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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Appointment

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| 2026-present | Associate Professor in Religious Studies Early Christianity
St. Francis Xavier University |
| 2022-2025 | Assistant Professor in Religious Studies Early Christianity
St. Francis Xavier University |

Previous Appointments

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| 2021-2022 | Assistant Professor in Biblical Studies New Testament
Dublin City University |
| 2020-2021 | Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow
University of Nottingham
Project Title: The Intersection of Misogyny and Anti-Judaism at the Parting of the Ways between Judaism and Christianity |
| 2017–2020 | Assistant Professor in New Testament Studies
University of Nottingham |
| 2016–2017 | Adjunct Lecturer
Concordia Dept of Theological Studies |
| 2012–2017 | Director, McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life (MORSL)
McGill University Student Services |
| 2016–2017 | Incarcerated Women’s Instructor (LeClerc Prison)
Société Elizabeth Fry du Québec |
| 2014-2015 | Residence Life Manager (Hall Director)
McGill University Residences |
| 2012–2014 | Adjunct Lecturer
McGill University Faculty of Religious Studies |

Education

2016	Ph.D. Religious Studies Early Judaism; minor in Historical Jesus McGill University Thesis: "Women in the Q Gender Pairs" Supervisor: Gerbern Oegema
2005	M.A. Religious Studies New Testament and Christian Origins McGill University Thesis: "The Role of Women in 1 and 2 Maccabees" Supervisor: Gerbern Oegema
2000	B.A. Double Major in English Literature and Biblical Studies (with distinction) Crandall University
1998	Foundation Diploma, Fine Arts Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University (NSCAD)

Teaching

Teaching Awards and Recognition

2026	Outstanding Teaching Award , StFX University (nominated)
2019	Best Mentor Award , Faculty of Arts, University of Nottingham
2019	Lord Dearing Award for Excellence in Teaching , UK (nominated)
2018	Staff Oscars: Best Teacher , University of Nottingham (honorable mention)
2018	Most Inspiring Teacher , Theological Student Society Awards, Nottingham

Pedagogical Publications

2024	[invited refereed article] " <u>Gender in the Parables of Jesus</u> ," in <i>Bible Odyssey</i> . Society of Biblical Literature.
2024	[invited article] " <u>Jewish and Christian Women in the Ancient Mediterranean</u> ," in <i>Ancient Jew Review: Articles</i> . Edited by Krista Dalton. co-authored with M. Warren and S. Sheinfeld.

Pedagogical Publications (In Progress)

2026	[refereed article] "Are Biblical Angels Monsters?" in <i>Bible Odyssey</i> . Society of Biblical Literature. co-authored with Ace DeWolf.
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Other Pedagogical Resources

2022	[public video resource] " <u>Gamifying the Ancient Language Classroom</u> ," Dublin City University Teaching and Learning Roundtable
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2020	[public video resource] <u>"Why Study the Resurrection, with Sara Parks,"</u> <i>Why Study</i> Series, University of Nottingham.
2020	[public video resource] <u>"Why Study the Pharisees, with Sara Parks,"</u> <i>Why Study</i> Series, University of Nottingham.
2019	[public video resource] <u>"The Chronology of the New Testament,"</u> <i>Theologians in Conversation</i> Series, University of Nottingham.
2018	[public video resource] <u>"Why Study Women in Q?"</u> <i>Why Study</i> Series, University of Nottingham.
2018	[public video resource] <u>"Why Study Q?"</u> <i>Why Study</i> Series, University of Nottingham.

Pedagogical Grant Capture

2026	Supervisor: Irving Oil Research Mentorship Award. Funding for summer student research mentorship. Project: "The Apocalyptic Spectacle and Digital Communities: How the "New Right" Manufactures Otherness Within Gamer, Incel, and Tradwife Spaces" (\$9,250 for Demarquis Moss)
2026	Supervisor: Father Edo Gatto Research Fellowship. Pathways to Graduate Studies in Religion Research Mentorship. Funding for summer student research mentorship (\$6,448 for Ace DeWolf)
2023	Supervisor: Irving Oil Research Mentorship Award. Funding for summer student research mentorship. Project: "Thinking with Jews and Thinking with Women: Intersections of Early Christian Othering" (\$8,000 for Demarquis Moss)
2023	Supervisor: Father Edo Gatto Research Fellowship. Funding for summer student research mentorship. Project: "Thinking with Women in the Construction of Early Christianity" (\$8,150 for Charlotte Adams)
2022	Teaching and Learning Small Project Funding: "Gamifying the Ancient Language Classroom" (€300)

