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### ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2000 PhD in New Testament, Yale University

 Dissertation, under the direction of Wayne A. Meeks: *Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel*

1993 M.Div., Yale Divinity School, *summa cum laude*

1992 Archaeological Dig at Tel Beth Shean, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

1989 B.A. Stetson University, *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

 Major: Philosophy; Minor: Russian Studies

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016–present Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology

2007–2016 Associate Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology

2001–2007 Assistant Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology

1999–2000 Instructor, Yale Divinity School

1995–1998 Teaching Fellow, Yale Divinity School and Yale College

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

2018-present Founding Director, Baptist House of Studies, Perkins School of Theology

**RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS**

2024-present Affiliated Researcher, Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics; PULSE Project (Psychedelic Use, Law, and Spiritual Experience)

2023-present Field Scholar, Emory University Center for Psychedelics and Spirituality

**LEADERSHIP EDUCATION**

2022 HERS Leadership Institute, Philadelphia

2020 Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, The Fund Raising School

2018 Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership Program

2013 SMU Emerging Leaders Program

#### CERTIFICATION

2024 Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies and Research, California Institute of Integral Studies

#### PUBLICATIONS

**Books, Single Author**

*Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know* (Eerdmans, under contract).

*The Agony, the Ecstasy, and the Ordinary: Experiencing God in the New Testament.* In process.

*1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God.* Nashville: Abingdon, 2021.

*Women in the Bible*. Interpretation: Resources for the Use of Scripture in the Church. Edited by Samuel Balentine, Brent Strawn, and Susan Hylen. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2020.

*Reading John for Dear Life: A Spiritual Walk with the Fourth Gospel*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2016.

*Engaging the Word: The New Testament and the Christian Believer*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2010.

*Death and the Afterlife in the New Testament.* London: T&T Clark, 2006.

*Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel*. Leiden: Brill, 2003.

**Edited Volumes**

Charles Aaron and Jaime Clark-Soles, eds. *Shouting Above the Noisy Crowd: Biblical Wisdom and the Urgency of Preaching.* Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2021.

*Perspectives in Religious Studies: Essays in Honor of Mitchell Reddish*. Summer 2018. Volume editor and author of the introductory essay.

*The CEB Women’s Bible*.Nashville: Common English Bible/Abingdon, 2016. Edited by Jaime Clark-Soles (New Testament), Judy Fentress-Williams, Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Christine Chakoian, and Rachel Baughman. Author of introductory essays and chapter commentaries on the Gospel of John; 1 John; 2 John; and 3 John. Author of entries on death, disability, Samaritan woman, servant woman, wedding, and the woman accused of adultery.

**Journal Articles**

“Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine.” In the Special Issue of *Religions* devoted to “Theology and Science: Loving Science, Discovering the Divine.” *Religions*. 15, no. 5 (May 2024). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15050582>

Winkleman, Michael J., G. William Barnard . . . **Jaime Clark-Soles**, et al. “Psychedelic Christianity: Commentary and Reply.” *Journal of Psychedelic Studies* (19 July 2024): https://doi.org/10.1556/2054.2024.01356

“Experiencing God in the Gospel of John.” *Interpretation*. 77, no. 4 (October 2023): 346-357.

“The Gospel of Mark and Disability.” *Interpretation*. 70, no. 2 (April 2016): 159–171.

“The Afterlife: Considering Heaven and Hell.” *Word and World* 31, no. 1 (2011): 65–74.

**Essays and Chapters in Books: Academic**

“Israel’s Scriptures in John.” In *The Old Testament in the New: Israel’s Scriptures in the New Testament and other Early Christian Writings*. Edited by Matthias Henze and David Lincicum. Eerdmans, 2023.

“Love Embodied in Action—Ethics and Incarnation.” Pages 91–116 in *Johannine Ethics: The Moral World of the Gospel and Epistles of John*. Edited by Sherri Brown and Christopher Skinner. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2017.

“Disability in the Johannine Literature (Gospel of John, 1–3 John, Apocalypse).” Pages 333–378 in *The Bible and Disability: A Commentary*. Edited by Sarah J. Melcher, Mikeal C. Parsons, and Amos Yong. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2017.

“1, 2, 3 John.” Pages 691–710 in *Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation: Fortress Commentary on the Bible Study Edition*. Edited by Margaret Aymer, Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, and David Sanchez. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2016.

Co-authored with Paul Anderson. “Introduction and Overview.” Pages 1–25 in *Glimpses of Jesus through the Johannine Lens: John, Jesus, and History, Vol. 3*. Early Christianity and its Literature. Edited by Paul N. Anderson, Felix Just, and Tom Thatcher. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2016.

