

**HOLLY BEERS**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

Westmont College, 955 La Paz Rd, Santa Barbara, CA  
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**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING & ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, 2012 - Present

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Christian Doctrine

Elementary Greek I

Elementary Greek II

Intermediate Greek I

Intermediate Greek II

Introduction to New Testament

Jesus in the Gospels

Luke-Acts

Major Honors

Senior Seminar: Scripture (co-taught)

Topics in New Testament: Philosophical Hermeneutics

Campus Chaplain and Assessment Specialist, Westmont Downtown, 2016-present

Catalyst Honors Program Director, 2014-16

Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Faculty Associate, 2005-2012

Courses Taught:

Acts and Pauline Letters

Elementary Greek I

Elementary Greek II

Gospels

Hermeneutics

Intermediate Greek

Preaching Practicum (co-taught with the Director of Preaching)

Academic Experience: Extensive Use of Digital Classroom

Software (Developed for Bethel's Hybrid InMinistry Program  
using Blackboard and Moodle)

Research Fellow, 2005-2007

Research, Writing/Editing, Grading, and Lectures in:

New Testament

Ecclesiology

Hermeneutics

Gospels

Acts

Romans

Teaching Assistant, 2003-2005  
Research, Writing/Editing, Grading, and Lectures in:  
New Testament  
Ecclesiology  
Elementary Hermeneutics  
Intermediate Hermeneutics  
Parables  
Messianic Issues  
Greek  
Revelation

North Central University, Minneapolis, MN  
Adjunct Professor, 2004-2012  
Courses Taught:  
Acts: Early History of the Church  
Corinthian Letters

## **EDUCATION**

London School of Theology, Northwood, U.K.  
Ph.D. in New Testament, 2012  
Areas of Expertise and Research Interest:  
Luke-Acts  
1 Corinthians  
Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament  
Philosophical Hermeneutics  
Second Temple Judaism  
New Testament Ecclesiology

Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, MN  
Master Of Arts in Theological Studies, 2005  
Concentration: Biblical Studies  
Languages: Greek and Hebrew  
Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, MO  
Enrolled Summer 2003

North Central University, Minneapolis, MN  
Bachelor Of Arts, 2002  
Major: Youth Ministries  
Supporting Program: Cross Cultural Ministries  
Honors: *Valedictorian* (selected by faculty vote from several 4.0 students)

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

Enrolled 1997-1998

## **SCHOLARSHIP & PUBLICATIONS**

“The Servants in Luke-Acts.” In *Isaiah’s Servant(s) and the Exegetical Origins of Early Jewish and Christian Identity*. Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming.

“Who Carries the Mission Forward? The Unnamed and Overlooked Characters in Acts.” In *The T&T Clark Handbook to the Spirit in the Interpretation of Scripture*. T&T Clark, forthcoming.

*A Week in the Life of an Ephesian Woman*. IVP Academic, forthcoming.

“4QConsolations and Mark 6:30–56: Images of a New Exodus.” In *Reading Mark In Context: Jesus And Second Temple Judaism*. Zondervan: forthcoming (August 2018).

“Jerusalem: Paul and the Sanhedrin.” *Bible Study Magazine*, forthcoming (summer 2018).

“The Vindication and Restoration of Zacchaeus: Luke 19:8” and “God is Faithful and Just: 1 John 1:9.” In *Devotions on the Greek New Testament, Volume 2: 52 Reflections to Inspire and Instruct*. Zondervan, 2017.

“A ‘Reflexive Trust’ in the Authority of Scripture.” In *Biblical Inspiration and the Authority of Scripture*. Wipf & Stock, 2015.

*The Followers of Jesus as the ‘Servant’: Luke’s Model from Isaiah for the Disciples in Luke-Acts*. LNTS 535. T&T Clark, 2015.

