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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion, Nashville, Tennessee

Ph.D., New Testament and Early Christianity, December 2007

- Committee: Professor Fernando Segovia – advisor, Daniel Patte, Ellen Armour, and Robert Barsky (French & Italian, and English)
- Title: “Circumscribed Symptomatic Subjectivity in 1 Peter’s *Haustafel*”

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey

Master of Divinity, May 2001

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia

Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, May 1994

Education minor

Villanova Online Consortium

Human Resource Management, Fall 2019

SHRM™ Certification, January 2020

CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS

Designing for Focus, 1 hour, May 29, 2025; Michigan State University’s Online MA in Learning Experience Design

Infographics for Learning, 8 hours, November 2024

Neuro, Cognitive, and Learning Sciences, Part 1: Bringing Theory to Practice, 8 hours, October 2024

Neuro, Cognitive, and Learning Sciences: Regular and Substantive Interaction, 8 hours, October 2024

Gamifying Your Course to Motivate Student Engagement, 2 hours, February 2024

Trauma-Informed Pedagogy to Support Student Success, 8 hours, November 2023

Engaging Learners in Online Discussions, 8 hours, July 2023

Integrating ChaptGPT/AI Into Our Pedagogy, 2 hours, June 2023

Accessible Word Documents, 1 hour, May 2023

Active Learning in the Asynchronous World, 2 hours, May 2023

Creating Equitable Classrooms through Anti-Racist Pedagogy, 4 hours, May 2023

Inclusive Assessment: (Un)Grading for Growth, 8 hours, May 2023

Applying the Quality Matters™ Rubric, 24 hours, May 2023

Lecture Capture for In-Person Classes, 1 hours, April 2023

Workstation Ergonomics, 1 hour, April 2021

Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (PCC) Anderson Conference, 2 hours, January 2021

Remote Operations Health & Safety Training, 4 hours, November 2020

HR, Legal and Compliance Diversity Module, 1 hour, October 2016

HR, Legal and Compliance Title IX Module, 1 hour, October 2016

TEACHING & ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Hollins University, Roanoke, Virginia (2021-2022)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Bible in a Global Village

- A hermeneutics course engaging the following lenses, applied to both primary Testaments of the Christian Bible: feminist, womanist, reading from the margins, nativist, LGBTQ+, sex/body positive, and grappling with the anti-Judaic content of NT writings.

“Put That Passage in Its Context!”: A Virtual Tour of NT Biblical Sites

- A January Term course in which we used pictures from my travels in Greece and Turkey and outside readings to have a framework for background content to letters of Paul, 1 Peter, and Revelation.

Religion in a Global Context (Introduction to World Religions)

Buddhist Traditions

Feminist, Womanist, and Queer Theologies

University of Portland, Portland, Oregon (Fall 2014-2021)

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Women and Gender in Early Christianity

The Bible in a Global Village (same as at Hollins University), once a year

Bible, Past and Present (an introduction to the Christian Bible), every semester

Portland Community College-Rock Creek & Sylvania, Portland, Oregon (Spring 2014 – present)

Adjunct Instructor

Introduction to the Old Testament (in person & online)

Introduction to the New Testament (in person & online)

Introduction to World Religions

Chicago Theological Seminary, Online Learning Program (Summer 2016)

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Teaching Congregants Introduction to the Bible

- A course that gave MDiv students a chance to work out how to bring their Theological School training about both biblical Testaments to the people in their congregations.

Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina

Associate Professor of Religion (August 2011-May 2013)

Assistant Professor of Religion (fall 2009-2011)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion (2008-09)

Visiting Instructor (2007-2008)

Teaching a 3/4 – 4/5 load

Religion: Introduction to the Old Testament/Tanakh, Introduction to the New Testament, Introductory & Intermediate Koine Greek, Portrayals of Jesus, Paul and the Origins of Christian Theology, Interpreting the Bible, Contemporary Christian Theologies, Independent Studies, and Senior Seminar for Religion Majors

Honors: Contemporary Global Issues, Word & World I

Women's and Gender Studies: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

Bachelors of Business Administration Program: World Religions

Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina (Summer 2011)

Lecturer

New Testament Introduction

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina

Adjunct Lecturer (2009-2013)

Elements of Christian Thought

New Testament and the Origins of Christianity

Feminist Interpretation of the Bible

Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Instructor (Fall 2006 – Spring 2007)

