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EDUCATION

Ph. D. Philosophy and Religion-Christian Studies, 2008

University of Madras, Chennai

Title: Self-transformative Religious Experiences: A Phenomenological Inquiry

M. Phil. Christian Studies, 2003

University of Madras, Chennai

Title: Religious Experiences of College Students: The Christian Students of Chennai City

M. A. Philosophy and Religion, 1999

Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai

B. D. (Bachelor of Divinity), 1996

Senate of Serampore, Serampore

B. Th. (Bachelor of Theology), 1990

Senate of Serampore, Serampore

DME (Diploma in Mechanical Engineering), 1983

Central Polytechnic, Chennai

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION – NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST FOR LECTURESHIP

(UGC-NET is a qualifying exam to teach at the Indian universities)

Cleared UGC-NET at the first attempt in 2005.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Langham Literature, Langham, UK

Publication Grant, 2022

Social Research Methods

Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity,

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, USA

Writing Grant, 2018

Langham Partnership International, UK

Postdoc at Trinity College, Bristol, 2018

Langham Partnership International, UK
Conference Grant, 2015
International Consultation on Evangelical Theological Education, Antalya, Turkey

Langham Literature, Langham, UK
Publication Grant, 2013
Transformative Religious Experience: A Phenomenological Understanding of Religious Conversion

Global Research Institute, Pasadena, CA
Postdoc Fellowship, 2013
Religious Experience and Religious Conversion

Global Research Institute, Pasadena, CA
Publication Grant, 2013
Transformative Religious Experience: A Phenomenological Understanding of Religious Conversion

JSM Research Fellowship
Center for Advanced Theological Studies (CATS), Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA
September 2004 to April 2005

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoc. 2018
Trinity College, Bristol, UK
Theology and Social Sciences

Research Consultant 2014 – 2018
South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore
North India Research Project: Christward Movements in North India

Postdoc. 2012
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, USA
Transformative Religious Experience

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Dept. of Christian Studies, University of Madras, Chennai
Visiting Professor
July 2007 -

South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies (SAIACS), Bangalore
Visiting Professor
July 2014 -

Department of Advanced Theological Studies, Faculty of Theology
Sam Higginbottom University for Agricultural and Technological Sciences (SHUATS)
Allahabad
Visiting Professor
August 2012 -

University of Roehampton-Online, London, UK
Online Faculty – Theology and Leadership
January 2017 to December 2021

Colombo Theological Seminary, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Visiting Faculty
March 2017

South India Bible College, Bangarapet
Visiting Professor
August 2013 - 2016

Indian Institute of Spirituality, Bangalore
Visiting Professor
June 2008 - March 2014

The Association for Theological Education by Extension (TAFTEE), Bangalore, India
Adjunct Faculty
June 2008 - May 2012

Lake View Bible College, Chennai
Visiting Professor
June 2004 - June 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Marina Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Religion (MCISR), Chennai
(<https://mcisr.org>)
Founder and Director
December 2013 onwards

THEOn [Theology Online]
(<https://theon.in>)
Founder and Director
December 2013 onwards

Mylapore Institute for Indigenous Studies, Chennai
Director
December 2010 - July 2013

Dharma Deepika: A South Asian Journal of Missiological Research
Associate Editor
April 2010 - July 2013

Mylapore Institute for Indigenous Studies, Chennai
Research Coordinator
June 2009 - November 2010

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:

Union of Evangelical Students of India [UESI, Chennai

Sep. 1999 to August 2002: Regional Field Secretary

May 1996 to August 1999 and June 1990 to May 1994: Missionary Staff

I worked in the North Indian state, Haryana as a cross cultural missionary staff from South India. I was responsible to teach the basics of Christianity in Bible study groups and camps. Other responsibilities include organizing camps and retreats for students, managing finance, and coordinating volunteers, donors, and students in carrying out the mission of the organization.

PUBLICATIONS**Books:**

Iyadurai, J. (2023). *Social Research Methods: For Students and Scholars of Theology and Religious Studies*. Chennai: Marina Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Religion.

Iyadurai, J. (2017). *Transformative Religious Experience: A Phenomenological Understanding of Religious Conversion* (Indian ed.) Chennai: Marina Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Religion.

Iyadurai, J. (2015). *Transformative Religious Experience: A Phenomenological Understanding of Religious Conversion*. Eugene, USA: Pickwick Publications.

Book Chapters:

2020. Religious Conversion and Personal Transformation. In: Leeming, D.A. (eds)

Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion. New York: Springer.

https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-030-24348-7_9244

2020. Religious Conversion and Social Transformation. In: Leeming, D.A. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*. New York: Springer.

https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-030-24348-7_9121

Iyadurai, J. (2018). "Christian Conversion in India: Political Exploitation or Personal Transformation?" In Joel Carpenter, Rebecca Shaw, and Tim Shah (Eds), *Christianity in India: Conversion, Community Development, and Religious Freedom* (69-103). Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

Iyadurai, J. (2015). "Consuming Peanuts in the USA and in India: A Reflection on the Controversy over the Insider Movements." In Harley Talman and John Jay Travis (Eds), *Understanding Insider Movements: Disciples of Jesus within Diverse Religious Communities* (pp. 567-571). Pasadena: William Carey Library.