“Servant of Yahweh.” In *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, rev ed. Editor Joel B. Green. IVP Academic, 2013.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *Elders in the Life of the Church: Rediscovering the Biblical Model for Church Leadership*, by Phil A. Newton and Matt Schmucker. *Currents in Mission*, forthcoming.

Review of *Embracing Shared Ministry: Power and Status in the Early Church and Why It Matters Today*, by Joseph H. Hellerman. *Currents in Mission* 44, no. 4 (October 2017).

“A Story that Teaches: The Theology of Acts,” Review of *A Theology of Luke and Acts: God’s Promised Program, Realized for All Nations*, by Darrell L. Bock; *Prophetic Jesus, Prophetic Church: The Challenge of Luke-Acts to Contemporary Christians*, by Luke

Timothy Johnson; and *World Upside Down: Reading Acts in the Graeco-Roman Age*, by C. Kavin Rowe. In *Christian Reflection*. Institute for Faith and Learning, 2015.

Review of *Fundamentals of New Testament Greek* (textbook and workbook), by Stanley E. Porter, Jeffrey T. Reed and Matthew Brook O'Donnell. *Religious Studies Review* 37, no. 3 (September 2011): 209-10.

Review of *Acts: A Handbook on the Greek Text*, by Mikeal C. Parsons & Martin M. Culy. *Religious Studies Review* 31 (January & April 2005): 90.

Review of *Faith Cure: Divine Healing in the Holiness and Pentecostal Movements*, by Nancy Hardesty. *Pneuma* 26 (Fall 2004): 368-370.

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

“Servants and Idols in the New Testament,” response to Sandra L. Richter Installation Lecture, presented at Westmont College, April 16, 2018.

“When Historical-Critical and Literary Readings Collide: What We Learn about the Servant and the Servants from Isaiah and Luke-Acts,” presented at the Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting, November 2017.

“The Servant and the Conclusions of Acts and Isaiah,” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2014.

“Participating in God’s Mission: The Servant and the Conclusions of Acts and Isaiah,” The Paul C. Wilt Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, presented at Westmont College, October 2014.

“Gentiles as the Servant? Luke's Isaianic Model for the Disciples in Acts,” presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2013.

“The Followers of Jesus as the Servant: Luke's Isaianic Model for the Disciples in Acts,” presented at the AAR/SBL/ASOR 2012 Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, March 2012.

Panelist for the SBL/AAR Graduate Student Seminar at the AAR/SBL/ASOR 2012 Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, March 2012.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICE**

Institute for Biblical Research, 2012-present  
IBR Board Member, 2017-present  
Editorial Board, *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 2015-present

Society for Pentecostal Studies, 2002-2005, 2010-present

Society of Biblical Literature, 2007-present

Evangelical Theological Society, 2003-2005, 2008-present  
ETS Hermeneutics Steering Committee, 2010-present

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

Inductee, Phi Kappa Phi, Westmont College, April 2017

Bruce and Adaline Bare Teacher of the Year (Humanities), Westmont College, May 2016

Ph.D. Scholarship, Bethel Seminary, 2005

Geis Family Scholarship, Bethel Seminary, 2004

Gordh Memorial Scholarship, Bethel Seminary, 2004

Honor Marshall, Bethel Seminary Commencement, 2004

Ebenezer Scholarship, Bethel Seminary, 2003

Presidential Scholarship, Bethel Seminary, 2002

Youth Ministries Graduate of the Year, North Central University, 2002

Magazine Profile for North Central University in *NCU Magazine*, *Enrichment*, *On Course*, and the *Pentecostal Evangel*, 2002

Israel Trip Scholarship, North Central University, 2002

Presidential Scholarship, North Central University, 1998-2002

Christian Leadership Scholarship, North Central University, 1998-2002

Dean's List, North Central University, 1998-2002

G. Raymond Carlson Scholarship, North Central University, 2000-2001

## **INSTITUTIONAL & CAMPUS SERVICE**

*Westmont College*

Faculty Mentor, Two to Three Lunches/Coffees per Week with Students (avg, at their request), 2012-present

