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In the Company of the Poor - Michael Griffin

This book reflects intersection between the lives, commitments, and strategies of two highly respected figures Dr. Paul Farmer and Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez joined in their option for the poor, their defense of life, and their commitment to liberation. Farmer has credited liberation theology as the inspiration for his effort to do "social justice medicine," while Gutierrez has recognized Farmer's work as particularly compelling example of the option for the poor, and the impact that theology can have outside the church. Draws on their respective writings, major addresses by both at Notre Dame, and a transcript of a dialogue between them.

[Theology of Work and Poverty Alleviation in Mozambique](#) - Xavier Massingue 2014-01-14

This publication seeks to determine the need, possibilities, and strategies, necessary to alleviate urban poverty in Mozambique through the tool of transformational business, understood out of a Contextual Theology of Work (CTOW). Focusing on the Maputo metropolitan area, but also wider contexts, the author examines the dynamic relationship of urban poverty, unemployment and work. Recognising that unemployment

is the main factor behind poverty in Mozambique and placing great emphasis on kingdom theology the author recommends that evangelical churches need to embrace CTOW and engage positively with urban poverty to create real economic change.

Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence - Steve Corbett
2015-09-22

When a low-income person asks your church for help, what do you do next? God is extraordinarily generous, and our churches should be, too. Because poverty is complex, however, helping low-income people often requires going beyond meeting their material needs to holistically addressing the roots of their poverty. But on a practical level, how do you move forward in walking with someone who approaches your church for financial help? From the authors of When Helping Hurts comes Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence, a guidebook for church staff, deacons, or volunteers who work with low-income people. Short and to the point, this tool provides foundational principles for poverty alleviation and then addresses practical matters, like: How to structure and focus your benevolence work How to respond to immediate needs while pursuing long-term solutions How to mobilize your church to walk

with low-income people With practical stories, forms, and tools for churches to use, *Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence* is an all-in-one guide for church leaders and laypeople who want to help the poor in ways that lead to lasting change.

A Theology of Poverty Reduction in Tanzania - Abednego Keshomshahara 2008

For the Least of These - Anne Bradley and Art Lindsley, editors 2014-02

While much progress has been made toward poverty alleviation, many well-intentioned efforts have led Christians to actions that are not only ineffective, but leave the most vulnerable in a worse situation than before. Is there a better answer? Combining biblical exegesis with proven economic principles, *For the Least of These: A Biblical Answer to Poverty* equips Christians with both a solid biblical and economic understanding of how best to care for the poor and foster sustainable economic development. With contributions from fifteen leading Christian economists, theologians, historians, and practitioners, *For the Least of These* presents the case for why markets and trade are the world's best hope for alleviating poverty.

Religion and Development - J. Haynes 2007-10-12

Jeffrey Haynes adopts a chronological and conceptual approach to introduce students to the central themes and theoretical perspectives in the study of religion and development in the developing world, focusing on key themes including environmental sustainability, health and education.

The Poverty of Nations - Barry Asmus 2013

We can win the fight against global poverty. Combining penetrating economic analysis with insightful theological reflection, this book sketches a comprehensive plan for increasing wealth and protecting stability at a national level.

The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theology - Mary McClintock Fulkerson 2012

This volume highlights the relevance of globalization and the insights of gender studies and religious studies for feminist theology. It focuses on

the changing global contexts for the field and its movement towards new models of theology, distinct from the forms of traditional Christian systematic theology and of secular feminism.

