

## 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 (August 2011 to present)

### EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 2015, Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, New Jersey)
  - Successfully defended December 5, 2014
  - 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, Missouri)
- B.A., Summa Cum Laude, 2002, Northwest Nazarene University (Nampa, Idaho)
  - Major: Philosophy/Religion; Minors: Bible, Theology, and Biblical Languages

### CHURCH/DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

- The Church of the Nazarene (member, San Diego First Church of the Nazarene)
  - I attend the Genesis church plant (in North Park).
- Ordained Elder, Church of the Nazarene on June 1, 2015, Southern California District
  - I received my first District License for ministry in 2004 (Intermountain District).

### WORK HISTORY

- Editorial Assistant to C. Clifton Black, Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS), May – Sept. 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

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Wesleyan Center Summer Scholar, Point Loma Nazarene University – Summer 2016
  - Travel course in Israel and Jordan
- Outstanding Dissertation Award, Wesleyan Theological Society – March 2016
- Wesleyan Center Fellowship, Point Loma Nazarene University – Fall 2015
- Point Loma Alumni Association Grant – awarded May 2013
- Goethe Institut Stipendium (scholarship) – Berlin (May-June, 2009)

### PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEWS (SELECTED)

- "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.
- "One Jesus Painted by Four Artists/Gospels," *Holiness Today* magazine, forthcoming.
- "Jesus and the Law," *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, forthcoming.
- "Ancient Sardis," for *Illustrated Bible Life* Adult Sunday School curriculum (WordAction; Kansas City, Mo.: Nazarene Publishing House), Summer Quarter 2016.

- 8 passage commentaries on Mark for *Illustrated Bible Life* Adult Sunday School curriculum, 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).
- 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).

#### **PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

- "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 (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 (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)

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

- Member, Society of Biblical Literature (2003 to present)
  - I attend this society's national conference annually

- Nov. 2014, I attended a pre-conference discipline-specific pedagogy workshop: "Using Performance to Teach the Bible " and Orality Networking Event
- Member, Wesleyan Theological Society (2005 to present)
  - I attend this society's national conference bi-annually
- Member, Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy International (2002 to present)
  - I attended the WHWC Conference April 2015 (South Carolina)
- National Women's Studies Association (Member 2014 to 2015)
  - I attended NWSA Conference in November 2014 (San Juan, Puerto Rico)

**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)
- 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