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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, Canada, 1986-1990.

Degree: Ph.D. in Theology
Program: Interdisciplinary Studies - Sociology and Theology
Thesis: "Roman Catholicism and the Defining of Tanzanian Socialism: 1955-1985."
Award: Governor General of Canada Award for Academic Excellence

University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 1979 -1981

Degree: M.A. in Sociology
Thesis: "Exploitation and Alienation in the Transition to Ujamaa."

Maryknoll School of Theology, Maryknoll, New York 1970-1975

Degree: M.A. in Theology

Degree: Masters of Divinity

Andover-Newton School of Theology, Newton, Mass. 1969-1970

Certificate: Certified Course Assistant, Clinical Pastoral Education

Maryknoll College, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 1965-1969

Degree: B.A. in Sociology

LANGUAGES:

English – Fluent
Swahili – Fluent
French – Written

CITIZENSHIP:

Dual: United States of America and Canada

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2009-Prst. Visiting Associate Professor**, University of Scranton,** Department of Religious Studies and Theology, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

2015 Inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu as honorary member for teaching, research and service excellence in the Jesuit spirit.

2009 Visiting Scholar, **Union Theological School**, New York, New York.

2002 Adjunct Professor, **Catholic Theological Union**, Chicago, Illinois.

1994-2001 Senior Lecturer, **University of Dar es Salaam**, Department of Sociology, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

1991-1994 Lecturer, **University of Dar es Salaam**, Department of Sociology, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

1991-1999 Adjunct Faculty, **Maryknoll Institute of African Studies**, University of St. Mary's, Winona, Minnesota.

1990 Session Lecturer, **University of St. Michael's College**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1988-1989: Session Lecturer, **University of St. Michael's College**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1981-1983: Lecturer Cross-cultural Theological Education in an East African context accredited by Maryknoll School of Theology.

1981-1984: Coordinator of national seminars for church leaders in Tanzania on 'Understanding the Political and Economic Situation of Tanzania.'

1975-1985: Numerous seminars, workshops and discussion groups on community development, Christian social teaching and needs clarification.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Religion and Society
World Religions
African Religion
Introductory Sociology
Introductory Research Methods
Classical Sociological Theory
Contemporary Sociological Theory

African Christian Theology
Historical Ecclesiology
Introduction to Christian Theology
Introduction to Contextual Theology
Introduction to the Bible
Sociology of Religion in Africa
Theology and Sociology
Third World Christian Theologies
Crime and the Bible

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2002 – Prst. NGO Representative to ECOSOC of the United Nations.

2002 – 2008. Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America.

2002 – 2008 General Superior - Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

2002 – 2008 Member of Executive Committee of Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns.

2001 - 2002 Director of Initial Formation/Education Program of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers.

1998 - 2001 Director of Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in Africa.

1995 - 2001 Member Board of Trustees of the Maryknoll Institute of African Studies of the University of St. Mary's – Winona.

1995-1998 Regional Director of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers of Tanzania.

1992-1995 Assistant Regional Director of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers of Tanzania.

1993-1998. Consultant to the new Open University of Tanzania for Religious Studies curriculum development.

1990-1998. Consultant to the Center for Faith and Justice, an institute for policy studies, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

1990-1998. Member of Commission for Faith and Justice of Religious Superiors' Association of Tanzania.

1981-1985: Coordinator for Tanzanian Commission for Justice and Peace.

1982-1985: Coordinator for Catholic Human Development Programs in Chang'ombe, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. This included health clinic, kindergarten, vocational training, women's development projects, secretarial training school and youth programs.

1975-1979: Coordinator for Human Development Programs in Nyamwaga, Tarime, Tanzania. This included women's development projects, agricultural projects, a health clinic, kindergarten, and youth programs.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Sivalon, John, The Mission of God and Postmodern Culture: The Gift of Uncertainty, Maryknoll New York: Orbis Books, 2012.

Award: Catholic Press Association 1st Place in Professional Category, 2013.

Translated into Italian and published as Il Dono dell'Incertezza. Dire il Vangelo nell'era Postmoderna published by EMI, January 1, 2014.