Educating the Deliberate Professional - Franziska Trede 2016-06-21

This book takes a fresh look at professional practice and professional education. In times of increased managerialism of academic teaching and a focus on graduate learning outcomes, it discusses possibilities to teach and learn otherwise. A deliberate professional is someone who consciously, thoughtfully and courageously makes choices about how to act and be in the practice world. A pedagogy of deliberateness is introduced that focuses on developing the following four characteristics of professionals: (1) deliberating on the complexity of practice and workplace cultures and environments; (2) understanding what is probable, possible and impossible in relation to existing and changing practices; (3) taking a deliberate stance in positioning oneself in practice as well as in making technical decisions; and (4) being aware of and responsible for the consequences of actions taken or actions not taken in relation to the 'doing', 'saying', 'knowing' and 'relating' in practice. *Educating the deliberate professional* is a comprehensive volume that carves out and explores a framework for a pedagogy of deliberateness that goes beyond educating reflective and deliberative practitioners. As a whole, this book argues for the importance of educating deliberate professionals, because, in the current higher education climate, there is a need to reconcile critique (thinking), participation (doing) and moral responsibility (relating to others) in professional practice and professional education.

Entrepreneurship at the Bottom of the Pyramid - Carol Dalglish 2016-08-12

2017 Nautilus Book Awards: Silver Award Winner 2018 Great Northwest Book Festival: Winner 2018 Great Southwest Book Festival: Runner-Up *Entrepreneurship at the Bottom of the Pyramid* seeks to demonstrate to students the range of entrepreneurial activities that can be implemented in developing countries to alleviate poverty. The book blends theory, visual examples and practical learning activities to help students apply

their knowledge and encourage thinking 'outside the box'. It begins by introducing the reader to two fundamental concepts - poverty and the bottom of the pyramid - so they have a solid grasp of the context in which the entrepreneurial activities are implemented. Next, the authors discuss the entrepreneurial process, highlighting the most relevant elements: risk, survival and growth, entrepreneurial actors, the informal sector and micro-credit. Finally, the book describes models to encourage entrepreneurial activities in developing countries. Weaving a primary case study throughout so the reader can apply new knowledge incrementally while moving through the chapters, Dalglish and Tonelli also include several shorter case studies, presenting different problems and implemented solutions in several geographical areas. Students with an interest in entrepreneurship, poverty alleviation and development studies will find this an important read.

Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Poverty Reduction in Africa - Ameen Alharbi 2015-06-18

Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) and Poverty Reduction in Africa addresses the vital question of why the millions of dollars of governments' and international development interventions in the SMEs sector are yet to deliver significant and sustainable employment and poverty reduction in Africa. The book also addresses the question of how the SMEs sector can help in the eradication of poverty in Africa. The book also tackles the question of what policy makers, SMEs operators, would-be entrepreneurs and trainers can do to contribute to poverty reduction through the SMEs sector. To address these three key questions, the book has adopted innovative concepts and ideas that will appeal to the sensibilities of African policy makers, trainers, business operators and would-be entrepreneurs. For example, the existing literature on system thinking and spirituality in business is used to offer a novel approach and departure from the perennial focus on "technical training" and hardnosed pursuit of "individualised" business and personal goals as a means of developing entrepreneurs and crafting SMEs policy. The key features of the book are: • a focus on changing the mind-set of SMEs operators, policy makers, trainers and would-be

entrepreneurs; • contextualising the role of SMEs in poverty reduction by emphasizing the relevance of the African worldview, belief systems and spirituality during policy making, policy implementation and training of SMEs operators and would-be entrepreneurs; • theoretical explanations to why good intentions in policy formulation and implementation do not deliver expected outcomes in terms of the SMEs sector's contribution to poverty reduction; • practical guidelines on how SMEs can develop a poverty-related mission statement, business strategy and business plan within the context of poverty reduction; • personal development guidelines for SMEs operators and prospective entrepreneurs on how to develop poverty-related personal mission statements and strategies; • the introduction of spiritual poverty and system thinking as the foundation for policy formulation and poverty reduction interventions in Africa.

