

Michelle A. Stinson

CURRENT POSITION

Sept 2021-present **Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
Visiting Scholar in Old Testament

EDUCATION

2018 **Trinity College, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK**
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Old Testament
Dissertation: *'A Table in the Wilderness?': The Rhetorical Function of Food Language in Psalm 78*
Supervisors: Gordon Wenham (2011-2016) and David Firth (2016-2017);
Secondary Supervisor: Ellen Davis, Duke Divinity School
External Examiner: J Clinton McCann, Eden Theological Seminary

2000 **Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
Masters of Arts (MA) in Biblical Studies, *with honors*
Thesis: *Dining in the Kingdom: Jesus and Table Fellowship in the Gospel of Luke*
Supervisor: Craig Blomberg

1992 **University of Texas, Austin, TX**
Secondary Education Teaching Credential
Subject Areas: English and History

1991 **University of Texas, Austin, TX**
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in the PLAN II Honors Program and English, *with honors*
Minor: History
English Honors Thesis: *Tony Hillerman: The Man Who Cries Navajo Wolf*
Supervisor: Kurth Sprague

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

2021-2022 **Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
Certificate in Spiritual Direction

2019-2021 **Shasta College, Culinary Arts Program**
Coursework: Basic Food Production; Stocks, Soups, and Sauces; Art of Garde Manger; Gourmet Food Preparation; Introduction to Wine; Wine Making I

June 2005 **Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA**
Graduate Coursework: Jesus and Meal Fellowship in Luke's Gospel (Robert Karris)

- June 2004** **University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN**
Graduate Coursework: Old Testament Theology (Walter Brueggemann)
- 2002-2004** **Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL**
Doctoral Coursework: Old Testament Theology (Paul House), Paul and the Law (Doug Moo), Global Issues Colloquium (Renee Padilla), Theology in America (Mark Noll)
- 1998-2001** **University of Denver, Judaic Studies Program, Denver, CO**
Graduate Coursework: Judaism at the Time of Jesus (Stanley Wagner), The Holocaust in Contemporary Religious Thought (Fred Greenspahn), The Bible in Judaism (Fred Greenspahn)
- August 1997** **Covenant Theological Seminary, Francis A. Schaeffer Institute, St. Louis, MO**
Graduate Coursework: Christian Life and Contemporary Culture (Jerram Barrs)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present** **Instructor, Denver Seminary, Denver CO**
OT 509: Old Testament Survey for Counseling Students (grad, online)
OT 512: Understanding the Kingdom of Israel & Its Prophets (grad, online)
- 2014-2020** **Associate Professor, Simpson University, Redding, CA**
Courses Created and Taught:
BIBL 1300: Literature of the Old Testament
BIBL 1330: Biblical Backgrounds
BIBL 2220: Hermeneutics
BIBL 3035: Genesis (traditional & hybrid)
BIBL 3040: Old Testament History
BIBL 3030: Book of Job
BIBL 4230: Psalms (traditional & hybrid)
BIBL 4423W: Old Testament Theology (capstone writing course)
Special Topics: BIBL 4400: 'Food, Faith and Place' (hybrid + service learning)
- Courses Team-Taught:*
BIBL 2700: Research Methods (with a colleague in Bible Theology department)
CORE 3035: 'On Time' (a biblical, theological, liturgical, and musical exploration of the topic of 'Time' with a professor in the music department)
- Courses Led:*
BIBST 393: Historical and Geographical Setting (through JUC, Jerusalem University College; Jerusalem and surrounding regions)
- Recognitions:* Professor of the Year Award (2018-2019)
- 2007-2014** **Assistant Professor, Simpson University, Redding, CA**
Recognitions: Professor of the Year Award (2010-2011)