Select Teaching and Learning Trainings

2026	High-Impact Pedagogy: The Wikipedia Assignment
2022	Anti-Racism and Inclusion, DCU Teaching and Learning
2021	Supervising the Doctoral/Masters Process, DCU Postgraduate Centre
2021	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Higher Ed, DCU Teaching and Learning
2019	Mental Health First Aid UK certification, MHFA UK
2016	Mental Health First Aid Canada certification, MHFA Canada
2015	Trauma Recognition, McGill Office of Religious and Spiritual Life
2014	Indigeneity and Canadian Campuses, McGill First Peoples House
2013	Responding to Disclosures of Sexual Violence, McGill Residences
2013	Active and Non-Judgemental Listening, McGill Residences
2013	Building Safer Spaces, McGill Residences

Postgraduates Supervised to Completion

2024	Sarah Holt, PhD. "'Uncovering the Naked': The economic dimension of nakedness in the Hebrew Bible." University of Nottingham. Co-supervisor.
2023	Katharine Fitzgerald, PhD. "The Portrayal of Jewishness in the Female Protagonists of the Hellenistic Jewish Novels." McMaster University. Co-supervisor.

2022	Lizzie Barnett, MA. "Elite or emasculated males? A discussion of Eunuchs in the Hebrew Bible and their place within a phallocentric society." Co-supervisor.
2022	Emily Gathergood, PhD. "The Midwifery of God." University of Nottingham. Co-supervisor.
2022	Abigael Pearce, MA. "Love and Marriage in the New Testament." With distinction. Dublin City University. Sole supervisor.
2021	Dina Gillham, MA. "Putting Women in their Place: Charting the Devolution of Women's Roles in Early Christian Communities." University of Nottingham. Sole supervisor.
2020	Amy Mandley-Walters, MA. "Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Feminist biblical Interpretation, and the Third Quest for the Historical Jesus." University of Nottingham. With distinction. Sole supervisor. [Thesis published in <i>Open Theology</i> 6/1 (2020): 468-474.]
2020	Charlotte Stevens, MA. "Exiting Eden: An Exploration of the Evolution of Humanity's Conception of Divine Disposition and its Impact on the Earth." University of Nottingham. Co-supervisor.
2019	Celia-Jayne Matthews, MA. "Using Judas: What Early Depictions of Judas Iscariot Can Tell Us About Their Authors." University of Nottingham. Sole supervisor.

Undergraduate Honours Theses at StFX

2027	Elizabeth Gilbert. "Mary Magdalene's Early Reception in Psychological Perspective"
2026	Demarquis Moss. "The Apocalyptic Spectacle and Digital Communities: How the 'New Right' Manufactures Otherness Within Gamer, Incel, and Tradwife Spaces"
2024	Charlotte Adams. "Noting Gnosticism: How Women are Depicted in Gnostic Texts."

Courses Taught

2024, 26	Introduction to Religious Studies
2024	Jesus the Christ
2024	Visual Translation of Ancient Literature (Directed Study)
2023, 25, 26	Early Christian Women
2023, 26	Greek and Roman Mythology
2022, 23, 24, 25, 26	Apocalypses
2022, 24	Introduction to the New Testament
2022	The Jewish World of Jesus
2023, 26	Introduction to the Gospels
2021	Introduction to Koine Greek
2021	Letters of Paul
2021	Gospels
2017, 2019	Women and Gender in the New Testament
2018	Life and Teaching of Jesus
2017, 18, 19	Biblical Greek 1 and 2
2017, 18, 19	Interpreting the New Testament
2016	Themes in the Hebrew Bible

Courses Team-Taught

2022, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	World Religions: What You Need to Know (twice yearly)
2021	Introduction to the Jewish and Christian Scriptures
2018, 19	Introduction to Judaism
2018,19,20	The Bible in Music, Art, and Literature
2013, 14	Reading Women in Greco-Roman Judaism and Early Christianity: (developed into an award-winning textbook)

Courses in Development

Dungeons and Dragons and Religious Figures
Dungeons and Dragons and Applied Ethics
Religion and Toxic Masculinities (approved by senate 2023)

Student-Facing University Service

2023-present	Religious Studies Student Society (X-Religions) Liaison
2021–2022	Programme Rep for the Joint Honours in World Religions, DCU
2021–2022	Student Internship Rep for the School of Theology, Philosophy, and Music, DCU
2018–2021	Peer Mentorship Coordinator, Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Nottingham
2020–2021	Senior Tutor, Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Nottingham
2016–2017	Wellness Task Force, Student Life and Learning, McGill
2015–2016	Co-Organiser for Experiential Learning Component of “Pilgrim Bodies: Sacred Journeys” course: Walking Pilgrimage from Old Montreal to Kahnawake First Nation, Dept. of Theological Studies, Concordia
2005–2008	Founder of the annual McGill Religious Studies Graduate Grant-writing Workshop (“SSHRC-shop”)

