

Yale-Edinburgh Group  
on the History of the Missionary Movement  
and World Christianity

DIVERSITY AND DIFFERENCE IN CUSTOM, BELIEF, AND  
PRACTICE IN THE HISTORY OF MISSIONS AND WORLD  
CHRISTIANITY

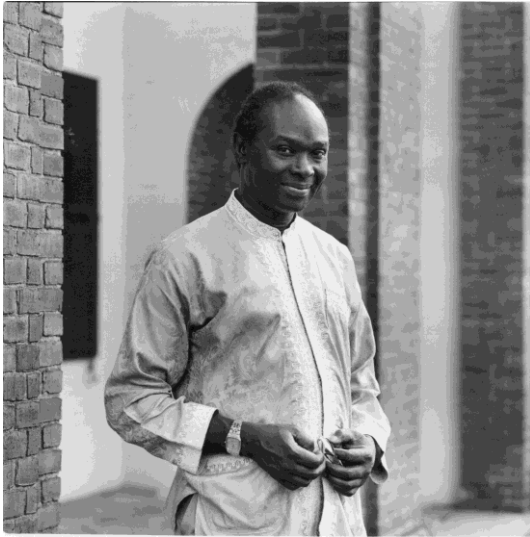
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Yale Divinity School  
New Haven, CT

**Lamin Sanneh**  
(1942 – 2019)



Co-founder of the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity, Professor Sanneh came to the Yale Divinity School in 1989 as the D. Willis James Professor of Missions and World Christianity. He also held appointments as Professor of History and Professor of International and Area Studies at Yale. He was the author of more than a dozen books on Islam and Christianity and over two hundred articles in scholarly journals. Professor Sanneh was the recipient of many major awards and honors, including an honorary doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in 2002. We mourn his passing and celebrate all his contributions to the Yale-Edinburgh Group and our fields of study.

This is the twenty-ninth meeting of the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity. The conferences are sponsored by the Centre for the Study of World Christianity at the University of Edinburgh, the Overseas Ministries Study Center, and Yale Divinity School.

Prior meetings:

- March 1992 at Yale: *"From Christendom to World Christianity"*
- September 1992 at Edinburgh: *"Intercontinental Connexions"*
- September 1993 at Yale: *"Language, Culture, and Translation"*
- September 1994 at Edinburgh: *"The Churches and the Missionary Movement"*
- June 1995 at Yale: *"World Christianity and the Teaching of History"*
- June 1996 at Edinburgh: *"Missions and Ethnicity"*
- June 1997 at Yale: *"Missions and Consequences: The Historical Impact of the Missionary Movement"*
- July 1998 at Edinburgh: *"War and Peace in the History of Missions"*
- July 1999 at Yale: *"Youth and the Missionary Movement: Inter-Generational Challenge and Opportunity"*
- July 2000 at Edinburgh: *"Representations and Misrepresentations of Missions"*
- July 2001 at Yale: *"Missions and Human Rights"*
- July 2002 at Edinburgh: *"Missions and the Powers: Seen and Unseen"*
- July 2003 at Yale: *"Conversion and Converts"*
- July 2004 at Edinburgh: *"Missions, Money, Privilege"*
- July 2005 at Yale: *"Identity, Ethnic and Christian, in the History of Christian Missions"*
- July 2006 at Edinburgh: *"Sight, Sound, and Touch: Visual, Musical, and Material Aspects of Christian Mission"*
- June 2007 at Yale: *"Liberty, Slavery, and Christian Missions"*
- July 2008 at Edinburgh: *"Perceptions and Portrayals: heroes and villains in mission historiography"*
- July 2009 at Yale: *"Missions, Law, and Custom"*
- July 2010 at Edinburgh: *"Consultation and Cooperation in the History of Missions"*
- June/July 2011 at Yale: *"Missions and Education"*
- June 2012 at Edinburgh: *"Religious Movements of Renewal, Revival, and Revitalization in the History of Missions and World Christianity"*
- June 2013 at Yale: *"Health, Healing, and Medicine in the History of Christian Missions and World Christianity"*
- June 2014 at Edinburgh: *"Gender and Family in the History of Missions and World Christianity"*
- June 2015 at Yale: *"Religion and Religions in the History of Missions and World Christianity"*
- June 2016 at Edinburgh: *"Responses to Missions: Appropriations, Revisions, and Rejections"*
- June/July 2017 at Yale: *"Migration, Exile, and Pilgrimage in the History of Missions and World Christianity"*
- June 2018 at Edinburgh: *"Scripture, Prayer and Worship in the History of Missions and World Christianity"*

## Thursday, June 27

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**      **Continental breakfast available in YDS Common Room / Refectory**
- 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**      **Registration desk open at entrance to Divinity School (next to bookstore)**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**      **Lunch available in Common Room / Refectory**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**      **Opening Plenary – Niebuhr Hall**      Chair: Chloë Starr  
Welcome: Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School  
  
