

Research Travel Scholarships Awarded 2020

The Corporation has granted three research travel scholarships in 2020:

Charles J. Guibla, Laval University, for his project on Pentecostal prayer in Burkina Faso.



Charles Joseph Guibla is originally from Burkina Faso. He's a doctoral student in theology at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Sciences at Laval University. He holds a master's degree in sociology from the University of Ouagadougou (2005), a bachelor's degree in theology from the Faculty of Theology of the Church of the Assemblies of God in Burkina Faso (2009), a diploma in Advisor for foreign affairs at the National School of Administration and Magistracy in Ouagadougou (2011) and a master's degree in public administration from Saint-Cloud State University (2018). Enrolled in a master's degree in theology at Laval University in September 2018, he benefited from a direct passage to the doctorate in January 2019. He served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso as secretary of foreign affairs (2004-2009) and foreign affairs adviser (2011-2016). He has also been a pastor in the Assemblies of God Church in Burkina Faso since 2009.

Durga Kale, University of Calgary, for her project on the deified landscape of Konkan, India.



Durga Kale is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Calgary, specializing in the study of Eastern Religions. With a background in archaeology, she approaches the topic of sacred landscape in South Asia using an interdisciplinary lens. She hopes to enhance the understanding of multi-religious spaces along the west coast of India through her Ph.D. thesis. Her study focuses on the Hindu religious literature known as "Puranas", that narrativize the geography as sacrosanct. She is the co-convenor of a working group in Calgary that combines the study of literature and material culture. When not studying the sacred landscape, Durga splits her time between reading and painting. She often adds sketches and illustrations to her field notes and tries to capture the process of studying religion on the field. And she advocates for a wide application of Religious Studies across a breadth of study areas.

Dieudonné Kibungu, Université de Montréal, for his project on the rape of women as a tactic of war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Dieudonné Kibungu is a doctoral student in theology at the Institute of Religious Studies (IER) of the University of Montreal. He holds a master's degree in theology and religious sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain and a specialized diploma in catechesis and pastoral from the 'Institut international Lumen Vitae/Belgique. His doctoral research focuses on the rape of women as a weapon of war in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The main objective that he pursues consists of analyzing the paradoxical character of the impact of religions in the fight against these rapes in Congolese socio-cultural context.



He is the author of *The Feminist and Feminist Turning of Postcolonial African Theology. Case of raped women in DR Congo*, L'Harmattan, Paris, 2017, and active member of the African and Afro-descendent Theologies Group (GTAS) at the IÉR.