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### EDUCATION

Princeton Theological Seminary  
Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät und Ägyptologisches  
Institut, Universität Tübingen, Germany  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
College of William and Mary

Ph.D. magna cum laude 1992  
Research Fellow 1986-87  
M.Div. 1983  
A.B. (Latin) 1978

### Ph.D. Dissertation:

“Wealth and Poverty in the Instruction of Amenemope and the Hebrew Proverbs: A Comparative Case Study in the Social Location and Function of Ancient Near Eastern Wisdom Literature” (Advisors: C. Leong Seow, J. J. M. Roberts, Katharine D. Sakenfeld).

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Hebrew Bible, Saint Paul School of Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology	July 2014 to present
Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean, Saint Paul School of Theology	March 2012 to July 2014
Professor of Hebrew Bible, Saint Paul School of Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology	1999-2012
Acting Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, Saint Paul School of Theology	Spring 2004
Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, Saint Paul School of Theology	1995-99
Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible, Saint Paul School of Theology	1992-95
Instructor in OT/Hebrew Bible, Saint Paul School of Theology	1988-92
Assistant Instructor in Biblical Hebrew, Princeton Theological Seminary	1982-86
Recording Secretary for NRSV Translation Committee	1985
Teaching Fellow in Old Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary	1984

### HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant	1996
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend	1995
ATS Award for Faculty Teams in Globalizing Theological Education	1992
Lilly Foundation Faculty Development Grant	1992
Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship	1987-88
Fulbright-Hays Scholarship, Universität Tübingen	1986-87

### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Catholic Biblical Association.  
Society of Biblical Literature.

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Consulting editor, Immersion Bible Studies (United Methodist Publishing House), 2011.

Board of Trustees Member, Friends of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Kansas, 2005-2010.

Steering Committee Member, Society of Biblical Literature Group on Feminist Theological Hermeneutics of the Bible, 1993-2006.

Editorial Board member, Biblical Interpretation: A Journal of Contemporary Approaches, 2000-2008.

Editorial Advisory Council member, Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology, 1997-2005.

### **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION AND SERVICE**

Religious Society of Friends (Quaker).

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### **PUBLICATIONS** (including forthcoming titles)

#### **Books:**

Escaping Eden: New Feminist Perspectives on the Bible; co-edited with Susan Lochrie Graham and Pamela Thimmes (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998; New York: New York University Press, 1999).

Wealth and Poverty in the Instruction of Amenemope and the Hebrew Proverbs; SBL Dissertation Series, 142 (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1994).

#### **Essays/Articles:**

“Sexual Violence—Hebrew Bible,” The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies, ed. Julia O’Brien (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 350-355.

“Proverbs,” Common English Bible, co-translator with Tremper Longman (Nashville: Common English Bible, 2011).

“Wisdom Literature,” New Interpreter’s Bible One Volume Commentary, ed. Beverly Gaventa and David Petersen (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010), pp. 961-963.

“Proverbs,” Theological Bible Commentary, ed. Gail R. O’Day and David L. Petersen (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2009), pp. 191-199.

“Fear,” New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible, ed. Katharine D. Sakenfeld (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007), Vol 2, pp. 438-442.

“Cry Out, To,” The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible, ed. Katharine D. Sakenfeld (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006), Vol 1, p. 807.

“War and Hope for Peace in the Hebrew Bible,” for Methodists United for Peace with Justice, Theology of War and Peace Project,” <http://www.mupwj.org/theologyofwarandpeace.htm> , September 2005.

“Israel’s Holy Seed and the Foreign Women of Ezra-Nehemiah: A Kristevan Reading,” Biblical Interpretation 11, 3/4 (Fall 2003) 427-38.

Introduction and Annotations for Proverbs and Sirach, New Oxford Annotated Bible NRSV, 3rd edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001) 904-943 Hebrew Bible, 100-175 Apocrypha.

“Signifying on Exodus: Reading Race and Culture in Zora Neale Hurston’s Moses: Man of the Mountain,” in A Feminist Companion to Exodus—Deuteronomy II; edited by Athalya Brenner (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000) 41-58.

