

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

The Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Doctor of Philosophy in **Religion**

May, 1997

Degree specialization: **New Testament and Early Judaism***

(*Attained Ph.D. in joint program with Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles)

The Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Master of Arts in **Religion**

May, 1996

Degree specialization: **New Testament and Early Judaism**

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Master of Arts Program

9/91-6/92

Degree specialization: **Religion**

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts in **International Studies**

1991

Degree specialization: **Jewish Studies**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Azusa Pacific University

Fall, 2000 – present

Professor,

Biblical and Religious Studies, Fall 2008 – present

Associate Professor,

Biblical Studies, Spring 2003 – Spring 2008

Assistant Professor,

Biblical Studies, Fall, 2000 – Spring 2003

Courses Taught:

World Religions

Philosophical and Biblical Hermeneutics

Global Biblical Interpretation Women in the Biblical Tradition

Introduction to Judaism Jewish Hermeneutics

Life and Teachings of Jesus Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha

Romans & Galatians Luke-Acts

Geographical and Historic Settings of the Bible

Vanguard University

Fall, 1998-Spring, 1999

Adjunct Professor, Biblical Studies

Courses Taught: New Testament Survey

New Testament Ethics

University of Washington

Winter, 1999

Adjunct Lecturer, Religion Department

Courses Taught: Introduction to Judaism

Seminar: Early Judaism and Christianity

Life Pacific College

Fall, 1992-Spring, 1994

Adjunct Lecturer, Biblical Studies

Course Taught: Book of Acts

University of Washington

Fall, 1991

Teaching Assistant, Religion Department

Course Taught: Introduction to Western Religions

**CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:
PUBLICATIONS:**

Books

Offering Up Faith: The Embodied World of Latinx Bible Reading and Meaning-Making. InterVarsity Press, forthcoming.

Mariam and Memory. Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

Evangelical Postcolonial Conversations: Global Awakenings in Theology and Praxis. Kay Higuera Smith, Editor-in-Chief. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2014.

Book Chapters

“Mark.” In *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Commentary on the New Testament.* Edited by Esau McCaulley, Janette Ok, Osvaldo Padilla, and Amy Peeler. InterVarsity Press Academic, forthcoming.

“Testimonio of a Seventh Generation Californiana.” In *Losing the Mother Tongue in the USA: Implications for Adult Latinx in the 21st Century,* edited by Nilsa Thorsos and James Martínez. New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2020.

Ram, Vikas and Kay Higuera Smith. “Christian Response to Violence in India.” In *Christianity in India: Conversion, Community Development and Religious Freedom.* Ed. Rebecca Shah and Joel Carpenter. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2018.

“Mark and Homer.” In *Classical Greek Models of the Gospels and Acts: Studies in Mimesis Criticism.* Ed. Mark G. Bilby. Claremont, CA: CST Press, 2018.

“Diasporic Perspectives.” In *Reading the Bible from Many Places: A Student’s Guide to Global Approaches.* Ed. Justin M. Smith and Federico A. Roth. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, Forthcoming, 2018.

“Biblical History and Instruction regarding Intersection of Cultural Identity.” In *Cultural Psychology and Christian Diversity: Developing Cultural Competence for a Diverse Christian Community.* Ed. Kathryn Ecklund. Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 2015.

“Embracing the Other: A Vision for Evangelical Identity.” In *Evangelical Postcolonial Conversations: Global Awakenings in Theology and Praxis.* Ed. Kay Higuera Smith, Jayachitra Lalitha, and L. Daniel Hawk. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2014: 197-210.

“Reframing Difference: Evangelicals, Scripture, and the Jews.” In *After The Passion Is Gone: American Religious Consequences.* Ed. J. Shawn Landres and Michael Berenbaum. Lanham, MD: Altamira Press, 2004: 267-278.

Journal Articles

Smith, Kay Higuera, Joy Schroeder, Kristine Henriksen Garroway, Susanne Scholz, Sara Parks, Shively Smith, and Carly Daniel-Hughes. “Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible: A Panel Discussion at the SBL Annual Meeting 2019 in San Diego.” *lectio difficilior* Vol 1 (2020): 1-67.

Smith, Kay Higuera and Daniel K. Darko. “Introduction to *Syndicate* Symposium on *The Death of Race*, by Brian Bantum.” *Syndicate Online Symposium*, forthcoming.

Smith, Kay Higuera and Peter Heltzel. “Introduction to *Syndicate* Symposium on *Embracing the Other: The Transformative Spirit of Love*, by Grace Ji-Sun Kim.” *Syndicate Online Symposium* (December 3, 2016). Accessed February 13, 2017, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/embracing-the-other/>.

