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### **EDUCATION**

PhD, Old Testament  
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Dissertation: “Wisdom as a Woman of Substance:  
A Socioeconomic Reading of Proverbs 1-9 and 31:10-31”  
Advisor: Dr. Choon Leong Seow

MDiv  
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

BA, History  
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

J. McDowell Richards Chair of Biblical Interpretation  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA (July 2019-present)

Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA (Spring 2011-June 2019)

Interim Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA (July 2016-June 2018)

Associate Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA (Spring 2004-Spring 2011)

Assistant Professor of Old Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA (Spring 2000-Spring 2004)

Instructor in Old Testament Language, Literature, and Exegesis  
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA (Fall 1998-Spring 2000)

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology (2014-15)

Project: "Contours of Desire in Israelite Wisdom Literature"

Christian Leadership Initiative (2010-11)

A fellowship to study Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, and the American Jewish Committee. The fellowship entailed two periods of study in Israel and monthly distance-learning events.

Catholic Biblical Association Fellowship (2006-07)

Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ

Member-in-Residence Grant (2006-07)

Group Project Grant (\$75,000): "Teaching Biblical Exegesis in Theological Schools"

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Co-director with Dr. Matthew L. Skinner, Luther Seminary (2006-2007)

Lilly Theological Research Grant (2002-03)

Title of Project: "Search as for Hidden Treasures: Toward a New Theological-Ethical Reading of the Book of Proverbs"

Griffith Foundation Grant (sabbaticals 2002-03 and 2006-07)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

*Desiring Wisdom: Israel's Sages on Human Flourishing* (under contract with Fortress, expected completion, fall 2022)

*Ruth*. Illuminations Commentary Series (under contract with Eerdmans).

*Esther*. Old Testament Library Series (under contract with Westminster John Knox).

## BOOKS

*Proverbs*. Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries. Edited by Patrick D. Miller, Jr., et. al. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2009.

*Wisdom as a Woman of Substance: A Socioeconomic Reading of Proverbs 1-9 and 31:10-31*. BZAW 304. Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2001.

### EDITED VOLUMES

“*When the Morning Stars Sang:*” *Essays in Honor of Choon Leong Seow on the Occasion of his Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Edited with Scott C. Jones. BZAW 500; Berlin/New York: De Gruyter, 2017.

*The Senses in Israelite Wisdom Literature*. Volume 5, Number 1 of *Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel (HeBAI)*. March 2016.

*Shaking Heaven and Earth: Essays in Honor of Walter Brueggemann and Charles Cousar*. Edited with Kathleen M. O’Connor, E. Elizabeth Johnson, and Stanley P. Saunders. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2005.

### CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Wisdom is the Tree of Life: A Study of Proverbs 3:13-20 and Genesis 2-3.” In *Reading Proverbs Intertextually*. Edited by Will Kynes and Katharine J. Dell. *Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies* 629 (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2019), 11-19.

“Proverbs,” Annotations. *New Oxford Annotated Bible* (5<sup>th</sup> Ed.; Oxford University Press, 2018), 905-944.

“Path and Possession in Proverbs 1-9: A Feminist Biblical Theology of Flourishing.” In *After Exegesis: Feminist Biblical Theology: Essays in Honor of Carol A. Newsom*. Edited by P. Tull and J. E. Lapsley (Baylor University Press, 2015), 217-228.

“Proverbs.” In the *Women’s Bible Commentary: Twentieth Anniversary Edition*. Edited by C. A. Newsom, S. Ringe, and J. E. Lapsley (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2012), 232-242.

“The Shaping of Erotic Desire in Proverbs 1-9.” In *Saving Desire: The Seduction of Christian Theology*. Edited by J. Henriksen and L. Shults (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011), 148-162.

“Forming ‘Fearers of the LORD’: Repetition and Contradiction as Pedagogy in Proverbs,” in *Seeking Out the Wisdom of the Ancients: Essays Offered to Honor Michael V. Fox on the Occasion of His Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Edited by Ronald L. Troxel, Kelvin G. Friebel, and Dennis R. Magary (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2005), 167-183.

