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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh. August 2009.

Dissertation: *Weapons Upon Her Body: The Heroic Feminine in the Hebrew Bible.*

Language competencies: modern Hebrew; modern French.

M.L.S., School of Library and Information Science, University of Pittsburgh. 1987.

Graduated first in class. Additional post-graduate work in electronic resources, emerging technologies, preservation and rare books.

M.A., Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. 1987.

Major : Christian history. Minor : Biblical languages (Biblical Hebrew; Biblical Greek)

Thesis: *John Henry Newman and Authority in Christian Doctrine.*

B.A., University of Pittsburgh. 1981.

Major : Anthropology. Minor : Biology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Director of Information Services; Professor of Sacred Scripture, Byzantine Catholic Seminary.* Librarian (2007-present). Instructor: Introduction to Sacred Scripture; Synoptics; Women in the Bible; Pauline Literature; Johannine Literature; Wisdom Literature; Historical Books and Prophets (2009-present).
- *Director and Online Faculty, Byzantine Online, Byzantine Catholic Seminary.* Courses: Introduction to Sacred Scripture; Women in the Old Testament; Prophets; Synoptics; Prophetic Books (2010-present).
- *Online Faculty, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA.* Courses: *Old Testament; Prophets; Introduction to the New Testament; Anglican Approach to the Bible; Women in the Bible; Synoptics* (2009-present).
- *Faculty in Sacred Scripture, Deacon Formation Program, Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh:* Introduction to Scripture (2007); Introduction to the Old Testament; Synoptics; Pauline Literature; Old Testament 1 and 2; Johannine Literature (2007-present).
- *Adjunct Faculty, Department of History and Social Sciences, Carnegie-Mellon University.* Course: Introduction to Religion (2003-2011).
- *Teaching Fellow, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh.* Courses: Origins of Christianity; Myth, Symbol, Ritual; Israel in the Biblical Age; Major Biblical Themes; Old Testament Survey; Varieties of Early Christianity; Religions of the West (2001 - 2009)
- *Instructor, Computer and Information Literacy, Gumberg Library, Duquesne University, 2000-2003.*
- *Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 1998-2001.*
- *Instructor, Deacon Academy for Christian Thinking and Service, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, 1991-1999.*
- *Instructor, Trinity Extension Ministries, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, 1988-1991.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "The Pleasure of Sarah," American Academy of Religion-Eastern International Region Conference, May 2016.

- “Breathing with Two Lungs: A Guide to Eastern Catholic Resources,” Catholic Library Association Annual Conference, March 2016.
- “How to Read the Bible for Believers,” School of Formation, Episcopal Church of Minnesota, October 2014.
- “Wandering Aramean: ATLA and the Eastern Christian Scholar,” Catholic Library Association Conference, April 2014
- “Introduction to Byzantine Online,” table presentation, Eastern Catholic Churches Encounter, Orlando, FL, January-February 2014.
- “Discipleship in the Bible,” Byzantine Spirituality Conference, October 2013
- “Weapons Upon Her Body: The Female Heroic in the Hebrew Bible,” *The Jewish Woman and her Body Conference*, Youngstown State University, March 2010
- “Where Angels Fear to Tread: Maximizing Your Library’s Reference Collection,” invited speaker (with Allison Brungard), *Central Pennsylvania K-16 Information Literacy Network Spring Workshop*, April 2008
- “Weapons Upon Her Body: Biblical Women Rethinking the Female Heroic,” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, Toronto, Ontario, December 2007
- “Where Angels Fear Tread: Devising a Lean and Mean Reference Collection,” with Allison Brungard, *Pennsylvania Library Association Annual Meeting*, Harrisburg, PA, October 2007
- “Jewish Perspectives on Ecology,” *Spirit in Nature Conference 2004*, Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA; October 2004.
- “Resistance to authoritative models: biblical women rethinking the female heroic,” *American Academy of Religion*, Eastern Great Lakes Regional Conference. Erie, Pennsylvania, March 2003.
- “Lilith, a woman of consequence,” *Department of Religious Studies Spring Colloquium Series*. University of Pittsburgh, January 2003.
- “‘La Belle Dame sans Merci’: Lilith, a woman of consequence,” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*. Los Angeles, December 2002.
- “When father doesn’t know best: the daughters of Lot,” *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*. Washington, DC, December 2001.
- “When father doesn’t know best: representation and the daughters of Lot,” *GradExpo 2001*, University of Pittsburgh, September 2001.
- “The female heroic: gender and representation in the Hebrew Bible,” *The Female Principle Conference*. University of Texas at Arlington, March 2000.