Sivalon, John, Kanisa Katoliki na Siasa ya Tanzania Bara, Ndanda Tanzania: Ndanda Publications, 1992.

Books edited:

Sivalon, John, ed., Introductory Sociology, A Reader and Lecture Notes, Dar es Salaam: DUP Limited, 2000.

Sivalon, John, Empirical Study of Religion in East Africa -- The Case of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam: Open University of Tanzania, 1996.

Sivalon, John, ed., The Buffaloes: A Story Commemorating the Maryknoll Society's Fifty Years in Tanzania, New York: Maryknoll Fathers, 1995.

Chapters in Books:

Sivalon, John, "Mission and the Challenge of Postmodern Culture," submitted to be published in a forthcoming two volume work on Intercultural Mission: Looking Forward, to be published by Divine Word Mission publications.

Sivalon, John and Tambila, Kapepwa I., "Intra-denominational Conflict in Tanzania's Christian Churches," in Justice, Rights and Worship: Religion and Politics in Tanzania, ed. Rwekaza Sympho Mukandala, E&D Ltd. 2006.

Sivalon, John, "Rural Tanzanians and the Elections of 1995," in Agrarian Economy, State and Society in Contemporary Tanzania, ed. Profs. Peter Forster and Samuel Maghimbi, Ashgate Publishing Ltd. 1999, pp. 225 - 243.

Sivalon, John and C. Comoro, "The Marian Faith Healing Ministry: Popular Struggle and Faith Healing in Tanzania," in Popular Catholicism in a World Church, ed. Jean-Paul Wiest and Tom Bamat, Orbis, 1999, pp. 157 -182.

Sivalon John and C. Comoro, "The Marian Faith Healing Ministry: An African Expression of Popular Catholicism in Tanzania," in African Expressions of Christianity in East Africa, James Currey, 1998, pp. 275 - 295.

Sivalon, John. "The State and Higher Education in Tanzania," in Issues in Higher Education Series: Governments and Autonomy in Universities, ed. Guy Neave and Frans van Vught, Paris: Pergamon, 1993.

Sivalon, John, "Quality and Equity in Tanzania's Religiously Affiliated Secondary Schools," chapter in Gender, Family and Household in Tanzania, ed. Colin Creighton and C.K. Omari, Aldershot: Avebury, 1995.

Sivalon, John. "The Catholic Church and Tanzanian State in the Provision of Social Services," chapter in State, NGOs and Peoples' Organizations: Service Provision in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, ed. Joseph Semboja and Ole Therkildsen. London: James Currey, 1995.

Journal Articles:

Sivalon, John, "Mission and Suffering of the Innocent," in Missiology: An International Review, Vol. XXX, No. 3, July 2002, pp. 376 -383.

Sivalon, J. and Comoro, C., "EBOLA: Fear of the Unknown" in Tanzania Health Research Bulletin, Vol. 3, No. 2, June 2001.

Sivalon, John and C. Comoro, "Le Mouvement prônant la guérison par la foi in Marie: changements sociaux et catholicisme populaire in Tanzanie," in Social Compass, Vol. 45, No. 4, 1998, pp.575 to 593.

Sivalon John and C. Comoro, "The Marian Faith Healing Ministry: Popular Catholicism or African Independent Church," in African Christian Studies Vol.13, No. 3, September, 1997, pp 6 - 37.

Sivalon, John, "Mission and Innocent Suffering," AFER, Vol. 38, No. 5, October 1996.

Sivalon, John, et al., "Education for a Global Theology," Theological Education XXVI, I, (Spring 1990): 86-112.

Book Reviews:

Sivalon, John, Review of ***Religion and Culture: Contemporary Practices and Perspectives***, ed. by Richard D. Hecht and Vincent F. Biondo III, Minneapolis, MN.: Fortress Press, 2012. In Journal of Ecumenical Studies, Vol. 48, No. 1 (Winter 2013).

Non-referred Publications:

Popular Education Pamphlets:

Sivalon, John, Waulizeni, Ni Haki Yenu!!!, Religious Superiors Association of Tanzania, Commission for Justice and Peace, 1995.

Sivalon, John. Jumuiya Zitetee Haki Tabora, Tanzania: TMP Publishing Co., 1983.

