

CURRICULUM VITAE

Prof. Sarojini Nadar

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- **Date of Birth:** 06 February, 1976
- **Place of Birth:** Durban, South Africa
- **Spouse:** Poovan Nadar (Chemical Engineer: Shell and BP Refineries, South Africa, married 03 Sept. 1994)
- **Children:** Nathan Nadar (Born: 13 March, 1998); Ryan Nadar (Born: 21 July, 2004)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D., [Biblical Hermeneutics and Gender] University of Natal	2003
M.A., Religious Studies [Biblical Hermeneutics and Gender] University of Cape Town	2000
Honours B. Soc. Sci., Biblical Hermeneutics University of Cape Town	1997
B.A., [Major in English Literature] University of Cape Town	1996
Matriculation with University Exemption Effingham Secondary School, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal	1993

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Full Professor <i>Gender and Religion Programme, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)</i>	2014 to Present
Dean of Research: College of Humanities <i>College of Humanities, University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN)</i>	2012 to 2013
Associate Professor <i>Gender and Religion Programme, University of KwaZulu-Natal</i>	2011 to 2013
Director: Gender and Religion Programme (formerly Gender, Religion & Ethics)	2005 to 2012
Academic Coordinator: Postgraduate Studies <i>School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal</i>	2008 to 2011
Senior Lecturer <i>School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal</i>	2008 to 2010
Senior Lecturer <i>Jointly in School of Religion and Theology and School of Philosophy and Ethics, (Unilever Centre of Ethics)</i>	2006 to 2008

AWARDS and RECOGNITION

- 2013: Promoted to Full Professor, UKZN
- 2013: Winner of the UKZN Distinguished Teachers Award, in recognition of outstanding teaching
- 2012: National Winner of the South African Department of Science and Technology's Distinguished Young Woman in Science award in the category of Human and Social Sciences.
- 2011: Rated as a Prolific Researcher by UKZN
- 2011: Promoted to Associate Professor, UKZN
- 2011: National Research Foundation (NRF) rated C2
- 2010: Rated Number 29 among Top 30 Researchers, UKZN
- 2009: Rated Number 1 Published Researcher in the Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Sciences and Number 2 at UKZN among the Top 10 Researchers
- 2009: Received Top Published Woman Researcher Award at UKZN
- 2008: Profiled in "The Book of South African Women 2008", as one of South Africa's top women academics
- 2007-2010: Research manager of the "Broken Women-Healing Traditions" Research project funded by the Norwegian Research Council and NRF.
- 2007: Award in the category of Gender by the Catholic Press Association, for the book *African Women, Religion, and Health: Essays in Honour of Mercy Amba Oduyoye*, edited by Isabel Phiri and Sarojini Nadar, Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 2006.
- 2006: Annual University of KwaZulu-Natal, Book Prize for *African Women, Religion, and Health: Essays in Honour of Mercy Amba Oduyoye*, edited by Isabel Phiri and Sarojini Nadar, Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 2006.

ADJUNCT FACULTY AND GUEST SCHOLAR

- Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey, United States of America
- Gurukul Lutheran Theological and Research Institute, Chennai, India, 2009
- Department of Theology, University of Malawi, Blantyre, Malawi, 2008
- Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo, Norway, 2007
- Gurukul Lutheran Theological and Research Institute, Chennai, India, 2001

SELECTED CHAPTERS IN BOOKS RELATED TO TEACHING & LEARNING

1. **Sarojini Nadar** and Isabel Phiri. 2013. "HIV Research, Gender and Religion Studies" In *Handbook of Theological Education in Africa*, Isabel Phiri and Dietrich Werner (Editors), 2013, Regnum Books, Oxford: Great Britain. (Equal contribution by both authors), pgs. 632-639.
2. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2012. "Her-Stories and Her-Theologies: Charting Feminist Theologies in Africa." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to African Religions*, (ed E. K. Bongmba), John Wiley & Sons, Ltd, Chichester, (2012) pgs 269-278. First published as "Her-Stories and Her-Theologies: Charting Feminist Theologies in Africa." *Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae XXXV [Supplement]*. December 2009, 135-150 Re-published with permission
3. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2010 "Contextuality and Inter-Contextuality in Theological Education: an African Perspective" in *Handbook of Theological Education in World Christianity: Theological Perspectives--*