“The Objects of Our Affections: Emotions and the Moral Life in Proverbs 1-9,” in *Shaking Heaven and Earth: Essays in Honor of Walter Brueggemann and Charles Cousar*. Ed. C. Roy Yoder, K. M. O’Connor, E. E. Johnson, and S. P. Saunders (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2005), 73-88.

“The Season of Lent” in *New Proclamation, 2001-2002, Year A, Advent through Holy Week* (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress, 2001), 149-186.

### ARTICLES

“Personified Wisdom and Feminist Theologies,” *The Oxford Handbook on Wisdom and the Bible*. Edited by Will Kynes (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021).

“The Shape and Shaping of Emotion.” Response to Lead Essay by Matthew R. Schlimm. @*This Point* 6 No. 1 (2011) (<http://www.atthispoint.net/professional-responses/the-shape-and-shaping-of-emotion/220/>)

“Wisdom.” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Biblical Studies*. Edited by Chris Mathews. New York: Oxford University Press, October 4, 2011. ([www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com](http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com))

\*A peer-reviewed annotated bibliography of over 100 resources for the study of biblical wisdom.

“Shaping Desire: A Parent’s Attempt (Proverbs 1-9),” *Journal for Preachers* 33 (2010): 54-61.

“On the Threshold of Kingship: A Study of Agur (Proverbs 30).” *Interpretation* 63/3 (2009): 254-263.

“Book Reviews in the *Journal of Biblical Literature*: 125 Years Retrospective.” Co-authored with Todd Penner. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 125/1 (2006): 179-212.

“The Woman of Substance: A Socioeconomic Reading of Proverbs 31:10-31.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 122 (2003): 427-447.

“Hope that Walks: An Interpretation of Isaiah for Advent Preachers.” *Journal for Preachers* 25 No. 1 (Advent, 2001): 17-24.

### CURRICULUM RESOURCES

“Wisdom: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes” (written and video components), *Covenant Bible Study* (Abingdon, 2014; <http://www.covenantbiblestudy.com/>).

## PAPERS PRESENTED

Invited Panelist,

Review of *Proverbs 1-15* (Hermeneia Series) by Bernd Schipper

Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions/Egyptology and Ancient Israel

Presented at the Annual AAR/SBL Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2021

“Contours of Desire in Israelite Wisdom: Desire as Appetite”

Old Testament Research Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 2013

Revised versions for Yale Divinity School/Judaic Studies Program, October 2013 and

Colloquium for Biblical Research, August 2014.

Invited Panelist,

Review of *God of the Living: A Biblical Theology* by R. Feldmeier and H. Spieckermann

Biblical Theology Section

Presented at the International SBL Meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland, July 2013

“Contours of Desire in Israelite Wisdom Literature”

The Bible and Emotion Section

Presented at the SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2012

Invited Panelist, The Politics and Practices of Commentary Writing

Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section

Presented at the SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2010

“The Relevance of Wisdom Literature”

Presented at the 2010 Southeastern Annual Meeting of the National Association of

Baptist Professors of Religion, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, March 2010

“The Shaping of Desire in Proverbs 1-9”

Presented at the SBL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2009

“‘Watch Daily at My Gates’”: The Shaping of Desire in Proverbs 1-9”

Presented at the Theology and Desire Conference, Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo,

Norway, March 2009

“Forming ‘Fearers of the LORD’: Repetition and Contradiction as Pedagogy in Proverbs”

Presented at the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2004

“The Woman of Substance: A Socioeconomic Reading of Proverbs 31:10-31”

Presented at the AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2001

“The ‘Relativity’ of Wisdom in Qohelet 6:10-7:14: A Study in the Integration of Literary Form and Thematic Context”  
Presented at the Mid-Atlantic Region AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, March 1996  
Received MAR-SBL Student Presentation Award (Best Paper)

#### DICTIONARY AND LECTIONARY ARTICLES

“Woman Wisdom and the Woman of Substance,” In *Bible Odyssey* (Society of Biblical Literature): <http://www.bibleodyssey.org/passages/related-articles/woman-wisdom.aspx>.