Scholarly Activity

Scholarly Awards and Recognition

2026	URPA Award (University Research and Publication), StFX
2026	1st place in Scripture -- Academic Studies category, Catholic Media Association 2026 Book Awards for <i>Judeophobia and the New Testament</i> (contributor).
2025	URPA Award (University Research and Publication), StFX
2024	Inducted into the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (Society for New Testament Studies); nomination and election by membership
2024	Best Book in Jewish Studies, Honorable Mention, from the British and Irish Association for Jewish Studies
2024	URPTA Award (University Research, Teaching, and Publication), StFX

- 2023 Frank W. Beare Award for “an outstanding book in the areas of Christian Origins, Post-Biblical Judaism, and/or Graeco-Roman Religions,” from the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
- 2022 The Sara Parks Biblical Studies Essay Prize (Crandall University) established
- 2004 First prize, Graduate Essay Contest, Canadian Society for the Study of Religion

Books

- 2023 Paperback release of Sara Parks, *Gender in the Rhetoric of Jesus: Women in Q*. Lanham: Lexington Fortress. Monograph reissue.
- 2022 Sara Parks, Shayna Sheinfeld, and Meredith Warren. *Jewish and Christian Women in the Ancient Mediterranean*. London: Routledge. (Winner of 2023 Frank W. Beare Award, and honorable mention for the 2024 BIAJS Best Book Award.) Co-authored.
- 2019 Sara Parks, *Gender in the Rhetoric of Jesus: Women in Q*. Lanham: Lexington Fortress. Monograph.

Books (in progress)

- 2027 *Misogyny and Anti-Judaism at the Parting of the Ways*. Turnhout: Brepols. (proposal accepted). Research funded by the Leverhulme Trust.
- 2026 Tension and Trauma in Jesus’ Sayings: Rivalries In and Behind the Q Gospel. (proposal under consideration).

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2025 “L’effet Brooten: Sortir les Femmes des Marges Conceptuelles,” *Foi et Vie* 4, *Special Issue: Les Femmes dans le Judaïsme* (2025): 48-59.
- 2024 “The Greek Hat: 2 Macc 4:12 as a Euphemism for Reverse Circumcision,” *Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies* 5/2 (2024): 1-20.
- 2019 “‘The Brooten Phenomenon’: Moving Women from the Margins in Second-Temple and New Testament Scholarship,” *The Bible and Critical Theory* 15/1 (2019): 46–64.
- 2007 “Widening the Possibilities for Ancient Biblical Interpreters: 1 Maccabees and ‘Scripture’,” *Scriptura: Nouvelle Série* 8/2: *Interprétation et Textes Sacrés: L’herméneutique Multiforme Des Grandes Religions* (2007): 23–36.

Refereed Conference Proceedings

- 2024 [invited] “Rivalry and Enmity in Q.” 31-52 in *From Difference to Deviance: Rivalry and Enmity in Earliest Christianity*. Edited by Dan Smith and Joseph Verheyden. BETL; Leuven: Peeters.
- 2020 [reprint, invited] “‘The Brooten Phenomenon’: Moving Women from the Margins in Second-Temple and New Testament Scholarship.” *Gender and Second-Temple Judaism: The 10th Nangeroni Enoch Seminar*, edited by Shayna Sheinfeld and Kathy Ehrensperger, 23-44. Lanham: Lexington Fortress.
- 2020 [invited] “Bernadette Brooten: Outstanding Among 125 Years of Women in the SBL.” Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible: A Panel Discussion at the SBL Annual Meeting 2019 in San Diego. *Lectio Difficilior* 1/2020: (n.p.).
- 2019 [invited] “Historical-Critical Ministry? The Biblical Studies Classroom as Restorative Secular Space,” *New Blackfriars* 100/1086 (2019): 229–244. Special issue for the

proceedings of the 2018 conference of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain.

Refereed Conference Proceedings (in Progress)

- 2027 [invited] "The Feminist X-Men Versus the Quests for the Heroical Jesus." In *Heroes of Contemporary Popular Culture*. Edited by Sarina Odden Meyer and Lauren Mayes.

