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#### EDUCATION

- 1977-84 Ph.D. in History of Religions: Ancient Christianity, Brown University,  
 Department of Religious Studies  
 1982-83 Freie Universität, West Berlin; and work with members of the Berlin koptische-  
 gnostische Arbeitsgruppe, Humboldt Universität, Berlin (DDR)  
 1973-76 B.A. *summa cum laude*, Religious Studies, University of Montana  
 1972-73 Western College, Oxford, Ohio  
 1971-72 Voss Gymnasium, Voss, Norway (International Christian Youth Exchange  
 Program)

#### ACADEMIC HONORS and AWARDS

##### Research Honors and Awards:

- 2013 Horace Mann Medal. Awarded by the Graduate School given annually to a Brown  
 Graduate School alumnus or alumna who has made significant contributions in  
 his or her field, inside or outside of academia. Brown University, Providence, RI.  
 May 26, 2013.  
 2013 Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology. Project: "Martyrdom and its Discontents: An  
 Historical Essay on Rethinking Religion and Violence in the Formation of  
 Christianity."  
 2011 Honorary doctorate (Theologiae Doctrix Honoris Causis) from the University of  
 Helsinki, Finland, May 27, 2011.  
 2009-2010 President, Northeastern Region of the Society of Biblical Literature.  
 July 2009 Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard University, The Divinity School. The  
 Hollis Professorship is Harvard's first and therefore oldest endowed chair (1721),  
 and this appointee is to the first woman to hold the chair.  
 2007 Fellow of the Centre for Advanced Study, Norwegian Academy of Arts and  
 Sciences (May 22-June 23).  
 2005 Ford Foundation Grant for research on religion and social change (12 month  
 research leave).  
 2003 The Winn Professor of Ecclesiastical History, endowed chair, Harvard University.  
 1995 The Sterling Award, granted by the College faculty for exceptional professional  
 achievement, Occidental College.

- 1994-95 The George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation Fellowship.  
 1994-95 Women's Studies in Religion Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School.  
 1990 Graves Award for research leave.  
 1986 Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst: Study Visit Grant.  
 1986 National Endowment for the Humanities: Travel to Collections Award.  
 1982-83 Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst: Direct Stipend for doctoral research.

Teaching Awards and Grants:

- 1992 Irvine Foundation Grant for Curricular Development (with Thomas Walsh; to rethink categories for the study and teaching of the ancient Mediterranean world).  
 1991 Irvine Foundation Grant for Curricular Development (with D. Keith Naylor and Dale Wright; to develop an introductory course to religious studies: "World Religions in Los Angeles").  
 1989 Loftsgordon Award for excellence in teaching, Occidental College.

Service Awards:

- 1993 Sojourner Truth Award, Occidental College Women's Center.  
 1989 Student Affairs Award, Occidental College for exceptional service to student life.

EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE

- July 2009-present Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard University, The Divinity School.  
 June, 2003-2009 Winn Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Harvard University, The Divinity School  
 January, 1999-July, 2001 Chair, Department of New Testament Studies, Harvard Divinity School  
 1997- Professor of New Testament Studies and the History of Ancient Christianity, Harvard University, The Divinity School  
 1984-97 Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Occidental College  
 1991-94, 1995 Chair, Religious Studies Department  
 1989-90, 1991-93 Chair, Women's Studies Program  
 Committee service includes, inter alia : HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL: Committee on the Study of Religion; Curriculum Committee co-chair; Faculty Council; Religion, Gender and Culture Committee; Women's Studies in Religion Advisory Committee; Chair, ATS Accreditation Self-Study  
 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE: Faculty Council, Strategic Planning, College Planning and Priorities, Faculty Planning Committee, Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, International Studies, Trustee Committees on Educational Policy and Student Life, Women's Studies Advisory Committee, Women's Center Coordinating Committee, Greek Life Task Force.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 2000-present Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS)  
 1978-present Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

- 1984-present American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
 1985-present International Association for Coptic Studies (IACS)  
 1985-present Westar Institute  
 1988-1995 Seminar on Gender and Methodology funded by an AAR Collaborative Research Grant

#### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2014-2017 Member, Editorial board of *Religion in the Roman Empire*  
 2011-2013 Member, Editorial board of *New Testament Studies*  
 2002-2008 Member, Program Committee, Society of Biblical Literature  
 2004-2010, advisory board, *Divinations: Rereading Late Antique Religion*, series with University of Pennsylvania Press  
 2002-2008 Member, editorial board, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*  
 1999-2006 Consultant to the Ford Foundation Working Group on Religion and Progressive Values  
 1995- 2008 Member, Steering Committee of the Gnosticism and Nag Hammadi Section, Society of Biblical Literature  
 1991-94 Member, Nominating Committee, Society of Biblical Literature (Chair, 1992-93)  
 1992 Co-convener, Conference on Women and Goddess Traditions  
 1992-94 Member, steering committee of the Thomas Christianity Section, Society of Biblical Literature  
 1986-1992 Chair, Section on “Female and Male in Gnosticism,” Society of Biblical Literature  
 1988-90 Member, Council of the Society of Biblical Literature  
 1985-1996 Research Council, Institute for Antiquity and Christianity  
 1985-1997 Board of Directors, Polebridge Press  
 1985-1991 Member, The Jesus Seminar, Westar Institute  
 1985-88 Member-at-Large, Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Executive Committee  
 1985 Convener, International Conference on Images of the Feminine in Gnosticism  
 1985-88 co-Chair, Section on Greco-Roman Religion, Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### Books

- The Secret Revelation of John*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2006.  
*The Gospel of Mary of Magdala. Jesus and the First Woman Apostle*. Santa Rosa, CA: Polebridge Press, 2003.  
*What is Gnosticism?* Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2003.  
*Revelation of the Unknowable God. NHC XI.3 Allogenes, Introduction, Critical Text, Translation and Notes*. California Classical Library 1. Santa Rosa, CA: Polebridge Press, 1996.

co-authored with Elaine Pagels, *Reading Judas. The Gospel of Judas and the Shaping of Christianity*. New York: Viking, 2007.

### ***Edited Books***

Co-editor with Hans-Gebhard Bethge, Stephen Emmel, and Imke Schletterer *For the Children, Perfect Instruction. Studies in Honor of Hans-Martin Schenke on the Occasion of the Berliner Arbeitskreis für Koptisch-gnostische Schriften's Thirtieth Year*. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 54. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2002.

Editor, *Women and Goddess Traditions in Antiquity and Today*. Papers from the "Women and Goddess Traditions" conference, Claremont Graduate School, May, 1991. Studies in Antiquity and Christianity. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg/Fortress Press, 1997; reprint Trinity Press International, 2000.

Editor, *Images of the Feminine in Gnosticism*. Studies in Antiquity and Christianity 4. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1988. Papers from the international conference on "Images of the Feminine in Gnosticism."