Koine Greek

Working with Koine Greek

Teaching Fellow (2003-2006)

New Testament Introduction

Pauline Christianity: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Assistant to Daniel Patte, Chief Editor of the *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* (Fall 2003—Summer 2007)

Editing entries

Finding authors for entries and crafting the letters inviting their involvement

Actively involved in writing the templates used by all authors to ensure consistency

Department of Religion, Baylor University, Waco, Texas (Fall 2001-Spring 2002)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Paul and his Writings & New Testament Survey

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey (Fall 2000-Spring 2001)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Making Newer Testament and Early Christianity; Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies; and Critical Theoretical engagement with Biblical texts accessible for non-academics

Critical Ideological Methods: feminist, postcolonial, materialist, gender and sexuality, general literary and cultural studies, all with an eye towards the implementation of biblical concepts and ideas within our current contexts

BOOKS/VIDEO SERIES/PODCAST

[Wild Olive](#): Game changing conversation about literature, culture, and the Bible. Co-host with Dr. Jeanne Petrolle, releases every two weeks.

My [YouTube Channel](#), including a weekly livestream, "Story time!" and [personal/professional website](#).

Before Reading Paul's Letters, Read This! Forthcoming.

*Marriage in the Bible: What **Do** the Texts **Say**?* Rowman & Littlefield 2023, in hardback and [audio](#).

Video series, [*Does* the Bible Tell You So?](#)

Guest on Season 2 of "[The Bible and Modern Literature](#)" with Dr. Jeanne Petrolle.

[“Marriage in the Bible: A Discussion Among Friends.”](#) Discussion starter video series for people grappling with the Bible in the conversations about marriage equality & ordination of LGBTQ+ folx.

[Permission Granted: Take the Bible into Your Own Hands.](#) WJK, 2015, in paperback and [audio](#).

[Abuse, Power and Fearful Obedience: Reconsidering 1 Peter’s Commands to Wives.](#) T&T Clark, 2011.

INTERVIEWS

Interview on [Nomad Podcast](#), forthcoming.

Interview on [The Ruins](#), forthcoming.

Interview on [At Last She Said It](#), forthcoming.

[“Jennifer G. Bird – the Myth of Biblical Marriage,”](#) on The Bible for Normal People, October 21, 2024.

[“Dr. Bird on Marriage in the Bible,”](#) on Godless Engineer, October 11, 2024.

[“The Story of Bathsheba and David with Dr. Kipp,”](#) on Kipp Davis’s YouTube channel, August 2024.

[“Dr. Jennifer Bird Talks to Us About Marriage in the Bible,”](#) on What If Project, April 28, 2024.

[“The Myth of Biblical Marriage,”](#) on ichapod, March 14, 2024.

[“Cult of the Chosen: How Power Rewrote Biblical Mythology,”](#) DeMystifySci, February 22, 2024.

[“Biblical Marriage, with Jennifer Bird,”](#) on Data Over Dogma, February 5, 2024.

[“What is ‘Biblical Marriage?’”](#) on Digital Hammurabi, January 23, 2024.

[“Marriage in the Bible, featuring Dr. Bird,”](#) on Skeptic Haven, January 2024.

History Valley, with Jacob Berman: [“Talkin’ about Original Sin,”](#) August 25, 2024; [“Was Paul the Apostle Sexist?”](#) with Dr. Joe Wilson, August 13, 2024; [“Marriage in the Bible: What Do the Texts Say?”](#) January 17, 2024; [“Was Paul the First Christian?”](#) January 8, 2024; [“Abuse, Power and Fearful Obedience: Reconsidering 1 Peter’s Commands to Wives,”](#) September 6, 2023; [“Was Paul the Apostle Sexist Against Women?”](#) January 14, 2023.

[“Biblical Marriage: A Refreshing Perspective”](#) and [“Dr. Bird Returns,”](#) with Godless Granny, December 2 & 16, 2023.

Second Cup with Keith, [“Why Biblical Marriage Isn’t What You Think,”](#) September 2023.

The New Evangelicals, with Tim Whitaker, [“Why You Don’t Want a Biblical Marriage,”](#) May 15, 2023, [“Do You Really Want ‘Biblical Marriage?’”](#) August 10, 2023, Conversation about IVF, July 22, 2024.

[“The Role that Trauma Played in the Writing of the Bible,”](#) with Drs. Alexiana Fry and Daniel McClellan, May 20, 2023.

