



PH.D. IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES
at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Faculty in Action



▲ Preaching in El Salvador

◀ Together in Missions Conference, El Salvador



DeLonn L. Rance

Director of Intercultural Doctoral Studies
Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies
Chair of the Global Missions Department
2008-2009 J. Philip Hogan Professor of World Missions

Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary

Dr. Rance (AGTS M.A. 1983) has 25 years of missionary experience in El Salvador and Latin America with emphasis on the training and sending of missionaries from the majority world.

“At AGTS we passionately embrace scholarly **research and writing as tools that help us discern Spirit direction** and speak and act prophetically in missionary activity and scholarship.”

— **DeLonn Rance**, *Director of Intercultural Doctoral Studies*

“Surely, the call to fulfill the mission of the Church today is... a call for a Spirit-directed strategy. ...The Holy Spirit is able to impart to each one the personal direction that will enable him to cooperate with divine strategy. This does not mean, however, that there is no place for group thinking and group planning. Missions agencies need to think seriously about their methodology in view of the times in which we live.”¹

— **Melvin Hodges** (1909-1988)
Professor Emeritus of Missions
Hodges is the most influential AG missiologist and missionary educator to date.



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

The AGTS Doctor of Philosophy in Intercultural Studies (Ph.D./ICS) facilitates the development and academic certification of vocations in missiological and intercultural teaching and scholarship by:

- **Providing** an environment and essential tools that enable research and theological reflection;
- **Creating** a unique learning experience customized to each student's call, gifts and academic interest;
- **Equipping** missiologists for research, teaching and missional praxis in an increasingly complex multicultural world; and
- **Giving** credible voice to scholar practitioner missionaries and national leaders before the academy and the church.

¹ Melvin L. Hodges. *A Theology of the Church and Its Mission: A Pentecostal Perspective*. (Springfield, MO: Gospel Publishing House, 1977) 173.



Faculty in Action



▲ Leadership
conference,
Egypt

▶ All India
Women in Ministry
Conference



Beth Grant

Associate Professor of Intercultural Education

Ph.D., Biola University

Dr. Grant (AGTS M.A. 1979) has served with her husband as an Assemblies of God missionary to India and Eurasia for 32 years. She and her husband are the co-directors of Project Rescue, a ministry to survivors of sex trafficking. She has also served as the chairperson for the Network for Women in Ministry for the AG since 1999.

Will I have to leave the field?

No. Convenient modules allow you to stay on the field full time!

What will the delivery system look like?

A modular format requires five trips to AGTS over three years (all in July and December). Two classes are taken during each two- to three-week session. The program normally takes four to five years to complete. Participants earn 60 credits in

- Five core classes
- Two track classes (Missiological Studies or Relief and Development)
- Three elective classes
- Three dissertation research courses
- Dissertation

What are the admissions requirements?

1. **Academic:** An M.A. in an appropriate theological or missiological discipline from an acceptable school with a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
2. **Experience:** Not less than two years of appropriate intercultural ministry experience.
3. **English:** For applicants whose primary language is other than English, a TOEFL score of 585 or equivalent.
4. **Writing:** Submission and approval of a writing sample that demonstrates graduate-level research skills.
5. **Language:** Second language proficiency. The program requires research proficiency in English as the primary research language of the disciplines of intercultural studies and a second modern language in the field of the research topic. Additional ancient and modern languages may be required as needed for the completion of dissertation research. In exceptional cases, the second modern language requirement may be substituted by petition. When a request for language waiver is submitted,

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Faculty in Action



▲ Holding a terminally-ill AIDS baby, South Africa

◀ Praying for young man dying of AIDS, South Africa

▼ Preaching in rural South Africa



Johan H. Mostert

Professor of Community Psychology

D.Phil., University of Pretoria

Dr. Mostert, a native of South Africa, has 20 years of experience in compassion ministries. He is widely recognized as a leading authority on local-church response to the global AIDS pandemic and travels frequently as a speaker and project consultant for faith-based development agencies.

the Intercultural Doctoral Studies Committee may require six credits of relevant studies in the applicant's area of research. This will be implemented at the discretion of the committee in a case-by-case situation based on transcripts and experience.

6. **Endorsement:** Official approval of administrative superiors (e.g., missions board or agency if applicable).
7. **Technology:** Acceptable computer and internet competencies.

How much will it cost?