- Spring 2005** **Instructor, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL**
BIB 111 Old Testament (undergraduate)
- Spring 2003** **Assistant Instructor, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL**
HEBR 301 Introductory Biblical Hebrew (graduate)
- Sept 2000-Dec 2001** **Instructor, Dayspring Center for Christian Studies, Boulder, CO**
BIB 100 Literature of the Old Testament (adult)
- 2000-2001** **Instructor, Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO**
BIB 111 Old Testament (undergraduate)
BIB 113 New Testament (undergraduate)
- Spring 2001** **Instructor, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO**
ARSC 1000 Expository Writing (undergraduate)
- Summer 2000** **Assistant Instructor, Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
NT 501 New Testament Greek I (graduate)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2023** *Teacher-Scholar Grant*, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, MI (\$16,000, funded by Lilly Foundation)
Grant Topic: To explore the topic of time through biblical/theological, environmental, and agrarian reflections, probing how God's care for creation as experienced in nature's seasons and agriculture's rhythms offers renewed hope as we emerge from an extended season of Covid-tide.
- 2020-2021** *Owen Distinguished Scholar Award*, Simpson University, Redding, CA
2019-2020 (\$5000)
- 2018-2019** *Professor of the Year Award*, Simpson University, Redding, CA
2010-2011
- 2011-2021** *Dale Scholar Grants*, Simpson University, Redding, CA
Award years: 2011-12, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2018-19, 2020-21 (\$3000-5000)
- 2017** Nomination for prize for outstanding excellence in doctoral thesis, Faculty of Arts, University of Bristol, UK
- 2000** *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*
Denver Seminary, Denver, CO
- 1991** *Golden Key Honor Society* (nomination); University of Texas, Austin, TX
- 1990** *Normandy Student Scholar*, WWII history focus; Caen, France

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psalms, Rhetoric, Food, Agriculture/Land Care, Hope, Time, OT Theology, Spiritual Formation

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

'A Table in the Wilderness?' (Ps 78:19): A Literary and Rhetorical Study of Food Language in Psalm 78 (revised PhD thesis, manuscript at publisher, under review)

"When the Plot Turns on Affection: The Use of David's Shepherding Pedigree in Psalm 78:70-72 and 1&2 Samuel" (article under review)

"Summer and Winter, Seedtime and Harvest: Re-Considering the Psalter's Agrarian Hope in a Season of Covid"; *Biblische Notizen*, theme-issue on 'Food and the Pandemic' (forthcoming, September 2023)

"Portable Poetic Commensality: Reflections on the Use of Food Language in Ancient Israel's Pilgrimage Songs (Psalms 120-134)," in *Portable Food: Proceedings of the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery 2022*, xx-xx. London: Prospect Books, 2023. (forthcoming, July 2023)

"Turning Tables in Israel's History: Food Language and Reversals in Psalms 105 & 106," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 83 (2021): 588-598.

"Sourdough & Bitter Tears: Food and Communal Laments in the Time of COVID-19" *Word & World* 41:2 (Spring 2021), 177-184.

"Praise the LORD, the (un)Creator of Heaven and Earth: Psalm 105's Depiction of YHWH's Sovereignty in the Egyptian Plagues," in *For Us, but Not to Us: Essays on Creation, Covenant, and Context in Honor of John H. Walton*, edited by Adam E. Miglio, Caryn A. Reeder, Joshua T. Walton, and Kenneth C. Way, 99-109. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2020.

"'A Table in the Wilderness?': The Rhetorical Function of Food Language in Psalm 78" (abstract), *Tyndale Bulletin* 69.2 (2018), 313-316.

PUBLIC THEOLOGY

"The Gift of Food 'In Season' (Ps 104:27)"; *TBP: The Big Picture* 07 (June 2023): xx-xx.

"Food, Feasts, and the Book of Ruth"; *INK* 12 (Summer 2022): 8-10.

