# CURRICULUM VITAE - J. J. JOHNSON LEESE

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### **EDUCATION**

2008 – Present. *PhD Studies* at **University of Durham**, England, New Testament Dissertation Focus: Paul's Theology of New Creation: An Ecological Interpretation Primary Advisor: Prof. John M. G. Barclay

2002 *Master of Sacred Theology*, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Exegesis and Theology

1995 Master of Divinity, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

## PROFESSIONAL TEACHING

2012 -	Instructor of Christian Scripture, Seattle Pacific University
2010 - 2011	<b>Visiting Instructor,</b> Lutheran Theological Seminary, ShaTin, Hong Kong Courses Taught: Greek 1 & 2
2003 - 2010	<b>Humanities - Religion Instructor,</b> Hong Kong International School, Tai Tam, Hong Kong Courses taught: Introduction to the Bible, Biblical Traditions, Biblical Themes in Film, Paul and the Christians, Who is Jesus?, Word and World, Religious Expressions in Art, Old Testament, IB Theory of Knowledge Certification
	<b>Administrative Responsibilities:</b> Humanities Professional Growth Committee. School Wide Contributing to Society Committee, Curriculum administrative facilitator for Religion Instructors
2002 - 2003	<b>Religion Instructor</b> , Kodaikanal International School, Kodaikanal, India Courses taught: Buddhism, Judaism, and Biblical Studies
1995 - 1996	<b>Adjunct Theology Instructor</b> , Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, USA Course taught: Introduction to Theology
1993 - 1994	<b>Teaching and Research Assistant</b> for Dr. David Scholer, North Park College & Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, USA Courses assisted: Introduction to the Bible, Women and Men in Ministry

**Teaching Interest:** Introduction to Old and New Testaments, Greek Language and Exegesis, Pauline Epistles, Gospels, Second Temple Judaism, Hermeneutics, Women in Biblical literature and/or Feminist Theology, Biblical Themes in Film, Science and the Bible, Eco-theological readings of the Bible.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2011, India Leader for service learning through shared knowledge

2009, Mongolia Leader for religious studies trip including service (Habitat for Humanity home build, orphanage service), cultural emersion and daily readings, lessons and discussion on the integration of Buddhism and Christianity in the Mongolian culture.

2005, 2006, 2007, Chiang Mai, Thailand. Leader for student groups to *New Life Center*. This cultural/educational experience exposes female students to the multifaceted issues involved with human trafficking of young women in Southeast Asia. One element of this experience is the *ministry of presence* - coming alongside of young girls who were victims of this industry.

2006, Vietnam Leader for service project and cultural exposure

2005, China Leader for service trip to Foshan

2004, Philippines Leader for Habitat for Humanity student team

2003, Sri Lanka Religious studies trip studying the history and influence of Buddhism in Sri Lanka

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Forthcoming, 2013. "John 4:1-42 – Boundary Breaking at the Heart of Christian Mission." Festschrift contribution in celebration of Lutheran Theological Seminary's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Forthcoming, 2013. "Christ as Creator: Implications for Ecotheological Readings of Paul," Journal for the Study of Paul and his Letters.

"The Ministry of Women." A Daystar Reader. Edited by Matthew L. Becker. 2010 Daystar.net, 2010, 103-125.

"Infanticide." Pp. 208-209 in *The IVP Women's Bible Commentary*. Edited by C. C. Kroeger and M. J. Evans. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2002.

Leese, J.J. Johnson and David M. Scholer. "The Inspiration and Interpretation of Scripture." Pages *xxiv-xxxvii* in *The IVP Women's Bible Commentary*. Edited by C. C. Kroeger and M. J. Evans. Downers Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2002.

"Culbert Gerow Runtenber: A Bibliography." *Perspectives in Religious Studies Monograph Series Vol* 21. (1994): 279-284. http://www.baylor.edu/prs/index.php?id=8254

Leese, J.J. and Bill Leese. "Biblical Equality in Action." Priscilla Papers 4:2 (1990): 1.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

2008 - Curriculum Development Grant for Biblical Studies Course

2002 – InterVarsity Grant for participation in a writing workshop and consultation for young female scholars 2001-2002 – Merit Tuition Scholarship, Concordia Seminary

#### OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

March, 2012 University of Exeter, England: Presentation of Research for NT Seminar

2011 - 2012 Post-Graduate Conference Committee: University of Durham Theology Department

Nov, 2011 National SBL Meetings in San Francisco Presentations

Pauline Epistles Section: Image of Christ as a New Paradigm for Community and Creation

Eco-Theological Hermeneutic:: Christ as Creator: Implications for an Eco-theological reading of Paul

May, 2011 Pacific Northwest SBL Paper Presentation

New Testament and Hellenistic Religions Section: A Greener Paul? Going Beyond Romans 8

Sept/Oct, 2010 Lutheran Education Conference in Israel, Palestine and Jordan. This experience included tour,

consultation and conference on Lutheran Education around the World.

2004 Co-leader for Lutheran Youth Conference in New Orleans

2000 – 2002 Editor of Central States Society of Biblical Literature Journal, *Proceedings* 

1999 - 2001 Research Assistant for Dr.Carolyn Osiek. Madigan-Osiek, Ordained Women in the Early Church: A

Documentary History. John Hopkins Press, 2005.

2000 Pastoral/Leadership Conference.

Keynote Presentation: "Women and Worship" Workshops: "New Testament Interpretation"

"Paul and his Female Co-Workers in the Gospel"

2000 Day Star Lutheran Conference in Portland, OR.

Keynote Presentation: "Ministry of Women: Hermeneutics, Exegesis and Theology"

1993 – 1995 Christians for Biblical Equality – National Board Co-Chair

1989 – 1990 Nine month mission and education experience including: serving the poor in Calcutta, India with

Mother Teresa and Missionary of Charity; teaching seminars on New Testament in Sri Lanka; personal retreat at *Taize* community in France; interviewing, supporting and encouraging various missions in several countries including the Philippines, South Africa, Kenya, Thailand, Malaysia,

Hong Kong and Japan (e.g., relief, evangelism, church planting, racial reconciliation).

1990- Present. Regular Instructor for Adult Bible Classes in Church congregations, e.g., Galatians, 1 Corinthians,

Philippians, Ezekiel, Revelation, Gospel of Mark, New Creation, Paul and his letters, etc; Adult

education committees and Worship Leadership

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature Lutheran Education Association