Opening Paper: “Naming ‘World Christianity’: The Yale-Edinburgh Conference in Historical Perspective” – Dana Robert

**2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**      **SESSION 1 (parallel sessions)**

**A. Niebuhr Hall**      *Aspects of language*      Chair: Chandra Mallampalli

“If I Speak in Human Tongues and Theologies, and Have Not Love: Language and Theology in African and Chinese Christianity” – Alexander Chow

“Christian Politics: Via Missionary English and Hindi Nationalism” – Rakesh Peter-Dass (paper read by Ian Skoggard)

**B. Latourette Room**      *Perspectives from the Middle East*      Chair: David Dawson

“Middle Eastern Christianity as World Christianity: Ancient, Modern, and Missionary Traditions”  
– Deanna Ferree Womack

“Relief Work of the American Red Cross and the Christian Herald Armenian Relief Fund: Caught in the Cross-Cultural Rivalry among the Ottoman Officialdom, Catholic Armenians, and the American Protestant Missionaries, the Province of Aleppo (Halep), 1895-1896” – Devrim Umit

**C. Jonathan Edwards Dining Room**      *Religion impacting culture in Africa and Europe*  
Chair: Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu

“Neo-Pentecostalism: A Post-colonial Critique of the Prosperity Gospel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (1960-2018)” – Nelson Ngoy

“Mission and Diversity: A Closer Examination of the Practical Mission Activities and Beliefs of Some Selected Churches in Ghana from their Establishment to Present Day” – Sylvia Owusu-Ansah

**3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**      **Coffee / tea break - Day Missions Reading Room, Divinity Library**

**4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**      **SESSION 2 (parallel sessions)**

**A. Latourette Room**      *Perceptions of Hinduism / Conversion of Hindus*  
Chair: Richard Pierard

“Changing Perceptions of Hinduism as Seen in Missionary Periodicals, 1821-1930” – David Lindenfeld

“Transcultural Insights into the Christian Conversion of British Gujarati Hindus” – Usha (Patel) Reifsnider

**B. Niebuhr Hall**      *Finding identity: Free Methodist and Yale missions in Asia*  
Chair: Noriko Ishii

“Demonstrating ‘Japanese’ Christianity: Japanese Free Methodist Mission to Wartime China” – Chikako Ikehata

“Yale Missionaries in East Asian Countries and the Localization Process” – Young Wan Son

**C. Jonathan Edwards Dining Room**      *Mission Education in Africa and South Korea*  
Chair: Sandra Costen Kunz

“Negotiating Norwegian Mission Education in Zululand and Natal during World War II” – Ellen Vea Rosnes

“Manipulation of the Collective Memory about American Protestant Education Mission in South Korea: The Case of Horace Grant Underwood’s Education Mission in 1885-1916” – Jooyoung Hong

**5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**      **Buffet Dinner – Common Room / Refectory**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**      **SESSION 3 (plenary) – Niebuhr Hall**

Resource and Project Announcements and Updates      Chair: Chris Anderson

Documentary Film Screening and Discussion

“Kwame Bediako: His Life and Legacy” – James M. Ault, Jr., filmmaker

## **Friday, June 28**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**      **Continental Breakfast in Common Room / Refectory**

**9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**      **SESSION 4 (parallel sessions)**

**A. Latourette Room**      *Agencies and movements in New Zealand and Kenya*  
Chair: Maureen Iheanacho

“Consequential Diversity in Nineteenth-Century Evangelical Mission among Maori” – Geoff Troughton

“A Baptist Presbyterian in a Bishop’s Brocade: Wellington Mulwa and the Africa Inland Church in Kenya” (ca. 1970-1979) – F. Lionel Young III

“Ushuhuda: The Witness of Student Movements in Kenyan Christianity, 1958-1988” – Kyama Mugambi

**B. Niebuhr Hall**      *Framing diversity and difference in world Christianity*  
Chair: Jehu J. Hanciles

“The Bebbington Quadrilateral and World Christianity: Some Preliminary Thoughts” – Brian Stanley

“From a Uniform to a Pluriform Model of Mission: Diversity in the Pre-conciliar Missiology of Jean Bruls (SAM)” – Toon Ooms

“Diaconal Studies and the Secular-Religious Divide” – Henning Møller Christensen

**11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**      **Coffee / tea break – Day Missions Reading Room**

**11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.      SESSION 5 (parallel sessions)**

**A. Latourette Room**    *Demonstrations of diversity in Ghana and Burkina Faso*      Chair: Michèle Sigg

“Exploring the Birifor Clan System and the Impact on the Church among the Birifor” – Ini Dorcas Dah

**B. Niebuhr Hall**      *Theological variations and divergences in China*      Chair: Alexander Chow

“‘Stooping to Conquer’ to a Filial Christ: Variations of Fulfilment Theology among Missionaries and Church Leaders in China” – Amy O’Keefe

