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Education

Ph.D., Medieval History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004

M.A., Medieval History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999

B.A., History, Baylor University, 1996, Minor in Classics

Academic Employment History

Graduate Program Director, Department of History, Baylor University, Waco, TX, August 2016-present

Associate Professor, Department of History, Baylor University, Waco, TX, August 2014-present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2008-August 2014

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Religion, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2006-2008

Lecturer, Department of History, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2002-2006

Teaching Activity

On the undergraduate level, I teach courses in Historiography (what is history, why history matters, and how to do history), World History, European Women's History, and Medieval History. On the graduate level, I teach Historical Research and Methods and courses combining aspects of Medieval Women's History, Early Modern Women's History, Medieval Christianity, and Medieval Europe.

HIS 1305: World History to 1500: From the 'cradles of civilization' in Mesopotamia and China to the lords and peasants of medieval Europe, this course examines the history of the ancient and medieval world through the eyes of those who lived it. By using primary source readings and interactive lectures to engage students in meaningful conversations, I strive to help students analyze patterns of continuity and change, examine how social and religious constructs affected the lives of women as well as men, and understand the impact of geography and cross-cultural influences on political, economic, and social development.

HIS 2395 (formerly 3395): Historiography: This has become the gateway course for all history majors, as it is required before taking upper level history classes and necessary for graduation. *Historiography* prepares our students for upper level history courses (by teaching them the basics of research, primary source analysis, archival work, and history paper writing and citation), graduate school, and entry-level jobs (such as in public record offices, government offices, research management in businesses, and fact-checking).

HIS 4334 and 4335: Women in Europe to 1200 and Since 1200. As the European Women's history professor, these are my signature courses which I designed from scratch for the department. From ancient Greece through the mid-twentieth century, these courses examine the status and roles of women in European society. Through a mixture of secondary readings and primary sources, the course sequence traces the ideas, customs, and laws that have affected the lives of women as well as the roles that women have performed in their homes and families, temples and churches, economies and political structures. Each class also examines the ways in which women have contributed to European culture and society and the challenges women face in realizing their full potential.

Baylor in Great Britain. I have twice had the privilege of accompanying Baylor in Great Britain as a professor. I have taught HIS 4340: Castles in Medieval Britain and HIS 1350 World History to 1500 for the Baylor in Great Britain Program, Summer 2015 and Summer 2017. The first year I had 12 students in my Castles course and 10 students in my World History course; the second year I had 15 students in my Castles in Medieval Britain course and 8 students in my World History to 1500. Both of these classes are exceedingly fun to teach in England. We take trips to castles (of course), the battlefield of Hastings, Canterbury, London museums, Wales, Stonehenge, etc. Students read primary and secondary sources connected to the historical sites we visit and construct essays focused on those historical sites and locations.

HIS 5320: Seminar in European History for Graduate Students. I have taught this as *History of Medieval Christianity*, which was cross-listed with REL 5332, as *Women and Religion in England, 1350-1650*, and as *Women and Religion in the North Atlantic World, 1350-1700*. I taught this course as *Medieval Sermons* in Fall 2016 and will be teaching it again in Fall 2018.

HIS 5369: Historian's Craft. This is our introductory graduate course into the field of history. It is both a graduate-level historiography course as well as an introduction to the historical profession. I am redesigning both it and a curriculum plan for our graduate program, and will be regularly teaching this course.

HIS 5348: Directed Readings in Graduate Studies. I usually direct 1-2 independent courses with graduate students a year.

Scholarly Activity

How does religion shape our ideas about women? This question drives my research in late medieval and early modern England. I focus especially on sermon literature, drawing evidence from comparative analyses of biblical women, narrative women, gendered language, and the gendered nature of biblical text included within sermons.

Refereed Publications: Journal Articles, Book Chapters, and Research Books

Published and Forthcoming

1. Beth Allison Barr and Lynne J. Miller, "John Mirk." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Medieval Studies*. Ed. Paul E. Szarmach. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming
2. Beth Allison Barr, "Medieval Sermons and Audience Appeal After the Black Death," *History Compass* (forthcoming Summer 2018).

