

## **Sandy L. Haney**

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### **Education**

Ph.D., Temple University, Department of Religion, Fall 2007 – Fall 2014; GPA 4.0

*Dissertation:* “Is Everybody Doing It? Marital Celibacy in the Cappadocians and Augustine”

Dissertation Passed with Distinction: October 29, 2014

Graduation date: December 18, 2014

Passed preliminary doctoral exams: March 2011

M.A. in Theology, Villanova University, May 2004; GPA 4.0

*Thesis:* “Humility, Suffering, and Persecution in Paul’s Letter to the Philippians”

Comprehensive exams, Passed with Distinctions, March 2004

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Eastern University, May 2002; GPA 3.923

*Majors:* Biblical Studies, Theological Studies, Honors Program

*Minor:* English Literature

*Honors Thesis:* “Interpreting the Theme of Sexuality in the Book of Esther”

Oxford University, Keble College, Centre for Medieval & Renaissance Studies, Spring 2001

Kingsway Regional High School, Swedesboro, NJ, Valedictorian, 1998

### **Certifications**

*Associated Certified Coach*, International Coaching Federation

*Certified Professional Life Coach*, Professional Christian Coaching Institute

*Strengths Champion Certified Coach*<sup>®</sup>

### **Employment History**

Life Coach, *Concord Life Coaching*, August 2022 – September 2023

Copy Editor, *Embracing Gethsemane*, August 2023 – present

Editorial Assistant to Dr. Charles A. Maher (from rough draft to page proofs)

*Fostering the Mental Health of Coaches, Athletes, and Staff*, Routledge, 2022

*Developing and Sustaining Sport Psychology Programs*, Routledge, 2020

Various articles and presentations

Assistant Professor, Eastern University, Christian Studies Department, Fall 2015 – Spring 2019\*

Adjunct Professor, Temple University, Department of Religion, Spring 2015

Adjunct Professor, Eastern University, Christian Studies Department, Fall 2005 – Spring 2007,  
Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2013

Academic Advisor, Eastern University, Interdisciplinary Studies, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

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\* As a graduate student with fellowships at Villanova and Temple Universities, as well as while serving as a professor at Eastern University, I edited many of my professors’ and colleagues’ works. For people’s privacy, I do not list them here.

Adjunct Professor, St. Joseph's University, Theology Department, Fall 2004 – Spring 2006  
Proofreader, *The Church Unfinished*, May 2004  
Literary Editor, *Communicating with QuarkXPress*, Summer 2003

## Publications

- “Patriarchy: Christianity: Patristics, Orthodox Christianity and Early Medieval.” *EBR* 23.  
Forthcoming.
- “Married Women and Ascent,” in *Patristic Spirituality: Classical Perspectives on Ascent in the Journey to God*, Brill, co-edited by Don W. Springer and Kevin M. Clarke, 2022.
- “Jews and Their Others (New Testament),” in the *Blackwell Companion to Late Ancient Jews and Judaism Third Century BCE — Seventh Century CE*. Blackwell, Blackwell Companions to the Ancient World, edited by Gwynn Kessler and Naomi Koltun-Fromm, 2020.
- “Book Review of Todd D. Still and David E. Wilhite (eds.), *The Apostolic Fathers and Paul* (New York: T&T Clark, 2017).” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 80 (2018): 361-63.
- “Reflections of a First-Year Professor,” Blog entry, Chalk & Table Learning Collaborative;  
<http://www.chalkandtable.com/learning-blog/reflections-of-a-first-year-professor>
- “Theodicy and the Nature of God in Nahum and Jonah,” *Concept* [Online] 27 (2004): n.p.

