

JENNIFER W. DAVIDSON, PHD

Curriculum Vitae

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Berkeley School of Theology
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EDUCATION

International Coaching Group, Certified Graduate Coach

United Theological Seminary, Graduate Certificate in Online Teaching and Learning

Graduate Theological Union, PhD

United Lutheran Seminary, MDiv

Eastern University, BA

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Transformative Learning & Assessment, Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, 2026-current

Professional & Personal Development Coach, self-employed, Concord, CA, 2024-current

Dean & Vice President for Academic Affairs and John Dillenberger Professor of Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, 2022-2024

Core Doctoral Faculty, Religion and Practice Department, Theology and Ethics Department, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, 2016-current

Professor of Theology & Worship with tenure, Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, 2019-2022

Associate Professor of Theology & Worship (Tenure-Track), Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, 2014-2019

Director of Chapel, Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, 2007-2017

Assistant Professor of Worship & Theology, Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, 2007-2014

Consortial Doctoral Faculty, Liturgical Studies Area, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, 2011-2015

Visiting Faculty & Chaplain, Women's Studies May Term, The Oregon Extension of Eastern University, Lincoln, OR, 2009

COURSES TAUGHT (SINCE 2013)

Berkeley School of Theology & the Graduate Theological Union

Global Theological Perspectives (Spring 2025, 2026; Fall 2021, 2020, 2019)

Personal & Spiritual Formation, BA-equivalency (Spring 2026)

Practical Theology Seminar: Methods & Theories, Doctoral Seminar (Fall 2023)

Native Feminisms, Special Reading Course, GTU MA (Spring 2021)

Addictions & Recovery, Special Reading Course, BST DMin (Spring 2021)

Contemporary Practical Theology, Newhall Fellowship Mentor to Kelly Colwell, Mariska Lauterboom, Marinda Keng Fan Chan, and Woori Han (Spring 2021)

Interdisciplinary Studies Seminar with Dr. Arthur Holder, Doctoral Seminar (Fall 2020, 2019)

Retreats, Mission Trips, Revivals, and Camps: Ministry for Short-Term Intensive Experiences, Newhall Fellowship Mentor to Kelly Colwell (Fall 2020)

Women's Studies in Religion Seminar, Newhall Fellowship Mentor to Mahjabeen Dhala and Sheryl Johnson (Fall 2019)

Rhythms of the Spirit: Crafting a Rule of Life (Spring 2019)

Mentor Year Project (Spring 2019, Fall 2018)

Constructive Theology (Fall 2010-2018)

Theology as Living Conversation: An Introduction to Christian Theology (Online) (Spring 2021, 2017, Fall 2018, 2015)

Contemporary Practical Theology, Special Reading Course PhD seminar (Fall 2018)

Women's Studies in Religion, (Spring 2018, 2017, 2015, 2010)

Middler Colloquium, with Dr. Nancy Hall & Dr. Sangyil Park (Fall 2007-2017)

Tribal Theology (Indigenous Naga), Special Reading Course MDiv (Summer 2017)

Worship Lab (Fall 2017)

Practice of Worship (Fall 2016)

Liturgical Studies Proseminar, with Liturgical Studies Area Faculty (Fall 2015)

#BlackLivesMatter: The Spirit of Protest, with Dr. Sharon Fennema, made possible via a grant from The Center for Spiritual and Social Transformation (Spring 2015)

Missional Worship, Newhall Fellowship Mentor and co-teacher with PhD students Rev. George V. Hudgins, III, and Rev. Khalia Jelks Williams (Spring 2014)

Multicultural Awareness and Worship (Spring 2014)

Pedagogy for Teaching Worship [Doctoral Seminar] (Spring 2013)

The Triduum of Holy Week, with Liturgical Studies Area Faculty (Spring 2013)

Intercultural, Free Church Worship [PhD Special Reading Course] (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (SINCE 2013)