3. Beth Allison Barr, "Late Medieval Piety: St. Anne, Martin Luther, and the Salvific Journey." *Luther in Context*, ed. David M. Whitford. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, (July 2018).
4. Beth Allison Barr, "What did the Reformation Mean for Women?" *Fides et Historia* 48:2 (November 2016).
5. Beth Allison Barr, "'she hungered right so after God's word': Female Piety and the Legacy of the Pastoral Program in the Late Medieval English Sermons of Bodleian Library MS Greaves 54." *The Journal of Religious History* 39:1 (March 2015), 31-50.
6. Beth Allison Barr, "Women in Early Baptist Sermons: A Late Medieval Perspective." *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 40 (Spring 2014), 87-103
7. Beth Allison Barr, "'he is bodyn modyr, broþyr, & syster vn-to me': Women and the Bible in Late Medieval and Early Modern English Sermons." *Church History and Religious Culture* 94:3 (2014), 297-315.
8. Beth Allison Barr, "A 'sterre of þe see to 3yue lyzt to men' and 'myrroure to alle sinful': A Comparative Analysis of Biblical Women in the English Wycliffite Sermons with John Mirk's *Festial*." *Fourteenth Century England, Vol. VIII*, edited by J.S. Hamilton, 147-163. Woodbridge, Suffolk: Boydell Press, 2014.

***Second Place for the 2016 Jane Dempsey Douglas Prize in Women in Church History for the American Society of Church History**

9. Beth Allison Barr, "The Word that Endureth Forever: A Century of Scholarship on the King James Version." In *The King James Bible and the World It Made*, edited by David Lyle Jeffrey, 149-175. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2011.
10. Beth Allison Barr, "Three's a Crowd: Wives, Husbands, and Priests in the Late Medieval Confessional." In *A Companion to Pastoral Care in the Late Middle Ages (1200-1500)*, edited by R.J. Stansbury, 213-234. Boston: Brill, 2010.
11. Beth Allison Barr, *The Acts of the Apostles: Four Centuries of Baptist Interpretation*, edited by Beth Allison Barr, Mikeal C. Parsons, Bill J. Leonard, and C. Douglas Weaver. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2009.
12. Beth Allison Barr, *The Pastoral Care of Women in Late Medieval England*. Woodbridge, Suffolk: Boydell Press, 2008.
13. Beth Allison Barr, "Gendering Pastoral Care: John Mirk and his Instructions for Parish Priests." In *Fourteenth Century England, Vol. IV*, edited by J.S. Hamilton, 93-108. Woodbridge, Suffolk: Boydell Press, 2006.

In Progress

My current projects explore how the changing use of scripture and theology in English sermons across the Reformation era shaped ideas about Christian womanhood.

14. Research articles:

- a. "Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it": Women and Faith in Late Medieval English Sermons," written; revising for submission

- b. “Paul and Women in Late Medieval English Sermons: A Reassessment”—in progress.
- c. “Sermons for Women: Longleat House MS 4” currently in progress as a co-written article with Elizabeth Keim Harper at Mercer University

Research book: *Women in Late Medieval English Sermons*

Intro: “Women in God be Men”

1. *Women in the Late Medieval English Parish*
2. *Mary, Martha, and the Woman of Canaan: The Power of Female Faith*
3. “Both Men and Women”: *Women and the Bible*
4. “Women be silent?”: *Women and Paul*
5. “Husbands Love Your Wives as Christ Loves the Church”: *Women and Marriage*
6. “Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it”: *Women before the Reformation*
7. Epilogue—*Women in Early English Baptist sermons*

Research book for trade press: *The Myth of Biblical Womanhood*

Christian Heritage textbook: writing for T&T Clark; three chapters on Medieval Christianity

Social Media Writing and Activity

1. My article “Dispatches from Baylor: Let Women Lead,” was published by *Christianity Today* 28 April 2017. I have been asked to continue contributing articles to *Christianity Today*. <http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2017/april/dispatches-from-baylor-let-women-lead.html>
2. My *Anxious Bench* blog “Halloween: More Christian than Pagan,” was picked up by the Washington Post and published as “Guess what? Halloween is more Christian than Pagan” on October 28, 2016: https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2016/10/28/guess-what-halloween-is-more-christian-than-pagan/?utm_term=.6060d3cb8610.
3. I am a regular contributor to *The Anxious Bench*, a religious history blog on *Patheos*. I have been a regular contributor since October 7, 2015. I have joined my colleague Philip Jenkins, along with Chris Gehrz (Bethel University), John Turner (George Mason University), Kristin Kobes DuMez (Calvin College), Agnes Howard (Valparaiso University), Tal Howard (Valparaiso University), and David Swartz (Asbury University).
4. I have been building my twitter account, @bethallisonbarr, since 2015. I have been using it mostly to promote history news stories related to my classes, issues concerning religious and medieval history, issues concerning women in academia, and history at Baylor.

