curriculum vitae

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| Education |
|  | **2012 Nazarene Theological College/ Manchester, UK****University of Manchester**Ph.D. in Old Testament StudiesDissertation title: *Barrenness beyond the Narratives: an Examination of Barrenness as a Symbol of God’s (Dis)Favour in Hebrew Scripture* |
|  | **2002 Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO**M.A., *summa cum laude,* Theological Studies (Biblical Research, Old Testament)Thesis title: *Barrenness in the Old Testament: Recovering the Metaphor*Certificate, Cross-cultural MinistriesPost-degree studies pursuant to Ph.D. preparation and ordination |
|  | **1999 Indiana Wesleyan University Marion, IN**B.A., *magna cum laude*,Biblical LiteratureMinor, English Literature |
| Academic experience |
|  | **2022-Present Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO**Dean of the Faculty*Professor of Biblical & Near Eastern Studies* |
|  | **2012-2022 Houghton University Houghton, NY**Associate Professor of Old TestamentCourses Taught: Biblical Hebrew 1&2; Hebrew Readings; Intro to Biblical Literature; Pentateuch; Historical Books; Poetic Books; Early OT Prophets; Later OT Prophets; OT Theology; Job; Ruth; Ruth as a Story of Justice; Psalms; Women in the Bible; Bible Senior Capstone; Expository Preaching; Introduction to Soul Care; *Honors courses*: Scripture, History, & Creed; Social Lives of OT Women; The Art of the BibleSpecial Programs: co-leader of faculty/staff small group; helped develop and teach Scholastica honors program; taught special sections of Intro to Bib. Lit. for Intensive Academic English Program, and for First Year Learning Community programCommittee Service: Search Committee for College President; Academic Council; Faculty Development Committee; Chair, Search Committee for Athletic Director; Faculty Search Committees in Biology, Physics, Engineering; SOGI faculty workgroup; Blue Ocean Group; Student Life Council; Presidential Taskforce on Vocational Programming; Committee on Harrassment Policy and Prevention (Faculty Investigation Team); NetVue Grant Mentoring Taskforce; Student Conduct Committee; Middle States Reaccreditation Working Group*May 2018 – elected Chair, Biblical Studies, Theology, and Philosophy**Fall 2019 – Excellence in Teaching Award* *April 2021 – elected Chair, Religion and Global Service* |
|  | **2017-Present Nazarene Theological College Manchester, UK**PhD Co-Supervisor, Old TestamentCurrent Supervisees: Christina Bohn, Lindi Wells Martsolf |
|  | **2011-2012 Indiana Wesleyan University Marion, IN**Visiting Professor of Biblical StudiesCourses Taught: Beginning Greek 1&2; Beginning Hebrew 1&2; Inductive Bible Study; Old Testament Survey; Wisdom Literature |
|  | **2008-2011 Nazarene Theological College Manchester, UK**Sessional Lecturer, Biblical StudiesCourses Taught: Introduction to Biblical Languages (B.A.); Orientation Course: “Living the Kingdom Adventure” (B.A.); Christian Holiness in Biblical Perspective (M.A.)*Teaching Assistant*, *undergraduate* *Old Testament courses* |
|  | **2008-2010 Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO**Adjunct Faculty, Biblical LanguagesCourse Taught: Introduction to Biblical Languages**2007-09 Saint Paul School of Theology Kansas City, MO**Hebrew Bible Faculty, United Methodist Course of StudyCourse Taught: Hebrew Bible II |
|  | **2001-02 Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO**Teaching Assistant, Biblical StudiesCourses Taught: Intro and Intermediate Biblical Hebrew |
| ministry Experience and credentials |
|  | **2012-2022 Upstate New York District Church of the Nazarene**Secretary, Board of Ministry (2014-2022)*Director, Mentor/Assess/Prepare program (2019-2022)**Clergy Delegate to General Assembly (2017)* |
|  | **2011 Church of the Nazarene British Isles South District**Ordained Elder |
|  | **2009-2011 Nazarene Theological College Manchester, UK**Chaplain and Director of Ministerial and Spiritual Formation* Provided pastoral care and counseling to student body, faculty, and staff
* Planned, implemented, and led Spiritual Life programming: weekly chapel and communion services, morning prayers, retreats, Spiritual Renewal Week, etc.
