

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Princeton Theological Seminary**

**Ph.D.** (Systematic Theology), *magna cum laude*, 2004

Dissertation: “Constructive feminist critiques of classical sin-talk: a rhetorical reading.”

### **University of Stellenbosch, South Africa**

**M.Th.** (Theological Ethics), *cum laude*, 1999

Thesis: “The Ethical Responsibility of the Church with Regard to Inclusive Language.”

**B.Th.** (M.Div. equivalent), *cum laude*, 1995

**B.A.** (Law), 1991, with addition of supplemental year in theological studies, 1992

## **POSITIONS HELD**

### **Union Presbyterian Seminary**

Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics since July 1, 2019

Director of the Master of Arts in Public Theology Program since July 1, 2021

### **Villanova University**

Assistant Professor, Lawrence C. Gallen Teaching Faculty, ACS Program, 2016-2019

Lawrence C. Gallen Fellow, Augustine and Culture Seminar Program, 2005-2016

Visiting Assistant Professor, Core Humanities, 2004-2005

### **Potchefstroom/Northwest University (South Africa)**

Campus minister, 1996

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

### **Union Presbyterian Seminary**

Introduction to Theology, various semesters

Theology and the Arts, Fall 2021

Theology and the Struggle for Justice, Fall 2021

Spirit in the World, Spring 2021

Paul Tillich: Theologian of the Boundaries, Fall 2020

Confessions, May 2020

Political Theology, Fall 2019

Thesis/mini thesis adviser for multiple Th.M. and D.Min. students

## **Villanova University**

Main teaching responsibility: *Ancients and Moderns* (two-semester interdisciplinary humanities freshmen seminar), Augustine and Culture Seminar Program, 2004-2019.  
*Online Ancients and Moderns Seminars*, Department of Professional Studies, 2014-2017.  
*The Many Faces of Jesus* (undergraduate theology elective), Theology Department, Fall 2018  
*Graduate Seminar on Social Justice*, Liberal Studies Program, Spring 2012, Fall 2016  
*Graduate Seminar on Feminist Theology*, Theology Department, Summer 2013  
*Christian Faith and Life* (undergraduate core course), Theology Department, Fall 2012  
*One Church, many churches* (undergraduate elective), Theology Department, Spring 2007, 2009  
*Christology and Culture* (undergraduate elective), Honors Program, Fall 2006, 2008  
*Interdisciplinary Humanities: Medieval Theology*, Honors Program, 2006  
Master's Thesis adviser, Liberal Studies Program, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018  
Qualifying Portfolio committee member, Liberal Studies Program, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018  
Comprehensive Exam Committee member, Theology Department, 2013-2014

## **Other**

External dissertation reader at the Schools of Theology at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa (2008, 2015), Pretoria (2009), and the Western Cape (2021)

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

Systematic Theology, Theological Ethics, Public Theology, Feminist Theologies

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Books**

*Sexism and Sin-Talk: Feminist Conversations on the Human Condition*, Westminster John Knox Press (2019)

Editor, *The Political Theology of Paul Tillich*, Lexington Press (under contract)

### **New book project**

Working title: *Christ for Us: Gathering the Christological Fragments*

### **Scholarly essays and articles**

*God and Gender*, T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology, Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, forthcoming

*Paul Tillich*, The Modern Theologians: An Introduction to Christian Theology, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming

*Feminist Theologies in Conversation with Paul Tillich*, Why Tillich? Why Now?, Mercer Press, 2021.

*Feminist Theologies as Political Discourse*, T&T Clark Companion to Political Theology, Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2019

Dictionary entries (*Theological Perspectives on: John 13:1-11, 12-20*), Feasting on the Gospels, Westminster John Knox Press, 2015

*The Heidelberg Catechism on Human Sin and Misery*, Acta Theologica, Suppl. 20, 2014

*Feminist Theology and Reformed Spirituality*, Living Theology: Essays Presented to Dirk J. Smit on his sixtieth birthday, ed. Len Hansen et al, Bible Media, Wellington, South Africa, 2011

Dictionary entries (*Theological Perspectives on: Jeremiah 20: 7-13; Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Zechariah 9: 9-12:*), Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Volume 3, Westminster John Knox Press, 2010

*Tillich and Feminism*, Cambridge Companion to Paul Tillich, ed. Russell Re Manning, Cambridge University Press, February 2009

*Responding to the Kairos of HIV/AIDS*, Theology Today, vol. 65:3, October 2008

*Original Grace, Not Destructive Grace: A Feminist Appropriation of Paul Tillich's Notion of Acceptance*, Journal of Religion, vol. 87, July 2007

*The Dialectics of Language and Experience in David Tracy's Epistemology*, Koinonia XV, 2003.

### **Scholarly presentations**

*Public Theology and Theologies of Publics* panel, Dirkie Smit 70<sup>th</sup> Conference held by the University of the Western Cape, the University of Stellenbosch, and Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2021

*Roundtable on Patriarchy*, Political Theology Unit, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2019

Panel on *The Political Theology of Paul Tillich*, Annual Meeting of the North American Paul Tillich Society, San Diego, 2019

*Bonhoeffer and Tillich: Brothers in Arms*, Tillich Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Boston, 2017

*Belligerent Public Theology: The Confessional Theology of Dirk J. Smit*, Reformed Theology Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2015

*The Method of Correlation: Its Continuing Relevance*, North American Paul Tillich Society Annual Meeting, November 2014

*What Shall We Do with a Problem Like Maria?* Barbieri lecture, Villanova University, November 8, 2013

