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EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Johns Hopkins University, Near Eastern Studies, Hebrew Bible, 2013
M.A. The Johns Hopkins University, Near Eastern Studies, Hebrew Bible, 2012
M.A. Yale University, Religion, Bible, 2008
B.A. Boston College, Theology and Philosophy, 2006

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Boston College, Clough School of Theology and Ministry, Ecclesiastical Faculty
Associate Professor, Old Testament, 2022—

DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Catholic Studies Dept
Associate Professor, 2019–2022 | *Assistant Professor*, 2013–2019

SELECT GRANTS AND AWARDS

Catholic Biblical Association Research Grant, 07/2022–07/2023; 07/2021–07/2022
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Grant, 05/2020–2021
DePaul Faculty Summer Research Grants, 06–08/2020, 2018, 2016, 2014
DePaul QM Star Award, 2016
DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee, 2015
FTE Doctoral Fellowship, 2008–2010
Boston College Advanced Study Grant, 2004

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

Jeremiah in the Wisdom Commentary Series. Liturgical Press. (under contract; in progress)

Biblical Interpretation in Action. Baker Academic. (under contract; in progress)

What Does the Bible Say About Animals? Hyde Park: New City Press, 2022.

Threshing Floors in Ancient Israel: Their Ritual and Symbolic Significance. Emerging Scholars Series. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.

Edited Books

Catholic Study Bible 4th Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (under contract; in progress)

Women in the Old Testament Parts 1 & 2 by Irene Nowell. Little Rock Scripture Study. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2024.

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“Divinity, Extreme Mercy, and Ecology in Jonah” to be included in forthcoming Festschrift. (under review)

“Splashing Water on the Marriage Metaphor” to be included in *Performance, Voicing, and Metaphor in Poetic Prophecy*. T&T Clark. (under contract; under review)

“Jeremiah” introduction, study notes, and excursuses in *Westminster Study Bible*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2024.

“Recognizing the Gen(i)us of Animals: Jeremiah 8-9 as a Test Case” Pages 131-142 in *Ask the Animals: Developing a Biblical Animal Hermeneutic*. Edited by Arthur W. Walker-Jones and Suzanna R. Millar. Semeia. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2024.

“A Biblical Model of Love.” Pages 73-80 in *Fratelli Tutti: A Global Commentary*. Studies in World Catholicism 13. Edited by William T. Cavanaugh, Carlos Mendoza-Álvarez, OP, Ikenna Ugochukwu Okafor, and Daniel Franklin E. Pilario, CM. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2024.

“Introduction to the Book of Haggai” in *HarperCollins Study Bible*, 3rd edition. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2023.

“Prophetic Tenacity.” Pages 62-74 in *Do Black Lives Matter?: How the Christian Scriptures Speak to Black Empowerment*. Edited by Lisa M. Bowens and Dennis R. Edwards. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2023.

“Pain and Provocation: A Social-Scientific Reading of Jeremiah 15.” Pages 127-135 in *A Sage in New Haven: Essays on the Prophets, the Writings, and the Ancient World in Honor of Robert R. Wilson*. Edited by Alison Acker Gruseke and Carolyn J. Sharp. Ägypten und Altes Testament, Band 117. Münster: Zaphon, 2023.

“The Belly: Phinehas’ Target in Numbers 25:8” *Conversations with the Biblical World* XXXVII (2017): 38-55.

“*Can I Have a Word?: Methods of Communication in Judges 6*” *Antiquo Oriente* 13 (2015): 169-82.

Popular Work

“Within the Word” Essays for *Give Us This Day* (1-2x per year since 2024)

“A Theological and Ecological Reflection” *C21 Resources* (2024)

“[‘Laudate Deum’ Reminds Us: Scripture Inspires Prayer, Reflection and Action](#)” America Media (2023)

“[How LGBTQ Readers Should Approach the Bible](#)” *Outreach* (2023)

“[The Word](#)” weekly columnist at *America: The Jesuit Review* (2019-2022)

“Trauma and Resistance in Jeremiah 14-15” *Point of View Publishing* (2019)

Dictionary Entries: Gilgamesh, Shamash, and Sin in *Lincoln Library of World Mythology*
Lincoln Library Press (2014)

Book and Documentary Reviews

Vanessa Lovelace. *A Womanist Reading of Hebrew Bible Narratives as the Politics of Belonging from an Outsider Within*. *Horizons* (forthcoming 2025).

