

Curriculum Vitae – Kara J. Lyons-Pardue

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CURRENT POSITION

- **Professor of New Testament**, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Point Loma Nazarene University (Assistant Professor 2011–2015; Associate 2015–2019; Tenured Fall 2018; Current Rank Fall 2019 to present)
- **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)
- **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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- (Upcoming) **Wesleyan Center Fellowship** for “Reading Mark with Care for the Church: A Continuing Commentary Project” – Spring 2021
- **Sabbatical**, Project: Greek translation and research 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

- **Invited eTalk**: For the Mark 16 Digital Humanities project from the Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics (Lausanne), an audio, visual, and text lecture on *Gospel Women and the Long Ending of Mark* <https://mark16-etalk.sib.swiss/index.php?dir=KaraLyonsPardue#0> (Sept. 2020).

- **Chapter:** “‘Little Daughters’ and Big Textual Allusions: Reading Three of Mark’s Stories Featuring Women with Care” in *Listening Again to the Text: New Testament Studies in Honor of George Lyons* (Claremont Studies in New Testament and Christian Origins; Claremont Press, 2020).
- **Book:** *Gospel Women and the Long Ending of Mark* in the Library of New Testament Studies (T&T Clark, 2020).
- **Chapter:** “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; 2020).
- **Dictionary Entry:** “Jesus and the Law,” *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Ed. Robert Branson; Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2020).
- **Christian Educational Curriculum:** “The Kingdom of God is Like ...” for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum (WordAction; Kansas City: The Foundry Publishing), Winter Quarter 2020.
- **Peer-Reviewed Article:** “A Syrophoenician Becomes a Canaanite: Jesus Exegetes the Canaanite Woman in Matthew,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 13:2 (2019): 235-250.
- **Book Review:** Matthew L. Skinner, *A Companion to the New Testament: Paul and the Pauline Letters*. In *Currents in Theology and Mission* 46:4 (2019): 42.
- **Book:** “Commentary on Philemon” in *Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition*, New Beacon Bible Commentary (Kansas City: The Foundry Publishing, 2019).
- **Book Review:** Michael R. Whitemon, *Hearing Kyriotic Sonship: A Cognitive and Rhetorical Approach to the Characterization of Mark’s Jesus*. In *Biblical Interpretation* 27 (2019), 160-162.
- **Christian Educational Curriculum:** “What Is Submission?” for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum (WordAction; Kansas City: The Foundry Publishing), Spring Quarter 2019.
- **Popular Article:** “One Jesus Painted by Four Artists,” *Holiness Today* magazine (Jul/Aug 2018), 18-20.
- **Online Lectionary Commentary:** “Mark 4:35-41” (Proper 7B) for A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary; <https://www.aplainaccount.org/proper-7b-gospel>, June 18, 2018.
- **Online Lectionary Commentary:** “Mark 4:26-34” (Proper 6B) for A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary; <https://www.aplainaccount.org/proper-6b-gospel>, June 11, 2018.
- **Book:** *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>
- **Book Chapter:** (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* (2nd Edition; Richard P. Thompson and Thomas Jay Oord, eds.; SacraSage Press, 2018).
- **Book Review:** Michael Graves, *The Inspiration and Interpretation of Scripture: What the Early Church Can Teach Us*. In *Currents in Theology and Mission* 45:2 (April 2018), 49-50.
- **Christian Educational Curriculum:** “Women in Romans 16” for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum (WordAction; Kansas City, Mo.: Nazarene Publishing House), Spring Quarter 2018.
- **Popular Article:** “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.

- **Podcast Interview:** Guest Expert on *In All Things Charity* Podcast (Season 3), Episode “How We Got the Bible,” April 21, 2017
- **Online Lectionary Commentary:** “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
- **Online Lectionary Commentary:** “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
- **Christian Educational Curriculum:** “Ancient Sardis,” for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum (WordAction; Kansas City, Mo.: Nazarene Publishing House), Summer Quarter 2016.
- **Christian Educational Curriculum:** 8 passage commentaries on Mark for *Illustrated Bible Life* curriculum, (WordAction; Kansas City, Mo.: Nazarene Publishing House), Winter 2015/16 and Spring Quarter 2016.
- **Dictionary Entry:** “Widow’s mite,” *Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, co-edited by Michael Gilmour and Mary Ann Beavis (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012).
- **Video Interview:** Resource on Matthew 5:48 for *Grace and Peace Magazine* <https://vimeo.com/32601478>, Nov. 2011.
- **Book Review:** N. Calvert-Koyzis and H. Weir, eds., *Strangely Familiar: Protofeminist Interpretations of Patriarchal Biblical Texts*. *Biblical Interpretation* 19 (2011), 508-510.
- **Book Chapter:** 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).
- **Book Review:** L. H. Cohick, *Women in the World of the Earliest Christians: Illuminating Ancient Ways of Life*. *Koinonia* 22 (2010), 154-58.
- **Popular Article:** “‘Grace and Peace to You’: This Is the Word of the Lord,” *Grace and Peace*, (Inaugural Issue, April 2010, p. 38-41).
- **Book Chapter:** “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 AND INVITED LECTURES

- Lecture: “Echoes of Esther Echoes of Esther in the Dancing Girl of Mark’s Gospel” at Women Together, St. Paul’s Episcopal Cathedral – February 6, 2020 (San Diego)
- “Bite-Sized Expertise: Bible Dictionary Abstracts and Presentations” at Society of Biblical Literature (“SBL”) Annual Meeting – November 23, 2019 (San Diego)
- Edmund Janzen Lectureship in Biblical Studies at Fresno Pacific University – March 28-29, 2019 (Fresno, CA). Academic Lecture title: “‘Little Daughters’ and Big Scriptural Allusions: Reading Three of Mark’s Stories Featuring Women with Care.”
- “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 14th 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)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Steering Committee member, Christian Theology and the Bible Section, Society of Biblical Literature (2018 to present)
- Seminar member, Mark’s Passion Narrative, Society of Biblical Literature (Fall 2020 to present)
- Steering Committee member, Mark’s Gospel Section, Society of Biblical Literature (2021 to present)
- *Bulletin for Biblical Research* board member (2020)
- Biblical Studies Section chair, Wesleyan Theological Society (2018 to present)

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 Steering Committee
- Member, Wesleyan Theological Society (2005 to present)
 - Chair of Biblical Studies Section
- Member, Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy International (2002 to present)

TEACHING AREAS:

- Christian Scripture, New Testament
- Biblical Greek
- Jesus and the Gospels
- The Letters of Paul
- Revelation

- Women in Scripture

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