

# Jennifer Collins

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### EDUCATION

- Present PhD candidate in Missiology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN
- 2000 Master of Arts in Religion (MAR), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL. Summa Cum Laude
- 1989 B.S., Computer Science/Systems, Taylor University, Upland, IN. Summa Cum Laude
- 1984 A.A., Computer Technology, Trine University, Angola, IN. High Honors
- Other Courses New Testament Greek 201, 202, 301, 302, Taylor University, 1996-1997  
Geographical and Historical Settings of the Bible, Jerusalem University College, 2000  
Philosophy of Religions REL 665, Taylor University, 2007  
A variety of PhD courses including *Missio Dei*, OT & NT Paradigms for Mission, History of Mission, Mission Communication, Worldview and Living Religions, Christianity in a Globalized World, Missiology Today, etc., 2014-present.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2011 – Present Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 2007, 2010, 2017 Who's Who of American Women
- 2016 Named as an Evangelism Fellow with the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism to help lead the conversation on evangelism best practices and current research.
- 1999 – 2013 Lighthouse Director, Taylor World Outreach, Taylor University, Upland, IN. Lighthouse is an international service-learning program that enables 85-110 students to study and serve in 5-8 countries each January term.
- 2005 – 2011 Assistant Professor of Missions, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 2003 – 2005 Instructor of Missions, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 2000 Who's Who of Students in American Universities and Colleges through TEDS
- 1998 – 2003 Adjunct Instructor, Biblical Studies, Christian Ed. and Philosophy, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 1993 – 1998 Adjunct Instructor, Computing and System Sciences, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 1994 – 1996 Lilly Ethics Grant Instructor, Computer ethics researcher and faculty workshop leader, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 1991 – 1997 Special Projects Coordinator, Information Services, Taylor University, Upland, IN

- 1989 – 1991 Information Systems Coordinator, Information Services, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 1989 Outstanding Student in Systems Analysis, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 1984 – 1989 Operations Supervisor & Network Manager, Information Services, Taylor University, Upland, IN

## COURSES TAUGHT

- IAS 110 Foundations of the Christian Liberal Arts (1 time)
- BIB 210 Biblical Literature II (8 times)
- CMI 262 Personal Foundations for Ministry (2 times)
- COS 104 Computing and Information Concepts (10+)
- IAS 120 Introduction to International Ministry (14)
- IAS 320 Cross-Cultural Outreach (14)
- REL 311 Foundations of Christian World Mission (14+ times)
- REL 391 Preparation and Strategy for Christian World Mission (20+ times)
- REL 432 World Mission Area Studies (14+ times); 2016 developed service-learning research partnership with mission/international partners that is ongoing

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

- 2022 “Partners in Mission: Service Learning Trips as Tools for Growth” with Kiplang’at Cheruiyot Bii in *Formation for Mission: Discipleship and Identity for Emerging Adults*, Lexham Press, August 2022.
- 2021 “Building a Biblical Foundation for Evangelism among Justice-Oriented Gen Z” in *The Journal of the Evangelical Missiological Society (JEMS)*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Feb. 2, 2021.
- 2020 Introductions to Jonah, Malachi, and Colossians along with sidebar notes for Jonah for the *Abide Bible*, ed. Phil Collins, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers.
- 2015 Review of *Journey Toward Justice: Personal Encounters in the Global South* by Nicholas P. Wolterstorff. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, January 2015.
- 2014 – 2015 At the request of Taylor University’s Provost, conducted an evaluation of Taylor’s mission curriculum and analyzed similar programs at other institutions as groundwork for future program enhancements.
- 2014 – 2015 Editorial Consulting for Global Mapping International’s “Misiongraphic” publications on global mission.
- 2010 “The Standards Explained,” [buildingchurchleaders.com/articles/2006/standardsexcellence.html](http://buildingchurchleaders.com/articles/2006/standardsexcellence.html), published by Christianity Today, Inc.
- 2009 “Follow-Up for Growth: Jenny Collins on the importance of follow-up,” [www.buildingchurchleaders.com/articles/2006/followupgrowth.html](http://www.buildingchurchleaders.com/articles/2006/followupgrowth.html), interview published by Christianity Today, Inc.
- 2008 “5 Pitfalls of Short-Term Mission and How to Avoid Them,” with Hannah Neilsen, [www.shorttermmissions.com/articles/avoid\\_pitfalls](http://www.shorttermmissions.com/articles/avoid_pitfalls) published by Shorttermmissions.com.

