

Leslie Virnelson

Education

Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary, Biblical Studies	2017-2023
Dissertation: “Women, Work, and Society in the Hebrew Bible”	
Committee: F. W. “Chip” Dobbs-Allsopp, Mark S. Smith, Elaine T. James, Laura Quick	
External Reader: Cynthia Chapman	
M. Div. Princeton Theological Seminary	2014-2017
B.A. Grove City College, majors: French, Psychology, Biblical & Religious Studies	2010-2014

Languages

Ancient: Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Akkadian, Greek, Latin
Modern: French, German, Hebrew

Publications

“Daubing Prophecy & Translating עֲפָרָה in Ezekiel 13:10–16”	2024
Accepted & Forthcoming in <i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i> July 2024	
<i>Fruit of Her Hands: Women, Work, & Society in the Hebrew Bible</i>	
Manuscript under review for publication	

Invited Lectures and Presentations

“Sex Work in the Text and Context of the Hebrew Bible”	2024
Invited Lecture for REL 329 “Sex and the Bible” at Northwestern University, Chicago IL	
“Overlapping Roles and Prophecy: influences on the gendered construction of prophecy”	2023
Magic, Prophecy, and Divination in the Ancient World Colloquium at UT Austin	
“Literary Readings of Job and the Song”	2023
Lecture & workshop for instructors of Columbia University’s “Literature Humanities” course	

Lectures and Presentations

“Biblical Portrayals of Women’s Strategic Participation in Patriarchal Systems”	2024
Gender and Method in the Ancient Near East Conference, Malta	
“Motherhood as Political Symbol in the Deuteronomistic History,” paper presentation	2022
Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting: Denver, CO	
Presider, Ideological Criticism online session	2021
Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting: San Antonio, TX	
“Materiality of Prophecy in Ezekiel 13:10–16,” paper presentation	2020
Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting: Princeton, NJ	
“Midwives and Birth Attendants in the Hebrew Bible,” circulated paper	2020
Old Testament Research Colloquium: Princeton, NJ	
“Scribes as Custodians of Prophecy in Deuteronomy 18:14–22,” paper presentation	2019
Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting: San Diego, CA	
“Levitical & Scribal Relationships to Prophecy,” circulated paper	2019
Old Testament Research Colloquium: Princeton, NJ	

Courses Taught as Instructor of Record

Race & Ethnicity in the Hebrew Bible and Among Its Interpreters Stevenson School for Ministry	Summer 2024
Women, Labor, & Justice in the Hebrew Bible Princeton Theological Seminary; Mercer University McAfee School of Theology	Summer 2024, Spring 2021
Foundations of the Hebrew Bible Mercer University McAfee School of Theology	Spring 2024
Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures Stevenson School for Ministry	Fall 2023
Elementary Biblical Hebrew Union Theological Seminary; Union Presbyterian Seminary	Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Summer 2024
Theology, Women & Gender Colloquium Princeton Theological Seminary	Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023
Hebrew Translation Princeton Theological Seminary	Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022
The Prophetic Literature of the Hebrew Bible School for Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey	Summer 2021
Introduction to the Bible School for Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey	Fall 2020

Lecturer & Adjunct Professor

Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies Princeton University, instructor Dr. Catherine Clune-Taylor	Fall 2023
Who Wrote the Bible Princeton University, instructor Dr. Liane Feldman	Fall 2023
Princeton University, instructor Dr. Laura Quick	Fall 2019

Academic Advising

Master's thesis adviser for Emily Meyer "Textiles in the Torah" Academy for Jewish Religion	2023-2025
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Research and Administrative Positions

Grant writer & researcher for Institute for Advanced Study and Beth Mardutho Syriac Institute	2023-2024
Literary Critics Committee Member for the Syriac Antioch Bible, Gorgias Press	2023-2024
Interim Director, Center for Theology, Women, & Gender at Princeton Theological Seminary	2020-2023
NEH Grant writer for Institute for Advanced Study and Beth Mardutho Syriac Institute	2019
Professional Development Coordinator for PhD students at PTS	2018-2021
Assistant Director of Interns for Beth Mardutho Syriac Institute	2018-2020
Research Assistant to Dr. Elaine T. James	2019-2020
Intern for Digital Humanities and Library Research, Beth Mardutho Syriac Institute	2016

Fellowships & Awards

George S. Green Doctoral Fellowship at Princeton Theological Seminary	2017-2023
Excavation Fellowships for Tel Shimron Biblical Archaeology Society of Northern Virginia Biblical Archaeology Forum in Rockville, Maryland	2021
Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Teaching Fellowship	2021
Henry Snyder Gehman Award in Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary	2016

Non-degree educational experience

Archaeological dig at Tel Shimron, Israel (6 weeks)	2021
Certificate in Digital Pedagogy from Princeton Theological Seminary	2020
Immersive Certificate in Modern Hebrew at Middlebury College, VT (7 weeks)	2019
Teaching Apprenticeship Program at Princeton Theological Seminary	2017-2019