Chapters in Refereed Volumes and Handbooks

- 2025 [invited] "Feminist New Testament Scholarship and Judeophobia." 72-79 in *Judeophobia and the New Testament*. Edited by Sarah Rollens, Meredith Warren, and Eric Vanden Eykel. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans. ([1st place winner, Scripture -- Academic Studies category, Catholic Media Association 2026 Book Awards.](#))
- 2025 [invited] "Judeophobia and the Pharisees." 35-46 in *Judeophobia and the New Testament*. Edited by Sarah Rollens, Meredith Warren, and Eric Vanden Eykel. Eerdmans (co-authored with Meredith Warren and Shayna Sheinfeld). ([1st place winner, Scripture -- Academic Studies category, Catholic Media Association 2026 Book Awards.](#))
- 2024 [reprint, invited] "Because of Her We All Die: Eve in Early Jewish and Early Christian Reception." 23-54 in *Constructions of Gender in Religious Traditions of Late Antiquity*. Edited by Shayna Sheinfeld, Juni Hoppe, and Kathy Ehrensperger. Lanham: Lexington Fortress.
- 2024 [invited] "Because of Her We All Die: Eve in Early Jewish and Early Christian Reception." 40-59 in *The Routledge Companion to Eve*. Edited by Caroline Blyth and Emily Colgan. London: Routledge.
- 2021 [invited] "Women and Gender in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha." *The Oxford Handbook of the Apocrypha*, edited by G. Oegema, 477-497. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2020 "Margaret Atwood's *Survival* and Prophetic Canadian Nationbuilding." 55-82 in *Who Knows What We'd Ever Make of It, if we Got our Hands on It?: Margaret Atwood and the Bible*. Edited by Rhiannon Graybill and Peter Sabo. Piscataway: Gorgias. With Anna Cwikla. (Winner of the 2020 Atwood Society Award for Best Anthology or Collection.)

Chapters in Refereed Volumes and Handbooks (in progress)

- 2027 [invited] "Paul within Apocalypticism: The Rejection of Paul in Both Ascetic and Anti-Ascetic Pseudo-Paulines," in *Dreams, Visions, and Authority: Studies in Early Jewish and Christian Apocalypticism and Asceticism*. Edited by David Basham, Jean Muraire, and Carla Sulzbach. [in talks with press]
- 2026 [invited] "Q and Women," in *The Oxford Handbook on Q*. Edited by John Kloppenborg and Sarah Rollens. Oxford: Oxford University Press (in editorial process)
- 2026 [invited] "Feminist Criticism of Historical Jesus Scholarship," in *The Oxford Handbook on the Historical Jesus*. Edited by Giovanna Battista, Stephen Patterson, and Angela Standhartinger. Oxford: Oxford University Press (in press).

Refereed Encyclopaedia Entries

- 2018 [invited] "The Bible in the Work of J. K. Rowling," in *Oxford Encyclopedias of the Bible: Digital Collection*. Edited by M. Coogan. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2015 "Greek Apocalypse of Ezra" (pp. 374-375), "Hasidim" (p. 390), and "Samaria" (p. 840) in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Edited by E. Orlin. New York and London: Routledge.
- 2012 "Midwife," in *Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, edited by Mary Ann Beavis and Michael J. Gilmour, 342. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press.

Volumes Edited and Translations

- 2019 Pilgrim Bodies: An Anatomy of Christian and Post-Christian Intentional Movement. Special Issue of the *International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage* 7/1. Issue editors: Sara Parks, Sara Terreault, and Matthew Anderson.
- 2008 Odette Mainville, *Les christophanies du Nouveau Testament. Historicité et théologie*. Translated into English by Sara Parks. Montréal, Médiaspaul, 2008.
- 2006 *The Changing Face of Judaism, Christianity, and Other Greco-Roman Religions*. Gütersloher Verlagshaus. Edited by Ian H. Henderson and Gerbern S. Oegema with Sara Parks. Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 2006.

Grant Capture (External)

- 2026 The Norman Wagner Award for disciplinary innovation in the application of technology, for "Q According to U." Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
- 2023 RSC Atlantic Open Academy Award (PI; with Linda Darwish). Funding for public panel event "Compassionate Global Citizenship: A Multifaith Panel" (\$5000)
- 2020-2021 Leverhulme Trust, Major Early Career Research Fellowship: "The Intersection of Misogyny and Anti-Judaism at the Parting of the Ways" (£26,000 per annum)
- 2020 British New Testament Society, Event funding: Teaching Biblical Languages International Day Conference (£850)
- 2016 Saint Lazarus Hospitallers Graduate Award for Academic Merit in a PhD Thesis (\$1000)
- 2015 Spirituality and Sustainability Grant, Hay Foundation (\$500)
- 2014 Travel Grant, Inspirit Foundation (\$300)
- 2012 Visual Reception History of the Apocrypha: Tobit and Sarah. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Research Assistant, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University. PI: Gerbern Oegema
- 2005–2007 Modern Relevance of Non-Canonical Early Jewish texts. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Research Assistant, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University. PI: Gerbern Oegema