*The Heidelberg Catechism on Human Sin and Misery*, University of Stellenbosch Conference on the Heidelberg Catechism, October 31, 2013

*Rome and Reformation: Reformed Speech about Mary*, Willie Jonker Memorial Lecture, Cape Town, South Africa, October 27, 2013

*The Kairos of Belhar*, Reformed Theology Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2010

*Sexism and Sin-Talk*, NOSTE (Postgraduate society of Systematic Theology & Ecclesiology), University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, May 5, 2010

*Ubuntu, Not Blame: Augustine's Surprising Contribution to a Moral Conversation on HIV/AIDS*, Centre for Christian Spirituality, South Africa, March 4-6, 2008

*Ubuntu and Augustine's Understanding of the Self: A Comparative Exploration*, Augustine and Augustinianisms Group, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2007

*HIV/Aids and the Christian Doctrine of Sin: Moral Possibilities Beyond Moralism*, Systematic Theology Section, AAR Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2006

*Feminist Sin-Talk: Its Ethos, Pathos, and Logos*, Barbieri Lecture, Villanova University, 2006

*Material theology: Talal Asad and the Task of Rhetorical Theology*, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, AAR Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2004

*Tillich and Feminism: A Rhetorical Roadmap*, Tillich Group, AAR Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2004

*Original Grace, Not Destructive Grace: A Feminist Appropriation of Paul Tillich's Notion of Acceptance*, Tillich Group, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2003

*The Dialectics of Language and Experience in David Tracy's Epistemology*, Fall Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2002

*Violence Against Women: A Theological Perspective*, Women's Conference of the Bureau of Continued Theological Education, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2002

## Reviews

Joshua Mauldin, Barth, Bonhoeffer, & Modern Politics, Political Theology, in process

Douglas F. Ottati, "A Theology for the Twenty-First Century," Interpretation, in process

Clive Marsh, "A Cultural Theology of Salvation," Interpretation, July 2021

Sigridur Gudmarsdottir, "Tillich and the Abyss: Foundations, Feminism, and Theology of Praxis," Internationales Jahrbuch für die Tillich-Forschung, 2017

Dirk J. Smit, "Essays in Public Theology: Collected Essays 1," International Journal of Public Theology, vol. 4:4, 2010  
Mary Ann Stenger & Ronald H. Stone, "Dialogues of Paul Tillich," Princeton Seminary Bulletin, Summer 2004  
Don Compier, "John Calvin's Rhetorical Doctrine of Sin," Koinonia XIV.1, Spring 2002

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE**

### **Union Presbyterian Seminary**

Pathways Reformed Theology course, Spring 2022  
Workshops on Public Theology, Fall 2021  
Faculty committees (CAP, CoFac, and various ad hoc committees, and 2 search committees)  
Occasional preaching in chapel (2019, 2020, 2021)  
Workshop, "Living faithfully in an era of hate," Seminary for a Day, September 2019

### **Villanova University**

Multiple ACSP (Augustine and Culture Seminar Program) subcommittees and search committees  
Co-founder of Diversity Initiative for ACSP, founder of Research Support Group for ACSP  
Villanova University Political Theology Project advisory committee, 2018 - 2019  
Faith and Learning Scholar (faculty mentor), Villanova Office of Mission and Ministry, 2016 – 2019  
Organizer/participant, inter-religious dialogue panel, Fall 2015, 2016, 2017  
Developed two online courses in collaboration with *BISK Education*, 2014 - 2015  
Core Curriculum Foundational Courses Committee, 2012 – 2015  
Core Curriculum Diversity Requirement Subcommittee, 2010 - 2014  
Participant in multiple seminars and workshops on interfaith dialogue, Catholic Social Teaching, Augustine, pedagogy, etc..  
Member of One Book Villanova Committee, 2005 – 2009

### **Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion and Culture Group, AAR**

Steering committee member, 2018-  
Co-Chair, 2007 – 2009

### **North American Paul Tillich Society**

Board of Directors, 2003 – 2006, 2015 – 2017, 2019-

### **Churches**

I am in the ordination track with the Presbyterian Church (USA), and have occasionally preached or led adult education sessions in the Dutch Reformed Church (South Africa) and in Episcopal and Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations in the US, most recently in Bethesda, MD and Charlotte, NC.

## **Other**

I have served as external peer reviewer for the *Journal of Religion*, *Theology Today*, *The International Journal of Philosophy and Theology*, *Acta Theologica*, Lux Verbi Press, and Westminster John Knox Press.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Lily Foundation Pathways to Tomorrow Grant, Phase 1, 2021  
Andrew Murray / Desmond Tutu Book Prize, for *Sexism and Sin-Talk*, 2020  
VERITAS Faculty Research Award, Villanova University, 2018  
VITAL Grant, Villanova University, 2016  
VERITAS Faculty Research Award, Villanova University, 2006  
North American Paul Tillich Society, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2003  
Princeton Theological Seminary Doctoral Fellowship in Theology, 1998-2002  
Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa Scholarship, 1998  
Stellenbosch 2000 Scholarship, 1997  
Academic Honor Colors, University of Stellenbosch, 1995  
University of Stellenbosch Merit Scholarship, 1994, 1995  
Standard Bank Merit Scholarship, 1989-1991

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent speaking and reading: English; Afrikaans  
Reading: Dutch; German  
Studied and have passing knowledge: French; Greek; Hebrew; Latin

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Presbyterian Church (USA)  
Westar Institute Scholar  
American Academy of Religion  
Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians  
University of Stellenbosch Systematic Theology Research Group  
North American Paul Tillich Society