

# PRISCILLA POPE-LEVISON

## Curriculum Vitae

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of St. Andrews, Scotland

M.Div. Duke Divinity School

B.Mus. DePauw University

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Wesleyan Theological Society

2023 Bell Scholar Award, Drew University

2022 Distinguished Service Award Recipient, General Commission for Archives and History, United Methodist Church

2021- Thriving Congregations Grant (\$999,975) from Lilly Endowment Inc., co-Principal Investigator

2019-24 Strengthening Congregational Ministries with Youth Initiative Grant (\$999,731) from Lilly Endowment Inc., co-Principal Investigator

2018 Visiting Fellow, Oxford Brookes University

2016 Visiting Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Centre

2015 Outstanding Faculty Member, Mortar Board, Seattle Pacific University

2010 Lilly Fellows Summer Seminar Co-Director, Title: Gender and Christianity

### BOOKS

2025 *No Man's Land: The International Methodist Deaconess Movement, 1874-1918*. Wesleyan and Methodist Exploration Series. Cascade Books. Awarded the 2026 Smith/Wynkoop Book Award from the Wesleyan Theological Society.

- 2020 *Models of Evangelism*. Baker Academic. Named Top Five Book of 2020 on Jesus Creed Blog and awarded Resource of the Year, 2020, in Theology and Biblical Studies by *Outreach* magazine. Translated as *Modelos de Evangelismo* (IEW, 2022).
- 2014 *Building the Old Time Religion: Women Evangelists in the Progressive Era*, NYU Press. Awarded the Smith/Wynkoop Book Award from the Wesleyan Theological Society and listed in *Choice* as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2014.
- 2012 *Sex, Gender, and Christianity*, co-edited with John R. Levison. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books.
- 2004 *Turn the Pulpit Loose: Two Centuries of American Women Evangelists*, Palgrave Macmillan.
- 1999 *Return to Babel: Global Perspectives on the Bible*, co-edited with John R. Levison. Westminster/John Knox Press.
- 1992 *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 for Mission Studies by *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 16.

## ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- 2025 "Christian Connection Women as Biblical Interpreters in Antebellum America, 1820-1841," *Church History* 94:2 (June 2025): 271-95, co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 2025 "Holiness in Black and White: Gender, Race, and Sanctification," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 60:1 (Spring 2025): 7-19.
- 2025 "Sarah Grimké as Biblical Commentator," *Harvard Theological Review* 118:1 (January 2025): 134-58, co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 2025 "The Forgotten Woman Who Preached in Congress," *Christianity Today* (online) <https://www.christianitytoday.com/2025/03/harriet-livermore-womens-rights-history-preached-in-congress/>, co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 2021 "Male Advocates in the Early Decades of the Transatlantic Methodist Deaconess Movement," *Methodist History* 59: 4&5 (July & October 2021): 215-27.
- 2021 "Are Perfect Love & Sanctification Synonymous? Iva Durham Vennard's Reinterpretation of J.A. Wood's *Perfect Love*," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 56:2 (Fall 2021): 121-36; reprinted in *The Wesleyan Theological Tradition: Past, Present and Future*, eds. Jason Vickers, Steve Hoskins, and Laura Dahl. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2025: 163-78.

