



## Graduate Program in Religious Studies

The Graduate Program in Religious Studies comprises programs of study leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The primary goal of both degree programs is to prepare persons for academic leadership in the field, and hence for professional careers as teacher-scholars in colleges, universities, and schools of theology. The M.A. degree program also aims to accommodate the qualified nonprofessional student interested in advanced work in religious studies within the context of the liberal arts and sciences.

Faculty members from Perkins School of Theology and from the Department of Religious Studies in Dedman College constitute the faculty of the program. Other departments and research centers in the university, such as the Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, the Center for the Study of Latino Christianity and Religions, and the departments of History, Philosophy, and Anthropology, provide additional academic resources for its students. It is supported by the University's extensive library system, especially the renowned Bridwell Library, which has distinctive collections in religion and theology and state-of-the-art research facilities.

### Admission Requirements

Application deadline: January 15

BA or equivalent from accredited institution

GPA: 3.00 or better on 4.00 scale

GRE: 1200 or better (verbal + quantitative)

Sufficient previous study in religion or related areas to satisfy program requirements

TOEFL (non-native speakers of English): 79-80 internet / 210 computer / 550 paper, prefer 100/250/600 or better

### Degrees Offered

Specialization in one of the following areas:

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

New Testament

History of the Christian Tradition

Religious Ethics

Religion and Culture

Systematic Theology

### Ph.D.

48 hours course work

Research proficiency in two foreign languages (Biblical studies: also Hebrew and Greek)

Four comprehensive examinations

One semester practice teaching

Dissertation

### M.A.

30 hours course work

Research proficiency in one foreign language

Thesis

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Anthropology

Biology

Chemistry

Economics

English

Geology/  
Geophysics

History

Mathematics

Medieval Studies

Physics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Statistical Science



## FACULTY MEMBERS AND THEIR PRINCIPAL AREAS OF RESEARCH

### **William J. Abraham**

Outler Prof. of Wesley Studies. D.Phil., Oxford, 1977  
Religious epistemology, Wesley, doctrine of revelation, philosophy of religion, evangelism

### **Christopher Anderson**

Assoc. Prof. of Sacred Music. Ph.D., Duke, 1999  
Performance practices, organ

### **Karen Baker-Fletcher**

Prof. of Systematic Theology. Ph.D., Harvard, 1991  
Systematic Theology, feminist theology

### **G. William Barnard**

Assoc. Prof. of Religious Studies. Ph.D., Chicago, 1994  
Mysticism, religion & the social sciences, contemporary spirituality

### **Ted A. Campbell**

Assoc. Prof. of Church History. Ph.D., SMU, 1984  
History of Christianity, Methodist History

### **Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi**

Prof. of Global Christianities & Mission Studies. Ph.D., Princeton Theol. Seminary, 1999  
Movement of Christianity, Global Pentacostalism, Mission practices

### **Mark A. Chancey**

Prof. of Religious Studies. Ph.D., Duke, 1999  
New Testament, early Judaism, archeology of Palestine

### **Jaime Clark-Soles**

Assoc. Prof. of New Testament. Ph.D., Yale, 2000  
Gospel of John, New Testament social history, death & afterlife in the New Testament

### **Richard W. Cogley**

Assoc. Prof. of Religious Studies. Ph.D., Princeton, 1983  
American religious history, English and American Puritanism

### **Charles E. Curran**

Scurlock Prof. of Human Values. S.T.D., Gregorian University, 1961  
Social ethics, church in society, Catholic moral theology

### **Jill DeTemple**

Asst. Prof. of Religious Studies, Ph.D., U. of North Carolina, 2005  
Theory and method; religion in Latin America

### **Johan Elverskog**

Prof. of Religious Studies. Ph.D., Indiana, 2000  
Buddhism in Inner Asia, Chinese and Inner Asian history

### **Serge Frolov**

Assoc. Prof. of Religious Studies and the Nate and Ann Levine Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies. Ph.D., Claremont, 2002  
Biblical hermeneutics & theology, Jewish history & thought

### **Ruben L. F. Habito**

Prof. of World Religions. D.Litt.C., Tokyo, 1978  
Buddhist-Christian studies, East Asian Buddhism, religion & social engagement in medieval Japan

