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# **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**

Director of Graduate Studies, Graduate Division of Religious Studies, Boston University

Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins

School of Theology and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

Associate Professor of Religion

Department of Religion, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

Affiliate Appointments: Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies; Elie Wiesel Center for

Judaic Studies; Department of Classical Studies

College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University

#### PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA	2000-2005
Lecturer, Department of Religion, University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT	1999
Instructor, Department of Religion, Columbia University, New York, NY	1999
Instructor, Department of Religion, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	1999
Instructor, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY	1998
Preceptor, Columbia University, New York, NY	1996-1998
Pastor, Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA	1991-1993

### **EDUCATION**

February 2001
May 1997
May 1991
May 1988

# FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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Alexander Von Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers	2013-2014
Frederick Burkhart Fellow, ACLS/Residency at the American Academy in Rome	2012-2013
BU School of Theology Student Association Teaching Award	2012
ASCS, Athens, Gennadius Library Summer Program in Medieval Greek	Summer 2009
Fellow, Henry Luce III Foundation Fellows in Theology	2007-2008
Junior Fellow in the Humanities, Boston University	2007-2008
BU School of Theology Student Association Teaching Award	2008
Curriculum Innovation Grant, Center for Practical Theology	Fall 2006
American Academy in Rome Program in Advanced Palaeography	Summer 2005
Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study	2003-2004
ACLS/Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship for Junior Faculty	2003-2004
Honorary Member, Alpha Sigma Nu	2004
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend	Summer 2003
Charles and Rosanna Batchelor (Ford) Foundation Grant	Summer 2002
Faculty Fellow, Collegium	Summer 2002
American Dissertation Fellow, AAUW Educational Foundation	1999-2000
President's Fellow, Columbia University	1994-1999
Mellon Summer Fellow	Summer 1998

Faculty Fellow, Columbia University	1993-1994
Traveling Fellow, Union Theological Seminary	1991-1992
Seminary Fellow, Union Theological Seminary	1988-1991
Phi Beta Kappa	May 1988

#### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

#### **Books**

*Jesus, an Adulteress, and the History of the Gospel of John*, with Tommy Wasserman. Princeton: Princeton University Press, forthcoming.

Unprotected Texts: The Bible's Surprising Contradictions about Sex and Desire. San Francisco: HarperOne, 2011.

Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity. Gender, Theory, Religion; New York: Columbia University Press, 2005.

#### **Edited Volumes**

**Ritual Matters: Material Residues and Ancient Religions**, edited with Claudia Moser. Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, in press.

**Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions**, edited with Eric Orlin, Michael Satlow, Lisbeth Fried, and Michael Pregill. New York and London: Routledge, 2015.

Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice: Images, Acts, Meanings, edited with Zuzsanna Varhélyi. New York and London: Oxford University Press, 2011.

# **Journal Articles**

"Who's Afraid of Noah, Ham, and Canaan? Genesis 9:18-29 and the Challenge of Reparative Reading." *Biblical Interpretation* 22 (2014): 388-413.

"The Biblical Odes and the Text of the Christian Bible: A Reconsideration of the Impact of Liturgical Singing on the Transmission of the Gospel of Luke," with Tommy Wasserman. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 133.2 (2014): 341-65.

"Earth Accuses Earth: Tracing Jesus' Writing on the Ground," with Tommy Wasserman, *Harvard Theological Review* 103.4 (2010): 407-47.

"In Pursuit of a Singular Text: New Testament Textual Criticism and the Desire for the True Original." *Religion Compass* 2/2 (2008): 180-94.

"Early Christian Re-Writing and the History of the *Pericope Adulterae*," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 14.4 (2006): 485-536.

# **Book Chapters**

"Marriage, Adultery, and Divorce." In *The Oxford Handbook of Gender and Sexuality in the New Testament*, ed. Ben Dunning. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, in press.

