

JAMIE PITTS

1. Current Positions

Associate Professor of Anabaptist Studies, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN, 2017–Present)

Director, Institute of Mennonite Studies (2017–Present)

Editor, *Anabaptist Witness* (2013–Present)

2. Education

PhD in Divinity (Theology and Ethics), University of Edinburgh (2011)

MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary (2006)

BA Art History, BA Hispanic Studies, University of Texas (2002)

3. Past Work Experience

Assistant Professor of Anabaptist Studies, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, IN, 2012–17)

Social Media Assistant, Centre for Theology and Public Issues, New College, University of Edinburgh (2011–2012)

Tutor in Systematic Theology and Christian Ethics, University of Edinburgh (2010–2012)

Coordinator of the Interethnic Dialogues on Immigration and Policy Assistant, Church World Service/Immigration and Refugee Program (Washington, D.C., 2006–2007)

Beatitudes Society Fellow and Editorial Assistant, Sojourners (Washington, D.C., 2006)

4. Publications

Starred publications are available at <https://ambs.academia.edu/JamiePitts>

Book

2013 *Principalities and Powers: Revising John Howard Yoder's Sociological Theology* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick). (Reviews in [Mennonite Quarterly Review](#), [Conrad Grebel Review](#), and [Latin American Journal of Theology](#).)

Academic Articles

Forthcoming “Christian Ethics, the Bible, and the Powers of Reading,” in Bharat Ranganathan and Derek Woodard-Lehman, eds., *Normative Dimensions: Scripture,*

Tradition, and Reason in Christian Ethics (under contract with Palgrave Macmillan).

Forthcoming "Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Orientations," in Don Neufeld and Steve Thomas, eds., *Peaceful at Heart: Embracing Healthy Masculinity* (under contract with Resource Publications).

2018 "Historical Anabaptist-Mennonite Pneumatology: A Review of Confessional, Catechetical, and Devotional Materials, 1525–1963," *Conrad Grebel Review* 36, no. 1 (Winter 2018): 24–53.*

2016 "Baptism, Postliberal and Anabaptist Theologies, and the Ambiguity of Christian Practice," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 90, no. 3 (July 2016): 323–44.*

2015 "Anabaptist Re-Vision: On John Howard Yoder's Misrecognized Sexual Politics," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 80, no. 1 (January 2015): 153–70.*

Edited journals and series

Lead editor on the following issues of *Anabaptist Witness*: "Theology of Religions" 2, no. 1 (April 2015); "What is Mission? Evangelism, Justice, and Beyond" 3, no. 1 (April 2016); "Following the Holy Spirit in Mission" 4, no. 1 (April 2017); "Mission and Suffering" 4, no. 2 (October 2017); "The Mission of God and Global Partnerships" (October 2018). See www.anabaptistwitness.org/issues.

Guest editor of a special issue on "Gifts of a Global Church," *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* 19, no. 2 (Fall 2018).

Guest editor (with Peter-Ben Smit) of a special issue on "Gendering Jesus," *Religion and Gender* (forthcoming).

Series editor, *Classics of the Radical Reformation* (2017–present).

Popular Articles

2015 "The Borders of the New Jerusalem and Ours," *The Mennonite* (November 13, 2015), <https://themennonite.org/feature/the-borders-of-the-new-jerusalem-and-ours/>.

2014, "Doing Better: Toward a Post-Yoderian Theology," *Practicing Reconciliation Blog* (January 21, 2014), <http://www.ambs.edu/publishing/blog/715810/doing-better-toward-a-post-yoderian-theology>.

2012 "Remembering Anabaptists Remembering Scripture," *AMBS Window* 23, no. 1 (Fall 2012): <http://www.ambs.edu/news-events/documents/AMBS-Window-Fall-2012.pdf>

2011 "Theology, Truth, and the University," *Theopolis: A Theology of the City* (March-April 2011), <http://web.archive.org/web/20120804010459/http://www.theopolis.org.uk/archives/item/41-theology-truth-and-the-university.html>.

Translations

2016 Spanish to English: José Luis Oyanguren, "Missiological Reflections on Matthew 9:35–38," *Anabaptist Witness* 3, no. 1 (2016): http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/journal_entry/missiological-reflections-on-matthew-935-38/

2016 Spanish to English: Ofelia García and Victor Pedroza, "Following in Jesus's Steps," *Anabaptist Witness* 3, no. 1 (April 2016): http://www.anabaptistwitness.org/journal_entry/following-in-jesus-steps/.