“‘The Jews’ in the Fourth Gospel.” Pages xi–xiv in *Feasting on the Gospels—John, Volume 1: A Feasting on the Word Commentary*. Edited by Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015. Reproduced in Volume 2, pp. xi–xiv.

“Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel.” Pages 95–117 in *Abiding Words: The Use of Scripture in the Gospel of John*. Society of Biblical Literature Resources for Biblical Studies Series. Edited by Alicia Myers and Bruce Schuchard. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015.

“1, 2, 3 John.” Pages 691–710 in the *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The New Testament*. Edited by Margaret Aymer, Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, and David Sanchez. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.

“Characters Who Count: The Case of Nicodemus.” Pages 126–145 in *Engaging with C. H. Dodd on the Gospel of John: Sixty Years of Tradition and Interpretation*. Edited by Tom Thatcher and Catrin Williams. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

“Mary Magdalene: Beginning at the End.” Pages 626–640 in *Character Studies in the Fourth Gospel: Narrative Approaches to Seventy Figures in John*. Edited by Steven A. Hunt, D. Francois Tolmie, and Ruben Zimmermann. *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

“Jesus Christ Superstar.” Pages 140–45 in *Bible and Cinema: Fifty Key Films*. Edited by Adele Reinhartz. Oxford, UK: Routledge, 2012.

“Afterlife, Judaism and Christianity.” Pages 156–161 in *Wiley-Blackwell's Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. Edited by Roger S. Bagnall, Kai Broderson, Craige B. Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine R. Huebner. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012. This article appears as “Afterlife, Judaism and Christianity,” pages 1–5 in the online, subscription-only, edition of *Encyclopedia of Ancient History* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

“John 13: Of Footwashing and History.” Pages 255–269 in *John, Jesus, and History, Vol. 2: Aspects of Historicity in the Gospel of John.* Edited by Paul N. Anderson, Felix Just, and Tom Thatcher*.* Atlanta: SBL Press, 2009.

“‘I Will Raise [Whom?] Up on the Last Day’: Anthropology as a Feature of Johannine Eschatology.” Pages 29–53 in *New Currents Through John: A Global Perspective*. Edited by Francisco Lozada and Tom Thatcher. Leiden: Brill, 2006. (Paperback: Atlanta: SBL Press, 2006.)

“Landing That Perfect Job: It Takes A Village.” *Religious Studies News* 21, no. 3 (May 2006): 17–18.

**Essays and Chapters: On Pedagogy**

“Teaching Bible Study Skills in a Seminary Setting: A Disciplined Knowledge for the Shared Life of Faith.” *Circuit Rider* (May/June/July 2014): 15–18. Also appears on the website Ministry Matters. May 14, 2014. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4976/teaching-bible-study-skills-in-a-seminary-setting-a-disciplined-knowledge-for-the-shared-life-of-faith>.

Co-authored with Carolyn Sharp. “Conversation: Helping Students Navigate Faith Challenges in the Biblical Studies Classroom.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 15, no. 4 (October 2012): 357–371.

“Introducing the Real Mary Magdalene.” In *Teaching the Bible*. The Society of Biblical Literature (November 2010). [http://www.Society of Biblical Literature-site.org/assets/pdfs/TBv2i8\_ClarkSolesMagdalene.pdf](http://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/TBv2i8_ClarkSolesMagdalene.pdf).

“‘Evil, Suffering, and Death in the New Testament’ Syllabus.” *ChrCent* 124, no. 4 (February 20, 2007): 33.

The following titles in *Teaching the Bible Through Popular Culture and the Arts*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2007.

“Introduction: Teaching the Bible with Literature.” Pages 241–247.

“Prose: Fiction and Non-fiction.” With Patrick Gray and Brent Strawn. Pages 297–322.

“Poetry and Exegesis.” Pages 8–9 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Patrick Gray and Mark Roncace. Leiden: Brill, 2005.

The following titles in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction.* Edited by Patrick Gray and Mark Roncace. Leiden: Brill, 2005.

“Simone Weil and Biblical Studies Courses.” Pages 20–22.

“Short Stories as Exegetical Tools.” Pages 49–51.

“The Synoptic Problem.” Pages 259–260.

“Christology Slideshow.” Pages 282–284.

“Forgiveness.” Pages 292–293.

**Select Book Reviews**

Review of Engaging Jesus With Our Senses: An Embodied Approach to the Gospels, by Jeannine Marie Hanger. *Interpretation*. In process.