Regional Surveys--Ecumenical trends. Edited by Dietrich Werner, David Esterline, Namsoon Kang, Joshva Raja (eds.), 2010, Regnum Books: Great Britain

SELECTED ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS RELATED TO TEACHING & LEARNING

1. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2014. "'Stories are data with Soul' – lessons from black feminist epistemology." *Agenda: Empowering women for gender equity*, 28:1, 18-28. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10130950.2014.871838>
2. **Sarojini Nadar** and Isabel Phiri. 2012. "Charting the Paradigm Shifts in HIV Research: The Contribution of Gender and Religion Studies" In *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28.2 (2012) 121–147 (Equal Contribution by both authors)
3. Isabel Phiri and **Sarojini Nadar**. 2011. "'The Personal is Political': Faith and Religion in a Public University." *Acta Theologica Supplementum 14 (Faith, Religion and the Public University)*. 2011, 81-94, (Equal Contribution by both authors)
4. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2009. "Changing the World: The Task of Feminist Biblical Scholars." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 25/2. 2009, 137-143.
5. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2009. "Sacred Stories as Theological Pedagogy." *Journal of Constructive Theology* 14/2 and 15/2. 2009, 9-24
6. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2009. "The Feminist Teacher: Pedagogy of the Oppressed Woman?." *Journal of Constructive Theology* 14/2 and 15/2. 2009, 37-56.
7. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2009. "Beyond the 'Ordinary Reader' and the 'Invisible Intellectual': Shifting Contextual Bible Study from Liberation Discourse to Liberation Pedagogy." *Old Testament Essays* 22/2. 2009, 384-403.
8. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2009. "Her-Stories and Her-Theologies: Charting Feminist Theologies in Africa." *Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae XXXV [Supplement]*. December 2009, 135-150.
9. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2007. "Contextual Theological Education in Africa and the Challenge of Globalization." *Ecumenical Review* 59/2-3. 2007, 235-241.
10. **Sarojini Nadar**. 2006. "'Hermeneutics of Transformation?' A Critical Exploration of the Model of Social Engagement Between Biblical Scholars and Faith Communities." *Scriptura* 93. 2006, 339-351.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENT PUBLICATIONS (UNDER MY SUPERVISION) IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

1. Lydia Mwaniki. 2010. "Unveiling Paul: A Postcolonial Feminist Examination of the Construction of the Roman Family and Its Influence on Pauline and Contemporary Christians (1 Corinthians 11:1-16)," *Journal of Constructive Theology: Gender and Religion in Africa*. Issue 16.1. Pages 30-59 (Co-supervisor with Jonathan Draper)
2. Phumzile Zondi-Mabizela. 2010. "Seducer, Victim or Agent? A Gendered Reading of Bathsheba's Story (2 Samuel 11:1-27) in the Context of HIV and AIDS." *Journal of Constructive Theology: Gender and Religion in Africa*. Issue 16.1. Pages 48-63
3. Rose Materu. 2010. "Martin Luther's Teachings on Care-giving in Crisis Times: A Challenge to Men's Involvement in the Context of HIV and AIDS in the Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania" *Journal of Constructive Theology: Gender and Religion in Africa*. Issue 16.2. Pages

