

# Curriculum Vitae – Kara J. Lyons-Pardue

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## CURRENT POSITION

- **Associate Professor of New Testament**, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Point Loma Nazarene University (Fall 2015 to present; Assistant Professor 2011–2015; **Tenured** Fall 2018)
- **Co-Director of the Margaret Stevenson Center for Women's Studies**, Point Loma Nazarene University (Fall 2018 to present)

## EDUCATION

- **Ph.D.**, 2015, Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ)
  - Field: Biblical Studies, New Testament; Advisor: C. Clifton Black
  - Dissertation title: "A Later Ending Reclaims Mark's Faithful Women"
- **M.Div.**, Magna Cum Laude, 2005, Nazarene Theological Seminary (Kansas City, MO)
- **B.A.**, Summa Cum Laude, 2002, Northwest Nazarene University (Nampa, ID)

## CHURCH/DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

- The Church of the Nazarene; Ordained Elder since June 1, 2015

## WORK HISTORY

- Editorial Assistant to C. Clifton Black, Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS), 2010
- Executive Editor of *Koinonia Journal*, PTS, 2008–2010
- Teaching Fellow/Preceptor, PTS, 2007–2010
- Adjunct Instructor of Biblical Greek, Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS), 2003–2006
- Research Assistant, Nazarene Archives, Kansas City, MO, 2002–2005

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- **Sabbatical**, Project: Greek translation, research, and early drafts for a theological commentary on the Gospel According to Mark – Fall Semester 2018
- **Wesleyan Center Summer Scholar and RASP Grants** for project "Fostering Wesleyan Fellowship and Scholarship: Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies," Point Loma Nazarene University – Summer 2018 (Pembroke College, Oxford)
- **RASP Grant** for project "The Word Became Sound: Audio Podcasts on Biblical Studies," Point Loma Nazarene University – December 2016
- **Wesleyan Center Summer Scholar**, Project: "Biblical Lands: Reading Gospels in Place," Point Loma Nazarene University – Summer 2016 (Travel course in Israel and Jordan)
- **Outstanding Dissertation Award**, Wesleyan Theological Society – March 2016
- **Wesleyan Center Fellowship**, Project on Women in the Endings of Mark, Point Loma Nazarene University – Fall 2015
- **Point Loma Alumni Association Grant**, Project: "Opening Access to Early Christian Manuscripts" – awarded May 2013
- **Goethe Institut Stipendium** (scholarship) – May–June, 2009 (Berlin)

## PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- “Two Mary Magdalenes: Eusebius of Caesarea and the Questionable Reliability of the Gospels’ Female Witnesses,” Ch. 6 in *Rediscovering the Marys: Maria, Mariamne, Miriam* (Ed. Mary Ann Beavis and Ally Kateusz; Library of New Testament Studies, Scriptural Traces; T&T Clark, anticipated 2019); Forthcoming.
- “Commentary on Philemon” in *Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition*, New Beacon Bible Commentary (Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City), forthcoming.
- “Jesus and the Law,” *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Ed. Robert Branson, Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City), forthcoming.
- “One Jesus Painted by Four Artists,” *Holiness Today* magazine (Jul/Aug 2018), 18-20.
- “Mark 4:35-41” (Proper 7B) for A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary; <https://www.aplainaccount.org/proper-7b-gospel>, June 18, 2018.
- “Mark 4:26-34” (Proper 6B) for A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary; <https://www.aplainaccount.org/proper-6b-gospel>, June 11, 2018.
- *Following Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King*. Co-edited with Timothy R. Gaines. Kansas City: The Foundry Press, 2018.
  - Contributed chapters, “Introduction” (pp. 11-19) and “Following Jesus’s Prophetic Welcome of Women” (pp. 51-67)
  - See publisher’s site: <https://www.thefoundrypublishing.com/following-jesus-9780834136878.html>
  - See my brief interview on my chapter: <https://youtu.be/BVYzF9k91g>
- (Reprinted) Co-authored with Jason Sturdevant, “Reading the Bible in a Postmodern Age: The Importance of Context for Interpretation,” *Rethinking the Bible: Inerrancy, Preaching, Inspiration, Authority, Formation, Archeology, Postmodernism, and More* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition; Richard P. Thompson and Thomas Jay Oord, eds.; SacraSage Press, 2018).
- Review: Michael Graves, *The Inspiration and Interpretation of Scripture: What the Early Church Can Teach Us*. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 45:2 (April 2018), 49-50.
- “Women in Romans 16” for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum (WordAction; Kansas City, Mo.: Nazarene Publishing House), Spring Quarter 2018.
- “The Formation of the Bible: Where Did It Come from? How the Sacred Texts Were Compiled,” Invited blog article for the American Bible Society’s *Bible Engager’s Blog* <http://blog.bible/bible-engagers-blog/entry/the-formation-of-the-bible-where-did-it-come-from>, Nov. 13, 2017.
- Guest Expert on *In All Things Charity* Podcast (Season 3), Episode “How We Got the Bible,” April 21, 2017
- “1 Corinthians 1:1-9” (Epiphany 2A) for A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary; <http://www.aplainaccount.org/epiphany-2a-2nd-reading>, Jan. 9, 2017
- “Romans 15:4-13” (Advent 2A) for A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary; <http://www.aplainaccount.org/advent-2a-2nd-reading>, Dec. 4, 2016
- “Ancient Sardis,” for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum (WordAction; Kansas City, Mo.: Nazarene Publishing House), Summer Quarter 2016.
- 8 passage commentaries on Mark for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum, (WordAction; Kansas City, Mo.: Nazarene Publishing House), Winter 2015/16 and Spring Quarter 2016.
- “Widow’s mite,” *Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, co-edited by Michael Gilmour and Mary Ann Beavis (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012).
- Video Resource on Matthew 5:48 for *Grace and Peace Magazine* <https://vimeo.com/32601478>, Nov. 2011.