Gary Anderson. *That I May Dwell Among Them: Incarnation and Atonement in the Tabernacle Narrative*. *Theological Studies* 86 (2025): 157-158.

Hilary Marlow and Mark Harris, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible and Ecology*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 86/2 (2024): 405-407.

Katerina Koci. *The Land Without Promise: The Roots and Afterlife of One Biblical Allusion*. *Biblische Notizen* 200 (2024): 135-137.

Walter C. Kaiser Jr. with Tiberius Rata, *Walking the Ancient Paths: A Commentary on Jeremiah*. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 52 (2021): 66-67.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr., *The Black Church: This is Our Story. This is Our Song*. (PBS series)
America Media (2021).

Esther Fuchs, *Feminist Theory and the Bible: Interrogating the Sources*. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 51 (2021): 49-50.

Stephen Binz, *Panorama of the Bible: Old Testament*. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 49 (2019): 169-170.

Stephen Russell, *The King and the Land: A Geography of Royal Power in the Biblical World*. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 48 (2018): 158-59.

Mark McEntire, *A Chorus of Prophetic Voices: Introducing the Prophetic Literature of Ancient Israel*. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 48 (2018): 160-61.

SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Jeremiah, the Praying Prophet

BC CSTM and Trinity College Dublin Colloquium [Dublin], 05/2025

An Ecofeminist Reading of Jeremiah 21-23

SBL Annual Meeting [San Diego, CA], 11/2024

Motherhood in Jeremiah

CBA Annual Meeting (General Session) [Omaha, NE], 07/2023

Rereading Biblical Women (Mary of Magdala Lecture)

BC CSTM Continuing Education, 07/2023

Inspiring Women

BC Continuing Education Lifelong Learning Lecture Series, 03/2023

Prophetic Compulsion in Jeremiah

SBL Annual Meeting [Denver, CO], 11/2022

Is Gray Hair a Crown of Glory? Exploring Signs of Aging in the Hebrew Bible

ASOR Annual Meeting [Virtual], 10/2022

Splashing Water on the Marriage Metaphor

BC Theology Department Bible Area Colloquium, 10/2022

Coping and Hoping with the Help of Jeremiah

BC CSTM, 09/2021

Building on Strong Foundations: How Biblical and Vincentian Traditions Inspire Future Work

St. Vincent de Paul National Assembly [Houston, TX], 08/2021

The Psalter as Prayerbook

BC CSTM [Virtual], 07/2021

Contending with Divine Rage in Jeremiah 25

University of Chicago Divinity School Hebrew Workshop [Virtual], 05/2021

Women as Mourners and Prophetic Mediators and Bottoms Up: Drinking God's Cup of Wrath

SBL Annual Meeting [Virtual], 12/2020

Judah in Ruins: Habitat Destruction in Jeremiah 9

SBL Annual Meeting [San Diego, CA], 11/2019

Are There Theological Solutions to Ecological Problems?

DePaul Humanities Center, Catholic Intellectual Tradition Salon, 11/2019

Where is your God? Reflections on God from the Korahites

CBA Annual Meeting [North Canton, OH], 07/2019

Even the Doe Forsakes Her Fawn: The Earth Responds to Drought in Jeremiah

SBL Annual Meeting [Denver, CO], 11/2018

Home Sweet Home: Finding Shelter in Psalm 68

SBL Annual Meeting [Boston, MA], 11/2017

Communication, Ecological Hermeneutics, and Judges 6
SBL Annual Meeting [San Antonio, TX], 11/2016

Threshing Floors in Ancient Israel
University of Chicago Divinity School Hebrew Workshop, 05/2016

Fear is Good: Insights from the Book of Psalms
DePaul Humanities Center - Catholic Intellectual Tradition Salon, 10/2014

PRESENTATIONS AT RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

Biblical Women (5 online lectures), Carmel of Benoni, South Africa, 08/2025

Lamenting with Lamentations, Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership, 06/2025

