

Curriculum vitae
Jennifer L. Howell
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Educational Background

Graduate Education

Baylor University, Department of Religion, Waco, Texas
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology (December, 2016)
Dissertation Title: “*Imago Dei* and the Earthly Life: The Theological Anthropology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer”
Director, Barry Harvey, Ph.D.

Duke University, The Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina
Master of Divinity, 2002
Summa Cum Laude

Undergraduate Education

Texas A&M University, College of Liberal Arts, College Station, Texas
Bachelor of Arts, English, 1997
Cum Laude, Honors Program
Honors Thesis: “Her Masculine Strength of Mind: The Writings of Desiderius Erasmus on the Education of Women”

Teaching Experience

Director of the Program for Theology, Ecology, and Food Justice, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University (Fall, 2020-present)

- Christ in Creation (Fall, 2020; Spring, 2021)
- Introduction to Food Justice (Fall, 2021)
- Bonhoeffer’s “Life Together” (Summer, 2021)

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Education, Baylor University

- Vocation and Leadership (Spring, 2020)

Instructor, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University

- Introduction to Theology (Fall, 2018; Fall, 2017)
- Texts and Traditions 1 (Fall, 2019)
- Texts and Traditions 2 (Spring, 2018; Summer, 2018)
- Texts and Traditions 3 (Spring, 2019; Fall, 2018)
- Integrative Theology (Spring, 2018)

Instructor, Great Texts Program, Baylor University

- Medieval Great Texts (2016-2019)

Instructor, Department of Religion, Baylor University

- Introduction to Christian Heritage (Spring, 2016; Spring 2015; Spring, 2014; Fall, 2013)
- Introduction to Christian Scriptures (Fall, 2016; Fall, 2015; Fall, 2014)

Grants Written and Received/Institutional Collaborations Established

Jenny Howell and Dennis Tucker. Baugh Family Foundation. **Funded: \$300,000**

Jenny Howell and Dennis Tucker. American Association for the Advancement of Science.
Funded: \$10,000

Jeremy Everett, Jenny Howell, and Victor Hinojosa: United Nations—World Food Programme. Beginning in 2022, Baylor University will be one of the intellectual homes for the Nobel Peace Prize Winning World Food Programme.

Publications and Presentations

Books

Imago Dei and Earthly Life: Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Creation and Christ, Bloomsbury Publishing, Forthcoming.

Edited Volumes

Christian Faith and University Life: Stewards of the Academy, Edited by T. Laine Scales and Jenny Howell. Palgrave Press, 2017.

The Spiritual Writings of John Howard Yoder. Edited by Paul Martens and Jenny Howell. Orbis Press, 2011.

Selected Essays

“Wendell Berry’s ‘Difficult Hope.’” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* Volume 48, Number 1, Spring 2021

“Is There Anything Particularly Baptist about Baptist Higher Ed? Baylor University as a Case Study on the Baptist Principle of Christian Freedom.” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* Vol. 47, Winter 2020.

“Pedagogical Practices: Lessons from Augustine of Hippo.” *Stewards of the Academy: Preparing Christian Scholars for an Academic Vocation*. Palgrave (Forthcoming, 2017) with T. Laine Scales.

“Theology and Misconduct: The Case of John Howard Yoder”

The Christian Century, August 20, 2014 with David Cramer, Paul Martens and Jonathan Tran

“Scandalizing John Howard Yoder” *The Other Journal*, July 7, 2014 with David Cramer, Paul Martens and Jonathan Tran

“Alfred Delp: Advent of the Heart: Seasonal Sermons and Prison Writings 1941-1944”

Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics, October 2010

Book Reviews

Then They Came for Me: Martin Niemoller, The Pastor Who Defied the Nazis by Matthew D.

Hockenos, *American Baptist Quarterly*, 2020

The War of the Lamb: The Ethics of Nonviolence and Peacemaking by John Howard Yoder, eds.

