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**CURRENT POSITION**

Associate Dean for External Programs and Professor of Ministerial Studies, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, 2015 -

**EDUCATION**

University of St. Andrews, Scotland, Ph.D., 1989

Duke Divinity School, *magna cum laude*, M.Div., 1983

DePauw University, *magna cum laude*, B. Mus., 1980

**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

Visiting Fellow, Oxford Brookes University, 2018

Sam Taylor Fellowship, 2017, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Honorary Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Center, 2017–

Visiting Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Center, 2016

Outstanding Faculty Member 2015, Mortar Board, Seattle Pacific University

Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, 2011

Lilly Fellows Summer Seminar Co-Director, Title: Gender and Christianity, with John R.

Levison, 2010

Women’s History Research Writing Award, General Commission of History and Archives,

United Methodist Church, 2008

Invited Participant for the Wabash Center Study, “Teaching Introductory Theology and Religion:

Lessons from the Practices of Fifty Effective Teachers,” 2004

Louisville Institute Summer Stipend Award, 2003

American Academy of Religion Individual Research Assistance Grant, 1998-99

Lilly Faculty Fellowship, Association of Theological Schools, 1998-99

Lilly Research Grant, Association of Theological Schools, 1997-98

**BOOKS**

*Building the Old Time Religion: Women Evangelists in the Progressive Era*, NYU Press, 2014.

Awarded the Smith/Wynkoop Book Award by the Wesleyan Theological Society and listed in

*Choice* as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2014.

*Sex, Gender and Christianity*, ed. Priscilla Pope-Levison and John R. Levison. Eugene, OR:

Cascade Books, 2012.

*Turn the Pulpit Loose: Two Centuries of American Women Evangelists*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.

*Return to Babel: Global Perspectives on the Bible*, co-edited with John R. Levison,

Westminster/John Knox Press, 1999.

*Jesus in Global Contexts*, co-authored with John R. Levison, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992.

*Evangelization from a Liberation Perspective*, American University Studies, Series VII,

Theology and Religion, Vol. 69. Peter Lang: 1991. Selected as one of Fifteen Outstanding

Books of 1991 for Mission Studies by *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 16 (1992).

# BOOK UNDER CONTRACT

*Models of Evangelism* (with Baker Academic, due December 1, 2019)

# JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Mary Lee Cagle: Autobiography of an Evangelist Preacher,” *Women of the South: The Progressive*

*Era*, eds. Giselle Roberts and Melissa Walker. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press,

(forthcoming 2019).

“Pentecost in the Churches: Women in the Pentecostal League of Prayer,” *Wesley and Methodist*

*Studies* 10:1 (2018): 46-65.

“Mothering Not Governing: Maternalism in Late-Nineteenth Century Methodist Women’s

Organizations,” *Methodist History*, LV: 1 & 2 (October 2016 & January 2017): 32-46.

“Single Vision, Separate Spheres: Iva Durham Vennard and the Methodist Episcopal Church,” *The*

*Radical Holiness Movement in the Christian Tradition*, eds. William Kostlevy and Wallace

Thornton. Studies in World Christianity History Series. Lexington, KY: Emeth Press, 2016: 97-

109.

“Facing the Pedagogical Challenges of Christianity and Feminism in the College Classroom,”

*Facing Challenges: Feminism in Christian Higher Education and Other Places*, eds. Allyson Jule

and Bettina Tate Pedersen. Newcastle Upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015: 73-88.

“Holiness and Pentecostal Movements Within Methodism,” The Ashgate Research Companion to

World Methodism, eds. Peter Forsaith, William Gibson, and Martin Wellings. London:

Ashgate Publishing, 2013: 141-55.

“Separate Spheres and Gender Roles in American Christianity: A Century’s Perspective,” *Sex,*

*Gender and Christianity*, ed. John R. Levison and Priscilla Pope-Levison. Eugene, OR:

Cascade Books, 2012: 58-79.

“Radical Holiness and Gender,” *Holiness as a Liberal Art: Sanctification as the Mission of*

*Higher Education*, ed. Daniel Castelo. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2012: 71-81.

“Emma Ray in Black and White: The Intersection of Race, Region, and Religion,” *Pacific*

*Northwest Quarterly* 102:3 (Summer 2011): 107-16.