"An Agrarian Hope"; *TBP: The Big Picture* 04 (Trinity 2022): 6-7.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“‘Like Chaff the Wind Blows Away’ (Ps 1:4): Agrarian Readings of Divine Judgment in the Psalter”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Book of Psalms’/‘Meals in the HB/OT and Its World’ session; San Antonio TX, November 2023 (forthcoming)

“‘In Its Time’ (Ps 104:27): A Consideration of the Literary and Rhetorical Use of Ecological Boundaries within Psalm 104”; American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting (Rocky Mountain-Great Plains); Denver CO, March 2023

“Portable Poetic Commensality: Reflections on the Use of Food Language in Ancient Israel’s Pilgrimage Songs (Psalms 120-134)”; Oxford Food Symposium; Oxford, UK, July 2022

“‘To every thing there is a season’ (Eccles 3:1): Food, Feasts, and the Megillot”; Tyndale Fellowship Conference, Old Testament Study Group; Cambridge UK, June 2022.

“Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Cultivation of Hope in the Psalms of Ascents (Pss 120-134)”; Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting (Rocky Mountain-Great Plains); Denver CO, March 2022

“‘From the Sheepfolds’ (Ps 78:70): The Rhetorical Function of David’s Shepherding Pedigree in Psalm 78 and 1&2 Samuel”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Book of Psalms’/‘Book of Samuel’ session; San Antonio TX, November 2021

“Davidic Repasts: The Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Davidic Collections of Books I&II of the Psalter”; Tyndale Fellowship, OT Study Group; Cambridge UK, June 2019

“Food on the Journey: The Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Psalms of Ascents (Pss 120-134)”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Biblical Hebrew Poetry’ session; Denver CO, November 2018

“Turning Tables within Israel’s History: Food Language and Reversals in Psalm 105 and 106”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2017

“Asaph’s Pantry: The Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Asaph Collection (Psalms 50, 73-83)”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Meals in the HB/OT and Its World’ session; San Antonio TX, November 2016

“The Rhetoric of Food: An Exploration in the Psalms”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2016

“Charting the Currents of Israel’s Exodus: The Structural and Rhetorical Use of Water References in Psalm 78”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, July 2014

“A Consuming Desire: A Look at Psalm 78’s Retelling of the Quail Account of Numbers 11”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2013

“The Undoing of Creation: Psalm 105’s Depiction of Divine Judgment in the Egyptian Plagues” (invited); Evangelical Theological Society Conference; Milwaukee WI, November 2012

“Praise the LORD, the (un)Creator of Heaven and Earth”: Psalm 105’s Depiction of YHWH’s Sovereignty in the Egyptian Plagues”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2012

“A Triptych of the Table: Rebellion, Judgment, and Restoration in the Book of Isaiah”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Meals in the HB/OT and Its World’ session; Atlanta GA, November 2010

PRESENTATIONS

“The Psalters’ Agrarian Three-Point Turn (Pss 104, 80, 126)”; The Neighborhood Church (EPC); Littleton, CO; 30 April, 21 May, 11 June 2023

“How the Gospel fits in the Biblical Story and how the Biblical Story fits in the Gospel”; Wilderness Ranch ‘The Art of Guiding’ Training Weekend; Trail West Lodge, Buena Vista, CO; 18 March 2023

“Attending to the Seasons”; New Denver Church Women’s Retreat; YMCA of the Rockies-Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby CO; 3-5 March 2023

“Considering a Spirituality of Food”; Kings School of Theology, UK; Lecture & Discussion (virtual); 26 November 2022

“Taste: An Interactive Table Experience”; Downing House Resident Program Retreat; Grand Lake, CO; 15 October 2022

“An Invitation to Pay Attention”; Community Retreat; Downing House Retreat Center; Denver, CO; 10 August 2022

“Considering Texts as Food: Consuming Words & Conviviality in Communal Chorus”; Oxford Food Symposium; video presentation & panel discussion (virtual); 29 July 2022

“‘Taste & See’ (Ps 34:8): Food, Faith, and the Psalms”; Evening lecture; Downing House Retreat Center; Denver, CO; 25 August 2021