[Spiritual Brewpub](#), with Michael Camp, March 29, 2023.

[“Sex, Marriage, and Women in Scholarship with Dr. Bird,”](#) March 19, 2023.

Deep Drinks Podcast: March 3, 2023 on my work: [Holy Gender, Sexuality and Marriage](#) and March 11 and April 8, 2023 on two panels: [Slavery in Biblical Texts](#), Slavery in the Bible [Part 2](#).

[The Christian and the Atheist Podcast](#), February 13, 2023.

[Heretic Happy Hour](#), January 31, 2023.

MythVision Podcasts, with Derek Lambert: [“Telling the Story of my Theological Journey,”](#) February 2024; [“Jesus HATES Marriage and LOVES Eunuchs!”](#) February 2024; [“The Beloved Disciple a Lover of Jesus?”](#)

November 2022; “[Was ‘Luke’ a Friend of the Apostle Paul?](#)” September 2022; “[What is a Woman’s Worth According to the Bible?](#)” July 2022; “[Is Christianity the Logical Worldview for Modern Society? A Debate](#)” July 2022; “[Redefining God and the Need for a God Category](#)” May 2022; “[Was the Apostle Paul a Christian?](#)” May 2022; “[Marriage in the Bible: I do not think it means what you think it means!](#)” April 2022; “[Anti-Judaism in the New Testament](#),” June 2020.

Gnostic Informant Podcasts: “[Did Jesus Love Another Man?](#)” November 2022; “[Women of the Bible: Judith, Esther, Mary Magdalene](#).” August 2022; “[Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil](#)” May 2022.

“[The Progressive Sacred](#)” Podcast, “A Feminist Pulpit,” November 5, 2021.

[Reframing Our Stories \(on Sexuality\)](#) Podcast, [Episode 9](#), with Kara Haug, (February 2, 2021).

“[The Bible Project 2020](#),” Hyde Park UMC, [Episode 55](#) (December 14, 2020).

Zoom conversations with Dr Kimberly Russaw’s and Dr Amy Allen’s seminary classes, Christian Theological Seminary (November 9, 12, 14, 2020).

Zoom interview with Dr. Mitzi Smith for her “Engaging Texts and Contexts” class, Ashland Theological Seminary (March 5, 2019).

Skype conversation with Dr Kimberly Russaw’s seminary class, “Gateway to the Practice of Interpreting the Bible,” Christian Theological Seminary (December 3, 2018).

Skype conversation with an Introduction to the New Testament class, Elizabethtown College (May 5, 2016). (My *Huffington Post* blogs were engaged as part of their final.)

David Person, WEUP AM (August 24, 2015).

Oregonian Live with Melissa Binder, Faith & Values Reporter, “[Inerrancy, Apocalypse, Castration: Bible scholar says not to take scripture literally.](#)”

Huntsville Times with Kay Campbell, Faith & Values Reporter, “[Jennifer Grace Bird ‘grants permission’ to read Bible honestly](#)” (August 2015).

[Homebrewed Christianity](#), with Callid Keefe-Perry, June 2015.

[Religion for Life](#), with John Schatz, KBOO in Portland, OR, May 2015.

[Evil Twins](#) Podcast, Portland, OR, April 2015 & February 28, 2016.

[Things Not Seen](#), with David Dault, WBEZ in Chicago, March 2015.

[The Arts Underground](#), with Beth Norwood, WLRH, Huntsville, AL, July 2014.

SPEAKING & TEACHING IN THE COMMUNITY

“[Marriage in the Bible: What do the Texts Say?](#),” for Reconciling Ministries Network (UMC organization), December 15, 2023.

“Sex & Marriage in the Bible: I Do Not Think They Mean What You Think They Mean!” Northland College, Wisconsin (October 5, 2021).

“Developments in the Jesus Seminar,” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Jan 6 – Feb 10, 2021).

“Anti-Judaism in Acts,” Wesley-Luther Student Ministries, UNC-Greensboro. Virtual Class (May 31-June 21, 2020).

“[Anti-Judaism in Acts](#),” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (April 22-May 20, 2020).

“Marriage in the Bible: A Discussion Among Friends”, NEXT Gathering, Cincinnati, Ohio (March 3, 2020).

Permission Granted Follow-up Discussion with class at Sandpoint United Methodist Church. Zoom meeting (February 9, 2020).

