PROF. J.M. VORSTER

CURRICULUM VITAE
1. **Name**

Jakobus Marthinus Vorster  
ID: 4612125002087

2. **Date of birth**

12 December 1946 in Johannesburg.

3. **Family**

**Spouse**  
Johanna Alida Vorster (née Van der Merwe), born 47-01-12 in Petrusburg. Currently lecturer in Mathematics at the Potchefstroom Campus of the North-West University.

**Children:**

Nicolaas (1973-09-13)  
Johannes Lodewikus (1975-08-04)  
Christina Maria Etrecia (1977-11-05)  
Jakobus Marthinus (1980-01-19)

4. **Primary and secondary school education**

Primary School Aucklandpark, Johannesburg, 1953  
Primary School Joshua Naude Roodepoort, 1954-1959  
Hoër Seunskool Helpmekaar, Johannesburg, 1960-1964

5. **Tertiary education**

Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education  
1966-1974 (full-time)  
1975-1977 (part-time)
6. **Academic Qualifications**

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NRF rating as researcher in 2004

7. **Dissertations**


A section of the research for these studies were conducted at the Free University of Amsterdam and the Centre of the World Council of Churches in Geneva. Both dissertations deal with aspects of contemporary theological and philosophical movements and their influence on the Church.

8. **Post-doctoral research abroad**

- 1986: Research in the Netherlands on Political Ethics.
• 1988: Research at the Kirchentag in Berlin on Political Ethics
• 1991: Research at the session of the World Council of Churches in Canberra on Political Ethics.
• 1994: Research in Noordwijkerhout, the Netherlands, on Church Renewal
• 1997: Research in Seoul and Busan, Korea, on Church Renewal.
• 1998: Research at Emory University, Atlanta, USA, on ethical perspectives on human rights.
• 1999: Research at the tri-annual session of the International Association for Religious Freedom in Vancouver and at the Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, USA, on ethical perspectives on human rights.
• 2000: Research at the session of the Reformed Ecumenical Council in Yogjakarta on ethical perspectives on human rights.
• 2001: Research at the Kobe Reformed Seminary in Kobe, Japan, about ethical perspectives on human rights.
• 2002: Research at the tri-annual session of the International Association for Religious Freedom in Budapest Hungary on ethical perspectives on human rights.

9. **Scientific publications**

9.1 **Books**


9.2 Scientific articles in collections


9.3 Articles in accredited scientific journals as single author


theological ethical evaluation of the ideas on political freedom in South Africa since 1899). In Die Skriflig 34(1):35-54.


9.3.43. Vorster, JM. 2002a Die reg op lewe. (The right to life). In die Skriflig. 36(2):185-206.


9.4 **Articles in accredited scientific journals as co-author**


### 9.5 Popular-scientific articles and contributions
9.5.1 Several articles in popular-scientific journals and papers, nationally and internationally since 1974.

9.6 **Book discussions**

9.6.1 24 Book discussions in accredited theological journals.
9.6.2 10 Book discussions in popular-scientific journals.

10. **Scientific papers**

10.1 **International subject conferences**


10.1.23. 2007, January. *Active pluralism* as a correction for *active universalism* and *active neutralism* in the execution of religious freedom in a constitutional democracy.. International Reformed Theological Institute. Dallas, Texas, USA. Society of Christian Ethics.


### 10.2 National Subject Conferences

10.2.1 1979, August. 'n Prinsipiële bevoordeling van SACLA. Byeenkoms Kerk en Universiteit. Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit. *(A fundamental favouring of SACLA. Gathering Church and University. Rand Afrikaans University)*


10.2.4 1990, March. Kerk en geweld. Byeenkoms gereël deur die Argus groep. Markteater Johannesburg. *(Church and violence. Meeting organised by the Argus group, Market theatre, Johannesburg).*


10.2.9 1998, August. 'n Paradigmaverskuwing. 'n Werklikheid wat gelei het tot 'n veranderde samelewing. Algemene Vergadering van die Gereformeerde Teologiese Vereniging. Johannesburg. *(A Paradigm shift. A reality that lead to a changed society. General Meeting of the Reformed Theological Society, Johannesburg).*


(Being Reformed. Relevant? Plenary session of the General Meeting of the
Reformed Theological Society, Potchefstroom).

