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**EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION**

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| **Institutions Attended with Dates** | **Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained** |
| Institute of Social Studies, The Hague of Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, April 2005-Oct. 2009. | Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Development Studies |
| Radboud University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, August 2001-June 2003 | Master of Arts, Intercultural Theology |
| Radboud University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands, August 2001-June 2003 | Licentiate, Intercultural Theology |
| The Research School for Resource Studies for Development (CERES), Faculty of Law, Economics, and Governance, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, April-June 2005 | Certificate in Research |
| University of Cape Coast, Ghana, September 1998-August 2000 | Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies |

**SPECIALIZATION**

**Religion/culture and Development**

As an interdisciplinary trained scholar, my specialization is in the ***Religion/culture and Development interrelationship*** with special research interests in the following interdisciplinary areas: religion/culture and human rights, religion and socio-legal systems, religion and gender, religion/culture and natural and human environments, religion/culture and healthcare delivery, religion, conflicts and peace-building, religion/culture and tourism, religion/culture and poverty, among others; and how all this affects development with particular reference to Africa. In other words, I am interested in how religious/cultural resources from the intellectual traditions of various religions can help resolve many pressing challenges confronting development, particularly in Africa.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS AND SPECIAL SKILLS

* Microsoft Excel; Microsoft Power Point
* Statistical Programme for Social Scientists (SPSS)
* Internet surfing (Browsing)

**MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

1. University Teachers Association of Ghana (UTAG)
2. Cambridge Publishing Editorial Advisory Board Member:

https://www.cambridgescholars.com/t/ReligiousStudiesAdvisory

1. Member of Association of Women in Development (AWID)
2. Member of International Association of Feminist Economists
3. Nuffic Fellow
4. Member of African Studies Centre for knowledge sharing, Leiden, The Netherlands:

<https://www.ascleiden.nl/content/community-members>

1. Member of African Association for the Study of Religions
2. ResearchGate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Victor\_Gedzi
3. LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/dr-victor-selorme-gedzi-b37307b9/
4. ORCID: https://orcid.org/0000-0003-2120-6385
5. Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=9XTDP6gAAAAJ>

**COURSES TEACHING/TAUGHT**

**Undergraduate**

**RS 390:** African Traditional Religion and Development

**RS 393:** Christianity and Development

**RS 395:** Culture and Development

**RS 351:** Research Methods

**RS 490:** Long Essay

**Graduate**

**RS 501:** Research Methodology (MA/MPhil)

**RS 579:** African Pentecostalism/Charismaticism

**RS 508:** Religion, Culture and Development

**RS 530:** Studies in Modern African Instituted Churches

**RS 690:** Thesis (MA/MPhil)

**RS 751:** Research Methodology I (PhD)

**RS 752:** Research Methodology II (PhD)

**RS 952:** Thesis (PhD)

**RS 954:** Seminar I (PhD)

**RS 954:** Seminar II (PhD)

**RS 954:** Seminar III (PhD)

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

1. Lecturer, KNUST, November, 2011–July, 2015
2. Senior Lecturer, KNUST, August 1, 2015
3. Associate Professor, KNUST, August 1, 2021

**SERVICE TO INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITIES**

1. Cambridge Publishing Editorial Advisory **Board Member**
2. **Member,** African Studies Centre for knowledge sharing, Leiden, the Netherlands
3. **Member,** African Association for the Study of Religions
4. **Member,** Devex, the Media platform for global development community
5. **External Examiner**, Department of Religion and Human Values, University of Cape Coast
6. **Advisor,** School Management Committee of Atikpui Junior High School
7. **Head** of Department of Religious Studies, August 2017-July 2018
8. **Chairman,** Faculty of Social Sciences Research and Publications Committee, 2015 and 2016
9. **Chair,** Faculty of Social Sciences Committee on Mandatory Courses, 2022
10. **Reviewer,** Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal
11. **Reviewer,** Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law
12. **Reviewer,** Asian Development Perspectives

**PROJECTS SUPERVISION**

**Undergraduate Projects**

1. **Osei-Owusu James**, Women’s Human Rights and Trokosi System among Afife Ewe in the Volta Region of Ghana.
2. **Mensah Derrick**, Prophetism and Appiadu Prayer Camp in Kumasi.
3. **Kumah Bless Fafa**, Traditional Patterns of Marital Conflict Resolution in Asorgli Traditional Area of Ho.
4. **Appau Nkrumah David**, The Role of the Media in Church Evangelization: A Case Study of the Ramseyer Presbyterian Church, Adum, Kumasi.
5. **Amankwah Kito Samuel**, The Role of the Apostolic Church in the Moral Development of her Members.
6. **Nyame-Opoku Andrew**, The Role of African Traditional Religion in the Development of Manhyia Community in Kumasi.
7. **Ahiaku Jacklord**,African Traditional Religion and the Challenge of Modernity in

Kumasi.