“The Lord’s Mercy Endures Forever: Toward a Post-Shoah Reading of Grace in the Hebrew Bible,” Interpretation 54,2 (April 2000) 135-45.

“Introduction,” co-authored with Susan Lochrie Graham; in Escaping Eden: New Feminist Perspectives on the Bible (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998 and New York: New York University Press, 1999) 13-20.

“Lest He Die in the Battle and Another Man Take Her’: Violence and the Construction of Gender in the Laws of Deuteronomy 20-22,” in Gender and Law in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East; edited by Victor H. Matthews, Bernard M. Levinson and Tikva Frymer-Kensky; JSOT Supplement Series, 262; (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998) 185-213.

“Violence and the Construction of Gender in the Hebrew Bible: A New Historicist Approach,” Biblical Interpretation: A Journal of Contemporary Approaches, Thematic Issue: “The New Historicism and Biblical Studies,” 5 (1997) 324-63.

### **Reviews:**

Review of Teaching the I Ching (Book of Changes), by G.Redmond and Tze-Ki Hon (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), Reflective Teaching, at <http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article>

Review of Jane Devine and Francine Egger-Sider, Going Beyond Google Again: Strategies for Using and Teaching the Invisible Web (Chicago: ALA Neal Schuman, 2014), in Reflective Teaching <http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29191>, 2-12-2015.

Review of Martin A. Shields, The End of Wisdom: A Reappraisal of the Historical and Canonical Function of Ecclesiastes (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2006), for Review of Biblical Literature.

Review of Jennifer L. Koosed, (Per)mutations of Qohelet: Reading the Body in the Book; Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies, 429 (New York/London: T & T Clark, 2006), for Review of Biblical Literature.

Review of Doug Ingram, Ambiguity in Ecclesiastes (Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 431; London/New York: Clark, 2006), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (2007), pp

Review of Mark S. Smith, The Memoirs of God: History, Memory, and the Experience of the Divine in Ancient Israel (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004), Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology 60, 2 (April 2006), 78-80.

Review of Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, Is Religion Killing Us?: Violence in the Bible and the Quran (Harrisburg/London/New York: Trinity Press International, 2003), Catholic Biblical Quarterly 68 (2006) 125-126.

Review of Samuel Terrien, Till the Heart Sings: A Biblical Theology of Manhood and Womanhood, Biblical Resource Series (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2004), Family Ministry 19, 3 (Fall 2005), 79-80.

Review of Donn F. Morgan, The Making of Sages: Biblical Wisdom and Contemporary Culture (Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2002), Review of Biblical Literature, (<http://www.bookreviews.org>: published 7-9-05).

Review of The Blood of Abel: The Violent Plot in the Hebrew Bible, by Mark McEntire (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1999), Interpretation 55, 4 (October 2001) 434-36.

Review of Death in Qoheleth and Egyptian Biographies of the Late Period, by Shannon Burkes; SBL Dissertation Series, 170 (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1999), Journal of Religion 81,3 (July 2001) 449-50.

Review of Surviving Lamentations: Catastrophe, Lament, and Protest in the Afterlife of a Biblical Book, by Tod Linafelt (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), Catholic Biblical Quarterly 63 (2001) 118-120.

Review of Ecclesiastes, by William P. Brown, Interpretation Series (Louisville: John Knox Press, 2000), Interpretation 55, 3 (July 2001) 312.

Review of Reading Bibles, Writing Bodies: Identity and the Book, edited by Timothy K. Beal and David M. Gunn; Biblical Limits (London and New York: Routledge, 1997), Journal of the American Academy of Religion 69, 1 (Spring 2001) 218-221.

Review of The Wisdom Literature, by Richard J. Clifford; Interpreting Biblical Texts (Nashville: Abingdon, 1998) Review of Biblical Literature (<http://www.bookreviews.org>: published 2-26-01).

Review of Was sagt das Richterbuch den Frauen? by Cheryl Exum (SBS 169; Stuttgart: Katholisches Bibelwerk, 1997), Catholic Biblical Quarterly 62, 3 (July 2000) 519.

Review of The Strange Woman: Power and Sex in the Bible, by Gail Corrington Streete (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1997), Interpretation 53 (1999) 88.