“Methodist Interracial Cooperation in the Progressive Era: Amanda Berry Smith and Emma

Ray,” *Methodist History* 49 (January 2011): 68-85.

http://archives.gcah.org/xmlui/handle/10516/1384

“Hospitality Amidst Hostility: An Exhortation to the Persecuted Church,” *The Review of Faith*

*and International Affairs* 7.1 (Spring, 2009): 39-45.

http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15570274.2009.9523379

“A ‘Thirty Year War’ and More: Exposing Complexities in the Methodist Deaconess

Movement,” *Methodist History* 47:2 (January, 2009): 101-16. Winner of the Women’s History

Research Writing Award, General Commission of History and Archives, United Methodist

Church, 2008. http://archives.gcah.org/xmlui/handle/10516/221

“Evangelistic Preaching at the Beginning of the New Millennium,” *Journal for Preachers* 23

(Pentecost 2000): 3-9, co-authored with John R. Levison; reprinted *Theology News & Notes*,

Fuller Theological Seminary (Fall 2004): 13-15; reprinted *Journal for the Academy of*

*Evangelism in Theological Education* 19 (2003-04): 84-91.

“Is a Holistic Evangelism Possible?” *Questions for the Twenty-First Century Church,* United

Methodist and American Culture Series, Vol. 4, eds., Russell Richey, William Lawrence, and

Dennis Campbell. Nashville: Abingdon, 1999: 38-44.

“Evangelism in the WCC, Part 3: The First Decade,” *International Review of Mission* 87 (January

1998): 95-111.

“Global Perspectives on New Testament Interpretation,” in *Hearing the New Testament:*

*Strategies for Interpretation*, ed. J.B. Green. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995: 329-348, co-

authored with John R. Levison.

“Evangelism in the WCC,” *in New Directions in Mission & Evangelization 2: Theological*

*Foundations*, ed. James A. Scherer and Stephen B. Bevans. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1994:

126-140. Reprinted and re-edited from articles in *International Review of Mission*.

“Emergent Christologies in Latin America, Asia, and Africa,” *Covenant Quarterly* 52 (1994): 29-

47, co-authored with John R. Levison.

“Towards an Ecumenical Christology for Asia,” *Missiology* 22 (January 1994): 3-17, co-authored

with John R. Levison.

“Is Evangelization Liberation?” *United Theological Seminary Journal of Theology* (1993): 4-22;

reprinted in *Theology & Corporate Conscience: Essays in Honor of Frederick Herzog*, eds. M.

Douglas Meeks, Jurgen Moltmann, and Frederick Trost. Minneapolis: Kirk House, 1999: 257-

73; reprinted in *Global Good News*, ed. Howard Snyder. Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming.

“The Use of the New Testament in Third World Christologies,” *Biblical Research: Journal of the*

*Chicago Society of Biblical Research* 37 (1992): 32-46, co-authored with John R. Levison.

“Evangelism in the WCC, Part II: From Vancouver to Canberra,” *International Review of*

*Mission* 81 (January 1992): 119-125.

“Evangelism in the WCC from New Delhi to Vancouver,” *Mid-Stream: An Ecumenical Journal*

28 (April 1989): 159-172. Reprinted in *International Review of Mission* 80 (April 1991): 231-

243.

“Comprehensive and Contextual: The Evangelism of Orlando Costas,” *The Journal of the*

*Academy of Evangelism in Theological Education* 4 (1988-1989): 4-14.

**DICTIONARY AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

“Ecumenism,” *The Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press,

2013) 170-172.

# “Elizabeth Cady Stanton” and “Sojourner Truth,” *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A*

# *Historical and Biographical Guide*, ed. Marion Taylor and Agnes Choi (Grand Rapids: Baker

# Academic, 2012): 469-473 and 509-511.

“Christology,” *Global Dictionary of Contextual Theology*, ed. William Dyrness and Veli-Matti

Karkkaninen. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity (2008): 175-185; co-authored with John R.

Levison.

*Westminster Dictionary of Women and Religion in America*, eds. Susan Hill Lindley and Eleanor J.

Stebner, Westminster John Knox Press (2008); sixteen entries: Martha Moore Avery, Mary Lee

Cagle, Emma Dryer, Julia Foote, Jarena Lee, Harriet Livermore, Aimee Semple McPherson, Ida

Bell Robinson, Hannah Whitall Smith, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Helen Sunday, Sojourner Truth,

Iva Durham Vennard, Alma Bridwell White, Maria Woodworth-Etter, and Uldine Utley.

“Revivalism,” *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in America*, Vol. 1, eds. Rosemary

Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether, Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2006:

416-24.

“Iva Durham Vennard” and “Jennie Fowler Willing,” *Historical Dictionary of the Holiness*

*Movement,* ed. William C. Kostlevy. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow, 2001: 261-62, 281-82; two entries:

Iva Durham Vennard, Jennie Fowler Willing.