60-81

4. Rubeena Partab. 2011. "Why Do Violent Men do What They Do?: Dialoguing on Privileges of Patriarchy and Domestic Violence." *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa*. Issue 17-1, 2011. Page 96-133.
5. Rosinah Gabaitse. 2011. "Reading beyond the veil: A feminist Reading of Luke 23:45." *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa*. Issue 17-1. Pages 154-169. (Co-supervisor with Prof. Jonathan Draper)
6. **Mutale Kaunda** and Chammah Kaunda. "The Viability (Life-Giving) Possibility of the Bemba Male Ethical Code in the Context of HIV: A Theology of Inculturation," *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa* Vol. 18 No. 2, 2012: 5-25.
7. Kennedy Owino. 2012. "The Mighty Men's Conference as a 'Safe Space' for 'Born Again' Men to Express Conflicting Masculinities" *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa* Vol. 18 No. 2, 2012:67-88. (Co-supervisor with Isabel Phiri)
8. Albert Bangirana. 2012. "An Eco-feminist Critique of Traditional Hierarchical Dualism in Christianity: Insights from Wangari Muta Maathai." *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa* Vol. 18 No. 2, 2012:89-107
9. Lindiwe Mkasi. 2012. "A Threat to Zulu Patriarchy and the Continuation of Community": Traditional Healing as Sacred Safe Space for Female Sangomas in Same-Sex Relationships." *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa* Vol. 18 No. 2, 2012:67-88. (Co-supervisor with Isabel Phiri)
10. **Mutale Kaunda** and Sarasvathie Reddy. 2013. Pedagogies of Subservience? A Feminist Exploration of the Institution of Imbusa among the Bemba, *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa* Vol. 19 No. 2. Special Issue (Nov 2013) pgs 119-139
11. **Albert Bangirana** and Sarasvathie Reddy. 2013. Sexuality, Students and Surveillance: Catholic Moral Teachings on HIV within a Higher Education Context. *Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa* Vol. 19 No. 2. Special Issue (Nov 2013), pages 87 - 104

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2011** 1. Theory and Method (Honours Core Module); 2. Biblical Hermeneutics: Women and Gender (Honours/Masters Elective); African Women's Theologies (Honours/Masters Elective).
- **School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2010** 1. Theory and Method (Honours Core Module); 2. Proposal Writing Module (Masters Core Module); 3. Issues of Masculinity and Gender (Honours/Masters Elective); 4. Critical Tools for Biblical Study (2nd year Literary and Gender Component of Module); 5. History of Christianity (3rd year Gender Component of Module).
- **Guest Lecture, School of Education, Discipline of Social Justice Education, UKZN, 2010.** Module: "Social Identity and Oppression" Lecture: "Same-sex sexuality and the bible". Co presented with Prof. Gerald West.
- **School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2009** - 1. African Women's Theologies (Honours/Masters Elective); 2. Systematic Theology: Political and Economic Ethics: Theological Perspectives (3rd year Teaching Component: Feminist Theologies); 3. Biblical Theology (3rd year Teaching Component: Gender, Bible and HIV&AIDS); 4. Critical Tools for Biblical Study (2nd year Literary and Gender Component of Module); 5. Biblical Hermeneutics: Women and Gender (Honours/Masters Elective); 6. History of Christianity (3rd year Gender Component)
- **School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2008** - 1. Theory and Method (Honours Core Module); 2. Systematic Theology: Political and Economic Ethics: Theological Perspectives (3rd year Teaching Component: Feminist Theologies); 3. Theology in the African Context/Advanced Theology in the African Context (Honours/Masters Core Module); 4. Issues of Masculinity and Gender (Honours/Masters Elective); 5. Gender, Religion and Ethics (3rd year)

