

ANNUAL REPORT
COMMITTEE ON ASM SCHOLARLY MONOGRAPHS
JUNE, 2012

1. The ASM Scholarly Monograph committee continues its good relationship with Wipf and Stock publishers and is pleased to continue the series with the imprint of Pickwick Publications. First, let me report on a meeting that I had with Wipf and Stock. I attended the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania annual meetings (I have been associated with this group since 1969 and currently serve as Site Coordinator) in Portland the second week in February. On a Friday, I rented a car and drove down to Eugene, at the invitation of James Stock.

I had lunch with our editor, Chris Spinks, with the owner, James Stock, and with the Marketing Director, Raydeen Cuffe. Had a great time as they are good people. We talked about the ASM Scholarly Monograph Series. They are happy with the way the series is developing and want to continue. However, they think that it is developing at about the right speed, and do not want to publish more books per year than we are currently publishing (about 3 per year). So, we need to continue to be selective in our evaluations. In a tour, I noted that there are no old-fashioned printing presses, just three machines that looked like big xerox machines. Their process involves editing and creating an electronic copy; once that is done, they can do anything with it: print books, put books on Kindle, even put books online. Also, as soon as a book is ready, they put it on Amazon so it is immediately available. So, they are well positioned to keep changing with the times. I felt good about the meeting and look forward to our continuing relationship with them.

One result of the meeting is that I have negotiated a way for us to manage a book table for Wipf and Stock with books in our series and other relevant missiological books for the APM/ASM meetings. We will take cash, checks, and credit cards (write down the numbers and charge it later). So, I will be preparing a book list with a recommended number of books that they should send to Techny. I found out last year that when I set books out and leave them unmanaged, they get pushed to the side. This time we will be not only showing our books but also selling them. This should move the ASM Scholarly Monograph Series onward and upward (see publication figures below).

2. The mandate to the committee is to read and evaluate dissertations that would be useful to the study of mission if they were made available in a timely manner. The committee has been working with few guidelines, but among them are:

- a. give priority to Ph.D. dissertations defended within the last five years,
- b. consider the missiological import of the dissertations,
- c. evaluate whether or not they should be published by ASM,
- d. where needed, provide suggestions to the author.

3. The current list of publications with total sales as of May 2012 in parentheses:

1. 2007 Ken Christoph Miyamoto. *God's Mission in Asia: A Comparative and Contextual Study of This-Worldly Holiness and the Theology of Missio Dei in M. M. Thomas and C. S. Song.* (122)
2. 2008 Edley J. Moodley. *Shembe, Ancestors and Christ: A Christological Inquiry with Missiological Implications.* (250)
3. 2009 Roberta R. King. *Pathways in Christian Music Communication: The Case of the Senufo of Cote d'Ivoire.* (50)

4. 2009 W. Jay Moon. *African Proverbs Reveal Christianity in Culture: A Narrative Portrayal of Builsa Proverbs, Contextualizing Christianity in Ghana*. (220)
5. 2009 Auli Vähäkangas. *Christian Couples Coping with Childlessness: Narratives from Machame, Kilimanjaro*. (78)
6. 2009 E. Paul Balisky. *Wolaitta Evangelists: A Study of Religious Innovation in Southern Ethiopia, 1937–1975*. (300)
7. 2010 David Endres. *Under the Cross and the Flag: The Catholic Student's Mission Crusade and the American Quest to Urbanize the World, 1918-1971*. (115)
8. 2011 Colleen M. Mallon. *Traditioning Disciples: The Contributions of Cultural Anthropology to Ecclesial Identity*. (118)
9. 2011 Chris Flanders. *About Face: Reorienting Thai Face for Soteriology and Mission*. (80)
10. 2011 Steve Pavey. *Envisioning/Embodying Christianity in Hong Kong: Theologies of Power and Crisis*. (170)

4. The chair considered and decided not to review some dissertations. The committee read and decided not to publish some dissertations. The following have been approved and are in various stages of publication.

1. Shawn Redford. *Constructing a Biblically Informed and Spiritually Grounded Missiological Hermeneutic: In Search of a Grace-Filled Mission Practice*.
2. David Leong. *Street Signs: Toward a Missional Theology of Urban Cultural Engagement*.
3. Ethan Christofferson. *Being 'Hakka' and Christianity: Exploring the tensions between the 'Hakka' ethnic identity and Christianity in northwestern Taiwan*.
4. Nguyen vonTranh. *The Legitimation of the Gentile Mission and Integration: A Narrative Approach to Acts 10:1--11:18*
5. Gregg Okesson. *Re-Imaging Modernity: A Contextualised Theological Study of Power and Humanity within Akamba Christianity in Kenya*.
6. Jonathan Barnes. *Partnership in Christian Mission: A History of the Protestant Missionary Movement*.
7. Jukka Antero Kääriäinen. *Missio Shaped by Promissio: Lutheran Missiology Confronts the Challenge of Religious Pluralism*.

5. The following are still being considered by the committee:

1. Kim Lamberty. *Eyes From the Outside: Christian Mission in Zones of Violent Conflict*.
2. Joseph Thomas. *An Emerging Tribal Christian Community: Dialogue between Garo Culture and Christianity*.
3. Sarita Gallagher. *Abrahamic Blessing Motif as Reflected in the Papua New Guinea Christian Revival Crusade Movement: Blesim bilong Papa God*.

6. Issues and questions for discussion and direction:

1. What more can we do to promote the series?

Respectfully Submitted,

Chair: Michael A. Rynkiewich

Committee Members for 2011-2012: Paul Kollman, James Krabill, Craig Ott, Roger Schroeder, Bonnie Sue Lewis, Gary Simpson

Andi's Priorities for the Punchlist

Good morning, Phil,

Thanks for sending the list and for your attention to these matters. Here are my responses to your questions (I have not directly consulted with Dorothy for this particular response though I think she might agree overall):

1. Do all of these things still need to be done? *Yes, please.*
2. What is the priority for getting these things done? (Priorities should be unified based on both lists—in other words there should be one list of priorities, not one for each of the lists.)

(Based on the attached punchlist you sent us):

First Priority

Items 13 & 14 (Dorothy)-- 10 hrs/ \$850

Items 8 & 9 (Andi), especially 8 (my inbox is getting VERY FULL)—17 hrs / \$1445

Second Priority

Item 16 (Dorothy) – 3 rs / \$255

Item 1B, 3, 3B, 5 (Andi) – 17 hrs / \$1445

Third Priority

Item 15 (Dorothy) -- 3 hrs / \$255

Item 4 (Andi) – 4 hrs / \$340

For item 10, I don't see the details.

Hope this helps, and let me know if you need anything else. Thank again, Phil.

Sincerely,

Andi