**BLOG POSTS AND SHORT ESSAYS**

“Making America Christian: A Forgotten History,”

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/spiritchatter/2014/03/making-america-christian-a-forgotten-history/>

(2014)

“Cars, Planes, and Gospel Grenades: the Technological Tactics of Women Evangelists,”

[http://www.patheos.com/blogs/spiritchatter/2014/03/cars-planes-and-gospel-grenades-the-](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/spiritchatter/2014/03/cars-planes-and-gospel-grenades-the-  technological-tactics-of-women-evangelists/)

[technological-tactics-of-women-evangelists/](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/spiritchatter/2014/03/cars-planes-and-gospel-grenades-the-  technological-tactics-of-women-evangelists/) (2014)

“Not to Be Forgotten: Iva Durham Vennard,” *Prism* (January/February 2006): 3.

“Not to Be Forgotten: Emma Ray,” *Prism* (September/October 2005): 3.

“Christ and Culture: Jesus in Africa,” *The Bible Today*, 33 (May 1995): 164-169, co-authored

with John R. Levison.

“Christ and Culture: Jesus in Latin America,” *The Bible Today* 32 (January 1995): 43-48, co-

authored with John R. Levison.

“Christ and Culture: Jesus in Asia,” *The Bible Today* 32 (November 1994): 375-379, co-authored

with John R. Levison. Reprinted in *Dei Verbum* 38 (1996): 14-15; Translation into Spanish,

“Jesús en Asia;” translation into German, “Jesus in Asien;” and translation into French, “Jésus

en Asie,” *Dei Verbum* 38 (1996): 14-15.

“Reading the Bible in Context,” *The Bible Today* 32 (September 1994): 317-321, co-authored

with John R. Levison.

**PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

(2018) Plenary lecture, Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies

2018 Keynote lecturer, John Wesley Theological Institute

2018 Presidential Lecture, Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting

2017 Paper presentation, “Pentecost in the Churches: Women in the Pentecostal League of

Prayer,” American Academy of Religion national meeting

2017 Paper presentation, “Pentecost in the Churches: Women in the Pentecostal League of

Prayer,” Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting

2017-18 President, Wesleyan Theological Society

2016 Paper presentation, “Are Perfect Love and Sanctification Synonymous? Iva Durham

Vennard’s Reinterpretation of J.A. Wood’s *Perfect Love,*” American Academy of

Religion national meeting

2016-17 First Vice President, Wesleyan Theological Society

2016 Lecturer, Wesleyan Historical Society, “Holiness in Black & White: Women, Race,

and Sanctification” and “‘Her Distinctive Dress’: Uniforms, Costumes, and Plain

Dress of 19th Century Protestant Women,” Point Loma Nazarene University

2015-16 Second Vice President, Wesleyan Theological Society

2015 Heritage Day Speaker, Tennessee Wesleyan College

2014-- Methodist representative on the Methodist and Roman Catholic International

Commission, sponsored by the World Methodist Council and the Holy See's

Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

2014 Paper presentation, “Pioneers in Women’s Theological Training: Deaconess Training

Schools,” Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner and Understanding of Lay

Order, Scarritt Bennett Center

2014 Respondent in panel session dedicated to *Building the Old Time Religion: Women*

*Evangelists in the Progressive Era*, American Academy of Religion regional

meeting, University of Calgary

2014-17 President, Historical Society of the United Methodist Church

2014 Respondent in panel session dedicated to *Building the Old Time Religion: Women*

*Evangelists in the Progressive Era*, Wesleyan Theological Society, Northwest

Nazarene University

2013-17 Board member, Historical Society of the United Methodist Church

2013 Paper presentation, “Fissures in Chicago Methodism in the Progressive Era: Three

Mission Strategies,” Thirteenth Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological

Studies

2012-- Editorial board member, Ashgate Methodist Studies Series

2012 Lecturer: Walls Lecture, Seattle Pacific University, “Holiness in Black & White:

Women, Race, and Sanctification”

2011 Paper presentation, “African American Women Evangelists and

Interracial Cooperation,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women

2011 Plenary speaker, Gender Studies Institute, Trinity Western University,

with John R. Levison

2011 Paper presentation, “Kansas City to Seattle: Emma Ray’s Racial Uplift

and Interracial Cooperation,” Association for African American Historical

Research and Preservation Biennial Conference, Seattle

2010 Plenary speaker, Wesleyan Heritage Conference, Asbury College

2010 Plenary speaker, Historical Society of The United Methodist Church and

the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History, Seattle

2010 Co-director Lilly Fellows Summer Seminar, “Gender and Christianity,”

with John R. Levison

2010 Paper Presentation: “African American Women Evangelists and

Interracial Cooperation,” American Society of Church History national

meeting

2009-15 Co-chair: Steering Committee, Wesleyan Studies Group, American

Academy of Religion

2009 Paper Presentations: “African American Women Evangelists and Interracial Cooperation” and “Hospitality Amidst Hostility: An Exhortation to the Persecuted Church,” American Academy of Religion national meeting

