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PERSONAL DETAILS

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Date of Birth:	19 March 1961, Gwelo, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe)
Nationality:	South African
Current position:	Associate Professor in the Department of Practical Theology, University of South Africa

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

DTh	1989	University of South Africa
BAHons(Psychology) (<i>cum laude</i>)	1989	University of Pretoria
Dipl Theol (<i>cum laude</i>)	1985	University of Pretoria
BD (<i>cum laude</i>)	1984	University of Pretoria
BA (<i>cum laude</i>)	1981	University of Pretoria

EDUCATION

1988-1989	University of Pretoria: part-time BA Honours student, Department of Psychology.
1986-1988	University of South Africa: part-time DTh student, Department of Practical Theology (promoter Professor HJC Pieterse).
1982-1985	University of Pretoria: full-time student, Faculty of Theology.
1979-1982	University of Pretoria: full-time student, Faculty of Arts and Literature. Major in Greek, Hebrew and Psychology.

EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

2001-	Associate Professor
1994-2000	Senior Lecturer
1990-1993	Lecturer
1989	Junior Lecturer

HUMAN SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL (HSRC)
INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNICATION RESEARCH

1988	Researcher
1986-1987	Assistant Researcher

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

TEACHING:

I am currently involved in all facets of teaching practical theology on undergraduate and postgraduate level. My main teaching responsibility on the undergraduate level is empirical research methodology. On the postgraduate level I teach an advanced course on the methodology of practical theology and also supervise a number of master's and doctoral students.

RESEARCH:

Individual:

My current research interests lies with the methodology of practical theology, and more specifically empirical research in theology. I have recently embarked on a project *Practical Theology and key contemporary thinkers*, with a focus on the methodological and theoretical significance of the works of Paul Ricoeur and Pierre Bourdieu. I am also particularly interested in the possible contribution of practical theology to social and societal issues and the development of a public practical theology.

Collaborative:

Between 1994 and 2004 I took part in an international research project *Religion and Human Rights among the youth of South Africa* which was undertaken in collaboration with the University of Nijmegen (now the Radboud University), the Netherlands. I am currently involved in two collaborative research projects and/or programmes. The first is a ten year departmental research programme on *Religion, health and well-being in Southern Africa: Practical Theological perspectives*. I also take part in an international research project *Comparative research on the interaction of religion and modernisation in Germany and South Africa* of the University of Pretoria and the University of München.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- National:* Society for Practical Theology in South Africa
South African Academy of Religion (SAAR)
- International:* International Academy of Practical Theology (IAPT)
International Society for Empirical Research in Theology (ISERT)
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) - International Associate

EDITORIAL COMMITTEES:

- National:* *Practical Theology in South Africa* (PTSA)
Religion and Theology (R & T)
- International:* *International Journal of Practical Theology* (IJPT)
Journal of Empirical Theology (JET)

- ADVISORY BOARD: *Research in Contemporary Religion (RCR) Book Series*

STUDY VISITS

- 1996 I worked as a research fellow at the Universities of Nijmegen (The Netherlands), Leuven (Belgium), and Edinburgh (Scotland).

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 1985 PGJ Meiring-medal for the best final year dissertation in the Faculty of Theology (Section B) of the University of Pretoria.
- 1998 Principal's prize for young researchers, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of South Africa.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- 2004 Van der Ven, JA, Dreyer, JS & Pieterse, HJC. *Is there a God of human rights? The complex relationship between human rights and religion: A South African case.* Leiden: Brill.
- 2002 Dreyer, JS & Van der Ven, JA (eds.) *Divine Justice - Human Justice.* Pretoria: Research Institute for Theology and Religious Studies.
- 1993 Dreyer, JS & Pieterse, HJC (eds) *Die moderne gemeente en haar funksionering/The dynamics of the modern church.* Pretoria: Verba Vitae.

