



## Changes to G.C.B.S. Completion Requirements

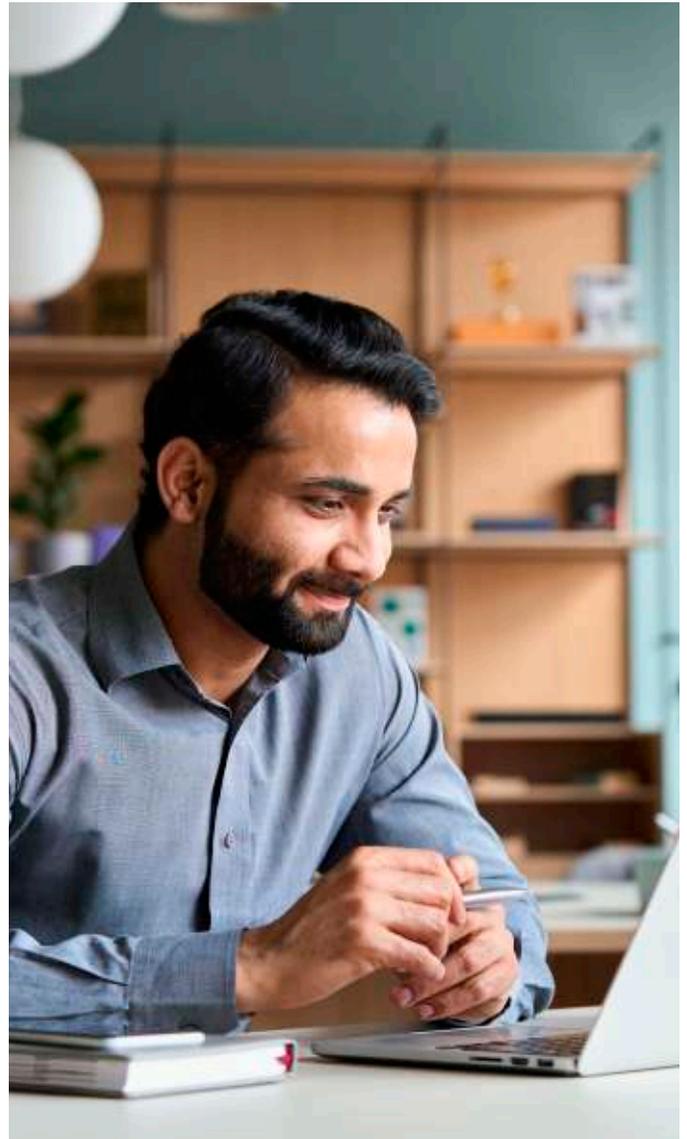
### *Getting a G.C.B.S. just got a little easier*

NationsUniversity is always looking at ways to provide a better educational experience for our students. Recently, the Academic Review Committee met and decided to lower the Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) required for completion of the Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies (G.C.B.S.). Instead of requiring students to achieve a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in order to graduate, students may now graduate with the G.C.B.S. with a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Below is the rationale for this decision.

The G.C.B.S. serves as an entry pathway for the Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.). The G.P.A. required for admission into the M.T.S. is and remains a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Therefore, we originally set the completion requirement for the G.C.B.S. at 3.0 as well. However, the G.C.B.S. is also a free-standing certificate. Some students come to NationsUniversity to obtain only the G.C.B.S. Others, after completing the G.C.B.S., decide not to pursue a master's degree. The Academic Review Committee decided it was an undue burden on these students to require such a high G.P.A. when a 2.0 demonstrated a level of competency they desired. Therefore, the G.P.A. was lowered unilaterally for the G.C.B.S. program.

Please note that this change creates a "gap" between the G.P.A. requirements for completing the G.C.B.S. and entering the M.T.S. A student may now successfully complete the G.C.B.S. with a G.P.A. below the required 3.0 for admission into the M.T.S. Those students will not be eligible to pursue the M.T.S. Students who intend to pursue the M.T.S. after completing the G.C.B.S. must still maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Therefore, if your intention is to pursue the M.T.S. after completing the G.C.B.S., you must still maintain a G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

We hope that this change will encourage students whose G.P.A. is below the 3.0 to complete the G.C.B.S. as a valid and worthwhile credential. We also expect students completing the Bachelor of Religious Studies will be encouraged to attempt the G.C.B.S. since they do not have to maintain a master's degree-level G.P.A.