### **C. Michael Hawn**

Univ. Dist. Prof. of Church Music. D.M.A., Southern Bapt. Theol. Seminary, 1975  
Worship and music, worship and culture, hymnology

### **Elaine A. Heath**

Asst. McCreeless Prof. of Evangelism, Ph.D., Duquesne, 2002  
Evangelism, Christian spirituality and theology

### **Roy L. Heller**

Assoc. Prof. of Old Testament. Ph.D., Yale, 1998  
Old Testament/Hebrew Bible, biblical Hebrew, narrative criticism

### **John C. Holbert**

Lois Craddock Perkins Prof. of Homiletics. Ph.D., SMU, 1975  
Hebrew Bible, narrative studies, wisdom literature

### **Susanne Johnson**

Assoc. Prof. of Christian Education. Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1984

### **Valerie A. Karras**

Asst. Prof. of Church History, Ph.D., Catholic U. of America, 2002

Greek patristics, women in Eastern Church & classical world

### **John C. Lamoreaux**

Assoc. Prof. of Religious Studies, Ph.D., Duke, 1999  
Islamic Studies, history of Christianity, science & religion

### **William B. Lawrence**

Prof. of American Church History, Ph.D., Drew, 1984  
Methodism & American culture, Methodist history & doctrine

### **Steven E. Lindquist**

Asst. Prof. of Religious Studies. Ph.D., U. of Texas (Austin), 2005  
Indian religions, myth, literature & history

### **Robin W. Lovin**

Maguire Univ. Prof. of Ethics. Ph.D., Harvard, 1978  
Social ethics, Protestant theological ethics, religion & political thought

### **Hugo Magallanes**

Assoc. Prof. of Christianity and Cultures, Ph.D., Drew, 2002  
Christian social ethics, Hispanic theology/ethics, liberation theology

### **Bruce D. Marshall**

Prof. of Historical Theology. Ph.D., Yale, 1985  
Medieval & Reformation theology, systematic theology, the Trinity

### **Alyce McKenzie**

Prof. of Homiletics. Ph.D., Princeton Theol. Sem., 1994  
Biblical wisdom & contemp. cultural values; preaching & imagination

### **Rebekah Miles**

Assoc. Prof. of Ethics. Ph.D., Chicago, 1995  
Feminist ethics, ethics and pastoral care

### **Heidi A. Miller**

Asst. Prof. of Christian Worship. Ph.D., Catholic U. of America, 2011  
Spiritual formation and worship,

### **Richard D. Nelson**

W. J. A. Power Prof. of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation, Ph.D., Union (VA), 1973  
Deuteronomy & the Deuteronomistic Historian, sacrifice & priesthood

### **Evelyn Parker**

Assoc. Prof. of Christian Education, Ph.D., Northwestern, 1996  
Womanist practical theology, adolescent spirituality

### **Harold J. Recinos**

Prof. of Church and Society, Ph.D., American University, 1993  
Anthropology of religion, N. American Latino/a theology, urban ministry

### **Joerg Rieger**

Wendland-Cook Endowed Prof. of Constructive Theology. Ph.D., Duke, 1994  
Systematic theology, postcolonial & postmodern theologies, liberation theologies, theology & economics

### **Susanne Scholz**

Asst. Prof. of Old Testament. Ph.D., Union (NY), 1997  
Feminist hermeneutics in Hebrew Bible studies, interfaith dialog

### **Abraham Smith**

Prof. of New Testament. Ph.D., Vanderbilt, 1989  
Gospel of Mark, Luke-Acts, cultural studies, African-American biblical hermeneutics

### **Mark W. Stamm**

Assoc. Prof. of Worship. Th.D., Boston University, 1995  
Christian worship, rites of Christian initiation

### **Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner**

Prof. of Pastoral Care, Th.D., U. of Basel, 1986  
Pastoral care of women, feminist theology

### **Linn Marie Tonstad**

Asst. Prof. of Christian Theology. Ph.D., Yale, 2009  
Theology, religion & secularism, religion, gender, & globalization

### **Theodore Walker Jr**

Assoc. Prof. of Ethics and Society. Ph.D., Notre Dame, 1983  
Theological social ethics, black theology, process metaphysics

### **Sze-kar Wan**

Prof. of New Testament. Th.D., Harvard, 1992  
Paul, Romans, Postcolonial studies, Second Temple Judaism