### ***Scholarly Articles***

"*I Apocalypse of James and Valentinians on Martyrdom*." In *Valentinianism*. Ed. Christoph Marksches and Einar Thomassen. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

"Endings." *Early Christian and Jewish Narrative: The Role of Religion in Shaping Narrative Forms*. Ed. Ilaria Ramelli and Judith Perkins.

"Jesus said to them, 'My wife...' A New Coptic Papyrus Fragment." *Harvard Theological Review* 107.2 (2014), 131-159.

"The Place of the *Gospel of Philip* in the Context of Early Christian Claims about Jesus's Marital Status." *New Testament Studies* 59.4 (October, 2013), 565-587.

"Rethinking the Diversity of Ancient Christianity: Responding to Suffering and Persecution." Pp. 60-78 in *Beyond the Gnostic Gospels: Studies Building on the Work of Elaine H. Pagels*. Ed. Eduard Iricinschi, Lance Jenott, Nicola Denzey Lewis, and Philippa Townsend. Texts and Studies in Antiquity and Christianity. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

"Christians Who Sacrifice and Those Who Do Not? Discursive Practices, Polemics, and Ritualizing." Pp. 307-318 in *The One Who Sows Bountifully. Essays in Honor of Stanley K. Stowers*. Ed. Caroline Johnson Hodge, Saul M. Olyan, Daniel Ullucci and Emma Wasserman. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2013.

"The Gnostic Myth: How does its Demise Impact 21<sup>st</sup> Century Historiography of Christianity's 2<sup>nd</sup> Century?" Ed. James Carleton Paget and Judith Lieu. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2014.

"A Distinctive Intertextuality: Reading *Genesis* and Plato's *Timaeus* in Select Sethian (Gnostic) Literature." Pp. 3-22 in *Gnosticism, Platonism, and the Late Ancient World. Essays in Honour of John D. Turner*. Ed. Kevin Corrigan and Tuomas Rasimus with Dylan M. Burns, Lance Jenott, and Zeke Mazur. NHS 82. Leiden: Brill, 2013.

- “Willing to Die for God: Individualization and Instrumental Agency in Ancient Christian Martyr Literature.” Pp. 342-84 in *The Individual in the Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean*. Ed. Jörg Rüpke. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “Theologies and Mission Practices among the so-called ‘Heretics’.” Pp. 441-455 in *The Rise and Expansion of Christianity in the First Three Centuries of the Common Era*. Ed. Clare K. Rothschild, Jens Schröter. WUNT 301. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.
- “Gender Contestation as Political Critique: Four Cases from Ancient Christianity.” Pp. in *“Doing Gender – Doing Religion”: Zur Wechselwirkung von Geschlechterkonzepten und religiöser Identitätsbildung in Antike und frühem Islam*. Ed. Ute E. Eisen, Christine Gerber, and Angela Standhartinger. WUNT (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament) Reihe I. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.
- “Christianity and Torture.” Pp. 293-305 in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence*. Ed. Mark Juergensmeyer, Margo Kitts, and Michael Jerryson. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “Factions, Variety, Diversity, Multiplicity: Representing Early Christian Differences for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 23 (2011), 217-239.
- “Reading Sex and Gender in the *Secret Revelation of John*.” *The Journal of Early Christian Studies* 19.4 (2011), 519-538.
- “Mystery and Secrecy in *The Apocryphon of John*.” Pp. 61-85 in *Mystery and Secrecy in the Nag Hammadi Collection and Other Ancient Literature: Ideas and Practices. Studies for Einar Thomassen at Sixty*. Ed. John Turner, Ismo Dunderberg, Christian H. Bull and Liv Ingeborg Lied. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2011.
- “Toward a Discussion of the Category ‘Gnosis/Gnosticism’: The Case of the *Epistle of Peter to Philip*.” Pp. 445-465 in *Jesus in apokryphen Evangelienüberlieferungen. Beiträge zu außerkanonischen Jesusüberlieferungen aus verschiedenen Sprach- und Kulturtraditionen*. Ed. Jörg Frey and Jens Schröder. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010.
- “Martyrdom and Its Discontents in the Tchacos Codex.” Pp. 23-42 in *The Codex Judas Papers: Proceedings of the International Congress on the Tchacos Codex held at Rice University, Houston, Texas, March 13-16, 2008*. Ed. April D. DeConick. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 71. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2009.
- “‘In your midst as a child’—‘In the form of an old man’: Images of Aging and Immortality in Ancient Christianity.” Pp. 59-82 in *Metamorphoses: Resurrection, Body and Transformative Practices in Early Christianity*. Ed. Turid Karlsen Seim and Jorunn Økland. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009.
- “Difference and Diversity: The Real Stories of Ancient Christianity.” In *Complexity. Interdisciplinary Communications 2006/2007*. Ed. Willy Østreng. Centre for Advanced Study. Oslo, Norway: Norwegian Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2008.
- “Comparison: Categories, Methods, and Mischiefs—The Case of the *Gospel of Judas*.” Pp. 178-191 in *Introducing Religion. Essays in Honor of Jonathan Z. Smith..* Ed. Willi Braun and Russell T. McCutcheon. London: Equinox Press, 2008.

- “Social and Theological Effects of Heresiological Discourse.” Pp. 28-49 in *Heresy and Identity in Late Antiquity*. Ed. Eduard Iricinschi and Holger M. Zellentin. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008.
- “Which Early Christianity?” Pp. 66-84 in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Studies*. Ed. Susan Ashbrook Harvey and David Hunter. Oxford Handbooks in Religion and Theology. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.
- “The Gospel of Mary.” Introduction, translation and notes for *The Nag Hammadi Library in English*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Ed. Marvin Meyer. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 2007, pp. 737-747.
- “Living It Out: *Period Piece*.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 22.2 (2006), 145-147.
- “The Origins of Gnosticism and the Identity of Christianity.” Pp. 103-120 in *Was There a Gnostic Religion?* Ed. Antti Marjanen. Helsinki: The Finnish Exegetical Society; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2005.
- “The Rise of the Soul: Justice and Transcendence in the *Gospel of Mary*.” Pp. 425-442 in *Walk in the Ways of Wisdom. Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza*. Ed. Shelly Matthews, Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, and Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Trinity Press International, 2003.
- “Hearing, Seeing, and Knowing God. *Allogenes* and the *Gospel of Mary*.” Pp. 319-331 in *Crossing Boundaries and Removing Barriers in Early Christian Studies. Essays in Honor of François Bovon on His Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Ed. Ann Graham Brock, David W. Pao, and David Warren. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2003.
- “Why all the Controversy? Mary in the *Gospel of Mary*.” Pp. 53-74 in *Which Mary? The Marys of Early Christian Tradition*. Ed. F. Stanley Jones. SBL Symposium Series 20. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2002.
- “The Politics of Syncretism and the Problem of Defining Gnosticism.” *Historical Reflections/Réflexions Historiques* 27.3 (2001), 461-479. Special volume on *Retrofitting Syncretism*. Ed. William Cassidy.
- “Back to the Future: Jesus and Heresy.” Pp. 77-107 in *The Once and Future Jesus*. Santa Rosa: Polebridge Press, 2000.
- “Canonization and Marginalization: Mary of Magdala.” Pp. 29-36 in *Women’s Sacred Scriptures*. Ed. Kwok Pui-Lan and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. *Concilium. Revue internationale de Théologie* 1998/3. London: SCM Press and Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1998.
- “Prophetic Power and Women’s Authority: *The Gospel of Mary Magdalene*” and “Afterword. Voices of the Spirit: Exercising Power, Embracing Responsibility.” Pp. 21-41 and 335-43 in *Women Preachers and Prophets through Two Millennia of Christianity*. Ed. Beverly Mayne Kienzle and Pamela J. Walker. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.
- “Approaching the Variants of the *Apocryphon of John*.” Pp. 105-37 in *The Nag Hammadi Library After Fifty Years: Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Literature Commemoration, November 17-22, 1995*. Ed. John D. Turner and Anne McGuire. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 44. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1997.