Speaker, Baccalaureate, May 2018

Leader of Faculty Litany, Baccalaureate, May 2018

Panelist, Parents' Weekend, "Reflections on Life's Setbacks and Sufferings," March 23, 2018

Interviewer, Campus Pastor Search, March 2018

Participant, "Spring Sing," March 2018

Speaker, Chapel, "The Holy Spirit and (Our Own?) Power," February 26, 2018

Panelist, Campus Life, "Nutrition, the Environment, and Faith," January 22, 2018

Panelist, Chapel, "The Bible and Suffering," January 19, 2018

Teacher, Augustinian Scholars Weekend, January 2018

Organizer, Religious Studies Departmental Chapel, November 2017

Leader, Chapel, "Prayer of Examen," October 2017

Host, Orientation Small Group Dessert (at our home), Sept 2, 2017

Featured Professor, Office of Career Development and Calling's "Toolbox Tuesday," March 2017

Speaker, Emmaus Road Preaching and Bible Study Training, March 2017

Judge, "Spring Sing," March 2017

Teacher, Augustinian Scholars Weekend, January 2017

Participant, Urban Initiative's "Where I Am" campaign, December 2016

Speaker, Religious Studies Departmental Chapel, "Why Christian Faith?" November 2016

Benediction Leader, Chapel, November 11, 2016

Panelist, Preview Days, October-November 2016

Participant, Dallas Willard Center/Martin Institute and Provost Lecture for Spiritual Companioning Planning Committee, Fall 2016

Faculty Participant, "Spring Sing," March 2016

Presenter, Faculty Meeting, "The Lord's Prayer," January 2016

Member, Education Program Advisory Committee, 2015-16

Member, Strategic Map Calling and Career Committee, 2015-16

Presenter, Chapel, "Joy of Hymns: O Holy Night," December 2015

Speaker, NetVUE Calling Lecture, "And God 'Calls' ... Me? Us? The Bible's Story of Calling and Our Place In It," October 2015

Speaker, Student Life Leader Retreat Weekend, August 2015

Speaker, Chapel, "Rivers in the Wasteland (OR: A Subversive Hope)," February 2015

Presenter, Board of Trustees Meeting, "The New Testament and Sexuality," January 2015

Member, Faculty Computer Technology Advisory Committee, 2014-15

Speaker, Religious Studies Departmental Chapel, "Acts 20 and Leadership," November 2014

Presenter, Brown Bag Lunches and Theology (for Faculty and Staff), "Hosea and Matthew," November 2014

Faculty Participant, "Spring Sing," March 2014

Presenter, Chapel, "Joy of Hymns: This is My Father's World," February 2014

Presenter, Board of Trustees Meeting, "Meditation on Luke 4," January 2014

Speaker, Student Life Spring Training Day for Student Leaders, "Gender from a Biblical Standpoint," January 2014

Member, Gaede Institute for the Liberal Arts Conference Steering Committee (MOOCing the Liberal Arts), 2013-14

Advisor, Midwestern Club, 2013-14

Participant, Provost's Reading Group, 2013-14

Presenter, Faculty Forum, "Advent reflections," December 2013

Guest Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology Courses (Biblical Interpretation and Gender), September 2013

Faculty Participant, "Spring Sing," March 2013

Speaker, Student Life Women's Empowerment Series, "Women, the Bible, and Equality: My Journey to Full Participation in God's Mission," February 25, 2013

Participant, Ash Wednesday Service, February 13, 2013

### ***Bethel Seminary***

Participant, Commencement Communion Service, June 2012

Faculty Advisor, 2010-12

Supervisor for Student Teaching Assistants, 2008-12

Faculty Mentor, 2008-12

Participant, Commencement Communion Service, June 2007

### **CHURCH & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### ***OceanHills Covenant Church, Santa Barbara, CA***