“Psalms 67-72.” In *Timeless: Ancient Psalms for the Church Today*. Edited by Mark Shipp. Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, forthcoming.

“Proverbs.” In *Anselm Academic Study Bible*, Edited by C. Osiek. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic, 2013.

“Isaiah 66:10-14.” *Workingpreacher.com*. February 2010.

“Psalm 67,” “Psalm 97” and “Psalm 47” in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Vol. VI (Year C, Volume II)*. Edited by D. L. Bartlett and B. Brown Taylor. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2009.

“Agur,” “Awan,” “Byword,” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2009-present).

“Psalm 103.” In *Psalms for Preaching and Worship: A Lectionary Commentary*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2009.

“Isaiah 63:7-9,” “Isaiah 60:1-6,” “Isa 42:1-9,” and “Isaiah 49:1-7.” *Workingpreacher.com*. January 2008.

“Psalm 30,” “Psalm 111,” and “Psalm 147” in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Vol. IV (Year B, Volume I)*. Edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

“Folly.” In *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible, Volume 2*. Edited by K. D. Sakenfeld. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2007.

“Wisdom.” In *The New Dictionary of Pastoral Studies*. Edited by Wesley Carr, et. al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002), 396.

“Amenemope, Instruction of,” “Proverb,” and “Sophia.” In *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000), 52, 1089-90, 1244.

## BOOK REVIEWS

“*Proverbs 10-31: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary* (Anchor Yale Bible Commentaries 18B) by Michael V. Fox” in *The Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 12 (2012). ([http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews\\_new/review597.htm](http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review597.htm))

“*The Sword and the Stylus: An Introduction to Wisdom in the Age of Empires* by Leo G. Perdue” in *Interpretation* 64 (2010): 182-184.

“*The ‘Foreignness’ of the Foreign Woman in Proverbs 1-9: A Study of the Origin and Development of a Biblical Motif* by Nancy Nam Hoon Tan” in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71 (2009): 889-90.

“*The Erotic Word: Sexuality, Spirituality and the Bible* by David M. Carr” in *Interpretation* 59/3 (July 2005): 300-302.

“*Smooth Words: Women, Proverbs and Performance* by Carol Fontaine” in *Review of Biblical Literature*. [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2004).

“*Reading Biblical Poetry: An Introductory Guide* by J. P. Fokkelman” in *Word and World* 23/1 (2003): 99-102.

“*Ecclesiastes* (Interpretation Series) by William P. Brown,” in *Word and World* 21/3 (2001): 306-07.

“*Proverbs: A Commentary* (Old Testament Library Series) by Richard J. Clifford” in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 21/2 (2000): 258-60.

“*Hear, My Son: Teaching and Learning in Proverbs 1-9* by Daniel Estes,” in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 20/1 (1999): 92-93.

“*The Strange Woman: Power and Sex in the Bible* by Gail Corrington Streete,” in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 19/2 (1998): 210-12.

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Board, *Biblical Interpretation Series*, Brill (2017-present)

Editor for all articles related to Israelite wisdom literature, the Psalms, and Realia, *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR)*, a 30-volume and on-line resource, De Gruyter (2006-May 2015)

\*Choice Award for Outstanding Academic Title 2010

Standing Editorial Board Member, *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Biblical Studies* (2014-2016)

Senior Editor, Common English Bible Translation Board (2015-present)

Member of the Editorial Board, @ *This Point*, the online journal of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

Editor of Book Reviews, *Journal of Biblical Literature* (2003-06)