Glen Stassen, Mark Thiessen Nation and Matt Hamsher, *Journal of Church-State Review*-Fall 2010

Selected Professional Papers Presented

“Poetry and Place: How Poetry Can Help Us Hope Well,” *Nineteenth Century Research Seminar*, Browning Armstrong Library, Baylor University, March 5, 2021.

“Is There Anything Particularly Baptist about Baptist Higher Ed? Baylor University as a Case Study on the Baptist Principle of Christian Freedom,” *Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy*, Regent’s Park College, Oxford University, July, 2018.

“Boundaries, Neighbors and Place: Bonhoeffer’s 1933 Anthropology” *Bonhoeffer Research Network*, Union Theological Seminary, New York City, NY, June, 2017.

“Forming Stewards of the Academy: Lessons Learned from Augustine for Graduate Education” *Baylor Symposium for Faith and Culture*, Baylor University, Waco, TX, October, 2016.

“Reading History with the Saints: An Examination of James McClendon’s *Biography as Theology*,” *Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy*, International Baptist Seminary, Prague, July, 2011

“The Dialogical Imagination in the Poetry of Wendell Berry”

Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy, Regent’s Park College, Oxford University, July, 2009

“Her Masculine Strength of Mind: The Writings of Desiderius Erasmus on the Education of Women,” *Texas A&M University Fellows Colloquium*, Texas A&M University, May, 1997

Selected Invited Presentations, Webinars, and Retreat Leadership

“Christian Environmental Stewardship and Its Critics” Webinar presented as a part of Baylor

in Washington's Civic Education

"100 Days of Dante: Canto 11 of *Inferno*; Canto 33 of *Paradiso*" Lectures presented as a part of Baylor Honor's College's *100 Days of Dante* Series.

"Preparing for Christ with the Saints." An Advent Series for DaySpring Baptist Church, December, 2019.

"Considering Mary: The Vulnerable Prophet." Retreat Guest Speaker, San Antonio Mennonite Church Annual Retreat at Laity Lodge, February, 2018.

"The Dialogical Teaching Method," Baylor University's SET, Academy for Teaching and Learning. February 24, 2016.

"No Snoring: Best Practices for Leading a Lecture." Foundations for Teaching Workshop, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, May 18, 2016.

"Writing in Community: How a Writing Group Can Enhance Your Thesis or Dissertation." American Academy of Religion, November 22, 2015, Atlanta, GA.

Pastor's Consortium, *The Ethics of the Book of Acts*. Aguilares, El Salvador (with Mikeal Parsons), January, 2015

"*Lamento con Alas*: Documenting Immigrant Deaths Along the Texas-Mexico Border." Honors Residential College, Baylor University, February, 2015, Waco, Texas.

"Practicing Sabbath in Graduate School." Invited panelist for "Get a Life: Maintaining Balance without Sacrificing Success" in the Baylor University Graduate School Series, Live on the Grad Line, November, 2013, Waco, Texas.

Consultant

Cokesbury Publishing. Served as a Consultant for the development of Cokesbury's Children Sunday School Materials, September, 2007.

Scholarships, Grants, Awards, and Honors

Early Career German-American Bonhoeffer Research Network Recipient (Transatlantic Program of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, 2016-2019)

Full Tuition Fellowship (Baylor University, 2008-2016)

Graduate Assistantship (Baylor Religion Department, 2008-2013)

Dean's Scholarship (Baylor Graduate School, 2008-2013)

Glenn O. & Martell B. Hilburn Endowed Graduate Research Award (Baylor University, 2015)

Travel grant to fund research at the Bonhoeffer Archives in the Staatsbibliothek, Berlin, Germany

Conyers Scholar (Baylor University, 2010-2014)

CBF Leadership Scholar (Duke University, 2001-2002)

Risden P. Reece Scholar (Duke University, 1999-2002)

Middle East Travel Seminar (Duke University, 2001)

An intensive summer study program that explores the intersection between Christianity, Islam and Judaism within the historical context of the Middle East. Coordinator, Max Miller (Emory University)

University Honors Fellow (Texas A&M University, 1996-97)

“Most Outstanding Thesis in the Humanities” Award, (Texas A&M University, 1997)