- “Myth and Origins in the Study of Gnosticism.” Pp. 157-72 in *Reimagining Christian Origins. A Colloquium Honoring Burton L. Mack*. Ed. Elizabeth Castelli and Hal Taussig. Valley Forge, PA: Trinity Press International, 1996.
- “The Body and Society in Philo and the *Apocryphon of John*.” Pp. 82-97 in *The School of Moses: Studies in Philo and Hellenistic Religion*. Ed. John Kenney; Brown Judaic Studies. Atlanta, GA: Scholar’s Press, 1995.
- “The Gospel of Mary Magdalene.” Pp. 601-34 in *Searching the Scriptures. Vol. 2 A Feminist Commentary*. Ed. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. New York: Crossroads Press, 1994.
- “The Book of Norea titled *Hypostasis of the Archons*.” Pp. 66-85 in *Searching the Scriptures. Vol. 2 A Feminist Commentary*. Ed. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. New York: Crossroads Press, 1994.
- “Translating History: Reframing Gnosticism in Postmodernity.” Pp. 264-77 in *Tradition und Translation. Zum Problem der interkultureller Übersetzbarkeit religiöser Phänomene. Festschrift für Carsten Colpe zum 65. Geburtstag*. Ed. Christoph Elsas. Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter, 1994.
- “A Progress Report on the Editing of the Manichaean *Synaxeis* Codex.” Pp. 281-88 in *Actes du IV<sup>e</sup> Congrès Coptes, Louvain-la-Neuve, 5-10 septembre 1988 Vol. II De la Linguistique au gnosticisme*. Publications de l’Institut orientaliste de Louvain 41. Louvain-la-neuve: Institut Orientaliste, 1992.
- “The Gospel of Mary” (translation and introduction). Pp. 351-60 in *The Complete Gospels: Annotated Scholars Version*. Ed. Robert J. Miller. Sonoma, CA: Polebridge Press, 1992.
- “Social Facets in Mythic Knowing: Joseph Campbell and Christian Gnosis.” Pp. 68-80 in *Paths to the Power of Myth. Joseph Campbell and the Study of Religion*. Ed. Daniel C. Noel. New York: Crossroad, 1990.
- “Ridicule and Rape, Rule and Rebellion: *The Hypostasis of the Archons*.” Pp. 3-24 in *Gnosticism and the Early Christian World*. Ed. James E. Goehring, Charles W. Hedrick, Jack T. Sanders with Hans Dieter Betz. Sonoma, CA: Polebridge Press, 1990.
- “Sophia and Christ in the *Apocryphon of John*.” Pp. 158-76 in *Images of the Feminine in Gnosticism*. Ed. Karen L. King. Studies in Antiquity and Christianity 4. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1988.
- “Kingdom in the Gospel of Thomas,” *Foundations and Facets Forum* 3.1 (1987), 48-97.
- “The Rite of the Red Heifer in the Epistle of Barnabas 8 and Mishnah Parah. A Study of Early Christian and Jewish Exegesis.” *Approaches to Ancient Judaism V. Studies in Judaism and Its Greco-Roman Context*. Atlanta: Scholar’s Press, 1985, 99-114.

### **Encyclopedia Articles and Short Entries**

- “Gospel of Mary” *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Jennifer Knust. Forthcoming.
- “Mary, Gospel of” *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. Ed. Roger Bagnall, Kai Brodersen, Craige Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine Hübner. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming.

- “Gnosticism.” Pp. 652-56 in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*. Ed. Sarah Iles Johnston. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2004.
- “Mary of Magdala in Early Christian Coptic Literature.” *Religious Studies News: SBL Edition* (online), November, 2003.
- “Introduction.” Pp. 1-12 in *For the Children, Perfect Instruction. Studies in Honor of Hans-Martin Schenke on the Occasion of the Berliner Arbeitskreis für Koptisch-gnostische Schriften's Thirtieth Year*. Ed. Hans-Gebhard Bethge, Karen L. King, Stephen Emmel, and Imke Schletterer. Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 54. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2002.
- “Gnosticism.” *Encyclopedia Britannica*, at press.
- “Mary Magdalene in the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature.” Multimedia Project on John 20. New York: American Bible Society, 1997.
- “Who are the Disciples?” Multimedia Project on John 20. New York: American Bible Society, 1997.
- Response to Daniel Boyarin, “Galatians and Gender Trouble: Primal Androgyny and the First-Century Origins of a Feminist Dilemma.” Berkeley, CA: The Center for Hermeneutical Studies, 1995.
- “*Allogenes*.” Pp. 158-59 in Vol. 1 of *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Ed. David Noel Freedman. New York: Doubleday, 1992.
- “What is Gnosticism?” *The Fourth R* 4.3 (1991), 1-6.
- “Who are the Gnostics?” *The Fourth R* 4.4 (1992), 14-16.
- “Sethians” and “Valentinus.” Pp. 841-42 and 923-24 in *Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*. Ed. Everett Ferguson. New York and London: Garland Publishing Inc., 1990.
- Introduction to the *Gospel of Mary*. Pp. 523-24 in *The Nag Hammadi Library in English*. Ed. James M. Robinson and Richard Smith. Third edition. San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1988.