“From Evangelical Tolerance to Imperial Prejudice? Teaching Postcolonial Biblical Studies in a Westernized, Confessional Setting.” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 37 (2008): 447-464.

Policy Paper

“Theological Response to HIV/AIDS.” Policy Paper for the Presbyterian Church USA, 2010.

Book Reviews

Review of Bruce W. Longenecker, *In Stone and Story: Early Christianity in the Roman World.* RBL Reviews, Review of Biblical Literature Blog, accessed at <https://www.sblcentral.org/home/bookDetails/13554>

Review of Gregory Cuéllar, *Empire, The British Museum, and the Making of the Biblical Scholar in the Nineteenth Century.* *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary* Vol 136, no. 2 (Spring 2021): 34-35.

Review of *Healing in the Gospel of Matthew: Reflections on Method and Ministry*, by Walter T. Wilson. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 79:4 (October 2017): 723-724.

Review of *Remembering Jamestown: Hard Questions About Christian Mission*, by Amos Yong and Barbara Brown Zikmund, eds. *Journal of Postcolonial Theory and Theology* 1 (Fall 2010): 2-4.

Review of *Jewish Christianity Reconsidered: Rethinking Ancient Groups and Texts*, by Matt Jackson-McCabe, Ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16:2 (2008): 255-256.

Review of *Jews and Christians in the First Century*. Internal Review. Portland, OR: Rowman & Littlefield, 2006.

Review of *Gospel Women: Studies of the Named Women in the Gospels*, by Richard Bauckham. *Christian Scholars Review* 33:4 (2004): 603-605.

Editorial Work

Smith, Kay Higuera and Daniel K. Darko. *Syndicate Online Symposium on The Death of Race*, by Brian Bantum (September 11, 2017). Accessed June 12, 2019, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/the-death-of-race/>

Smith, Kay Higuera and Peter Heltzel, eds. *Syndicate Online Symposium on Embracing the Other: The Transformative Spirit of Love*, by Grace Ji-Sun Kim (December 3, 2016). Accessed February 13, 2017, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/embracing-the-other/>.

PAPERS AND LECTURES DELIVERED:

“What’s in a Name? The Power to Name in U.S. Religion and Politics.” *North Park Theological Seminary Symposium on Theological Interpretation of Scripture: The Bible and Politics*. Online, September 17, 2021.

“Thinking with Gregory L. Cuéllar’s *Empire, the British Museum, and the Making of the Biblical Scholar* (2019).” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Online, December 7, 2020.

“Interrogating Elite Power as Ethical Mandate.” Keynote Address. *Hesed* Lecture Series. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX. March 7, 2020.

“Racism, Pedagogy and Biblical Studies.” Panel Presentation at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA. November 25, 2019.

“The Other in Biblical Studies: Critical Reflections on Edward Said's Orientalism Forty Years Later.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA. November 25, 2019.

“Response: Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible.” Panel Presentation at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA. November 24, 2019.

“Oscar García-Johnson, *Spirit outside the Gate: Decolonial Pneumatologies of the South: A Response*.” Fuller Centro Latino, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. October 9, 2019.

“Race and White Allyship.” Panel Presentation and Workshop. Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence Azusa Pacific University, September 25, 2019.

“Racism, Pedagogy, and Biblical Studies.” Panel Presentation, “Racism, Pedagogy, and Biblical Studies.” Annual Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, CA. November 25, 2019.

“The Other in Biblical Studies.” Panel Presentation, “Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation.” Annual Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, CA. November 25, 2019.

“Response.” Panel Presentation, “Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible.” Annual Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, CA. November 24, 2019.

“Response to Oscar García-Johnson, *Spirit outside the Gate: Decolonial Pneumatologies of the South*.” Fuller Centro Latino, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. October 9, 2019.

“Latinx Biblical Hermeneutics,” Lecture, Center for Research on Ethics and Values, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 25, 2019.

“Mary of Nazareth: Prophetess and Protagonist.” Lecture Delivered at Azusa Pacific Seminary, Azusa, CA, March 21, 2019.

“Successful Practices for Women Leaders.” Panel Presentation. Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 14, 2019.

“Translation Obfuscation: English Translation Choices that Obfuscate Women’s Agency in the Bible.” Panel Presentation on Women and Biblical/Hermeneutical Traditions. Imagining a More Equal Pulpit Gender Summit. Los Angeles, CA, February 17, 2019.

“Response to “Resistance: How to Assume a Decolonial and Missional Shift in the Evangelical Latina Church of the Americas?” by Juan José Tamayo. Centro Latino Lectures on “A Church without Borders: Migration, Resistance, and the Holy Spirit.” Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, October 6, 2018.