1. **Frifa Katakyie Junior**, The Role of Queen Mother in the Socio-Economic Development

of Manhyia Community in Kumasi.

1. **Aseidu James**, The Ancestral Belief System and its Contribution towards Development: A Case Study of Offinso.
2. **Sarpong Philomena Nkansah**,Widowhood Rite and its Effects on Women’s Human Rights and Dignity: A Case Study of the Effiduase Traditional Community.
3. **Class-Peters Richards**,The Nature of the Asante Political System and Contemporary Party Politic in Ghana.
4. **Appeadu Kwasi**, The Role of the Lesser Gods in the Development of Akan Traditional Area: A Case Study of Akonedi Deity in Akuapem Larteh.
5. **Haizel Derrick**, The Relevance of Chieftaincy Institution in Contemporary Ghanaian Society: A Case Study of Manhyia, Kumasi.
6. **Gyaah-Blay Andrew**, The Teaching of the Catholic Church on Abortion.
7. **Ntiamoah Felix Akuoko**, Ohum Festival and its Socio-Economic Relevance to the people of Kade.
8. **Afranie Salomey Durowaah**, The Role of the African Traditional Religion in Women’s Property Rights and Inheritance.
9. **Akua Boadiwaa Amrado,** Effects of Religio-Cultural Practices on Women’s Human Rights. A Case Study of the Kasena in the Upper East Region of Ghana.
10. **Agnes Aboagye,** The Impact of Asante Culture on Pentecostal Christianity. A Case Study of the Ebenezer Miracle Centre in Kumasi.
11. **Abena Dufie Awuah,** Female Genital Mutilation and its Effects on Women’s Human Rights and Development. A case Study of Kasena in the Upper East Region of Ghana.
12. **Richard Akopah,** The Impact of the Church of Pentecost on the Political Governance of Oforikrom District in Kumasi.
13. **Vida Bosompemaa Boateng,** Moral Decline of Christian Youth in Ayeduase and its Effects on Socio-Economic Development.
14. **Felix Owusu Dechi,** Religion and National Development in Ghana – A Case Study of the Asociation of Seventh Day Pentecostal Assembly Church at Asafo.
15. **Stephen Boaten Asare,** Pentecostalism/Charismaticism: The Role of Modern Technology and the Media in Attracting Church Membership at Ebenezer Miracle Worship Centre and Calvary Charismatic Centre in Ahenema Kokoben and Ayigya, Kumasi.
16. **Issac Dankwah Jr.,** The Impact of Death and Mortuary Rituals on the Socio-Economic Life of people at Bantama in Kumasi.
17. **Divine Darko Okuere,** Effects of Religion on Economic Development of some Selected Faith Communities: A Case Study of Antoa and Sawaba Zongo Communities in Kumasi.
18. **Dennis Addai,** Cultural Diversity and Sustainable Development in Ghana.
19. **Dugbatey Yirenkyi Sarah, ‘**Woryokwe’ and Women’s Human Rights: A Case Study of the Adangme.
20. **Elvis Lartey,** Economic Development of Zongos in Ghana: Religio-Cultural Influences on LEAP – a Poverty Reduction Strategy at Aboabo and Nima.
21. **Erica Esther Erica Afua,** The Phenomenon of Kayayei in Agbogbloshie Market: The Role of Religion and Culture.
22. **Barikisu Yahaya,** African Traditional Religious Resources and the Control of Indiscriminate Dumping of Waste: A Case Study of Aboabo in the Ashanti Region of Ghana.
23. **Eric Boakye,** Provision of Social Services by Assemblies of God Church in the Deduako Community.
24. **Adu Jonas Ofori Jr.,** The Role of the Church of Pentecost in the Socio-Economic development of Kotei Community.
25. **Vicentia Arthur,** The International Central Gospel Church and Gender Equality in Ghana.
26. **Belinda Naa Laryea,** Assessing Level of Appreciation of Puberty Rites among Contemporary Krobo Youth in Ghana.