Day of Classes (ecology, women, Jeremiah), Boston Carmel, (1x per year since 2023)

Lectio Divina, Carmelite Monastery of Baltimore, (1-2x per year since 2021)

The Bible Revisited (10 lectures on women in Scripture, psalms, ecology), Jesuit Institute South Africa, Winter Living Theology Series, 06/2024

Invited Lectures (women at crucifixion and resurrection, women of the Exodus), St. John/St. Paul Catholic Collaborative – Women’s Group, 04/2024, 04/2023

Invited Lectures (women of the Exodus, Woman Wisdom), Holy Trinity Catholic Church – Women Who Stay, 03/2024, 03/2022

Preaching on Good Friday, Carmelite Monastery of Baltimore, 04/2023

Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast, St. Katharine Drexel Church, 01/2023

Praying with Woman in Scripture, St. Susanna Church - Adult Faith Formation, 01/2023

“Doing Theology from the Existential Peripheries” Project, Holy Name Cathedral, 11/2022

Women and Proverbial Wisdom, Mercy Circle, 10/2021

INTERVIEWS, PODCASTS, AND OTHER MEDIA

Guest, [Who was at the nativity?](#), Glad You Asked Podcast US Catholic, 12/2024

Lecturer, “Women in the OT,” Little Rock Scripture Study, Liturgical Press, 05/2024

Interviewed by John Martens for “What Matters Most?” Podcast from the St. Mark’s College Centre for Christian Engagement, 04/2024

Interviewed by Kathleen Sullivan for BC University Communications, [Courage to Preach](#), 02/2024 and [New Faculty](#), 04/2023

Video Lecturer, “1-2 Peter and Jude,” *Texts Less Traveled* BC STM Continuing Education Course, 08/2023

Webinar Panelist, “[Interpreting Animals in the Bible](#),” The Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice, 03/2023

Presenter, “[Lectio Divina Commentary for Sunday of Word of God](#),” USCCB, 01/2023

Podcast Guest, [O Antiphons](#), The Gloria Purvis Podcast from America Media, 12/2022

Interviewed about animals in the Bible, New City Press, 05/2022

Preacher, Reflection on the Third Sunday of Lent, [Catholic Women Preach](#), 03/2022

Webinar Panelist, “[Women Witnessing to God’s Love: A Woman’s History Month Conversation](#),” New City Press, 03/2022

Interviewed [about minority women in media](#), Where Peter Is, 02/2021

Lenten Commentator, Reflections on Sundays in Lent, America Media, 02/2021

Narrator, “[Who will be the first black Catholic saint in the United States?](#)” America Media, 02/2021

Interviewed [about Scripture](#), America Media, 02/2020

SELECT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Respondent

- CBA Divinity Seminar, 08/2024
- Panel on Maureen O’Connell’s *Undoing the Knots*, BC Jesuit Institute, 11/2022

Guest Lecturer

- Vincentian Leaders Course, DePaul University, 04/2022, 04/2021
- Methods of Biblical Interpretation, Christian Theological Seminary, 02/2021
- Teaching and Preaching the Gospel of Mark, BC STM, 11/2020
- Philosophy of the Search Committee, Johns Hopkins, 04/2018, 04/2017

Panelist

- CBA Unbound Book Review, 10/2024
- The Bible and Homosexuality, Outreach Conference, 08/2024
- Preparing Our Hearts for Passover & Easter, BTI Consortium, 03/2023
- Compelling Foundations for the Future, Collegium’s Pause at 25, 06/2017

SERVICE AT BOSTON COLLEGE

Program Director - Courage to Preach, 03/2023—

Provost's Advisory Council, 09/2023-2026

EF Promotion & Tenure Committee, 09/2023-2025

Faculty Development Strategic Planning Committee, 09/2023-06/2024

EPC Subcommittee on Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, 03-10/2023

Search Committees, 03-04/2025, 01-03/2024, 10/2022–02/2023

Ad-Hoc Events

MTS Conversation Partner, 03/2025

EF Teaching Reviewer, 11/2024, 11/2023

Synthesis Examiner, MDiv Program, annually since 01/2023

Discussion Leader, Professional Ethics in Ministry, each semester since 09/2022

Guest Speaker

- Women's History Month Preacher, 03/2025
- Halftime Retreat Sweep, 03/2025
- OID Living Out the Jesuit Mission, 03/2025
- Care for God's Creatures, 04/2024
- Perspectives Living and Learning Dinner, 11/2023
- CSTM Community Meeting, 03/2023