Book Reviews, Service Articles, and Encyclopedia Entry

1. Beth Allison Barr. “Baptist Voices.” *Baylor Arts & Sciences Magazine* (Fall 2009): 3-6.
2. Beth Allison Barr, Book Review: Cartwright, Jane. *Feminine Sanctity and Spirituality in Medieval Wales*. Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2008. *Church History* 78 (2009): 892-894.
3. Beth Allison Barr, “The Baptists’ Bible: Reclaiming 400 Years of Baptist Voices.” *Whitsitt Journal* 15:2 (Fall 2007): 1-4.
4. Beth Allison Barr, Book Review: McSheffrey, Shannon. *Marriage, Sex, and Civic Culture in Late Medieval London*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006. *History: Reviews of New Books* 35:4 (2007):135-150.

5. Beth Allison Barr, "Madness." In *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Margaret Schaus, 503-504. New York: Routledge, 2006.
6. Beth Allison Barr, Book Review: Hunt, Emily J. *Christianity in the Second Century: The Case of Tatian*. New York: Routledge, 2003. *The Journal of Church and State*, 46:3 (Summer 2004): 655-656.
7. Beth Allison Barr, Book Review: Rebenich, Stefan. *Jerome*. New York: Routledge, 2002. *The Journal of Church and State*, 46:3 (Summer 2004): 656-657

Conference Organization and Professional Leadership

1. *American Society of Church History, Program Committee, 2018*. I was asked by the incoming president Paul Lim, Vanderbilt University, to serve on the ASCH program committee.
2. *American Society of Church History, Diversity Committee, 2017-2018*: I was asked by the current ASCH president Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University, to join the Diversity committee for the ASCH. She was impressed by the work I did to bring diversity to the CFH and asked me to help do this for the ASCH.
3. *Sixteenth Century Society, Sexual Harassment Committee, 2018-2019*. I was asked by the Sixteenth Century Society to serve on this committee and write new guidelines for the SCSC after my blogpost addressing this issue for the Anxious Bench:
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2017/11/academic-organizations-should-stand-against-sexual-predators/>
4. *The Medieval Review Board Member*. I served a term from (2016-2017) as a review editor on *The Medieval Review*. *The Medieval Review* (TMR-currently housed at Indiana University) has been a leading academic review journal in medieval scholarship since 1993. I was recruited by Deborah M. Deliyannis, the executive editor, and served alongside leading scholars in my field such as John Arnold (Cambridge) and Kathryn Kerby-Fulton (Notre Dame).
<https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/pages/view/editorial>
5. *Texas Medieval Association 2017*. I am a long-time member of the *Texas Medieval Association* (TEMA), since 2002, and served as President in 2011. I served on the steering committee for 2017, along with Paul Larson who is serving as President for 2017. TEMA met at Baylor September 28-30, 2017. I invited our main plenary speaker, Katherine French, the J. Frederick Hoffman Professor of History at the University of Michigan, and worked with Paul to organize the conference. TEMA is a regional affiliate of The Medieval Academy of America. Along with holding an annual conference in Texas it also sponsors sessions at the annual International Congress on Medieval Studies in Kalamazoo, Michigan, as well as at the International Medieval Congress in Leeds, England.
6. *Vice President (2016-2017) and incoming President (2018) for the Conference on Faith and History*. The CFH was founded in 1966 and is an official affiliate member of the American Historical Association (since 1979). I have been a board member since 2013 when I was asked by the president of the CFH, John Wigger, Professor and Chair at the University of Missouri, to join the board. I attend all board meetings held at the AHA in January every year, and participate in planning conferences and CFH events. I am also the board member responsible for the Women of the CFH. In addition to being a worthy conference and service duty in of itself, my involvement

with the CFH is very helpful for our Baylor History PhD program, as it helps with networking for our PhD graduates in terms of future jobs, publishing opportunities, and conference support.

7. *Conference on Faith and History*, 30th Biennial CFH Program Director, 2016. The conference *Christian Historians and the Challenges of Race, Gender, and Identity* was held at Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, 19-22 October 2016. I selected the plenary speakers (Tommy Kidd from Baylor University, Veronica Guterrez from Azusa Pacific University, and Kate Bowler from Duke Divinity), negotiated the honorariums and travel expenses for the speakers, developed the conference theme, posted a call for papers, and organized the panels and paper proposals (including personally organizing panels). I also organized the first meeting of the Women of the CFH, and we plan to become a regular subset of the meeting.