SELECTED ARTICLES/CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

- 2007 Participation and distanciation in the study of religion. In: Heimbrock, H.-G. & Scholtz, C.P. (eds.) *Religion: Immediate experience and the mediacy of research*. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 189-211.
- 2006 Van der Ven, JA, Dreyer, JS & Pieterse, HJC. The evil of violence. A trigger for a human rights culture? *Religion & Theology* 13 (3-4), 264-313.
- 2005 Land reform: A key human rights issue and a challenge for religion in post-apartheid South Africa. *Practical Theology in South Africa* 20 (2), 1-18.
- 2004 Theological normativity: ideology or utopia? Reflections on the possible contribution of empirical research. In: Van der Ven, JA & Scherer-Rath, M (eds.) *Normativity and empirical research in theology*. Leiden: Brill, 3-16.
- 2004 Dreyer, JS, Pieterse, HJC & Van der Ven, JA. Religious socialisation and the ongoing quest for a human rights culture in South Africa. *Practical Theology in South Africa* 19 (1), 33-53.
- 2003 Van der Ven, JA, Dreyer, JS & Pieterse, HJC. Human rights: A channel for salvation? *Journal of Empirical Theology* 16 (2), 50-86.
- 2002 Dreyer, JS, Pieterse, HJC & Van der Ven, JA. Interreligious orientations among South African youth: Expressions of religious identity. *International Journal of Education and Religion* 3 (2), 158-178.
- 2002 Justice for the oppressed: The HIV/AIDS challenge. In: Dreyer, JS & Van der Ven, JA (eds.) *Divine Justice - Human Justice*. Pretoria: Research Institute for Theology and Religious Studies, 85-112.
- 2001 The lens of collective narrative identity: Ecclesiological explorations from South Africa. In: Ballard, P & Couture, P (eds.) *Creativity, imagination and criticism: The expressive dimensions in practical theology*. Cardiff: Cardiff University Press, 299-321.
- 1999 Dreyer, JS, Pieterse, HJC & Van der Ven, JA. Interreligious orientations among South African youth. *Religion & Theology* 6 (2), 194-220.
- 1998 The researcher: engaged participant or detached observer? *Journal of Empirical Theology* 11 (2), 5-22.
- 1997 Praktiese teologie, refleksiewe verwetenskapliking en die verhouding tussen wetenskaplike kennis en praktiese handelinge. *Praktiese Teologie in Suid-Afrika* 12(1), 13-30.
- 1997 Van der Ven, JA, Dreyer, JS & Pieterse, HJC. Religious consciousness in a transformative perspective: A study in practical theology. *International Journal of Practical Theology* 1 (1), 110-135.

PAPERS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 2007 Do we live in a secular world? An African perspective. Conference of the *International Academy of Practical Theology*, Berlin, Germany, 31 March.

- 2006 Religion and education in South Africa: A national policy based on co-operation and constitutional values. Paper delivered at the Oxford Round Table *Religion, Education and the Role of Government*, Harris Manchester College, Oxford, England, 2 August.
- 2006 Establishing truth from participation and distancing in empirical theology. Conference of the *International Society for Empirical Research in Theology*, Bangor, Wales, 21 April.
- 2005 The relevance of popular culture for empirical research in practical theology: A response to the paper of Bryan Stone. *Phenomenon and Experience. Interdisciplinary symposium on empirical research in religion*. Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, 28 October.
- 2005 Land reform: A key human rights issue and a challenge for religion in post-apartheid South Africa. Conference of the *International Academy of Practical Theology*, Brisbane, Australia, 25 June.
- 2004 Looking at religious praxis through the analytical lenses of “deinstitutionalization” and “deinstitutionalized religion”. Conference of the *International Society for Empirical Research in Theology*, Bielefeld, Germany, 23 April.
- 2003 Religious socialization and the ongoing quest for a human rights culture in South Africa. Conference of the *International Academy of Practical Theology*, Manchester, United Kingdom, 13 April.
- 2002 Theological normativity: ideology or utopia? Reflections on the possible contribution of empirical research. Conference of the *International Society for Empirical Research in Theology*, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, 13 April.
- 2001 Van der Ven, JA, Dreyer, JS & Pieterse, HJC. And there is no Greek, no Jew, no male, no female, no saint, no sinner. Conference of the *International Academy of Practical Theology*, Stellenbosch, South Africa, 10 April.
- 2001 Interreligious orientations among South African youth: expressions of religious identity. Conference of the *Ethos and Education Network*, Nijmegen, the Netherlands, 2 February.
- 2001 Postmodern research approaches and the authority of the author. Conference of the *Society for Practical Theology in South Africa*, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 16 January.
- 2000 Religious and human rights attitudes among South African youth in a time of transition. Conference of the Research Institute for Theology and Religious Studies (Unisa), Pretoria, South Africa, 14 September.
- 1999 The lens of collective narrative identity: ecclesiological explorations from South Africa. Conference of the *International Academy of Practical Theology*, Quebec, Canada, 17 May.