## Presentations

- Chair, “*Christianity and the Contest for Manhood in Late Antiquity* by Nathan D. Howard.” 2<sup>nd</sup>  
*Online Edinburgh Byzantine Book Festival*, March 2023
- “Gregory of Nyssa’s *Vita Macrina* as an *apologia* for his brother Naucratius.” *Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2018
- “The Visual Power of the Cappadocian Women: Construction of Empress Identity in the Paris Gregory.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2017
- Organizer and Chair, “Identity Construction through Rhetoric, Image, and Text.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2017
- “Heresy, Authority, and Family Dynamics: Basil of Caesarea’s Silence on Naucratius.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2016
- “Macrina the Celibate Matron.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2014
- Organizer, “Perspectives on Macrina.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2014
- “Marital Celibacy in Gregory of Nazianzus’ Family.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2012
- Organizer, “Thinking Outside the Text: Incorporating Visual Culture in the Classroom.” *The North American Patristics Society Annual Conference*, Chicago, May 2012
- “Raising Godly Girls through Letters, Mosaics, and Dolls: The Intersection of Material Culture and Text.” *The Annual Fall Conference of the Pappas Patristic Institute: Children and Family in*

- the Patristic Tradition*, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, October 2011
- “Marital Celibacy: Is Everybody Doing It? A Rereading of Gregory of Nazianzus’ Funeral Oration for his Sister, Gorgonia.” *Eastern Theological Society: Spring Christian Studies Conference*, Faculty Presentation, Eastern University, May 2011
- “Incense, Censers, and Aesthetics: Enriching the Experience of the Liturgy in Early Byzantium.” *35th International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2010
- “The Construction of the Ideal Pious Empress: Nonna, Gorgonia, and Helena in the Paris Gregory.” *American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting*, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2010
- “Adultery: The Sin of Equality.” *30th Annual Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference; Reading, Community, Identity*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2005
- “Sin and Sexuality: A Comparison of Chrysostom and Augustine’s Beliefs about Marriage and the Marital Act.” *Pappas Patristic Institute Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies*, April 2005
- Respondent to Suzanne Hevelone’s Paper, “Macrina as Thecla: The Influence of the *Acts of Thecla* on Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Macrina*.” *Pappas Patristic Institute Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies*, April 2005
- “Women in 1 and 2 Maccabees: An Unveiling of Their Complex Role.” *Elizabeth Stady Canton Conference*, Villanova University, Spring 2004

## **Lectures**

- “Jesus’ Childhood,” Great Valley Presbyterian Church, Malvern, PA, December 2020
- “Jesus’ Childhood,” St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Devon, PA, December 2019
- “Jesus’ Toys,” The Preschool in the Valley, Malvern, PA, December 2019
- “Women in the Easter Story,” Students Advocating for Gender Equality (SAGE), Eastern University, April 17, 2019
- “Hospitality,” Breakfast with the Student Chaplains, Chaplain Winter Training, Eastern University, January 13, 2019
- “Faith Integration in the Classroom: Practical Pedagogy to Help Students Make Connections,” Faculty Development Workshop, Eastern University, January 2019
- “The Gospel of John,” Bible Study Series, Eastern University Chapel, November 1 and 8, 2017
- “Sabbath,” Student Chaplain Dinner Guest Speaker, Eastern University, November 2017
- “Forgiveness,” Student Chaplain Dinner Guest Speaker, Eastern University, February 2017
- “Positions and Postures: Theological Differences in the Classroom: Theology Department,” Eastern University Faculty Workshop, January 2017
- “Not Losing the Faith: Challenges in Biblical Studies and Theology,” Eastern University Faculty Workshop, May 2016

“Mothers and Sisters in the Early Church: Saints Nonna and Macrina,” Women in the Orthodox Church Seminar, St. Luke Greek Orthodox Church, Broomall, PA, April 2016  
 “Marriage, Celibacy, and Gender,” Swarthmore Christian Fellowship, Swarthmore University, PA, February 2016  
 “Why Women Particularly Matter to God,” Gender in Development Series, Eastern University, February 2016  
 “Jesus’ Hidden Years,” Pursuit Series, Calvary Church, Souderton, PA, Fall 2015  
 “Jesus’ Toys,” The Heritage School, Wayne, PA, 2014  
 Lectures on Asceticism, St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, Valley Forge, PA, 2013  
 Lectures on Jesus’ Childhood, St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, Valley Forge, PA, 2012  
 Lectures on Martyrdom and Asceticism, Upper Merion Baptist Church, King of Prussia, PA, 2008