- 2006 “Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission,” *Common Ground Journal*, v4 n1 (Fall): 8-9. ISSN: 15479129, [www.commongroundjournal.org](http://www.commongroundjournal.org).
- 2004 *Indianapolis Star* interview for article: “Short-Term Missions Give Lasting Hope,” published August 29, 2004.
- 2004 “Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission,” *Koinonia*, Winter 2004, a publication of the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD).
- 2002 – 2004 “Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission” co-editor of the Seven Standards of Excellence and other web content at [www.soe.org](http://www.soe.org). Helped overhaul the website again in 2007.
- 2001 Book chapter: “Short-Term Missions: Maximizing for Long-Term Impact” in *Overcoming the World Missions Crisis*, Russell Penney, ed., Kregel Publications.
- 1999 Two devotional articles: “Heavenly Treasure” and “Reach Out” in *This Cloud of Witnesses*, Taylor University, Upland, IN.
- 1999 Research project: “God’s Concern for the Poor in the Law of Moses,” Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL.
- 1998 Manuscript/research project: “Kingdom Conduct: Living a Biblical Lifestyle in a Consumer Culture,” *Christianity Today* Faith and Consumerism Writing Contest – Honorable Mention.
- 1997 Research project: “New Testament Teaching on Poverty and Wealth,” Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “The Importance of Short-Term Mission Follow-Up,” Gospel Mobilization podcast with Dave Jacob, August 18, 2023.
- 2020 “Building a Biblical Foundation for Evangelism among Justice-Oriented Gen Z” at the Evangelical Missiological Society national conference on Oct. 10 and at the Mission ConneXion conference Jan. 16, 2021.
- 2019 Missiology panelist at the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism Mission and Ministry Conference: “Emerging Adults: Forming for Mission,” Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, April 23.
- 2019 “A Theological Case for Bringing Together Evangelism Champions and Justice Advocates: We Are Better Together amid Global Crises” at the Evangelical Missiological Society regional conference at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, March 16.
- 2018 “Making Mission Trips Better: STM Best Practices through the Lens of the Standards of Excellence” at the International Conference on Missions (ICOM), Cincinnati, OH, Nov. 17.
- 2018 “Preparing STM Leaders to Reduce Risk and Respond Well in Crises” workshop presentation at the Missio Nexus National Mission Leaders Conference, Orlando, FL, Sept. 21.
- 2018 “The Biblical Integration of Evangelism and Social Justice” chapel message at Taylor University, Sept. 14.