### **Reviews**

- The Gnostics. Myth Ritual, and Diversity in Early Christianity* by David Brakke. *History of Religions* 52.3 (2013), 294-301.
- The Resurrection of Mary Magdalene. Legends, Apocrypha, and the Christian Testament* by Jane Schaberg. *Women's Review of Books* 20.6 (March, 2003), 18.
- Review Essay: *Chattel or Person? The Status of Women in the Mishnah* by Judith Romney Wegner. *Religious Studies Review* 18.1, January 1992, 14-18.
- Gnostic Truth and Christian Heresy: A Study in the History of Gnosticism* by Alastair H. B. Logan. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 117.1 (1998), 166-68.
- The Woman Jesus Loved: Mary Magdalene in the Nag Hammadi Library and Related Documents* by Antti Marjanen. *Teologinen Aikakauskirja* 102 (1997), 78-79.
- A History of Gnosticism* by Giovanni Filoramo. *Critical Review of Books in Religion* (1992), 296-298.
- A Separate God. The Christian Origins of Gnosticism* by Simone Pétrement. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 60.4 (1992), 804-807.
- Sin in Valentinianism* by Michel Desjardins. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 59 (1991), 162-164.



- Adam, Eve, and the Serpent* by Elaine Pagels in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*. Atlanta, GA: Scholar's Press, 1990, 315-317.
- Women in Hellenistic Egypt. From Alexander to Cleopatra* by Sarah B. Pomeroy; *The Wisdom Goddess. Feminine Motifs in Eight Nag Hammadi Documents* by Rose Horman Arthur; and *Womanhood. The Feminine in Ancient Hellenism, Gnosticism, Christianity, and Islam* by Raoul Mortley in *Signs* 13.3 (1988), 623-626.
- So It Was True: The American Protestant Press and the Nazi Persecution of the Jews* by Robert Ross in *Religious Studies Review* 8.1 (1982), 90.

## **PAPERS AND LECTURES**

### ***Panels and Papers delivered to Professional Societies, Organizations and Conferences***

- “Sex/Gender Strategies to Represent the Sacrality of the Group and Police or Challenge its Borders: Comparing Philo and Korean-American Christians in Chicago.” Conference on “Religiöse Grenzgänge und Geschlecht: Internationale Tagung.” Phillips Universität Marburg. June 19-21, 2014.
- “‘Textual Communities’? Real and Putative Literature in the Practices of Grouping Together: The Case of ‘Paul’.” Conference on “Grouping together in Lived Ancient Religion” (Fourth Conference of the ERC research project “Lived Ancient Religion: Questioning ‘cults’ and ‘polis religion’”). The Royal Academy of Sciences and Letters. Copenhagen, Denmark. June 2-4, 2014.
- “Valentinian ‘Martyrdom’ Reconsidered.” Conference on “Valentinianism.” The Norwegian Institute in Rome, Italy. Oct. 16-18, 2013.
- “Religions of the Book/Textual Communities.” Conference on “Sharpening the Knife: Making Religion Effective in Everyday Life. Max Weber Centre of the University of Erfurt. Erfurt, Germany. June 13, 2013.
- “Living and Dying for God: Martyrdom in the Christian Tradition.” Conference on “‘With God on Our Side.’ Holy War and Sacred Struggle in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.” Sponsored by The Cambridge University Project for Religion in the Humanities and The TAU Center for Religious and Interreligious Studies. Tel Aviv University. Tel Aviv, Israel. June 3 2013.
- “Sacrifice among the Heretics.” Paper for “Redescribing Early Christianity.” Society of Biblical Literature. Chicago, IL. November 19, 2012.
- “Beyond Bultmann: A Brief Update on the Johannine Prologue from Current Work on Select Nag Hammadi Treatises.” Paper for panel on “The Legacy of Rudolph Bultmann.” Westar Institute. Chicago, IL. Nov. 16, 2012.
- “A New Coptic Gospel Papyrus Fragment.” Tenth International Congress of Coptic Studies, September 17-21. Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum. Rome, Italy.
- “Differences that Make A Difference: Rethinking the Diversity of Early Christianity.” Main paper for The 67<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, July 31-August 4, 2012, Katholieke Universitet, Leuven, Belgium.
- “Mystery and Secrecy in *The Secret Revelation of John*.” Paper in session “Celebrating the Work of Einar Thomassen.” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 19, 2011.

- Panel Discussion of David Brakke, *The Gnostics: Myth, Ritual, and Diversity in Early Christianity*. Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 19, 2011.
- “Biblical Studies and the Modern Invention of ‘Religion.’ Panel Presentation. Co-sponsored by AAR Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group; SBL Bible and Cultural Studies Group; and the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR). American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 19, 2011.
- ‘Apocalypse’ and ‘Apocryphon’: Constructing Authorship and Authority in the Revelatory Scriptures of John.” Seminar paper presented at the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas annual meeting, Bard College, August 1, 2011.
- “(Re)Formation of the Christian Self: Gender Contestation as Political Critique.” Paper for the interdisciplinary conference on “Doing Gender – Doing Religion”: Zur Wechselwirkung von Geschlechterkonzepten und religiöser Identitätsbildung in Antike und frühem Islam” at Universität Gießen, Raischholzhausen, Germany, June 30-July 2, 2011.
- “Beyond ‘Varieties of Christianity’: Reading *The Letter of Peter to Philip* in the History of Ancient Christianity.” Presidential Address to the Society of Biblical Literature New England Regional Meeting. Boston, April 16, 2010.
- “History from Hindsight: The View from a Gnostic Perspective.” Presented for the “Construction of Christian Identities” Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 21, 2009.
- Response to James Dunn, “Unity and Diversity in Early Christianity.” Presented for the “Cross, Resurrection, and Diversity” Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 23, 2009.
- “Celebrating Thirty Years of Elaine Pagel’s *Gnostic Gospels*.” Panel Presentation for the “Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism” Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting New Orleans, LA, November 21, 2009.
- “Choosing to Die for God: Individualization and Agency in Ancient Christian Martyr Literature.” Conference on “Religious Individualization in the Hellenistic and Roman Period” at The Max Weber Center of the University of Erfurt, Germany, September 6-9, 2009.
- “Martyrdom as (Ritual) Performance: Reading Actions and Performing Texts.” Project on “Metamorphoses: Resurrection, Taxonomies, and Transformative Practices in Early Christianity.” Norwegian Academy in Rome, Italy. May 8-10, 2008.
- Panel presentations for “Empire: Resistance and Reimagination.” Conference at Union Theological Seminary. New York, New York. April 3-5, 2008.
- “Martyrdom and Its Discontents in the Tchacos Codex.” Codex Judas Congress. Rice University. Houston, Texas. March 13-16, 2008.
- “Definitions and Their Discontents.’ Panel on “Interdisciplinary, Theoretical and Ideological Implications of the AAR and SBL Split” sponsored by the AAR Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR Program Committee, and the SBL. SBL/AAR National Meetings. San Diego, CA. November 17, 2007.
- Response to papers on the *Gospel of Judas* by April D. DeConick, Birger A. Person, and Louis Painchaud in the Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section. SBL/AAR National Meetings. San Diego, CA. November 17, 2007.

