

The Rev. Amy Lindeman Allen

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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

PhD Student – Graduate Department of Religion

2010-Present

Major Area of Study: New Testament and Early Christianity

Minor Area of Study: Hebrew Bible

Dissertation: "For Theirs is the Kingdom: (Re)membering Young Children in the Gospel of Luke"

Examinations completed: November 2013

Proposal approved: February 2014

Anticipated graduation date: May 2015

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

M.A. in Religious Studies

2014

Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL

M.Div. with Certificate in Biblical Studies

2007

Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX

B.A. Honors in Theology

2003

Major Area of Study: Theology – Pre-Seminary Concentration

Minor Area of Study: Philosophy

Thesis: "Heaven on Earth: The Building Process" Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Honors Program, Provost's List

Augsburg College Center for Global Education, Windhoek, Namibia

Student Exchange Program (Fall 2002)

Volunteer Experience: Katatura Lutheran Church, Victory Women's Movement

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Biblical Criticism: Children in the Biblical World, Biblical Ethics / Political Theology with specific reference to the Synoptic Gospels (esp. Luke-Acts) in the New Testament, the Pentateuch in the Hebrew Bible, and the apocryphal Infancy Gospel of Thomas

Critical Lenses and Methodologies: Narrative, Socio-Cultural, Performance, Liberation, Feminist, and Post-Colonial Criticisms

Related Fields: Motherhood studies, New Sociology of Childhood, Social Construction of Childhood(s), Children's Rights, Reception History of Children's Bibles, and Religious Education

AWARDS

- Luke-Acts Prize for Scholarship in New Testament, Vanderbilt University **May 2015**
 - Fellow in Theology and Practice, Vanderbilt University GDR **2010 - Present**
 - Educational Grant, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **2010 - Present**
 - Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges **2002-2003**
 - Pacesetter Award for College Excellence, Texas Lutheran University **2000-2003**
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Teaching Extern – Columbia Theological Seminary

Fall 2014 - Present

New Testament Interpretation I (Fall); Luke-Acts Seminar (Spring)

September 2014

Responsibilities: Team teach NT Interpretation in the Fall; Lead Luke-Acts Seminar in the Spring as the sole instructor; Maintain office hours; Participate in Bible Department and Faculty meetings; Consult regularly with faculty mentor

- Online Teaching Mentorship** – Lexington Theological Seminary **2011 – 2014**
 Gospels as Resources for Ministry
 Responsibilities: Prepare and deliver online mini-lecture, participate in online discussion, consult with professor regarding syllabi preparation and grading
- Teaching Fellow** – Vanderbilt University **2011 - 2014**
 NT Studies: Matthew (Fall 2011); NT Studies: Global Interpretation (Spring 2012); Field Education: Advanced Seminar (Fall 2012, Spring 2013); NT Studies: Introduction to New Testament (Spring 2013); NT Studies: Pauline Interpretations (Spring 2014)
 Responsibilities: Grading papers and exams, leading discussion sections, lecturing, writing quizzes, maintaining office hours, and advising students.
- Writing Tutor** – Vanderbilt University **2012 - 2013**
Divinity School
 Responsibilities: Student consultations; interventions on cases involving academic honesty; writing workshops; and classroom presentations.
- Contributing Writer** – There is Power in the Blog **2011 - Present**
Political Theology (www.politicaltheology.com)
 Responsibilities: Contribute monthly Politics of Scripture Lectionary Reflection, monitor and respond to blog comments
- Research Assistant** – Vanderbilt University **2010 - 2011**
New Testament & Early Christianity
- Teaching Assistant** – Texas Lutheran University **2001-2003**
Department of Theology, Philosophy, and Classical Languages
 Religion: Introduction to Theology (Fall 2001); Religion: Old Testament Studies (Fall 2001); Religion: New Testament Studies (Spring 2002, Spring 2003); Classical Languages: Elementary Greek I & II (Spring 2003); Classical Languages: New Testament Reading (Spring 2003)
 Responsibilities: Study sessions, lecturing, individual tutoring, participation in departmental meetings, and organization of events, speakers, and symposia.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Leechburg, PA*
Pastor **2007-2010**
 Responsibilities: Administer Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, proclaim and teach God’s Word in worship and Bible study for all ages, organize and participate in social justice ministries, and exercise of pastoral care.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- "Captivity, Turning, and Renewal: Three Liturgical Readings of Romans 7:15-8:13." *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 41:2 (April 2014): 102-109.
- "The Historical Jesus: What Can We Know and How Can We Know it?" Book Review. *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 29:5 (October 2012): 396-397.
- "Preaching Helps." *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 29:4 (August 2012): 329-344.
- "Telling the Story in a Contemporary Context: Can Luther's Missiology Still Apply to us Today?" *Theology / Philosophy Review*, Texas Lutheran University, XIV (2000-2002): 15-23.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- "Babies and Building Blocks: A Re-constructive Reading of God's Household in 1 Peter." *Children in the Biblical World Unit*. Society of Biblical Literature. Atlanta. November 2015. (Forthcoming)
- "Children as Disciples, Not Simply Discipled: Reconsidering the Role of Children in the Christian Church." 4th Global Conference on Childhood. Interdisciplinary Net. Oxford, England. July 2014.
- "Plagues and Possibilities: A Reconsideration of the Religious Education of Young Children in Light of Peace Education." Religious Education Association Annual Meeting. Chicago. November 2014.
- "The Place of the Child: Discipleship of the Young in Luke 18:15-17." *Children in the Biblical World Unit*. Society of Biblical Literature. Baltimore. November 2013.
- "Discipleship as Accompaniment: A Narrative-Critical look at the disjuncture between the female support of Jesus' ministry as described in Luke 8:1-3 in light of the complete abandonment of the cross." *Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Chicago. November 2012.
- "Towards a More Perfect Union: A Scriptural Reading of the Purpose of Marriage in Luke-Acts." *Contextual Biblical Interpretation Unit*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco. November 2011.

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English *Reading Knowledge:* Koine and Attic Greek, Hebrew, Latin, French, German, and Spanish

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES, MEMBERSHIPS, AND ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature, Religious Education Association, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (USA), and Network of Biblical Storytellers.