Theology at the University of Pretoria - 100 years: (1917-2017) Past, present and future - Dirk J. Human 2017-12-01

In this scholarly book, a century's theology presented by the Faculty of Theology at the University of Pretoria, is celebrated. All authors are academics or research associates of the University of Pretoria. A historical and futuristic overview with perspectives from the past, present and future, are examined. The past is not only portrayed by means of societal and scientific contributions and achievements, but the authors also reflect on malfunctions, ill behaviour and disappointments of church and theology, presented at the University of Pretoria within the South African context over 100 years. The book commences with a chapter in which institutional transformation is discussed, as well as the changes that demonstrate the role of the Faculty of Theology within a secular state university. It includes an explanation of the importance of research impact, research productivity and research reputation. Among various discipline indicators, the category Theology and Religion Studies plays a significant role in the measurement of world university rankings of universities. With regard to scientific and encyclopaedic content, the book focuses on the theological disciplines presented in the academic curricula: first the biblical sciences (Old and New Testament Studies),

then the historical disciplines (Systematic Theology, Church History and Church Polity), and finally the practical disciplines (Practical Theology, Science of Religion and Missiology). The role of Religion Studies in a newly established Faculty of Theology and Religion not only enhances the diversity of interreligious tolerance and an atmosphere of dialogue, but it serves as platform to interconnect with the fields of Humanities, Social and Natural Sciences and other academic disciplines. In the conclusive part of the book, contributions highlight the role of the centres in the Faculty (Centre for Contextual Ministry and Centre for Sustainable Communities), as well as the continental and international footprints of the two theological journals whose title ownership is attached to the Faculty of Theology of the University of Pretoria, namely HTS Theological Studies and *Verbum et Ecclesia*. The methodology comprised in all the chapters amounts to a literature and contextual study. Since the book describes the histories of formal academic departments, these texts are of a descriptive, interpretative and critical character. Reference is made in some chapters to exegetical methods, like the historical critical methods. The target audience of the book is academic scholars and theologians, who specialise in the different fields of Theology, the Humanities and other Social Sciences. The book is also accessible to scholars of other academic disciplines outside these disciplines. The book comprises original research by several authors and is not plagiarised from other scientific publications of this nature.

Reconciling Work and Poverty Reduction - Bea Cantillon 2014

Disappointing poverty trends suggest limitations to employment-centred welfare reform and downward pressures on the redistributive capacity of welfare states. Innovative empirical analyses of the links between poverty, labour market participation and social redistribution are presented. The observations are linked with a broader perspective on the socio-economic, demographic and paradigmatic evolutions in contemporary welfare states.

Development Beyond the Secular - Catherine Loy 2017-09-30

The intersection of religion and development has for some decades been considered contentious, with scholars of both disciplines inhibited by the

constraints of either the religious or the secular paradigm they primarily inhabit. *Development Beyond the Secular* aims to provide a new resource for those interested in the study of religions and development (primarily postgraduate and academic), and for those development practitioners wishing to contextualize their discipline within a religious frame. Using the work of Christian Aid as its primary lens, this book examines and critiques the theological underpinnings of development work and questions how Christian values are manifest through day-to-day work in the world of poverty eradication.

Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Eco-Justice - Lucas Andrianos 2014-10-21

This book presents edited and revised versions of most of the papers presented at the First International Conference on Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice in 2012 (SAPREJ-12). The selected papers are classified into six thematic sections: Biodiversity and ecological crisis; Sustainability, religion and ethics; Climate change, eco-justice and health; Poverty, financial crisis and human rights; Green economy and food security; and Global crisis and case studies. SAPREJ-12 is a new initiative in sustainability development, and its methodological concept has opened new opportunities for analysis and criticism of the discipline. This book provides a useful perspective to evaluate the current state of the art and the diversity of the approaches adopted in analysing poverty eradication and sustainable development.

Entering the New Theological Space - Revd Dr Christopher R Baker 2013-05-28

This book presents theological reflections on the changing nature of church mission and Christian identity within a theology of 'blurred encounter' - a physical, social, political and spiritual space where once solid hierarchies and patterns are giving way to more fluid and in many ways unsettling exchanges. The issues raised and dynamics explored apply to all socially-produced space, thus tending to 'blur' that most fundamental of theological categories - namely urban vs. rural theology. Engaging in a sharper way with some of the helpful but inevitably broad-

brush conclusions raised by recent church-based reports (Mission-shaped Church, Faithful Cities), the authors examine some of the practical and theological implications of this research for the issue of effective management and therefore church leadership generally. Speaking to practitioners in the field of practical theology as well as those engaged in theological and ministerial training, key voices encompass dimensions of power and conflict, and identify some of the present and future opportunities and challenges to church/faith-based engagement and leadership arising from blurred encounters. Contributors - practitioners and theorists - cover a wide spectrum of interdisciplinary professional contexts and academic/denominational interests. Contributors include: John Atherton, John Reader, Helen Cameron, Martyn Percy, Malcolm Brown, Karen Lord, Clare McBeath and Margaret Goodall.

