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Expertise:

- Hebrew Bible background
- Torah/Pentateuch and Prophets
- Sexuality in the Hebrew Bible
- Post-colonial Interpretation
- Womanist/Feminist Interpretation

Education:

- B.A. Gen., B.A. Hons., University of Zimbabwe, 1986, 1987
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- Ph.D., Emory University, 1998

Dr. Mbuwayesango joined the faculty of Hood in 1995, and since 2011 holds the first professorial chair and serves as Dean of Students since 2007. She co-founded the African Biblical Hermeneutics Section in the Society of Biblical Literature and has served on and chaired its steering committee. She is also a member of the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars and has served on the steering committee. She is a member of and serves on the Steering Committee of the Chicago Consultation (<http://www.chicagoconsultation.org/>). She serves on the Advisory Board of the *Old Testament Essays: An Old Testament Theological Journal Accredited by the Department of Education of South Africa*.

She is Anglican/Episcopalian and is a member of St. Luke's Episcopal where she has served on the vestry (2011-2013). She was appointed by the Head of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church to serve on the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns 2012- 2018. She has served on the Board of Rowan Helping Ministries and is currently serving on the Board of Rape, Child & Family Abuse Crisis Council of Salisbury – Rowan, Inc.

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Publications:

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