- "Miscellany Manuscripts and the Christian Canonical Imaginary." In *Ritual Matters: Material Residues and Ancient Religions*, ed. Jennifer Knust and Claudia Moser. Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, in press.
- "Can an Adulteress Save Jesus? The *Pericope Adulterae*, Feminist Interpretation, and the Limits of Narrative Agency." In *The Bible and Feminism: Remapping the Field*, edited by Yvonne Sherwood. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, in press.
- "The Rise of the Maccabean Martyr Cult: Belief and Practice in Christian Late Antiquity." In *Belief and Its Alternatives in Greek and Roman Religion*, ed. Ralph Anderson. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in press.
- "Revelation." In *Enemies and Friends of the State: Ancient Prophecy in Context*, ed. Christopher A. Rollston. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, in press.
- "Taking Away From': Patristic Evidence and the Omission of the *Pericope Adulterae* from John's Gospel." In *The Pericope of the Adulteress in Contemporary Research*, edited by David Alan Black and Jacob N. Cerone, 65-88. Library of New Testament Studies 551. London and Oxford: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016.
- "Jesus' Conditional Forgiveness." In *Ancient Forgiveness*. edited by Charles Griswold and David Konstan, 176-94. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- "Images, Acts, Meanings and Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice," with Zsuzsanna Varhélyi. In *Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice*, edited by Jennifer Wright Knust and Zsuzsanna Varhélyi, 3-31. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- "Too Hot to Handle: The Story of the Woman Taken in Adultery in Late Antique Exegesis, Liturgy and Art." In *From the Margins 2: Women of the New Testament and their Afterlives*, edited by Christine E. Joynes and Christopher Rowland, 143-63. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2009.
- "Roasting the Lamb: Sacrifice and Sacred Text in Justin's *Dialogue with Trypho*." In *Religion and Violence: The Biblical Heritage*, edited by Jonathan Klawans and David Bernat, 100-13. Recent Research in Biblical Studies; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2007.
- "Enslaved to Demons: Sex and Violence in Justin's *First Apology*." In *Mapping Gender in Ancient Religious Discourse*, edited by Todd Penner and Caroline Vander Stichele, 431-56. Biblical Interpretation; Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2006.
- "Commentary: Body Critical Embodiment." In *Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith*, edited by Bruce T. Morrill, Joanna Ziegler and Susan Rodgers, 68-72. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.
- "Jesus, an Adulteress, and the Development of Christian Scripture," In *A Tall Order. Festschrift in honor William V. Harris*, edited by Jean-Jacques Aubert and Zsuzsanna Varhelyi, 59-84. Beiträge zur Altertumskunde. Munich: K. G. Saur Verlag, 2005.
- "Paul and the Politics of Virtue and Vice." In *Paul and the Imperial Order*, edited by Richard Horsley, 155-73. Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2004.

"2 Thessalonians and the Discipline of Work." In *The New Testament and Asceticism*, edited by Vincent Wimbush and Leif Vaage, 255-59. New York: Routledge, 1999.

# **Essays and Short Notices**

"Acolyte," "Ambrose of Milan," "apostolic succession," "catechumen," "Christian," "Chronicle of Eusebius," "Chronicon Paschale," "Codex Bezae," "Cyril of Jerusalem," "Docetism," "ecumenical council," "episcopos," "Lateran," "miracle," "parable," "Paraclete," "Pelagia," "Philippians, Epistle to the," "Rule of St. Augustine." "Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions, edited by Eric Orlin, Michael Satlow, Lisbeth Fried, Jennifer Knust and Michael Pregill. New York and London: Routledge, 2015.

"Irenaeus." "Latin Versions of the New Testament." *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, edited by Roger Bagnall, Kai Brodersen, Craig Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine Heubner. London: Blackwell Publishing, 2012.

"Cup." In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2012.

"Exegesis: Luke 24:13-35, John 10:1-10." *Lectionary Homiletics* 22.3 (April/May 2011): 46-48; 57-58.

"30th Anniversary of Pagels' Gnostic Gospels," with Nicola Denzey Lewis. *The Journal Henoch:* Studies in Judaism and Christianity from the Second Temple to Late Antiquity 32 (2010): 215-18.

"What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice and the Ancient Mediterranean," with Zsuzsanna Várhelyi. *The Journal Henoch: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from the Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 31.1 (2009): 217-20.