Exploring Theological Resources That Can Contribute To The Transformation, Recovery, Reclaiming Of Human Dignity In A Gendered Development Process In Rural Communities Of Africa - Dr IU TANIMU-SAMINAKA, Ph.D

This book suggests an appropriate and wholistic measure in tackling the perennial problems associated with poverty, dehumanisation and lack of respect for human dignity amongst rural communities of Africa. Dr. Tanimu Saminaka describes how Integrated Rural Community Sustainable Development (IRCSA) plays a significant role in shaping the way we think about the poor, and vulnerable Africans towards ensuring that, the dignity of Africans are transformed, reclaimed and recovered for appropriate community development. The book discloses that, Africa is largely rural and agriculture is the main stay of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Both men and women in Africa are involved in agriculture in the areas of rearing of animals (particularly women folks) and soil cultivation. Poverty, brokenness and lack of respect for human dignity for a sustainable development are problems this book significantly reveals. Dr. Tanimu stresses the fact that a proper understanding and the application of God's Word and a change of attitude is a possible antidote toward reclaiming, recovering and transforming of human dignity and respect for Africans across gender and race. The author holds that no

meaningful development can ever take place and succeed without involving God in it. It must therefore be wholistic and people-centered. Dr Tanimu should be commended for bringing theological perspectives to bear on the search for solutions to problems of underdevelopment and disregard for human lives in Africa. -----Dr Timothy Tseror President, Hephzibah Revival Ministries, Worldwide
Global Poverty - Justin Thacker 2017-03-28

While a number of secular philosophers have written on global poverty, theologians have either steered clear entirely or simply mimicked the political analysis currently on offer. Christian authors have argued either for a free market solution to global poverty or for a radical reform of global capitalism as the best approach, but the theological underpinnings of such conclusions are noticeable by their absence. Justin Thacker offers a new way forward. He suggests deeply theological answers to questions around the effect of capitalism on global poverty and whether aid is really a sustainable long term solution for the world's poor. This book will challenge theologians, church leaders and congregations to consider much more seriously the huge implications of faith and theology on our attitude to those who live in extreme poverty.

Hybridizing Mission - Peter T. Lee 2022-09-27

This qualitative study explores intercultural social dynamics among international Christian workers who are part of multicultural teams engaged in Christian ministries in a North African country. It seeks to understand these workers' lived realities at intersections of multiple cultural flows. Ethnographic methods were used to collect and analyze data, and forty-nine international Christian workers were interviewed. The findings of this study indicate that intercultural Christian workers go through complex intercultural social processes interwoven in the fabric of their everyday life. These processes are mediated by their social experiences in the local North African context and their multicultural teams, resulting in significant changes in their personal dispositions and social behaviors. Based on these findings, a working concept of diasporic habitus is developed, and the practice of double discourses of culture is further examined. This research suggests that some existing

missiological concepts need to be revisited and recommends further interdisciplinary conversations involving cultural anthropology and sub-fields in psychology about the changes that happen to people in intercultural missions. It also calls for a reflexive approach to missiological research that incorporates awareness of one's situatedness and the lasting impact of historical entanglements on contemporary intercultural relations.

