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Education

Ph.D., *Graduate Theological Union*, Berkeley, CA, 1998

Dissertation: "Witness and Counter-Witness: the Function of the Mary Magdalene Tradition in Early Christian Communities," directed by Antoinette Clark Wire

D.Min., *Union Theological Seminary*, Richmond, VA, 1983

B.A., *Wellesley College*, Wellesley, MA. Major: Art History, 1978

Junior Year Abroad, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Author and Project Director of a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts: "Keeping Oral Traditions Alive through Research and Performance: Scholars and Musicians working in Concert," bringing the internationally acclaimed The Rose Ensemble to the Society of Biblical Literature as Artists in Residence, 2012.

Awarded first place in the category of "first time author" by the Catholic Press Association for *Mary Magdalene: Witness and Counter-Witness in Early Christian Communities*, 2005.

Newhall Research Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union, 1995

Study of identity in Formative Judaism as described in epigraphic evidence (with Robert Coote)

Newhall Teaching Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union, 1993

Historical Reconstruction of Women's Lives in the First Century (with Antoinette Wire)

W.T. Thompson, Jr. Scholarship Award, Union Theological Seminary, 1982-83

Awarded for promise of excellence in ministry

Professional Experience

T.J. and Virginia Liggett Professor of Christian Traditions and Professor of New Testament, *Christian Theological Seminary*, 2010-Present

Vice-President and Interim co-Academic Dean, *Christian Theological Seminary*, 2010-2012

Associate Professor of New Testament, *Christian Theological Seminary*, 2005-2010

Assistant Professor of New Testament, *Christian Theological Seminary*, 1999-2005

Books

Editor, *The Death and Resurrection of the Author and Other Feminist Essays on the Bible: Jane Dewar Schaberg*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2012.

Editor, with Phil Ruge-Jones, *The Bible in Ancient and Modern Media*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2008.

“Trinity Sunday through Proper 12 (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost).” In *New Proclamation, Series A, Easter-Reign of Christ, 2008*, ed. David Lott. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2008.

Editor, *Distant Voices Drawing Near: Essays in Honor of Antoinette Clark Wire*. Collegeville: MN: Liturgical Press, 2004.

The Mary Magdalene Tradition: Witness and Counter-Witness in Early Christian Communities. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2004.

Chapters in Books and Dictionary Entries

“‘To the Twelve Tribes in the Dispersion’: Faith and Faithfulness in the Letter of James.” In *Faith and Faithfulness in Hebrews and the Catholic Epistles*, ed. Eric Mason. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press [forthcoming 2013]

“From Narrative to Performance: Methodological Considerations and Interpretive Moves.” In *Mark as Story: Retrospect and Prospect*, ed. Kelly R. Iverson and Christopher W. Skinner. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011: 211-32.

“Mapping Written and Spoken Word in the Gospel of Mark.” In *The Interface of Orality and Writing: Seeing, Speaking, Writing in the Shaping of New Genres*, ed. Annette Weisenrieder and Robert Coote. WUNT. Tuebingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010: 379-392.

“Storytelling in the Ancient World.” In *The Bible in Ancient and Modern Media*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2008: 21-35.

“Storytelling in Oral and Written Media Contexts of the Ancient Mediterranean World.” In *Jesus, the Voice, and the Text*, ed. Tom Thatcher. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2008: 89-110.

“Lesbian Interpretation.” In *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, vol. 3. Nashville: Abingdon, 2008.

“The Implications of Orality for Studies of the Biblical Text,” in *Performing the Gospel: Orality, Memory and Mark*, ed. Richard A. Horsley, Jonathan A. Draper, and John Miles Foley. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2006: 3-20.

“1 and 2 Corinthians,” in *Queer Bible Commentary*, ed. Deryn Guest. London: SCM, 2006: 606-629.

“The Story of ‘the Woman Who Anointed Jesus’ as Social Memory: A Methodological Proposal for the Study of Tradition as Memory, in *Memory, Tradition, and Text: Uses of the Past in Early Christianity*. Semeia Studies 52, ed. Alan Kirk and Tom Thatcher. Atlanta: SBL, 2005: 99-118.

"Listen to the Voices of the Women," (with Linda Maloney). In *Distant Voices Drawing Near: Essays in Honor of Antoinette Clark Wire*, ed. Holly Hearon. Collegeville: MN: Liturgical Press, 2004: 33-51.

"Women's Work in the Realm of God" (with Antoinette Clark Wire). In *The Lost Coin: Parables of Women, Work and Wisdom*, ed. Mary Ann Beavis. Sheffield: Academic, 2002: 135-157.