Review of Missing Persons and Mistaken Identities: Women and Gender in Ancient Israel, by Phyllis A. Bird (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1997), Interpretation 53 (1999) 86-88.

Review of Perspectives on War in the Bible, by John A. Woods (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1998), in Horizons in Biblical Theology 21 (1999) 210-211.

Review of Families in Ancient Israel, by Leo G. Perdue, Joseph Blenkinsopp, John J. Collins, and Carol Meyers (The Family, Religion, and Culture; Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997), Catholic Biblical Quarterly 60 (1998) 602-603.

Review of Spruchwort und Weisheit: Studien zur Syntax und Semantik der tob...min-Sprüche im Buch der Sprichwörter, by Josef Wehrle. ATAT 38 (St. Ottilien: EOS Verlag, 1993), JBL 116 (1997) 545-46.

Review of Battered Love: Marriage, Sex, and Violence in the Hebrew Prophets, by Renita J. Weems (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995), Interpretation 51, 2 (April 1997) 200-201.

Review of The Hebrew Bible, The Old Testament, and Historical Criticism, by Jon D. Levenson (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1993), Theology Today, 53, 3 (October 1996) 377-78.

Review of Deuteronomy, by Thomas W. Mann (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1995), Interpretation 50, 3 (July 1996) 304-305.

Review of War in the Hebrew Bible: A Study in the Ethics of Violence, by Susan Niditch (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993), Biblical Interpretation 2, 2 (1994) 231-232.

Review of Who Knows What Is Good? A Commentary on the Books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, by Kathleen A. Farmer; International Theological Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1991), Critical Review of Books in Religion 6 (1993) 157-158.

Review of A Time for War: A Study of Warfare in the Old Testament, by T. R. Hobbs; Old Testament Studies, 3 (Wilmington, DE: Michael Glazier, 1989); and Les Guerres de Yahvé: L'implication de YHWH dans les guerres d'Israël selon les livres historiques de l'Ancien Testament, by Anton van der Lingen; Lectio Divina 139 (Paris: Cerf, 1990), Critical Review of Books in Religion 5 (1992) 139-142.

Review of Ecclesiastes, by R. N. Whybray; New Century Bible Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans; London: Marshall, Morgan & Scott, 1989), Journal of Biblical Literature 109 (1990) 709-711.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Ecclesiastes, Old Testament Library Series (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press).

Ecclesiastes, Wisdom Commentary Series (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press), co-authored/edited with Lisa Wolfe.

“Amenemope,” in The Library of Wisdom: An Encyclopedia of Ancient Sayings Collections, SBL Wisdom Literature from the Ancient World Series (Atlanta: SBL Press.)

### **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

Lisa Wolfe and Harold C. Washington, Panel Presentation, “Writing a Feminist Commentary on Qohelet,” Wisdom Commentary (Liturgical Press), Southwest Council on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Dallas March 12, 2016

Presider, New Historicism and the Hebrew Bible Group, SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, 11/21/07

Presider, New Historicism and the Hebrew Bible Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 11/21/05

Presider, New Historicism and the Hebrew Bible Group, SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 11/22/04

Response to Gina Hens-Piazza, The New Historicism (Fortress Press, 2003), Panel Discussion, New Historicism and the Hebrew Bible Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Toronto, 11/21/03

“Why a New Historicism of the Hebrew Bible is Impossible, yet So Appealing,” Special Session: The New Historicism and Mediterranean Antiquity, SBL International Meeting, Rome, 7/11/01

“Israel’s Holy Seed and the Foreign Women of Ezra-Nehemiah,” Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Nashville, 11/19/00.

“Clio is a Woman: New Historicism and Gender Critical Studies of the Hebrew Bible,” Gender Issues Section, Central States AAR/SBL Regional Meeting, Kansas City, MO, 4/1/01.

“Ezra’s Hysteria,” Gender Issues Section, Central States AAR/SBL Regional Meeting, Kansas City, MO, 4/2/00.

Presider, New Historicism and Biblical Studies Consultation, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, 11/20/99.

“‘Mit Gott für Kaiser und Reich’: A Cultural Reading of Hermann Gunkel’s Israelitisches Heldentum,” Bible and Cultural Studies Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Orlando, 11/22/98.