10.2.17 2005 August. Die etiek van regstellende aksie. Parallele sessie van die
Algemene Vergadering van die Gereformeerde Teologiese Vereniging.
Potchefstroom. (The ethic of affirmative action. Parallel session of the General
Meeting of the Reformed Theological Society, Potchefstroom).

10.2.18 2006 March. The right to life and abortion. Colloquim. Fakulteit Regte. Vrystaat
Universiteit, Bloemfontein.

Universiteit (Potchefstroomkampus), Potchefstroom.

10.2.19 2007. 'n Christelike perspektief op menswaardigheid. Church/State conference
Faculty of Theology. University Stellenbosch.

10.3 Local Conferences

(Topical preaching. Winter school Faculty of Theology, Potchefstroom).

10.3.2 1995, July. Tendense in die moderne samelewing. Winterskool Fakulteit
Teologie, Potchefstroom. (Tendencies in the modern society. Winter school
Faculty of Theology, Potchefstroom).

10.3.3 1996, July. Teologies-etiese perspektiewe op die 1996 Grondwet van die RSA.
Winterskool Fakulteit Teologie, Potchefstroom. (Theological ethical perspectives
on the 1996-Constitution of the RSA, Winter school Faculty of Theology,
Potchefstroom).

10.3.4 1997, October. Die hantering van verandering, konflik en kritiek deur die
predikant. Seminaar oor "pastoriepyne" aangebied deur die departement
Diakoniologie van die Potchefstroom Universiteit vir Christelike Hoër Onderwys,
Potchefstroom. (Handling change, conflict and criticism. Seminar on “parsonage
pains”, presented by the department Deaconology of the Potchefstroom University
for Christian Higher Education).

10.3.5 1998, July. Samelewingstendense en die eise wat dit stel aan die gereformeerde
bediening. Seminaar aangebied deur die departement Diakoniologie van die
Potchefstroom Universiteit vir Christelike Hoër Onderwys, Potchefstroom. (Society
tendencies and the demands it presents to the Reformed ministry. Seminar
11. **Other appearances**

1984-2006. Several appearances and panel discussions on television and radio in South Africa on church and politics, with special reference to ethical issues such as violence, civil disobedience, disinvesting, and strategies of political change.

12. **Attendance of ecumenical ecclesiastical gatherings**


12.2 1989, June/July: Observer from South Africa at the Kirchentag Berlin, Germany.


12.6 2001, October: Delegate of the Reformed Churches in South Africa at the Synod of the Churches of Japan, Osaka.

13. **Research fields**

- 1976-1991 Political Theology
- 1991-1997 Church renewal in a post-modern context
- 1997 > Ethical perspectives on human rights
14. **Post-graduate students**

14.1 **Delivered post-graduate students**

14.1.1 **Mastersdegrees**

1998

Pabst, V.C. Luther’s theology of the sacrament of Baptism. (MA)

1999

Bnze, M.N.. An evaluation of the impact of Christianity on the socio-cultural life in the Congo since colonization: a Church Historical study. Th.M

2002

Yi, C.H. The Church and poverty in South Africa 1948-2000 Th. M.

Ryan, R. The life of Martin Luther: To reform or to follow Rome? MA

Fick, PH. Dogma en prediking: Caesarius van Arles en die Semi-Pelagianse kwessie. Th.M (*Dogma and preaching: Caesarius of Arles and the Semi-Pelagian issue*)


2003

Muller, D.F. Die kriteria vir die ware kerk beskou vanuit die Nederlandse Geloofsbeltydenis, artikel 29. Th.M. (*The criteria of the true church viewed from the Belgic Confession, article 29*)
Pytches, NL. The Eucharistic thought and practice of Bishops JC Ryle and HCG Moule. MA.