2016 Spanish to English: Cristóbal Bonelli and Marcelo González Galvez, "What Does a Road Do?: Infrastructural Alterations in Southern Chile" (under review)

2015 Spanish to English: Cristóbal Bonelli, "Leaving and Entering *Winkalwun*: Univocals and Equivocals in Institutional Relations with an Indigenous Population in Chile" (Revision forthcoming as Bonelli and Daniela Vicheret Matter, "Towards a Sociology of Equivocal Connections," *Sociology* (2017).)

2012 Spanish to English: Cristóbal Bonelli, "Ontological Disorders: Nightmares, Psychotropic Drugs and Evil Spirits in Southern Chile," *Anthropological Theory* 12, no. 4 (2012): 407–426.

Reviews

Forthcoming, "Review: *The Movement Makes Us Human: An Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam, and MLK* by Joanna Shenk," *Anabaptist Witness*.

Forthcoming, "Review: *Inhabiting the World: Identity, Politics, and Theology in Radical Baptist Perspective* by Ryan Andrew Newson," *Conrad Grebel Review*.

Forthcoming, "Review: *Outline of Christian Doctrine* by Wilfried Haerle," *Religious Studies Review*.

2017 "Review: *Renegotiating Power, Theology, and Politics* edited by Joshua Daniel and Rick Elgandy," *Political Theology* 18, no. 4 (2017): 373–75.

2016, "Review: *From Suffering to Solidarity: The Historical Seeds of Mennonite Interreligious, Interethnic, and International Peacebuilding* edited by Andrew P. Klager," *Conrad Grebel Review* 34, no. 3 (Fall 2016): 311–13.*

2016, "Review: *The Collected Works of James Wm. McClendon, Jr., Volumes 1 and 2*, edited by Ryan Andrew Newson and Andrew C. Wright," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 90, no. 2 (April 2016): 252–55.*

2015, "Review: *Christ, Power and Mammon: Karl Barth and John Howard Yoder in Dialogue* by Scott Thomas Prather," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 89 no. 4 (October 2015): 652–54.*

- 2014, "Review: *From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post-Christian West Meets the Non-Western Church* by Wesley Granberg-Michaelson," *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 38, no. 3 (July 2014): 158.
- 2013 "Review: *Revolutionary Christianity: The 1966 South American Lectures* by John Howard Yoder," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 88, no. 3 (August 2013): 425–26.
- 2013 "Review: *Justice in Love* by Nicholas Wolterstorff," *Expository Times* 124, no. 10 (July 2013): 519.
- 2013 "Review: *The Nonviolent Atonement*, 2d edition, by J. Denny Weaver," *Expository Times* 124, no. 6 (March 2013): 281.
- 2012 "Review: *Deep Exegesis: The Mystery of Reading Scripture* by Peter Leithart," *Literature and Theology* (July 2012).
- 2012 "Review: *Behaving in Public* by Nigel Biggar," *Expository Times* 124, no. 1 (October 2012): 39–40.
- 2012 "Review: *The Doors of the Sea: Where Was God in the Tsunami?* by David Bentley Hart," *Expository Times* 123, no. 4 (January 2012): 196–97.
- 2011 "Review: *Making the Best of It: Following Christ in the Real World* by John G. Stackhouse," *Conrad Grebel Review* 30, no. 1 (Winter 2012): 104–6.*
- 2011 "Review: *Put Down Your Sword: Answering the Gospel Call to Creative Nonviolence* by John Dear," *International Journal of Public Theology* 5:4 (2011): 506–507.
- 2011 "Forming Christian Lovers: A Review of *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation* by James K. A. Smith," *Expository Times* 122, no. 10 (July 2011): 514–515.
- 2011 "Review: *The Political Dimension of Reconciliation: A Theological Analysis of Ways of Dealing with Guilt during the Transition to Democracy in South Africa and (East) Germany* by Ralf K. Wüstenberg," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 18:3 (July 2011): 472–475.
- 2011 "Review: *Rooted in Jesus Christ: Towards a Radical Ecclesiology* by Daniel Izuzquiza," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 18:3 (July 2011): 443–445.*
- 2011 "Review: *Powers and Practices: Engaging the Work of John Howard Yoder* edited by Jeremy M. Bergen and Anthony G. Siegrist," *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 29:1 (Spring 2011): 140–141.
- 2010 "Review: *Joseph's Dilemma: 'Honor Killing' in the Birth Narrative of Matthew* by Matthew J. Marohl," *Literature and Theology* 24:4 (December 2010): 451–453.
- 2010 "Review: *Christian Anarchism: A Political Commentary on the Gospel* by Alex Christoyannopoulos," *Marx and Philosophy Review of Books* (9 October 2010): <http://www.marxandphilosophy.org.uk/reviewofbooks/reviews/2010/200>.