**MPhil Projects**

1. **Treve Kweku Wise**,Religious Conflict and Impact on Society: A Case Study of Global Evangelical and Evangelical Presbyterian Churches in Anyako.
2. **Dasaah Esther**,Perception and Practice of Christian Leadership in the Deeper Life Bible Church.
3. **Daniel Anane Peprah,** Sustaining Non-profit Religious Organizations and their Positive Impact on Ghana’s Development: A Case Study of World Vision International in Ghana.
4. **Joyce Amofa,** Gender Equality and Women Empowerment: A Case Study of the Catholic Arch-Diocese of Kumasi in the Ashanti Region of Ghana.
5. **Bekoe Prince Ohene,** Religious Practices and their Effects on the Human Rights of Women and Children: A Case Study of Gambaga Area in the Northern Region of Ghana.
6. **Nti-Abankoro Ignatius,** Linking the Formal and Informal Expressions of Christianity for Socio-Economic Development: A Case Study of Selected Christians in the Kumasi Metropolis.
7. **Polley-Johnson,** Managing Sanitation Challenges at Konongo and Odumase in the Asante Akim Central Municipal: The Role of the Methodist Church, Ghana.
8. **Mensah Robert,** Religious Values and Economic Development of Ghana.

**Doctoral Projects**

1. **Joseph Kofi Antwi,** Religio-Cultural Thought and Environmental Management: The Case of the Atiwa District, Ghana.
2. **Anderson George Jr.,** Christian Ethics and Commercialization of Religion in Ghana: The Case of Ebenezer Miracle Worship Centre, Kumasi.
3. **Samuel Sarkodia-Addo,** Religion and Politics: Examination of Engagement between Christian Religious Institutions and Christian Politicians in Ghana.
4. **Eric Manu,** Proliferation and Impact of Neo-Prophetic Pentecostal Movements in Ghana: Cases of Vida Bethel Ministry and Ebenezer Miracle Worship Centre in Kumasi.
5. **Ayikwei Awulley,** An Assessment of Media Engagement by Pentecostal Churches in Ghana.
6. **Mary Fosu,** A Soteriological Examination of the Gap between Christian Profession and Practice in Contemporary Ghana: A Case Study of Selected Churches in Kumasi Metropolis.

**PUBLICATIONS**

* + - 1. **Gedzi, V.S.** and Anderson, G. (2021). Situating the Religious Market Theory in the Ghanaian Religious Context: Merits and Demerits. *African Journal of Religion, Philosophy and Culture,* Vol. 2, No. 1: 57-75.
      2. **Gedzi, V.S.,** Bob-Milliar, G. and Tweneboah, S. (2020). Death Rituals and Livelihood Strategy amongst the Asante in Ghana. *Journal of Indigenous and Shamanic Studies,* Vol.1, No.1: 1-10.
      3. **Gedzi, V.S.** & Nti-Abankoro, I. (2020). Christian Faith and Economic Development: A Case Study of some Christian Workers in Ghana’s Public Sector in Kumasi. *African Journal of Religion, Philosophy and Culture,* Vol. 1, No. 2: 39-60.
      4. **Gedzi, V.S.,** Treve, W. & Segbefia, Y.A.(2020). Congregational Conflicts and Societal Impacts: A Case of Evangelical Presbyterian Congregation in Ghana. *Journal of African Political Economy and Development,* Vol. 5: 21-45.
      5. Eshun, G. & **Gedzi, V.S.**  (2020). Emotions, Transcendence, Differentiated Voices and Resistances at Cape Coast Castle: A Poetic Analysis.*African Journal of Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure,* Vol 9, No 3: 149-166.
      6. Dumbe, Y. **Gedzi, V.S.** & Seekey, O.I. (2020). Contesting Religious Authority in Ghana: Perspectives on the Literary Works of Aminu Bamba. *Journal of the Contemporary Study of Islam,* Vol. 1, Issue 2: 108-127.
      7. **Gedzi, V.S.** (2019). The Role of Culture and Law in Sustaining Trokosi Institution in Southern Ghana. *Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Values,* Vol. 5, Issue 2:1-21.
      8. Tweneboah, S., Dumbe, Y. & **Gedzi, V.S.** (2019). Pentecostalism, the Media, and the State: Politicization of Indigenous Customary Systems in Ghana. *Politics, Religion and Ideology*: 1-28
      9. **Gedzi, V.S.,** Dumbe, Y. & Ahenkorah, S.K. (2019). Homosexuality in Ghana: Perspectives of Science, Social Learning Theory and Religion. *Oguaa Journal of Religion and Human Values.* Vol. 5, Issue 1: 18-40.
      10. Opoku, K. J. **Gedzi, V.S.** & Manu, E. (2019). Akan Healthcare Delivery System and Its Effect on Modern Healthcare Practice. *Journal of Arts and Humanities,* Vol.8, Issue 9: 73-85.
      11. Opoku, J.K., Manu E. & **Gedzi, V.S**. (2019). Church and Poverty Alleviation through Health Care Delivery in the Kumasi Metropolis. *Developing Country Studies,* Vol. 9, No. 10: 69-76.