Review of *Disability and the Way of Jesus: Holistic Healing in the Gospels and the Church*, by Bethany McKinney Fox. *Journal of Disability and Religion*, 26:1 (January 2022).

Review of *Rape Culture on Campus*, by Meredith Minister. *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*. Volume 1, no. 3 (August 2020): 134-5.

Review of *Death and Afterlife: A Theological Introduction*, by Terence Nichols. *RelSRev* 39, no. 2 (June 2013): 86–87.

**Popular Essays in Books**

“Letter 82.” In *American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days. 100 Letters*. Edited by Andrea L. Weiss and Lisa M. Weinberger. University of Cincinnati Press, 2023.

“Can Faithful Christians Disagree on Hell?” Pages 57–62 in *Hellrazed?* Edited by Kevin Miller. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017.

The following titles in *Feasting on the Gospels—John, Volume 2: A Feasting on the Word Commentary*. Edited by Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2015.

“John 14:1–7.” Pages 140–145.

“John 14:8–14.” Pages 146–151.

“John 14:15–17.” Pages 152–157.

“Gospel of John; 1–3 John.” Pages 9–19 in *Covenant Bible Study*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2013.

The following titles in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B, Volume 3*. Edited by David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2009.

“Exegetical Essay, Proper 13 (Sunday between July 31–Aug. 6), Ephesians 4:1–16.” Pages 302–307.

“Exegetical Essay, Proper 14 (Sunday between Aug. 7–13), Ephesians 4:25–5:2.” Pages 327–331.

“Exegetical Essay, Proper 15 (Sunday between Aug. 14–20), Ephesians 5:15–20.” Pages 351–355.

**Popular Essays in Other Venues**

“Disability and the Bible.” *The Christian Citizen*. February 21, 2018. <https://medium.com/christian-citizen/disability-and-the-bible-343f4f788744>

The following titles at Workingpreacher.org*,* the Center for Biblical Preaching. Luther Seminary.

* “Commentary on John 7:37-52.” Narrative Lectionary. Feb. 20, 2022. <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/living-water/commentary-on-john-737-52-2>
* “Commentary on John 6:35-59.” Narrative Lectionary. Feb. 13, 2022. <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/bread-of-life/commentary-on-john-635-59-2>
* “Commentary on John 4:46-54.” Narrative Lectionary. Feb. 6, 2022. https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/healing-stories/commentary-on-john-446-54-2
* “Commentary on John 4:1-42.” Narrative Lectionary. Jan. 30, 2022. <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/the-woman-at-the-well/commentary-on-john-41-42-3>
* “Commentary on John 20:19–31.” April 23, 2017. <https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3222>
* “Christ the King: John 18:33–37.” November 25, 2012. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1490>.
* “All Saints Day: John 11:32–44.” November 4, 2012.<http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1457>.
* “Reformation Sunday: John 8:31–36.”October 28, 2012. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1475>.
* “Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: John 6:56–69.” August 26, 2012.<http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=1440>.
* “Second Sunday after Epiphany: John 1:29–42.” January 16, 2011. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=1/16/2011>.
* “Second Sunday of Christmas: John 1: [1–9], 10–18.” January 2, 2011. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=1/2/2011>.
* “Third Sunday after Pentecost: Galatians 2:15–21.” June 13, 2010. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=603>.
* “Second Sunday after Pentecost: Galatians 1:11–24.” June 6, 2010. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=602>.
* “Seventh Sunday of Easter: John 17:1–11.” May 4, 2008. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=5/4/2008>.
* “Sixth Sunday of Easter: John 14:15–21.”April 27, 2008. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=4/27/2008>.
* “Fifth Sunday of Easter: John 14:1–14.” April 20, 2008. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=4/20/2008>.
* “Fourth Sunday of Easter: John 10:1–10.” April 13, 2008. <http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?lect_date=4/13/2008>.

“The Nasty Woman Who Persisted: The Samaritan Woman of John 4 (John 4:5–42).” ON Scripture. Odyssey Networks. March 13, 2017. [http://day1.org/7784-on\_scripture\_the\_nasty\_woman\_who\_persisted\_the\_samaritan\_woman\_of\_john\_4\_john\_4542\_by\_jaime\_clarksoles](http://day1.org/7784-on_scripture_the_nasty_woman_who_persisted_the_samaritan_woman_of_john_4_john_4542_by_jaime_clarksoles_).