- Presentation on *The Gospel of Judas and The Shaping of Christianity* on the panel “Books on the Gospel of Judas: An Evening with the Authors.” SBL/AAR National Meetings. San Diego, CA. November 18, 2007.
- “Polymorphism, Death, and Immortality: Images of the ‘puer senex’.” Conference on “Metamorphoses: Resurrection, Taxonomies and Transformative Practices in Early Christianity.” Centre for Advanced Study. Norwegian Academy of Arts and Sciences. Oslo, Norway. June 11-13, 2007.
- “The Problem of Jewish Christianity Or How to Represent the Diversity of Early Christianity.” Early Jewish-Christian Relations Section. SBL/AAR National Meetings. Washington, D. C. November 19, 2006.
- “The Gospel of Judas.” Panel presentation. SBL/AAR National Meetings. Washington, D. C. November 19, 2006.
- “The Secret Revelation of John.” Response to panel presentation on my book of that title. SBL/AAR National Meetings. Washington, D. C. November 20, 2006.
- “Sex, Gender, and the Human Body in the *Apocryphon of John*.” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section. SBL/AAR National Meetings. Philadelphia, PA. November 21, 2005. (Read *in absentia*.)
- 2005 Harrell F. Beck Lectureship for The Massachusetts Bible Society, Oct. 23-25, 2005. Two lectures: “Heretics Read the Resurrection: Fully Human/Fully Divine?” and “What’s at Stake in Who’s the Snake? Rethinking Evil and Divine Justice in the Secret Revelation of John.”
- “Of What are Early Christian Discourses of Heresy Evidence? A Query to Irenaeus and the *Apocryphon of John*.” Paper presented to “Making Selves and Marking Others: Heresy and Self-Definition in Late Antiquity.” Colloquium at Princeton University. Princeton, New Jersey. January 16-18, 2005.
- Panel Presentation on Elaine Pagels, *Beyond Belief*. SBL/AAR National Meetings. San Antonio, TX. November 20-23, 2004.
- Panel Presentation on “Gnosticism and the Arts.” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section. SBL/AAR National Meetings. San Antonio, TX. November 20-23, 2004.
- “The Creation of the Body in the Apocryphon of John: Sensual and/or Metaphorical?” Seminar presentation for a conference on “The Language of Body and Bodily Processes: Sensual and/or Metaphorical?” LOKA Seminar. University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway. November 8-9, 2004.
- “Response” to papers by J. Dominic Crossan, Brigitte Kahl, and Richard Horsley. Conference on “New Testament and Roman Empire. Shifting Paradigms for Interpretation.” Union Theological Seminary. New York, New York. October 29-30, 2004.
- “Apocryphon of John.” Conference on “New Testament and Roman Empire. Shifting Paradigms for Interpretation.” Union Theological Seminary. New York, New York. October 29-30, 2004.
- “Reading Ancient Christian Heresy: The Apocryphon of John” and “The Hermeneutics of the Apocryphon of John.” The Nordic Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Network Seminar. Helsinki, Finland. August 8-15, 2004.
- Panel Presentation “The Future of Biblical Studies.” Northeast Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting. Cambridge, MA, April 23, 2004.

- “Reading the Apocryphon of John Intertextually.” Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section. Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. Atlanta, Georgia. November 23, 2003.
- “*The Gospel of Mary*.” Paper read at a conference on “Mary Magdalene: Prophet and Apostle in the Miriamic Tradition.” General Theological Seminary, New York. June 8, 2002.
- “*The Apocryphon of John: Part II of the Gospel of John?*” Paper read at the Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Denver, Colorado. November, 2001.
- “On Earth, Not Quite as it is in Heaven: World Creation as Parodic Mimicry in the Apocryphon of John.” Paper read at a conference on “‘In heaven as it is on earth’: Imagined realms and earthly realities in late antique religion” at Princeton University, January 14-15, 2001.
- “Why all the Controversy? Mary in the *Gospel of Mary*.” Paper read at the Apocryphal Gospels Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee. November, 2000.
- “The Jesus of Historical Criticism between Time and Eternity.” Paper read at the conference on “The Once and Future Jesus.” Westar Institute and the Jesus Seminar. Santa Rosa, California. October 20-23, 1999.
- “The Origins of Gnosticism and the Identity of Christianity” Paper presented to the section on “Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism.” International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting. Helsinki and Lahti, Finland. July 18-21, 1999.
- “Rethinking the (Jewish) Origins of (Christian) Gnosticism.” Paper prepared for conference on “The Origins of the Judeo-Christian Tradition, Reconsidered.” Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. June 23-27, 1999. Also read in a revised version at the Society of Biblical Studies/American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, Boston, November, 1999.
- “Sacred Texts and Social Contexts.” Paper prepared for the Ford Foundation Inter-Program Working Group on Religion. Santa Monica, California. January 10, 1999.
- “The Meaning of Jesus.” Panel presentation at the Society of Biblical Studies/American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. Sponsored by Harper and Row Publishers. Orlando, Florida. November 22, 1998.
- “The Politics of Syncretism and the Identity of Gnosticism.” Paper prepared for the Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Orlando, Florida. November 21, 1998.
- “Syncretism and the Politics of Identity: The Problem of Defining ‘Gnosticism.’” Plenary address for the American Academy of Religion regional meeting, cosponsored by the Society of Biblical Literature Graeco-Roman Religions section, March 15-17, 1998, Claremont, CA.
- “Hearing, Seeing, and Knowing: The Varying Politics of Ascent in *Allogenes* and the *Gospel of Mary*.” Paper prepared for the Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section. Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, November 24, 1997, San Francisco, CA.
- “Toward Criteria for a Westar Canon.” Paper prepared for the Canon Seminar, Westar Institute Meeting, October, 1997, Santa Rosa, CA.