8. *Hope College External Reviewer for the History Department* September 2016
I was asked by Marc Bauer, chair of the Hope History Department, and Patrice Rankin, Dean for the Arts and Humanities at Hope College, to serve as an External Reviewer for their 2015 Review. I participated in the review September 13-15 along with Sylvia Macauley, Professor and Chair Department of Africana Studies, California State University, Northridge, and Edith Blumhofer, Professor of History and Director of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, Wheaton College. The review team spent 2 and ½ days meeting with members of the Hope College History department, reviewing classes, syllabi, and student portfolios, meeting with members of the Arts and Humanities at Hope College, meeting with History students, and meeting with both the Dean of Arts and Humanities and the Provost of Hope College. We submitted a 9-page report on the state of the department and our recommendations for the department.

9. *Women and the Bible: A Historical Perspective*, ISR Symposium September 2013
Highlighting research from across ancient, medieval, and modern history, this symposium explored perceptions both of women in the Bible and of religious women themselves. It brought together academics, students, and the pastoral community to discuss biblical perceptions of women. Ben Witherington III, Amos Professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary, delivered a lecture, along with scholars participating from Baylor, Calvin College, and Wheaton College. Along with developing the framework for the symposium and assisting with planning, organizing, and promoting the conference, I also delivered the lecture, “Weak and Silent Vessels: The Impact of the English Bible on Christian Women.” As all of the ISR lectures are recorded, you may view my lecture at this link: <http://www.isreligion.org/tv/conferences.php>.

10. *Texas Medieval Association*, “Coming of Age” XXI, President and Organizer October 2011
The twenty-first annual meeting of the Texas Medieval Association was held at Baylor University, September 30-October 1, 2011. The general theme, “Coming of Age,” recognized the twenty-year history of the association itself, which is a regional affiliate of the Medieval Academy of America. I served as president, coining the theme, planning the conference, inviting the two plenary speakers (John Contreni, Purdue University and Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America, and Martha Newman, Chair of Department of Religious Studies and Associate Professor of History at the University of Texas and Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America), organizing the schedule (24 sessions with 72 papers), attending to most of the details (along with the help of the history administrative assistant Rene’ Coker and student worker Bethany Swoveland), and delivering the Presidential address. TEMA XXI drew scholars and graduate students from universities throughout Texas and even scattered throughout the U.S. (we registered around 100). “Why Medieval Studies Matter: The Presidential Address,” delivered at the *Texas Medieval Association XXI* conference (October 2011).

11. *The King James Bible and the World It Made*, ISR Conference April 2011

Honoring the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, this conference brought scholars from throughout the US and England to Baylor, including Robert Alter (Berkeley), David Bebbington (University of Stirling), Philip Jenkins (Baylor and Penn State University), Laura Knoppers (Penn State University), Alister McGrath (Kings College, London), Mark Noll (Notre Dame), Lamin Sanneh (Yale), and Gordon Campbell (University of Leicester). I assisted with preliminary planning of the conference and coordination during the conference. I also delivered a paper, “*The King James Bible and the Disappearance of Gender Inclusive Language from English Sermons.*” As all of the ISR lectures are recorded, you may view my lecture at this link: <http://www.isreligion.org/tv/conferences.php>.

Research Awards and Fellowships

The following were competitive nationally

Jane Dempsey Douglass American Society of Church History 2015 Best Article Prize, Second Place: Beth Allison Barr, “A ‘sterre of þe see to 3yue lyzt to men’ and ‘myrroure to alle sinful’: A Comparative Analysis of Biblical Women in the English Wycliffite Sermons with John Mirk’s *Festial.*” *Fourteenth Century England, Vol. VIII*, edited by J.S. Hamilton, 147-163. Woodbridge, Suffolk: Boydell Press, 2014

Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, the Louisville Institute, a Lilly Endowment Program. “Weak and Silent Vessels: The Impact of the English Bible on Christian Women,” \$40,000 award, 2013-2014. The Louisville Institute is funded by the Religion Division of Lilly Endowment and based at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (Louisville, KY). The goal of the Sabbatical Grant for Researchers is to enable “ecclesially-engaged academics and scholarly religious leaders to conduct a major study that can contribute to the vitality of Christianity in North America.” <http://www.louisville-institute.org/grants/programs>.

Finalist for Woodrow Wilson Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship in Religion, 2002

Finalist for Fulbright in the United Kingdom, 2001

The following were competitive among Baylor faculty

Baylor University Centennial Professor Award, 2018

Baylor University Research Committee (URC) Small-Range Grant, “Women in English Sermons: Completing a Book Manuscript,” \$2640 awarded, Baylor University, 2018-2019

Baylor Libraries Teaching Fellow for Central Libraries, 2016

Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement Grant, “Visualizing Medieval Sermons: Applying Digital Humanities to Historical Scholarship,” Baylor University, 2016-2017.