“Who Wrote the Bible?” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (October 16-November 20, 2019).

“[Marriage in the Bible: Working through Relevant Passages](#)” – a Workshop. Redeemer United Church of Christ, Sussex, Wisconsin (February 15-17, 2019).

“Exploring World Religions.” PCC Community Programming, Sylvania campus (January 15-February 12, 2019).

“Exploring World Religions.” Life Enrichment Classes at [Touchmark](#), SW Portland, Oregon (November 10, 17, December 1, 8, 15).

“Process Thought and Theology.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon (February 21-March 14, 2018).

“Marriage in the Bible: Working Through Relevant Passages.” NEXT Church National Conference, Baltimore, MD (February 2018).

“Back to the Basics.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Nov-Dec 2017).

“Mapping the Origins of Christianity.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral (Spring 2017).

“Love & Marriage: Insights from a Biblical Scholar.” Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland, OR (May 2017).

Speaker: “Faithful Sisterhood: Responding to Cultural Turmoil.” Tualatin Presbyterian Women’s Retreat, March 18, 2017.

Speaker: “Permission Granted.” Presbyterian Women’s Retreat, Marietta, GA, February 10-12, 2017.

“Process Thought: An Introduction.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, OR, January 2017.

Teaching and Preaching, White Plains Presbyterian Church, Sunday, September 25, 2016. Themes: the empowerment of women through scripture; countering and rejecting the oppressive threads.

“Violence, Sacrifice, and Atonement in Scripture.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, April-May 2016.

“‘Biblical Marriage’: I Do Not Think It Means What You Think It Means.” Vanderbilt Divinity School, Carpenter 20th Anniversary and Celebration, April 1-2, 2016.

Discussion of *Permission Granted*. “Adult Edge” Sunday School Class, Tualatin Presbyterian Church. March 13 & June 12, 2016.

“What the Bible Is and Is Not & Why We Should Care.” UUC of Roanoke, January 10th, 2016.

“Engaging the Bible for Life: Diving into Violence, Reconciliation, and Sex.” Unitarian Universalist Church of Roanoke, Saturday, January 9, 2016.

“‘Biblical Marriage’: I Do Not Think It Means What You Think It Means.” Metropolitan Community Church, Roanoke, VA, 6-8pm, August 30, 2015.

“‘Biblical Marriage’: I Do Not Think It Means What You Think It Means.” Life’s Journey United Church of Christ, July 19, 2015, Burlington, North Carolina.

“‘Biblical Marriage’: Reading the Bible Wisely in the 21st Century.” Keynote address, Reconciling Ministries Conference. March 21, 2015, Bellevue, Washington.

“Biblical Hermeneutics.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. Portland, OR. January 2015.

“Biblical Marriage”: Reading the Bible Wisely in the 21st Century. Oregon Episcopal School, Academy of Formation and Mission. November 7, 2014.

“Women, Sex & the Bible.” Series at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, OR. October 2014.

“Biblical Marriage: Reading the Bible Wisely in the 21st Century.” “Women in the New Testament: Making Sense of What Paul Says,” and “Putting Paul in His Place.” Weatherly Heights Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL. July 20, 23, 2014.

“Finding God’s Words of Love and Encouragement.” Chapel at the Rescue Mission, Roanoke, VA. July 8, 2014.

“Biblical Marriage: Reading the Bible Wisely in the 21st Century.” 2nd Helpings Café, Roanoke, VA; The Rescue Mission, Roanoke, VA; Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, Roanoke, VA; The Unitarian Universalist Church, Roanoke, VA; Wedgewood Church, Charlotte, NC; Salon discussion, Greensboro, NC; Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, TX; Canyon Creek Presbyterian, Richardson, TX. July 2014.

“Women in the NT: What Does Paul Really Say?” Park City Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN. June 29, 2014 and Windsor Hills United Methodist Church, Roanoke, VA, July 6, 2014.

“Women, Sex and Marriage: What Does Paul Really Say?” Remedy Coffee & Conversation, Knoxville, TN. Sponsored by Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN. June 2014.

Sacred Conversation. Grace Community Boston. Walpole, MA. June 22, 2014.

“Putting Paul in His Place.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, OR. April 23-June 11, 2014.

“The Essence of Scripture.” Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, OR. Fall 2013.

Lenten Series contributor, St Francis Episcopalian Church, Greensboro, NC, February 29th, 2012.