#### **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES (SELECTED)**

Visiting Scholar	Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church Blowing Rock, NC (September 2020)
Keynote	Mo-Ranch Women's Conference Hunt, Texas (May-June 2019)
Lecturer	Lenten Lectures Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA (Mar 2019)
Presenter	Alpharetta Presbyterian Church Winter Series Alpharetta, GA (January 2019)
Lecturer	Whitworth University Staley Foundation Lecture Spokane, WA (March 2018)
Keynote	Savannah Presbytery's Leadership Development Conference Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons, GA (Feb 2018)
Chaplain	Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology Conference Pittsburgh, PA (Nov 2017)
Keynote	Central Presbyterian Church Women's Retreat (March 2016)
Lecturer	Currie Enrichments Series, First Presbyterian Church Kerville, TX (April 2016)
Guest Theologian	The Moveable Feast (Jan 2015)
Teacher	Montreat Bible Study, Montreat, NC (June 2014)
Lecturer	Lenten Lectures Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA (Mar 2014)
Lecturer	Weekend in the Word Clear Lake Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX (Jan 2013)
Bible Study Leader	Leading with Bold Imagination Conference, Montreat, NC (Oct 2012)
Speaker	ATS Conference for Newly-Appointed Faculty (Oct 2011)
Lecturer	Blake Lectures, First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN (Mar 2011)
Invited Participant	ATS Women in Leadership, Pittsburgh, PA (Oct 2010)
Bible Study Leader	Proclaiming the Text Conference, Montreat, NC (June 2010)
Guest Theologian	Austin Sacred Sisters, Atlanta, GA (May 2010)
Lecturer	Barbara Noojin Walthall Lectures, Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, AL (April 2009)



Guest Theologian	Lectio Jubilate, Malibu, CA (Jan 2009)
Bible Study Leader	Church Unbound Conference, Montreat, NC (July 2008)
Bible Study Leader	Worship and Music Conference, Montreat, NC (Summer 2008)
Faculty	Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation School for Pastors Hastings, NE (July 2006)
Guest Theologian	The Moveable Feast (Jan 2005)
Participant	“‘Bringing Peace into the Room’: A Pedagogical Model Based on the Theory of Transformative Mediation” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (2003-04)
Bible Study Lecturer	Institute of Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary (June 2003)
Participant	Lilly Conference on Theological Research Association of Theological Schools (Feb 2003)
Participant	Women in Leadership Conference Association of Theological Schools (Oct 2001)
Participant	Consultation on Teaching Biblical Hebrew Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion 2000-2002
Instructor	Institute of Theology Princeton Theological Seminary (Summer 1997)
Instructor	Sixth Annual Women in Church and Ministry Conference Princeton Theological Seminary (February 1997)
Editorial Assistant	Dr. C. L. Seow (Summer-Fall 1995)
Research Assistant	Princeton Theological Seminary Hebrew Dictionary Project (1995-1996)

### **LANGUAGES**

Modern: French, German  
 Biblical: Hebrew, Koine Greek, Aramaic  
 Semitic: Ugaritic, Akkadian

### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Society of Biblical Literature

- Member of the Status of Women in the Profession Committee (2023- )
- Member, De Gruyter Prize Committee (2015-2017)
- Member of Steering Committee, Wisdom in Israel and Cognate Literatures Section (2004-07)
- Member of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Steering Committee, SE Regional SBL (2000-04)

Co-Chair, Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Committee on Scholarship and Research (2019- )

Co-Convener, Seminar on Israelite Sapiential Literature (2013-2017)

#### **DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION AND STATUS**

Ordained Teaching Elder, PC(USA) (1998-present)

Associate Editor/Editor of the Bible Content Exam, Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations (2006-08)

Member-at-Large, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

- Member, Committee on Ministry (2003-05)
- Member, Grants Committee (2018-present)

Affiliate Member, Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA

- Convener, Resident Pastor Program Committee (2013-2017)