

# Editorial – Christina Landman Festschrift



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## Curriculum vitae of Christina Landman

### Personal information

Christina Landman is the first South Africa-born woman who became a professor of theology at a South African university. She is currently a full professor affiliated with the Research Institute for Theology and Religion at the University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa. She is a National Research Foundation (NRF)-rated researcher and serves as the editor-in-chief of ASSAf's (Academy of Science of South Africa) SciELO SA's accredited scholarly journal *Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae*, the journal of the Church History Society of Southern Africa. She is also the editor-in-chief of the *Oral History Journal of South Africa*, the scholarly journal of the Oral History Association of Southern Africa (OHASA). She is a member of the President of the Republic of South Africa's Advisory Committee for National Orders, member of the EXCOM (Executive Committee) of the OHASA and an ordained pastor in the Uniting Reformed Church (Dullstroom). She is also a part-time pastor in Rustenburg-Karlienspark, the chairperson of the Presbytery of Saulspoort and an Actuarius of the General Synod of URCSA (Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa).

### Formal education

Christina Landman was born on 08 February 1956 in Pretoria. She obtained five distinctions in her final year at the Lyttelton High School in 1973. She subsequently obtained seven degrees (cum laude) from the University of Pretoria and the University of South Africa:

- 1976 BA
- 1977 BA (Hons) Greek
- 1980 BD (Script: 'Aspects of the exegetical method of Augustine')
- 1981 MA (Greek): 'The use of non-Christian literary sources in the Church History of Eusebius of Caesarea'
- 1987 DTh (Church History): 'The use of Scripture in the Tractatus de regia potestate et sacerdotali dignitate of Hugo Floriacensis'
- 1988 BA (Hons) Latin
- 1990 Postgraduate Diploma in Translation
- 2007 DTh (Pastoral Therapy): 'Doing narrative counselling in the context of township spiritualities'.

### Professional positions

She was appointed in various positions in the Department of Church History at the University of South Africa in 1980:

- 1980 Junior lecturer
- 1981 Lecturer
- 1984 Senior lecturer
- 1991 Associate Professor – This was the first time a South Africa-born woman became a professor of theology at a South African university
- 2002 Professor, Research Institute for Theology and Religion.

### Awards and achievements

- In 2004, she won the Christian Booksellers of South Africa 'Book of the Year Award' for *Leefstyl-Bybel vir Vroue*.
- In 2007 she won 'The Most Published Woman at Unisa (2005)' Award.
- She has published 80 scientific articles and submitted papers at 89 national and international conferences.
- During 1988, 1991 and 1992, she studied in Germany and in the Netherlands with bursaries from the University of South Africa.
- During 2001 she held a Domestic Travel Grant as well as a Grant for a Foreign Study Visit.

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- During 2003–2004 she worked as an Independent Prison Visitor in the Pretoria Female Prison at the request of the Inspecting Judge of Prisons.
- She also worked as a voluntary counsellor at Kalafong Hospital in Atteridgeville from 2000 to 2007 in preparation of her second doctoral degree.
- During R&D leave in 2008 she conducted a research project in the Lowveld amongst farmworkers, entitled 'Concepts of illness and healing amongst farmworkers in the Hoedspruit area'.
- On 18 May 2008, she was ordained as a pastor in the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa (Dullstroom). In September 2010, she was elected as Actuarial of the Northern Synod of URCSA (Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa). In 2018 she was elected as Actuarial of the General Synod of URCSA.

### Academic scholarly societies

- Member of the Church History Society of Southern Africa, and editor of its subject journal *Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae*
- Member of the Society for Practical Theology in Southern Africa
- Member of the Southern African Missiological Society
- EXCOM member of the OHASA, and editor of its subject journal *Oral History Journal of South Africa*
- Member of the International Oral History Association.

### Publications: 1996–2018

#### Full-length articles published in accredited journals

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- 2005, 'Vroue in die teologiese antropologie van die Afrikaanse gereformeerde tradisie', *Studia Historiae Ecclesiasticae* 31(1), 203–222 (with M.-A. Plaatjies).
- 2005, 'Die teologiese bestuur van morele intelligensie', *Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe* 45(3), 307–316.
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