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## education

*Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas (2005- 2010)*

Doctor of Philosophy, Biblical Interpretation

Major: Hebrew Bible, Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books

Literature of Ancient Judaism

Minor: Themes and Issues in Biblical Theology

Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies

Graduate Biblical Hebrew Language Exam, Pass with Distinction

Dissertation title: "Domestic Disputations at the Dung Heap: A  
Reception History of Job and his Wife in Christianity of the West,"  
Pass with Distinction

*Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas (2001-2004)*

Master of Divinity, Valedictorian of Graduating Class

*Doane College, Crete, Nebraska (1996-2000)*

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, Spanish, English; *Magna Cum Laude*

### Experiences in International Study

Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, Israel (Fall 1997)

Completed Middle Eastern cultural and religious studies

PUCMM, Santiago, Dominican Republic (Spring 1999)

Completed studies in the Spanish Language

University of Heidelberg, Germany (Summer 2006)

Completed course HEBI 90970: Theology in Dark Times

Mary Baldwin University (May 2019)

Taught course on pilgrimage with travel to Spain, El Camino  
de Santiago, with 13 students

## teaching experience

*Mary Baldwin University (Fall 2011-Current)*

*Regular Rotation of Courses*

Introduction to the Old Testament (REL 101)

Introduction to the New Testament (REL 102)

Faith, Life, and Service (REL 130)

Women and Religion (REL 231)

Eve (and Adam), a Cultural History (REL 272), Honors Course

Religion in America (HIST/REL 204)

*Additional Courses*

Great Couples of the Bible (REL 231): May 2012

Christian Faith, Peace, and Justice (REL 221): Spring 2013

Intermediate Women's Studies (WS 277): Spring 2019

Dimensions of Pilgrimage (REL 207): May Term 2019 & 2021, travel course

*Texas Christian University (2007-2008)*

Politics of the Body: A Multi-Disciplinary Examination of Women & Gender  
(POSC 40970)/Women's Studies credit/Extended Education

Adjunct Co-Instructor, TCU Institute on Women and Gender  
(Spring 2008)

Understanding Religion, Texts and Ideas, The Bible (RELI 10033)

Adjunct Instructor, TCU Department of Religion  
(Fall 2007)

## publications

### **Book/Monograph**

*The Bible, Gender, and Reception History: The Case of Job's Wife*, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies series (Bloomsbury T&T Clark 2013).

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

"Moses Married a Black Woman: Modern American Receptions of the Cushite Wife of Moses," in *Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies*, Vol. 4.2  
Unnamed and Uncredited: Anonymous Figures in the Biblical World  
(Autumn 2022).

- "Paganism, Goddess Spirituality, and Elsa in Disney's Frozen 2," in *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, Vol. 33.2, 89-104 (Summer 2021).
- "Lot's Wife is Still Standing: In Search for the Pillar of Salt," in *Journal of the Bible and Its Reception*, Vol. 8.1, 79-105 (2021).
- "Sharing a Mirror with Venus: Bathsheba and Susanna with Mirrors in Early Modern Venetian Art," in *Biblical Reception*, Vol. 2, 57-74 (November 2013).
- "Implications Surrounding Girding the Loins in Light of Gender, Body, and Power" in *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 36.1, 3-30 (September 2011).
- "The Sexual Abuse of Lot's Daughters: Reconceptualizing Kinship for the Sake of Our Daughters" in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 26.2, eds. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, 37-54 (Fall 2010).
- "Satan's Seductress and the Apocalyptic Hero: The Body in American Apocalyptic Films at the Turn of the Century" in *Journal of Religion and Film* 13.2, ed. Michele Marie Desmarais:  
<http://www.unomaha.edu/jrf/vol13.no2/vol13no2.htm> (October 2009).
- "Holy Ground for Teaching and Learning" in *Complicity: An International Journal of Complexity and Education* 5.1, eds. Deborah Osberg, William E. Doll, Jr. and Donna Trueit (July 2008).

### Book Chapters

- "Zombies in the Biblical Studies Classroom? BINGO!" in eds. Jocelyn McWhirter and Sylvie Raquel, *Teaching the Bible With Undergraduates*, 199-204 (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2022).
- "Queen Esther Imagined as a Disney Princess" in Dan Clanton, Jr. and Terry Clark, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and American Popular Culture*, 83-103 (Oxford University Press, November 2020).
- "Space for Women and Men: Masculinity Studies in Feminist Biblical Interpretation" in Susanne Scholz, ed. *Feminist Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Retrospect*, Vol. 3: Methods, 345-363 (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2016).
- "Women at the Water" Worship Liturgy and Various Prayers in *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*, eds. Maren and Maria Tirabassi (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2007), 163, 227, 229.

## Encyclopedia/Reference Articles

“Job’s Wife”: Hebrew Bible, Judaism, Christianity, Literature, and Visual Arts in Christine Helmer, ed. *et al. The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, Vol. 14 (De Gruyter, March 2017).

“Pilate’s Wife in Fiction,” The Bible and Fiction reference, in *Oxford Encyclopedias of the Bible*, Oxford Biblical Studies Online, (June 2018).

“Pairing Up: Reception History and Gender Theory,” solicited article for *The Bible and Interpretation* website, August 2013,  
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2013/08/low378015.shtml>

## Book Reviews

Review of Julie Faith Parker, ed., *My So-Called Biblical Life: Imagined Stories from the World’s Best-Selling Book* (Wipf & Stock, 2017), *Review of Biblical Literature*, January, 2019.

Review of *Have You Considered My Servant Job? Understanding the Biblical Archetype of Patience* by Samuel E. Balentine (University of South Carolina Press, 2015), *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, January, 2017.

