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**Coptic Culture and Community: Daily Lives, Changing Times.** Mariam F. Ayad (Editor). American University in Cairo Press, 2024. [Amazon](#). \$33.90 Hbk. ISBN-10: 1649031823, ISBN-13: 978-1649031822.

**Summary:** This volume brings together leading experts from a range of disciplines to examine aspects of the daily lived experiences of Egypt's Coptic Christian minority from late Antiquity to the present. In doing so, it serves as a supplement and a corrective to institutional or theological narratives, which are generally rooted in studying the wielders of historical power and control.

*Coptic Culture and Community* reveals the humanity of the Coptic tradition, giving granular depth to how Copts have lived their lives through and because of their faith for two thousand years. The first three sections consider in turn the breadth of the daily life approach, perspectives on poverty and power in a variety of different contexts and matters of identity and persecution. The final section reflects on the global Coptic diaspora, bringing themes studied for the early Coptic Church into dialog with Coptic experiences today. These broad categories help to link fundamental questions of socio-religious history with unique aspects of Coptic culture and its vibrant communities of individuals.

Dah, Ini Dorcas. **Gender and Holistic Mission: A Christian Response to the Lobi/Birifor Marriage for an Effective Transformational Development in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana).** Self-published. 2025. [Amazon](#). \$20.00 pbk. ISBN: 9798287616182.

**Summary:** Gender and Holistic Mission by Dr. Ini Dorcas Dah explores the intersection of gender, culture, and Christian mission, focusing on the Lobi/Birifor people of Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ghana. It presents a detailed theological and socio-cultural analysis of marriage practices in the Lobi/Birifor society and their implications for women's empowerment and holistic development.

The book critically examines traditional Lobi/Birifor marriage customs and their impact on women, arguing that despite their vital roles in society, women face systemic oppression in both cultural and church contexts. It seeks to propose a Christian interpretation of marriage that supports gender equity, justice, and sustainable community transformation. [Amazon](#).

Fumanti, Mattia. **Religion and transnational citizenship in the African diaspora: Akan London.** Routledge, Abingdon, Oxon, 2023. [Routledge](#) \$54.99. Pbk. ISBN: 9781032422084

**Summary:** "This book focuses on Akan speaking Ghanaians in London and explores in detail the experience of African migrants living in Britain, investigating how

they construct their British citizenship through their membership of the church. Building on extensive ethnographic research in London and Ghana, the author explores the relationship between religion and citizenship, the emergence of transnational subjectivities, and the making of diaspora aesthetics among African migrants. Starting from the understanding that citizenship is dialogical, a status mediated by a subject's multiple and intersecting identities, the author highlights the limitations of existing conceptualizations of migrant citizenship. Anchored in a case study of the British/Ghanaian Methodist church as a transnational religious organization and cultural polity, the book explores diasporic religious subjectivities as both cosmopolitan and transnational, while being configured in emotionally and morally significant ways by the Methodist church, as well as family, ethnicity, and nation. Interdisciplinary by nature, this book will be of interest to a wide range researchers and scholars across the social sciences and humanities working in the fields of anthropology, religion, sociology, postcolonial studies, and African studies, and additionally policy makers interested in diaspora and migration studies"-- Provided by publisher.

### Open Access Resources

Conduah, Emmanuel Nanabanyin, **Women's Leadership in Ghana's Catholic Colleges of Education Lived Experience and Catholic Identity.** (2024). Dissertation, Graduate School of Education, Fordham University. AAI31292868. URL: <https://research.library.fordham.edu/dissertations/AAI31292868>

**Summary:** This qualitative phenomenological study delves into the product of women's leadership in Catholic colleges of education in four regions of Ghana. Using the synergistic leadership and organizational culture theories as the conceptual frameworks, the study examined the essence of the lived experiences of women in leadership positions of these Catholic institutions and the Catholic identity. With a focus on Ghana, where the Church and the State Partnership manage Catholic colleges, the study sought to understand how women's leadership navigates some of the challenges that such affiliation poses to the Catholic identity of the colleges. To understand this phenomenon and answer the research questions, data was collected through semi-structured interviews with 12 women leaders and document analysis. The data revealed four significant themes: balanced leadership, relational leadership, Catholic identity, and Catholic education. Additionally, the sub themes included mentoring and women's empowerment, democratic leadership, collaboration and consensus, leadership for learning, holistic education, Catholic culture on campus, church-state partnership, and a majority non-Catholic student population. In conclusion, critical to women's leadership is an intentional leadership formation by stakeholders in Catholic education to enhance their skills and to keep the pipeline of women's leadership secured.

*See Iris Habib el Masri reference in Book Excerpt note, p. 72.*