"Exegesis: Mark 10.2-16; Mark 10.17-31; Mark 10.46-52." *Lectionary Homiletics* 20.6 (October/November 2009): 7-8, 15-16.

"Latin Versions." In *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, edited by Katharine Doob Sakenfield, Samuel E. Balentine, Brian K. Blount, Joel B. Greek, Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, Pheme Perkens, Eileen Schuller, Paul Franklys and Harriet Jance Olson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.

"Too Hot to Handle: The Reception of the Woman Taken in Adultery (John 7:53-8:11)." *Focus: News from Boston University School of Theology*. Spring 2007, 32-43.

"porneia." In *The Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender*, edited by Jamsheed Chosky, Judith Roof and Francesca Sautman. Macmillan Library Reference; Michigan: Thomson Gale, 2007.

"The Politics of Virtue and Vice in the Pauline Epistles." *Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers* 39 (2000): 436-53.

"Sociology of Religion." *Encyclopedia of Women in World Religion*, edited by Serenity Young. New York: Macmillan, 1999.

#### **Book Reviews**

Review of Kultmetaphorik und Christologie: Opfer- und Sühneterminologie im Neuen Testament, by Christian A. Eberhart, Review of Biblical Literature, in press.

Review of Forbidden Oracles? The Gospel of the Lots of Mary, by AnneMarie Luijendijk, Early Christianity, in press.

Review of *Teaching the Historical Jesus: Issues and Exegesis*, edited by Zev Garber, *Review of Biblical Literature* 05/2016.

Review of *Violence in Scripture*, by Jerome F. D. Creach, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76.4 (2014): 733-34.

Review of *Christ Circumcised: A Study in Early Christian History and Difference*, by Andrew S. Jacobs. *Church History* 83.1 (2014): 177-79.

Review of *The Pseudepigrapha on Sexuality: Attitudes towards Sexuality in Apocalypses*, *Testaments, Legends, Wisdom, and Related Literature* by William Loader. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75.3 (2013): 584-85.

Review of *Circumcision as a Malleable Symbol* by Nina E. Livesey. *Journal of Religion* 93.1 (2013): 116-17.

Review of *Holy Misogyny: Why the Sex and Gender Conflicts in the Early Church Still Matter* by April DeConick. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 80.4 (2012): 1128-30.

Review of *The Ethics of Obscene Speech in Early Christianity and Its Environment* by Jeremy F. Hultin. *Biblical Interpretation* 18.4-5 (2010): 471-72.

Review of *Tertullian's* Aduersus Iudaeos: *A Rhetorical Analysis* by Geoffrey D. Dunn. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17.4 (2009): 687-88.

Review of *Slavery in Early Christianity* by J. Albert Harrill and *Slaves in the New Testament* by Jennifer A. Glancy. *Journal of Religion* 89 (July 2009): 406-410.

Review of *Bible Manuscripts: 1400 Years of Scribes and Scripture* by Scot McKendrick and Kathleen Doyle. *International Journal of the Classical Tradition* 16 (2009): 601-3.

Review of Saving Shame: Martyrs, Saints and other Abject Subjects and The Sex Lives of Saints: An Erotics of Ancient Hagiography by Virginia Burrus. Catholic Historical Review 94.4 (2008): 765-66.

Review of *Canon and Biblical Interpretation*, edited by Craig Bartholomew, Scott Hahn, Robin Parry, Christopher Seitz and Al Wolters. *Expository Times* 119.8 (2008): 413-14.

Review of Apologetic Discourse and the Scribal Tradition: Evidence of the Influence of Apologetic Interests on the Text of the Canonical Gospels by Wayne C. Kannaday. The Journal of Religion 86.1 (2006): 671-72.

Review of *Kissing Christians: Ritual and Community in the Late Ancient Church* by Michael Philip Penn, *Church History* 75.3 (2006): 651-53.

Review of *Writing and Holiness: The Practice of Authorship in the Early Christian East* by Derek Krueger. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2005.08.09 [http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2005/2005-08-09.html]

Review of Roman Wives, Roman Widows: The Appearance of New Women and the Pauline Communities, by Bruce W. Winter. Review of Biblical Literature 2004.08.28 [http://www.bookreviews.org].