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| 2023 | ATS Moving Forward in Mission, Association of Theological Schools |
| 2019 | Faculty Research Grant, Graduate Theological Union |
| 2016 | Faculty Enrichment Retreat, Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, American Association for the Advancement of Science |
| 2016 | Course Revision Grant, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, American Association for the Advancement of Science |

INVITED TALKS (SINCE 2013)

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| 2025 | "Listening to Your Life, Finding God," keynote women's retreat, Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, CA, (October) |
| 2022 | Respondent, 46th Annual Distinguished Faculty Lecture by Valerie Miles-Tribble, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, (November) |
| 2021 | "River of Life, Feast of Grace," Greece Baptist Church, Rochester, NY, (March) |
| 2021 | "Worship as Habit" Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, CA, (February) |
| 2020 | "Can Worship Change the World?" Lafayette Orinda Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, CA (October) |
| 2018 | "Discovering Theology," Pastors Conference Gahini Anglican Diocese, Eastern Province Kayonza District, Rwanda, (July 12-13) |
| 2018 | "Thank You, God, who is Our Bread" Sermon, Gahini Village, Rwanda, (July 15) |
| 2018 | "River of Life, Feast of Grace: Baptism, Communion, and the Call to Radical Discipleship" Church Leaders Conference, WSBK Mission Centre, Akukuto, Thahekhu; Dimapur, Nagaland, India, (February 6-8) |
| 2017 | "Crafting a Rule of Life," Contemplation & Justice: The Time is Now, Spirituality & Hermeneutics Forum, Allen Temple Baptist Church, Oakland, CA, (October 7) |
| 2017 | "Crafting a Rule of Life," keynote retreat series at Rhythms of the Spirit: Nurturing a Contemplative Life, Exeter, RI, (August 14-18) |

- 2016 "Crafting a Rule of Life," keynote retreat series at Ministers Conference, American Baptist Churches USA, Chevy Chase, MD, (August 22-26)
- 2014 "Contemplative Approaches to Everyday Life," keynote retreat series, Rhythms of the Spirit: Nurturing a Contemplative Life, Loma Mar, CA, (November 3-7)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (SINCE 2013)

Conferences Organized

- 2018 "Persistent Voices," Women's Studies in Religion Student Conference, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, (April)
- 2017 "The Church's Public Witness," Fourth Theologians and Theological Educators Conference for American Baptist Churches USA, Portland, OR, (June)
- 2015 "Beloved Community: The Church & Theological Education at a Time of Adaptive Change," Third Theologians and Theological Educators Conference for American Baptist Churches USA, Overland Park, KS, (June)
- 2013 "Baptists and the Spirit: Living into God's Future," Second Theologians and Theological Educators Conference for American Baptist Churches USA, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, KS, (June)

Papers Presented

- 2015 "Can Religious Ritual Play a Role in Protecting Society's Sacrificial Victims? René Girard, Violence, and the Unprotected," co-authored paper with Dr. LeAnn Snow Flesher, delivered at Beloved Community: The Church & Theological Education at a Time of Adaptive Change, American Baptist Theologians and Theological Educators Conference, Overland Park, KS, (June 2015)
- 2015 "Prayers to Radicalize the Baptized," paper presented in response to *Missional Worship Worshipful Mission* by Ruth Meyers, presented at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, CA, (April)
- 2015 "I Am Who I Am Not: A Trinitarian Approach to the Rise of Extreme Poverty in the United States [Mutually Informed Identity Politics]," paper presented as a response to the Annual Drexler Lecture at Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, (March)
- 2015 "The Seminary Classroom as an Extension of Liturgical Space: The (Mal/Trans)Formative Potential of Teaching and Reading," paper presented in response to *African American Music and Worship*, Volume 2 with Dr. James Abbingdon at Berkeley School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, (February)
- 2014 "Dislocated Liturgical Spirituality: Negotiating Online Spaces as Liturgical Practice," paper delivered at the North American Academy of Liturgy, Liturgy & Spirituality Seminar, Orlando, FL, (January 2014)