Summer Sabbatical, “Touching Christ: Mary Magdalene, Women, and the Church in Pre-Modern England,” Baylor University, 2016

Baylor University Research Committee (URC) Small-Range Grant, “Medieval Sermons as Evidence for Women’s History: A Microfilm Digitization Project,” \$4150 awarded, Baylor University, 2013-2014

Research Leave, “Writing Women Out of English Sermons, 1350-1650,” Baylor University, Fall 2012

Faculty Fellow, Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University, 2012

Baylor University Nominee for 2011 NEH Summer Stipend, “Preaching Women in England, 1350-1700”

Summer Sabbatical, “Preaching Women in England, 1350-1700,” Baylor University, 2010

Summer Sabbatical, “Preaching Women in England, 1350-1700,” Baylor University, 2009

The following were competitive among graduate students regionally and nationally

William B. Schalleck Memorial Graduate Fellowship, awarded by the Richard III Society American Branch, 2001

Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Carolinas Symposium on British Studies, 1999

The following were competitive among UNC-Chapel Hill graduate students

UNC-CH Mowry Research Grant, 2002

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UNC-CH University Center for International Studies Dissertation Summer Fellowship, 2001

UNC-CH Smith Research Grant, 1998

UNC-CH Merit Fellowship, 1997

UNC-CH Outstanding Teaching Assistant Nomination 1997, 2000

Invited

National and International Conference Presentations

“*Gendered Networks? Women, Dominicans, and John Mirk’s Festial in Fifteenth-Century England*,” to be presented at the 2018 International Medieval Sermon Studies Society in Bristol, UK, July 2018.

“*Fides ex Auditū before the Reformation: Women and the Bible in Late Medieval English Sermons*” delivered at the 2017 *The Bible and the Reformation, Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, 25-27* October 2017, at Baylor University.

“*Preaching the Word to Women: The Woman of Canaan in Late Medieval English Sermons*,” delivered at the International Congress on Medieval Studies (May 2017) at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

“*Disappearing Women: Gendered Language and Biblical Text in English Sermons*,” delivered at the 2017 American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Conference (January 2017) in Denver CO.

“*Women be Silent? The Impact of the Reformation on Pauline Writings about Women in English Sermons*,” delivered at the 2016 American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Conference (January 2016) in Atlanta, GA.

“*Feminizing God’s Word? A Comparison of Biblical References in Fifteenth and Sixteenth-Century English Sermons*,” delivered at the 2014 Sixteenth Century Society Conference (October 2014) at New Orleans, Louisiana.

“*Feminizing God’s Word? The Gendered Nature of Scripture References in Late Medieval English Sermons*,” delivered at the 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies (May 2014) at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

“*Mary Magdalene and the Woman of Canaan: The Uses of Biblical Women in Wycliffite Sermons as compared with John Mirk’s Festial*,” delivered at the 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies (May 2013) at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

“*The Influence of Sermon Literature on the Lives of Medieval Women*,” delivered at the North American Conference on British Studies (November 2009).

“*Gendering Wycliffe: A Comparison of Gendered Language in Lollard Sermons with John Mirk’s Festial*,” delivered at the International Congress on Medieval Studies in Leeds, UK (July 2009).

“God’s Brethren: A Medieval Perspective on Gendered Language in Seventeenth-Century Protestant Sermons,” delivered at the American Society of Church History conference (January 2008).

“Three’s a Crowd: Women, Men, and Priests in the Late Medieval Confessional,” delivered at the International Congress on Medieval Studies (May 2007).

“Serious Sin: Women and Mental Anguish in Medieval Exempla,” delivered at the International Congress on Medieval Studies (May 2005).

“The Limits of Pastoral Care: Singlewomen, Wives, and Widows,” delivered at the North American Conference on British Studies (October 2003).

Regional Conference Presentations

“The Power of Female Faith in Late Medieval English Sermons,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association Conference (October 2017) at Baylor University.

“Proving by Performance? Evaluating the Historicity of Margery Kempe from the Evidence of Sermons,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association Conference (October 2016) at Texas A&M University.

“The Thin Blue Line: Women, Preaching, and Sacred Space in Late Medieval English Sermons,” to delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (October 2015) at Texas State University.

“‘Women in God be Men’: the Woman of Canaan and Gender Equality in Late Medieval English Sermons,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (October 2014) at the University of North Texas.