Review of *Remembering Jesus: Christian Community Scripture and the Moral Life*, by Allen Verhey. *Review of Biblical Literature* 2004.01.10 [http://www.bookreviews.org].

Review of John's Apologetic Christology: Legitimation and Development in Johannine Christology, by James McGrath. Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2002.06.23 [http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2002/2002-06-23.html]

# **Scholarly Papers and Presentations**

"Sexualized Outsiders: Exclusion and Inclusion in the Bible and Beyond." Fordham University. April 2016.

"Fixing the Bible: From Constantine to the Hobby Lobby's Bible Museum." Bowdoin College. February 2016.

"Modernity's Vanishing Point: Jesus and the Retreat of Authenticity." Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum. February 2016.

"There is No Bible/ There is a Bible: Thoughts about the Materiality of Text." Pre-Conference Workshop, Study of Religion as an Analytical Category (SORAAD). November 2015.

"Textual Diversity as a Wormhole: A Response to Jan Krans." SNTS Annual Meeting. Amsterdam. July 2015.

"The Falling Tear." Response to "More Than a Feeling: Affect Theory and Biblical Studies," by Stephen D. Moore. The Bible and Emotions Section, Society of Biblical Literature. November 2014.

"Neither Add To Nor Take Away From: Patristic Evidence and the Omission of the *Pericope Adulterae* from John's Gospel." Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. April 2014.

"The Acts of the Martyrs and the Invention of Christian Sacred Scripture." Network Meeting. Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung. April 2014.

"The Acts of the Martyrs and the Invention of Christian Sacred Scriptures." Inventing Christianity Unit. Society of Biblical Literature. November 2013.

"The Acts of the Martyrs and the Invention of Christian Sacred Scriptures." Ritual Matters: Material Residues and Ancient Religions. American Academy in Rome. May 2013.

"Sex and a Bible that Brings Good to the World." Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum. New Orleans Theological Seminary. February 2013.

"The Making of the Maccabean Martyrs." American Academy in Rome. January 2013.

"A Biblical Sex Scandal? Noah, Ham, and the Curse of Canaan." Reading, Theory and the Bible Section/Bible and Cultural Studies Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. November 2012.

"The Bible that Didn't Have Me in Mind." Response to *Bible Trouble: Queer Reading at the Boundaries of Biblical Scholarship*. SBL Women in the Biblical World Section/LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. November 2012.

"Singing the Bible: The Liturgical Canticles and the Transmission of the New Testament." Co-authored with Tommy Wasserman, Örebro Theological Seminary. New Testament Textual Criticism Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. November 2011.

"Forgiveness Short-Circuited: Divine *Clementia* and the Pressure of Imperial Rule." Jesus Traditions, Gospels and Negotiating the Roman World Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. November 2011.

"The Immateriality of the Material Bible?" Biblical Hermeneutics Task Force. Catholic Biblical Association. August 2011.

"Jesus the Jew and the Problem of History." Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum. 25-26 February 2011.

"Biblical Marriage: It's Not What You Think." Carnal Knowledge: Sexuality and Judgments of Value. Boston University. 24 April 2010.

"Jewish Bones and Christian Bibles: The Maccabean Martyrs in Christian Late Antiquity." Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 2009.

"Earth Accuses Earth: Tracing Jesus' Writing on the Ground." Co-authored with Tommy Wasserman, Örebro Theological Seminary. Text Criticism Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. 20 November 2008.

Response to "Paul and Other Christians," by Jerry Sumney. Consultation on the Extent of Theological Diversity in Early Christianity. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. 20 November 2008.

"The Strange Case of the Missing Adulteress." Catholic Biblical Association. 4 August 2008.

Panelist, "The New Testament and the Roman Empire: Resistance and Reimagination." Union Theological Seminary, New York. 3-5 April 2008.

"The Strange Case of the Missing Adulteress." University of Birmingham. 19 March 2008

"Too Hot to Handle: The Story of the Woman Taken in Adultery in Late Antique Exegesis, Liturgy and Art." Oxford University. 18 March 2008.

"The Singular Case of the Missing Adulteress: The *Pericope Adulterae* in the Second and Third Centuries." University of Edinburgh. 14 March 2008.