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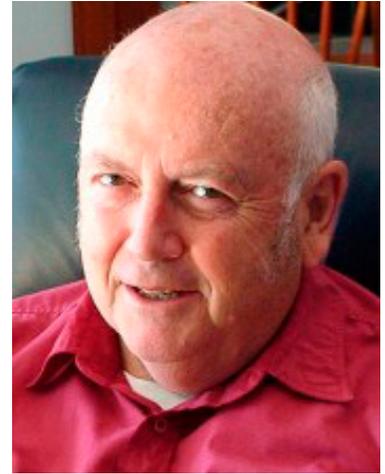
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## Christian Apologetics Resources

### John Clayton offers his resources to NationsUniversity

NationsUniversity is pleased to announce it has partnered with a Christian apologetics resource online. John N. Clayton (pictured right) has spent his lifetime exploring, developing, and refining resources on Christian apologetics. Beginning as an atheist, John's questions and study led him to become a firm believer in the existence of God and the credibility of the Christian faith. On our new Christian Apologetics page, you will find links to his website which includes articles he has written, videos he has created, and courses on Christian Apologetics that he has authored. The majority of his resources are free.



Throughout history, man has questioned the existence of God, the accuracy of the Christian portrayal of God's nature, and how man should serve Him. Western culture emphasizes each person should "choose their own narrative" or decide what is true and relevant for themselves. Eastern and African cultures have not been immune to this relativism as Christian spiritual truth has been blended with traditional religions and truths to make it more "culturally relevant."

More directly, the word apologetics comes from ancient Greek and basically means "to give a defense." It is where the English language derives the word apology from. In the New Testament, Peter teaches "instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." (1 Peter 3:15) At its heart, apologetics is being able to identify what the word of God is saying and how it applies; or being able to explain to an unbeliever what you believe and why you believe that to be true.

When truth is relative and simply a choice each person or peoples make, we face additional challenges in proclaiming the gospel message and presenting the credibility of the Christian faith. Christian Apologetics can overcome those challenges.

### What Is Apologetics?

We welcome Dr. Jonathan Corrado, who in a brief video on our resource page introduces NationsUniversity's Christian apologetics resources and why apologetics is important to a Christian's witness and testimony. Dr. Corrado earned a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering from Colorado State University and an M.Div. from NationsUniversity. He is a member of the NationsUniversity faculty and freelance contributor to the NationsUniversity Blog and the Institute for Creation Research's Creation Science Update. He works in the nuclear industry and is a senior officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve.



### Important Dates to Remember



### Mark Your Calendar →

October 15 - Orientation Class Zoom - How to Access the Library

October 14 - MAPS monthly prayer zoom between alumni & students

November 5- PASS Quarterly Peer & Alumni Academic Support Meeting

November 10- Orientation Class Zoom – Staying Motivated for Online Studies

November 11 - MAPS monthly prayer zoom between alumni & students

December 2- Orientation Class Zoom – Write in APA Format & Avoid Plagiarism

December 9 - MAPS monthly prayer zoom between alumni & students

# Meet NU Alumnus, Jonathan Mumbi

## Living in Zambia, Working with YWAM

Jonathan Mumbi and his wife, Jean, live in Lusaka, Zambia. They have raised three children while working in full-time ministry with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) for the past thirty years. Jonathan currently works as the YWAM Zambia Country Director as well as a Professor at the Berea Theological University. Jean works at YWAM as a teacher, hostess for the mission compound, and leader for mission trips.

As a professor, Jonathan trains men and women to be counselors. He believes that showing his students how each member of the Trinity is involved in counseling mankind throughout the Bible is an important part of his teaching. He believes that God has always come alongside man to guide. God does not abandon his people, even when they make poor choices. As counselors, Jonathan wants his students to emulate the heart of the Trinity for those with whom they are working.



*Jonathan Mumbi, Zambia*

hand, when foreign missionaries or teachers come and find local Christians who already have accredited theological degrees, the missionaries show respect to the local leaders more quickly, and express more of a spirit of collaboration than dictation. This dynamic builds teams of genuine co-workers who share in the training of others.

As an educator himself, Jonathan appreciates the NationsUniversity vision to offer accredited theological degrees to everyone. One does not need to be a Christian to learn at NU. He prays that those who come to NU to gain a degree, but who are not yet believers, will come to know and love our Savior Jesus. He also appreciates that NU gives students tools to examine the Scriptures with critical thinking. Instead of just telling students what to believe, NU wants students to discover for themselves the meaning of the Scriptures.

Jonathan wants you, NU partners, to know that you are part of a great work. You are giving your money to a worthwhile project of training leaders all over the world. He is grateful for the gift of grace that you have given him in the form of his degree.

*Story by Becca Smith*



*Jonathan Mumbi is a gifted guitar player and wrote an original song for NationsUniversity that you can watch on our YouTube channel.*

Jonathan is grateful to have graduated with his M.Div. from NationsUniversity this past December. As a university professor, the accredited degree that NU offers is vitally important. It adds credibility to Berea Theological University as they seek their own accreditation and shows the government the legitimacy of their university.