Higuera Smith, Kay, Erica Romero, and Vanessa Martinez Soltero, “Churches, Immigration, and the Matthew 25 Movement,” Presentation. Centro Latino Lectures. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, October 6, 2018.

“Economics and the Ethics of Equity and Justice.” Panel Presentation on “Latinx Economics and the White University.” Centro Latino Lectures. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, October 3, 2018.

“Christianity Next: Dones & Nones.” Panel Presentation on “Culture and Power in Evangelicalism.” Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity Symposium, February 27, 2016, Los Angeles, CA.

“Biblical Perspectives on Diversity.” LECTURE DELIVERED WITH KATHRYN ECKLUND AND KIRSTEN OH. Diversity Workshop Series, Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence, Azusa Pacific University, January 19, 2016.

“The Postcolonial Roundtable: Evangelicals Engaging Postcoloniality.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 23, 2015.

- “Plurality and Interreligious Engagement.” Panel Presentation on “Pluralism, Christianity, and the Postmodern World.” *Coram Deo*, Azusa Pacific University, October 6, 2015.
- “Mark and Homer.” Panel Presentation at the Pacific Coast Regional Society of Biblical Literature. Azusa, CA. March 9, 2015.
- “Together We Can Read.” Keynote Address for Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity Symposium, January 31, 2015, Irvine, CA.
- “Mary as Intertextual ‘Signifier’ in *The Protevangelium of James*.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature National Conference, San Diego, CA. November 22, 2014.
- “Response to ‘Who are My People? A Christian Vision of Belonging’ by Willie James Jennings.” Panel Presentation for 6th Annual ISAAC Symposium, November 3, 2014, Los Angeles, CA.
- “A Grain of Truthiness.” Paper Presented at Faith Matters Lecture Series. Azusa Pacific University. Azusa, CA. November 7, 2013.
- “The Bible, the Academy, and Global Realities.” Keynote Presidential Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region Conference. Fullerton, CA. March 25, 2013.
- “Mary as Church Regent.” Paper Presented at “Women, the Church, and Ministry Conference: Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Ordination in the UK.” University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland. May 11, 2012.
- “Mary’s *Magnificat* through a Postcolonial Optic.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Conference. Santa Clara, CA. March 26, 2012.
- “The Prophetic Voice in Latin America.” Paper Presented at Point Loma Nazarene University, Point Loma, CA. February 23, 2012.
- “There’s Something about Mary.” Paper Presented at the Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Conference. Azusa, CA. March 6, 2010.
- “Family Values: Priestly Constructions of Social Identity in the Jerusalem Assembly.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. New Orleans, LA, 2009.
- Panel Respondent to J. R. Daniel Kirk, *Unlocking Romans: Resurrection and the Justification of God* (Eerdmans, 2008). Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 23, 2009, Santa Clara, CA.
- “Why Transformative Diversity Escapes Christian Institutions.” Paper Presented at the Christians on Diversity in the Academy Conference, Pomona, CA, April 24, 2008.
- “Postcolonialism and the Confessional Institution.” Paper Presented at the Annual Summer Division of Religion & Philosophy Colloquium. Corona del Mar, CA, June 11, 2007.
- “Teaching Postcolonialism in a Colonial Environment.” Paper Presented at the Institute for Signifying Scriptures. Claremont, CA, February 8, 2007.
- “Jewish Life as Sacrament.” Paper Presented at the Hashivenu Forum, Pasadena, CA. February, 2005.
- “What Do We Do with Patriarchy?” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Atlanta, GA, November, 2003.
- “Paul and Cosmos.” Lecture delivered to Colleagues in Undergraduate Religion Faculty – Faculty Forum. Corona del Mar, CA, May, 2002.
- “The Boundaries of the Kingdom: Social Boundaries and the Kingdom of God in Early Judaism.” Paper presented at Department of Religion & Philosophy Colloquium, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, February, 2000.
- “More on Matthew’s Gentile Mission.” Paper Presented at the Annual Meeting for the Society of Biblical Literature West Coast Regional Conference. Azusa, CA, April, 2000.
- “Jewish Intertextual Traditions in the Gospel of Matthew.” Paper Presented at the University of Washington Jewish Studies Colloquium, Winter, 1999.
- “The Cloud, the Covenant, and the Coming Judgment in Acts 2.” Lecture Delivered to Faculty and Students of Harvard Divinity School. Cambridge, MA. March, 1998.