“To Build Coalitions, Follow the Example of the Samaritan Woman and Jesus.” Sojourners. March 13, 2017. <https://sojo.net/articles/build-coalitions-follow-example-samaritan-woman-and-jesus>.

“What to Do When Words Fail.” Sojourners. March 23, 2016. <https://sojo.net/articles/what-do-when-words-fail>

“Is My Religion Better Than Yours? (Hebrews 7:23–28).” ON Scripture. Odyssey Networks. October 19, 2015. <https://www.onscripture.com/my-religion-better-yours>.

“More than Conquerors: (Romans 8:26–39).” HuffPost. Sept. 20, 2014. <https://www.huffpost.com/entry/more-than-conquerors_b_5607078>

“Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles on Radical Ministry.” Patheos. March 20, 2014. <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/generouschristianity/2014/03/rev-dr-jaime-clark-soles-on-radical-ministry>.

“Standing Against Ignorance: When Justin Lookadoo Came to Richardson High School.” HuffPost. November 15, 2013. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-dr-jaime-clarksoles/justin-lookadoo-girls_b_4281587.html>.

“Mark 10:46–52: The Wizard Is In – or Is He?” HuffPost. Oct. 10, 2012. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-dr-jaime-clarksoles/mark-10-43-45-the-wizard-is-in-or-is-he_b_1955029.html>. Also posted on the website ON Scripture.

“Matthew 22:34–36: On Loving God, Neighbor and #OWS.” HuffPost. Oct. 19, 2011. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rev-dr-jaime-clarksoles/matthew-22-loving-god-and-ows_b_1018599.html>. Also posted on the website ON Scripture.

**SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Lectures and Presentations**

2025 "Searching the Depths of God: Non-Ordinary States of Consciousness in Christian Scripture." Symposium on Psychedelics in Monotheistic Traditions: Sacramental Practice and Legal Recognition. Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA. March 5.

2025 Keynote. "Psychedelics and Christianity." Religion and the Mind Lecture Series. Butler University. Indianapolis, IN. Feb. 25.

2025 Presenter. "Defining and Defending Sacred Communities: Law and the Future of Psychedelic Churches." Psychedelic Intersections: Betwixt & Between Chaplaincy, Plant Medicine, & Aesthetics. Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. Feb. 15.

2025 "Psychedelics, Christianity, and the Law": PULSE Conference on Sacred Rights: Psychedelics, Law, and Spirituality. Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA. Feb. 14.

2025 "The Agony, the Ecstasy, and the Ordinary: Experiencing God in the New Testament." Harry Vaughan Smith Lecture Series, Mercer University. Macon, GA. Feb. 11-12.

2024 "Psychedelics and Soul Care." Perkins Faculty Luncheon. Dallas, TX. Dec. 2.

2024 "Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine." Toronto School of Theology. June 1.

2024 "Psychedelics, the Brain, and Soul Care: At the Intersection of Health Care and Religious Faith." The Center for Integrative Counseling and Psychology. Dallas. August 16.

2023 “Psychedelics and Soul Care.” Cleveland Clinic Psychedelic Science Group. Dec. 14.

2023 “Disability and the Gospel of John.” “Johannine Literature Section” of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Antonio, Nov. 20.

2023 “Christianity and Psychedelics: Responding to Theological and Institutional Promises and Challenges.” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio. Nov. 19.

2023 “Sacramental Plants and Fungi: Historical and Scientific Insights for the Religious Life.” Parliament of the World’s Religions. Chicago. August 16.

2023 “Psychedelic Perspectives of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.” Psychedelic Science Conference. Denver. June 22.

2023 “Paul and the Corinthians.” Plenary Speaker daily June 12-14. Hanshin Theological Symposium. Seoul, South Korea.

2023 “Scripture in the Christian Life: A Source of Inspiration and Conversation.” Lumen et Vita Spring Conference. Boston College. Boston, MA. March 18.

2022 “Christians and the Psychedelic Renaissance.” Chacruna Religion and Psychedelics Forum. April 24.

2021 “Women in the Bible: The State of the Question.” Plenary Address, Catholic Biblical Association. August 1.

2019 *Faith and Culture Symposium.* Belmont University. Nashville, TN. February 4. “Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles” and “Of Canaanites and Canines: Matthew 15:21-28.”

2018 George Knight Lectures. Hardin-Simmons University. Abilene, TX. November 6. “Dying to Live” and “From Death to Life: The Gospel of John.”

2017 “Abundant Life: The Gospel of John and Disability.” 2017 Andrews Lectures in Christian Spirituality. Spring Arbor University. Spring Arbor, Michigan. February.