Panelist, “Día de la Hispanidad,” exploring the consequences of imperialism in the “New World,” Greensboro College (October 6, 2011)

Panelist, “Creating Culture/Critiquing Culture: The Dynamics of Author/ity,” 17 Days Arts and Culture Festival, Greensboro (September 29, 2011)

United Way Fund Drive Liaison – Greensboro College (fall 2010-Spring 2011)

“Bringing Paul to Life,” College Park Baptist Church, Greensboro, North Carolina (October 2010)

“Bringing Paul to Life,” Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina (June 2010)

“The Christian Canon: What, How, Why and Why Not,” Starmount Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina (October 2009)

“The Christian Canon: What, How, Why and Why Not,” Adult Vacation Bible School seminar, St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina (August 10-12, 2009)

“Thought You’d Heard it All?” Four weeks for adult Sunday School, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro North Carolina (August 2009)

“Luke,” for Lenten Adult Study, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, North Carolina (2009)

“June Ramsey Class” Speaker, First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee (Fall 2006)

“Imperial Echoes,” Second Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee (Spring 2005)

“Finding Our Way through the Wilderness,” St. George Episcopal, Nashville, TN (Spring 2004)

“Ephesians,” First Presbyterian Church, Waco, Texas (Spring 2003)

“Synoptic Gospels,” First Presbyterian Church, Waco, Texas (Fall 2002)

“Why Should We Care about the Apostolic Fathers?” First Presbyterian Church, Waco, Texas (Fall 2002)

“Women in the New Testament,” First Presbyterian Church, Waco, Texas (Spring 2002)

ARTICLES / BOOK CHAPTERS / EDITORIALS

“[Our Divine Double Standard](#).” *Huffington Post* December 26, 2016.

“[Why ‘Pro-Life’ is a Harmful Misnomer](#).” *Huffington Post* October 6, 2016.

“[What’s in a Name? ‘Brock Turner,’ ‘Entitled White Kid,’ & ‘Rape Culture’](#).” *Huffington Post* June 8, 2016.

“[Unsolicited Advice: ‘What Should We Tell Our Children About the Bible?’](#)” *Huffington Post* May 13, 2016.

“[Kirk Cameron and the Mental Gymnastics of Interpreting the Bible](#).” *Huffington Post* May 5, 2016.

“Biblical Marriage’: I Do Not Think It Means What You Think It Means.” Parts 1, 2, and 3. Reconciling Ministries Network. [September 9](#), [November 28](#), 2015, and [January 23, 2016](#).

“[An Open Letter to Kim Davis](#).” *Huffington Post* September 8, 2015.

“[On SCOTUS, the Bible, and ‘Love Wins!’ Language](#).” *Huffington Post* July 8, 2015.

“[On Indiana’s RFRA, Discrimination, and Sex](#).” *Huffington Post* March 31, 2015.

“[Why Religious People Should Pay Attention to ‘The Interview’ Debacle](#).” *Huffington Post* Feb 28, 2015.

“[Fifty Shades of Things People Don’t Want to Face \(But Should\)](#).” *Huffington Post* February 18, 2015.

“[What’s the Harm? The Ongoing Effects of Biblical Ideas](#).” *Huffington Post* February 9, 2015.

“[What Does the Bible Say about Enjoying Our Sexuality?](#)” *Huffington Post* January 6, 2015.

“[‘Biblical Marriage’: I do not think it means what you think it means.](#)” *Huffington Post* October 22, 2014.

“Ephesians.” *Fortress Commentary on the New Testament*. Minneapolis: Fortress. October 2014.

“The Two Testaments: Forever a Pair.” *Horizon* March/April 2014.

“[Three Reasons Why Evolution Will Never Convince a Creationist](#).” *Huffington Post* February 6, 2014.

“[Let’s Talk about Sex, Duck Dynasty Style](#).” *Huffington Post* December 31, 2013.

“[So we are a Christian Nation?](#)” *Huffington Post* January 29, 2013.

“[More Damage on Overvaluing Virginity](#).” *Huffington Post* July 24, 2012.

“Talkin’ ‘Bout Somethin’: Beyond a Positivistic Reading of Paul.” In *Soundings in Cultural Criticism: Culture, Power, and Identity in New Testament Interpretation*. Greg Carey and Francisco Lozada, eds. Minneapolis: Fortress, March 2013.