- “*The Gospel of Mary Magdalene*.” Paper presented at the conference on “Mary Magdalene in History and Legend,” sponsored by the UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. UCLA, May 2, 1997.
- “*The Gospel of Mary*.” Paper prepared for the Canon Seminar, Westar Institute Meetings, March, 1997, Santa Rosa, CA.
- “The Jesus Tradition in the *Gospel of Mary*.” Paper read in the Historical Jesus Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November, 25, 1996.
- “Christianity Without a Canon.” Jesus Seminar. New Orleans. November 23, 1996.
- “Is it bad to be a Syncretistic Religion? Contemporary and Patristic Discourses in the Light of New Studies on Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism.” Invited plenary address for the North American Patristics Association. Chicago, June 1, 1996.
- “Reflections on Myth and Origins in the Study of Gnosticism.” International History of Religions Conference, Mexico City, August, 1995.
- “The *Apocryphon of John*: One Work or Many Versions?” Conference on “The Nag Hammadi Codices: Fifty Years of Scholarship.” Harvard Divinity School, April 22, 1995. Revised version, Nag Hammadi Seminar on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Discovery of the Nag Hammadi Library. Haverford College, November 17, 1995, in conjunction with the Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, November 18-22, 1995.
- “Is There Such A Thing as Gnosticism?” SBL/AAR National Meetings; Washington, DC, November 20-23, 1993.
- “Women in the Profession.” Panel Presentation. Society of Biblical Literature National Meeting; Washington, DC, November 20-23, 1993.
- Panel Review: Ross Shephard Kraemer, *Her Share of the Blessings*. SBL/AAR National Meetings; Washington, DC, November 20-23, 1993.
- “The Rationale of Gnostic Ethics.” Fifth International Congress of Coptic Studies; 11-16 August, 1992, Catholic University of America, Washington D. C. Revised version, SBL/AAR National Meetings; San Francisco, November 21-23, 1992.
- “Writing a Feminist Commentary.” Panel Presentation, SBL/AAR National Meetings; Kansas City, November 23-26, 1991.
- “Feminist Perspectives on the Historical Jesus.” Panel Presentation for Plenary Session of the Historical Jesus Section, SBL/AAR National Meetings; Kansas City, November 23-26, 1991.
- “Gnosticism as Social Criticism.” SBL/AAR National Meetings; New Orleans, November 17, 1990.
- “Myth, Gender, and Social Critique in Gnostic Religion.” XVIth Congress of the International Association of the History of Religions, Rome, 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> September, 1990.
- “Gospel of Thomas Logion 5.” Jesus Seminar, Sonoma, CA, March 1-4, 1990.
- “Contending Against the Adversaries: Mary Magdalene and Peter in Conflict.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Anaheim, Ca, November, 1989.
- “The Figure of Mary Magdalene in Gnosticism.” Southwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Claremont, CA, March, 1989.

- “Neoplatonism and Gnosticism in NHC XI.3 Allogenes.” Thirteenth International Conference on Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, September 23-25, 1988; and Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, November, 1988.
- “A Progress Report on the Editing of the Manichaean Synaxeis Codex.” IV<sup>e</sup> Congrès International D’Études Coptes, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 5-10 september, 1988.
- Invited response to the plenary address “How My Mind Has Changed” by Luise Schottroff. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, December, 1987.
- “Deciphering the Feminine: Toward a Typology of Images of Gender in Gnosticism.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, December, 1987.
- “Kingdom as Community in the Gospel of Thomas.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November, 1986.
- “Kingdom in the Gospel of Thomas.” Jesus Seminar, Notre Dame University, October, 1986.
- “Sophia and Christ in the Apocryphon of John.” International Research Conference on *Images of the Feminine in Gnosticism*, in conjunction with the annual national SBL meeting, Claremont and Anaheim, November, 1985.
- “Nag Hammadi Codex XI.3 Allogenes. The Problem of Genre.” Western Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Los Angeles, March, 1985.
- “Ontology and Epistemology in Nag Hammadi Tractate XI.3 Allogenes.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, December, 1984.

***Invited Lectures to Universities, Institutes, Schools, and Libraries***

- “Hallowed Pain: Representing the Slave Blandina and Jesus’s Brother James as Martyrs.” Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture. College of the Holy Cross. Worcester, MA. September 18, 2014.
- The 2014 Haskell Lectures: “Religion and Violence. The Legacy from Ancient Christian Martyrdom.” Lecture 1: “Power, Torture, Truth: The Romans against the Christians.” Lecture 2: “What God desires this Suffering?” Lecture 3: “Hallowed Hauntings: The Legacy of Partial History.” Oberlin College. Oberlin, Ohio. March 21-14, 2014.
- “Does It Matter If Jesus Was Married?” Panel discussion with Bart Ehrman, Karen L. King and Mark Jordan. Black Mountain Institute. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. January 23, 2014.
- Response to: “Fruits and Challenges of Adhesively Skeletonizing a Church Community: Korean Americans in the Presbyterian Church (USA),” a talk by Professor Timothy Lee of Brite Divinity School co-sponsored by the Korea Institute and Center for the Study of World Religions. November 14, 2013.
- “Eve, Sophia and Mary Magdalene.” Panel on “Women and the Dead Sea Scrolls” at the Boston Museum of Science. Oct. 2, 2013.
- “Martyrdom and Its Discontents: An Historical Essay on Rethinking Religion and Violence in the Formation of Christianity.” The Colloquium in Religious Studies. Vanderbilt Divinity School. Nashville, TN. September 18, 2013.

- “Jesus’s Marital Status: What a New Papyrus Fragment Can (or Can’t) Tell Us about Christian Views of Marriage, Celibacy, and Salvation.” Annual Research Lecture of the Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Religionsforschung. Philipps-Universität, Marburg, Germany. June 10, 2013.
- “Was Jesus Married? What a New Papyrus Fragment Can (or Can’t) Tell Us,” Graduate School Horus Mann Medalist Forum. Brown University, Providence, RI. May 25, 2013.
- “The Gnostic Myth: How does its Demise Impact 21<sup>st</sup> Century Historiography of Christianity’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Century?” Conference on “Christianity in the Second Century: Themes and Developments.” Cambridge University. Cambridge, England. March 21, 2013.
- “Some Reflections of the Relationship between Myths and Bodies.” Conference on “How Bodies Matter: The Intersection of Science, Religion, and the Humanities in the Study of the Ancient Mediterranean World.” Harvard Divinity School. Cambridge, MA. March 16, 2013.
- “Was Jesus Married? Early Christian Controversies over Marriage, Celibacy, and Salvation.” Armstrong Lecture in Religion. Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo, MI. April 10, 2013.
- idem, First Annual Religion Lecture. Sponsored by the Willis D. Wood Fund. Amherst College, Amherst, MA. April 4, 2013
- idem, Lecture Celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Occidental College. Los Angeles, CA. February 7, 2013.
- “Controversies over Sexuality and Marriage among Early Christians: What a New Papyrus Fragment Can (or Can’t) Tell Us.” Edgar and Dorothy Davidson Lecture. Carleton University. Ottawa, Ontario. October 25, 2012.
- “Gender and Political Critique.” Seminar for the Institute for Women’s Theological Studies, Ewha Women’s University. Seoul, South Korea. June 8, 2012.
- “Gender Contestation as Political Critique: Cases from Ancient Christianity.” Amherst College, Amherst, MA, February 9, 2012.
- “Spirituality in the Midst of Violence: Early Christian Controversies over Martyrdom.” Lecture for Concordia University, Montreal, January 19, 2012.
- “Atheism/Theism: Belief and Unbelief in America.” Panel discussion with Karen L. King, Susan Jacoby, and Reza Aslan at the Black Mountain Institute, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, October 13, 2011.
- “Spirituality in the Midst of Violence: The Heritage from Christian Heretics and Martyrs.” The Lane C. McGaughey Lectureship in Ancient Studies. Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology. Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, September 22, 2011.
- “Martyrdom and Its Discontents.” Lecture for the Department of Religious Studies. Sponsored by the Willis Wood Fund. Amherst College, Amherst, MA, October 9, 2009.
- “The Gnostic Gospels: A Different View of Christianity.” Two lectures titled “‘You are the Perfect Day’: *The Gospel of Truth*” and “Seeing and Knowing God: Truly Human/Truly Divine” for the Department of Religion, Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, New York, July 2-3, 2009.