“Food and the Poetics of Communal Lament”; SBL Virtual Annual Conference; Panel Presentation in ‘Meals in the HB/OT and Its World’ session; 10 November 2020

“Playing with their Food: An Introduction to the Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Psalter”; Faculty Colloquy; Simpson University; Redding CA; 7 October 2019

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” (Mary Oliver); Convocation Address, Simpson University; Redding CA; 6 September 2019

“Ordinary Songs for the Journey (Psalms 120-134)”; Church Service in collaboration with Dr. Pinkston (on piano); Redding First Church of the Nazarene; Redding CA; 26 August 2018

“Ash Wednesday: A Journey into Lent”; Chapel/Church Experience in collaboration with Drs. Campbell and Pinkston; Simpson University/Redding First Church of the Nazarene; Redding CA; 1 March 2017

“The Psalms Chapel”; Chapel Experience planned in collaboration with my BIBL 4230 Psalms (Fall 2015) students; Simpson University; Redding CA; 27 January 2016

“Ambling Through the Psalms: A Walking Tour of its Landscape and Language”; Redding First Church of the Nazarene; Redding CA; 15 September 2013

“Remember Not to Forget” (Deuteronomy 6:1-12, 20-24); Baccalaureate Address; Simpson University; Redding CA; 26 April 2013

“Welcoming the Strangers in your Midst” (Deuteronomy 10:12-22); Chapel Address; Simpson University; Redding CA; 4 April 2012

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2018-2020	SU Faculty Writing Group, organizer
2015-2020	SU Faculty Development Committee, co-chair and member
2015-2018	SU Endowed Scholarship Committee, faculty representative
2012-2015	SU CORE Integrative Curriculum Committee, member
2008-2011	SU Student Development Leadership Team, faculty representative
2008-2011	SU Bible & Theology Department, acting chair

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

February 2022-	<i>Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology</i> , Research Fellow
Oct 2021-present	<i>Religion & Bible Society of the Rocky Mountain-Great Plains</i> (formerly the regional conference of the AAR/SBL), Volunteer for Program Committee (2021-2023), Board Member (2023-present)

2018-present *Society of Biblical Literature*, Annual Conference Program Unit “Meals in the HB/OT and Its World,” Steering Committee member (2010-12, 2018-20), Co-chair (2020-present)

2008-2020 *Christian Scholars Review*, Campus representative, Simpson University

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Institute for Biblical Research

Society of Biblical Literature

Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical/Theological Research

COMMUNITY SERVICE/MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

May 2023-present *CSA Agriculture Field Volunteer*, Chatfield Farm/Denver Botanic Garden; Denver, CO

Sept 2022-present *Spiritual Director* (remote), Martin Institute, Westmont College; Santa Barbara, CA

June 2021-present *Ministry Retreat Center Host*, Downing House; Denver, CO

2019-2020 *Member*, Simpson University Gospel Choir; Redding, CA

2018-2019 *Co-coordinator*, Attending to the Seasons (quarterly fellowship), Refuge Retreat; Shingletown, CA

2003-2005 *Coordinator*, Graduate School Chapel Program, Wheaton College; Wheaton, IL

summer 2001 *Wilderness Guide Team Leader*, Young Life’s Appalachian Extreme; Canton, NC

Jan 1999-May 2000 *Coordinator*, Young Adult Ministries, Corona Presbyterian Church; Denver, CO

1995-1997 *Full-time Staff*, College & High School Ministry, Young Life; Bryan/College Station, TX

1993-1995 *Part-time Staff*, College Ministry & Missions, First Evangelical Free Church; Austin TX

**summers 1993
1995, 1996** *Volunteer Staff*, Food Manager, Head Cook, Basecamp Coordinator, Young Life’s Wilderness Ranch; Creede, CO

1986-1991 *Volunteer Leader*, High School Ministry, Young Life; Austin, TX