“[How Amendment One Distorts the Bible](#).” *Huffington Post* May 10, 2012.

“To What End? Revisiting the Gendered Space of 1 Corinthians 11 from a Postcolonial Perspective.” *The Colonized Apostle. Paul and Postcolonialism*. Christopher Stanley, ed. Fortress, 2011.

“Scripture and Biblical Criticism: Feminist and Postcolonial Interpretations.” *The Sacred Text: Artefact, Interpretation, and Doctrinal Formulation*. Michael Pahl and Michael F. Bird, eds. Piscataway, N.J.: Gorgias, 2010.

“Circumscribed Symptomatic Symbolism: A Feminist Materialist Critique of 1 Peter.” *Marxist Feminist Criticism of the Bible*. Roland Boer and Jorunn Økland, editors. Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2008.

"Ephesians." In Fernando F. Segovia and R. S. Sugirtharajah, eds., *A Postcolonial Commentary of the New Testament Writings*. London-New York: T & T Clark International, 2007.

"Reading the Readers Ideologically: Prolegomena to a Study of 1 Peter." *Bible & Critical Theory*. 2/3 (2006).

BOOK READINGS/SIGNINGS

Think Brain Candy, Lebanon, OR, March 12, 2017.

"Holiday Cheer," Oregon Historical Society, December 6, 2015.

Roanoke County Public Library, Roanoke, VA, August 29, 2015.

The Nook, Huntsville, AL, August 17, 2015.

Huntsville Public Library, Huntsville, AL, August 16, 2015.

Little Professor Books, Birmingham, AL, August 15, 2015.

Annie Blooms, Portland, OR, August 12, 2015.

Flyleaf Books, Chapel Hill, NC, July 19, 2015.

Scuppernong Books, Greensboro, NC, July 17, 2015.

BOOK REVIEWS

Martin Williams. *The Doctrine of Salvation in the First Letter of Peter*. Review of Biblical Literature. November, 2013.

April D. DeConnick. *Holy Misogyny: Why the Sex and Gender Battles of the Early Church Still Matter*. Biblical Theology Bulletin (43): 2013.

Stuart L. Love. *Jesus and Marginal Women: The Gospel of Matthew in Social-Scientific Perspective*. Biblical Theology Bulletin, 42 (2012).

Paula Gooder. *Searching for Meaning: An Introduction to Interpreting the New Testament*. Biblical Interpretation (2010).

Reinhard Feldmeier. *The First Letter of Peter*. Catholic Biblical Quarterly 72/1 (2010).

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. *The Power of the Word: Scripture and the Rhetoric of Empire*. Bible & Critical Theory (2008).

Joseph Marchal. *Hierarchy, Unity, and Imitation: A Feminist Rhetorical Analysis of Power Dynamics in Paul's Letter to the Philippians*. Review of Biblical Literature April 14, 2007.

Caroline Vander Stichele and Todd Penner. *Her Master's Tools? Feminist and Postcolonial Engagements of Historical-Critical Discourse*. Bible & Critical Theory 3/1 (2007).

Carolyn Osiek and Margaret Y. MacDonald, with Janet H. Tulloch. *A Woman's Place: House Churches in Earliest Christianity*. Bible & Critical Theory 2/2 (2006).

Athalya Brenner. *I Am: Biblical Women Tell their Own Stories*. Bible & Critical Theory 1/4 (2005).

Kathy Ehrensperger. *That We may be Mutually Encouraged: Feminism and the New Perspective in Pauline Studies*. Bible & Critical Theory 1/2 (2005).

C. Clifton Black. *The Rhetoric of the Gospel*. Koinonia XVI (2004): 190-3.

PEER REVIEW / OUTSIDE READER

Peer Reviewer

The Bible and Critical Theory

T&T Clark

Fortress Press

Biblical Interpretation

Outside Reader

Leah Holle, University of Connecticut, Dissertation Committee: “A Mixed-Methods Study Investigating the Intersection of Religious Trauma and Disordered Eating in Womxn.” (spring 2023 – Spring 2025)

San Francisco Theological Seminary, Advanced Pastoral Studies, Doctorate of Ministry Program

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & BOARDS

Membership / Committee Work:

Gender, Sexuality and the Bible, Committee for the Society of Biblical Literature (2022-2025)

Editorial Board, *Bible and Critical Theory* (Summer 2011-2014)

SBL’s Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession: Student Member (Fall 2006 – Fall 2007); Full Member and Listserv Moderator (Fall 2007 – Fall 2010)

American Academy of Religion (Spring 2006 – 2013)

Society of Biblical Literature (Spring 2001–2014, 2017, 2021-present)

Presenting:

Review panel for *Marriage in the Bible: What **Do** the Texts **Say**?* Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2024.

