

CURRICULUM VITAE  
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EDUCATION

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- 2012**                      **University of Manchester/  
Nazarene Theological College**                      **Manchester, UK**  
Ph.D. in Old Testament Studies  
Dissertation title: *Barrenness beyond the Narratives: an Examination of Barrenness as a Symbol of God's (Dis)Favour in Hebrew Scripture*
- 2002**                      **Nazarene Theological Seminary**                      **Kansas City, MO**  
M.A., *summa cum laude*, Theological Studies (Biblical Research, Old Testament)  
Thesis title: *Barrenness in the Old Testament: Recovering the Metaphor*  
Certificate, Cross-cultural Ministries  
Post-degree studies pursuant to Ph.D. preparation and ordination
- 1999**                      **Indiana Wesleyan University**                      **Marion, IN**  
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Biblical Literature  
Minor, English Literature

**Additional attendance at:**

- 1991-95, Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY (10 credit hours)  
2007, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO (6 online credits toward ordination)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2012-Present**                      **Houghton College**                      **Houghton, NY**  
*Assistant Professor of Old Testament*  
Courses Taught: Biblical Hebrew 1&2; Hebrew Readings; Intro to Biblical Literature; Early OT Prophets; Later OT Prophets; Pentateuch; Historical Books; Women in the Bible; Senior Capstone; OT Theology; Job; Ruth; Psalms; Honors course: Scripture, History, & Creed  
Special Programs: developed and teach Scholastica honors program; taught special sections of Intro to Bib. Lit. for Intensive Academic English Program, and for First Year Learning Community program  
Committee Service: Blue Ocean Group; Student Life Council; Presidential Taskforce: Vocational Programming; Committee on Harrassment Policy and Prevention (Faculty Investigation Team); NetVue Grant Mentoring Taskforce; Student Conduct Committee; Middle States Reaccreditation Working Group
- 2011-2012**                      **Indiana Wesleyan University**                      **Marion, IN**  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Old Testament*  
Courses Taught: Biblical Greek 1&2; Biblical Hebrew 1&2; Inductive Bible Study; OT Survey; Wisdom Literature

- 2008-2011 Nazarene Theological College Manchester, UK**  
*Sessional Lecturer, Biblical Studies*  
 Courses Taught: Introduction to Biblical Languages (B.A.); Orientation Course: "Living the Kingdom Adventure" (B.A.); Christian Holiness in Biblical Perspective (M.A.);  
*Teaching Assistant, undergraduate Old Testament courses*
- 2008-2010 Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO**  
*Adjunct Faculty, Biblical Languages*  
 Courses Taught: LNG510, Introduction to Biblical Languages (online)
- 2007-09 Saint Paul School of Theology Kansas City, MO**  
*Hebrew Bible Faculty, United Methodist Course of Study*  
 Courses Taught: COS411: Hebrew Bible II
- 2001-02 Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO**  
*Teaching Assistant, Biblical Studies Department*  
 Courses Taught: HEB510 and HEB610, Intro and Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

#### MINISTRY EXPERIENCE AND CREDENTIALS

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- 2011 Church of the Nazarene**  
*Ordained Elder*
- 2009-2011 Nazarene Theological College Manchester, UK**  
*Chaplain and Director of Ministerial and Spiritual Formation*  
 Provided pastoral care and counseling to student body, faculty, and staff  
 Planned, implemented, and led Spiritual Life programming: weekly chapel and communion services, morning prayers, retreats, Spiritual Renewal Week, etc.  
 Oversaw Pastoral Care Groups, facilitated by faculty/staff for all students  
 Oversaw ministerial placement program for Practical Theology students  
 Supervised student Resident Assistant
- 2008-2010 Didsbury Community Church of the Nazarene Didsbury, UK**  
*Associate Pastor at church plant in Manchester*  
 Taught and preached in main worship services and discipleship meetings  
 Developed discipleship tools and oversaw small group program  
 Mentored student ministry assistants
- 2002-2007 Clergy Development, USA/Canada Kansas City, MO**  
**International Church of the Nazarene**  
*Ministry Program Assistant, Women Clergy Facilitator, Revivalism Facilitator*  
 Editorial assistant for Modular Course of Study curriculum
- Developed resources and denominational support for women clergy
  - Coordinated and ran clergy training conferences across the U.S.A. and Canada
  - Coordinated over 1,000 workshops for PALCON 2004 clergy conferences, served on conference team at all 9 USA/Canada sites
  - Maintained the department's family of websites
  - Provided administrative support to the denomination's 600+ evangelists
  - Served as editorial assistant for department publications:

