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### **CURRENT POSITION**

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Professor of Theology, Seattle Pacific University  
Affiliate Faculty, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, University of Washington  
Assistant Director of Women's Studies, Seattle Pacific University

### **EDUCATION**

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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

### **EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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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  
Student Service Award, North Park College, 1994  
Overseas Research Student Award, University of St. Andrews, 1985-87  
Research Studentship, University of St. Andrews, 1985-87

### **BOOKS**

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

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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“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**

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“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 Karkkanen. 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.

*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**

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“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-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**

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- 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-- 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-- 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, 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-- 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-- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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Affiliate Faculty, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies, University of Washington, 2007 -  
Professor of Theology and Assistant Director of Women's Studies, Seattle Pacific University,  
2001-

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