"Anointing" (with Joel Green). In *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, ed. Joel B. Green and Scot McKnight. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity; Leicester: InterVarsity, 1992.

Journal Articles

"Uses of the 'Technical' Language of Tradition for constructing Memory and Identity in Early Christian Communities," *Journal of Early Christian History* 1, no. 2 (2011): 55-70.

"Commentary on Epistle (1 Thessalonians): Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, and Twenty-First Sundays after Pentecost," in *The Working Preacher*, 2011. Online Journal: <http://www.workingpreacher>.

"But Be Doers of the Word: Power and Privilege in James," *Encounter* 7, no. 1 (2011): 81-90.

"The Interplay between Written and Spoken Word in the Second Testament as Background to the Emergence of Written Gospels," in *Oral Tradition*, 2011. Online Journal: <http://journal.oraltradition.org/issues/25i/hearon>

"Commentary on Epistle (Philemon): Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost," in *The Working Preacher*, 2010. Online Journal: <http://www.workingpreacher>.

"Commentary on Epistle (Philippians 3:4b-14): Fifth Sunday in Lent," in *The Working Preacher*, 2010. Online Journal: <http://www.workingpreacher>.

"Commentary on Gospel (2 Corinthians 5:16-21): Fourth Sunday in Lent," in *The Working Preacher*, 2010. Online Journal: <http://www.workingpreacher>.

"Commentary on Gospel (John 1:[1-9] 10-18): Second Sunday in Christmas," in *The Working Preacher*, 2009. Online Journal: <http://www.workingpreacher>.

"Commentary on Gospel (Luke 2:22-50): First Sunday in Christmas." in *The Working Preacher*, 2009. Online Journal: <http://www.workingpreacher>.

"Exegesis ("John 13:31-35, Rev 21:10-14, 22:22:5; John 1:20-26;)" *Lectionary Homiletics* XVIII, no. 3 (2007): 49-50, 57-58, 66-67.

"The Construction of Social Memory in Biblical Interpretation," *Encounter* 6, no. 4 (2006): 343-60.

"Exegesis ("Mark 1:29-39, 1 Cor 9:24-27; 10-31-11:1, 2 Cor 1:18-22, Mark 9:2-9)" *Lectionary Homiletics* XVII, no. 2 (2006): 7-8, 15-16, 22-23. 29-30.

"Discipleship as Journey" *The Bible Today* 43/5 (2005): 288-292.

"The Art of Biblical Interpretation: Remembering the Past into the Present," *Encounter* 66, no. 3 (2005): 189-197.

"Exegesis (1 Sam 16:1-13; John 11:1-45; Matt 27:11-54; Matt 28:1-10)." *Lectionary Homiletics* XVI, no. 2 (Feb-March 2005): 40-41, 47-48, 56-57, 65-66.

"Between Text & Sermon: Luke 10:38-42." *Interpretation* 58/4 (2004): 393-95.

"The Implications of 'Orality' for Studies of the Biblical Text." *Oral Tradition* 19/1 (2004): 96-107.

"Exegesis (Mark 1:21-28; 1 Cor 9:16-23; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Is 43:18-25)." *Lectionary Homiletics* XIV, no. 2 (Feb-March 2003): 1-2, 9-10, 17-18, 23-24.

"To Read Ourselves as the 'Other'." *Encounter* 63, no. 1-2 (2002): 109-118.

"Exegesis (Luke 17:5-10; Luke 17:11-19; Psalm 121; Luke 18:1-8; Luke 18:9-14)." *Lectionary Homiletics* XII, no. 11 (Oct, 2001): 1-2, 9-10, 17-19, 26-27.

Papers and Panels

"Searching for Intersections: Oral Tradition and Music in Early Christianity," at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2012.

"Mapping Written and Spoken Word in the Gospel of John," at "Orality and Literacy in the Ancient World X: Tradition, Transmission, and Adaptation" an international conference hosted by the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), 2012.

"Manuscript and Melody: Written Texts Experienced in Sound and Rhythm," at "Double Stories, Double Lives: Reflecting on Textual Objects in the Pre-Print World" an international conference hosted by Yale University, 2012.

"Music as Metaphor in Performance," at "The Oral, the Written, and Other Verbal Media—Testimony Witness and Authority: The Politics and Poetics of Experience," an international conference hosted by the University of Victoria (Melbourne), 2011.

Book review of *The Fourth Gospel in First Century Media Context*, at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2011.