COMMUNITY / ROUNDTABLE PRESENTATIONS

- “Finances,” Pre-Cana, Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA; March 2017
- “Mrs. Zebedee,” St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, Upper St. Clair, PA; August 2015.
- “Resources and the Environmental Researcher,” twice annual presentation, Written Professional Communications class, University of Pittsburgh, 2010-present.
- “Mrs. Zebedee,” Adult Forum, Calvary Episcopal Church, May 2014.
- “Changed by Joy,” Theology on Tap, Mt. Lebanon Evangelic Presbyterian Church, April 2014.
- “Discover Your Story,” Day of Reflection, Sisters of St. Basil, December 2013
- “Dancing With Biblical Marriage,” Byzantine Catholic Deacon’s Retreat, Antiochian Village, April 2012
- “Forbidden Fruit in the Bible,” Observatory Hill Garden Club, November 2009
- “Ethics, Theology and Philosophy Resources for Scholars,” Scholars’ Series, Gumberg Library, Duquesne University, May 2009

- “Teaching Religion in a Multicultural Setting,” Ethics Forum, Duquesne University, Spring 2009.
- Presenter and Convener, ECW Women’s Retreat, Christ Church North Hills, Spiritan Retreat Center of Pittsburgh, February 2007
- “Martha and Mary,” Christ Church North Hills, Adult Forum, February 2006
- Presenter, ECW Women’s Retreat, Christ Church North Hills, Spiritan Retreat Center of Pittsburgh, February 2006
- “Bad Girls of the Bible,” Temple Ohav Shalom Adult Forum, Spring 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Voices of Islam,” *Library Journal* 142:6 (April 1, 2017), 47-51.
- 920 CLA: Q and A with Sandra Collins, *Catholic Library World* 87:3 (March 2017), 165.
- “Breathing with Two Lungs: Eastern Catholic Resources,” *Catholic Library World* 87:2 (Dec. 2016), 99-108.
- “A Wandering Aramean: ATLA and the Eastern Christian Scholar,” *Catholic Library World*, 85:1 (Sept. 2014), 22-30.
- **Weapons Upon her Body: The Female Heroic in the Hebrew Bible** (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012).
- “Esther”; “Lamentations,” **Cambridge Dictionary of Jewish Religion, History, and Culture**, (Cambridge University Press, 2011).
- “Windmills: To Know Faith is to Ask Questions,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, February 16, 2008 (<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/08047/857843-35.stm>)
- “The Art of Part-Time,” with Allison Brungard, *Library Journal*, October 30, 2006 (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6386517.html>).
- “Give Parents a Break,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, June 4, 2006 (<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06155/695304-109.stm>)
- “Truth: an elusive prey,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, March 26, 2005 (<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/05085/477777.stm>)
- “Lilith: a woman of consequence,” *Women in Judaism*, Fall 2005 (forthcoming) < <http://www.utoronto.ca/wjudaism/> >
- “Forum: The tale of my tattoo,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, November 17, 2002 (<http://www.post-gazette.com/forum/comm/20021117edcoll1117p2.asp>)
- “Wrong words, wrong time,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, July 7, 2001 (<http://www.post-gazette.com/forum/20010707edcollins07p5.asp>)
- “The trouble with girls,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, January 21, 2001 (<http://www.post-gazette.com/forum/20010120edcoll3.asp>)
- “Raising girls for life,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, August 11, 1999 (<http://www.post-gazette.com/forum/19990811sandra5.asp>)
- “Shame,” *Monroeville Times-Express*, November 1998
- “Notching down, by choice,” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, March 26, 1997
- “So, you want to talk to me? Surviving the first professional interview,” *Library Journal*, October 15, 1995

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Columnist and reviewer in religion and theology, *Library Journal* (1991-present)
- Reviewer in religion and women’s issues, *Educational Media Reviews Online* (<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/emro>), 2010-present
- First Reader, John R.P. Russell, *Unintended prophecy* (unpublished master’s thesis), Byzantine Catholic Seminary, 2014.
- Comprehensive examiner in Sacred Scripture, 2010-present.

HONORS

- Studium Carpato-Ruthenorum, University of Presov, Slovakia; granted Timo Scholarship for participation in 3 week intensive language and culture program; June 2016.
- 2015 John Brubaker Award, Catholic Library Association, for “A Wandering Aramean...,” *Catholic Library World*, 85:1, September 2014: 22-
- Dean’s Tuition Scholarship, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, *University of Pittsburgh*, 2009
- Student Choice Teaching Award, *College of General Studies, University of Pittsburgh*, Spring 2004
- Participant, Graduate Student Dissertation Seminar, *American Academy for Jewish Research*, University of Chicago, June 2003
- Graduate Student Presentation Award (1st place) , *American Academy of Religion*, Regional Meeting, Erie, Pennsylvania, 2003
- Dorot Graduate Travel Award, *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, 2002
- Women’s Caucus Travel Grant, *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference*, 2002; 2001.
- Poster Presentation Award, *Grad Expo 2000*, University of Pittsburgh (1st place)
- Women’s Studies Graduate Student Paper Award, University of Pittsburgh, 1999 (1st place)
- James S. Purdy Scholarship, *Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*, 1995 (academic merit)
- Graduate Student Assistantship, *School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh* (3 terms)
- Beta Phi Mu (Library Science Honorary)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Catholic Biblical Association
Catholic Library Association
Pennsylvania Library Association