Research Reports:

Sivalon, John, "Towards the Elections, 1995," Dar es Salaam: TADREG Working Paper Series, No. Four, August 1995.

Sivalon, John, "Opposition From Within," Dar es Salaam: TADREG Working Paper Series, No. Three, June 1994.

Sivalon, John, "Political Transition in Tanzania -- Preliminary Report," Dar es Salaam: TADREG Working Paper Series, No. One, Feb. 1994.

Sivalon, John, et al., "Gender Oppression, Changing Customs and the Spread of AIDS in Kagera Tanzania," Published proceedings of the VIII International Conference on AIDS in Africa, Marrakech, Morocco, December 12th - 16th, 1993.

Articles:

Sivalon, John, “Finding God in the Culture of Youth,” in Maryknoll Magazine, January/February, 2014, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “En Medio de los Jovenes,” Revista Maryknoll, January/February, 2014, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Forsaking Foolishness,” in Maryknoll Magazine, February, 2010, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “La Sabiduria,” in Revista Maryknoll, February, 2010 , (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Award: Catholic Press Association: First Place, Spanish, Best Column Spiritual, 2011.

Sivalon, John, “Abrazamosla Cruz,” Revista Maryknoll, January, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Liderazgo Contemplativo,” Revista Maryknoll, February, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Volver a Casa,” Revista Maryknoll, March, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Sentido de Sabbat,” Revista Maryknoll, April, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Un Centenario Ovidado,” Revista Maryknoll, May/June, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “El Dios de los Jovenes,” Revista Maryknoll, July/August, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Estudiantes del amor de Cristo,” Revista Maryknoll, September 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Enviados a vivir el amor de Dios,” Revista Maryknoll, October, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Hasta que nos volvamos a ver,” Revista Maryknoll, November, 2008, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Vaya al Mundo,” Revista Maryknoll, May/June 2007, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “No es una Guerra Justa,” Revista Maryknoll, July/August, 2007, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)
Sivalon, John, “Immigracion y el desafio de la Sagrada Familia,” Revista Maryknoll, September 2007, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Vocacion y communidad,” Revista Maryknoll, October 2007, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Milagros comunes,” Revista Maryknoll, November 2007, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Emanuel,” Revista Maryknoll, December 2007, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Redescubrir la vida trinitaria,” Revista Maryknoll, February 2005, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Imaginemos un futuro,” Revista Maryknoll, September 2005, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, “Called to be Vanguard,” in Maryknoll Magazine, December 2005, (New York: Maryknoll Publications.)

Sivalon, John, "Models for Understanding the Relationship of Religion to Politics," in Change, Vol. 2, No. 12, December 1994, (Dar es Salaam: Change Publications Ltd.)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

1998 - 1999: Project Principal Researcher: Urbanization and Religious Consciousness in Africa: A Case Study of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

1994 - 1997: Assistant Researcher: Popular Roman Catholicism -- the "Wanamaombi." Pew Charitable Trust Fund funded Global Project.

1993 - 1995: Principal Researcher: National Survey on Rural Political Opinions. DANIDA Funded Project.

1991 - 1994: Assistant Researcher: Kagera Aids Research Project. A joint project of Muhimbili Medical Center and the Department of Sociology of the University of Dar es Salaam.

1987 - 1988: Field Research in Tanzania for Doctorate degree involving interviews, archival and library research and participant observation methods.

1981 - 1985: Archival and Library Research for Preparing Handbook and Seminars on Political and Economic History of Tanzania.

1980: Field Research Project in Tanzania for MA in Sociology and Development Studies. It involved participatory observation, administration of questionnaire, coding and analysis. It was a comparative study of two Ujamaa villages for a period of six months.

PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

Nov. 2014 Sivalon, John, "Francis, Bishop of Rome and the Recovery of the Spirit of Vatican II," presented at the National Conference of Call to Action, Memphis, TN., November 8 to 10th, 2014.

July 2014 Sivalon,John, Two Week Workshop on "Mission Today" for the mission animators of the western regional dioceses of the United States, Mountain View, California.

June 2014 Sivalon, John, "Mission as Empowering Encounter," International Conference of Mission Affiliates, Maryknoll, New York.