- “Rethinking the History of Early Christianity.” Graduate Seminar. Union Theological Seminary. New York, May 18-22.
- “Gnostic Heterodoxies: Cosmic Imagination and the Politics of Religion.” Symposium on “Heterodoxies in the Literary Imagination.” Columbia University, New York. April 15, 2009.
- “Living with Death: Choosing Life” (Two seminar introductions and a plenary address). International Theology Conference. Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel. Feb. 22-26, 2009.
- “Martyrdom.” Department of Religious Studies, Princeton University. Feb. 4, 2009.
- “Scholarship or News: On What Terms Should Religion Scholars Meet the News Media?” Panel presentation, HDS 2008 Leadership Council. April 20, 2008.
- Working group on “Arts of Resistance” for “Empire: Resistance and Reimagination.” Union Theological Seminary, New York. April 3-5, 2008.
- “What Else Didn't We Know? Ancient Gospels from the Egyptian Desert.” Endowment for Religious Understanding. Milton Academy. February 27, 2008
- “The Gospel of Judas and the Shaping of Christianity.” Department of Religious Studies. California State University, Northridge. November 15, 2007.
- “Difference and Diversity: The Real Stories of Ancient Christianity.” Centre for Advanced Study. Norwegian Academy of Arts and Sciences. Oslo, Norway. June 20, 2007.
- “Mary and Judas: Ancient Gospels from the Egyptian Desert.” The Sutherland Lecture. St. Michael's College. Colchester, Vermont. March 29, 2007.
- “The Shaping of Christianity: Discoveries from the Egyptian Desert.” The 2006-07 Zerby Lecture in Contemporary Religious Thought. Bates College. Lewiston, Maine. January 17, 2007.
- “The Gospel of Mary of Magdala: Ancient Discoveries from the Egyptian Desert and Christianity Today.” Trinity College. University of Dublin. Dublin, Ireland. November 23, 2006.
- “Which Early Christianity?” Mediterranean Seminar. Trinity College. University of Dublin. Dublin, Ireland. November 24, 2006.
- Panel Presentation. “Period Piece.” Harvard Divinity School. April 5, 2006.
- Response to Harold Attridge, “The DaVinci Code.” Episcopal Divinity School. Cambridge, MA. April 19, 2006.
- “Thinking about Women and Heresy.” Women's Studies Forum. Harvard Divinity School. May 1, 2006.
- “What is Gnosticism?” a one-day conference sponsored by the West Michigan Academic Consortium and the West Shore Committee for Jewish/Christian Dialogue. Keynote Address: “Heretics, Jews, Pagans: Setting the Boundaries of Christianness.” Evening Lecture: “Heretics Read *Genesis*.” Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. Nov. 8, 2005.
- “History Without Heresy: Discoveries from Egypt and Christian Origins.” Distinguished Lecture Series 2000 and Beyond. The University of the West Indies. Kingston, Jamaica. January 8, 2004.
- “The Gospel of Mary.” Brandeis University. March 29, 2004.
- “History Without Heresy.” University of New Hampshire. October 2003.



- “What is Gnosticism?” Lecture. Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut, April 4, 2003.
- “Orthodoxy and Heresy in Earliest Christianity.” Seminar presentation for a conference on “Beyond the Pale: Sin and Exclusion.” The International Theology Conference of the Shalom Hartman Institute’s Bernard and Barbro Osher Jerusalem Center for Religious Pluralism. Jerusalem, Israel. January 19-23, 2003.
- “Response to the Project “Body and Processes of Life in Antiquity: Biologically Given and Culturally Conceived.” University of Oslo, Norway. November 11, 2002.
- “Rethinking Orthodoxy and Heresy.” Institute for Antiquity and Christianity. Claremont, California, March 14, 2002.
- “Making Heresy.” A Remsen Bird Lecture. Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, February, 13, 2002.
- “Early Christian Diversity and Contemporary Christian Identity.” Thomas L. King Lecture in Religious Studies. Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, October 25, 2001.
- “On Earth Not Quite as it is in Heaven.” Illinois-Wesleyan University. April 20, 2001.
- “The Apocryphon of John.” Brown Seminar. Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, May 8, 2001.
- “Christianity: Ancient Diversity and Contemporary Identity.” Theological Education Day. Harvard Divinity School. Cambridge, Massachusetts. November 3, 2000.
- “Women and Heresy in Ancient Christianity” and “Early Christian Diversity and Contemporary Christian Identity.” The 1999 Showers Lectures in the Christian Religion. University of Indianapolis. Indianapolis, Indiana. February 25, 1999.
- “*The Gospel of Mary Magdalene*” University of Helsinki, Finland, Dec. 18, 1995.
- “Prophetic Power and Women’s Authority: *The Gospel of Mary Magdalene*.” Harvard Divinity School, Feb. 23, 1995. (Also presented at Brown University, Feb. 28, 1995, Haverford College, March 21, 1995; and at a conference on Women Preachers and Prophets in the Christian Tradition at Rutgers University, October, 1995.)
- “The Jesus Tradition in the *Gospel of Mary*.” Guest Lecture, Brandeis University, Oct. 12, 1994. Revised paper presented to the New Testament Doctoral Seminar, Harvard Divinity School, Dec. 7, 1994.
- Response to Daniel Boyarin, “Galatians and Gender Trouble.” The Center for Hermeneutical Studies, University of California, April 5, 1992, Berkeley, CA.
- “Imagining Women in Late Antique Judaism.” Lecture for the Program in International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, March 5, 1991. Also delivered at the Pacific West Coast Region of the American Academy of Religion Meeting, Los Angeles, March 21-23, 1991.
- “Gnosticism as Social Criticism.” Keynote address for the Gaston Symposium, University of Oregon, Eugene, February 15-16, 1990; and the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont, CA, March 15, 1990.
- “Images of Rape and Rebellion in Gnostic Literature.” Huntington Library Women’s Studies Seminar, Pasadena, CA, December 2, 1989.
- “Eve, Mary and Sophia. Images of the Feminine in the Non-Canonical Gospels: A Cautionary Tale.” Keynote Address for “Women and the Gospel Traditions:

- Canonical and Apocryphal.” A symposium honoring Elaine H. Pagels and family on the campus of Nebraska Wesleyan University, April 20-22, 1989.
- “Rewriting the New Testament: The Impact of Gnosticism on Early Christianity.” Guest Lecture, The Shepherd Colloquium, University of Montana, February, 1985.
- “Gnosticism and Platonism in the Nag Hammadi Texts.” Guest Lecture, University of Montana, February, 1985.