Every Good Thing - David W. Jones 2016-05-18

The physical world around us should have just as much bearing on how Christians act and think as the life to come. But Christians often don't understand how the Bible speaks directly to this important aspect of everyday life. In *Every Good Thing*, David W. Jones illustrates the wide variety of areas—wealth and poverty, tithing and creation-care, vocation and Sabbath—impacted by our understanding of the Bible's teaching on the material realm. This short book surveys key concepts and controversies on each topic, accompanied by Bible passages to help readers develop a more robust worldview of the physical world around us. After all, Christians should take the life of Christ as an example for their own—and his life on earth reflected a deep concern for and engagement with the world in which he walked and breathed, worked and lived. So, too, God calls us to think biblically about how our beliefs impact our material lives.

Jesus on Main Street - David E. Kresta 2021-07-29

God loves just economies, but sadly the invisible hand of the market has chiseled huge cracks in our communities. Fortunately, Jesus announced freedom for the poor and oppressed, and by taking on his mantle we have a role to play in helping establish just economies here and now! *Jesus on Main Street* provides church leaders and church planters with a broad overview of Community Economic Development (CED), with practical steps to lead your church in following Jesus into those cracks. You'll be equipped with the CED "toolkit" including microbusinesses, makerspaces, business incubators, worker cooperatives, workforce development, commercial district revitalization, locality development, anchor institutions, and accountable development. A robust assessment

and planning guide specifically for churches will help you create a collaborative CED strategy rooted in God's love for people and justice. For churches looking to bring healing to their local economies, CED builds capacity for long-term equitable economic growth, catalyzing a movement of business creation, employment, and job creation that does not leave anybody behind. This is the promise and challenge of CED as we follow Jesus down Main Street and explore what good news for local economies looks like!

International Handbook of Practical Theology - Birgit Weyel
2022-09-05

Practical theology has outgrown its traditional pastoral paradigm. The articles in this handbook recognize that religion, spirituality, lived religion on this side and beyond institutional communities refer to realms of cultures, ritual practices, and symbolic orders whose boundaries are not clearly defined and whose contents are shifting. The *Handbook of Practical Theology* offers insightful transcultural conceptions of religion and religious affairs collected from various cultures and religions. The first section presents 'concepts of religion'. Chapters include considerations of the conceptualizing of religion in the fields of 'anthropology', 'community', 'family', 'institution', 'law', 'media', and 'politics' among others. The second section is dedicated to case studies of 'religious practices' from the perspective of their actors. The third section presents the main theoretical discourses that map the globally significant diversity and multiplicity of religion. Altogether, fifty-eight authors from different parts of the world encourage a rethinking of religious practice in an expanded, transcultural, globalized, and postcolonial world.

A Field Guide to Becoming Whole - Brian Fikkert 2019-09-03

This is not a how-to manual... (it's a field guide) We all want to know, "How can I help without hurting in this specific situation?" But there's no one answer, and there's definitely no short cuts, but there are key principles—or ministry design principles. Think of these like the rules an improvising actor learns—the principles are crucial—but the actor must decide how to put them into practice based on the complexities of the

situation. This book contains and explicates 20 ministry design principles developed over decades of observing, studying, and experimenting.

They're in no way perfect, but they represent the very best ideas we have to date for how to do effective poverty alleviation in the kingdom of God.

A critical engagement with theological education in Africa -

Johannes J. Knoetze 2022-02-07

The higher education landscape has arguably become one of the most arduous to traverse. More so in the African context, where a host of variables continuously challenge educators to reflect critically on their philosophies and practices as they engage an ever-changing audience. In this book, a critical engagement with theological education in Africa is offered. As the book originates from South Africa, it is presented as a South African perspective, although contributors are situated across the African continent and abroad. The common denominator is that all contributors are, in some way or another, invested in theological education in Africa. The main contribution of this collaborative work is to be sought in the insights it offers on four main areas of theological education: A historical and current orientation on theological education in Africa, some paradigm shifts in theological education in Africa, ministerial formation needs versus theological education challenges, and a critical reflection on elective models and methods. The book presents the original and innovative research of scholars for fellow scholars involved in theological higher education as it is grounded in the respective fields of interest of each contributor. It contributes to a better understanding of the complex African theological higher education landscape that is also mindful of post-COVID-19 realities.

Methodologically the work draws on a combination of methods, including literature studies, empirical work, and in some cases sectional offerings from doctoral studies, as indicated in the various chapters.