The fee for the entire program is \$35,000*, to be paid in 15 equal installments over five years. AGWM and AGUSM appointed missionaries are eligible for a discounted fee of \$24,500. The Ph.D./ICS Program qualifies for veteran's benefits, private student loans and loan deferment. (*Applicable for the 2009-2010 academic year and subject to change thereafter for new participants.*)

When can I start?

Start dates are scheduled each July and December beginning in 2009.

Can I choose some classes from the AGTS Doctor of Ministry Program?

Yes, on a limited basis, by petition.

Do I have to pass a qualifying and a comprehensive examination?

Yes, after completion of the core classes a qualifying examination must be successfully completed in order to continue in the program. The focus of the exam is basic knowledge and competencies in the field of missiology. At the completion of all required coursework a student will be deemed ready to sit for a comprehensive examination. This written examination is intended to determine competencies in the student's area of research interest for the dissertation process.

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◀ *Distributing the first Pentecostal study Bibles to young pastors in Ulambaater, Mongolia.*



◀ *Caring for sick children in Zimbabwe.*



JoAnn Butrin

Adjunct Professor

Ph.D., University of Minnesota

Dr. Butrin served as a medical missionary in Zaire (Democratic Republic of Congo) for 14 years and as the director of AGWM HealthCare Ministries for nine. She is currently the director of International Ministries for AGWM.

CLASSES (4 credits each, 60 total)

CORE COURSES: 20 credits

- Leaders in a Global Context
- *Missio Dei* and the Contemporary World
- Intercultural Communication and Missions Anthropology
- Theological Issues, Contextualization and Area Studies
- Methods of Missiological Research
- Qualifying Exam

MISSIOLOGICAL STUDIES TRACK: 12 credits

- The History of Christianity in Missiological Perspective
- Encountering Non-Christian Religions
- Evangelizing, Discipling and Church Planting

RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT TRACK: 12 credits

- Biblical Perspectives on Issues of Social Justice
- Relief and Development on Mission: Theories and Strategies
- Contemporary Social Issues in Missions

ELECTIVES: 12 credits (choose 3 classes)

- Area Studies Elective (required)
- Alternative Approaches to Education
- Leading the Non-Profit Organization
- Contextualized Leadership Training
- HIV/AIDS in Global Context
- Contemporary Missions: Issues and Strategies
- Special Studies with an Approved Educational Provider
- Special Studies: Tutelage

DISSERTATION: 16 credits

- Dissertation Research (12)
- Comprehensive Exam
- Dissertation (4)

choose 1 track

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J. PHILIP HOGAN PROFESSORS OF WORLD MISSIONS



2009-2010

Ivan Satyavrata

D.Phil., Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (University of Wales)

Dr. Satyavrata leads the AG church and its network of ministries in Kolkata, India, founded by the late Mark Buntain. These ministries includes a hospital, medical services and a school system for thousands of students.



2008-2009

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2007-2008

Mark Hausfeld

Associate Professor of Urban and Islamic Studies

D.Min., Northern Baptist Theological Seminary

Dr. Mark Hausfeld (M.Div. 1983) currently serves as International Director of Global Initiatives: Reaching Islamic Peoples. He is co-author of *Silk Road Stories* and frequently speaks at conferences around the world.



2006-2007

Alan R. Johnson

Adjunct Professor

Ph.D., Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (University of Wales)

Since beginning his missionary career in Thailand in 1986, Dr. Johnson (AGTS M.A. 1991) has distinguished himself as one of the brightest thinkers in Pentecostal missions.

ADDITIONAL FACULTY



Byron D. Klaus

President
Professor of Intercultural Leadership Studies

D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary

For 20 years, Dr. Klaus served as vice president for Latin America ChildCare, a child development ministry serving over 80,000 children in 21 nations. His commitment to leadership development has allowed him to impact leaders in over 50 nations.



Joseph L. Castleberry

President of Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash.
Adjunct Professor

Ed.D., Columbia University

Dr. Castleberry has 18 years of missionary experience in Latin America in the areas of academics, pastoral ministry and community development.



Charles E. Self

Associate Professor of Church History
Ph.D., University of California, Santa Cruz

While Dr. Self's academic specialty is history, God has gifted him in multiple areas. Prior to his joining the faculty at AGTS, he served for 30 years in various pastoral roles—including senior pastor—and concurrently taught for 28 years.



Warren B. Newberry

Program and Admissions Coordinator: Intercultural Doctoral Studies
Associate Professor of Missions

D.Th., University of South Africa

Dr. Newberry (AGTS M.A. 1985) is a 41-year missionary to Malawi, Jamaica, Bosnia, Belize and other countries.



*“...the harvest
is plentiful...”*



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