"Uses of the 'Technical' Language of Tradition for constructing Memory and Identity in Early Christian Communities," at the New Testament Symposium: "Memory and Identity in Early Christianity," an international conference hosted by the University of South Africa (Johannesburg), 2010.

Book review of *Sound Mapping the New Testament*, at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2010.

- “Mapping Written and Spoken Word in the Gospel of Mark,” at conference The Interface of Orality and Writing, an international conference hosted by San Francisco Theological Seminary, 2009.
- “BAMM after 25 Years: The Bible in the Ancient World,” at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2008.
- “Storytelling in Oral and Written Media as a Context for the Emergence of the Gospels”, at “The Oral, The Written, and Other Verbal Media: Interfaces and Audiences,” an international conference hosted by the University of Saskatchewan, 2008.
- “The Emergence of Christian Tradition in Spoken and Written Word,” at “Orality and Literacy VII: Oral-scribal dimensions of scripture, piety and practice in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” an international conference hosted by Rice University, 2008.
- “The Language of Tradition in Paul,” at the Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.
- Member of panel discussion on performance criticism, at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2007.
- Book review of *The Queer Bible Commentary*, at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2007.
- “Luke’s Story of the Woman Who Anointed Jesus,” presented as part of Spirit and Place, Indianapolis, 2007.
- “Exile, Memory, and the Gospel of Matthew,” at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2006.
- “Traditions and the Traditioning Process: A Re-assessment of Second Testament written remains,” at “Orality and Literacy VI: Tradition,” an international conference hosted by Regis University, 2006.
- Presidential Address on Social Memory and Biblical Interpretation at the Midwest Region of the Society Biblical Literature, 2005.
- “Oral/Aural Dimension of Q in Performance: “The Great Supper,” at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2004.
- “Listen to the Voices of the Women,” presented as part of Spirit and Place, Indianapolis, 2004.
- “Response to Jane Schaberg’s *The Resurrection of Mary Magdalene*,” at the Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, 2004.
- “The Implications of Orality for the Study of the Study of Biblical Texts,” at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2003.

"The Story of the Woman Who Anointed Jesus in Social Memory," at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2003.

"When Men are also Women: The Bible, Gender and Translation," for "The Subversive History of Bible Translation," presented as part of Spirit and Place, Indianapolis, 2003.

"Storytelling in the World of Antiquity," at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 2002.

"Mary Magdalene," for "Uppity Women of the Bible," presented as part of Spirit and Place, Indianapolis, 2002.

"Elijah in the New Testament," for "The Majesty of Mendelssohn's Music and the Origin of the *Elijah*," sponsored by Christian Theological Seminary and the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, April 2002.

"Storytelling Strategies: The Post-Resurrection Appearance to the Women in the Gospel of Matthew," at the Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature, 2001.

"Jewish-Christian Women in the Letters of Paul and the World of Antiquity," presented at Jewish Christian Dialogue Event, Christian Theological Seminary, March 13, 2000.

"Innocent as a Dove, Wise as a Serpent," at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 1999.

"Witness and Counter-Witness: the Function of the Mary Magdalene Tradition in Early Christian Communities," at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, 1998.

"Eyewitness Communities: a Proposal Concerning Mary Magdalene and 1 Corinthians 15," at the Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Region Annual Meeting, 1994.

"Sacred Text/ Sacred Scandal: Hermeneutical Approaches to 1 Corinthians 14:33-36," to the American Academy of Religion, Western Region Annual Meeting, 1993.

Book Reviews

The Historiographical Jesus: Memory, Typology, and the Son of David by Anthony LeDonne. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74/1 (2012): 163-65.

Sound Mapping the New Testament by Margaret Lee and Bernard Brandon Scott. *Interpretation* 65/3 (2011): 314, 316.

The Bible in the Public Square: Reading the Signs of the Times, ed. By Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, Ellen Bradshaw Aitken, and Jonathan A. Draper. *Review of Biblical Literature*, August, 2009: <http://www.bookreviews.org>.

The Power of the Word: Scripture and the Rhetoric of Empire, by Elizabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. *Interpretation* 63/1 (2009): 86-87.

Engaging Biblical Authority: Perspectives on the Bible as Scripture, by William P. Brown, ed. *Encounter* 69/3 (2008): 100-101.

Christian Origins: A People's History of Christianity, Vol. 1, ed. Richard A. Horsley and *Late Ancient Christianity: A People's History of Christianity, Vol. 2*, ed. Virginia Burrus. *Interpretation* 61/2 (2007): 222-224.

The Discipleship of the Women in the Gospel according to Matthew: An Exegetical Theological Study of Matt 27:51b-56, 57-61 and 28:1-10, by Parambi Baby. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 68 (2006): 753-54.