2017 “The Lamb of God on the Cross.” Crosstalk: Preaching, Teaching, Praying at the Foot of the Cross. Perkins School of Theology. Dallas, Texas. February.

2017 “Preaching and Teaching John.” Conference on Judaism and Israel in American Christian Discourse. Sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem and the AJC. Atlanta, Georgia. January.

2014 Plenary Speaker. “Disability and the Johannine Literature.” Institute for Theology and Disability. June.

2012 “Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel.” Johannine Literature Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November.

2011 Respondent. "Paul, Jewishness, and Otherness after the Holocaust." The Center for Jewish Studies at Baylor University. April 14–17.

2010 “Helping Students Navigate Faith Challenges in the Biblical Studies Classroom.” Joint Session sponsored by the Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. November.

2010 “The Characterization of Nicodemus in John’s Gospel.” Task Force Meeting of John’s Gospel and the Old Testament. Seventy-Third International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. Los Angeles, California. August 2.

2009 “Packaging the Word of God: Hermeneutical Habits in Current Bible Products.” Honorary Degree Symposium for Harold W. Attridge. Dallas, Texas. May.

2008 “Characterization in John 3.” The Johannine Writings Seminar. *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas*. Lund, Sweden. July.

2007 “John 13: Of Foot Washing and History.” John, Jesus, and History Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November.

2006 “Words That Endure: Using Poetry and Fiction in Teaching the Bible.” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. November.

2005 “‘Christ Overcame Through Scripture’: Scripture and the Branch Davidians.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Rochester, New York. November.

2005 “That to Philosophize Is to Learn to Die.” Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November.

2005 “Do Not Be Conformed To This World, But Be Transformed By The Renewing Of Your Minds.” Psychology and Biblical Studies Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 2005.

2004 “Death and Afterlife in the Fourth Gospel.” Johannine Literature Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas. November.

2004 “‘I Will Raise [Whom?] Up on the Last Day:’ Anthropology as a Feature of Johannine Eschatology.” Johannine Literature Section. International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting. Groningen, The Netherlands. July.

2003 “Death and Afterlife in the Fourth Gospel.” New Testament Section. Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting. Dallas, Texas. March.

2001 “The Word Became Flesh: The Use of Scripture in Sectarian Communities.” Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. November.

2001 “The Word(s) of the Word in the Fourth Gospel.” Johannine Literature Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. November.

**Invited Panelist**

2024 "Introducing PULSE: Psychedelic Use, Law, and Spiritual Experience." Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics; Project on Psychedelics Law and Regulation. October 24.

2024 Panelist. "Kaleidoscope of Healing: The Expanding Potential of Psychedelics." Greater Love Collective. Dallas. August 26.

2024 "Dying to Know: Ram Dass and Timothy Leary." Santa Fe, NM. July 20.

2022 “Voices Long Silenced.” Panelist. National Society of Biblical Literature meeting. Denver, CO. November 20.

2022 “Translation Matters: Translation as a Womanist Biblical Interpretive Practice: Engaging the Scholarship of Wilda Gafney.” Panelist. Southwest Regional Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 5.

2017 Special Session Honoring the Scholarship of Nancy Ammerman. Religion and the Social Sciences Unit. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts. November.

2013 Raymond Brown in Relation to Dodd and Questions of Historical Tradition. Engaging the Legacies of C.H. Dodd and Raymond E. Brown. A Pre-Society of Biblical Literature Conference at Saint Mary’s Seminary & University. Baltimore, Maryland. November.

2011 The Fourth Gospel and First-Century Media Culture. Joint Session sponsored by the Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section and the John, Jesus, and History Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California. November.

2010 Session Discussion on *Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel* (Brill, 2003). Task Force Meeting of John’s Gospel and the Old Testament. Seventy-Third International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. Los Angeles, California. August 3.

**SELECT PRESENTATIONS IN OTHER MEDIA**

2025 "Reimagining Faith: Exploring Psychedelics & the Sacred Mind." Creating Space podcast. March 12. [Link to podcast episode](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUOtB_pOcCA).

2024 "Psychedelics and Christianity." The Well QA podcast. Dec. 6.

2024 "Psychedelics and Spirituality." Theology on the Rocks podcast. Oct. 16.

2024 "The Gospel of John." In the series "Who Do You Say I Am? Encountering the Newer Testament." Westminster Presbyterian Church. Minneapolis. October 7.

2024 "Go to Hell? Alternatives to Eternal Damnation." The Bible for Normal People webinar. July 25.