Grant Capture (Internal)

- 2026 Jules Leger Faculty Development in Pedagogical and Administrative Leadership Award. Project: "The Halifax World Religions Experiential Tour: A Model for Lived Religion Pedagogy," StFX University (PI Ken Penner)
- 2018 Teaching Relief Grant for Research Incentive, University of Nottingham (£2000)

2018	Writing Retreat Travel Award. Funded by the Rights and Justice Research Priority Area, University of Nottingham (£1500)
2012	Research Travel Grant, McGill University
2010–2012	Dean's Fellowship, McGill University
2007	Conference Travel Award, McGill University
2004	Co-Writer with Gerbern Oegema, Successful Funding Proposal for the creation of CREOR – McGill Centre for Research on Religion

Book Reviews

2025	<u>"Book Review / Compte Rendu: Nathan Shedd: A Dangerous Parting: The Beheading of John the Baptist in Early Christian Memory."</u> <i>Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses</i> 54, 2 (2025): 300-302.
2011	Review of Matthew Coomber, Re-Reading the Prophets Through Corporate Globalization, in <i>Arc: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University</i> , 2011.
2007	Review of Richard Bauckham, Jesus and the Eyewitnesses, in <i>Arc: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University</i> , 2007.

Book Reviews (in progress)

2026	"Review: Jaeda Calaway, The Wild Word," in <i>Critical Theology</i> (in progress)
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Academic Research-Sharing: Annual Public Lectures

2023	[Annual Public Lecture] Chester Beatty Lecture: <u>"Fragments: Lost Stories of Ancient Women,"</u> February 2023, Dublin.
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Academic Research-Sharing: Refereed Conferences

2026	[Invited] "Decolonizing and Indigenizing Biblical/Religious Studies Pedagogies" (Panel). Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, Sackville. May 2026.
2025	[Invited] "Eras of Men: Heroical Jesus Research vs The X-Men." Heroes in Contemporary Popular Culture Conference, Montreal. October 2025.
2025	[Invited] "That Which We Value As Special: Mark Nanos as Bridge-BUILDER and Binary-Buster." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston. November 2025. Read by Matthew Novenson.
2024	[invited] "L'étude des femmes et du genre dans les apocryphes." Francophone Colloquium of the Enoch Seminar, January 2024.
2022	[invited] "Rivalry and Enmity in the Sayings of Jesus." Leuven Centre for the Study of the Gospels, July 2022.
2022	[invited] "Reflections on the New Oxford Handbook of the Apocrypha." Enoch Seminar, March 2022.
2021	[invited] "Because of Her We All Die: Employing Eve in the 2 nd Temple Period and Late Antiquity" 11 th Enoch Nangeroni Seminar on Constructions of Gender in Late Antiquity. July 2021.
2021	[invited] "John the Baptist's Murder and the Vengeful <i>Logia</i> of Jesus: Thinking with Trauma Theory about the Stratification of Q." Enoch Seminar on John the Baptist, January 2021.