2010 "Review: *Enigmas and Powers: Engaging the Work of Walter Wink for Classroom, Church, and World* by D. Seiple and Frederick W. Weidmann," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 17:4 (September 2010): 607-608.*

2010 "Review: *Good Punishment? Christian Moral Practice and U.S. Imprisonment* by James Samuel Logan," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 17:4 (September 2010): 507-510.

5. Presentations

Academic Papers and Presentations

2018 Chair, Mennonite Scholars and Friends AAR/SBL session: "Mission" (Denver, CO)

2018 "Mennonites, Theology, and Sexual Abuse" (Amsterdam, Seminarium Doopsgezind)

2018 "Incorporation and Liberation: Sexual Abuse and Contemporary Theologies of the Holy Spirit" (Beliefs and Practices Department meeting, Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

2018 "Masculinities: Interdisciplinary Orientations" (Doing Theology Ecumenically Research Group, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

2016 "Historical Mennonite Pneumatology" (Cleveland, TN, Mennonite Church USA-Church of God [Cleveland] opening dialogue session)

2016 "Response to Nancey Murphy: Historical Mennonite Theological Anthropology" (Elkhart, IN, invited response during AMBS Theological Lectureship)

2015 "John Howard Yoder's Sexual Politics," (Alexandria, VA, invited paper at the Deanery Seminar, Virginia Theological Seminary)

2014 Chair, Mennonite Scholars and Friends AAR/SBL session: "Human Sexuality and Theological Vocation in the Context of Personal, Institutional, and Ecclesial Practice," (San Diego, CA)

2014 Invited presentation on *Principalities and Powers*, chapter 1, at the Nanovic Seminar, University of Notre Dame

2012 "Peacebuilding through Music: Improvisation, Conflict, and Peace," Panel on Peacebuilding and Religion through the Arts, American Academy of Religion, 2012 (Chicago)

2012 "Bourdieu's Religion," A Workshop for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion (University of Edinburgh)

2011 "Can Anabaptist Theology Be 'Public'? Church, Politics, and Theological Practice," Society for the Study of Theology Postgraduate Conference (University of Edinburgh)

2010 "Ecclesial Distinctiveness as Field Autonomy: A Bourdieusian Approach to

Anabaptist Public Theology,” Global Network for Public Theology Triennial Consultation (United Theological College, Sydney, Australia)

2009 “Theologians in Exile: Student Perceptions of the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh,” Christianity and Academia Consultation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Montreal)

2009 “The Sociological Explanation of Faithfulness and the Possibility of a Reflexive Christian Critique,” Religious Studies Section, Scottish Universities Theology and Religious Studies Postgraduate Conference (University of St Andrews)

2009 “On Not Under- or Overestimating the Fall: Prospects for a Moral Economy in Adam Smith, Pierre Bourdieu, and John H. Yoder,” Young Scholars Session, Adam Smith as a Moral Theologian Workshop, John Templeton Foundation (Royal Society of Edinburgh)

2008 “Liberative and Congregational: An Anabaptist Social Theory for Practical Theology,” Practical Theology Session, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Chicago)

2008 “Towards a Christian Activism: John Milbank and John H. Yoder on Christian Sociology,” Society for the Study of Theology Annual Conference (Durham University).

Popular Presentations

2018 “Jesucristo es nuestra paz através del poder del Espíritu Santo” (Cuernavaca, MX, Tarde de teología, café y oración)

2018 “Rasgos distintivos de la teología anabautista” (Mexico City, MX, Centro de Estudios Anabautistas)

2017 “What It Means to Be an Anabaptist Christian in the Twenty-First Century” (Elkhart, IN, College Mennonite Church Sunday School)

2017 “Anabaptist Beginnings,” “Early Anabaptist Convictions and Practices,” and “Anabaptism as a Developing Tradition” (Elkhart, IN, Journey Program)

2016 “La misión desde una perspectiva anabautista” (San Felipe del Progreso, Mexico, invited workshop at a conference held by the Conferencia de Iglesias Evangélicas Anabautistas Menonitas de México)

2016 “Imágenes del Espíritu Santo en el Antiguo Testamento” and “El Espíritu Santo, Jesucristo y la iglesia” (Mexico City, regional Assemblies of God pastors conference)

2016, “Reconfiguring Mission and Peace” (Elkhart, IN, Witness Colloquium)

2016 “Baptism and the Ambiguity of Christian Practice” (Austin, TX, Austin Mennonite Church adult Sunday School class)

2016 “Dirigiendo en la luz: El liderazgo reflexivo” (Elkhart, IN, Noche con Jesús [Latino Pentecostal pastors conference])