2009 Lecturer: Marie NeSmith Fowler Lectureship, Samford University

2009-- Editorial Board Member: *Methodist Review: A Journal of Wesleyan and*

*Methodist Studies*

2008-15 Steering Committee Member: Wesleyan Studies Group, American

Academy of Religion

2008 Selection Committee Member: Summer Stipend Grants, Louisville Institute

2008 Lecturer: E. Stanley Jones School of World Mission and Evangelism,

Asbury Theological Seminary

2008 Plenary Lecturer: McCown Symposium, Roberts Wesleyan University and

Northeastern Seminary

2008 Principal Organizer: “Feminisms and Religions: Countering Mutual

Silence,” Collaborative Symposium sponsored by Puget Sound Women’s Studies programs (University of Washington, Seattle University, and Seattle Pacific University)

2007-09 Workshop Leader: “Teaching the Introductory Course in Theology or

Religion,” sponsored by The Wabash Center, American Academy of

Religion national and regional meetings

2007 Paper Presentation: “Racial Crossovers in the Progressive Era: Amanda

Berry Smith and Emma Ray,” Twelfth Oxford Institute for Methodist

Theological Studies

2007 Plenary Lecturer: Windows on the World Series, Eastern University

2007 Plenary Lecturer: Justice for Women Working Group, National Council of

Churches, Washington, DC

2006-09 Co-Chair: History of Christianity/North American Religions Section;

Pacific Northwest Region, American Academy of Religion

2006 Paper Presentation: “Turn the Pulpit Loose: Two Centuries of American

Women Evangelists,” Pacific Northwest Region, American Academy of Religion

2006 Paper Presentation: “Hospitality Amidst Hostility: An Exhortation to the

Persecuted Church,” Global Leadership Forum, Seattle Pacific University

2005-08 Editorial Board Member: *Teaching Theology and Religion*

2005 Paper Presentation: “Turn the Pulpit Loose: Two Centuries of American

Women Evangelists,” Church Leaders Forum, Seattle Pacific University

2003 Consultant: Women’s Studies Program, Point Loma Nazarene University

2002 Paper Presentation: “Taking It To The Streets: The Gospel Cars of Aimee

Semple McPherson and Martha Moore Avery,” American Academy of

Religion national meeting

2002 Paper Presentation: “Lucy Rider Meyer Myopia: Adjusting Our Vision of

the Deaconess Movement,” Pacific Northwest Region meeting, American

Academy of Religion

2002 Lecture: “From Harrare to Hiawassee: Jesus in Global Contexts,” Staley

Distinguished Christian Lecture, Hiawassee College, with John R. Levison

2001 Paper Presentation: “The Deaconess Disorder: Lucy Rider Meyer and Iva

Durham Vennard” Consultation on “The Significance of Wesleyan Thought for the 21st Century,” Asbury College

2000 Lecture: “From Rio to Rocky Mount: Jesus in Global Contexts,” Staley

Distinguished Christian Lecture, North Carolina Wesleyan College,

with John R. Levison

1999 Paper Presentation: “Making America Catholic: Divergent Strategies of

Martha Moore Avery and Archbishop William O'Connell,” American

Academy of Religion national meeting

1998 Lecture: “From Greensboro to Ghana: Jesus in Global Contexts,” Jean

Fortner Ward Lecture, Greensboro College, with John R. Levison

1997 Paper Presentation: “Single Vision, Separate Spheres: Iva Durham

Vennard and the Methodist Episcopal Church,” Tenth Oxford Institute for

Methodist Theological Studies

1996 Paper Presentation: “Evangelistic Tensions in North America,” Paris

Conference of the Ecclesiology Working Group; Missiology of Western

Culture Project

1993-98 Co-chair: Steering Committee, Evangelical Theology Group, American

Academy of Religion

1992 Plenary lecture: “Is Evangelization Liberation?” for the consultation, “The Gospel as Global Good News,” United Theological Seminary,

Dayton

1991 Paper Presentation: “Chicken Wiki Wiki and Cucumbers Naomi: Towards

a Feminist Christology,” Ex Auditu Conference, Chicago, co-presented

with John R. Levison

1990 Paper Presentation: “The Convergence of Religions and Poverty in Asian

Christian Theology,”American Academy of Religion national meeting, co-

presented with John R. Levison

1989 Paper Presentation: “Roman Catholic Documents on Evangelization: A

Temporal or a Spiritual Endeavor?” Central States Region, American

Academy of Religion

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Affiliate Faculty, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, University of Washington, 2007-15

Professor of Theology and Assistant Director of Women's Studies, Seattle Pacific University,

2001-15

Assistant Professor of the Practice of Evangelism, The Divinity School, Duke University, 1994-

2001

Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology and College Chaplain, North Park College &

Theological Seminary, 1989-93