- 2020 "Expanding the Historiography of Methodist Settlement Work," *Methodist Review* 12 (2020): 169-90.
- 2019 "Negotiating 'Andromania' and Other Disputed Borders in the Wesleyan Deaconess Movement," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 54:1 (Spring 2019): 7-24.
- 2019 "Five Women in Ministry Articles Transcribed from *Tongues of Fire*," *Wesley and Methodist Studies* 11:1 (2019): 61-91.
- 2019 "Pioneers in American Women's Theological Education: Methodist Deaconess Training Schools," *Methodist Review* 10 (2019): 73-91.
- 2018 "Pentecost in the Churches: Women in the Pentecostal League of Prayer," *Wesley and Methodist Studies* 10:1 (2018): 46-65.
- 2016 "Mothering Not Governing: Maternalism in Late-Nineteenth Century Methodist Women's Organizations," *Methodist History*, LV: 1 & 2 (October 2016 & January 2017): 32-46. <http://archives.gcah.org/handle/10516/9864>
- 2011 "Emma Ray in Black and White: The Intersection of Race, Region, and Religion," *Pacific Northwest Quarterly* 102:3 (Summer 2011): 107-16.
- 2011 "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>
- 2009 "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>
- 2008 "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, UMC, 2008. <http://archives.gcah.org/xmlui/handle/10516/221>
- 2000 "Evangelistic Preaching at the Beginning of the New Millennium," *Journal for Preachers* 23 (Pentecost 2000): 3-9, co-authored with John R. Levison; reprinted *Journal for the Academy of Evangelism in Theological Education* 19 (2003-04): 84-91.
- 1998 "Evangelism in the WCC, Part 3: The First Decade," *International Review of Mission* 87 (January 1998): 95-111.
- 1995 "Christ and Culture: Jesus in Africa," *The Bible Today*, 33 (May 1995): 164-169, co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 1995 "Christ and Culture: Jesus in Latin America," *The Bible Today* 32 (January 1995): 43-48, co-authored with John R. Levison.

- 1994 "Emergent Christologies in Latin America, Asia, and Africa," *Covenant Quarterly* 52 (1994): 29-47, co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 1994 "Towards an Ecumenical Christology for Asia," *Missiology* 22 (January 1994): 3-17, co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 1994 "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.
- 1994 "Reading the Bible in Context," *The Bible Today* 32 (September 1994): 317-321, co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 1993 "Is Evangelization Liberation?" *United Theological Seminary Journal of Theology* (1993): 4-22; reprinted in *Theology & Corporate Conscience: Essays in Honor of Frederick Herzog*, ed. M. Douglas Meeks, Jürgen Moltmann, and Frederick Trost. Minneapolis: Kirk House, 1999: 257-73; reprinted in *Global Good News*, ed. Howard Snyder. Nashville: Abingdon, 2001: 160-75.
- 1992 "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.
- 1992 "Evangelism in the WCC, Part II: From Vancouver to Canberra," *International Review of Mission* 81 (January 1992): 119-125.
- 1989 "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.
- 1988 "Comprehensive and Contextual: The Evangelism of Orlando Costas," *The Journal of the Academy of Evangelism in Theological Education* 4 (1988-1989): 4-14.

## CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- [2026] "'Her Distinctive Dress:' Uniforms, Costumes and Plain Dress of Holiness and Pentecostal Women in Public Religious Work," in *Spirited Sisters: Women in the Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions*, eds. Kimberly Ervin Alexander, Glen O'Brien, and James E. Pedlar. Studies in the Holiness and Pentecostal Movements. (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press.)
- [2026] "The Hermeneutics of Holiness and Pentecostal Rescue Work," in *Social Engagement in the Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions*, eds. David Bundy, Geordan Hammond and David Han (University Park, PA: Penn State University Press.)
- 2025 "The Role of Deaconess Training Schools for American Women Missionaries,

- 1885-1895,” in *Methodist Mission at Home and Abroad: Proceedings of the European Methodist Historical Conference, 6–9 September 2023, Velletri, Italy*, eds. Judit Lakatos and Michael Wetzell, 105-19. Budapest: World Methodist Historical Society, European Section.
- 2022 “A Deaconess Blueprint for the Revival of Global Methodism,” *Thy Grace Restore, Thy Work Revive: Revival, Reform, and Revolution in Global Methodism*, Essays from the 14<sup>th</sup> Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, ed. Sarah Lancaster (Nashville, TN: GBHEM Foundry Press, 2022): 57-82.
- 2019 “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, 2019: 59-91.
- 2016 “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.
- 2015 “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.
- 2012 “Separate Spheres and Gender Roles in American Christianity: A Century’s Perspective,” *Sex, Gender and Christianity*, eds. John R. Levison and Priscilla Pope-Levison. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2012: 58-79.
- 2012 “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.
- 1999 “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.
- 1995 “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.
- 1994 “Evangelism in the WCC,” in *New Directions in Mission & Evangelization 2: Theological Foundations*, eds. James A. Scherer and Stephen B. Bevans. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1994: 126-140. Reprinted and re-edited from articles in *International Review of Mission*.