As a career YWAM missionary, Jonathan has worked with people from all over the world. He believes that a great work of NU is to empower leaders in Africa. For many years, Africans have been on the receiving end of training. Missionaries have come from other countries to train them. NU helps make it possible for Africans to be educated in theology and to train their own leaders. This is a much more cost-effective way to train leaders and do mission work.

Over the years, Jonathan has witnessed the blessing of multi-ethnic and multi-racial mission teams working together to spread the word of Christ as true partners and co-workers. He has also witnessed the tragedy of educated men and women who come to Africa with the desire to be partners with local Christians, but whose formal education and status creates and accentuates a disparity that divides the team into those with knowledge and those without. This makes it difficult for a true partnership to happen. On the other



# Meet Becca Smith

## NationsUniversity's Start-up Advisor

Becca Smith joined the NationsUniversity staff in February as our Start-Up Advisor, having graduated from NationsUniversity with a B.R.S. degree. The Start-Up Advisor is a new position for NU. We at NationsUniversity have worked hard to be able to increase the number of students we can serve. We knew we were not following up as well as we could with interested, potential students. We brought Becca onto the team to increase communication with potential students and to help new students learn the online platform better. We know that a key to student success is a smooth and encouraging transition to online learning. Becca brings to Nations not only her love of missions and the global church but also her experience as a student at NU. Becca will be an important part of our students' transition to NU.

Becca and her husband, Deron, live in Nashville, TN, where he works at Lipscomb University as an assistant professor of Bible and Ministry and Director of the Pastoral Leadership program. Together they have served as missionaries in Jinja, Uganda, for 8 years and then worked in full-time ministry in Springfield, MO, for almost 17 years. Becca ran a large homeschool co-op for 12 years to help homeschooled students gain quality education in the areas where their parents needed help. It was vital to Becca for homeschooled high school students to prepare well for college in science, writing, and math. During that



time, she taught several subjects ranging from ancient history to physical science and led the necessary administrative duties.

One of Becca's favorite things to do is build community, whether this is through hosting people in their home, running a homeschool co-op, teaching spin classes at Lipscomb University, or working with new students at NationsUniversity.

Helping to build a community with online students from all over the world is a challenge. She has begun offering monthly Zoom meetings to students to help them better understand different aspects of studying at NationsU, like how to access the online library, how to write in A.P.A. format and avoid plagiarism, and how to stay motivated for online learning. These provide students with important information and allow them to see others from around the globe and remember that they are not alone in their studies. Becca is also beginning to host admission Zoom sessions for

potential students. She is partnering with NU alumni to offer times for people who have expressed interest in N.U. to ask questions and gain answers to help them decide if NU is the right school for them.

Please continue to pray for Becca during her transition onto the NationsU staff. Pray that the Lord will give her the creativity and insight to help increase community in our global student body and encourage more students to pursue their academic dreams at NationsUniversity.

## NationsUniversity Graduates September 2022

### Certificate In Biblical Studies

Wisdom Adosraku, *Ghana*  
Anabelanagard A.W Njiiri, *Kenya*  
McIntosh I. Chimeziri, *Nigeria*  
Bruce Paul Jr. Ifionu, *Nigeria*  
Jimin S. R. Almahi, *South Sudan*  
Bryan Daniel Hart, *United States*  
Tina Wilson, *United States*  
Michael D. Winborn, *United States*

### Bachelor of Religious Studies

Joel Samuel, *Nigeria*  
Patrick W. Mondragon, *United States*  
Kamau Samuel Muturi, *Zimbabwe*

### Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies

Kelebhone William Tekanyo, *Botswana*  
Wambugu John Kariuki, *Kenya*  
Elizabeth Musyimi, *Kenya*  
Mauricio Javier Vanegas Carvajal, *Nicaragua*  
Rolando S. Improso Jr., *Philippines*  
Ndiphenkosi Vincent Madikane, *South Africa*  
Jared Kang'anga Ruzige, *Tanzania*  
Matthew Clifford Cox, *United States*  
Karen Dufour Gordon, *United States*  
Frank Rodriguez, *United States*



### Master of Theological Studies

Morten Bøsterud, *Andora*  
*Juris Doctor, University of Oslo*  
Bigda Oum Rufus, *Cameroon*  
*B.R.S., NationsUniversity*  
Jeremy Marvin Loseth, *Canada*  
*B.A., Nipawin Bible College*  
Fabien M. Bwadia-Mulanda, *D.R. Congo*  
*B.Sc., University of Lubumbashi*  
Matthew Clifford Cox, *United States*  
*M.B.A., University of Management and Technology*  
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