***Invited Presentations to Church, Community Groups, and other public groups (select list)***

- “Was Jesus Married? What a New Papyrus Can (or Can’t) Tell Us.” Presentation for the HDS Women Studies in Religion Program. Harvard Club. New York, November 6, 2013.
- “Rethinking Suffering and Violence in the Legacy from Ancient Christianity.” Lecture series for Saint Mark’s Anglican Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. Oct. 25-26, 2013
- “Was Jesus Married? Early Christian Controversies over Marriage, Celibacy, and Salvation.” Colorado Friends of Harvard WSRP. Denver, CO. April 29 2013.
- “Gods and Prophets.” Panel discussion at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y. New York, NY. December 13, 2012.
- “What Does It Mean to Be Christian?” Lecture series for the HanShin Theological Symposium, South Korea. June 11-14, 2012.
- “The Shaping of Christianity: Gospel Discoveries from the Egyptian Desert.” Adult Education for St. Anne’s in the Fields Episcopal Church, Lincoln, MA. December 9, 2007.
- “The Gospel of Judas” at the Free Library of Philadelphia (March 8, 2007); The National Cathedral, Washington, D.C. (March 9, 2007); Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas (March 15, 2007); Central Library of Los Angeles, CA, with E. Pagels (March 22, 2007); All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena, CA with E. Pagels (March 23, 2007); Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA with E. Pagels (March 25, 2007).
- “Celebrating the Feast of Mary Magdalene.” A day long workshop on the *Gospel of Mary*, and evening lecture on “Mary, Eve, and Sophia: Women’s Leadership in Early Christianity.” Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality. Carondelet Center. St. Paul, MN. July 22, 2006.
- “The Changing Face of Christianity: New Discoveries from the Egyptian Desert.” Lecture and workshop. The United Church of Los Alamos, New Mexico. May 12-13, 2006.
- “Reconstructing Early Christianity: The Jewish Factor.” Lecture Series: Parting of the Ways. Hebrew College. Boston, MA. March 26, 2006.
- “Ancient Discoveries from the Egyptian Desert and Christianity Today.” Lecture and workshop. Horizons of Faith. Free United Methodist Church. Omaha, Nebraska. March 17-18, 2006.
- “How Seeking God Became a Religion” and “*The Gospel of Mary of Magdala* and Other Discoveries from the Egyptian Desert.” Lecture and workshop. The Center for Spiritual Development. Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon. March 11-12, 2005.

- “Public (Mis)Uses of Religion: Meaning, Belonging, and Social Change.” Keynote Address to the “Religion, Cultural Identities, and Social Change Meeting.” Ford Foundation, New York, March 2-4, 2005.
- “Seek and You Will Find: Christianity before Orthodoxy” (lecture) and “*The Gospel of Mary of Magdala* (all day workshop). Knox United Church, Calgary, Alberta. January 28-29, 2005.
- Panel Presentation on “New Religious Scholarship on Sexuality Issues.” Symposium on “What’s Religion Got to Do With It?” sponsored by the Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing. New York, New York. October 6, 2004.
- “The Spirituality of the *Gospel of Mary*.” Sermon and lecture in celebration of the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. Christ Cathedral, Houston. July 25, 2004.
- Lecture and workshop on *The Gospel of Mary*. St. James Episcopal Church. San Francisco. May 14-15, 2004
- “The Gospel of Mary: Women and the Hidden History of Christian Pluralism.” Presentation to the Ford Foundation, New York. April 12, 2004.
- “‘False Jezabels’ Past and Present; The Uncommon Lives of Mary of Magdala and Anne Hutchinson of Massachusetts.” With Eve La Plante. *America the Spiritual*. Mary Baker Eddy Library, Boston. March 18, 2004.
- “Mary of Magdala.” Lecture for the Westar Institute and The Open Center, New York. March 6, 2004.
- “Eve’s Daughter and Mary of Magdala: Women and Heresy in Ancient Texts.” Women’s Studies in Religion Program lecture, New York. March 20, 2003.
- Workshop on the *Gospel of Mary*. Westar Institute, Santa Rosa, CA. October 16, 2003.
- Three lectures on the *Gospel of Mary*, “Women in Early Christianity,” and “Orthodoxy and Heresy” for the Women’s Studies in Religion Program Coffee Group, The Denver Women’s Forum, and the Mile High Club, Denver. April 25-26, 2002.
- “From Diversity to Orthodoxy.” Workshop for “Jesus in History and Heresy” with Robert W. Funk. Jesus Seminar on the Road. Portland, Oregon. April 5-6, 2002.
- “Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture: The Gospel of Truth” and “Spiritual Interpretation of Scripture: Resurrection Now.” Two workshops on “Searching the Scriptures” at the Universal Truth Center Women’s Retreat, Carnival Cruise Caribbean. October 8-November 4, 2001.
- “For Picking Side to Getting Along: New Models for Understanding Differences among Christians” and “The Invention of Heresy.” Two presentations to “The Growth of Christianity: Orthodoxy and Heresy” with Hal Taussig. Jesus Seminar on the Road. First United Methodist Church, Sarasota, Florida. January 26-27, 2001.
- “Christianity: Ancient Diversity and Contemporary Identity.” Lecture for Church of Our Savior. Arlington, Massachusetts. November 29, 2000.
- “Early Christian Diversity: Discoveries from Egypt and their Impact on Understanding the Beginnings of Christianity” and “Women’s Leadership in Early Christianity: Prophets and Teachers.” Presentations to the annual women’s retreat of the Universal Truth Center, Miami, Florida. October 27-28, 2000.
- “Early Christian Diversity and Contemporary Christian Identity.” Workshop. The Foundation for Biblical Research. September 9, 2000. Charlestown, NH.
- “Jesus is Risen from the Dead.” Jesus Seminar on the Road with Robert Miller. Christ Episcopal Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 1-2.

“Jesus and the Formation of the New Testament Canon.” Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, November 1, 1997, Claremont, CA.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Willamette University Summer Institute of Biblical Studies for Clergy and Laity on “Early Creeds and the Formation of the Gospels” with Professor Lane McGaughy, August 18-20, 1997. Sponsored by Willamette University and the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Retreat for the Open Center at the Wisdom Center in Litchfield, CN, on “The Historical Jesus” with Professor Robert W. Funk and Bishop John Shelby Spong, August, 1995.

Moderator and panel participant for “The Historical Jesus and Contemporary Faith” sponsored by Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, the Episcopal Teleconferencing Network, and Harper and Row Publishers. Part of this program was televised and videotaped. February, 1994.

Series of lectures for a retreat sponsored by the Southwest Presbyterian Synod Committee on Justice for Women. Big Bear, CA. April, 1992.

Presentations to adult education groups at the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge; University Lutheran Church in Cambridge; Mennonite Congregation in Cambridge; First United Methodist Church in Glendale, All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Pasadena, Pasadena Unitarian Universalist Church, the Pasadena Senior Curriculum, Church of Our Savior in Arlington, as well as numerous student groups.