Controversies in Political Theology - Thia Cooper 2007-07-30

Controversies in Political Theology addresses the question of whether Christians should be struggling towards development or liberation. It explores the theologies of development and liberation, from their beginnings in the 1960s through their changes to the central arguments

today. The contrasts are examined in the practice of faith-based aid agencies. The understanding of how to practice justice differs widely for development theology and liberation theology. Whilst the theology of development remain focused on the economic realm, on trade and consumption, the theology of liberation expands the discussion beyond the economic realm to deal with politics, race, gender and culture more generally. These different concepts of justice lead to very different actions in communities around the world. This book provides students with access to an in-depth view of these practices in a clear and concise context. The book looks not only at the theologies themselves but also how they came to emerge, and how they stand in contrast across the globe today.

Towards an Ethical Framework for Poverty reduction -

African Theology Today - Emmanuel M. Katongole 2017-05-09

This book brings together twelve essays on a wide and rich range of topics, discussions and methodologies in African theology today. Even the book's limitations provide an insight into the situation: its variety also indicates the absence of comprehensive and sustained discussion flowing from the economic and institutional limitation of Africa where research in theology is often beyond the means of many theologians. Then there is the difficulty of staying abreast of continually changing contexts and events in Africa itself. For all of these reasons then, a compelling introduction to a dynamic analysis and conversation.

Contemporary Feminisms in Social Work Practice - Sarah Wendt 2016-01-29

Contemporary Feminisms in Social Work Practice explores feminism as core to social work knowledge, practice and ethics. It demonstrates how gender-neutral perspectives and practices obscure gender discourses and power relations. It also shows feminist social work practice can transform areas of social work not specifically concerned with gender, through its emphasis on relationships and power. Within and outside feminism, there is a growing assumption that equality has been won and is readily available to all women. However, women continue to dominate

the ranks of the poor in developed and developing countries around the world; male perpetrated violence against women and children has not reduced; women outnumber men by up to three to one in the diagnosis of common mental health problems; and women continue to be severely underrepresented in every realm of power, decision-making and wealth. This worrying context draws attention to the ways gender relations structure most of the problems faced by the women, men and children in the day-to-day worlds in which social work operates. Drawing together key contemporary thinking about feminism and its place in social work, this international collection looks at both core curriculum areas taught in social work programs and a wide range of practice fields that involve key challenges and opportunities for future feminist social work. This book is suitable for all social work students and academics. It examines the nuanced nature of power relationships in the everyday and areas such as working with cross-cultural communities, mental health, interpersonal violence and abuse, homelessness, child protection, ageing, disability and sexuality.

International Social Work - David Cox 2012-12-04

International Social Work: Issues, Strategies, and Programs, Second Edition draws together the practice wisdom emerging within the broad scope of international social work practice and its role in contributing to the international community's efforts in combating the major global social problems of poverty, conflict and postconflict reconstruction, the development of countries and disadvantaged populations, migration and displacement, and the needs of specific populations such as child soldiers and AIDS orphans. Utilizing an integrated perspectives approach incorporating global, human rights, ecological and social development perspectives, the International Social Work, 2e is designed to prepare social workers, human services professionals, development practitioners who desire to play significant roles in responding to modern global challenges that are critical to the well-being of people, communities, nations and ultimately of us all.

Chinese Theology - Chloë Starr 2016-11-22

This major new study examines the history of Chinese theologies as they

have navigated dynastic change, anti-imperialism, and the heights of Maoist propaganda. In this groundbreaking and authoritative study, Chloë Starr explores key writings of Chinese Christian intellectuals, from philosophical dialogues of the late imperial era to sermons and micro blogs of theological educators and pastors in the twenty-first century. Through a series of close textual readings, she sheds new light on the fraught issues of Chinese Christian identity and the evolving question of how Christianity should relate to Chinese society.