- Review: N. Calvert-Koyzis and H. Weir, eds., *Strangely Familiar: Protofeminist Interpretations of Patriarchal Biblical Texts*. *Biblical Interpretation* 19 (2011), 508-510.
- Co-authored with Jason Sturdevant, "Reading the Bible in a Postmodern Age: The Importance of Context for Interpretation," in *The Bible Tells Me So: Wesleyans Reading the Bible as Scripture* (Richard P. Thompson and Thomas Jay Oord, eds.; SacraSage Press, 2011).
- Review: L. H. Cohick, *Women in the World of the Earliest Christians: Illuminating Ancient Ways of Life*. *Koinonia* 22 (2010), 154-58.
- "'Grace and Peace to You': This Is the Word of the Lord," *Grace and Peace*, (Inaugural Issue, April 2010, p. 38-41).
- "The Trustworthiness and Authority of the Bible," in *Postmodern and Wesleyan?: Exploring the Boundaries and Possibilities*, Edited by Jay Richard Akkerman, et al. (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2009).
- Editorials: *Koinonia Journal*, "A Quest for Jesus Christ," *Koinonia* 20 (2008); and "New Portraits," *Koinonia* 21 (2009).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "In Praise of Ignorance: Knowledge in the Parable of the Growing Seed (Mark 4:26-29) and Its Implications for Proclamation in Mark's Gospel" at the 14<sup>th</sup> Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies – August 14, 2018 (Pembroke College, Oxford)
  - Paper available in online archive: <https://oimts.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/2018-02-lyons-pardue.pdf>
- "The Old and New Births of Onesimus" at Wesleyan Theological Society ("WTS") Meeting – March 12, 2016 (San Diego)
- "A Syrophenician Becomes a Canaanite: The Narrative Functions of Two Portrayals of One Woman" at Society of Biblical Literature ("SBL") Annual Meeting – November 21, 2015 (Atlanta)
- "Two Mary Magdalenes: Eusebius and the Questionable Reliability of the Gospels' Female Witnesses" at SBL Annual Meeting – November 22, 2015 (Atlanta)
- Panel: "The Feminist Faithful: Connecting Faith with Feminism through Transgression and Justice" at National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference – November 15, 2014 (San Juan, Puerto Rico)
- Panel Review of Luke Timothy Johnson, *Among the Gentiles* (Yale, 2009) at SBL 2011 Annual Meeting – November 20, 2011 (San Francisco)
- "Patterning Mission in the Likeness of a Woman (Mark 16:9-20)" at WTS Meeting – March 4, 2011 (Southern Methodist University, Dallas)
- "Mary Magdalene in a Quasi-Canonical Resurrection Narrative" at SBL 2010 Annual Meeting, Women in the Biblical World Section – November 21, 2010 (Atlanta)
- "Wastefulness in Mark: Two Extravagant Women and Their Exemplary Status" at Mid-Atlantic Regional SBL – March 26, 2009 (Baltimore, Maryland)
- "Miracle in Mark: Theological Reflection on Science's Questions," at WTS Meeting – March 14, 2008 (Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina)
- "The Formative Language of a Worshipping Community: Christological Usage of the Old Testament in the Gospel of Mark," at WTS Meeting – March 4, 2005 (Seattle Pacific University, Seattle)

### MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Full Member, Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (2018)

- Member, Society of Biblical Literature (2003 to present)
  - Member of Christian Theology and the Bible Section Committee
- Member, Wesleyan Theological Society (2005 to present)
  - Chair of Biblical Studies Section
- Member, Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy International (2002 to present)

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

- New Testament History and Religion (BIB 102)
- Biblical Greek I and II (GRK 207 and 208)
- Reading Scripture Faithfully (BIB 240)
- Jesus and the Gospels (BIB 301)
- The Letter of Paul (BIB 302)
- New Testament Books and Early Churches (BIB 335)
- Seminar in Biblical Literature (BIB 495)
- Christian Scripture (CMI 635)

**SCHOLARLY LANGUAGES:** German, French, Greek, Latin, Hebrew