* Oversaw Pastoral Care Groups, facilitated by faculty/staff for all students
* Oversaw ministerial placement program for Practical Theology students
* Supervised student Resident Assistant
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|  | **2008-2011 Didsbury Community Church of the Nazarene Didsbury, UK**Associate Pastor at church plant in Manchester* Taught and preached in worship services and discipleship meetings
* Developed discipleship tools and oversaw small group program
* Mentored student ministry assistants
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|  | **2002-2007 Clergy Development, USA/Canada Kansas City, MO**  **International Church of the Nazarene**Ministry Program Assistant; Women Clergy Facilitator; Revivalism Facilitator1. Editorial assistant for Modular Course of Study curriculum
2. Developed resources and denominational support for women clergy
3. Coordinated and ran clergy training conferences across the U.S.A. and Canada
4. Coordinated over 1,000 workshops for PALCON 2004 clergy conferences, served on conference team at all 9 USA/Canada sites
5. Maintained the department’s family of websites
6. Provided administrative support to the denomination’s 600+ evangelists
7. Editorial assistant for department publications:

*Preacher’s Magazine**Soul Care Newsletter**GROW Magazine* *New Horizons Newsletter for Women in Ministry**The Evangelist’s Perspective* magazine |
| Publications |
|  | ***Academic Publications***[in process: “Holiness and Love in Ruth.” *Untitled volume.* Edited by Matt Ayars and John Oswalt.]“Wisdom from the Old Testament.” *Faithful to the Call: Women in Ministry.* Edited by Carla D. Sunberg. Kansas City: The Foundry, 2022.“Matriarchs.” *Global Wesleyan Encyclopedia of the Biblical Theology.* Kansas City: The Foundry, 2020.“Sacred Space.” *Global Wesleyan Encyclopedia of the Biblical Theology.* Kansas City: The Foundry, 2020.*Ruth*: *A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition.* New Beacon Bible Commentary. Kansas City: The Foundry, 2020.*Song of Songs: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition.* With Joseph Coleson. New Beacon Bible Commentary*.* Kansas City: The Foundry, 2020.“Love in the Old Testament: Insights from Ruth and Song of Songs.” In *The Bible Tells Me So: Reading the Bible as Scripture.* Edited by Thomas J. Oord and Richard P. Thompson. Nampa, ID: SacraSage Press, 2011.***Editorial***Member, *Manual* Editing Committee, Church of the Nazarene, 2023 General Assembly.Associate Editor. *Global Wesleyan Encyclopedia of the Biblical Theology.* Kansas City: The Foundry, 2020.Co-editor. *Bible Studies on Women in Ministry.* Kansas City: Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry, 2007. ***Popular Publications***“Literary Artistry in the Psalms.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (Summer 2020).“Commentary: 1 Samuel 2.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2014).“Commentary: Genesis 18.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2014).“Commentary: Lamentations 3.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2014).“Helping Our People Lament.” *Grace and Peace Magazine* (Spring 2013).“Offerings and Sacrifices.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2010).“The Covenant: A Declaration of (In)Dependence.” *Credo Magazine* (Jan/Feb 2010). “Whodunit? The Child of Advent.” *Credo Magazine* (Nov/Dec 2009). “Prophecy.” *Credo Magazine* (Jan/Feb 2009).“Infertility in the Ancient Near East.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (Spring 2007). |
| CONFERENCE/seminar Papers & presentations |
|  | “Lectio Divina: Inviting God In.” 2021 Virtual Prayer and Self Care Summit. Institute for Global Engagement’s Center for Women, Faith, & Leadership. May 24-27, 2021.“Theological Education in a Time of Fear.” Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference. Ridgecrest, North Carolina, April 12-15, 2020.“How Jesus Made Disciples.” Wesleyan Doctrinal Symposium. Marion, Indiana, May 29-30, 2019.“Ministry and Motherhood.” Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference. Estes Park, Colorado, April 12-15, 2018.“Useless Women: Barrenness in the Biblical World.” Faculty Lecture Series, Houghton College. Houghton, New York, February 23, 2017.“Peril and Promise of Exile: Biblical Narrative Speaking to Us Today.” Panel Respondant. USA/Canada Theology Conference of the Church of the Nazarene. Kansas City, Missouri (September 28-30, 2016).“Preaching from the Psalms.” We Are the Pastors of Western NY Conference, Houghton, New York, September 14, 2015.“Preaching 101.” Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference. Charlotte, North Carolina, April 16-19, 2015. “The Vocabulary of Barrenness in the Hebrew Bible: A Test Case.” One-Day Theology Conference, Nazarene Theological College. Manchester, England, June 11, 2011.“Preaching from Ruth and the Song of Songs.” Wesley Center Conference, “The Bible Tells Me So,” Northwest Nazarene University. Nampa, Idaho, February 10-12, 2011.“Ancient Near Eastern Perspectives on Barrenness.” Graduate Student Theological Seminar of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches. Indianapolis, Indiana, September 26, 2009.“Barrenness Beyond the Narratives.” Postgraduate Seminar at Nazarene Theological College. Manchester, England, April 24, 2009. |
| professional memberships/committees |
|  | Manchester Wesley Research Centre, Associate FellowSociety of Biblical LiteratureWesleyan/Holiness Women ClergyWesleyan Theological Society |
| Selected further Speaking/Teaching Experiences |
|  | Bible Teacher, Findlay Lake Family Camp, July 2022Guest Preacher, Houghton College chapel and churches around New York stateSpeaker, Fall Retreat, Amber Congregational Church, Amber, NY, September 27, 2019Speaker, Western NY Women of Worship, Houghton, NY, April 13, 2019Bible Teacher, Refresh Family Camp, Western New York District Wesleyan Church, July 2014, 2016, 2018Speaker, Fall Women’s Retreat, Houghton Wesleyan Church, October 31, 2015Speaker, Ecumenical Women’s Retreat, Monterrey, Mexico: February 26-March 1, 2015Instructor, “Survey of the Old Testament,” Applied Urban Ministry program, Niagara University, February 2015Bible Teacher, Upstate New York District Family Camp, Church of the Nazarene, June 2014 |