“Were Women Banned from Singing in the Pre-Reformation English Church? The Evidence of Sermons,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (September 2013) at West Texas A&M University.

“Women be Silent? Preaching Paul in Medieval English Sermons,” delivered at the Southeastern Medieval Conference (October 2012).

“Writing Out Women? The Significance of Gendered Language in English Sermons, 1483-1650,” delivered at the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (March 2012) at the Huntington Library.

“Why Medieval Studies Matter: The Presidential Address,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association Conference (October 2011) at Baylor University.

“Did Women Have a Reformation? The Evidence of Sermon Literature,” delivered at the Conference on Faith and History (September 2008).

“Left Behind: Women and the Language of Reformation in Early Modern England,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (October 2006).

“Laughing at Christ: Gendered Responses to the Eucharist in Late Medieval England,” delivered at the Conference on Faith and History (September 2006).

“Persuasive Piety: The Influence of Sermon Literature on the Life of Margery Kempe,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (September 2004).

“A Picture is a Thousand Words: Church Carvings and the Pastoral Care of Women in Late Medieval England,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (September 2003).

“‘And if a woman comes unto you....’: The Pastoral Care of Women in Middle English Clerical Literature,” delivered at the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (April 2002).

“‘Dear Christian Men and Wymmen’: A Medieval Perspective on the Modern Gender Inclusive Language Debate,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (October 2002).

“‘Be he husband, Be he wife’: John Mirk and the Pastoral Care of Women in Late Medieval England,” delivered at the Texas Medieval Association conference (September 2000).

“Little to Give: Women’s Economic Contributions to Clerical Incomes in Late Medieval Hornsea,” delivered at the Carolinas Symposium on British Studies conference (October 1999).

Invited Lectures and Professional Development

Delivering the 2019 E. Glenn Hinson Lectures, Baptist Seminar of Kentucky, March 2019

Delivering the 2018 Conference on Faith and History Presidential Address, October 2018

Delivered the 2010 Phi Alpha Theta Lecture, Texas A&M-Commerce

Baylor University

Delivering “Reconsidering Paul: The Evidence of Medieval Sermons” for March 2018 Medieval and Renaissance Research Seminar Lecture

Delivered “Paul on Women Reconsidered: Medieval England to Africa” for February 2018 Institute for Studies of Religion *Reimagining Global Christian History: Fresh Insights Symposium*

Guest lecturer for “The History of Medicine” Fall 2017 course, taught by Lauren Barron.

Guest lecturer for “Historiography” Fall 2017 course, taught by Bracy Hill.

Brown-bag speaker for Graduate History department professional panel on “Applying for Jobs at Christian Colleges,” October 2017

Panel speaker for “Boundary Breaking Women,” sponsored by Women and Gender Studies at Baylor (September 2017)

Panel speaker for “Going for the Gold in Higher Education: On Mentors, Research, Huddles, and Panache,” a workshop organized by Elizabeth Vardaman for female leaders in university education, sponsored by the Baylor College of Arts & Sciences (June 2017)

Graduate School Dissertation Lab invited speaker for “Writing Groups,” May 2016 and May 2017
Plenary Speaker for ATL Foundations for Teaching Workshop, May 9-10, 2017, “Syllabus Construction.”

Invited Speaker for New Graduate Program Director Training, May 3, 2017

SET Leader Fall 2016, “How to Form an Effective Writing Group”

PROFF (Preparing our Future Faculty) Graduate School Mock Interview committee, 7 April 2016.

SET Leader November 2015, “Teaching to promote gender equality”

Delivered “Feminizing God’s Word: The Woman of Canaan,” to the History Colloquium (November 2015)

Delivered “Christine de Pisan: Why Women Matter in History,” for Women’s History Month Panel for Baylor Department of Multi-Cultural Affairs (5 March 2015)

Guest speaker for Summer Faculty Institute, May 2014 (presentation “Collegiality and Tenure”) and May 2015

Participant Women’s Colloquium Fall 2012-present

Presented Guest Lecturers to Jeffrey Hamilton’s *Medieval History* and *Medieval Britain* class, 2011 and 2015

Invited to deliver a lecture for the Medieval and Renaissance Research Seminar, Spring 2014

Presented Devotional to New Faculty Orientation, August 2013

Participant in Paleography Workshop (sponsored by English and History departments), Spring 2013

Presented to Julie Sweet’s *Historiography* undergraduate class, Fall 2012

Presented to Barry Hankins’ *Historiography* graduate seminar, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, and Fall 2013

