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Bio and Research Statement.

Why is religion still important for new African immigrants in a supposedly secularizing Canada? How and why do the majority of new African immigrants in Canada establish their own religious communities rather than identify with Canadian led ones? What are the social implications of this trend to the Canadian society? James' research area generally explores issues of contemporary African immigrants' religiosity with a special focus on African initiated Pentecostal Churches in Canada. His doctoral study aims to investigate reasons for the proliferation of African immigrant religious communities in Canada, the roles these communities play in the adaptation of new African immigrants to the new environment, and the social change they engineer in their host context. This research builds on his previous work on Pentecostalism in Ghana, examining the expanding demography of African Pentecostalism and its contribution to the Canadian religious mosaic.

James is currently studying for his MA degree in Religious Studies at Queen's University, Canada. He holds a B.A degree in Sociology and Religions from the University of Ghana, and an M.Phil. in Intercontextual Theology from the University of Oslo, Norway. He will start his Doctoral degree in Fall 2017 under the supervision of Peter Beyer and Lori Beaman at the University of Ottawa.