

Jenn Carlier (she/they)

Associate Dean for Academic Programs

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EDUCATION

- 2014 – 2021 **PhD**, Theological Studies, Graduate Division of Religion, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Dissertation Title: “Finding God in the Basement: Addiction and Metaphors for Salvation”
Co-Advisors: Wendy Farley, PhD and Ellen Ott Marshall, PhD
Readers: Don Saliers, PhD, Martha Moore-Keish, PhD, and Pamela Hall, PhD
- 2010 – 2014 **MDiv** (with Honors), Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Honors Project: “Metaphor and Theology”
Advisors: Martha Moore-Keish, PhD, and George Stroup, PhD
- 2003 - 2007 **MA in Theological Studies (MA[TS])**, Utrecht University, The Netherlands.
- 1994 - 1999 **MA in English Literature**, Leiden University, The Netherlands.

EMPLOYMENT

- 09/2023 – present **Associate Dean for Academic Programs**, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- 06/2022 – 09/2023 **Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Faculty in Ethics and Theology
- 08/2021 – present **Director of Faith and Finance**, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
Offered programming and resources to help students, alumni, and clergy develop proficiency in personal money management, church/nonprofit financial literacy, and resource development.
- 08/2021 – 05/2022 **Adjunct Faculty**, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
(see below for sample courses taught)

- 08/2021 – 05/2022 **Project Manager, Curricular Review Task Force**, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
Worked with the Chair of the committee to ensure the timely completion of the committee's mandate to revise the MDiv curriculum.
- 08/2019 – 05/2020 **Dean's Teaching Fellow**, Laney Graduate School, Emory University
- 08/2018 – 03/2019 **Stembler Fellow**, First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta
"The John H. Stembler Fellowship in Teaching and Theological Research promotes scholarship, teaching, and critical theological inquiry at the intersection of the church and the academy."
I contributed to strategic initiatives in developing innovative approaches to church-based theological education, including:
- teaching short seminary-style courses,
 - writing curricula,
 - and creating workshops that engaged issues in public theology and social action.
- 01/2012 – 05/2012 **Interim Associate Director**, Lifelong Learning, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Took care of planning, programming, budgeting, and logistics of several continuing education endeavors.
- 09/2004 – 08/2010 **Associate for Adult Education and Youth Ministries**, American Protestant Church of The Hague, The Netherlands
Responsible for children, youth, and adult education.

SAMPLE COURSES TAUGHT

The following courses were taught at Candler School of Theology and/or Columbia Theological Seminary.

- Theologies of Addiction
- Queer Theologies
- Ecclesiologies in Action
- Christian Theology
- Introduction to Christian Ethics
- Feminist Theologies/Feminist Ethics
- Jesus in Global Contexts
- DMin and DEdMin Practica

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 06/2022 – present **Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellowship**

- 09/2020 – 08/2021 **Louisville Dissertation Fellowship Award**, Louisville Institute, KY
- 08/2019 – 05/2020 **Dean’s Teaching Fellowship**, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- 08/2018 – 03/2019 **Stempler Fellowship**, First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, GA
- 05/2014 **Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship**, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, USA
- 05/2014 **Wilds Book Prize**, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Awarded for the highest distinction in academic work over the course of the M.Div. Program.
- 05/2014 **Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology**, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Awarded to the student presenting the best paper showing sound theological scholarship.
- 09/2013 **Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of St. Andrew Preaching Award**, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Awarded for the best sermon preached by a student during the academic year.
- 09/2011 **Samuel A. Cartledge New Testament Studies Award**, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
Awarded to the student who prepared the best NT exegesis paper during the academic year.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED VOLUMES

Finding God in the Basement (WJK, 2026)

<https://www.wjkbooks.com/bookproduct/0664268587-finding-god-in-the-basement/>

“Penal Substitutionary Atonement and the Problem of Shame in Addiction,” *The Journal for Pastoral Psychology*, online publication in July 2023, journal publication in December 2023, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11089-023-01089-5>

Forthcoming: “Sallie McFague” in *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology*, eds. Jana Bennett, Stephen Cone, and Jason Fout.

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Vol. 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2014). Contributed: Proper 22 Complementary Track (191-195), Proper 23 Complementary Track (201-205), Proper 24 Complementary Track (211-214), and Proper 25 Complementary Track (219-223)

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Vol. 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013). Contributed: Proper 3, Proper 4 Complementary Track (23-27), and Proper 5 Complementary Track (33-36).

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND SPEAKING EVENTS

Keynote speaker, Center of Addiction & Faith Annual Conference, “Basement Practices for the Church,” Oct. 2024

“Moral Injury: Escaping the Binary of Perpetrator and Victim,” conference presentation at AAR in Nov. 2023

“The Bondage of the Will and the Brain Disease Model of Addiction,” conference presentation at AAR in Nov. 2022

TheoEd Talk: “Finding God in the Basement,” Center Stage Atlanta, Sept. 2022
<https://www.theoed.com/jennifercarlier>

“Feminist Theologies,” Conference workshop, Women’s Connection Conference, Montreat Conference Center, NC (08/2018)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

08/2022 – 08/2023 **Early career faculty anti-racism discussion group**, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA

07/2023 – 08/2023 **Candler Engaged Pedagogy**, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
This course is focused on “Understanding by Design” (UbD) and anti-racist pedagogies.

07/2021 – 08/2021 **Flexible Design**, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA
This course focused on creative pedagogies for online teaching.

2018 **Emory Foundations for Online Teaching Course**, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

American Academy of Religion, Member (2018 – present)
Society of Christian Ethics, Member (2021 – present)

LANGUAGES

Native speaker of English
Native speaker of Dutch
Reading comprehension of Biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek, French, and German