Ministerial and Community Development Experience

World Hunger Relief Farm, Waco, TX (January, 2020-Present)

Theologian in Residence

- Work with the Executive Director to shape the current theological vision of the farm. The World Hunger Relief Farm is committed to feeding the most vulnerable populations within Central Texas using organic and regenerative farming practices.
- Create a new model of Spiritual Formation on the farm.
- Co-wrote a \$500,000 grant through the USDA to develop an educational program that will assist community members to develop regenerative backyard gardens that both produce healthy food and become ecological centers for biodiversity in urban settings (pending).
- Participated in an intensive summer seminar on the holistic care of the farm, through the Ploughshare Institute.
- Participate in all aspects of farm life, from establishing and maintaining gardens, animal care, fieldwork, farmer’s market sales, canning, soap making, and harvesting.

Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Charlottesville, VA (2004-2008)

Minister to Children and Families

- Created an intensive and holistic ministry for at-risk children in poverty in the local community at Wilton Farms Housing Complex.
- Led a Wednesday night program for over 50 children and 20 adults.
- Coordinated the Children and Youth Sunday School Programs and Extended Care Program
- Led various children and family activities including Vacation Bible School, Youth Camp, Fall Festival, Christmas Pageant, Advent and Art activities
- Pastoral Care

- Occasional Preaching Responsibilities

Hickory Rock Baptist Church, Louisburg, NC (1998-2002)

Minister Associate

- Started a ministry with Spanish-speaking and Rade speaking migrant farm laborers and their families. This included language classes, coordinating transportation to medical care, creating support systems for new mothers, and coordinating job opportunities with local employers.
- Pastoral Care
- Occasional Preaching Responsibilities

Clinical Pastoral Education Training, Duke University Hospital (May-August, 2000)

- Served as Intern Chaplain to Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units

CBF Summer Missionary: Homestead, FL (Summer, 1996; Summer, 1997)

- Established ministerial support for Haitian immigrants in their community in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew
- Helped coordinate and lead visiting short-term mission teams to work with ongoing hurricane relief ministries.

BGCT Summer Missionary: Bucharest, Romania (1995)

- Worked as a volunteer in a children's orphanage
- Offered English courses for upper level students of English
- Led numerous high school and adult Bible studies
- Taught Sunday School at the International Baptist Church in Bucharest
- Travelled to smaller villages throughout Romania to help with ongoing ministries

Administrative Experience in the University

Director of the Program for Theology, Ecology, and Food Justice, Truett Theological Seminary (2020-Present)

Graduate Fellow, Baylor University's Academy for Teaching and Learning (2014-2016)

- Helped design and lead teaching workshops for new faculty
- Coordinator of Outreach for Seminars for Excellence in Teaching
- Created research reports on various aspects of pedagogy for schools across Baylor University, including Truett Seminary, the Law School, and the Hankamer School of Business.

Doctoral Administrative Fellow, The Graduate School at Baylor University (2009-2014)

- Created, coordinated, and co-led the Conyers Scholars Program (2010-2014)
- Coordinator of the Baptist College and University Scholars Program (2011-2014)

Organizations, Affiliations and Church Involvement

Professional Organizations

Member of the American Academy of Religion

Member of North American Baptist Professors of Religion

Member of the International Bonhoeffer Society

Religious Organizations

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

- Chair, National Nominating Committee: Committee that fills national leadership roles, including the Moderator of CBF

Graduate/Faculty Organizations

Brooks College Faculty Mentor (Baylor University, 2010-2013)

Director of Women's Center, Duke Divinity School (2000-2001)

Roger Williams Fellowship, Duke Divinity School (1999-2002)

Church Membership

Dayspring Baptist Church, Waco, TX

- Adult Formation Sunday School Teacher
- Vacation Bible School Co-Director
- Wednesday Night Children's Program Teacher
- Designed and led Spiritual Pilgrimages to Italy (2017, 2019)
- Host and co-leader of "Friday School," offering a weekly evening meal and Bible study for 25-45 Baylor undergraduates (Spring, 2016; Spring, 2017)

References

Todd D. Still, Ph.D.

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