Presented to History Faculty and Graduate Students in the Research Colloquium Spring 2009

Graduate Student Orientation Speaker, along with Eric Holleyman, Fall 2010 and Fall 2011

Presented Lecture to Graduate Student Housing Community, Spring 2008

Guest speaker for Kappa Nu, Medieval Honors Society, “Medieval Concept of ‘Other’”, Fall 2006

The Wider Academy

Invited to participate in a panel discussion sponsored by the Conference on Faith and History (CFH) at the American Historical Association (January 2010) over *The Pastoral Care of Women in Late Medieval England*

Professional Affiliations

The Medieval Academy of America

The International Medieval Sermon Studies Society (IMSSS)

The American Society of Church History (ASCH)

The Sixteenth Century Society (SCSC)

The Texas Medieval Association (TEMA), past president (2011) and current vice president (2017)
The Conference on Faith and History (CFH), board member 2014-2018, and incoming President (2018-2020)
The North American Conference on British Studies (NACBS)
The Coordinating Council for Women in History (CCWH)

Service

Professional

American Society of Church History Program Committee, 2018-2019
Sixteenth Century Society Conference Sexual Harassment Committee Member, Fall 2017-present
American Society of Church History Diversity Committee Member, Fall 2017-present
Best Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, *Texas Medieval Association*, Fall 2016
Vice President and Incoming President, *Conference on Faith and History*, 2016-present
External Reviewer for the History Department at Hope College, September 2015
Board Member, 2014-2018, Conference on Faith and History
External Reviewer *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Spring 2013
President, *Texas Medieval Association*, 2011, and Vice President 2017
External Reviewer *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 2011
External Reviewer *Religion Compass* (Blackwell), May 2010
Program Chair for the Conference on Faith and History, Student Conference, Bluffton University, 17-18 September, 2008
Undergraduate Prize Committee for North American Conference on British Studies, 2007

Departmental

Chair of Graduate Committee, since 2016
Member of Graduate Committee, since 2011
Graduate Student Advisor, since 2016
Member of the Nineteenth-Century Southern History Search Committee, 2017-2018
Member of the Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, 2015-2016
Presented Guest Lecturers to Jeffrey Hamilton's *Medieval History* and *Medieval Britain* class, 2011 and 2015
Member of the Search Committee, American Intellectual History, 2015-2016
Member of Graduate Faculty, 2010-present
Advisor for students majoring in History, 2008-present
Speaker at Baylor's Premiere Weekend, History Academic Session, Spring 2013
History Faculty Representative to Prospective History Students and Families, summer 2013 and 2014
Hosted Graduate Student Events at my home, 2012-present
Participated in Fall 2012 Induction Ceremony for Phi Alpha Theta
Participant in campus visits of academic searches (tenure-track and lecturer positions), 2008-present
Participant in the Edmondson Lectures and Dinner, 2008-present
Participant in Baylor's Parent-Teacher Coffee, 2002-present
Member of a Writing Group, Baylor, 2010-present
Faculty PhD dissertation director for Elizabeth Marvel, 2015-present
PhD Comprehensive Examiner for Elizabeth Marvel (2017)
PhD Dissertation Committee for Scott Prather (2016 to present)
Faculty PhD dissertation director for Lynneth Miller, 2014-present
Faculty MA Thesis director for Anna Redhair, 2016 to present
Faculty MA Thesis director for Annelise Henley, 2015 to present
PhD Comprehensive Examiner for Matt Millsap (2017)

PhD Comprehensive Examiner for Elise Leal (2015)
MA Thesis Committee member for Dallin Grimm, 2014-present
Faculty Honors Thesis director for Kathryn Novak (2015): “*Medieval Mysticism: A Comparison of Christina of Markyate, Julian of Norwich, and Margery Kempe*”
Honors Thesis Committee member for Amanda Sawyer, April 2015
Faculty MA Thesis director for Taylor Mazzola (2014): ““Verie Needfull for this Time”: Representations of Women in Sixteenth-Century English Prayer Manuals.”
Faculty MA Thesis director for Meghan Clark (2013): “*Hysteria, Witchcraft, and Women’s Bodies: A Re Examination of Robert Jordan’s A Briefe Discourse of a Disease Called the Suffocation of the Mother.*”
Faculty MA Thesis director for Laura Oliver (2012): “*She should have more if she were ruled and guided by them.*” *Elizabeth Woodville and Margery Kempe: Female Agency in Late Medieval England.*”
Faculty MA Thesis director for Sarah Gross (2012): “*Sed rudibus et indoctis*”: *Women, Orthodoxy, and the Roseberry Rolle Manuscript.*”
Honors Thesis Committee for Ryan Trobee (2011)
Honors Thesis Committee for Thomas Carlson (2011)
Member of Search Committee, American Women’s History, 2010-2011
Honors Thesis Director for Laura Oliver (2010): “*Eleanor Aquitaine and Anne Boleyn: Female Political Power in England.*”
MA Thesis Committee for Courtney Harrold (2009)
Honors Thesis Committee for Alisha Hash (2009)
Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2009-2010
Member of Student Scholarships and Awards Committee, 2008-2009
Member of Search Committee, Russian and Eastern European, 2008-2009
Faculty Mentor to two Graduate Teaching Assistants in the English Department, 2007, 2008
Participant in New Faculty Mentoring Meetings, 2008-2009
Participant in New Faculty Orientation, August 2008