Review of *The Love of David and Jonathan: Ideology, Text, Reception* by James E. Harding (Sheffield: Equinox, 2013), *Review of Biblical Literature*, July 2014.

## select recent conference paper presentations

“The Cup and Conscience: The Use of 1 Corinthians 11:27-32 in Netflix’s *Midnight Mass*,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Bible and Popular Culture section (November 2022)

“William Blake and Ezekiel’s Wife in the Refrigerator,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Bible and Visual Arts section (November 2020)

“The Wrong (Wo)men for the Right Man? Numbers 12 and Masculine Negotiation,” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Berlin (August 2017)

“A Devilishly Inspired Dream: Pilate’s Wife, Sex, and Reception,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 2016)

“Lot’s Wife: Memory, Monument, and Reception,” Society of Biblical Literature  
Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (March 2014)

“‘Because Noah Had to Stay Home:’ Noah’s Wife at the 1920 Follies,” Society of  
Biblical Literature Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (March 2013)

“Early Christian Visualizations of Job’s Wife as a Modest Wife,” Society of Biblical  
Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November 2012)

“Lamentable yet Laughable: The Book of Job and *A Serious Man*,” Society of  
Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 2010)

## **professional experience**

Director, Carpenter Pre-Ministry Program, Mary Baldwin University (2011-current)  
The program’s hallmark is Quest, an interfaith academic program

Director, Religious Leadership and Ministry Minor, Mary Baldwin University  
(2011-current)

Coordinator, Religious Studies Minor, Mary Baldwin University (2011-current)

Campus Host for International Peacemaker, Presbyterian Peacemaking Program  
(2012, 2015, 2016)

Director, Coexist first-year leadership gateway, Mary Baldwin College for Women  
(2012-2016)

Campus Representative, The President’s Interfaith and Community Service  
Campus Challenge, Mary Baldwin University (2011-2016)

Shenandoah Association of the United Church of Christ, Mid-Atlantic Conference,  
Ministerial Standing (current)

- Shenandoah Association, UCC, Women’s Spiritual Retreat Leader  
and Keynote address (Spring 2013, 2015, 2016)
- Conference Minister Search Committee (Summer & Fall, 2018)
- Vice-President of the Association Council (Fall 2018-current)

## **professional memberships**

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

Member of the Steering Committee of Teaching Biblical Studies in the Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context section (2015-2021) and Bible and Popular Culture section (2018-2022)

Association for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education (ACSLHE)

Presbyterian College Chaplain's Association (PCCA)

### **professional honors and awards**

Racial Equity & Interfaith Cooperation Award for "We Are Each Other's Campaign" from Interfaith Youth Core. The award includes a \$1000 grant for programmatic efforts in MBU's newly launched Quest Interfaith Council, Fall 2020

Faculty Mini-Grant for Digital Scholarship Project, Grafton Library, for the promotion of digital scholarship for undergraduate students, Fall 2017

Curriculum Development Grant from Interfaith Youth Core, REL/HIST 205 Religion in America, Summer 2017

Selected for Teaching Interfaith Understanding Seminar, Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), Cambridge, MA, Summer 2014

Awarded "Distinction" for Interfaith Cooperation and Community Service, The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, Mary Baldwin College, 2013-2014

Selected for American Academy of Religion Pilot Mentoring Project, 2013-2014

### **guest lectureships, presentations, and keynote addresses**

"My Roommate is a Witch!" Talking about Spiritual Awareness and Religious Diversity, Resident Advisors In-Service workshop (April 2021)

Faculty Workshops for MBU: "Toward Gender Inclusive Pedagogies" (October 2018) and "Engaging Religious Diversity in our Classrooms" (March 2019), designed and implemented per the request of the Provost of the University

- “Wands at the Ready! Cultural and Spiritual Significance of Wands,” for Beauxbatons Academy, Queen City Mischief and Magic Festival, Mary Baldwin University (September 29, 2018)
- “Spiritual Wellness” in PHE 100 Fitness sections and PHE 122 Stress Management sections, Mary Baldwin College for Women, (2012-2017)
- “Religious Diversity” in RA-Training Class, Mary Baldwin College for Women (Spring 2015, 2016)
- “From Creation to Modern Creationism” in REL 305, Science, Religion, and the Search for Meaning, Honors Colloquium, Mary Baldwin College for Women (Spring 2014, 2015)
- “What’s in a Word? Revelation!” at HAVDALAH: An interfaith presentation at the Temple House of Israel, Staunton, VA (June 11, 2016)
- “Bible Babes Behaving Badly” at HAVDALAH: An interfaith presentation at the Temple House of Israel, Staunton, VA (February 27, 2016)
- “The Inspiration, Imagination, and Encouragement of Biblical Women,” Shenandoah Association of the United Church of Christ Women’s Retreat, sponsored by Grace United Church of Christ, Mount Jackson, VA (April 23, 2016)
- “Women of Faith: Miriam and Mary Magdalene,” Shenandoah Association of the United Church of Christ Women’s Retreat, Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, VA (March 29, 2014)
- “Be Blessed, Am Blessed: The Spiritual Path of the Beatitudes,” Shenandoah Association of the United Church of Christ Women’s Retreat, Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, VA (April 27, 2013)
- “Living Open Heartedly,” Guest expert on radio show, WMRA Virginia Insight with Tom Graham, Harrisonburg, VA (August 12, 2013)
- “Valleys and Hills: Finding Your Spiritual Way Through the Psalms,” Shenandoah Association of the United Church of Christ Women’s Retreat, Shrine Mont, Orkney Springs, VA (March 31, 2012)