May 2014 Sivalon,John, "Mission and Postmodern Culture: The Gift of Uncertainty," convegno di "missione oggi," Brescia, Italy.

Sivalon,John, "The Joy of the Gospel: Joining a Sacred Pilgrimage," seminario di studio di "missione oggi," Catholic University of Brescia, Brescia, Italy.

Apr. 2014 Sivalon, John, "Mission as Empowering Encounter," Workshop for "Full Circle" annual meeting, Maryknoll, New York.

Nov. 2013 Sivalon, John, "Searching For Common Ground: The Commonness is in the 'Ground,'" Conference: A Conversation Among Humanists and Believers, Coatbridge, Scotland.

Oct. 2013 Sivalon, John, "Mission Where Is It Taking Us!" National Conference of Mission Educators and Promoters, Maryknoll, New York.

May 2013 Sivalon, John, "Mission and Its Challenges," Theta Alpha Kappa awards presentation, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

April 2013 Sivalon, John, "Surviving as the People of God: Vatican II Mission or Retrenchment," Symposium of same title in Syracuse, New York.

Jan. 2013 Sivalon, John, "God's Mission and Postmodern Culture," presentation at the Paulist Center, Boston, MA.

Sept. 2011 Sivalon, John, "The Mission of God and Its Challenges," presentation at the 100th Anniversary Symposium on Mission, Maryknoll, New York.

Sept. 2011 Sivalon, John, "21st Century Implications of the Mission Theology of William Frazier," paper presented at the 100th Anniversary Symposium on Mission, Maryknoll, New York.

April 2005 Sivalon, John, "Mission and Post-Modernity," paper presented for the 25th Anniversary of the Center for Cross Cultural Training, Maryknoll, New York, April, 2005.

April 2001 Sivalon, John and Christopher Comoro, "Towards Understanding the Postmodern Family and Future Challenges to the Family of the Post-postmodern Period; We Ain't Seen Nothing Yet," presented at International Millennium Conference Historical Association of Tanzania, University of Dar es Salaam, April, 2001.

Feb. 2000 Sivalon, John and Tambila, Kapepwa, "Christianity: Conflict and Controversy," presented at REDET Review Conference, University of Dar es Salaam, Feb. 21, 2000.

Aug. 1996 Sivalon, John, "The Marian Faith Healing Ministry: Popular Catholicism or an African Independent Church," presented at Conference on African Expressions of Christianity in East Africa University of Wisconsin in Madison, August 23-27, 1996.

Jan. 1996: Sivalon, John, "Mission and Innocent Suffering," Symposium on Mission towards the Third Millennium, Nairobi, Kenya.

April 1994: Sivalon, John, "Religion and Politics: Roman Catholic Perspectives," Seminar of Dar es Salaam Philosophical Society, University of Dar es Salaam.

March 1994: Sivalon, John, "Political Trends in Tanzania," Seminar for Political Officers in Dar es Salaam.

Feb. 1994: Sivalon, John, "Quality and Equity in Tanzania's Religious Affiliated Schools," Faculty of Education Seminar, UDSM.

Feb. 1994: Sivalon, John, "Preliminary Findings of Rural Tanzanians' Political Opinions," Departmental Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Dar es Salaam.

Dec. 1993: Sivalon, John, et al., "Sex, Gender and the Spread of Aids in Kagera," presented at the VIII International Conference on Aids in Africa, Dec. 12-16, 1993, Marrakech, Morocco.

Dec. 1993: Sivalon, John, "Quality and Equity in Religious affiliated Secondary Schools in Tanzania," presented at Workshop on Quality and Equity Issues in Tanzanian Education Policy and Practice, Dec. 15-16, 1993, Dar es Salaam.

1993: Sivalon, John, et al., "Socio-cultural Changes and the Aids Epidemic in Kagera," presented at Workshop on KARP research findings, Bukoba, Kagera.

Sivalon, John, et al., "Sex, Gender and the Spread of Aids in Kagera," presented at Workshop on KARP research findings, Bukoba, Kagera.

1992: Sivalon, John, "The Church versus the State in the Provision of Social Services," presented at DANIDA workshop on the role of NGOs in the provision of Social Services.