- 2017 “Preparing STM Team Leaders to Respond in a Crisis” national webinar, May 25, for Missio Nexus ([missionexus.org](http://missionexus.org)), presented for leaders of the 100+ mission agencies who are members of Missio Nexus and others interested in missions.
- 2017 “The Sabbath Giver’s Welcome to Sojourners” chapel message at Taylor University, Jan. 23.
- 2016 “STM Emergencies: Preparing Team Leaders to Respond in a Crisis” presentation at the Missio Nexus National Mission Leaders Conference, Louisville, KY, Sept. 30.
- 2016 “Religious Pluralism” panelist at the Taylor University World Religions forum sponsored by the Taylor Student Organization, April 6.
- 2015 “Short-Term Missions” panelist at the Taylor University forum sponsored by the Taylor Student Organization, May 5.
- 2015 “Taylor’s Mission Curriculum” presentation for the Taylor University Global Council, March 30.
- 2014, 2013, 2007 “Standards Introductory Workshop” (9-hour pre-conference workshop) at the Missio Nexus National Mission Leaders Conference, Atlanta, GA Sept. 24-25, 2014 and Dallas, TX, Sept. 18-19, 2013, and the National Short-Term Mission Conference, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 18-19, 2007.
- 2013 “Short-Term Missions Best Practices: From Everywhere to Everywhere” co-presenter at the Missio Nexus North American Mission Leaders Conference, Dallas, TX, Sept. 20.
- 2013 “International Service-Learning Best Practices” for the Taylor University Board Academic Programs Subcommittee, May 16.
- 2013 “Advancing Global Education at Taylor University” co-presenter at the Taylor University Bedi Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (BCTLE) faculty workshop, Feb. 27.
- 2012 “Heritage of Missions Roundtable” participant with 10 other invited leaders at Taylor University’s Heritage Weekend, April 27 to examine the missions heritage of Taylor University, what we can learn from it, and how it informs the institution’s future regarding missions commitment and engagement.
- 2012 “Evangelism and Interfaith Dialogue: Are They in Conflict?” panelist at the Taylor University forum sponsored by the Taylor Student Organization, March 1.
- 2011 “Raising the Bar in Short-Term Missions: Applying the Standards of Excellence” at the Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment (ACMC) Regional Conference, Dayton, OH, Nov. 12.
- 2011 “Fostering Student Reflection” panelist at the Taylor University Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE) workshop, Nov. 2.
- 2010 “Raising the Bar in Short-Term Missions” national webinar Nov. 18 for The Mission Exchange, presented for leaders of the 82 mission agencies who are members of The Mission Exchange and others interested in missions.

- 2010 “International Service-Learning” poster presentation at the Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD) Conference, Messiah College, Grantham, PA, June.
- 2009 “The Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission and Best Practices for International Service Learning Programs and Partnerships” at the Being There: Short-Term Missions and Human Need International Conference at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, July 30.
- 2009 “The Crucial Importance of Debriefing and Reflection for Short-Term Missions” at the Indianapolis Mission Leaders Network, Central Christian Church, Carmel, IN, Jan. 21.
- 2004 & 2009 “Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission” at the Fellowship of Short-Term Mission Leaders Conference, Simpsonwood Conference Center, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2004 & Oct. 2009.
- 2008 “Long Term Partnerships in Short Term Mission” and “Maximizing Your Short Term Missions” at the Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment (ACMC) Regional Conference, Dayton, OH, Nov. 15.
- 2008 “Best Practices of International Service Learning Programs, Partnerships, and Pedagogy” with Dr. Michael Guebert and Rukshan Fernando at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on International Service Learning, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN, Feb. 29.
- 2007 “Best Practices for Short-Term Healthcare Missions” plenary session with Dr. Michael Soderling at the West Coast Healthcare Missions and Ministry Conference, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, Aug. 14.
- 2007 “Best Practices in Short-Term Mission to Foster Better Cross-Cultural Partnerships” and “Practical Resources to Better Equip Lay Teams and Colleagues for Short-Term Missions” with Rukshan Fernando at the Coalition of Supporters of Indigenous Ministries Conference, Wheaton, IL, June 12-13.
- 2006 & 2007 “Lesson 2: Old Testament” at the Anderson, IN and Indianapolis, IN *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* courses offered for undergrad and graduate credit (course from the U.S. Center for World Mission, [perspectives.org](http://perspectives.org)), Sept. 13, 2006 & Jan. 22, 2007.
- 2006 “Maximizing Your Short-Term Mission” at the National Missionary Convention, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 11.
- 2006 Devotions and “Lighthouse International Service-Learning” at the October Board of Trustees meeting, Taylor University. Also gave Lighthouse presentations for Colleagues College, the Council for Global Engagement, and the Parents Cabinet, Taylor University, Fall 2006.
- 2004 & 2006 “Short-Term: Where to Go and What to Do” and “Short-Term: Preparing Your Team” at the Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment (ACMC) Great Lakes Regional Conferences, Dayton, OH, Nov. 13, 2004 and Carmel, IN, March 4, 2006.
- 2005 “Key Elements of Service Learning: A Collaborative Approach for Academic Affairs and Student Affairs” at the Indiana Campus Compact Regional Meeting on International/Cross-Cultural Service Learning, Taylor University, March 3.
- 2004 “Lighthouse International Service Learning” to the Taylor University Board of Trustees at President Gyertson’s request, Taylor University, Sept. 30.

