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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Religion (American Religious History), Duke University Graduate Program in Religion, 2007.

M. Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999 (Presidential Scholar).

M.A. English, University of Texas at Austin, 1993.

B.A. English, Millsaps College, 1989 (Highest Honors, *Summa Cum Laude*, Phi Beta Kappa).

## **UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING**

### **Current Employment**

Baylor University, Department of Religion (Historical Studies), Associate Professor of American Religious History, with tenure, 2019-present.

### **Previous Employment (University-level Academic Positions)**

Texas Christian University (TCU), Department of Religion, Associate Professor of Religion, with tenure, 2013-2019.

TCU Department of Religion, Assistant Professor of Religion, 2007-2013.

TCU Department of Religion, Lecturer (full time), 2006-2007.

University of Memphis, Department of English, Instructor (full time), 1994-1996.  
(African American Literature, Writing and Composition)

## **RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Work in Progress**

*Submission, Complementarianism, and the Gendering of Inerrancy*, a monograph on the history of inerrancy in America, from 1945 to 2020, as inerrancy invokes women's roles and issues of gender.

Coeditor, with David Bebbington, Paul Fiddes, and Stephen Harmon, *The Oxford Handbook of Baptist Studies*.

### **Forthcoming**

“Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage,” 8,000-word chapter to appear in the *The Cambridge Companion to American Protestantism*, eds. Jennifer Woodruff Tait and Jason Vickers (Cambridge University Press; written and submitted to editors).

“Inerrancy, Submission, and a Womanly Salvation,” 11,000-word book chapter to appear in a follow-up edition to Nancy Ammerman’s *Southern Baptists Observed*, ed. Keith Harper (University of Tennessee Press; written and submitted to editor).

### **Monograph**

*Into the Pulpit: Southern Baptist Women and Power since World War II* (University of North Carolina Press, 2012; revised paperback edition, 2014). 263 pp.

Reviewed in numerous journals, including *American Historical Review*, *Baptist History and Heritage*, *Fides et Historia*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Church History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Southern Religion*, and *Religion and Gender*; named in *Christian Century* as one of the year’s ten best “take and read” scholarly books in the category of World Christianity and American Religion; recommended by “Religion in American History” as one of seven suggested readings for “students looking to understand the history of women’s protest and the place of women in American culture”; used in undergraduate and graduate courses in institutions such as Baylor University, Boston University, Duke Divinity School, Harvard Divinity School, McAfee School of Theology, et.al., as well as Sunday classes and ecclesial settings.

### **Essay Collection**

Co-editor, with Karen Seat, *A Marginal Majority: Women, Gender, and a Reimagining of Southern Baptists* (University of Tennessee Press, October/November 2020). 294 pp.

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

“Introduction” (with Karen Seat), in *A Marginal Majority: Women, Gender, and a Reimagining of Southern Baptists*, xiii-xxxvii.

“‘I’m FOR ERA’: Faith, Feminism, and the ‘Southern Strategy’ of a Southern Baptist First Lady,” in *A Marginal Majority*, 143-178.

“Women’s History and the New Hagiography,” *Fides et Historia* 49:2 (2017): 40-45.

“A ‘True’ Theology of Women’s Ordination: FOLIO, 1984-1999,” *Baptist History and Heritage* 51:1 (2016): 78-90.

“‘In My Mother’s House’: A Glimpse of Baptist Women in Ministry on its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary,” *Review and Expositor* 110:1 (2013): 107-120.

“The Contested Legacy of Lottie Moon,” in Keith Harper, ed. *Through a Glass Darkly: Uses and Misuses in the History of Baptists* (University of Alabama Press, 2012), 112-144; also appeared in *Fides et Historia*.

“A Man, a Christian . . . and a Gentleman: John Day and the Free Black Missionary Movement to Liberia,” *Baptist History and Heritage* 43:2 (2008): 106-128.

(with Darren J.N. Middleton) “Satan and the Curious: Texas Evangelicals Read *The Last Temptation of Christ*,” in Middleton, ed. *Scandalizing Jesus?: Kazantzakis’s The Last Temptation of Christ Fifty Years On* (Continuum, 2005), 147-155.

“Southern Baptist Evangelicals or Social Gospel Liberals?: The Woman’s Missionary Union and Social Reform, 1888-1928,” *American Baptist Quarterly* 19:2 (2000): 106-128. (This publication secured the Torbet Prize for the most outstanding essay in Baptist history by a young scholar.)

### **Participation on Panels**

Twenty-five panel presentations and roundtables at a variety of annual conferences and venues including: American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, the Christian Scholars Conference, Conference on Faith and History, National Association of Baptist Professors Conference, National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, and the US Intellectual History Conference, as well as presented my work at universities and divinity schools.

### **SERVICE (select)**

#### **Guild (select)**

American Academy of Religion, Southwest Regional President, 2020-2021; Vice-President and President-Elect, 2018-2020.

Editorial Board, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR), 2018-present.

Board of Directors, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 2016-present.

Chair, Graduate Research and Travel Award Committee, American Society of Church History, 2017-2019; member, 2015-2019.

Council Member, American Society of Church History, 2018-2019.

Anonymous Peer Reviewer and Book Reviewer for various presses and journals, including Oxford University Press, University of Alabama Press, University of Tennessee Press, *American Historical Review*, *Baptist History and Heritage*, *Journal of Southern Religion*, *Material Religion*, *Perspectives in the Study of Religion*, *Religion and American Culture*.

#### **Department and University (select)**

Program Area Coordinator, Historical Studies, Baylor Department of Religion, 2020-present.

Women in the Academy, graduate faculty mentor (charged with organizing and leading a monthly meeting with six graduate students across campus), 2020-present.

Editorial Board, Baylor University Press, 2020-present.

Co-director, Baylor in Oxford program, 2019-present.

Undergraduate Studies in Religion Committee, 2019-present.

*During my time at TCU, I served on and chaired numerous committees at all levels, many of those elected, participated in many faculty panels, and organized student and faculty, including Wabash-sponsored, events. Committee highlights included:*

AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Advisory Committee, 2017-2019 (elected by college faculty, with primary responsibility being tenure and promotion).

Women and Gender Studies Advisory Committee, 2015-2018 (during which I helped the program transition into a department).

Chair, Department of Religion Advisory Committee, 2015-2016; Member, 2013-2016.

Chi Delta Mu and Theta Alpha Kappa, faculty sponsor (responsible for organizing weekly student lunch and recruiting students into the Department of Religion), 2013-2019.

### **Church (select)**

Lead Teacher, Christian Faith and Heritage Sunday School class, Broadway Baptist Church, weekly 2011-2019. Additionally, beyond serving on church committees and organizing church events, I have served as a guest speaker for numerous congregations, workshops, national (CBF, BWIM) and local organizations and community groups.

### **RECOGNITION**

Wise Woman Award, voted on and presented by the TCU Women's Studies Program to the "faculty member who best exemplifies the principles of women's studies and helps to further the interests of women at TCU. The award recognizes contributions both inside and outside the classroom."

Lynn Mays Travel Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives.

TCU Research and Creative Activities Fund Recipient.

TCU Junior Faculty Summer Research Program and Award.

Duke University Graduate School Fellowship and Summer Research Stipend.

Ernestine Friedl Fellowship and Award (Duke University Women's Studies).

Anne Firor Scott Fellowship and Award (Duke University Women's Studies).

Princeton Theological Seminary Presidential Scholar.

Torbet Prize in Baptist History.

Phi Beta Kappa Society.