Panelist

- CSTM Faculty Meetings (difficult situations, AI), spring 2024
- Theology Dept Professional Development Seminar, 04/2024
- CSTM Women's Group, 04/2023
- Accepted Students Day, each spring since 03/2023
- Discerning Doctoral Studies, 11/2022

Participant

- Villa Faculty Writing Retreat, 06/2025
- Compañía Pilgrimage, 06/2023
- BC Womanist Reading Group, each semester since 09/2022
- CSTM Book Group, each fall since 09/2022

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, [*Doing Theology from the Existential Peripheries*](#) North American Regional Team, *Collaborator*, 2021-2022

Holy Name Cathedral, Parish Pastoral Council, *Committee Member*, 2014-2017

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Editorial Positions

Catholic Study Bible 4th Edition, Lead Editor, 05/2024—

Journal of Biblical Literature, Editorial Board Member, 01/2023-12/2025

The Bible Today, Associate Editor, 04/2023—

Peer Reviewer

Peer Reviewer for books and articles in religious studies

Religions (2025), Oxford University Press (2022), Liturgical Press (2022),

Routledge (2022), *Religion Compass* (2021-2022), *Vincentian Heritage Journal*

(2021), Orbis Books (2020), SAGE Open (2018)

Reviewer for *Lumen et Vita* graduate journal (2023, 2025)

Membership in Professional Societies

Catholic Biblical Association (2015—)

Women and Gender Conference Planning Committee, 08/2024—

USCCB/CBA *Liaison Committee Member*, 05/2023—(inactive)

Program Committee Member, 08/2021-2027 (2 terms)

Society of Biblical Literature (2006—)

Steering Committee Member, Writing/Reading Jeremiah, 01/2022-2025

Steering Committee Co-Chair, Space, Place, & Lived Experience in Antiquity,

12/2017-2022 (member since 12/2016)

COURSES TAUGHT

Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry (Graduate)

TMNT8140 Seminar in Current Biblical Scholarship: Minoritized Biblical Criticism

TMOT7014 Core Narrative of the Old Testament: Genesis to Kings

TMOT7067 Introduction to Old Testament

TMOT7294 Ecology and the Bible

TMOT8098 Prophets

TMOT8100 Women in Scripture

TMOT8103 Seminar: Jeremiah

Courage to Preach, Post-Master's Certificate:

TMOT7305 Scripture, Preaching, and Public Speaking

TMPS8147 Preaching in Action

TMPS7307 Preaching to Diverse Communities

Xavier University of Louisiana, Institute for Black Catholic Studies (Graduate)

IBTH 5030 Black Approaches to Scripture

Catholic Theological Union (Graduate)

B4005 Book of Jeremiah

DePaul University (Undergraduate)

CTH 180 Introduction to Catholicism

CTH 190 Catholicism and Biblical Interpretation

CTH 190 Methods of Biblical Interpretation

CTH 202 Catholics & Scripture (f2f, online async, hybrid)

CTH 205 Catholicism in World History I: Jesus-1500

CTH 213 The New Testament

CTH 243 Roman Catholic Theological Thinking: Prophets and Prophecy

CTH 248 Contemporary Moral Issues: Animals in the Bible (online async, hybrid)

CTH 248 Contemporary Moral Issues: Environment and the Bible

CTH 248 Contemporary Moral Issues: Ten Commandments

CTH 399 Advanced Study: Animals in the Bible

HON 104 Religious Worldviews and Ethical Perspectives (f2f, hybrid)

LSP 112 Focal Point Seminar: Abraham: Father of Faiths (f2f, Zoom sync)

Notre Dame of Maryland University (Undergraduate)

RST 201 Introduction to Biblical Studies (f2f, online async)

Strayer University (Undergraduate)

HUM 111 World Cultures I

HUM 112 World Cultures II

PHI 210 Critical Thinking