"The Strange Case of the Missing Adulteress." Society of Fellows. Boston University. 12 February 2008.

"Sacred Text and Symbolic Violence in the *Epistles* of Ambrose of Milan." Early Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Torture, A Joint Session of the Violence and Representations of Violence Section and the Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section of the Society of Biblical Literature. 19 November 2007.

Response to "Theology's Fascination with Racial Theory: How Jesus became a Nazi in German Protestantism," by Susannah Heschel. Symposium on Race and Ethnicity in New Testament and Early Christian Studies. Harvard Divinity School. 23-25 March 2007

"Too Hot to Handle? The Reception of the Woman Taken in Adultery." Luce Program in Scripture and the Literary Arts, Boston University, 24 October 2006.

"Roasting the Lamb: Sacrifice and Sacred Text in Justin's *Dialogue with Trypho*." Religion and Violence: The Biblical Heritage Conference. Sponsored by the Wellesley College Department of Religion in Conjunction with the Boston University Department of Religion, 19-20 February 2006.

"Jesus, an Adulteress, and the Development of Christian Scripture." Boston Patristics Group, March 2005.

"Emancipatory Discourse and the Trouble with the Text." Symposium in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, May 2004.

"Untamed Texts: The *Pericope Adulterae* and the Fluidity of Ancient Christian Scripture." Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, January 2004.

"Early Christian Rewriting and the History of the *Pericope Adulterae*." New Testament Textual Criticism Section. Society of Biblical Literature, November 2004.

"Divine Justice, Imperial Violence, and Jewish Depravity: Sex and Death in the Writings of Justin Martyr." Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature, November 2004.

"Loose Texts, Loose Women: A Short History of an Adulteress, Some Text Critics, and Multiple (Mis)Readings." Ideological Criticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2002.

Respondent, "Practicing Catholic: Ritual, Body, and Contestation in Catholic Faith." College of the Holy Cross, October 18-21, 2002.

"Sexual Depravity, *Boni Mores*, and Christian Virtue: On the Production of the 'Bad' Woman in Roman Law and Ancient Christian Literature." Gender Sexuality, and Law II, Keele University, Staffordshire, U.K., June 2002.

"A Depraved Empire and the Licentious Heretics: Sexualized Invective in Christian Apology." Boston Patristics Group, April 2002.

"Passion Politics: Paul, Justin, and the Sexual Vice of Pagans." Second Annual Graduate Conference in the Classics, Columbia University, November 1999.

# **Invited Lectures**

- "How Theory Informs My Work." Annual Meeting of the New England-Maritimes Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. April 2016.
- "Can an Adulteress Save Jesus?" Bowdoin College. February 2016.
- "The Gospel of John." Core Humanities. Boston University. March 2015, March 2016.

- "New Testament Textual Criticism." Editing Across the Disciplines, Boston University. February 2015, February 2016.
- "Artifact, Memory and the Christian Textual Condition." Saints and their Cults, Boston University. April 2012.
- "Patristic Biblical Interpretation." Biblical Interpretation, Boston University. April 2012.
- "The Gospel of John." Core Humanities, Boston University. April 2012.
- "New Testament Textual Criticism." Editing Across the Disciplines, Boston University. February 2012.
- "Biblical Marriage?" Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. February 2012.
- "Biblical Marriage?" Lafayette College, Easton, PA. February 2012.
- "Created Male and Female." University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, November 2011.
- "Genesis." Core Humanities, Boston University. September 2011.
- "The Gospels of Matthew and John." Core Humanities. Boston University. March 2010.
- "The Text of the New Testament." Editing Across the Disciplines February 2010.
- "The Gospel of Matthew." Core Humanities. Boston University. March 2009.
- "The Text of the New Testament." Editing Across the Disciplines. Boston University. February 2009.
- "New Testament Textual Criticism." Editing Across the Disciplines. Boston University. February 2007.

