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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible, Duke University 1992-1998
Doctoral Exams: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Women's Studies
Dissertation "My Bone and My Flesh: The Agrarian Family in Biblical Law"
Director: Dr. Carol Meyers

B.S. *magna cum laude*, Duke University 1988-1992
Majors: Mathematics and Religion
Minor: Judaic Studies
Honors: Graduation with Distinction in Religion
Thesis: "Sacral Kingship in Ancient Israel" directed by Dr. Orval S. Wintermute

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Greensboro College 2002-present

Assistant Professor, Greensboro College 1998-2002

Full-time Instructor, Greensboro College 1997-98

Adjunct Instructor, Queens College 1997

Instructor, Appalachian State University 1996-97

Instructor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary 1996

Teaching and Research Assistant, Duke University 1994-95

Teaching Assistant, Duke Divinity School 1993-95

REVIEWS

Review of Christopher J. H. Wright's *God's People in God's Land: Family, Land, and Property in the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1990) solicited by and published in *The Journal of Law and Religion* (XVII/1-2, 2002).

Review of Nannette Stahl's *Law and Liminality in the Bible*, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplementary Series 202 (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995) solicited by and published in *The Journal of Law and Religion* (XVII/1-2, 2002).

Review of Ilona N. Rashkow's *Taboo or Not Taboo: Sexuality and Family in the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2000) solicited by and published in *The Journal of Religion* (81/4, Oct. 2001).

Review of Gail B. Griffin's *Calling Essay's on Teaching in the Mother Tongue* (New York: Trilogy Books, 1992) solicited by and published in *Duke Journal of Gender, Law and Policy* (1997).

Review of Frances A. Maher and Mary Kay Thompson Tetreault's *The Feminist Classroom: An Inside Look at How Professors and Students Are Transforming Higher Education for a Diverse Society* (New York: Basic Books, 1994) solicited by and published in *Duke Journal of Gender, Law and Policy* (1997).

Review of Jean Fox O'Barr's *Feminism in Action: Building Institutions and Community through Women's Studies* (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1994) solicited by and published in *Duke Journal of Gender, Law and Policy* (1997).

PUBLICATIONS

"Hamutal," *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*, eds. Paula E. Hyman and Dalia Offer. Jerusalem: Shalvi Publishing Ltd., forthcoming.

"Maacha," *Jewish Women: A Comprehensive Historical Encyclopedia*.

"Abigail 2," *Women in Scripture: A Dictionary of Named and Unnamed Women in the Hebrew Bible, Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books, and the New Testament*, ed. Carol Meyers. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000.

"Abijah 2/Abi," *Women in Scripture*.

"Daughters of Israel: Potential Wives for Benjamin," *Women in Scripture*.

"Hamutal," *Women in Scripture*.

"Hephzibah 1," *Women in Scripture*.

"Jecoliah," *Women in Scripture*.

"Jedidah," *Women in Scripture*.

“Jehoaddin/Jehoaddan,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Jerushah,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Maacah 4,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Menstruating Women,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Mistress,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Mother of Slandered Bride,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Nehushta,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Neighbor’s Wife,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Servant Girl of En Rogel,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Wife and Servant of Naaman,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Wife of Gilead,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Women Accused of Unfaithfulness,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Woman at Bahurim,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Woman Being Divorced,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Woman who Mutilates a Man’s Genitals,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Women a Priest Can and Cannot Bury,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Women a Priest Can and Cannot Marry,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Women after Childbirth” *Women in Scripture*.

“Women and Bodily Emissions,” *Women in Scripture*.

“Zeruah,” *Women in Scripture*.

“The Hands of a Woman: A Reading of Pseudo-Philo 31:3-9,” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* (1998).

WORKS IN PREPARATION

Slandered Brides and Rebellious Sons: The Ideal Family in the Book of the Covenant and Deuteronomic Law

Old Testament Companion.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Guest Presentation: “Our Jewish Heritage: What We Need to Know about Judaism to Better Understand Christianity.” Ardmore United Methodist Church, July, 2003.

Guest Presentation: “A Feminist Ethics Critique of Christian Parenting Literature: A Medical and Moral Guide to Raising Healthy and Happy Children?” Ethics-Across-the-Curriculum Faculty Discussion Series, Greensboro College, April, 2002.

Guest Presentation: “Isaiah: Messenger of God.” The Quarterly Meeting of United Methodist Clergy from the Greensboro District, Nov. 2001.

Poster Presentation: “Kinship in Ancient Israel.” The Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion, Nov. 2001.

Panel Presentation: “Reclaiming Our History: Social Change and Women’s Studies at Greensboro College.” The Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Women’s Studies Association, March, 2001.

Guest Presentation: “Institutional Context and Opportunities for Interdisciplinarity in Women’s Studies: Greensboro College as a Case Study.” The Lee-Ewings and Women’s Studies Research Fellows’ Discussion Series on Interdisciplinarity, Duke University, Feb. 2001.

Guest Presenter: “Designing a Successful Focus Grant.” National Endowment for the Humanities Workshop, Appalachian State University, Jan. 2001.

Paper Presentation: “The Bible as a Source for Christian Ethics.” Ethics-Across-the-Curriculum Faculty Development Seminar at Greensboro College, April, 1999.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Chair, Women’s Studies Advisory Committee, Greensboro College 2002-present

Women’s Studies Program Director, Greensboro College 2001-present

Religion Division Coordinator, Greensboro College 2001-present

Academic Council, Greensboro College 2001-present

Petitions Committee, Greensboro College 2001-present

Women’s Studies Minor Coordinator, Greensboro College 1999-present

Ethics-Across-the-Curriculum Program, Greensboro College	1997-present
Summer Grant to Develop Online Courses, Greensboro College	2003
Kathleen Price and Joseph M. Bryan Family Summer Fellowship Grant for Professional Development, Greensboro College.	2002
External Evaluator, Religious Studies Department, Elon University	2000-2002
Institutional Assessment Committee, Greensboro College	2000-2002
Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Greensboro College	2000-2001
NEH Focus Grant for Women's Studies, Greensboro College	2000-2001
Coordinator, Staley Christian Scholar Distinguished Lecture Series, Greensboro College	1998-2001
Educational and Cultural Enrichment Committee, Greensboro College	1998-2000
Kearns Graduate Fellowship, Duke University	1992-96
Area Supervisor, Sepphoris Regional Archaeological Project, Israel.	1994
Assistant Area Supervisor Sepphoris Regional Archaeological Project, Israel.	1993
Travel/Research Grant, Endowment for Biblical Research and American School of Oriental Research	1993

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society of Biblical Literature and the American Academy of Religion	1993-present
Southeastern Women's Studies Association	2001-present
National Women's Studies Association	2001-present
Duke University Graduate and Professional Women's Network	1994-1997
Society of Biblical Archaeology	1999

TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary Areas: Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament,

Biblical Exegesis in Hebrew or English, Biblical Hebrew, Pentateuch, Wisdom and Poetry, Prophetic and Apocalyptic Literature, Methods of Biblical Interpretation, Women in Judeo-Christian Traditions, Biblical Archaeology.

Secondary Areas: Jesus and the Gospels, Paul and Christian Origins, Bible in Film and Contemporary Culture, American Christianity, Religion in Film, Women's Studies.

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge: Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, Aramaic, French, German, Latin
Some knowledge: Arabic, Ugaritic

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Married to Rev. John H. Bletsch
Two children (Jonah, Ethan)
Affiliated with the United Methodist Church