

## REBECCA S. HANCOCK

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### Education

#### Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible, Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations

#### McCormick Theological Seminary

Chicago, IL

Master of Divinity

#### Loyola University Maryland

Baltimore, MD

Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*

### Academic Employment

#### St. Mary's & University, Ecumenical Institute

Baltimore, MD

Associate Dean

2019 – present

Acting Dean

Jan – July 2021

Steering Committee Member, Pathways for Tomorrow Grant

2021 - present

Director, MDiv Partnerships

2018 - present

Core Faculty

2017 – present

Assistant Dean of Student Services

2018 – 2019

Coordinator of Communications, Operations & Students Services

2017 – 2018

Courses: Literature & Theology of the Hebrew Bible; Psalms & Wisdom Literature; Psalms; Jewish-Christian Studies: Creation; Jewish-Christian Studies: Decalogue; Orientation to Biblical Studies; Biblical Hebrew; Prophetic Literature; Eighth-Century Prophets; Pentateuch; Gospels of Matthew & Mark; Christian & Jewish Perspectives on Biblical Theology; Book of Isaiah

### Additional Teaching Experience

#### Loyola University Maryland (Adjunct Faculty)

Courses: Images of God in Scripture

#### Harvard University (Teaching Fellow)

Courses: Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion; Eighth Century Prophets; Introduction to Hebrew Bible: Pentateuch and Former Prophets; Introduction to Ministry Studies; The Contested Bible: The Sacred-Secular Dance; History of the Ancient Near East: Syria-Palestine; Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures; From the Hebrew Bible to Judaism, From Old Testament to Christianity; Job and the Joban Tradition

### Publications

#### Books

*Esther and the Politics of Negotiation: Public and Private Spaces and the Figure of the Female Royal Counselor* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013).

#### Articles

Co-author along with Michael J. Gorman and Rev. Paul A. Maillet, P.S.S., "Teaching Scripture in a Catholic Seminary," *Seminary Journal* 21 (2023): 49–67.

“Advantages and Challenges: Comparative Historical Criticism and Feminist Biblical Studies” in *Feminist Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Retrospect*, vol. 3., (ed. Susanne Scholz; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2016).

“Canon: Hebrew Bible,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible* (ed. Michael D. Coogan; New York: Oxford University Press, 2011) 87–96.

“1 and 2 Samuel,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible* (ed. Michael D. Coogan; New York: Oxford University Press, 2011) 287–385.

#### Editorial Contributions

Contributing Editor for *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Law* (ed. Brent Strawn; New York: Oxford University Press, 2014).

#### Online

EntertheBible.org

See <https://enterthebible.org/hope-for-a-future-flourishing-from-micah>

### **Papers & Presentations**

“The Hebrew Bible Wisdom Tradition” presented to Oxford University Theology Summer School course, *The Wisdom Tradition: Past, Present & Future?* August 2025.

“Praying the Psalms of Lament in Lent” presented to Christ Lutheran Church, March 2025.

“Psalms as a Resource for Faith” presented to St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, March 2024.

“Wisdom Literature” presented to deacon aspirants for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, January 2024.

Moderator for Colloquium on Impact of Fr. Raymond Brown on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, November 2023.

“Psalms” presented to Old St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, November 2023.

“Creation Care and the Bible” presented to St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, February 2023.

“Women and Wisdom in the Bible” presented to St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, March 2022.

“Hopeful News” presented at St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute Theology Town Hall, April 2020.

“Humor in the Bible,” presented to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, May 2019.

“Is Jonah a Joke?” presented to Clergy Roundtable at St. Mary’s Ecumenical Institute, June 2018.

“A Time to Laugh: Humor in Scripture, Faith & Practice” presentation at St. Joseph Parish, November 2018.

“Eighth Century Prophets: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah & Micah” presented to Ascension Lutheran Church, four-part series, Fall 2018.

“Judaism during the Second Temple Period” presented at Loyola University Maryland, November 2015.

“Hope and Expectation in the New Testament and Christian Tradition,” and “The Experience of Exile and Living with Hope,” presented at Church of the Good Shepherd, December 2014.

“Theology in the Psalms,” presented at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, February 3, 2013.

“Speaking to and about God: The Psalms, Poetry, and Theological Discourse,” presented at Chestnut Grove Presbyterian Church, October 2012.

“Song of Songs,” presented at Loyola University Maryland, August 2010.

“Song of Songs in Scholarship and Interpretive Tradition,” presented at Harvard Divinity School, March 2010.

“*Nadītu* Women and Economics in Old Babylonian Period” presented at “Women in the Field: Gender and Research in the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East,” Graduate Student Conference at Harvard University, May 3–4, 2007.

### **Leadership and Service**

ATS Comprehensive Evaluation Team Member	January 2024
Pathways for Tomorrow Annual Grantee Meeting Participant	June 2023-2025
ATS Biennial Attendee	June 2024
Institute for Pastoral Leadership Steering Committee Member	2021 - Present
ATS School for New Deans Participant	December 2019
Dialogue Participant in “Curating Brave Space: A Womanist and Feminist Consultation in Theology & Religion” Wake Forest University	April 2018

### **Fellowships and Awards**

Ecumenical Institute Distinguished Lecturer	2014–2015
Harvard Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2011–2012
Bernadine Orme Smith Fellowship	2004
Nettie F. McCormick Fellowship in Old Testament Hebrew	2004
John Hayes Creighton Fund for Study in the Holy Land	2003
Nettie F. McCormick Award in Old Testament	2003
Floyd V. Filson Prize in New Testament	2002
Nettie F. McCormick Award in Old Testament	2002
Magna Cum Laude	1998
Awarded Honors for History Senior Honors Thesis	1998
Loyola College Honors Program	1994–1998
Presidential Scholar	1994–1998
First Place, Theology Writing Contest for Elective Distinguished Paper	1998
Inducted into Phi Alpha Theta (History Honors Society)	1997
First Place in Theology Writing Contest for Service-Learning Paper	1996

### **Professional Development**

Hybrid Pedagogy Workshop	April 2024
An interactive workshop for faculty who teach combined classes with remote and onsite students, offering strategies for developing a hybrid learning community and increasing engagement to advance student learning offered by Eastern Mennonite University and Learning Forte.	
Midcareer Faculty Intensive	May 2021

A weeklong intensive offered by ATS and Theological Education Between the Times focused on the future of theological education and its importance for midcareer faculty and why getting scholarship into the public square matters.

Translating the Classroom Online

June 2020

Weeklong intensive course offered by ATS providing concrete approaches to embracing online learning through a combination of embodied asynchronicity and strategic synchronicity.

ATS School for New Deans

December 2019

Course designed to inform and nurture development of skills for new deans, acquaint new deans with ATS resources, facilitate connections between academic deans and continue process of formation into vocation of academic deanship.

### **Related Professional Experience**

Harvard Theological Review

*Editorial Assistant*

Cambridge, MA

2006–2010

Tel Beth-Shemesh

*Archaeology Fieldwork Volunteer*

Beth Shemesh

2006

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society of Biblical Literature

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, lay leader