2024 "John 12-17." Armchair Theology podcast. June 22.

2024 ["Psychedelics and Faith" webinar. *Baptist News Global*. June 4.](https://baptistnews.com/article/seminary-professor-describes-deep-spiritual-experience-of-participating-in-psychedelics-study)

2024 “Psychedelics and the Church.” Good Faith Media podcast. April 19.

2024 "The Body in John 12-13." Conversations in the Gospel of John podcast. Episodes 9 and 10. March 15, 2024. Conversations on the Gospel of John podcast. March 15, 2024.

2023 “Psychedelic Chaplaincy.” NPR Weekend Edition. https://www.npr.org/transcripts/1201095225

2022 “Alternate States of Consciousness in Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.” Ligare.org Forum. August 31. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qG64HgfYxps&feature=youtu.be>

2014 Video Presenter on the Gospel of John. *Covenant Bible Study*. Abingdon Press. DVD. See boxed collection.

2014 “Dying to Live.” TEDxSMU. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. April 11. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcHNqv0mR44>.

2012 Interviewee in the documentary film *Hellbound?* Directed by Kevin Miller. Produced by David Rempel. September. <http://www.hellboundthemovie.com>.

2007 Video Presenter on “Invitation to John.” *Disciple Bible Study*. Abingdon Press.

2005 Video Presenter on “Disciple I: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study.” *Disciple Bible Study*. Abingdon Press.

2003 Video Presenter on “Jesus in the Gospels.” *Disciple Bible Study*. Abingdon Press.

**SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY**

**Editorial Boards**

2023-2025 Perspectives on Baptist Identity Series, Mercer University Press

2014–present *Journal of Disability and Religion*

2019–2020 *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*

2015–2019 *Teaching in Theology and Religion*

2016–2017 Associate Editor, Review of Biblical Literature

2012–2014 New Testament Editor, *Covenant Bible Study*, Abingdon Press

2012–2015 *Feasting on the Gospels* series, Westminster/John Knox

2012–2016 *Perspectives in Religious Studies*

2008–2011 *Journal of Biblical Literature*

2006–2010 Book Review Editor, Johannine Literature, *Religious Studies Review*

**Other Service to the Academy**

2022-present Transforming Chaplaincy Network Psychedelic Chaplaincy Competencies Subcommittee

2024 Louisville Institute Winter Seminar Small Group Leader

2021 Louisville Institute Winter Seminar Small Group Leader

2020 Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship selection committee

2010–2017 Member of the Society of Biblical Literature “Ethics and Biblical Interpretation” Steering Committee

2007–2013 Co-Chair of the Society of Biblical Literature “John, Jesus, and History” Steering Committee

2005–2010 Member of the Society of Biblical Literature “Johannine Literature” Steering Committee

2002–2007 Member of the Society of Biblical Literature “John, Jesus, and History” Steering Committee

**Select Service to Southern Methodist University**

2001–present Teaching Faculty, Graduate Program in Religious Studies

2024-2027 President’s Commission on the Status of Women

2020-2023 Provost’s Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure

2019 Provost’s Working Group for Colonial Group Faculty Survey

2014–2016 Member, Academy of Distinguished Teachers, CTE

2014 TEDxSMU speaker, “Dying to Live”

2012 Member, Steering Committee of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies

2008–2011 University Admissions Council

2007–2010 Member, President’s Commission on the Status of Women

2009–2010 Member, Steering Committee of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies

2008–2010 Faculty Senator

2009–2010 GPRS Steering Committee

2008–2009 Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate

2008–2009 Member, President’s Commission on the Status of Women Subcommittee on Parenting and Childcare

2005–2007 Member, Graduate Program in Religious Studies Task Force

**Service to Perkins School of Theology**

2024-present Member, Perkins Rank and Tenure Committee

2024 Community Hour at Perkins, "Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Seminaries Need to Know." Feb. 27.

2024 Guest Lecturer, OEM Recruitment Event. April 23.

2024-2025 Chair, Student Development Committee

2021-2022 Member, Community Life Committee

2020-2023 Member, Curriculum Review Committee

2018–present Founding Director, Baptist House of Studies

2018-2020 Convocation Advisory Committee

2016–2019 Member, Rank and Tenure Committee

2106–2019 Member, Student Development Committee

2018 Search Committee, Director of Bridwell Library

2014–2017 Executive Board Member, The Perkins Center for Preaching Excellence

2014–2015 Member, Search Committee for Homiletics Position

2014–2015 Member, Student Development Committee

2011–2015 Executive Board Member, the Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies

2013–2014 Member, Committee on Academic Programs

2011–2012 Member, Student Development Committee

2010–2011 Chair, Search Committee for Christian Theology Position

2008–2011 Member, Rank and Tenure Committee

2009–2010 Member, Long Range Planning Committee

2009–2010 Chair, Division I

2008–2010 Member, Perkins Scholarly Outreach Committee

2008–2009 Member, Community Life Committee

2007–2008 Chair, Division I

2006–2008 Chair, Community Life Committee

2006–2007 Search Committee Member, New Testament position

2005–2006 Chair, Faculty Symposium

2005–2006 Search Committee Member, Church History position

2001–2006 Member, Committee on Academic Programs

**SMU DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

 Dissertation Director

Michelle J. Morris, “Rejoice? O Barren Woman: Infertility in the New Testament.” Field: New Testament. Graduated: 2014.

Committee Member

April Simpson, "Honor Gained, Lost, and Restored: The Honor and Shame of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark." Field: New Testament. Graduated: 2021.

Lisa Hancock, "Jesus Christ, Revelation of Love: A Christology of the Disabled Christ." Field: Systematic Theology. Graduated: 2021.

Leslie Fuller, "My Lover is Mine and I am His--The Grazer in the Lilies: A Philosophical-Literary Reading of the Song of Songs." Field: Old Testament. Graduated: 2018.

Nina Livesey, "Circumcision as a Malleable Symbol: Treatments of Circumcision in Philo, Paul, and Justin Martyr." Field: New Testament. Graduated: 2007.

David Watson, "Honor Among Christians: A Reassessment of the 'Messianic Secret.'" Field: New Testament. Graduated: 2005.

**SELECT SERVICE TO THE DALLAS COMMUNITY**

2022-present Pastoral Advisory Council, UT Southwestern Medical School

2021 Moderator, YPO Interfaith Panel with Imam Omar Suleiman, Rabbi David Stern, Rev. Christopher D. Girata.

2020 Moderator, YPO Gold Interfaith Panel with Imam Omar Suleiman, Rabbi David Stern, Rev. Christopher D. Girata.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

*Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS)*

Society of Biblical Literature

Catholic Biblical Association

###### ECCLESIASTICAL EXPERIENCE

###### Ecclesiastical Standing/Pastoral Experience

1996–present Preaching and teaching for various churches

2005–2008 Scholar-in-Residence, CityChurch, Dallas, Texas

2003–2008 Disciple Bible Study consultant, author, and video presenter; United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee

1996 Interim Minister, First Baptist Church, New London, Connecticut

1996 Ordained, American Baptist Churches, USA

1992–1995 Pastoral Care Department, Connecticut Hospice, Branford, Connecticut

**Select Ecclesiastical Presentations**

2024 Sermon. "The One Who Endures to the End." Royal Lane Baptist Church. Dallas, TX. Nov. 17.

2024 "Psychedelics and Spirituality: What the Church Needs to Know." Royal Lane Baptist Church. Dallas, TX. October 9.

2024 "The Agony, the Ecstasy, and the Ordinary: Experiencing God in the New Testament." Alaska School of Theology. Anchorage, AK. June 27-30.

2024 "Moving Forward With Hope." Daily plenary speaker. Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Baton Rouge, LA. June 11-14.

2024 "The Gospel of John" Lenten Series. St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Annapolis, MD. March 10,17, 24.

2023 Sermon for the Installation of Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, first Baptist female BIPOC Senior Minister in the Metroplex. Feb. 26.

2023 “1 Corinthians.” Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. Dallas, TX. Feb. 12

2023 “Belonging and Beloved: The Gospel of John.” All Saints’ Episcopal Church. Austin, TX. Feb. 3-5.

2023 “Her Journey.” Led 100 women on a 10-day trip to the Holy Land. Lecturer.

2022 “The Legacy of Lois and Eunice.” Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas. Oct. 23.

2022 “1 Corinthians.” Kerygma. HPUMC, Dallas. Oct. 2 and 9.

2022 Plenary Speaker each day for the American Baptist Women in Minstiry Conference “Radical. Redeemed. Ready.” Green Lake, WI. June 15-18.

2022 “The Agony and the Ecstasy: Experiencing God in the New Testament.” Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning. Dallas. March 25.

2021 “Gospel of John.” St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport IA. Dec. 23.

2021 “Matthew 15.” Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Georgia Clergy Group. Oct. 18.