- 2020 [invited] Q Section Book Review Panel (invited reviewer of *Olegs Andrejevs Apocalypticism in the Synoptic Sayings Source*). SBL Annual Meeting, November 2020.
- 2020 [invited panellist] "Can Feminism be Institutionalized?: The Challenges to Forming Feminist Lineages in the Academy" BRANE (Bible and Religions of the Ancient Near East Collective), September 2020.
- 2018 [invited] "Historical-Critical Ministry? The Biblical Studies Classroom as Restorative Secular Space." Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain Annual Meeting. September 2018, Swanwick.
- 2019 [invited panellist] Q Section Double Book Review Panel (reviewing my *Women in Q* and Markus Tiwald's *Kommentar zur Logienquelle*). SBL Annual Meeting, November 2019, San Diego.
- 2019 [invited] "Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible" program unit, special session on "Women in the SBL." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2019, San Diego.
- 2018 [invited] "Nixing the Niche: Moving Women from the Margins in Second-Temple Jewish Scholarship." 10th Enoch Nangeroni Meeting: Gender & Second Temple Judaism, June 17–21, Rome.
- 2018 [invited panellist] "SBL as a Masculine Space," SBL Metacriticism Group. SBL Annual Meeting, November 2018, Denver.
- 2018 "The Quest for the Rhetorical Jesus: Innovation in the Gender Pairs of Q." SBL Annual Meeting, November 2018, Denver.
- 2017 "Paul's Corinthian Rhetoric and the Creation of the Gentiles." Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting, May 26–29, Toronto (with Matthew Anderson).
- 2016 "What's at Stake in Feminist Responses to the Q Gender Pairs?" Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 21–24, Atlanta.
- 2015 "Women in Q: Intellectual Equals but not Social Equals." American Academy of Religion Eastern International Regional Conference, May 1–2, McGill University, Montreal.
- 2013 [invited] "Q Sayings: A Case for Radical Gender Equality in the Earliest Stratum of the Jesus Movement." St. Ambrose Conference on Bible and Justice, May 30–June 2, Iowa.
- 2012 "Pauline Gender Construction and the Augustan Reforms." The Once and Future World—the 17th annual Concordia Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, March 1, Montreal.
- 2008 "Ignoring Bernadette Brooten: 'Breaking Out of Subjectivity' a Lost Cause for Second Temple Jewish Studies?" Breaking Out of Subjectivity: Contemporary Challenges in the Study of Religion—the Annual McGill-CREOR Graduate Students' Conference, March 7, Montreal.
- 2007 "Harry Potter Canon Discourse and the Biblical Canons." "Rethinking the Concept and Categories of 'Bible' in Antiquity" group, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, with Aaron Ricker.
- 2007 [invited] "Widening the Possibilities for Ancient Biblical Interpreters." *Scriptura* 8/2 Journal Launch, Université de Montréal.
- 2006 "Solus Lector: If We Can't Agree on Harry Potter, then How Can We Agree on the Bible? (The Reader as Ultimate Canonicity Criterion)." Eastern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Quebec City. Part of a four-part panel on Thinking with Harry Potter about Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation.
- 2005 "Biblical Interpretation in 1 Maccabees." Eastern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal.
- 2005 [Graduate Essay Prizewinner Keynote] "The Role of Women in 1 & 2 Maccabees." Canadian Society for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, May 28–May 31, University of Western Ontario.

Academic Research-Sharing: Lecture Series

2025	[invited] "Lunch Lectures in Religion: Gender in the Rhetoric of Jesus". St Mary's University, September 2025, Halifax.
2022	[invited] "Using Eve to Think With: the Reception of Eve in Early Judaism." UoN Research Seminar, March 2022.
2022	[invited] "Jesus Inclusive Classroom? How Jesus' Authentic Teaching Material Catered to Women." DCU Research Seminar, March 2022.
2021	[invited] "John the Baptist and Q: Trauma as Catalyst for Jesus' Career." Birmingham Biblical Seminar. June 2021.
2021	[invited] "When a Hat Isn't a Hat: Continuing the Tradition of Hebrew Penis Euphemisms in a Hellenistic Anti-Hellenistic Text." Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies Seminar Series Finale, February 2021.
2020	[invited] "Gendered Pairing in Jesus' Sayings Material" Newbold College of Higher Education Research Seminar, October 2020.
2020	[invited] "Gender in the Rhetoric of Jesus and Beyond." Durham Research Seminar on New Testament and Christian Origins. Durham, January 2020.
2017	"How to Tame a Radical Rabbi: Lukan Discomfort with Jesus' Rhetoric of Gender." Nottingham Biblical Seminar, February, Nottingham.
2016	[invited] "Was Jesus a Feminist? (Are Luke's Women Q's Women?)" Sheffield Interdisciplinary Institute for Biblical Studies Seminar Series, October 10, Sheffield.

Academic Research-Sharing: Lecture Series (forthcoming)

2026	[invited] "Sent them Out Two by Two: Reading Jesus' Gender-pairs as Community Clues." Crandall University Biblical Seminar (Inaugural), September 2026, Moncton.
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Remunerated Scholarship

2008–2016	French-to-English Translator, Faculté de théologie et de sciences des religions, Université de Montréal (slides, lectures, talks, web resources, publications)
2006–2007	Copy-editor and Indices, <i>The Pseudepigrapha and Christian Origins: Essays from the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas</i> . Edited by Gerbern Oegema and James H. Charlesworth. T&T Clark International, 2008.
2005–2006	Assistant Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Religion and Health, McGill Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR)
2004–2011	Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill
2004–2005	Editor and proof-reader, <i>The Changing Face of Judaism, Christianity, and Other Greco-Roman Religions in Antiquity</i> . Edited by Gerbern Oegema and Ian Henderson with Sara Parks. Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 2006.

