# Dr Rebecca Uberoi

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Education	
2013-2016	University College Dublin   PhD Ethnomusicology
	Thesis Title: Music, Worship, and Identity in Yorùbá Christian Migration: The Case of Christ Apostolic Church, Dublin.
	Thesis Supervisor: Professor Thérèse Smith
2011-2012	University College Dublin   MMus Ethnomusicology   1st class honours
	Thesis Title: Dancing Before the Lord: The Performance of Yorùbá Identity in a Dublin-Based Nigerian Church.
	Thesis Supervisor: Professor Thérèse Smith
2010-2011	Trinity College Dublin   PGDE Secondary Music   1st class honours
2000-2001	CTABRSM Piano
1997-1998	Sekolah Tinggi Seni Indonesia
	One year course in traditional Sundanese music
1993-1996	City University London   BSc (Hons) Music   2:1
	Thesis Title: Christianity, Missionaries, and Music in Indonesia.
	Thesis Supervisor: Professor Steve Stanton

### **Employment**

Jan 2018 –	London School of Theology
Oct 2024	Lecturer in Ethnomusicology and Worship Studies, and Programme Leader for the Theology, Music, and Worship Undergraduate Programmes
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Spring 2017	University College Dublin
	Visiting Lecturer
	MMus module: Case Studies in Ethnomusicology
Autumn 2011,	University College Dublin
2014, 2016	Tutor
	BMus modules: Music Theory and Musicianship I and III
1999-2010	Self-Employed / Peripatetic
	Instrumental, Music Theory, and Early Years Music Teacher

## **Professional Memberships and Roles**

Current	British Forum for Ethnomusicology
	Member
2025	British Forum for Ethnomusicology
	Judge for the BFE Student Fieldwork Award
Jan 2020 – Dec 2023	Open University
	External Examiner
2018-2019	Yale Journal of Music and Religion
	Peer Reviewer

2019-present City University

& 1993-1996 Member of Sekar Enggal, resident ensemble specialising in the music of West Java

#### **Publications and Output**

**Books** 

Under Uberoi, R. Salvation, Music, and Embodiment in Yoruba Christian Migration.

Contract Routledge: Congregational Music Studies Series.

**Book Chapters** 

2018 Uberoi, R. (2018) Dancing like David and Overcoming

Enemies: Scripture and Culture in Christ Apostolic Church Dublin. In: Anderson, Bradford A. and Kearney, Jonathan (eds.) *Ireland and the Reception of the Bible: Social and Cultural Perspectives.* London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark.



**Journal Articles** 

2016 Uberoi, R. (2016) "Dance Your Sorrow Away": Spirituality, Community, and

Wellbeing in Christ Apostolic Church Dublin. Legon Journal of the Humanities 27

(2).

2016 Uberoi, R. (2016) "If You Play the Talking Drum They Will Be Happy": The Role of

the Gángan in Christ Apostolic Church Dublin. Ethnomusicology Ireland 4.

**Christian Media** 

2023 Uberoi, R. (2023) "Bind Us Together, Lord: How Can Musical

Worship Help Us to be of One Mind?" Idea: The Magazine of the

Evangelical Alliance, Jul/Aug 2023, 2-3.

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2021 Uberoi, R. (2021) "Oh Come, Let's Sing to the Lord: How Can We

Respond to God's Invitation into Sung Worship Amid the Coronavirus Restrictions?" *Idea: The Magazine of the Evangelical* 

Alliance, Jan/Feb 2021, 18-19.



Television

2019 'What is the Point of Prayer?' Real World Theology Chat Show, Trinity

Broadcasting Network (TBN) UK, February 2019.

2019 'Why Do Worship Songs Have Such Bad Theology?' Real World Theology Chat

Show, Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) UK, February 2019.

#### **Public Engagement**

2023 Celebrating God and His Gifts through Worship. Faith Seeking Understanding

Public Engagement Series, London School of Theology.

Plenary: Embodying the Mind of Christ in Corporate Musical Worship.

Workshop: Exploring the Relational Aspects of Corporate Musical Worship.

The Harmony of Worship: Exploring the Power of Worship in Building Community. Faith Seeking Understanding Public Engagement Series, London School of

Theology.

Plenary: Looking Around: How Music Can Help to Build Community.

Workshop: Diverse Worshippers: A Community with Disparate Musical Tastes.

#### **Conference Papers**

2022

2025 British Forum for Ethnomusicology, Annual Conference, University of Cambridge.

The Time is Always Now: Exploring the Expansive Present in the Salvific

Performance of Spiritual Warfare.

2024 European Consultation on Arts and Music in Mission, All Nations Christian College.

Worship and Justice. (By invitation)

2023 Christian Congregational Music: Local and Global Perspectives, Biennial

Conference, Ripon College Cuddesdon.

"We Always Sing in English": Negotiating Salvific Tensions in the Language of

Congregational Song.

2023 British Forum for Ethnomusicology, Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh.

"Satan Come Out of the Road": Music, Movement, and the Aesthetics of Salvation

in Yoruba Migration.

2021 Christian Congregational Music: Local and Global Perspectives, Biennial

Conference, Ripon College Cuddesdon.

Dancing Away Sorrow: Sacred Dance and Wellbeing in a Yoruba Migrant Church.

2019 Christian Congregational Music: Local and Global Perspectives, Biennial

Conference, Ripon College Cuddesdon.

The Talking Drum and Power Play in a Yoruba Migrant Congregation.

2019 Sounds of Heaven and Earth: Divine and Human Action in Christian Musical

Worship, One-Day Conference, London School of Theology.

Sacred Dance and Spiritual Efficacy in Yoruba Christian Migration.

2018 British Forum for Ethnomusicology, Annual Conference, University of Newcastle.

Lost in Translocation: Sacred Dance and Generational Transitions in a Yoruba

Immigrant Church.

2017 International Council for Traditional Music, World Conference, University of

Limerick.

"Thief - One with the Big Eyeball!": Talking Drum Messages, Religious Ideology,

and Micropolitics in a Yorùbá Immigrant Church in Ireland.

2016 British Forum for Ethnomusicology, Annual Conference, University of Kent.

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" in England, USA, Nigeria and Ireland.

2015 Christian Congregational Music: Local and Global Perspectives, Biennial

Conference, Ripon College Cuddesdon.

"I Only Listen to Christian Music": Ethnic and Religious Identities in Christ

Apostolic Church Dublin.

2014	British Forum for Ethnomusicology, Annual Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies.
	"We are Pentecostal; we are Evangelical; we are an AIC": Musical Indices of Group Identity and Belonging in an African Immigrant Church.
2013	Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religion, Annual Conference, University College Dublin.
	Dancing like David: Scripture and Culture in a Yorùbá Pentecostal Church in Dublin.
2012	Postgraduate Colloquium, School of Music, University College Dublin.
	Reverse Flow: Musical Expression and Missional Context in a Dublin-Based Nigerian Church.

### **Academic Awards and Funding**

2016	University College Dublin
	Seed Funding Award (Dissemination and Outputs)
	€891
2013-2016	Irish Research Council
	Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship
	€69,640
1997-1998	Indonesian Government
	Darmasiswa Scholarship

### **Professional Development Courses**

2023-24	Middlesex University
	Research Supervisor Training Sessions
2021	Advance HE
	Enhancing Programme Leadership
2015	University College Dublin
	Academic Writing (Humanities and Social Sciences)
2015	University College Dublin
	Turbo Charging Your Writing
2014	University College Dublin
	Communicating Your Research via Digital Media
2013	University College Dublin
	Endnote Training