1. Antwi, E.K.E., **Gedzi, V.S.** & Wiafe, F. (2019). Jonah: Crossing Religious Boundaries towards Peaceful Co-existence and

Development. International Journal of Philosophy and Public Affairs, Vol. 7: 99-116.

1. **Gedzi, V.S.**, Peprah, D.A. & Cofie, E. N. K. (2018). NGOs, Spirituality and Community Development in Northern Ghana: Challenges and Sustainability. *Journal of African Political Economy and Development,* Vol. 3: 108-126.
2. **Gedzi, V.S.,** Dumbe, Y. & Eshun, G., (2017). Environmental Review and Case Studies: Religious Resources and Environmental Management in Ghana. *Environmental Practice (ENP),* Vol. 18, Issue 3: 137 – 147
3. Asiedu-Amoako, S., Ntiamoah, M. K. & **Gedzi, V. S**. (2016). Environmental Degradation: A Challenge to Traditional Leadership at Akyem Abuakwa

in the Eastern Region of Ghana. *American Journal of Indigenous Studies.* Vol. 1, No. 2: A1 – A13.

1. **Gedzi, V.S.** (2015). Context and Erection of Legal System in Ghana. *Advances in Social Sciences Research Journal,* Vol. 2, No. 2:
2. – 121.
3. Dumbe, Y. Eshun, G., & **Gedzi, V.S.** (2015). Salafis and the Politics of Nationalism among Migrant Muslims in Ghana. *African Insight.* Vol. 45(2): 41 – 58.
4. **Gedzi, V.S.** (2014a). PNDC Law 111 in Ghana and International Human Rights Laws. *Global Journal of Politics and Law Research.* Vol. 2, Issue 2: 15-26.
5. **Gedzi, V.S.** (2014b). Cultural Norms and Disputes on Women’s Property Relation in Ghana. *International Journal of African Society Cultures and Traditions.* Vol.1, No.1: 1-31.
6. **Gedzi, V.S.** (2014c). The Limits of Legal Intervention in Customary Practices: Understanding the Unpopularity of Ghana’s PNDC Law 111 on Intestate Succession among the Anlo and Asante. *Journal of Poverty Alleviation and International Development* (JPAID). Vol.5, No.1: 99-125.
7. **Gedzi, V. S.** (2014d). The Asante of Ghana. *International Journal of African Society, Cultures and Traditions*, Vol.2, No.3, 2014: 20-26.
8. **Gedzi, V. S.** (2013c). Societal Perception of Illness and Relationship with Ill Persons. *European Scientific Journal.* Vol. 9. No.14: 134-142.
9. **Gedzi, V. S.** (2013d). The Causal Correlation of Sin and Suffering. *International Journal of Physical and Human Geography.* Vol. 1 No. 1: 9-20.
10. **Gedzi, V. S.** (2013e). Gospel Values and African Traditional Religion. *Orita, Ibadan Journal of Religious Studies.* Vol. XLV/1&2: 223 – 244.
11. **Gedzi, V. S.** (2012a). Women’s Property Relations after Intestate Succession PNDC Law 111 in Ghana. *Research on Humanities and Social Sciences.* Vol.2, No. 9: 211-219.
12. **Gedzi, V. S.** (2012b). Property Relations and Women’s Access to Courts among the Anlo and the Asante in Ghana. *European Scientific Journal.* Vol.8, No.29: 121-139.
13. **Gedzi, V.S.** (2009). *Principles and Practices of Dispute Resolution in Ghana: Ewe and Akan Procedures on Females’ Inheritance and Property Rights.* Maastricht: Shaker Publishing Bv.
14. **Gedzi, V. S.** (1992). Is the Present Time of Confirmation Relevant? A Challenge. *Pedu Today Bulletin*. Vol. XXIV: 43 – 44.
15. **Gedzi, V. S.** (1991). What is the Meaning of Christianity in the Africa of Today? *Pedu Today Bulletin*. Vol. XXIII: 41 – 42.
16. **Gedzi, V. S.** (1989). Challenge to Christianity in Africa. *Pedu Today Bulletin*. Vol. XXII: 38 – 39.
17. **Gedzi, V. S.** (1988). Village Life. *Pedu Today Bulletin*. Vol. XXI: 32 - 33.

**PAPERS AWAITING PUBLICATION**

Christian Stewardship and Electricity Management in Ghana

Religious Resources and Solid Waste Management in Urban Communities in Africa