

PERSONAL DETAILS AND DATE OF CV

- Ubani, Martin Wambu
- Date 28.9.2021

DEGREES

- **2007 Doctorate in Philosophy**, Education, Faculty of Behavioural Sciences (17.3.2007)
Faculty of Educational Sciences, PO box 9, FI-00014 University of Helsinki, Finland
- **2006 Master's degree in Theology**, Religious Education, Faculty of Theology, U. of Helsinki (7.10.2006)
- **2000 Master's degree in Education**, Education (primary school teacher program), Faculty of Educational Sciences, U. of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland (20.9.2000)
- **Docent in Religious Education**, Faculty of Behavioural Sciences, U. of Helsinki (3.5.2011)

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- **(2013) Professor of Religious Education**, full chair, 1.8.2013- (Career stage 4)
School of Theology and School of Applied Sciences of Education & Teacher Education,
Faculty of Philosophy, University of Eastern Finland (UEF)

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2007 Senior lecturer in Religious Education (1.1.2007-31.7.2008), Full position. Department of Applied Sciences of Education, University of Helsinki.
- 2003-2007 Full-time researcher. 19 months in Finnish Academy project "Actualizing Finnish Giftedness", Professor Kirsi Tirri, University of Helsinki, 30 months grant researcher

RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANTS

- 2018-2021: 21st century skills and developing RE teacher education (300 000e) (2018-2021)
Ministry of Education and Culture (PI: Martin Ubani) (Research based-development project).

RESEARCH SUPERVISION AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE: PHD SUPERVISION

- 2020 Essi Ikonen, (co): Life, death and love. Phenomenological investigations into the messy nature of authenticity. U. of Helsinki
- 2020 Eveliina Ojala (main), "The sense of community, mobile devices and social media in Finnish Lutheran confirmation preparation", UEF, UEF thesis of the year prize 2021.
- 2021 Kaisa Viinikka (main), "21st century skills and RE teacher education", UEF. From project "21st century skills and developing RE teacher education" (2018-2021) see above.

TEACHING MERITS AND INFORMATION

- Chair of pedagogical steering group, School of Theology, UEF (2013-)
- Member of pedagogical steering group, Faculty of Philosophy, UEF (2014-2019)
- Teaching experience: teacher education, theology 2007-, and basic education (3 yrs)
- **Fundings:** 2018-2021 "Creating spaces for diversity of worldviews in early childhood education" 300 000e, Ministry of Education and Culture. PI Saila Poulter, U. of Helsinki. Collaborator with own budget (70 000).

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2015 Teacher of the year award, Fides Ostiensis (student union), School of Theology, UEF

OTHER KEY ACADEMIC MERITS

Examinations for docent

- Khalil Gholami, "Educational sciences", University of Helsinki (2016)
- Olga Schihalejev, "Religious Education", University of Helsinki (2017)
- Miia Malama, "Religious and human rights education", University of Turku (2017)

Examinations for associate professor

- Olga Schihalejev, University of Tartu, Estonia (2016)
- Shan Simmonds, North-Western University, South Africa (2017)
- Karen Walshe, University of Exeter (2021)

Examinations for full professor

- Shan Simmonds. North-Western University, South Africa (2021)

Dissertations

PhD Thesis pre-examination

- Hanna Lampi, Faculty of Behavioural Sciences, University of Helsinki (2016, 2017)
- Niina Manninen, Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki (2019)
- Jenni Urponen, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki (2020)
- Silja Härm, University of Tartu, Estonia (2021)
- Aino-Elina Kilpeläinen, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki (2021)

PhD Thesis opponent

- Jenni Urponen, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki (2020)
- Silja Härm, University of Tartu, Estonia (ff. October 2021)

Master theses supervised (n=46: 43 as first supervisor)

Peer review and evaluation positions for funding applications

- 2021 (November) Dutch Research council. Evaluator.
- Within 5 yrs a Finnish funding instance with 5 year anonymity rule. Board member.
- 2016-2020 Finnish Church Research Institute foundation.

Memberships and positions of trust in scientific organisations

Editorial boards in academic journals: International Journal of Children's Spirituality 2017-, Journal of Beliefs and Values 2018, Religious Education 2021-

Latest (3 yrs) keynote presentations & invitations

- Ubani, M. (2020). Religious literacy and the 21st century school. EARLI sig#19 "Religions and Worldviews in Education" conference 10-13.11.2020, University of Stockholm, Sweden.
- Ubani, M. (2021 ff.). From truth to practices. From secular to cultural. Religion and Religious Education in Finnish public education today. Lecture series, University of Exeter. (Nov. 2021).
- Ubani, M. (2022 ff.). Religious literacy, 21st century skills and the RE teacher: teacher education at the crossroads? Nordic Conference of Religious Education 14.6-18.6.2022.

Tasks of scientific importance (selected).

- Sig coordinator EARLI sig#19: "Religions and worldviews in education" (2019-)
- Chair, Finnish scientific society for subject didactics (2019-2021)
- International Seminary for RE and Values (ISREV): Scient. progr. chair (elected) (2018-2022)
- Board Member, Finnish scientific society for subject didactics (2017-2021)
- Library Research Fellow, Van Leer Institute (1.9.2015-, renewed annually).
- Board Member, Finnish Theological science society (2016-)
- Committee member EARLI International Program Committee IPC (2007-2009)
- Chair 14th Nordic Conference on Religious Education, Joensuu, Finland (2017)
- Chair 10th Junior researchers of EARLI (pre-)conference, Budapest, Hungary (2007)

SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIETAL IMPACT

- Anna Lindh Foundation Finnish Network member (2014-)
- National core curriculum for RE 2014 steering group, Finnish board of education (2012-2014)