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Education

Ph.D., Biblical Studies, Union Presbyterian Seminary	2017
Dissertation awarded with distinction: “Dipped in Filth and Clothed in Glory: Job’s Transformation of Priestly Terms, Themes, Texts, and Theologies” Advisor: Samuel E. Balentine; Committee Members: Samuel L. Adams, William P. Brown	
Th.M., Columbia Theological Seminary	2005
M.T.S., Eden Theological Seminary	2005
B.A., with highest honors, Principia College	2002
Majors: Religion and Studio Art; Minor: Art History	

Professional Experience

Professor of Religious Studies, Principia College	2022–present
Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Principia College	2019–2022
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Principia College	2008–2019
Public speaker giving over 300 lectures for over 25 organizations	2000–present

Courses Taught

Religion in America, Biblical Interpretation, Old Testament, New Testament, Hebrew Prophets, Paul the Apostle, Wisdom Literature and Psalms, The Bible and the Environment, Topics in Religious Studies: Theodicy, Biblical Sites and (Con)texts, Capstone Project

Selected Honors and Fellowships

Teacher of the Year, Principia College	2013, 2019
Fellow, New England Regional Fellowship Consortium	2022
Dorothy D. Moller Fellowship for Advanced Study, Principia College	2011, 2019–2020
Fellow, Summer Institute for Israel Studies, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University	2018
Recognised Student, Faculty of Theology, University of Oxford	Hilary Term 2008
Walter W. Moore Fellowship, Union Presbyterian Seminary	2005–2007
Honor Graduate Fellowship, Eden Theological Seminary	2005
Patrick D. Miller and August L. Brueggemann Scholarship, Eden Theological Seminary	2003–2004
Ralph Colby, Jr. Award, Robert J. Glenn Memorial Award, George A. and Frances K. Andrews Award, Principia College	2002
Mabel Axcy Dominick Bible History Award, Phi Alpha Eta, Principia College	2001

Selected Publications

Co-editor with Patricia Vesely, *Seeking Wisdom's Depths and Torah's Heights: Essays in Honor of Samuel E. Balentine*. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2020.

"Job the Priest: From Scripture to Sculpture." Pages 327–53 in *Seeking Wisdom's Depths and Torah's Heights: Essays in Honor of Samuel E. Balentine*. Edited by Barry R. Huff and Patricia Vesely. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2020.

"From Societal Scorn to Divine Delight: Job's Transformative Portrayal of Wild Animals." *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 73 (2019): 248–58.

"Mary Baker Eddy: Liberating Interpreter of the Pauline Corpus." Pages 245–58 in *Strangely Familiar: Profeminist Interpretations of Patriarchal Biblical Texts*. Edited by Nancy Calvert-Koyzis and Heather Weir. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009.

"Ephesians vs. Eddy: Women in Early Christian and Contemporary Christian Science Churches." *Proceedings of the Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature* 6 (2003): 111–22.

"The Joban Theophany: A Whirlwind Revelation and Revolution of Tabernacle Terms." In *Texts, Theological Readers, and Their Worlds*. Vol. 2 of *Theology of the Hebrew Bible*. Edited by Soo J. Kim Sweeney, David Frankel, and Marvin A. Sweeney. Resources for Biblical Study. Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming.

Selected Conference Papers

"Job the Priest: From Scripture to Sculpture." Paper presented to the Bible and Visual Art Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL). San Diego, 2019.

"Stretching Sacred Space: The Cosmic Tabernacle and Holy Peripheries in the Torah and Job." Paper presented to the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section and the Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. San Diego, 2019.

"Revering Sacred Earth: Ecological Implications of Tabernacle Terms in Job 38–41." Paper presented to the Ecological Hermeneutics Section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. Boston, 2017.

"'You will dip me in filth' (Job 9:31): Job's Subversion of the Priestly Purity System." Paper presented to the Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. Chicago, 2012.

"The Use of Priestly Terms and Transformation of Priestly Theologies in the Prologue of Job." Paper presented to the Hebrew Bible Section at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Region of the SBL. St. Louis, 2012.

"Mary Baker Eddy: Liberating Interpreter of the Pauline Corpus." Paper presented to the Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Consultation at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. San Diego, 2007.

“Ephesians vs. Eddy: Women in Early Christian and Contemporary Christian Science Churches.”
Paper presented to the Gender Issues Section at the Central States Region Meeting of the SBL.
St. Louis, 2003.

Selected Podcast

“Women’s rights—and a woman’s right to interpret the Bible,” Seekers and Scholars Podcast with
Sherry Darling, The Mary Baker Eddy Library, 2018.

Selected Lectures

Examples of over 300 lectures given across the United States and internationally include:

Lectures on Principia Lifelong Learning Trips to Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Greece, and Turkey.

Webinar Series on Exilic and Postexilic Texts. Principia Alumni and Field Relations. 2020.

Lectures on the Hebrew Bible, Psalms, and the Apostle Paul. Principia Alumni and Field Relations.
Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Kansas City, St. Louis, Northern California, and Florida, 2018–2020.

“Job’s Transformation of the Torah and God’s Embrace of the Marginalized.” Academic Dean’s
Colloquium at Principia College. Elsah, IL, 2018.

“‘The Earth is the Lord’s’ (Ps 24:1).” Lecture on Ecological Hermeneutics and Sustainability for
the Public Affairs Conference on Sustainable Cities at Principia College. Elsah, IL, 2018.

“Ephesians and Mary Baker Eddy: Contrasting Interpretations of Paul and of the Role of Women.”
Graduate Studies Colloquium at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Richmond, VA, 2007.

Lectures on the Torah, Prophets, and Wisdom Literature. Tenacre. Princeton, 2017–2018.

Lectures on Psalms, Parables, Paul’s Letters, and Revelation. Higher Ground Bible Conferences.
Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Tampa, 2004–2006.

Selected Prior Service

Chair, Religious Studies and Philosophy Department, Principia College

Faculty Council and Faculty Leadership Team, Principia College

Representative to the Joint Action and Advocacy for Justice and Peace Convening Table,
National Council of Churches of Christ

Co-Spokesperson and Member, Equity and Inclusion Working Group, Principia College

Faculty Co-Sponsor, Connect

Member, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Team,

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, MA

Moderator, Theta Alpha Kappa Chapter, Principia College

Faculty, Principia Lifelong Learning

Trustee, Endowment for Biblical Research, Boston

Director, Israel, Palestine, and Jordan Abroad, Principia College

Co-Founder, Solidarity

Joint Action and Advocacy for Justice and Peace Convening Table, National Council of Churches

Captain, Principia College Team, St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk

Memberships

American Society of Church History

American Academy of Religion

Society of Biblical Literature