# Popular Presentations, Lectures and Workshops

- "Biblical Interpretation, Sexual Ethics, and Finding Some Good in the World." Annual Meeting of the National Association of College and University Chaplains. Furman University. February 2016.
- "The Sacred Scriptures and the Veneration of the Martyrs." Westar Institute. March 2015.
- "Biblical Sexual Ethics?" Harvard Memorial Church, Cambridge, MA. November 2014.
- "Biblical Marriage" and "Sexual Ethics and Biblical Interpretation." Lyons Lecture Series. First United Methodist Church of Madison, WI. May 2014.
- "Beyond the Marriage Wars: Sex, the Bible and Christian Ethics." Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, Brite Divinity School. September 2012.
- "Sex and the Bible: Common Misconceptions." Capitol Region Theological Center. Albany, NY. May 2012.
- "The Bible's Surprising Contradictions on Sex and Desire." Office of the University Chaplain, Northwestern University. May 2012.
- "Is a Biblically Informed Sexual Ethic Possible?" Alliance of Baptists Annual Meeting, Austin, TX. April 2012.
- "Sex and the Bible." Lunchbox Talks. Boston University. March 2012.
- "A Biblical Sex Scandal? Noah, Ham and the Curse of Canaan." Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT. March 2012.
- "Biblical Marriage?" Common Hour/Uncommon Knowledge. Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA. February 2012.
- "A Biblical Sex Scandal? Noah, Ham and the Curse of Canaan." Lafayette College, Easton, PA. February 2012.
- "Sex and the Bible: Really?" Cross Creek Community Church, Dayton, OH. January 2012.
- "Sacred Flesh: A Biblical Paradox." Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, WA. November 2011.
- "A Biblical Sex Scandal." Wheaton College, Norton, MA. October 2011.
- "Unprotected Texts: The Bible's Surprising Contradictions on Sex and Desire." Religious Studies Colloquium. North Carolina State University. April 2011.
- Readings of *Unprotected Texts*: Brookline Booksmith (Brookline, MA); Massachusetts Bible Society (Boston, MA); BU Barnes & Noble (Boston, MA); Norwood Public Library (Norwood, MA). February March 2011.
- "What the Bible Does (Not) Say about Homosexuality." Lecture sponsored by the LGBT Ministry at Marsh Chapel. October 2009.
- "Paul and Women." Presentation to the Paulist Center, Boston, MA. November 2008.

"Scripture in Everyday Life." United Methodist Churches of New England Annual Conference. August 2008.

"Loose Texts, Loose Women: A History of Jesus, an Adulteress and the Gospel of John." Massachusetts Bible Society. September 2007.

"Healing and Hemorrhage: Jesus and the Hazardous Cure." Women in the World Conference, Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University School of Theology. March 2006.

"The *Pericope Adulterae* Reconsidered: Multiple Meanings, Mutable Text, and the Articulation of Christian Difference." Tertulia, Boston University. October 2005.

Presentation of *Abandoned to Lust: Sexual Slander and Ancient Christianity* to the Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University School of Theology. October 2005.

### Popular Media

"My Planned Parenthood Story." Huffington Post. <a href="http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jennifer-wright-knust/my-planned-parenthood-sto\_b\_8730186.html">http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jennifer-wright-knust/my-planned-parenthood-sto\_b\_8730186.html</a>

"The Woman Caught in Adultery." Bible Odyssey, the Society of Biblical Literature. http://www.bibleodyssey.org/passages/main-articles/woman-caught-in-adultery.aspx

"Debunking Biblical Marriage: Why the Bible Cannot Dictate Today's Sexual Morals." A three part series in the *Washington Post* "On Faith" –

Part I, "Biblical Marriage:

http://onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/guestvoices/2011/02/debunking\_biblical\_marriage\_why\_the\_bible\_cant\_dictate\_todays\_sexual\_morals.html

Part II, "Biblical Sexuality":

http://onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/guestvoices/2011/02/what\_does\_the\_bible\_say\_about\_sexuality.html

Part III: "Biblical Desire":

http://onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/guestvoices/2011/02/what\_does\_the\_bible\_say\_about\_sexual\_desire.html

"My Take: The Bible's Surprisingly Mixed Messages on Sexuality." CNN Belief Blog. 9 February 2011. <a href="http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2011/02/09/my-take-the-bible's-surprisingly-mixed-messages-on-sexuality/">http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2011/02/09/my-take-the-bible's-surprisingly-mixed-messages-on-sexuality/</a>

### **Conferences Organized**

"Ritual Matters: Material Residues and Ancient Religions," with Claudia Moser and Kim Bowes. American Academy in Rome. May 2013.