2021 “1 Corinthians.” Broadmoor UMC. Baton Rouge, LA. Oct. 2-3.

2021 “Experiencing God.” Covenant Presbyterian Church. Charlotte, NC. Sept. 12.

2021 “Conversations that Matter: Women in the Bible.” Ardmore Baptist Church. Winston Salem, NC. July 19.

2021 “Ethics, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.” Presbyterian Mission Agency Board. April 5.

2021 “God Made Manifest.” Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. Dallas, TX. Feb. 7, 14.

2019 “Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles.” Made for This: Women in Ministry Conference. Dallas, TX. March 4.

2019 Speaker, “Symposium on Gender Equality.” Annual Leader and Learner Event for the North Texas Area Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dallas, TX. January 26.

2018 “Mary and Martha: Sisters Beyond Compare (-ison).” Nevertheless She Preached Conference. Waco, TX. November 25.

2017 “Reading John for Dear Life.” Pastors Conference on John. Gordon College. Wenham, Massachusetts. November 16.

2017 Sole Speaker. Texas Annual Conference Clergywomen Retreat. Camp Allen. Navasota, Texas. November 6–7.

2017 “Church Unity.” Susquehanna, Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the UMC. Hershey, Pennsylvania. May 4–6.

2017 “Heaven and Hell: Jewish and Christian Perspectives.” Northridge Presbyterian Church. Dallas, Texas. January.

2016 “Called to Action: From Words to Deeds: The Book of Acts,” and “Who is She? Who are We?” Alaska School for the Laity. Anchorage, Alaska. September.

2016 “In Spirit and Truth: Worship and the Community of Love in John.” Rochester College, Rochester, Michigan. October.

2016 “A Taste of Seminary.” North Texas Conference, Summer Internship in Ministry. June.

2016 “Disability and the Bible.” Freeport United Methodist Church. Freeport, Texas. April.

2016 “Reading for Dear Life: The Gospel of John.” Capstone Program. First Presbyterian Church. Ft. Smith, Arizona. February.

2016 “Reading for Dear Life: The Gospel of John.” Clergy Leadership Conference. The Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church. Brandon, Mississippi. January.

2015 “The Gospel of John.” Perkins School for the Laity. Dallas, Texas. March.

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, PRIZES, CONSULTATIONS**

**External Grants, Fellowships, Prizes, and Consultations**

2025 Louisville Institute Grant for Researchers. $55,000.

2019-2020 Sam Taylor Fellowship, *1 Corinthians* project

2018-2019 Sam Taylor Fellowship, “Israel’s Scriptures in the Gospel of John” project

2016–17 Christian Leadership Initiative Fellowship. Co-sponsored by the AJC and the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel. Fellows study the intellectual foundations of religious pluralism and interreligious studies, the central ideas of Jewish ethics and faith, and the diverse ideologies and practices within contemporary Jewry.

2014–2016 Contexticon of New Testament Language Grant, Lead Researcher.

2005–2007 Wabash Center grant for “Teaching Biblical Exegesis in Theological Schools.” A collaborative project involving twelve participants from North American seminaries and divinity schools.

2004–2005 Louisville Institute Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grant

2004 Catholic Biblical Association Post-Doctoral Fellowship

2003–2004 Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Theological School Faculty

2003 Regional Scholar Nominee, Southwestern Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

2002 Women in Leadership in Theological Education conference

1999–2000 Doctoral Grant, American Baptist Churches, USA

1998–1999 Yale University Dissertation Fellowship

1993–1997 Yale University Fellowship

1993 Dwight Fellowship, Yale Divinity School

1990–1993 William C. Wilson Scholar, Yale Divinity School

1992 Edward Ashley Walker Scholarship Prize, Yale Divinity School

1992 Two Brothers Fellowship for Study in Israel, Yale Divinity School

**SMU Grants, Awards, Fellowships, and Prizes**

2014–present SMU Academy of Distinguished Teaching Professors

2024 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award: *Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know*

2023 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award: “Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine”

2022 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award: “The Mystical Jesus in John”

2021 Information Literacy Stipend

2019 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award: *1 Corinthians*

2018 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award: “Israel’s Scriptures in John”

2018 Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership Mentoring Program

2016 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award, *Women in the Bible*

2014–16 SMU Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor Award

2012 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award

2010 Ford Senior Research Fellowship Recipient

2009 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award

2008 University Research Council Travel Grant

2005–2006 Teaching Fellow, Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility

2003 Instructional Technology in Extension Programs Grant

2003 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award

2002 University Research Council Research Grant

2001 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award