Invited Panelist: Ideological Criticism, “Beyond the Academy.” Annual Meeting, Boston, 2017.

Invited Panelist: Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Section. Fall 2014. Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Invited Panelist: joint session of the Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies Sections. Fall 2013. Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

“Body Language Power: A Feminist (Re)Engagement with Paul.” Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2011.

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion Panel, “The Future of Feminist Method.” Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2011.

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion Panel, “Gender, Economics, and Context: Investigations in Biblical Studies—Part 2.” Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2011.

“Body Language Power: A Feminist Reconceptualization of Paul.” New Testament Section, Regional Meeting, Louisville, KY, March 2011.

“1 Peter’s ‘Daughters of Sarah’: Fear-full Subjects Indeed.” Women in the Biblical World Section. Annual Meeting, Boston, 2008.

“How to Get Actively Involved in SBL.” Invited Panel. Presented by SBL’s Student Advisory Group and the New Career Center. Annual Meeting, 2008.

“After the Eagleton has Landed: Assessing an Encounter Between Biblical Studies and Critical Theories of Interpretation.” Joint session: Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section and Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group. Co-presented with Joseph Marchal. AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2007.

Speaking at the Feminist Liberation Theologians Network. AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2007.

“Paul Wants You!: A Re-Interpretation of the Letter to the Philippians.” Critical Theory and Biblical Interpretation. ISBL, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2006.

“Circumscribed Symptomatic Symbolism of 1 Peter’s *Haustafeln*.” Ethical and Hermeneutical Issues in New Testament Studies. SECSOR Regional Meeting, Atlanta, 2006.

“Reading the Readers: Representation and Ideology as Communicated through 1 Peter.” Bible and Social Location Section. ISBL, Groningen, The Netherlands, 2004.

Presiding:

Gender, Sexuality and the Bible Section, SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2024.

Gender, Sexuality and the Bible Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2012.

SBL Committee for the Status of Women in the Profession, Student Coffee. AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2007.

Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section. AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 2006.

Methods in New Testament Studies. ISBL, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2006.

Violence and Representation of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2005.

On-campus Student Representative for the Student Advisory Group: Vanderbilt University. December, 2005 – Summer 2007.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Awards:

“Teacher of the Year,” Greensboro College, 2012-13.

Student Advocate, Greensboro College, 2010-11 (first time awarded to a faculty member).

Grant:

Andrew W. Mellon Graduate [Interdisciplinary] Seminar, “The Souls of Brutes and Stupid Things,” Vanderbilt University, May 2007. Convened by Prof. Jonathan Lamb, with Professors from around the country in English, Philosophy, Comparative Literature, and Gender Studies.

Scholarships and Fellowships:

Graduate Department of Religion. Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Fall 2003, 2006; Spring 2005, 2006, 2007.

Vanderbilt University Graduate Studies Department. University Tuition Scholarship and University Fellowship. Fall 2003 – present.

ADVISING

Leah Holle. Senior Thesis. "A Psychological Diagnosis of Apostle Paul." George Center for Honors Studies, Greensboro College. Spring 2012-Spring 2014.

Marianne M. Bird. D.Min. "Single Mothers in Poverty." Wesley and the Poor Program at Wesley Theological Seminary. Fall 2009-Spring 2013.

Bridget Saladino. D.Min. Dissertation Project, in process. San Francisco Theological Seminary, Summer 2012-13.

Susan Hall, LMHC. D.Min. Dissertation Project, "Getting a Foot in the Door: Introducing Feminist Theologies to Evangelical Women." San Francisco Theological Seminary, Fall 2006-May 2008

Bridget Culpepper. MDiv Thesis. "Locking Up: Ruth, Sexual Choices, Migration, and Women's Struggle for Survival." Fall 2007- spring 2008; "Feminist and Post/colonial reframing of Biblical story for children." Practicum II, Marylhurst College, fall 2006; "Introduction to Feminist Theology." Practicum I, Marylhurst College, presented March 2006.

REFERENCES

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