University

Graduate Studies Professional Development Committee, 2017-present
URSA Proposal Reviewer, 2017
University Research Committee, 2014-16
Gender Studies Advisory Council, 2014-present
Members-In-Course Phi Beta Kappa Committee, 2012-present
Phi Beta Kappa History department representative, 2014-present
Libraries Research and Technology Committee, 2014-2015
History department representative *Invitation to Excellence* 22 November 2013
PhD Dissertation Director, Lynneth Miller, History Department (2014-present)
PhD Dissertation Director, Elizabeth Marvel, History Department (2015-present)
PhD Dissertation Committee, Scott Prather, Religion Department (2016-present)
PhD Dissertation Committee, Joshua Smith, Religion Department (2016-present)
PhD Dissertation Committee, Elise Leal, History Department (2015-present)
PhD Dissertation Committee for David Clark, English Department, 2013-2015 (14 August 2015)
PhD Dissertation Committee for Adam Marshall, English Department, 2014-2015 (defense October 2015)
PhD Dissertation Committee for Sarah Rude, English Department, 2015-present (defense April 2017)
PhD Dissertation Committee for Rachel Roberts, English Department, 2015-present
Honors Thesis committee, Luke Perez-McCowan (Defense, Spring 2018)
Honors Thesis committee, Taylor Kniphfer (Defense, Spring 2018)
MA Thesis Director Anna Redhair, History Department, 2016-present
MA Thesis Director Analise Henley, History Department, 2014-2016 (defense 2016)

MA Thesis Committee Dallin Grimm, History Department, 2014-2016 (defense 2016)
MA Thesis Committee (English) for Sara Kelm (June 2015)
MA Thesis Committee (Communication Studies) for Sarah Varga (June 2015)
Honors Thesis Committee (Classics) for Catherine Schenk (April 2015)
PhD Dissertation Committee for Bryan Maine, Church History in Religion Department, 2013-present
MA Examining Committee (English) for Devin McCain (8 November 2013)
MA Thesis Committee (English) for Adam Marshall (2012)
MA Thesis Committee (English) for Tanya Baker (2010)
Honors Thesis Committee (English) for Kayla Allen (2010)
MA Thesis Committee (Church-State) for Vance Woods (2009)
MA Thesis Committee (English) for Amanda Keys (2009)
Honors Thesis Committee (English) for Noah Peterson (2009)
Faculty Mentor for Jason Hentschel, 4th year Master of Divinity student at Truett Theological Seminary (2009)
Faculty advisor Baylor Women's League, 2008-2009
Attended Baylor's Graduation (at least one a year), 2008-present
Volunteer for Baylor's Annual Move-In Day, Baylor, 2008, 2009, 2012
Faculty Partner, Kokernot and Collins Residence Hall, Baylor, 2006-2011
Honors Colloquium Instructor, Spring 2006, Spring 2010, and Fall 2011
Participant in Faculty Retreat, Baylor, 2009
Leader of University 1000, Baylor, 2009

Community

Active Volunteer, Mission Waco, 2002-present

I have been active in many of Mission Waco's programs, but most especially with My Brother's Keeper Homeless Shelter, King's Club Saturday Kids Program, World Cup Café and Fair Trade Market, annual Thanksgiving meal at the Meyer Center, and Christmas Eve Service at My Brother's Keeper. My family has a long history of service with Mission Waco, with my sister and my mother both formerly serving on the board, my mother once as President, and my husband currently serving on the board and as Vice President of the board.

Church Under the Bridge, Serving Breakfast, since 2008

Religious

Current affiliation: Baptist

Member: First Baptist Church Elm Mott; my husband serves as pastor. I am active in both Sunday and Wednesday night services.