"Carnal Knowledge: Sexuality and Judgments of Value." Member of the organizing committee. Boston University. April 2010.

"Honoring Eve: An interdisciplinary celebration of the life and work of Eve Sedgwick." Member of the organizing committee. October 2009.

"What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in the Ancient Mediterranean." Co-directed with Zsuzsanna Varhelyi. 18-20 November 2008.

# **COURSES TAUGHT**

The Christian Bible: A History Christianity

Contemporary Civilization

Core Curriculum II: The Humanities

Gender and Family in Earliest Christianity

Gnostics, Heretics and Martyrs

The Gospel of John

Hellenistic Greek Readings

Humanities Approaches to Religion

Intensive Introduction to New Testament Greek

Intermediate Greek Reading

Introduction to the New Testament

Introduction to Western Religions

From Jesus to Christ

Jesus and His Contemporaries

Jesus in the Gospels

Luke-Acts

New Testament Greek I-II

Paul the Apostle

The Rise of Christianity

Varieties of Ancient Christianity

War, Violence, and the New Testament

Women's, Gender and Sexualities Studies: An

Interdisciplinary Introduction

Women in Early Christianity

Women and Religion

Women in Western Religions

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Evaluator, Novum Testamentum, Editio Critica Maior	2016
Editorial Board, Journal of Biblical Literature	2013-present
Chair, New Testament Textual Criticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature	2013-present
International Greek New Testament Project Committee	2010-present
Co-Chair, Violence and Representations of Violence Section,	-
Society of Biblical Literature	2010-2012
Steering Committee, Jesus Traditions, Gospels and Negotiating the Roman	
World Section, Society of Biblical Literature	2010-present
Steering Committee, Consultation on Diversity in Earliest Christianity	
Society of Biblical Literature	2008-2011
Steering Committee, New England-Marities Region, SBL	2009-2012
Editorial Board, <i>Religion Compass</i>	2006-2010
Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Research Associate	2005-2014
American Academy of Religion	1993-present
Society of Biblical Literature	1993-present
Catholic Biblical Association	2003-present
North American Patristics Society	2002-present
Advisory Board, Boston Patristics Group	2006-2008
Referee, Princeton University Press	2012
Referee, Oxford University Press	2009, 2014
Referee, Columbia University Press	2006
Referee, Palgrave Macmillan	2003, 2010, 2011, 2014
Referee, Journal of Theological Studies	2013
Referee, Sexualities	2011
Referee, Journal of the History of Sexuality	2001

### At Boston University:

Director of Graduate Studies, Graduate Division of Religious Studies	2014-present
Chair, Omnibus Search Committee, STH	2016-present
Search Committee (Sociology of Religion), STH	2015-2016
Chair, Academic Policies, Procedures and Fellowships Committee, STH	2010-12, 2014-2015
Co-Chair, Gender and Sexuality Faculty Reading Group	2014-present
Search Committee (Modern Christianity), Religion, CAS	2011-2012
University Grievance Committee	2011-2012
Association of Theological Schools Committee	2010-2011
Chair, Faculty Council Nominating Committee	2010-2011

Omnibus Search Committee, STH	2009-2010
University Committee on Academic Programs and Policies	2009-2012
Program in Scripture and the Arts	2008-2012
Advanced Studies Committee, STH	2008-2010
Faculty Council	Fall 2008, 2009-2011
Search Committee (Religion and Literary Arts) Religion, CAS	2008-2009
Founding Member, Gender and Sexuality Reading Group, CAS	2007-2012
Integration of Theology and Practice Leader, STH	2006-2007
Co-convener Tertulia, CAS	2006-2007
Curriculum Revision Planning Group, STH	2006
Educational Excellence Committee, STH	2006
Pastoral Spiritual Formation Leader, STH	2005-2006
Ad-hoc Fellowship Committee, STH	2006-2008
Lecture Committee, STH	2005-2008