2015 "Leading in the Light/Dirigiendo en la luz" (Westbrooksville, NY, New York Mennonite Conference pastors retreat, 2 sessions)

2015 "Jesus Christ is Our Peace through the Power of the Holy Spirit" (Elkhart, IN, Leadership Education in an Anabaptist Perspective session)

2015 (with Jamie Ross) "Anabaptist Witness: Walking with God into the Future of Anabaptist Mission" (Harrisburg, PA, Mennonite World Conference, two sessions)

2015 "My Journey to Peacemaking" (Elkhart, IN, Mission and Peace Colloquium)

2014 "Under the Water: Seeing Jesus with Baptismal Eyes" (Elkhart, IN, AMBS Pastors Week)

2013 "From Naked Anabaptists to Anabaptist Tailors," (Phoenix, AZ, Mennonite Church USA Convention)

2013 "The Holy Spirit in Scripture and Church History" (Springfield, IL, Carlock Mennonite Church men's retreat, 4 sessions)

2013 "Discerning the Powers: Moral Discernment, Theology and Mission" (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary webinar)

6. Teaching

AMBS

Christian Theology 1 (campus and online)
 Anabaptist History and Theology (16th century)
 Global Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Theology
 Christian History 2 (1300–present) (campus and online)
 Christianity in Latin America
 Theology in Context: Elkhart
 Seminar in Theology: Baptism
 Seminar in Theology: Sexuality and Colonialism

Online continuing education courses at AMBS

Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
 La historia y teología del Anabautismo

Edinburgh

Christian Theology 1
 Systematic Theology 2b
 Christian Ethics: Sources

7. Research Supervision and Evaluation

Doctoral Committee

“Hacia una hermenéutica anabautista latinoamericana: Un análisis comparativo de las

hermenéuticas bíblicas de John Howard Yoder and Jon Sobrino,” César Moya (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Masters Theses (AMBS)

“Revisiting the Atonement: A Missional View,” Joel Ickes (MDiv thesis, primary reader)

“What You See and What You Get from the Big Screen: An Assessment of Young Adults’ Ability to Use Critical Thinking Skills in Theological Conversations around Narrative Film,” Annika Krause (MA Theological Studies, primary reader)

“Mennonite Bible Reading after Neo-Anabaptism,” Matthew Cordella-Bontrager (MDiv thesis, second reader)

Independent Studies (AMBS)

Missiology Literature Review

Mennonite Theology, Creation, and Theological Anthropology

Theology of Pleasure

Nonconformity and Nonresistance: Old Mennonite Perspectives

Convictions: Investigating McClendon’s Theology of Language

8. Committee Service (AMBS)

Spiritual Life Committee, 2012–2014

Mennonite Quarterly Review Publications Committee, 2012–present

Institute of Mennonite Studies Executive Committee, 2012–present

Library Committee, 2014–2017

Open Access Committee, 2015–2017

Classics of the Radical Reformation Series 2017–present

9. Awards

2018 Researcher in Residence, Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

2009 Bursary from the Fondation Catholique Ecosaise to study French language at the Institut de Langue et de Culture Francaises, Institut Catholique de Paris

2004–2006 Burr/Roth Scholarship at Fuller Theological Seminary

10. Professional Memberships and Service

2013–Present Mennonite Scholars and Friends Program Committee

2009–Present Anabaptist-Mennonite Scholars Network

2008–2009, 2012–Present American Academy of Religion

11. Conference Planning

2020 Reading the Bible after the Holocaust (Institute of Mennonite Studies, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)

2019 Liberating the Politics of Jesus (Institute of Mennonite Studies, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)

2018 Second Ecumenical Dialogue Session, Mennonite Church USA and Church of God (Cleveland, TN) (hosted by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)

2017 Word, Spirit, and the Renewal of the Church: Believers' Church, Ecumenical, and Global Perspectives (The 18th Believers' Church Conference) (Goshen College)

2017 The Holy Spirit and Power (Institute of Mennonite Studies, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary)

2014 Planning Committee for Rooted and Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship (Elkhart, IN, September 2014)

2014 SCUPE Congress on Urban Ministry National Planning Committee (Chicago, IL, June 2014)

2013 Co-organizer, Renewing the Land: Christian Theology and Ecological Restoration Panel (Elkhart, IN, December 2013)

12. Church and Community Service

Hively Avenue Mennonite Church (member and chair, Witness and Caring Commission)

Elkhart-Goshen Sanctuary Coalition (chair of the Education Working Group)

People's History of Elkhart (community reading groups on topics including Marx, Marinaleda, and MLK and women Civil Rights leaders)