## Teaching

### *Classes taught at Eastern 2015 – 2019:*

Introduction to the New Testament	Introduction to the Old Testament
Christian Spirituality	Paul: His Life and Letters
The Marginalized and the Bible	Spirituality of the Desert Fathers
Research Methods	Hebrews and General Epistles
New Testament and Politics	Politics and the Bible
The Marginalized and the Bible, Individualized Study	

### *Classes taught at Temple University:*

The Art of Sacred Space

### *Classes taught at Eastern University (adjunct):*

Introduction to the Nature and Meaning of the Old Testament  
 Introduction to the Nature and Meaning of the New Testament  
 Theological Thinking  
 The World of Early Christianity  
 Introduction to New Testament Greek  
 Introduction to Reason, Faith, and Justice (First-year seminar)

### *Classes taught at St. Joseph’s University:*

Introduction to the New Testament	Introduction to Systematic Theology
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### *Classes taught for Adult Christian Education at Great Valley Presbyterian Church (2018-present):*

Early Christian Martyrs	Desert Fathers and Mothers
New Testament Epistles	Gospels and the Kingdom of God
Acts	Philippians
Christological and Trinitarian Heresies	
Team teaching: Human Sexuality	

## **Professional Associations**

Member, North American Patristics Society, 2007 – 2021

Awards and Prizes Committee, 2017 – 2020

Student Representative, 2013 – 2014

Member, Society of Biblical Literature, 2003 – 2020

Member, American Academy of Religion, 2003 – 2020

Member-Attendee, Philadelphia Seminar of Christian Origins, 2007 – present

## **Awards and Honors**

Faculty Member of the Year, Eastern University, 2016 – 2017

Provost Summer Research Award, Eastern University, 2016 – 2017

Faculty Development Grant, Eastern University, 2015 – 2016; 2016 – 2017

Dissertation Passed with Distinction, Temple University, October 2014

University Fellowship, Temple University, 2007 – 2009

Comprehensive Exams, “Passed with Distinctions,” Villanova University, March 2004

Graduate Assistantship, Villanova University, Fall 2002 – Spring 2004

Eastern University: Theology Senior Award, 2002; *summa cum laude*, 2002

## **Eastern University Service**

General Education Oversight Committee, Fall 2016 – Spring 2019

Co-chair Fall 2017 – Spring 2018; Chair Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

University Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

Organizer, “Keeping the Faith” series, Theology Department, Spring 2017 – Spring 2018

Faculty Advisor for Stephen Stratton and Darrien Gish, “Slavery in Philippians: The Defense of Paul’s Honor,” Student Presentation at Mid-Atlantic Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, March 2018

Academic Advisor, Fall 2016 – Spring 2019

New Faculty Orientation, Co-leader, Summer 2016

Search Committee, Assistant to the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Summer 2016

Prayer, University Call to Prayer Service, May 2016

Student-Faculty Book Study on “7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess,” with Dr. Rhonda Burnette-Bletsch and various students, Spring Semester 2016

Benediction, December 2015 Commencement

## **Other Service/Organizations**

Sunday School Teacher, Great Valley Presbyterian Church, 2018 – present

Leader, Young Women’s Bible Study, Great Valley Presbyterian Church, Spring 2023

Co-leader, Renew (Young Adult Bible Study), Great Valley Presbyterian Church, 2019 – 2022

Adult Christian Education Committee, Great Valley Presbyterian Church, 2020 – present

Childcare volunteer, Great Valley Presbyterian Church, Spring 2019 – present

Volunteer, Upper Merion Area Township Schools, 2014 – present  
Volunteer editor, Daily Lenten and Advent Devotionals, Word Nerd Publishing, 1998 – present  
Various activities, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Valley Forge, PA, 2011 – 2017  
Volunteer, Hope Community Church VBS, Summer 2016, 2017  
Volunteer, The Heritage School, Wayne, PA, 2012 – 2015  
Undergraduate Studies Committee, Graduate Student Representative, Temple University, 2008 – 2012  
Peer Reviewer, *Concept*, Villanova University, 2002 – 2004  
Graduate Assistant, Theology Department, Villanova University, Fall 2002 – Spring 2004

*References available upon request.*