- 2013 "Creation's Groans and Spirit's Sighs: Cultivating Attentiveness to the Spirit through the Practice of *Concerns and Celebrations*," paper delivered at Baptists and the Spirit: Living into God's Future, American Baptist Theologians and Theological Educators Conference, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, KS, (June 2013)
- 2013 "I Hate, I Despise Your Festivals: A Praxis-Oriented Liturgical Spirituality," paper delivered at the North American Academy of Liturgy, Liturgy & Spirituality Seminar, Albuquerque, NM, (January 2013)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (SINCE 2013)

- "Hope, Interreligious Democracy, Good Ancestors, and Gossamer Threads: A Response to Valerie Miles-Tribble's Distinguished Faculty Lecture," *Teaching Theology & Religion* (January 2022), 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1111/teth.12598>
- "Baptist Practices of Worship," *Four Historical Streams for Engaging Worship*. The Engaging Worship Series. Edited by Melanie C. Ross and Mark A. Lamport. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2021.
- "Beyond Trigger Warnings: Toward a Trauma-Informed Andragogy for the Graduate Theological Classroom," (reprint), *Teaching Theology & Religion*, 24, no. 1 (March 2021): 243-256. <https://doi.org/10.1111/teth.12574>
- "Editorial Introduction: #MeToo and #ChurchToo: Reflections on the Intersections of the #MeToo Movement on Churches, Seminaries, and Theological Studies," *Review & Expositor* 117, no. 2 (May 2020): 171-173. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0034637320928112>
- "Beyond Trigger Warnings: Toward a Trauma-Informed Andragogy for the Graduate Theological Classroom," *Review & Expositor* 117, no. 2 (May 2020): 243-56. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0034637320926447>.
- River of Life, Feast of Grace: Baptism, Communion, and Discipleship*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2019. Award-winning publication, ABCReads Selection 2021 and 2022.
- "Contemporary Liturgical Resources." In *Sources of Light: Resources for Baptist Churches Practicing Theology*. Perspectives on Baptist Identity Series. Edited by Steven R. Harmon and Amy L. Chilton. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2019.
- "Solidarity of #BlackLivesMatter in Trump America: How a Constructive Theology Classroom Can Speak to our World's Need for Meaning and Connection." *Review & Expositor* 114.3 (August 2017).
- "I Hate, I Despise Your Festivals: A Praxis-Oriented Liturgical Spirituality." In *Trouble the Waters: A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice*. Edited by Michael-Ray Mathews, Marie Clare P. Onwubuariri, and Cody J. Sanders. Macon, GA: Nurturing Faith, Inc., 2017.

"Can Religious Ritual Play a Role in Protecting Society's Sacrificial Victims? René Girard, Violence, and the Unprotected," co-authored with LeAnn Snow Flesher, *Tikkun*, Duke University Press Journals, (December 2015).

"Creation's Groans and Spirit's Sighs: Cultivating Attentiveness to the Spirit through the Practice of *Concerns and Celebrations*." *American Baptist Quarterly*, Summer 2014.

"Beyond Preferences: Worship as Practicing the Presence of God." *Baptist World: A Magazine of the Baptist World Alliance*, Vol. 60, No. 2 (April-June 2013).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, INSTITUTIONAL, & COMMUNITY SERVICE (SINCE 2013)