Languages

Modern:	English (native tongue), French (fluent).
Ancient:	Biblical Greek (6 years' teaching experience), Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic (rusty)

Service

Service Awards and Recognition

2019 Outstanding International Colleague Award, University of Nottingham

Service to University

[StFX University Level]

2025—present Member, Christian Cultures Lecture Series Committee, St FX
2023—present Member, President's Action Committee on Anti-Racism, St FX
2023—2024 Elected vice-chair of Honorary Doctorate Committee, St FX
2023—present Senate Appointee to Honorary Doctorate Committee, St FX
2023—2023 Member, President's Special Task Force on Religious Inclusion, St FX

[StFX Faculty Level]

2023—2024 Member, Jules Leger Selection Committee, St FX

[StFX Departmental Level]

2023—present Religious Studies Library Rep, St FX
2023—present Departmental Social Media, St FX

[University Service Prior to StFX]

2019–2021 Co-Director, Centre for Bible, Ethics, and Theology, Nottingham
2018–2021 Social Media Officer, Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Nottingham
2018–2020 Admissions Tutor, Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Nottingham
2018–2020 Chair, Biblical Seminar, Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Nottingham
2017–2018 Departmental Library Liaison, Dept of Theology and Religious Studies, Nottingham

[University Service Undertaken During PhD]

2016–2017 Sustainability Consultant, Office of Sustainability, McGill
2014–2017 Student Services Communications Committee, McGill
2011–present Academic Writing Group, co-founder
2011–2012 Dean's Advisory Committee, McGill
2008–2010 Board of Governors, Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR), McGill
2008–2009 Conference Organizing Committee, first annual Religious Studies Grad Student Society (RSGS) Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference: "Breaking out of Subjectivity: Contemporary Challenges in the Study of Religion," McGill
2006–2007 Faculty Review Group, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill
2006–2007 Faculty Council, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill
2006–2007 Co-organizer, Graduate Professional Development Conference, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill
2006–2007 Co-president, Religious Studies Graduate Society, McGill
2006–2007 Co-founder, Weekly Ancient Language Lab, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill
2004–2005 Graduate Policies and Procedures Committee, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill

Service to Profession

Assessment and Review Activities

2022–present	Co-Chair, <u>Q Section Steering Committee</u> , Society of Biblical Literature
2024	Assessor, <u>Insight Grant Competition</u> , SSHRC
2020–present	Editorial Board, <u>Brepols Library of Christian Sources</u> .
2019–present	Editorial Board, <u>Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus</u>
2018–present	Editorial Board, <u>Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies</u>
2005–2015	Editorial Board, <i>Scriptura: Nouvelle Série</i> .

Other Guild Activities

2018-present	Vetted Volunteer, <u>SBAllies</u> , resource for those who experience harassment or assault at the Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
2018–2022	Member, Q Section Steering Committee, Society of Biblical Literature
2017	Assistant organiser “The Reformation and the City” Conference. Montreal, McGill and Concordia Universities.
2007-2019	Regular session chair at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meetings
2006	Volunteer, World’s Religions after September 11th Global Congress, Montreal, Palais des Congrès.
2004	Volunteer, Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal.
2003	Assistant organiser, International Conference on The Changing Face of Judaism, Christianity, and other Greco-Roman Religions in Antiquity, Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill.

Service to Wider Community

2014–present	Board of Governors, <u>Enpuku-Ji Zen Centre</u> , Montreal
2015–2020	Interfaith Consultant, Walking School Bus literacy non-profit (now <u>SIMBI International</u>)
2015–2017	Founding Member, <u>Spirituality and Religious Pluralism Community of Practice</u> , <u>CACUSS</u> (Canadian Association of College and University Student Services)

Public Scholarship

2025	[invited, magazine article] “Q&A: Did Jesus care about People’s Gendered Experiences?” <i>Canada Lutheran</i> 40, 5 (2025): 15.
2024	[invited, podcast interview] “ <u>A Conversation with Sara Parks</u> ,” <i>What Matters Most</i> . Centre for Christian Engagement, UBC.
2024	[invited, vidcast interview] “ <u>Jewish and Christian Women in the Ancient Mediterranean</u> ,” <i>History Valley</i> .
2024	[invited, vidcast interview] “ <u>Gender in the Rhetoric of Jesus: Women in Q Dr. Sara Parks</u> ,” <i>History Valley</i> .
2023	[invited, webinar] “ <u>Jewish and Christian Women of Antiquity</u> .” <i>The Bible and Beyond</i> Discussion Series.
2023	[invited, book talk] “Jewish and Christian Women in the Ancient Mediterranean” Leipzig University.
2022	[invited, author Q&A Panel] “Resistance, Resilience, and Remembrance: Flipping the Script about Jewish and Christian Women in Antiquity.” U of Michigan.