- **Guest Lecture, School of Social Work and Community Development, UKZN, 2008:** Module "Anti-Oppression and Critical Theory." Lecture: "The Jacob Zuma Rape Trial and the place of religion and culture in gender discourse"
- **School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2007** - 1. Theory and Method (Honours Core Module); 2. Gender, Tradition and the Church in Africa (Honours/Masters Core Module); 3. African Women's Theologies (Honours/Masters Elective); 4. Systematic Theology: Political and Economic Ethics: Theological Perspectives (3rd year Teaching Component: Feminist Theologies); 5. Biblical Hermeneutics: Women and Gender (Honours/Masters Elective Gender, Religion and Ethics (3rd year)
- **School of Philosophy and Ethics 2007** - 1. Applied Global Ethics (1st year Hinduism; Gender, Religion and Ethics); 2. The Ethics of Power (2nd year Contemporary Issues in Gender and Ethics); 3. Gender Issues in Religion and Ethics (3rd year)
- **Guest lecture: St Joseph's Theological Institute, Cedara, 2007,** Module: "Feminist Theology" Lecture: Feminist Hermeneutics in Africa"
- **School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2006** - 1. Theory and Method (Honours Core Module); 2. Gender, Tradition and the Church in Africa (Honours/Masters Core Module); 3. African Women's Theologies (Honours/Masters Elective); 4. Issues of Masculinity and Gender (Honours/Masters Elective);
- **School of Philosophy and Ethics 2006** - 1. Applied Global Ethics (1st year Hinduism; Gender, Religion and Ethics); 2. The Ethics of Power (2nd year Contemporary Issues in Gender and Ethics); 3. Gender Issues in Religion and Ethics (3rd year).
- **School of Religion and Theology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, 2002 to 2005** - 1. Biblical Studies (1st year An Introduction to The Old Testament); 2. Biblical Studies (2nd year Literary Biblical Analysis: Ruth and Esther); 3. Biblical Studies (3rd year Gender, Bible and HIV&AIDS); 4. Biblical Studies (Honours and Masters Feminist and Womanist Hermeneutics)
- **Guest lecture: St Joseph's Theological Institute, Cedara, 2002, 2003, 2005,** Module: "Feminist Theology" Lecture: Feminist Hermeneutics in Africa"

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION [DEGREE AWARDED]

PhD

1. Kennedy Owino, "Godly Manhood": Evangelical Constructions Of Masculinities In A South African Context – A Case Study Of The Mighty Men's Conference (MMC), - Co-Supervisor with Isabel Phiri, 2014
2. Rosinah Gabaitse: "Towards an African Pentecostal feminist biblical hermeneutic of liberation: Interpreting Acts 2:1-47 in the context of Botswana" – Co-supervisor with Jonathan Draper, 2013
3. Jenette Louisa Sprong, "For Healing and Transformation" A feminist ecclesiological study on the gap between gender policy and practice in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA) - Sole Supervisor, 2012
4. Rubeena Partab, "Challenging Masculinities: Critical Feminist Reflections on the relationship between Domestic Violence and Religion." - Sole Supervisor, 2012
5. Cheryl Dibeela, "A Quest for a Liberatory Learning Ethos: (A Case Study of the Women's Associations in the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa)." - Co-Supervisor with Steve De Gruchy, 2011
6. Rose Materu, "Towards Gender-Sensitive Theological Responses To HIV and AIDS: A Critical Study of the HIV And AIDS Policy and Programmes of The Northern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania." - Co-Supervisor with Isabel Apawo Phiri, 2011

7. Lydia Mwaniki, "God's Image or Man's Glory?: A Kenyan Postcolonial Feminist Reading of 1 Corinthians 11:1-16." - Co-Supervisor with Jonathan A. Draper, 2011
8. Beatrice Dedaa Okyere-Manu, "'Shattering the Glass Ceiling': A Critical Feminist Investigation of the Ethical Challenges faced by African Women in Black Economic Empowerment (BEE)." - Co-Supervisor with Felix Munyaradzi Murove, 2011