From Theology of Transparency to Theology of Coexistence - Andrea Zaki Stephanous 2021-03-31

The Egyptian church has long existed as a minority within a nation dominated by the political, religious, and cultural power of Islam. In this book, Andrea Zaki Stephanous explores the complex relationship that exists between the church and the Egyptian state, tracing the impact of recent political, theological, and societal developments on Christian engagement with broader Egyptian society. Dr. Zaki explores the development of Egypt's protestant theology against a backdrop of over fifty years of Egyptian history, from the rise of political Islam to Egypt's most recent revolutions. He demonstrates the significance of the church's growing commitment to interreligious dialogue, community development, and social engagement as tools for manifesting the kingdom of God amidst the significant cultural and sociopolitical challenges faced by Egypt's Christians. An in-depth overview of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) is included as a powerful example of kingdom values in action and the potential of the church to transform society through tangible, incarnational love of neighbor. While this book is an excellent resource for those interested in Christian-Muslim dialogue, political theology, or the modern Egyptian church, it is also a powerful source of encouragement for Christians globally, especially those serving in contexts hostile to the gospel message.

Theology for Changing Times - Christopher R. Baker 2018-09-30

From wealth creation to wealth distribution and social ethics, from urban mission to religious studies and psychology the work of John Atherton

was breathtaking in scope and variety. Unifying all of his work however, was a concern with engaging the work of theology with wider society. With contributions from some of the leading lights in public theology today, this book offers not only an appreciation of John Atherton's work within a prodigiously large array of disciplines, but also an attempt to ask 'what next', taking his work forward and considering where the future of public theology might lie. John Atherton's last published article is also reproduced.

Poverty, the Bible, and Africa - Isaac Boaheng 2020-09-02

Poverty reduction is a worldwide concern, yet if the church is to play an effective role in its alleviation, an approach that is both biblical and contextual is required. In *Poverty, the Bible, and Africa*, Isaac Boaheng formulates a theology of poverty that engages Scripture, African traditional wisdom, and contemporary African concerns to create a paradigm for understanding and alleviating poverty in Africa. Boaheng highlights that, whatever our cultural context, God frowns upon materialism, extravagance, and love for riches; yet the author also demonstrates why a contextual theology must address people's societal and cultural needs alongside spiritual ones. If we desire a model for poverty reduction that is both theologically sound and contextually appropriate, we must facilitate an encounter between the teachings of Scripture and the socio-economic, political, and religious realities of a particular context. Combining in-depth cultural analysis with careful exegetical reflection, this book offers refreshing insight into the challenge of confronting poverty in Africa. Boaheng's approach, however, is relevant far beyond the continent and is transferable to any context where others are seeking to effectively understand and combat poverty.

Handbook of Research on the Impact of Culture in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding - Essien, Essien 2020-03-20

The contemporary conflict scenarios are beyond the reach of standardized approaches to conflict resolution. Given the curious datum that culture is implicated in nearly every conflict in the world, culture can also be an important aspect of efforts to transform destructive conflicts into more constructive social processes. Yet, what culture is and

how culture matters in conflict scenarios is contested and regrettably unexplored. The *Handbook of Research on the Impact of Culture in Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding* is a critical publication that examines cultural differences in conflict resolution based on various aspects of culture such as morals, traditions, and laws. Highlighting a wide range of topics such as criminal justice, politics, and technological development, this book is essential for educators, social scientists, sociologists, political leaders, government officials, academicians, conflict resolution practitioners, world peace organizations, researchers, and students.

When Helping Hurts - Steve Corbett 2014-01-24

With more than 300,000 copies in print, *When Helping Hurts* is a paradigm-forming contemporary classic on the subject of poverty alleviation. Poverty is much more than simply a lack of material resources, and it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve it. *When Helping Hurts* shows how some alleviation efforts, failing to consider the complexities of poverty, have actually (and unintentionally) done more harm than good. But it looks ahead. It encourages us to see the dignity in everyone, to empower the materially poor, and to know that we are all uniquely needy—and that God in the gospel is reconciling all things to himself. Focusing on both North American and Majority World contexts, *When Helping Hurts* provides proven strategies for effective poverty alleviation, catalyzing the idea that sustainable change comes not from the outside in, but from the inside out.

Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions - Steve Corbett 2014-10-01

When Helping Hurts is a paradigm-forming contemporary classic on the subject of poverty alleviation with over 300,000 copies in print. This stand-alone resource applies the principles of that book specifically to short-term missions. *Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions: Participant's Guide* aims to train and debrief team members, preparing them to do short-term missions as effectively as possible. To do this, it provides practical examples and guidelines for team members, and it creates interaction and reflection opportunities through questions and

journaling. With eight units, six of which are built around free online video content, this book equips teams to avoid harming materially poor communities and to translate their experience into lasting and mutual engagement with missions and poverty alleviation. In conjunction with the separately available Leader's Guide, it is an ideal resource for churches, Christian colleges, mission agencies, and missionaries.

Becoming Whole - Brian Fikkert 2019-03-05

Western Civilization is wealthier, but it isn't happier. We are the richest people ever to walk the face of the earth, but according to research, we aren't becoming happier. Families and communities are increasingly fragmented, loneliness is skyrocketing, and physical and mental health are on the decline. Our unprecedented wealth doesn't seem to be doing us much good. Yet, when we try to help poor people at home or abroad, our implicit assumption is that the goal is to help them to become like us. "If they would just do things our way, they'd be fine!" But even when they seem to pursue our path, they too find that the American Dream doesn't work for them. What if we have the wrong idea altogether? What if the molds we are using to help poor people don't actually fit any of us? What if the goal isn't to turn other countries into the United States or to turn America's impoverished communities into its affluent suburbs? In *Becoming Whole* (building on the best-selling *When Helping Hurts*), Brian Fikkert and Kelly M. Kapic look at the true sources of brokenness and poverty and uncover the surprising pathways to human flourishing, for poor and non-poor alike. Exposing the misconceptions of both Western Civilization and the Western church about the nature of God, human beings, and the world, they redefine success and offer new ways of achieving that success. Through biblical insights, scientific research, and practical experience, they show you how the good news of the kingdom of God reshapes our lives and our poverty alleviation ministries, moving everybody involved towards wholeness.

Professional Education, Capabilities and the Public Good - Melanie Walker 2013-10-01

This book innovatively explores how universities might be engines of reform and be directed towards social change. Using rich case studies

drawn from South African research, the book comprehensively provides a myriad of new perspectives on what constitutes a set of appropriate public-good professional capabilities that will translate successfully into contributions to human development. It challenges universities to produce professionals who have the knowledge, skills and values to improve the lives of people living in poverty in urban and rural settings. It covers issues such as: Conceptualising Public-Good Professionalism Global Issues and Professional Education South African Debates about Higher Education Institutional conditions and professional education arrangements Social Constraints on educating ethically aware public professionals By drawing on an approach that focuses on differing public-good professional capabilities in five professions, this book produces a crucial new framework for the preparation of professionals relevant to the global study of higher education policy. It expands higher education's contribution to global social justice beyond a concern with human capital, administering a challenge to higher education internationally to address human development in the 21st century. This book will be of great interest to all scholars of higher education involved in higher education studies, comparative education, and development studies. It will also prove valuable to policy makers, higher education leaders and lecturers and graduate professionals in diverse organizations.

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Philippines - Yohan Hong 2022-02-28

This book calls attention to the sense of powerlessness of everyday people in the Philippines, and to the missional agency of US-based Filipino Protestants. Through a variety of sociological-theological-missiological perspectives, this book guides you to a journey of discovering what kind of power is in play, how the fallen powers can be named and made visible, and then ultimately the ways through which power should be restored. In this process, the voices, perceptions,

stories, and insights of US-based Filipino Protestants are referred to. Filipino American Protestants are no longer “forgotten Asians” in the US. Instead, they actively perceive, negotiate, and exercise power in everyday life, and strive to wield their missional agency in response to God’s calling for the transformation of their homeland Philippines, which has been seldom investigated in the academia of Diaspora Missiology and Intercultural Studies.