Iyadurai, J. (2014). Religious Conversion and Personal Transformation. In David A. Leeming (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, (2nd ed.) (pp. 1510-13). New York: Springer.

http://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007%2F978-1-4614-6086-2_9244

Iyadurai, J. (2014). Religious Conversion and Social Transformation. In David A. Leeming (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, (2nd ed.) (pp. 1513-14). New York: Springer.

http://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007%2F978-1-4614-6086-2_9121

Iyadurai, J. (2014). Contemporary Trends in Protestant Spirituality in India: A Psycho-spiritual Perspective. In Benny G. Koottanal (Ed.), *Trends in Contemporary Spirituality* (pp. 79-117). Bangalore: Indian Institute of Spirituality

Iyadurai, J. (2013). Religious Conversion and Suffering. In Anja A. Drautzburg and Jackson Oldfield (Eds.), *Making Sense of Suffering: A Collective Attempt*, (e-Book) (pp. 51-59). Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press.

Iyadurai, J. (2011). Religious Conversion and Dual Identity: A Phenomenological Perspective. In Cornelius Enema and Paul Joshua, (Eds.), *Indian and Christian: Changing Identities in Modern India* (pp. 266-287). Bangalore: SAIACS Press.

Iyadurai, J. (2009). Religious Conversion: Self-Transformation and Social Transformation. In Felix Wilfred (Ed.), *Transforming Religion: Prospects for a New Society* (pp. 196-212). Delhi: ISPCK.

Articles:

Iyadurai, J. (2014). Religious Conversion: A Psycho-spiritual Perspective. *Transformation: An International Journal of Holistic Mission Studies*. 31 (3), 189-193.
<http://trn.sagepub.com/content/31/3/189>

Iyadurai, J. (2013). Consuming Peanuts in the USA and in India: A Reflection on the Controversy over the Insider Movements. *Evangelical Mission Quarterly* 40(4), 454-459.

Iyadurai, J. (2012). Multiple Identities of Converts in India: An Interdisciplinary Perspective, *Dharma Deepika: A South Asian Journal of Missiological Research* 16(1), 27-41.

Iyadurai, J. (2011). The Step Model of Transformative Religious Experiences: A Phenomenological Understanding of Religious Conversions in India. *Pastoral Psychology* 60 (4), 505-521.
<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11089-010-0287-6>

Iyadurai, J. (2010). Mission in Postmodernity: An Asian Perspective. *Edinburgh 2010 Resources*.
http://www.edinburgh2010.org/fileadmin/files/edinburgh2010/files/Study_Process/Iyadurai%20Study%20Theme%203.pdf

Iyadurai, J. (2008). Psychology of Religious Conversion. *Journal of Asian Evangelical Theology* 16 (1 & 2), 98-123.

Blogs:

July 2020. The Future of Theological Education. <https://theon.in/the-future-of-theological-education-online-courses/>

March 2020. COVID-19 Lockdown: Enforced Sabbath? <https://theon.in/covid-19-lockdown-enforced-sabbath/>

October 2016. Theology for Everyone. <https://theon.in/theology-for-everyone/>

September 2015. The Genesis of THEOn [Theology Online]. <https://theon.in/the-genesis-of-theon-we-equip-you/>

WORKSHOPS

South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore, India
 26-27 May 2015
 Faculty Development Seminar: Supervising Social Research

University of Madras, Chennai

26-27 February 2014

Research Methodology Workshop: Social Research Methods [For master's and doctoral students]

Asian Centre for Cross Cultural Studies, Chennai

14-16 November 2013

Research Methodology Workshop: Social Research Methods [For master's and doctoral students]

LECTURES

March 2017. "Step Model of Transformative Religious Experience"

Faculty Seminar, Colombo Theological Seminary, Colombo, Sri Lanka

March 2017. "Online Courses: The Future of Theological Education"

Consultation on Reconfiguring Theological Education in India

Faculty of Theology, SHUATS, Allahabad, India

February 2016. "Religious Conversion an Event or a Process: An Interdisciplinary Perspective"

Faculty Seminar, Madras Theological Seminary and College, Chennai, India

November 2015. "Engaging Online Learners and Effective Use of Digital Technologies"

International Consultation on Evangelical Theological Education, Antalya, Turkey

October 2014. "Contemporary Trends in Protestant Spirituality in India: A Psycho spiritual Perspective"

International Symposium on Trends in Contemporary Spirituality, Indian Institute of Spirituality,

Bangalore, India.

July 2012. "Step Model of Transformative Religious Experience."

Montagu Barker Lectures: Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, Oxford, UK

March 2012. "Multiple Identities of Converts in India: An Interdisciplinary Perspective."

Centre for Missiological Research Colloquium: Fuller Theological Seminary, CA, USA

November 2011. "Religious Conversion and Suffering."

Second Global Conference on Making Sense of Suffering: Interdisciplinary.Net

Prague, Czech Republic

December 2008. "Globalization on the Ground: A Phenomenological Perspective."

Seminar on Globalization: Mylapore Institute for Indigenous Studies, Chennai, India

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Member, Board of Studies 2013-2015

Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, India

Member, Board of Studies 2010 onwards

Dept. of Advanced Theological Studies

Sam Higginbottom University for Agricultural and Technological Sciences (SHUATS)

Allahabad, India

Involved from the conceptual stage in developing a contextually relevant doctoral program in Christian Studies

Associate Editor

Indian Journal of Christian Studies, published by the University of Madras, Chennai

Manuscript Reviewer

Pastoral Psychology, published by Brill, Netherlands.

Theology and Science, published by Routledge, UK.

Book Reviewer

Missiology: An International Review, published by Sage, London

Transformation, published by Sage, London.