“Deconstructing Seba’ot: Cracks in the Armor of the Biblical Divine Warrior,” Gender Issues Section, Central States AAR/SBL Regional Meeting, Springfield, MO, 3/29/98; and Feminist Thought and Biblical Interpretation Section, SBL International Meeting, Cracow, 7/22/98.

Panel presentation, “Power and Pedagogy: The Structural Implications of Gender Critiques for the Practice of Teaching Religion and Theology,” Gender Issues Section, Central States AAR/SBL Regional Meeting, Springfield, MO, 3/29/98.

Panel presider, Wisdom in Biblical and Cognate Traditions Section, discussion of C. L. Seow, Ecclesiastes: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary (Anchor Bible, 18C; New York: Doubleday, 1997), SBL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 11/23/97.

“‘Such a Thing Is Not Done in Israel’: Rape and the Cultural Construction of Gender in the Hebrew Bible”; Central States SBL—Gender Issues Section, Kansas City, 4/6/97.

“Reading Exodus Differently: Political and Cultural Critique in Zora Neale Hurston’s Moses: Man of the Mountain,” History of Biblical Interpretation group, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, November 1996.

“Gender Trouble in Judges: Female Killers and the Code of Male Violence,” response to session on “Women Who Kill,” Women in the Biblical World Section, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, November 1996.

“‘Lest He Die in the Battle and Another Man Take Her’: Violence and the Construction of Gender in the Laws of Deuteronomy 20-22,” Biblical Law Group, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, 11/20/95.

“Gender Ideology and Militarism in German Hebrew Bible Criticism, 1883-1952,” Gender Issues Section, Central States Regional Meeting of the SBL, Tulsa, 4/3/95.

“Outsider Women in Persian Period Judah: Prostitutes, Adulteresses, or ... ?”, Women in the Ancient World Panel, Annual Meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, Ames, Iowa, 6/17/94.

“Community, Ethnicity, and Exclusion: Protest Literature in Third Isaiah,” Literature and History of the Persian Period Group, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, Chicago, 11/20/94 (co-authored with Ben C. Ollenburger).

“LXX Proverbs and the Pseudepigraphical Tradition,” Israelite and Early Christian Wisdom Section, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, Washington, D.C., 11/21/93.

“What Makes a Feminist Reading Feminist?,” panelist presentation for the Feminist Theological Hermeneutics Section, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, Washington, D.C., 11/20/93.

“Abraham’s Family as a Prototype for Interfaith Dialogue: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” Religious Education Association Trilateral Conference on Abraham: “Archetype and Prototypes: Role Models in Islam, Judaism, and Christianity,” Oklahoma City University, 2/21-22/93.

“‘And Your Daughters Shall Prophesy’: A Case-Study in Early Quaker Biblical Interpretation,” the Sixth Annual Casassa Conference, “Text and Experience: Toward a Cultural Exegesis of the Bible,” Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, 3/20/92; and International Meeting of SBL, Melbourne, 7/16/92.

“Rape as a Military Metaphor in the Hebrew Bible,” Women in the Biblical World Section, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, San Francisco, 11/22/92 (co-authored with Pamela Gordon).

“Proverbs and Post-Exilic Society,” section on Job, Proverbs, and Qohelet, International Meeting of the SBL, Rome, 7/17/91.

“The ‘Strange Woman’ of Proverbs 1-9 and Post-Exilic Judean Society,” OT Section, Rocky-Mountain/Great Plains Regional Meeting of the SBL, Denver, 4/28/90, and Women in the Biblical World Section, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, New Orleans, 11/19/90.

“The Case of the Drunken Scribe: Proverbs 23:31-35 and Ancient Egyptian Scribal Instruction,” Israelite and Early Christian Wisdom Section, Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, Chicago, 11/21/88.

“An Unrecognized Egyptian Loan Word in Proverbs 22:21: Biblical Hebrew qst < Egyptian gsty, ‘Scribal Palette,’” Kolloquium für Graduierte, Universität Tübingen, 4/27/87; and OT Section, Central States Regional Meeting of the SBL, Kansas City, 4/19/89.