- 2003 “International Service Learning: A Collaborative Approach to Short-Term Missions for Student Ministries and Academics” at the Association for Christians in Student Development Conference, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, June 4.
- 2002 “International Service Learning for Students” at the Educating for the Global Community Deans’ Conference, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN, Feb. 22.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2015-Present PhD studies in Missiology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.
- 2023 Taylor Faculty of Record for Jterm study abroad Bible courses at Jerusalem University College
- 2022 Taught the BIB 210 Honors course on campus/in Greece for sophomores in Jterm
- 2019 Visit to Taylor’s Irish Studies Program and Applied Missions Minor Program
- 2018 Chaperoned the BIB 210 Honors course in Greece in Jterm
- 2014 Attended dedication ceremonies for the Aché language New Testament in Paraguay (translation of the NT funded by the Taylor campus community through The Seed Company).
- 2012 Visit to a Taylor University alumna, Lighthouse host and team in the Czech Republic and site evaluation.
- 2010 Selected as one of 400 U.S. delegates to attend The Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization, Cape Town, South Africa, Oct. 16-25, 2010.
- 2010 Visits to Lighthouse hosts and teams in India and Indonesia and site evaluation in Singapore.
- 2008 Lighthouse team visit and site evaluation in Paraguay.
- 2006-2007 Three Spanish courses at Taylor University to learn Spanish – SPA 101, 102, 201.
- 2006 Lighthouse team visits and site evaluations in Ecuador and Trinidad.
- 2005 Lighthouse set-up trip and site evaluation in Ethiopia.
- 2004 One day course: “Sharing the Hope with Muslims” taught by Fouad Masri of The Crescent Project, Muncie, IN.
- 2003 One week course: “Cyberspace Stress, Sabbath and Serenity,” taught by Dr. Marva Dawn, Oxford University & Regent College Joint Summer Program, Oxford, England.
- 2003 Ministry exposure trip to Ireland & Northern Ireland – OMS International & Project Evangelism.
- 2000 Ministry exposure trip to Turkey – Frontiers.
- 1994 Chaperone, Israel/Greece Study Tour, Taylor University, Upland, IN.
- Conferences: Evangelical Missiological Society National Conference, Dallas, TX (2019, 2020)

Missions and Ministry Conference sponsored by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism, Wheaton, IL (2019)  
 The Mission Leaders Conference, sponsored by Missio Nexus (2011-2014, 2016, 2018); responsible for the short-term mission track 2012-2019  
 Evangelical Missiological Society Great Lakes Region Conference, Deerfield, IL (2017, 2019)  
 Amplify Evangelism Conference sponsored by the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism, Wheaton, IL (2016, 2017)  
 The Lausanne Consultation/Mission America Coalition, Orlando, FL (2011)  
 Being There: Short-Term Missions and Human Need, Deerfield, IL (2009)  
 Fellowship of Short-Term Mission Leaders (1999-2009)  
 Association for Christians in Student Development (2000-2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012)  
 Advancing Churches in Missions Commitment (2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011)  
 North American Professors of Christian Education: Reaching the Nations through CE (2000)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE

2022-2023	New Faculty Mentor for new Taylor professor Dr. Lauren Woodward
2019 – Present	Congo Initiative working group, Taylor University
2002 – Present	The National Board for MissionWorks (formerly the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission), serving as Vice Chair in 2023 and Secretary 2012-2021; served as Interim Executive Director in 2007.
2016 – Present	The Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS, <a href="http://emsweb.org">emsweb.org</a> )
2018 – 2020	Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Advisory Board, Taylor University
2016 – 2020	Evangelism Fellow with the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism
2018 – 2019	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Planning Committee, Taylor University
2015 – 2016	Peer Review Team for Northwestern College (Orange City, IA) Peer Review in its pursuit of maintaining Accredited Membership in the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission
2013 – 2016	Taylor University Comprehensive Internationalization Lead Team (CILT)
2013	Peer Review Team for Grace Community Church’s (Noblesville, IN) Peer Review in its pursuit of Accredited Membership in the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission
2011 – 2013	The Taylor University International Programs Advisory Group
2000 – 2013	The Association for Christians in Student Development (ACSD)
2009	Peer Review Team for CURE International’s Peer Review in its pursuit of Accredited Membership in the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission
2007 – 2009	Consultant to the Committee for Best Practices in Global Health Missions <a href="http://csthmbestpractices.org">http://csthmbestpractices.org</a>
2006	Colleague’s College “Going Global” presentation to all faculty

- 2006 The Taylor University Center for Global Engagement committee to determine global site criteria
- 2005 Colleague's College "Thinking Theologically about Our Students" presentation to all faculty
- 2004 The Taylor University Life Together Covenant Task Force

## **ASSESSMENT**

- 2008-2013 Lighthouse students and sponsors participated in Dr. Steve Snyder's research through the Taylor University Intercultural Inventory instrument and personal interviews with very positive results.
- 2009 The Lighthouse Program underwent a three-day on-site review with a very favorable outcome. The review team consisted of Dr. Rod Spidhal (Chair), Missions Professor, Northwestern College (Iowa), Dr. Sam Shellhamer, recently retired Vice President of Student Affairs, Wheaton College, and Dr. Pam Medows, Professor of Education, Taylor University.
- 2008 The Lighthouse Program underwent a two-day Peer Review in pursuit of Accredited Membership in the Standards of Excellence in Short-Term Mission. The program and Director received high commendation and Accredited Status from the review team consisting of missions professionals from Northwestern College (Iowa), Perimeter Church (Atlanta), and Send International.

## **MINISTRY AND RELATED EXPERIENCE**

- 1992 – Present Mentor of Taylor University students (1–4 women per semester)
- 2017 – Present Facilitator of the Thursday morning faculty/staff prayer meeting
- 2016 Served as a trainer for The Gathering's mission project with Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala
- 2016 Co-led Taylor University mission project to Belize for 10 university cross-country athletes
- 2011-12, 2014 Served as a consultant/trainer for Muncie, Indiana's Habitat for Humanity chapter as they planned their first international service trips to Bolivia and Paraguay
- 1999 – 2017 Missions Task Force, The Gathering Church, Muncie, IN
- Summer 2006 Sunday School Teacher, Adult Class, First Church of God ECI, Muncie, IN (now The Gathering)
- 2002 – 2005 Deacon of Missions, First Church of God ECI, Muncie, IN
- Fall 2004 Sunday School Teacher, Adult Class, First Church of God ECI, Muncie, IN
- 2002 – 2004 Board of Directors, Globalink Ministry, Upland, IN
- 1992 – 2002 Lighthouse and Spring Break Sponsor for international service learning/mission projects, Taylor University, (Bahamas, Jamaica, India (4x), Singapore, Kenya and South Africa)
- 2001 – 2002 Sunday School Teacher (college class), First Church of God ECI, Muncie, IN



- 1996 & 1997      Chair, Missions Committee, Grace United Methodist Church, Hartford City, IN
- 1986 – 1996      Sunday School Teacher (college class, senior high youth), Grace United Methodist Church, Hartford City, IN
- 1993 & 1994      Co-Coordinator of *Just for You* women’s conference with 700 women in attendance, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- 1986 – 91, 1993, 1995 Senior High Camp Counselor, United Methodist Camp, Epworth Forest, IN

## **FAMILY**

Husband:            J.D. Collins, former National Coordinator of Men’s Basketball Officiating for the NCAA, former NCAA Division I basketball official/supervisor and business owner

## **ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

Gardening, travel, cultural studies, reading, writing, birding, outdoor activities