#### ARTICLES IN DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND COMPANIONS

- [2026] “Feminist Theology,” *T&T Clark Handbook to Modern Theology*.

- 2024 “Before Modern Feminism: Protestant Women in the Twentieth Century,” *Expanding Energy: The Dynamic Story of North American Christianity*, eds. Christopher H. Evans and Mark Lamport (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2024) 104-14.
- 2013 “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.
- 2013 “Ecumenism,” *The Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology* (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press, 2013) 170-72.
- 2012 “Elizabeth Cady Stanton” and “Sojourner Truth,” *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A Historical and Biographical Guide*, eds. Marion Taylor and Agnes Choi (Grand Rapids: Bager Academic, 2012): 469-73 and 509-11.
- 2008 “Christology,” *Global Dictionary of Contextual Theology*, eds. William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Käkkäinen. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity (2008): 175-185; co-authored with John R. Levison.
- 2008 *Westminster Dictionary of Women and Religion in America*, ed. 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 Uteley.
- 2006 “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.
- 2001 “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.

#### **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

- 2022 - General Editor, *Methodist Review: A Journal of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies*
- 2020 - Editorial Board, Wesley and Methodist Explorations Series, Cascade Books
- 2012 - Editorial Board, Routledge Methodist Studies Series
- 2005-08 Editorial Board, *Teaching Theology and Religion*

#### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIVITIES SINCE 2010**

- [2026] Keynote lecture, Manchester Wesley Research Centre Annual Lecture

- 2026 Presenter, Modern Religious History Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, University of London
- 2025 Presenter, Evangelical Studies Program Conference, Baylor University
- 2025 Keynote lecture, Woolsey Lecture, Houghton University
- 2023 Keynote lectures, Whipple-Lunn Evangelism Lectureship, Nazarene Theological Seminary
- 2023 Keynote Lecture, Frank Anthony Spina Lecture on Christian Scripture, with John R. Levison, Seattle Pacific University
- 2023 Keynote lecture, European Methodist Historical Society, Velletri, Italy
- 2022 Keynote lecture, 2022 Wesleyan-Pentecostal Symposium, Tyndale University, Toronto
- 2021 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion national meeting
- 2021 Keynote lectures, Australasian Wesleyan Research Centre annual meeting
- 2018 Keynote lecture, Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies
- 2018 Keynote lectures, John Wesley Theological Institute
- 2018 Presidential Lecture, Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting
- 2017 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion national meeting
- 2017 Paper presentation, Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting
- 2017-18 President, Wesleyan Theological Society
- 2016 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion national meeting
- 2016-17 First Vice President, Wesleyan Theological Society
- 2016 Keynote Lectures, Wesleyan Historical Society annual meeting
- 2015-16 Second Vice President, Wesleyan Theological Society
- 2015 Heritage Day Speaker, Tennessee Wesleyan College
- 2014-22 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 Respondent in panel session dedicated to *Building the Old Time Religion: Women Evangelists in the Progressive Era*, American Academy of Religion regional meeting
- 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 annual meeting
- 2013-17 Board member, Historical Society of the United Methodist Church
- 2013 Paper presentation, Thirteenth Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies
- 2012 Keynote lecture, Walls Lecture, Seattle Pacific University
- 2011 Paper presentation, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women
- 2011 Plenary speaker, Gender Studies Institute, Trinity Western University, with John R. Levison
- 2011 Paper presentation, 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

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021- Research Professor of Practical Theology, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
- 2015-21 Associate Dean for External Programs and Professor of Ministerial Studies, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
- 2007-15 Affiliate Faculty, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, University of Washington
- 2001-15 Professor of Theology and Assistant Director of Women's Studies, Seattle Pacific University
- 1994-01 Assistant Professor of the Practice of Evangelism, The Divinity School, Duke University

1989-93 Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology and College Chaplain, North  
Park University