Member, Prayer Team, 2017-present

Participant, GLOW Meal Share, 2015-present

Small Group Leader, 2013-present

Substitute Teacher/Helper, OKids Ministry, 2012-present

Speaker/Preacher, "Two Trials and God's Justice (Mark 14:43-15:20)," March 18, 2018

Contributor, 12 Days of Christmas Devotional on John 1:10-14, December 2017



Speaker/Preacher, “Jonah 1: God’s Love is This Big (Insert Fish Here),” August 6, 2017

Speaker/Preacher, “Born in a ... Stable?” December 18, 2016

Speaker/Preacher, “Both/And: Grace AND Truth,” July 3, 2016

Teacher, Lenten Class on Models of the Atonement, Lent 2016

Speaker/Preacher, “God, Intelligent Abigail, Foolish Nabal, and Angry David: 1 Samuel 25,” February 2016

Speaker/Preacher, “The Gifts of the Holy Spirit,” May 2015

Speaker, Moms and Mentors, “The Holy Spirit and Community,” April 2015

Teacher, Lenten Class on Journeying with Jesus, Lent 2015

Speaker/Preacher, “Gifts, Community, Maturity: Ephesians 4:11-16,” January 2015

Speaker/Preacher, “Jesus’ Surprising Relationship with Women: John 4,” January 2015

Teacher, Lenten Class on Biblical Genres, Lent 2014

Speaker/Preacher, “Transformed by Jesus: Luke 8-10,” March 2014

Speaker, Annual Women’s Retreat, October 4-6, 2013

Speaker/Preacher, “Palm Sunday: The Kingdom is Here,” March 2013

Teacher, Lenten Class on Discipleship in Luke, Lent 2013

Contributor, 12 Days of Christmas Devotional on Isaiah 7:10-16, December 2012

Speaker/Preacher, “The Reliability of Scripture,” October 2012

### ***Other Churches & Ministries***

Speaker, Providence High School, “Praying the Lord’s Prayer,” September 2015

Speaker, Montecito Presbyterian Church Youth Group Retreat, “God’s Story and My Story,” May 2015

Sunday School Teacher, Montecito Covenant Adult Class, “Literary Context,” October 2014

Speaker, Free Methodist Church's Women's Retreat, March 2014

Sunday School Teacher, Encounter (Adult Class), Free Methodist Church, October 2013

Academic Consultant, International Ministerial Fellowship, Excelsior, MN, 2011-present

Covenant Member, Leadership Team (i.e. elder board) Member, Missional Community Leader, "Shaped by Scripture" Teacher, Sunday morning Speaker/Preacher, Mini Mills (kids' ministry) Volunteer, Mill City Church, Minneapolis, MN, 2009-2012

Volunteer, Little Kitchen Food Shelf, Minneapolis, MN, 2010-2012

Panel Member, "Why We Believe What We Believe," Bridging the Gap Free to Be Women's Conference, Minneapolis, MN, April 5, 2008

Member, Oikos Church, Minneapolis, MN, 2005-2008

Guest Speaker, "Kingdom, Spirit, and Community", One Accord (music group) Development Session, North Central University, Minneapolis, MN, November 29, 2006

Retreat Speaker, "The Story of Acts and Our Story," Timber Bay Camp, Onamia, MN, July 22-23, 2006

Member, Young Adult Leader, Speaker, and Biblical-Theological Small Group Leader, Emmanuel Christian Center, Minneapolis, MN, 2003-2005

Camp Counselor and Office worker, Lake Geneva Christian Center. Alexandria, MN, Summer of 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, and 2004

Member, Youth Leader, Speaker, and Sunday School Teacher, Mt. Olivet Assembly of God, Apple Valley, MN, 1999-2003

Youth Ministry Intern, Speaker, Small Group Leader, Sunday School Teacher, and Camp Counselor, First Assembly of God, Joliet, IL, Summer 2001