De Lange, MC. Natural science and Christian theology: Relation and analogies. M.A.

Berg, J.A.


2004

Barry, S. Human rights from the perspective from John Wesley. (M.A.)


Jardim, GL. Woman as a symbol: A perspective on Islamic self-understanding. (M.A.)

2005.

Netshisaulu, N.W. Children’s rights and parental authority: A Theological-ethical evaluation. (M.Th.)

2006

Munro, RM. The effects, influence and legacy of the Reformation on Scottish Church History. (ma)

2007

Hughes, E. The third Order of St Dominic (the Lay Dominicans). The possible way forward for an Order in crisis. (M.A).

2008


14.1.2 Doctoral degrees

1999

Choi, B.K. An evaluation of Hans Küng’s view of church history in view of Augustine’s concept of history. Th.D.

2000

Naylor, P. English particular Baptists: from 1688 to the early Nineteenth century. Ph.D.

2002

Keegan, B.A. The Anselm Debate and the Gospel of St Mark. Ph.D.


Pomfret, A. An ethical evaluation of the historical importance of proprietary chapels. (Ph.D)

Scott, J. The life of Francis of Assisi: Is Franciscanism relevant today? (Ph.D)


White, C. The struggle for Catholicity in the Tudor Church of England. (Ph.D.)

2003


White, C. The struggle for Catholicity in the Tudor Church of England. (Ph.D.)

2005


Prothero, D. An analysis and theological evaluation of revival and revivalism in America from 1730-1860. (Ph.D.)
Saayman, D.W. Dogma en Etos. Die eenheid van die Bybelse leer en lewe as begronding vir die Christelike etiek in die moderne samelewingskonteks. *(Dogma and Ethos. The unity of the biblical concepts of doctrine and life in a modern society (Ph.D.)*

Zandman, H.J.G. Physical Education in Holistic Christian Education. (Ph.D.)

2006

Ryan, C.P. Euroclydon (Acts. 27:4). The theological controversy between John Wesley and Augustus Toplady. (Ph.D.)

James, Scott. An evaluation of the doctrine of miraculous healing within the Roman Catholic tradition. (PhD)

Winston, RG. Martin Bucer: His influence on the English reformation and Anglicanism. (PhD)

2007

Zwemstra, H.M. Die roeping van die kerk ten opsigte van sosio-ekonomiese regte in Suid-Afrika: ‘n Teologies-etiese studie. *(The calling of the Church regarding socio-economic rights: A Theological Ethical Study) (Ph.D.)*

2008

Fick, P.H. Johannes Pomerius as mistikus. (Ph.D. Church and Dogmahistory)

Barry, S. Who will blow the trumpet? A Christian Ethical Evaluation of the Jubilee as a Hermeneutical Tool for Healing in Post Apartheid South Africa,
14.3 Current post-graduate students

14.3.1 Masters degrees

- Aleixo, JD. (MA Ethics)
- Coetzee, C de W. (Th.M. Ethics)
- De Beer, C (Th.M. Ethics)
- Jooste, C. (Th.M. Church and Dogmahistory)
- Masase PT (Th.M. Ethics)
- Rudkin-McCullough, B. (MA Ethics)
- Viljoen, L. (MA Ethics)

14.3.2 Doktoral degrees

- Brown, DJ. (Ph.D. Ethics)
- Gilbrant, H. (Ph.D. Church and Dogmahistory)
- Joubert, P. (Ph.D. Ethics)
- Lent, TK. (Ph.D Church and Dogmahistory)
- Muller, DF (Ph.D Church and Dogmahistory)
- Myburgh, D.A. (Ph.D Ethics)
- De Lange MC (Ph.D Ethics)
- Wambua, L (Ph.D Ethics)
- Prinsloo, AJ. (Ph.D Ethics)
- Sekhaulela, A. (Ph.D Ethics)

14.3 Publication flowing from the abovementioned

Several scientific research articles (See publications at 9.4)
15. **NRF Bursaries**