- 2022 [invited, book club appearance] "Jewish and Christian Women in the Ancient Mediterranean," *Theology on Tap* (Ontario Chapter)
- 2022 [YouTube video] "[What Do Historians Say about Mary Magdalene?](#)"
- 2022 [YouTube video] "[Jesus' Inclusive Classroom? How Jesus' Authentic Sayings Material Catered to Women.](#)"
- 2022 [invited, podcast interview] "[Jewish and Christian Women in the Ancient World](#)," *Ancient Afterlives Podcast*
- 2021 [invited, vidcast interview] "[Women in the Gospels and What Jesus Learned from Them](#)," *Talk Gnosis* (April 2021).
- 2020 [invited, vidcast interview] "[The Silent Women of the New Testament, with Sara Parks and Lavinia Cerioni](#)," *The Centre for Applied Theology*, Living Liturgy Forum (November 2020).
- 2020 [invited, vidcast interview] "[Interview with Sara Parks](#)," *Ideas of Jesus* Video Podcast, Episode 3 (September 2020).
- 2020 [invited, podcast interview] "[Episode 3: Sara Parks](#)," *Off Bishop Street* Podcast, Concordia Dept. of Theological Studies (August 2020).
- 2020 [invited, podcast interview] "[Interview with Sara Parks](#)," *ReligionProf* podcast (Jan 2020).
- 2020 [invited, podcast interview] "[Jesus in Q: Women are as Valuable as Men](#)," *Early Christian Texts: The Bible and Beyond* podcast (Feb 2020).
- 2019 [media interview] Philippe Vaillancourt, "[La Vierge et Marie Madeleine, une hypersexualisation aux antipodes \(entrevue\)](#)," *Présence: Information Religieuse*, May 2, 2019.
- 2018 [parish Talk] "Be More Mary and Less Gregory: Gender and Inclusion." All Saints with Holy Trinity Parish Church, Loughborough, UK.
- 2017 [public Talk] "Underdogs of the Hebrew Bible, Apocrypha, and New Testament." Good Shepherd Senior's Residence, March 14, St. Lambert, Quebec.
- 2017 [parish Talk] "There's Just Something about Mary Magdalene." St. Veronica's Catholic Parish, St. Lambert, February 1, Dorval, Quebec.
- 2017 [public Talk] "Who were the Gnostics?" Good Shepherd Senior's Residence, January 10, St. Lambert, Quebec.
- 2016 [public Talk] "Midwives and the Christmas Story: Sages-Femmes et l'histoire de Noel." Good Shepherd Senior's Residence, December 6, St. Lambert, Quebec.
- 2016 [public Talk] "Are Luke's Women Jesus' Women?" Good Shepherd Senior's Residence, October 5, St. Lambert, Quebec.
- 2016 [public Talk] "Women in the Early Church: Mary Magdalene." Good Shepherd Senior's Residence, June 14, St. Lambert, Quebec.
- 2016 [public Talk] "The Parting of the Ways Between Judaism and Christianity." Good Shepherd Senior's Residence, May 17, St. Lambert, Quebec.
- 2012 [public Talk] "The Reception History of Tobit in Renaissance Art: Initial Findings." CREOR Public Lecture Series, "The Reception History of the Apocrypha in Renaissance Art," November, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2009 [magazine article] "Frequently Asked Questions: Protestant versus Catholic Bibles." *Comme un Livre Ouvert: Haute Fidélité* 127/1 (2009): 15-16.

Public Scholarship (forthcoming)

- 2026 [invited, vidcast interview] "Rivalry & Enmity in Q... and Q Studies | Dr. Sara Parks," *History Valley*. (upcoming)

Memberships and Guilds

SNTS	<i>Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas</i> (Society for New Testament Studies): nominated and inducted 2024
CBA	Catholic Biblical Association: nominated and inducted 2023
CCSR	Canadian Corporation for the Study of Religion: joined 2019
SIIBS	Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies: joined 2015
CSRPCoP	Canadian Spirituality and Religious Pluralism Community of Practice: founding member 2015 (CACUSS)
EnochSem	Enoch Seminar: joined by invitation 2014
CREOR	McGill Centre for Research on Religion: founding member 2005
CSBS	Canadian Society of Biblical Studies: joined by invitation 2004
CSSR	Canadian Society for the Study of Religion: joined 2004
SBL	Society of Biblical Literature: joined 2004 (meets simultaneously with the American Academy of Religion)