- 2023-4 Steering Committee, Secretary, Council of Graduate Studies in Religion
- 2021 Co-Chair, ATS Self Study for Berkeley School of Theology
- 2021 Co-Editor, *Teaching Theology & Religion*, peer-reviewed journal co-published by the Graduate Theological Union and John Wiley & Sons
- 2020 Strategic Planning Committee, Core Team Member, Graduate Theological Union
- 2020- Department Chair, Religion & Practice, Graduate Theological Union
- 2019 "Beyond Trigger Warnings: Toward a Trauma-Informed Pedagogy for the Graduate Theological Classroom," Annual Women's Studies in Religion Chair Lecture (May)
- 2017-19 Faculty Council, Graduate Theological Union
- 2015-19 Chair, Women's Studies in Religion Steering Committee for academic certificate program, Graduate Theological Union
- 2019 PhD Review Committee, Graduate Theological Union
- 2019 Admissions Committee, Religion & Practice Department, Graduate Theological Union
- 2016-19 Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, Berkeley School of Theology
- 2018 "As We Begin: Employing a Feminist Pedagogy in Teaching Women's Studies in Religion," Annual Women's Studies in Religion Chair Lecture (May)
- 2017-18 Curriculum Development Committee, Berkeley School of Theology
- 2017 Moderator, "Soul Freedom: Free to Think? Free to Speak!" Panel discussion featuring Michael Lerner, Robert Wilkins, Hatem Bazian, and LeAnn Snow Flesher, Berkeley School of Theology (October)
- 2016 Presenter, Writing Successful CV and Cover Letters, Professional Development Program, Graduate Theological Union (October)
- 2016 Conference for Graduate Program Directors, Deans, and Department Chairs, Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion, Indianapolis, IN (October)

- 2016-21 Chair PhD Dissertation Committee, A. Vanessa Hawkins, Interdisciplinary Studies Area
- 2016-17 Presidential Search Committee, Berkeley School of Theology
- 2015-20 Elected Member, Commission on Baptist Doctrine and Unity, Baptist World Alliance
- 2015 Invited Participant, Sojourners Summit, Washington, DC (June)
- 2015 Workshop Leader, "Theological Education in the Seminary," with LeAnn Snow Flesher, TransForm Network Annual Conference, Washington, DC (April)
- 2014-17 PhD Dissertation Committee, Liturgical Studies Area, Khalia Jelks Williams
- 2014 Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, 3rd term, Berkeley School of Theology
- 2014-15 Member, Practical Theology Working Group, Graduate Theological Union
- 2014 Member, Women's Studies in Religion Steering Committee for academic certificate program, Graduate Theological Union
- 2014 Participant, Transform: A Missional Community Formation Network Annual Gathering, "Translating the Language, Culture, and Practice of the Missional Church to Broaden Movement for Change," San Diego, CA (March)
- 2014 Library Committee, ABSW Representative, Graduate Theological Union (Spring)
- 2013-14 Convener, Liturgy and Spirituality Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy
- 2013 Faculty Representative on the Committee to Interview for the Director of Development and Communication position for Berkeley School of Theology (Fall)
- 2013 Faculty Representative for the Workshop for Reaccreditation at Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA (September)
- 2013 Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, 2nd term, Berkeley School of Theology
- 2013 Commission on Baptist Worship and Spirituality, Baptist World Alliance Annual Gathering, Ocho Rios, Jamaica (July)
- 2013 Moderator, "Liberal Fundamentalism in the Service of Empire: Feminism, Sexuality, Islamophobia," round table conversation with Munir Jiwa, Women's Studies in Religion and the Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union (April)
- 2013 Moderator, "Envisioning the Future of Theology and Ethics: A Womanist Perspective," round table conversation with faculty and students featuring Monica Coleman, Keri Day, and Andrea White, Women's Studies in Religion and the Black Church/Africana Studies Certificate Program, Graduate Theological Union (March)
- 2013 Session Chair, "Next: How Women are Changing Christianity," The Second Annual Women & Religion Student Conference "Sex, Text, and Next," Women's Studies in Religion, Graduate Theological Union (March)

2013 “Concerns and Celebrations: A Lived Theology,” three-week adult Sunday school forum series, Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek, CA (March)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Coaching Federation

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of French and German

Working knowledge of biblical Hebrew and Greek

*Berkeley School of Theology was previously called American Baptist Seminary of the West and United Lutheran Seminary was previously Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. For clarity, I have only used the current school’s name throughout this CV.