1968  Bursary for full-time study for Hons B.A.
1971  Bursary for full-time study for M.A.
1999  Award at the value of R6000.00 to deliver a paper at the international conference of the “International Association for Religious Freedom” in Vancouver Canada, August 1999
2000  Promotors award at the value of R20000.00 for distribution amongst post-graduate students.
2001  Award from the NRF at the value of R20810.00 for research at the Human Rights Commission of the UN on “Racism and Xenophobia”.
2003  Award from the NRF at the value of R7500 for presentation at the Human Rights Commission of the UN in Geneva.
2006  Award from the NRF at the value of R3500 for presentation at the Human Rights Commission of the UN in Geneva.
2008  Bursury as rated researcher of R39700.
2009  Bursury as rated researcher of R39700

16. **Areas of speciality**

16.1 Contemporary church and dogma history.
16.2 Contemporary philosophical and theological tendencies.
16.3 Futurology with regard to the future ministerial demands of the church in South Africa.
16.4 Ethics and Human Rights.

17. **Professional life**

17.2 1975-1978: Minister of the Reformed Church Gobabis.
17.3 1979-1990: Minister of the Reformed Church Derdepoort, Pretoria.

17.4 1990-1994: Professor in Ecclesiology at the Hammanskraal Theological Seminary and extra-ordinary professor at the Faculty of Theology and Faculty of Humanities at Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education.

17.5 1995: Professor in the department Dogmatology and Ecclesiology and the Faculty of Theology of the Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education.

17.6 1999-2010: Director of the School for Church Sciences, Faculty of Theology, PU for CHE.

17.6 2002 - 2004 Vice rector Theological Seminary Potchefstroom

17.7 2004 - 2007 Rector Theological Seminary Potchefstroom

18. **Academical involvement**

18.1 1975: Member of the Reformed Theological Society.

18.2 1984: Chairman of the Reformed Theological Society, Pretoria.


18.4 1990: Main member of management of the Church Historical Work Society in South Africa.

18.5 1990-1997: Co-editor of the accredited journal Studia Historia Ecclesiasticae.

18.6 1997-2005: Editor of the accredited journal Studia Historia Ecclesiasticae.

18.7 1989-1995: Member of the editorial staff of the accredited journal *In die Skriflig*.

18.8 1997-1999: Scientific co-worker of the accredited journal *In die Skriflig*.

18.9 2000-2005: Sub-editor of the accredited journal *In die Skriflig*.

18.10 1997>: Member of the South Africal Academy of Science and Art.

18.11 2005 >: Final-editor of the accredited journal *In die Skriflig*.

18.12 2004 >: Member of the Society of Christian Ethics USA

19. **University involvement**

19.1 Member of the Faculty council Theology.

19.2 Member of the Teaching committee of the Faculty of Theology.
19.3 Member of Committee for Advanced Degrees of the Faculty of Theology.
19.4 Member of the executive committee of the Faculty of Theology and the management committee of the Senate of the Theological School.
19.5 Member of the Senate of the Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education.
19.6 Member of a work group of the Broad Transformation Process of the University.
19.7 Director of the school for Church Sciences of the Faculty of Theology.
19.8 Eksternal evaluator of the department Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology of the University of Stellenbosch. 30-31 October 2000.

20. **Church involvement**

20.1 Advisor of Synodal meetings.
20.2 Advisor of the Delegates for Ecumenical matters.
20.3 Advisor of the Delegates for the Conservation and Multiplication of the Church
20.4 Advisor of the Delegates for Contact with the Central Authorities and Regional Government.
20.5 Advisor of the Delegates for Talks with Other National Synods.
20.6 Chairman of the Delegates for Ecclesiastical Journals.
20.7 Member of the editorial commission of *Die Kerkblad*.
20.8 Advisor of the Delegates Correspondence with International Churches.
20.9 Advisor of the Delegates for the Argive.
20.10 Advisor of the Delegates for Appeals and Petitions of Protest.