A Feminist Introduction to Paul, Review of Biblical Literature, by Sandra Hack Polaski. *Review of Biblical Literature*, July 2006: <http://www.bookreviews.org>.

Matthew by Russell Pregeant. *Encounter* 67/1 (2006): 108-109.

Mary Magdalene, The First Apostle: The Struggle for Authority, by Ann Graham Brock. *Interpretation* 58 (2004): 92.

The Resurrection of Mary Magdalene: Legends, Apocrypha, and the Christian Testament by Jane Schaberg. *Review of Biblical Literature*, November 2002: <http://www.bookreviews.org>.

Rhetoric and Ethic: the Politics of Biblical Studies by Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. *The Presbyterian Outlook* May 22 (2000).

Resurrection Reconsidered by Gregory Riley. *Interpretation* 51/1 (1997): 98.

Professional Association Affiliations and Service

Advisory Editorial Board Member, *Encyclopedia of the Bible in Ancient Media Culture*, ed. Tom Thatcher. Continuum/T&T Clark, [forthcoming], 2012-Present

Associate Editor, *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 2012-Present

Member of Editorial Board, *Oral Tradition* 2013

Member, Society of Biblical Literature

Member of Steering Committee, Bible in Ancient and Modern Media Section
2002-Present; Co-Chair, 2005-2012

Member of Steering Committee, Mapping Memory Consultation 2005-2010

President of Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature 2004-2005

Vice President of Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature 2003-2005

Member, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

Associate Member, Catholic Biblical Association

Partial List of Service to the Church and World

- Participated in a panel “Honoring the Sacred Feminine: A Multi-Cultural and Multi-Faith Celebration of International Women’s Day” at the Hebrew Congregation, March 4, 2012
- Led a session on Midrash with Sandy Sasso as a part of the annual Jewish-Christian dialogue series sponsored by St. Luke’s United Methodist Church and Be-El Zedeck Congregation, Nov. 2, 2011
- Spoke at a Celebration of Mary Magdalene and Women Leaders in the Early Church at Cathedral High School, Aug 18, 2010
- Led three adult education classes at North United Methodist Church on the G. John and Johannine Letters; James and 1 Peter; the Pastoral Letters, 2010
- Member of Closterhouse Colloquium Planning Committee, Northminster, Oct 2008-Oct 2009
- Member of Advisory Board, “Out in Scripture” project of the Human Rights Campaign, 2005-2009.
 - Co-authored numerous lectionary commentaries for the “Out in Scripture” website.
- Led workshop on Jesus’ Parables for the “Senior University: Religious Neighbors in Study and Community” March 7, 2008.
- Led three week study on Joseph at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2007.
- Preached at Presbytery of Wabash Valley meeting, October 2007
- Served as a table discussion leader at event featuring Jack Rogers, Northminster Presbyterian Church, November 2007.
- Co-taught School for Licensed Ministers with Dan Moseley, July 10-14, 2006.
- Led three week study of Mary Magdalene at North United Methodist Church, 2005
- Member of Board of Directors, Martin Luther King Multi-Service Center, 2000-2005
- Led four studies on the Bible in relation to the public realm for Second Presbyterian Church, Fall 2004
- Presentation on Mary Magdalene to Called to Action (a Catholic organization), July 2004
- Led three week Bible study on “women reading the Bible” at North United Methodist Church, March 2004
- Led a study on the book of Ruth for “Women of Chuzpah” at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, February, 2004
- Served on the Community Advisory Committee for “Religion, Spirituality and the Object,” a project of the Indianapolis Arts Center, Spring 2003
- Led a three-week Bible study at Second Presbyterian Church on the Sermon on the Mount, Indianapolis, October 2002
- Led Bible study at Butler University and University of Indianapolis on “salvation”, April 2002
- Led workshop on planning for Lent at Indianapolis Center for Congregations, Jan 9, 2002
- Led a week-end workshop on the “Witness of the Gospels” at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marion, IN Oct., 2000

- Led three week Bible study on Acts at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN, October, 2000
- Led Bible Study on Acts at College of Ministers, Disciples of Christ, 2000
- Led workshop on facilitating interactive Bible study at Whitewater Valley Presbytery “Super Saturday” event, March 18, 2000

Church Service Abroad

Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala (an investigative tour under the auspices of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, PC[USA]), 1986

Witness for Peace (Nicaragua), March 1984

Parish Associate, Ruthrieston South Church, Aberdeen, Scotland, 1981-1982