

CURRICULUM VITAE

SMIT, PROF DIRK JACOBUS

QUALIFICATIONS

BA, cum laude, (Stell), 1972.
HonsBA(Philosophy), cum laude, (Stell), 1974.
MA(Philosophy), cum laude, (Stell), 1975.
LicTheol, cum laude, 1976.
DTh(Systematic Theology), (Stell), 1979.
DPhil, honoris causa, (Umeå University, Sweden), 2008.

EXPERIENCE

Minister DRC, Stellenbosch, since 1978.
Head of Department of Systematic Theology, University of the Western Cape, since 1981.
Professor of Systematic Theology, University of the Western Cape, since 1984.
Senior Professor of Systematic Theology, University of the Western Cape, since 1990.
Senior Professor of Christian Studies, University of the Western Cape, 1995 – 1999.
Professor (one-third), Department of Systematic Theology, Stellenbosch University, since 1994.
Professor of Systematic Theology, Stellenbosch University, since 2000.
Extraordinary Professor in Christian Studies, University of the Western Cape, 2000 – 2002.
Professor of Social Ethics, Marburg, Germany, winter semester, 1992.
Professor of Ethics, University of Heidelberg, Germany, winter semester, 2010 – 2011.
Distinguished Professor (Uitgeleese Professor), Stellenbosch University, 2014

PUBLICATIONS

440 articles and chapters in refereed South African Journals and International Journals and Books (including Dictionaries and Encyclopedias), most of them on invitation.
45 Books (including collected essays, published by colleagues; scholarly works; popular works)
Receives *Festschriften* on occasion of 55th and 60th birthdays
Weekly column in newspaper (since 1996)
Editor of several book series
Member of several national and international Editorial Committees.

PUBLIC LECTURES

Presenter of several international public lectures and lecture series (including recently 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; giving the WD Jonker Gedenklezing 2008, Kaapstad; delivering the M. Eugene Osterhaven Lectures at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, 2009; lecturing on invitation during 500th year Calvin celebrations, in Geneva, Switzerland; Kampen, the Netherlands; Villigst, Germany; Stellenbosch; giving 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, Hannover 2015)
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 (continuous education)
Regular preaching in Christian Congregations.
Regularly invited to participate in interdisciplinary projects and consultations (e.g. recently 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; on progress in the ecumenical dialogues, in Vatican City; on Religion and Violence, at the Hamburger Institut für Sozialforschung, Hamburg)

AWARDS

Chancellor's Medal, Stellenbosch University, 1976.
Merit Research Award, for Best Researcher in the University, University of the Western Cape, 1991 and 1998;

Rector's Research Award, Stellenbosch University, 2004, 2007
Chancellor's Award, Stellenbosch University, 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 Chairs of SRC, Stellenbosch, 2009

FELLOWSHIPS:

Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Institute for Advanced Study), 2006/2007.
Fellow, Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSaf), since 2013.
Von Humboldt Research Fellow, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2013.
Fellow, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, 2000, 2002 and 2006.
Visiting Fellow, Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton NJ, USA, Jul – Dec 2002 and Dec 2005 – June 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.
Lead project on "Faith and Fabric" at STIAS, with international research fellows

MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES

Member, NRF 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, since 2008.
Member, International Advisory Board, Moluccan Theological Seminary
Member of several Faculty Committees, University of the Western Cape (1981 – 1999) and Stellenbosch University (since 1994).

Member of several scholarly societies (including e.g. Society for Christian Ethics; International Bonhoeffer Society; Theological Society of South Africa)
Chairperson, Board of Beyers Naudé Center for Public Theology, since 2002.
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, 39 completed doctoral dissertations and 10 enrolled D-candidates; Co-Promotor, 1 completed doctoral dissertation. Of these students, 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 two vice-chancellors of universities, two 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).
