# Curriculum Vitae Otto Erich Bam

# **PROFILE**

5 Headington Close Cambridge CB1 9GD I am a researcher in theology and the arts, with a particular focus on Romantic literature and the Christian imagination.

I hold master's degrees from Stellenbosch University in South Africa and the University of Edinburgh in English Studies and Religion and Literature respectively. I am a fellow of the Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge, and work as the arts project manager for the same.

I have been a performing singer-songwriter since 2014, and have released two EPs, a full-length album, and various singles.

# **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

Sep 2022 - Aug 2023 MSc Religion and Literature (With Distinction)

University of Edinburgh

Feb 2017 - Mar 2020 MA English Studies (Cum Laude)

Stellenbosch University

Feb 2015 - Nov 2015 BA Hons. English Studies (Cum Laude)

Stellenbosch University

Feb 2012 - Nov 2014 BA Language and Culture

Stellenbosch University

# **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

Sep 2023 Society for the Study of Theology Postgraduate Conference,
University of Edinburgh

"Fragile Anticipation', Sensational Hope: A Phenomenology of Hope in Samuel Taylor Coleridge's Theory of the Imagination"

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Mar 2023 - Present Arts Project Manager and Fellow

The Kirby Laing Centre, Cambridge

Apr 2023 - Feb 2024 Associate Reviews Editor

International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church

Feb 2023 - Nov 2023 Student Co-ordinator (Part-Time)

**Trinity Forum Europe** 

This role entails convening the Scriptorium for post-graduate students in Edinburgh. I select and facilitate prayers and readings with structured study times twice a week. I also provide hospitality, providing lunch, along with hot drinks and snacks throughout the day. The role also requires involvement in organising various events with speakers from a range of domains.

Feb 2015 - Nov 2015 Member of Executive Team

KRUX

As part of the leadership of Krux, a study centre that focuses on engagement with culture and the arts, I have delivered talks and facilitated conversations. Over the past two years I have pioneered a broadened vision for the organisation, leading the creation of an online community parallel to the in-person activities (see https://krux.africa). I designed the website and served as co-editor of the blog. In September 2021, I led a team in organising our annual artists' gathering.

Jul 2020 - Present Web Designer, Copywriter and Content Strategist

Freelance

As a freelance web designer, copywriter and content strategist, I do various forms writing– both long and short form – for companies in a range of industries. My most recent web design project can be viewed <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

# Sep 2018 - Jul 2020 Lead Business Content Strategist and Writer

Sinequanon (SQN)

Sinequanon (SQN) was a privately held PeopleTech start-up founded in 2015 and based in Zürich, Switzerland. This was a remote position.

Responsibilities included:

- Content creation and corporate communications for clients around the globe
- · Product management and development
- · Content management
- · Content strategy

#### Dec 2017 - Jul 2018

# Copywriter

**GStudio Branding Agency** 

GStudio is a marketing agency that works with global clients.

Responsibilities included:

- · Create original content for marketing purposes.
- Manage client portfolios and online profiles.
- Conceptualise and execute original marketing strategies.

# **LANGUAGES**

English (native), Afrikaans (native), Portuguese (A2), German (B1)

# **REFERENCES**

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