

Curriculum Vitae: Laura C. Sweat

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Education

- Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary (2011)
 Biblical Studies (New Testament)
 Dissertation Title: “A Paradoxical Portrayal: God in the Gospel of Mark”
 Dissertation Advisor: Dr. C. Clifton Black
- M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary (2005)
- B.A. University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill (2002), *summa cum laude*
 Religious Studies and History

Honors and Awards

- Howard Clark Kee Award, Society of Biblical Literature, Mid-Atlantic Region (2009)
Awarded for best student paper in the Mid-Atlantic Region
- George S. Green Fellowship in Biblical Studies (2005-2009)
Awarded stipend by the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary for doctoral study
- Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary (2005-2009)
Awarded for doctoral work at Princeton Theological Seminary
- Merit Scholarship, Princeton United Methodist Church (2004-2005)
Awarded supplementary stipend for M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary
- Daniel H. Moore Award, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill (2001-2002)
Awarded by faculty to top undergraduate paper in Religious Studies
- Phi Beta Kappa Class of 2001

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Seattle Pacific University (2011-)
- Instructor in Biblical Studies, Seattle Pacific University (2010-2011)
“Christian Scriptures,” (UFDN 2000), Fall, Winter, Spring Quarters
“Christian Formation,” (UFDN 1000), Spring 2011
“Death, Resurrection, and Last Things,” (M.Div. Seminar), Spring 2011
- Instructor, Princeton Theological Seminary, Greek Translation (Fall 2009 and Spring 2010)
- Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary (2006-2009)
Spring 2009, Exegesis of Galatians (Shane Berg)
Fall 2008, Introduction to New Testament Exegesis (C. Clifton Black)
Summer 2008, Introduction to New Testament Greek (Shane Berg)
Spring 2008, Exegesis of Romans (Beverly Roberts Gaventa)
Fall 2007, Introduction to New Testament Exegesis (Beverly Roberts Gaventa)
Spring 2007, Orientation to the New Testament (Brian Blount and George Parsenios)
Fall 2006, Orientation to Old Testament Exegesis (Eunny Lee)

Summer 2006, Introduction to New Testament Greek (George Parsenios)

Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill
Fall 2001, History of Christian Traditions (Peter I. Kaufman)

Other Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant to C. Clifton Black, Princeton Theological Seminary (2006-2010)
Edited *Words Well Spoken* (2008) and *The Eighth Day of Creation* (2008), among others

Adult education committee chairperson and Education committee member (2007-2010)
Responsible for coordinating, designing, and leading adult education classes at Princeton United Methodist Church, including an 8-week series on *The Shack*, by William P. Young (2008)

Koinonia Co-Moderator, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007-2009)
Koinonia is a fellowship and advocacy group for doctoral students at PTS.

Student representative, Ph.D. Studies Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007–2009)

Student representative, Information Technology Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary (2005-2006)

International Student Orientation co-coordinator, Princeton Theological Seminary (2004-2006)
Assisted in the orientation of international students (master's and doctoral candidates) to Princeton, including a short course in English composition

Teaching ministry intern, Princeton United Methodist Church (2003-2004)
Designed and taught two courses in the adult education program; co-taught *Disciple 1*

Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, Allenspark, Colorado
Camp Chaplain, Summer 2003
Program Activities Coordinator, Summer 2004

Museum Assistant, Historical Society of Princeton (2002-2005)

Study Abroad Experiences
Summer Abroad in Greece (2001)
(Mainland Greece and Crete, studying classical and ancient Greece)
Honors Semester Abroad, London, England (Spring 2001)

Presentations

Respondent, “The Mark of Immediacy,” a performance of Mark’s Gospel (April 2012)

“Scripting Contradictions: Gethsemane’s Apocalyptically Shaped Hermeneutic”
Given at the American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting (2011)

Response to Tom Boomershine’s Performance of Mark’s Passion Narrative
Given at the Society of Biblical Literature’s Annual Meeting (2011)

“‘Real or Not Real?’: Science Fiction that Ignites Our Fears”
Panel Discussion at SPU’s Day of Common Learning (2011)

“Paradoxical Presence: The Concealed Revelation of God’s Activity in the Second Gospel”
Given at the Society of Biblical Literature’s Annual Meeting (2010)

“Breaking In: The Impact of Apocalypticism on Expressions of πιστις in the Gospel of Mark.”

Given at the Society of Biblical Literature's Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (2009)

"On Saint Matthew's Passion," Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ (February 2008)

"The Gnostic Gospels: Captivating or Liberating?" Princeton United Methodist Church (September 2007)

"From Book to Blockbuster? *The DaVinci Code*," Nassau Presbyterian Church (July 2006)

"Deciphering *The DaVinci Code*," Har Sinai Synagogue, Trenton, NJ (February 2006)

Publications

Selected commentaries on Matthew in *Feasting on the Gospels* (forthcoming, WKJ, 2013).

Lectio: Guided Bible Reading commentary on the Gospel of Mark for the Center for Biblical and Theological Education, Seattle Pacific University, blog.spu.edu/lectio (January-March 2012).

"Preaching Mark: The Power of Change," in *Homiletics* 21.1 (2009): 7.

Review of Ira Brent Driggers, *Following God Through Mark: Theological Tension in the Second Gospel* (WJK, 2007) in *Koinonia* 20 (2008): 124-127.

"A Comprehensive Bibliography of Paul Sevier Minear (1906-2007)," in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 29 (2007): 61-73.

Review of Judith M. Lieu, *Christian Identity in the Graeco-Roman World* (Oxford, 2004) in *Koinonia* 18 (2006): 132-135.

Staff commentary writer for *Homiletics* (2005-09)

Under Contract

John: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition (NBBC; Kansas City: Beacon Hill, forthcoming).

Professional Affiliations

Society of Biblical Literature
Wesleyan Theological Society

Teaching Interests

Introductions to Old and New Testaments, Greek Language and Exegesis, Hebrew Language and Exegesis, Biblical Theology, The Gospels, Apocalypticism, Second Temple Judaism, Women in the Ancient World

Languages

Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Latin, French, German