“T.C. Chao’s Dialectical Theology: Contextualization, Experience, and Difference” – John Sampson

**C. Jonathan Edwards Dining Room**      *Biblical interpretation in the Middle East*  
Chair: Deanna Ferree Womack

“The Politics of Interpretation: Reading the Bible in the Palestinian Countryside” – Elizabeth Marteiijn

**12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.      Buffet Lunch in Common Room / Refectory**

**1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      SESSION 6 (plenary) – Niebuhr Hall**

**Book Panel and Discussion**

Chair: Brian Stanley

Presentations by contributors to *Relocating World Christianity: Interdisciplinary Studies in Universal and Local Expressions of the Christian Faith* (Brill, 2017) including Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, Chandra Mallampalli, Chloë Starr, and Emma Wild-Wood. Session to include discussion of Lamin Sanneh’s background paper for the inaugural Yale-Edinburgh Group meeting in March 1992: “Religious Agnostics and Cultural Believers: Contemporary Soundings on the Lost Trails of Christendom.”

**3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      Coffee / tea break – Day Missions Reading Room**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.      SESSION 7 (parallel sessions)**

**A. Latourette Room**    *Perspectives from Korea and Cambodia*      Chair: Martha Smalley

“Diversity and Differences in Korean Christianity: Asian Religious Worldviews and Contexts” – Shin Ahn

“The Role of Patron as Father in Church Planting Efforts in Cambodia” – Robert Oh

**B. Niebuhr Hall**      *Ethnicity and genocide in Africa*  
Chair: Emma Wild-Wood

“The Church and Ethnic Conflict in Kenya” – Linda Ochola-Adolwa

“The Impact of the 1994 Genocide on Leadership in the Rwandan Anglican Church” – Jesse Zink

**5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.      SESSION 8 (plenary) – Niebuhr Hall      Chair: Stephen Crocco**  
**Day Associates Lecture**

“To be Agents of a Life-Giving Transformation:’ Christian Higher Education in Africa” – Joel Carpenter

Response – Andrew Walls

**6:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Dinner Reception – Common Room**

Chair: Tom Hastings, OMSC

Opportunities for conference attendees to express memories of and tributes to Lamin Sanneh

## **Saturday, June 29**

**8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast – Common Room / Refectory**

**9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

**SESSION 9 (parallel sessions)**

**A. Latourette Room** *Society and citizenship in China*

Chair: Daryl Ireland

“Fixing the Boundaries and Redrawing the Purity Map: The Making of a Christian Social Order among the Lisu of Southwest China” – Aminta Arrington

“God’s Model Citizen: Christian Devotion and Modern Citizenship in the Republic of China”  
– Yucheng Bai

**B. Niebuhr Hall** *Perspectives from the diaspora*

Chair: Shin Ahn

“Diverse Altars Where We Worship: Religious Practices and Worship among Ghanaian Christian Communities in New Jersey, USA” – Emmanuel Agyemfra

“Healing and Deliverance among African Diaspora Communities in South Korea” – Afia Sun Kim

“Two Groups within One Race: The History of the Korean Immigrant Church in the United States”  
– Jihoon Shin

**C. Jonathan Edwards Dining Room** *Pedagogical implications*

Chair: Chris Anderson

“Internationalizing the Diversity in Texts Assigned in Professional Ministry Degree Programs”  
– Sandra Costen Kunz

This session will include an open discussion on pedagogical implications related to the conference topic.

**11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**SESSION 10 (parallel sessions)**

**A. Latourette Room** *Church, school, and mission in China and North America*

Chair: Chloë Starr

Transforming the Sino-Foreign Church: The Missionary Foundation and Political Pursuit of Yu Guozhen and the First Independent Churches in Early Twentieth Century China – Zexi (Jesse) Sun

“Varying Visions of Unity in the South China Anglican Church, c. 1906-1947” – Tim Yung

North China Theological Seminary’s Controversy in North America, 1946-1952 – Kevin Xiyi Yao

**B. Niebuhr Hall** *Stories of individuals*

Chair: David Lindenfeld

Too African for the Europeans, and too European for the Africans: The missionary struggles of Jacobus Elisa Johannes Capitein (c. 1717-1747) – Jake Griesel

“Do Your Best, and Do It Now”: W.P. Turner and the Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in Japan” – Cheryl Crowley

Reverse Conversion in the Protestant “Indian Mission” Work in Guatemala from a Woman Missionary’s Perspective: Dora Burgess (1887-1962) – Sun Yong Lee

**1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.                      Lunch at Overseas Ministries Study Center - sponsored by OMSC**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.                      SESSION 11 (plenary) at OMSC    Chair: Dana Robert**

Concluding remarks, conversation, and plans for 2020 Meeting in Edinburgh