*Preacher's Magazine*  
*Soul Care Newsletter*  
*GROW Magazine*  
*New Horizons Newsletter for Women in Ministry*  
*The Evangelist's Perspective magazine*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Academic Publications** (All invited)

- "Matriarchs." *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of the Bible*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City (Forthcoming 2017).
- "Sacred Space." *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of the Bible*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City (Forthcoming 2017).
- Ruth: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition*. New Beacon Bible Commentary. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City (Forthcoming 2017).
- Song of Songs: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition*. With Joseph Coleson. New Beacon Bible Commentary. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City (Forthcoming 2017).
- "Song of Songs." *Wesley One-Volume Bible Commentary*. Edited by Joel B. Green and Kenneth J. Collins. Nashville: Abingdon Press (Forthcoming 2018).
- "Love in the Old Testament: Insights from Ruth and Song of Songs." In *The Bible Tells Me So: Reading the Bible as Scripture*. Edited by Thomas J. Oord and Richard P. Thompson. Nampa, ID: SacraSage Press, 2011.

### **Editorial/Review**

- Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Associate editor. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City (Forthcoming 2017).
- Crucible*. Journal of the Australian Evangelical Alliance. Peer Reviewer.
- Bible Studies on Women in Ministry*. Co-editor. Kansas City: Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry, 2007.

### **Popular Publications** (All invited)

- "Commentary: 1 Samuel 2." *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2014).
- "Commentary: Genesis 18." *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2014).
- "Commentary: Lamentations 3." *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2014).
- "Helping Our People Lament." *Grace and Peace Magazine* (Spring 2013).
- "Offerings and Sacrifices." *Illustrated Bible Life* (Fall 2010).
- "The Covenant: A Declaration of (In)Dependence." *Credo Magazine* (Jan/Feb 2010).
- "Whodunit? The Child of Advent." *Credo Magazine* (Nov/Dec 2009).
- "Prophecy." *Credo Magazine* (Jan/Feb 2009).
- "Infertility in the Ancient Near East." *Illustrated Bible Life* (Spring 2007).

## CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

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- "Useless Women: Barrenness in the Biblical World." Faculty Lecture Series, Houghton College. Houghton, New York, February 23, 2017.
- "Peril and Promise of Exile: Biblical Narrative Speaking to Us Today." Panel Respondant. USA/Canada Theology Conference of the Church of the Nazarene. Kansas City, Missouri (Scheduled September 28-30, 2016).
- "Preaching from the Psalms." We Are the Pastors of Western NY Conference, Houghton, New York, September 14, 2015.
- "Preaching 101." Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference. Charlotte, North Carolina, April 16-19, 2015.

- “The Vocabulary of Barrenness in the Hebrew Bible: A Test Case.” One-Day Theology Conference, Nazarene Theological College. Manchester, England, June 11, 2011.
- “Preaching from Ruth and the Song of Songs.” Wesley Center Conference, “The Bible Tells Me So,” Northwest Nazarene University. Nampa, Idaho, February 10-12, 2011.
- “Ancient Near Eastern Perspectives on Barrenness.” Graduate Student Theological Seminar of the Wesleyan and Free Methodist Churches. Indianapolis, Indiana, September 26, 2009.
- “Barrenness Beyond the Narratives.” Postgraduate Seminar at Nazarene Theological College. Manchester, England, April 24, 2009.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/COMMITTEES

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Manchester Wesley Research Centre, Junior Fellow  
Society of Biblical Literature  
Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy  
Wesleyan Theological Society  
Board of Ministry, Secretary, Upstate New York District Church of the Nazarene

#### FURTHER SPEAKING/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Guest Preacher, Houghton College chapel and churches around region  
Speaker, Fall Women’s Retreat, Houghton Wesleyan Church, October 31, 2015  
Speaker, Ecumenical Women’s Retreat, Monterrey, Mexico: February 26-March 1, 2015  
Instructor, “Survey of the Old Testament,” Applied Urban Ministry program, Niagara University, February 2015  
Bible Teacher, Refresh Family Camp, Western New York District Wesleyan Church, July 2014, 2016  
Bible Teacher, Upstate New York District Family Camp, Church of the Nazarene, June 2014