Masters

1. Lindiwe Mkasi, "A threat to Zulu patriarchy and the continuation of community: A queer analysis of same sex relationships amongst female traditional healers at Inanda and KwaNgcolosi, KwaZulu-Natal" Co-supervisor with Isabel Phiri, 2014
2. Alice Fabian (Cum Laude), "For the Bible tells me so? An explorative study of children's critical and theological ability to engage with the Bible, using a contextual Bible Study, on the Widow's Offering in Mark 12 as a case study, Sole Supervisor, 2013
3. Mutale Kaunda, "A search for a life-giving marriage: The Imbusa Initiation Rite as a space for constructing wellbeing among married Bemba women of Zambia" Sole Supervisor, 2013
4. Salvador Macule "Transforming masculinities into an asset for HIV prevention: A case study of how Mabutho's (The UCCSA men's organization) teachings on masculinities can mediate HIV prevention in the UCCSA-Mozambique", Sole Supervisor, 2013
5. Albert Bangirana, "In God's Image?" Single Women and Vulnerability to HIV." - Sole Supervisor, 2012
6. Jonathan Kangwa, "Gender, HIV and Female Initiation Rites in Zambia." - Sole Supervisor, 2012
7. Ayalkibet Berhanu, "A Gendered Analysis of the HIV&AIDS Policy of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church" – Sole Supervisor, 2012
8. Jessica Richard, "'Resisting Bodies' as a Hermeneutical Tool for a Critical Feminist Christology of Liberation and Transformation." - Sole Supervisor, 2011
9. Bodson Lupyani, "The (Sub)Ordination of Women in the Evangelical Church in Zambia: A Critical Analysis of the Ecclesiological and Hermeneutical Principles Underlying the Refusal of Ordination to Women." - Sole Supervisor, 2010
10. Jennifer Sistig, "Who's in Charge in a Genderless Marriage? A Queer Analysis of the Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage as Articulated by the Marriage Alliance of South Africa." - Sole Supervisor, 2010.
11. Nokokure Gaomas, "The Effects of Biblical and Cultural Patriarchy on the Lives of Married Damara Women in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN)." - Sole Supervisor, 2008
12. Virginia Francis, "Prosperity for Whom? Pentecostalism and Social Responsibility." - Co-Supervisor with Mark Swillig, School of Public Management & Planning, University of Stellenbosch, 2008

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION [CURRENT]

PhD

1. Elizabeth Getman, "Embodied Priesthood: Narrative Discourses on Motherhood and Parish Life with South African Clergywomen." - Sole Supervisor.
2. Trudy Rose, "Who Do You Say That I Am? Shifting Perspectives on my Experience as a Child in Australia, Missionary in Ethiopia, PhD Student in South Africa and M/other in Canada." – Co-Supervisor with Tony Balcomb
3. Stella Kasirye, "From Contradictions to Commitment: Analysing Structures that Legitimise HIV and AIDS Related Stigma and Discrimination in Church Programming." - Sole Supervisor.
4. Albert Bangirana. "A critical interrogation of the theological foundations of the ABCD model of HIV and AIDS prevention at the University of KwaZulu-Natal Pietermaritzburg: A case study of the Association of Catholic Tertiary Students (ACTS)" - Sole Supervisor.
5. Jonathan Kangwa. "In search of indigenous knowledge systems for ecological justice: A gendered ecological reading of Genesis 1-3 in the context of the Tonga people of Zambia" - Sole Supervisor
6. Sonene Nyawo – '*Sowungumuntfu ke nyalo*' – "*You are now a real person*": A Feminist Analysis of how Women's identities are constructed by societal perceptions on fertility in the Swazi Patriarchal Family – Sole Supervisor
7. Mutale Kaunda – Married Career Women's Agency in Appropriating the Bemba Traditional Female Ethical Code in Urban Chingola on the Copperbelt province of Zambia
8. Salvador Macule - "An Ethic of the Flesh?" Female Bodies in the Mass Media among the UCCSA Youth-Mozambique
9. Cherry Muslim - Female Revolutionary Leadership in a religio-socio-political context: Mediated Power Spaces - A Case Study of the Asmaa Mahfouz YouTube video of 2011
10. Anniegrace Hlatywayo - Towards an Articulation of Ndau Women's Lived Experiences of Indigenous Beliefs and Practices for Pregnancy and Childbirth.
11. Lilly Phiri – Working on Proposal

Masters

1. Phumzile Zondi, Reading Hannah's Narrative (1 Samuel 1:1-18) alongside the Struggle for Reproductive Health Rights for HIV+ Women." – Sole Supervisor.
2. Elna Boesak – "Channeling Justice? – North American televangelism – An African feminist enquiry into the justice implications of the Christian teachings of Bishop T.D. Jakes and Pastor Joyce Meyer. – Sole Supervisor