BLOGPOSTS, PODCASTS, AND WEBINARS

- Smith, Kay Higuera. “Can Feminism Be Institutionalized: The Challenges to Forming Feminist Lineages in the Academy.” Webinar. Brane Collective. September 15, 2020.
- Smith, Kay Higuera. “Feminist Insights on Women in the New Testament.” Webinar. Ekklesia Center for Biblical Research and Pastoral Accompaniment.” July 30, 2020.
- Smith, Kay Higuera, and Oscar García-Johnson. “Transoccidentalism.” Podcast. Open Plaza, Hispanic Theological Initiative. July 13, 2020. Accessed August 3, 2020, <https://www.htiopenplaza.org/content/transoccidentalism>
- Smith, Kay Higuera and Young Lee Hertig. “God and Gender.” When Women Preach Podcast, Episode 6. June 1, 2020. Accessed August 3, 2020, <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ep-6-god-and-gender/id1487761044?i=1000476551665>
- Smith, Kay Higuera. “Rejecting a Christian Legacy of Intolerance.” Blogpost. Open Plaza, Hispanic Theological Initiative. May 4, 2020. Accessed August 3, 2020, <https://www.htiopenplaza.org/content/rejecting-the-christian-legacy-of-intolerance>

Smith, Kay Higuera, and Jacqueline Hidalgo. "Hermeneutics in the Latinx Context: Three Episodes." Podcast. Open Plaza, Hispanic Theological Initiative. December 16 and 23, 2019. Accessed August 3, 2020, <https://www.htiopenplaza.org/content/hermeneutics-in-the-latinx-context-episodes-1-3>.
 Smith, Kay Higuera and Young Lee Hertig. "Why Women Preaching Matters." When Women Preach Podcast, Episode 1. September 3, 2019. Accessed August 3, 2020, <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ep-1-why-women-preaching-matters/id1487761044?i=1000461312193>

OTHER ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Program Director, Emerging Critical Theory and Perspectives Unit, Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region	2017 to present
Treasurer and Cocreator, The Postcolonial Roundtable, Inc.	2015 to present
Editorial Advisory Board Member, <i>Christianity Next</i>	2016 to present
Program Director of the Religious Studies Major Program, Department of Biblical and Religious Studies, Undergraduate Division, School of Theology, Azusa Pacific University. Program became a minor in 2019	2015 to present
Editorial Advisory Board Member, <i>Journal of Latin(a/o) American Religions</i>	2015 to present
Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies, Undergraduate Division, School of Theology, Azusa Pacific University	2003 to 2014
President, Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region	2012 to 2013
Vice President, Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region	2011 to 2012
Editor, <i>Journal of Postcolonial Theory and Theology</i>	2010 to 2013
Author of Biblical Studies Program Review Self-Study	2005 to 2006

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY:

Diversity Ambassador, Center for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence	2014-present
Member, Diversity Council	2013-2021
Member, Faith Integration Council	2012-2013
Member, Intentional Internationalization Working Team	2010-2011
Chair, Religion Major Task Force	2008-2014
Member, Women's Resource Council	2005-present
Member, Undergraduate Studies Council	2001-2005; 2008–2011
Member, Program Review Committee	2005–2009

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

Greek, Hebrew (Biblical, Mishnaic, and Modern), Aramaic, Coptic, Latin, German, French, Spanish, Chinese.

MEMBERSHIPS:

Member, Society of Biblical Literature
 Member, Postcolonial Roundtable
 Member, Hispanic Theological Initiative En Conjunto Association

DISSERTATION TOPIC: "Text and Tradition in Matthew: A Case for Literary Stratigraphy in the Gospel of Matthew."

Dissertation Director: James M. Robinson

Areas of Specialization:	<i>Women's Studies</i>	<i>Gnosticism</i>
	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Midrash</i>

EDUCATIONAL HONORS:

Beverly Hardcastle Stanford Fellowship	2019
Creative Teaching Grant, APU Office of Research and Grants	2013
Research Grant, Faculty Research Council. Topic: "Bible and Society in Alta California (1769-1836)" Azusa Pacific University	2010
Research Grant, Center for Research on Ethics and Values, Azusa Pacific University	2006
Accomplished Scholar Award, Azusa Pacific University	2006
Dissertation Fellowship The Claremont Graduate School	1995-1996
Tuition Fellowships, The Claremont Graduate School	1992-1994
U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Grant for Hebrew	1991-1992
Graduated <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> , University of Washington	1991

REFERENCES

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(former Chair, Department of Theology and Philosophy, Azusa Pacific University)
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(Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, Ashland Theological Seminary)
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(Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, New York Theological Seminary)