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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

## 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

- “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

- “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, *Oxford Biblical Studies Online* ([www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com](http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com)), Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

## Book Reviews

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.

## Media

Women and Worldviews Podcast, [www.katherinelow.com/podcast](http://www.katherinelow.com/podcast), episodes center on students in a women's college to reveal ways in which young women build meaning for themselves in a religiously pluralistic world (March 2017-current)

"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>

"The Biblical Tradition of Wisdom," solicited faculty essay about Mary Baldwin College's annual 2011-2012 theme of wisdom,  
[http://www.mbc.edu/docs/admin\\_docs/spencer\\_wisdom\\_essay\\_low.pdf](http://www.mbc.edu/docs/admin_docs/spencer_wisdom_essay_low.pdf)

## select recent conference paper presentations

"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)

## teaching experience

### *Mary Baldwin University (Fall 2011-Current)*

Introduction to the Old Testament (REL 101): Fall 2011-2017  
Introduction to the New Testament (REL 102): Spring 2013-2017  
Great Couples of the Bible (REL 231): May 2012  
Faith, Life, and Service (REL 130): Spring 2012; Fall 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016  
Women and Religion (REL 231): Spring 2012, 2014-2017  
Christian Faith, Peace, and Justice (REL 221): Spring 2013  
Religion in America (HIST/REL 204): Fall 2017

### *Brite Divinity School (Spring 2009)*

Exegesis in the Hebrew Bible: The Book of Job (HEBI 70153), Teaching Assistant for Dr. Leo Perdue

### *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)

### *Brite Divinity School (Fall 2006)*

Interpreting the Hebrew Bible and The Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books (HEBI 60003), Teaching Assistant for Dr. Leo Perdue

### *Guardian Angels School, K-12, Westpoint, Nebraska (2000-2001)*

Spanish Language Instructor, In-Vision Grant of NE Spanish Associate

## professional experience

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

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

Director, Carpenter Pre-Ministry Program, Mary Baldwin University (2011-current)  
Quest, an interfaith academic program  
Development of Interfaith Awareness Week (Spring 2016, 2017, 2018)

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)

Associate Campus Minister, TCU Wesley Foundation, Texas Christian University  
(2005-2008)

Campus Ministry Intern, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Texas Christian  
University (2002-2005)

Homeland Ministries Intern/AmeriCorps Summer Volunteer Coordinator at  
Inman Christian Center (Summer, 2000)

## **professional memberships**

American Academy of Religion

Society of Biblical Literature

Member of the Steering Committee of Teaching Biblical Studies in  
the Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context section (2015-current)

National Association of College and University Chaplains

Presbyterian College Chaplain's Association

## **professional honors and awards**

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

TCU Institute on Women and Gender Nokia Research Award, TCU (2007)

Australia Tarver Writing Award, Texas Christian University (2007)

Lila Thomas Creative Writing Award, Texas Christian University (2006 & 2007)

Hebrew Bible Award, Brite Divinity School, TCU (2004)

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

“Spiritual Wellness” in PHE 100 Fitness sections and PHE 122 Stress Management sections, Mary Baldwin College for Women, (2012-current)

“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)
- “What is Text?” at HAVDALAH: An interfaith presentation at the Temple House of Israel, Staunton, VA (June 13, 2015)
- “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)
- “A Disturbing Discovery: Anti-Judaism in the Background of BHS and Beyond,” in Biblical Hebrew II, Brite Divinity School, January 25, 2008