

## **Laura C. S. Holmes**

Assistant Professor of New Testament, Seattle Pacific University  
*Curriculum vitae*, updated September 2015

### **SPU School of Theology and Seattle Pacific Seminary**

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#### **Education**

- 2005-2011 Princeton Theological Seminary, Ph.D., Biblical Studies (New Testament)  
Dissertation: "A Paradoxical Portrayal: God in the Gospel of Mark,"  
supervised by Dr. C. Clifton Black
- 2002-2005 Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div.
- 1999-2002 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, B. A. in Religious Studies and History, *summa cum laude*

#### **Teaching Experience**

- 2011-present Assistant Professor of New Testament, Seattle Pacific University
- 2010-2011 Instructor of Biblical Studies, Seattle Pacific University
- 2009-2010 Instructor, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Greek Translation"
- 2006-2009 Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Classes: Orientation to NT, Intro to OT Exegesis, Intro to NT Exegesis, Galatians,  
Romans, Greek
- 2001 Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill  
History of Christian Traditions

#### **Professional Affiliations**

Society of Biblical Literature  
Wesleyan Theological Society

#### **Fellowships, Honors, and Awards**

- 2014-15 Faculty Research Grant awarded
- 2012-2015 Grant recipient, Lilly SERVE Grant, Seattle Pacific University, "Theology Student Union"
- 2013 Participant, Wabash Workshop for Theology Faculty Teaching Online
- 2012-2013 Grant recipient and administrator, Lilly SERVE Grant, Seattle Pacific University, "Flipping the UFDN 2000 Classroom"
- 2009 Howard Clark Kee Award, Society of Biblical Literature, Mid-Atlantic Region
- 2005-2009 George S. Green Fellowship in Biblical Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2005-2009 Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2004-2005 Merit Scholarship, Princeton United Methodist Church
- 2001-2002 Daniel H. Moore Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies

2001

Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

New Testament Gospels, particularly Mark and John

Intra-canonical relationships, within the Gospels canon, between the Gospels and Epistles, and across the Testaments

Women in the New Testament

Theology and Scripture

Reading and Re-reading the Bible with Literature (e.g., poetry, hymnody, novels)

Pedagogy: Teaching Biblical studies in Undergraduate and Seminary classrooms

### **Courses Taught at Seattle Pacific University**

University Foundations: Christian Formation

University Foundations: Christian Scriptures

University Seminar: Telling A Good Story: Faith Language in Fantasy Literature

Four Gospels, One Jesus

Biblical Texts: The Gospel of John

Community Bible Study (Mark, John)

Death, Resurrection, and Last Things (Biblical Exegesis: English; Seattle Pacific Seminary)

Bible III: Introduction to the New Testament (Seattle Pacific Seminary)

### **Publications**

Review of *John's Gospel and Intimations of Apocalyptic* (eds. Catrin H. Williams and Christopher Rowland; London, Bloomsbury, 2013) in *The Review of Biblical Literature* (8/10/2015), [bookreviews.org](http://bookreviews.org).

"Revelation." Pages 243-246 in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology*, volume 2 (Oxford: Oxford University, 2015).

"The Gospel of John—A Reading Guide," for SPU's Center for Biblical and Theological Education. Published online, winter 2014 (<http://blog.spu.edu/lectio>).

"Theological Perspective on Matthew 2:13-15; 2:16-23; 3:1-6," in *Feasting on the Gospels—Matthew, Volume 1: A Feasting on the Word Commentary* (eds. Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2013), 20-37.

*The Theological Role of Paradox in the Gospel of Mark* (LNTS 492; London: T. & T. Clark, 2013).

"Exegetical Perspective on Psalm 136 and Jeremiah 31:7-9," in *Feasting on the Word* (web subscriptions coordinated with printed book series, 2012).

"Living With Mystery," *Response* 34.3 (Winter 2012): 42-43.

"The Gospel of Mark—A Reading Guide," for SPU's Center for Biblical and Theological Education. Published online, winter 2012 (<http://blog.spu.edu/lectio>).

"Preaching Mark: The Power of Change," in *Homiletics* 21.1 (2009): 7.

Review of Ira Brent Driggers, *Following God Through Mark: Theological Tension in the Second Gospel* (WJK, 2007) in *Koinonia* 20 (2008): 124-127.

"A Comprehensive Bibliography of Paul Sevier Minear (1906-2007)," in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 29 (2007): 61-73.

Review of Judith M. Lieu, *Christian Identity in the Graeco-Roman World* (Oxford, 2004) in *Koinonia* 18 (2006): 132-135.

Staff commentary writer for *Homiletics* (2005-2009).

### **Academic Presentations**

2011 "Scripting Contradictions: Gethsemane's Apocalyptically Shaped Hermeneutic," Presentation, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting

- 2011 Response to Tom Boomershine's Performance of Mark's Passion Narrative, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- 2010 "Paradoxical Presence: The Concealed Revelation of God's Activity in the Second Gospel," Presentation, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- 2009 "Breaking In: The Impact of Apocalypticism on Expressions of πιστις in the Gospel of Mark," Presentation, Society of Biblical Literature, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

#### **Selected Church and Community Presentations**

- Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015 "Women in the Gospel of John," First Free Methodist Church, Koinonia class
- Feb 25, 2012; Nov 2, 2013; Feb 8, 2014 "Discernment in the Gospels," Discernment Weekend for prospective students, Seattle Pacific Seminary
- Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2013 "Christmas in the Gospels (Matthew, Luke, and John)," Redmond Presbyterian Church
- Oct.-Nov. 2013 "On Life and Love in the Gospel of John (John 1, 3, and 13)," First Free Methodist Church, Koinonia class
- Sept. 16, 2013 Panel Discussion and Book Review of Reza Aslan, *Zealot*, with Richard Dahlstrom and Michael Gruber, hosted by Jenny Spohr, at Kindling's Muse
- Feb.-Mar. 2013 "Walking with Jesus to the Cross," Lenten Meditations, Redmond Presbyterian Church
- Oct. 18, 2012 "Resurrection and the Mission of God," Asian-American Ministry Program Missional Formation Class, Seattle Pacific Seminary, held at Seattle Chinese Alliance Church
- Oct. 16, 2012 "How to Talk about Controversial Subjects Without Making Enemies of Your Friends," Panel Discussion at SPU's Day of Common Learning
- April 11, 2012 Respondent, "The Mark of Immediacy," a Taproot Theater performance of Mark's Gospel, First Free Methodist Church
- Feb. 5, 2012 "An Introduction to Mark," Mill Creek Presbyterian Church
- Oct. 19, 2011 "Real or Not Real?: Science Fiction that Ignites our Fears," Panel Discussion at SPU's Day of Common Learning

#### **University Service**

- 2012-present Graduate Admissions Committee, Seattle Pacific Seminary
- 2010-present SOT Scholarship Committee
- 2012-2015 Theology Student Union Faculty Advisor
- Spring-Fall 2013 SPU Learning and Technology Task Force Member
- 2012-2013 Online Task Force Committee, Seattle Pacific Seminary, Member
- 2011-2012 Faculty Member to Seattle Pacific Seminary Class Meeting

#### **Church Affiliation**

- 2012-present Member, First Free Methodist Church

2004-2011      Member, Princeton United Methodist Church

**Languages**

Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Latin, French, German