netherlands 2011, Heidelberg 2011, Amsterdam 2011, Bielefeld 2012, Basel 2012, Berlin 2013, Leuenberg 2013, Barmen 2014, Augsburg 2014, Hannover 2015, Jena 2016, Groningen 2016; opening speech during inauguration of Barmen museum in Wuppertal; First Russel Botman Memorial Lecture, Oct 2015; DW de Villiers Memorial Lectures, Sep 2016 (Stellenbosch), March 2017 (Pretoria); plenary paper during panel at the 12th International Nuremberg Forum, Oct 2016, on the contributions of religions to the common good in pluralist societies; sermon during 30th year commemoration of the Belhar Confession, Belhar, Sep 2016; sermon

during General Synod of URCSA, Oct 2016; key-note addresses during 500th year commemoration of the Reformation in Debrecen, Hungary 2017, and Stellenbosch, South Africa 2017; Annie Kinkead Warfield Lectures in Princeton, March 2018; The Sinlau Lectures at Tainan Theological College and Seminary (TTCS), Tainan, Taiwan, October 2018; New Brunswick Theological Seminary, November 2018; Reformierter Bund and URCSA, Rinteln, Germany, June 2019; public lecture during the Annual 2022 Award Ceremony of the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Awards for Theological Promise in Heidelberg, Germany, 27 May 2022

Keynote speech, Synod of United Protestant Church, Germany, 2013; Keynote speeches at Synodical meetings of the URCSA, 1995; 2006; 2010; 2011; Keynote speeches at Synodical meetings of the DRC, 1999; 2003; 2004

Guest Lecturer at many South African universities

Regular courses for ministers (continuing education)

Regular preaching in congregations

Regularly invited to participate in inter-disciplinary projects and consultations (e.g. on Truth Commissions in Europe, at Villa Vigoni, Italy; on Moral Compromise, at Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZiF), Universität Bielefeld; on Science and Spirituality, Philadelphia, USA; on progress in the ecumenical dialogues, in Vatican City; on Religion and Violence, at the Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, Hamburg)

Serve on many church commissions, drafting committees, task teams, study groups (denominationally as well as ecumenically, nationally as well as internationally)

AWARDS

Chancellor's Medal, Stellenbosch (for best student in University), 1976

Merit Research Award, for Best Researcher in the University, University of the Western Cape, 1991 and 1998

Rector's Research Award, Stellenbosch (since 2004 several times)

Chancellor's Award, Stellenbosch, 2014

Andrew Murray Prize, for Best Theological Essay in a South African Scholarly Journal (2003) and for Best Theological Book (2004 and 2011)

Medal from Association of Chairpersons of Stellenbosch University Representative Council, Stellenbosch, 2009

FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study), 2006/2007

Fellow, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSaf), since 2013

Humboldt Foundation Research Fellow, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2004, 2008, 2011, 2013, 2016

Fellow, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, USA, 2000, 2002 and 2006

Senior Researcher, Human Research Council, 1984 and 1988; Senior Researcher, Center of Science Development, 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998; Senior Researcher, National Research Foundation, 2000 and 2002

Visiting Scholar, Duke University, Princeton Theological Seminar, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley (USA); Heidelberg, Humboldt University in Berlin (Germany); Falun University, Umea University (Sweden)

Host, several Visiting Scholars, Researchers, Professors and Post-Doctoral Fellows

Led project on "Faith and Fabric" at STIAS, with international research fellows

MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES

Member, National Research Foundation Evaluation Panel, for Theology and Religion, 2002

Assessor, National Research Foundation Evaluation Panels, for South African Researchers, 2003, 2004 and 2005

Panel Member, Templeton Prize for Theological Promise, 2006 – 2011

Panel Member, The Manfred Lautenschlaeger Prize for Theological Promise, since 2013

Member of many Church Commissions (including International and Ecumenical Task Groups)

Member, Advisory Board (VISOR), Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, 2008 - 2014

Member, International Advisory Board, Moluccan Theological Seminary

Member of several Faculty Committees, University of the Western Cape (1981 – 1999) and Stellenbosch University (1994 - 2016)

Member of scholarly societies

Chairperson, Board of Beyers Naudé Center for Public Theology (2002-2016)
Evaluator of applications for appointments and promotions, several international universities
External Examiner of at least ten South African universities
Read and Evaluate Manuscripts for Journals; CSD-applications; Applications for the Humboldt Stiftung;
Applications for the Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton; Manuscripts for Publishers

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Doctoral supervision

Promotor, 43 completed doctoral dissertations, of whom the majority became full-time lecturers or professors themselves, in at least eleven different scholarly disciplines (including Systematic Theology, Ethics, Philosophy, Old Testament, New Testament, Practical Theology, Missiology, Homiletics, Development Studies, Religious Studies, Biblical Studies, Law), at several South African universities (including Stellenbosch, Western Cape, UNISA, Pretoria, Free State, Potchefstroom, KwaZulu-Natal, Nelson Mandela and Fort Hare) and in several countries (including Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Malawi, Zambia, South Africa, the Netherlands, Sweden, Korea and the United States of America), including a vice-chancellor and rector, three vice-rectors and several deans. Many of these dissertations were published, several by well-known international academic publishers

Masters supervision

41 completed masters theses

Other supervision

Mentor, several postdoctoral and early research career candidates (Thuthuka Holders, Mellon Foundation Holders, Mandela-Rhodes, SANPAD and NRF Scholars)