

## **Barry R. Huff**

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### **Education**

Ph.D., Biblical Studies, Union Presbyterian Seminary Concentration: Old Testament Dissertation awarded with distinction: “Dipped in Filth and Clothed in Glory: Job’s Transformation of Priestly Terms, Themes, Texts, and Theologies” Advisor: Samuel E. Balentine Committee Members: Samuel L. Adams, William P. Brown	2017
Th.M., Biblical Studies, Columbia Theological Seminary	2005
M.T.S., Bible, Eden Theological Seminary Major: Old Testament; Minor: New Testament	2005
B.A., with highest honors, Principia College Majors: Religion and Studio Art; Minor: Art History	2002

### **Professional Experience**

Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, Principia College	2019–present
Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Principia College	2008–2019
Biblical Studies Lecturer giving over 300 lectures for over 25 organizations	2000–present

### **Courses Taught**

Old Testament, New Testament, Hebrew Prophets, Wisdom Literature and Psalms, Bible Parables, Paul the Apostle, Biblical Interpretation, The Bible and the Environment, Religion in America, Topics in Religious Studies: Theodicy, Biblical Sites and (Con)texts, Capstone Project, Country Studies: Israel, Palestine, and Jordan

### **Selected Honors and Fellowships**

Teacher of the Year, Principia College	2013, 2019
Dorothy D. Moller Fellowship for Advanced Study, Principia College	2011, 2019–2020
Fellow, Summer Institute for Israel Studies, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University	2018
Recognised Student, Faculty of Theology, University of Oxford	Hilary Term 2008
Walter W. Moore Fellowship, Union Presbyterian Seminary	2005–2007
Honor Graduate Fellowship, Eden Theological Seminary	2005
Patrick D. Miller and August L. Brueggemann Scholarship, Eden Theological Seminary	2003–2004
Mabel Axcy Dominick Bible History Award, Principia College	2001
Phi Alpha Eta, Principia College	2001

## **Selected Publications**

*Seeking Wisdom's Depths and Torah's Heights: Essays in Honor of Samuel E. Balentine*. Edited with Patricia Vesely. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2020.

"Job the Priest: From Scripture to Sculpture." Pages 327–53 in *Seeking Wisdom's Depths and Torah's Heights: Essays in Honor of Samuel E. Balentine*. Edited by Barry R. Huff and Patricia Vesely. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2020.

"The Joban Theophany: A Whirlwind Revelation and Revolution of Tabernacle Terms." In *Texts, Theological Readers, and Their Worlds*. Vol. 2 of *Theology of the Hebrew Bible*. Edited by Soo J. Kim Sweeney, David Frankel, and Marvin A. Sweeney. Resources for Biblical Study. Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming.

"From Societal Scorn to Divine Delight: Job's Transformative Portrayal of Wild Animals." *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 73 (2019): 248–58.

"Mary Baker Eddy: Liberating Interpreter of the Pauline Corpus." Pages 245–58 in *Strangely Familiar: Protofeminist Interpretations of Patriarchal Biblical Texts*. Edited by Nancy Calvert-Kooyis and Heather Weir. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009.

## **Conference Papers**

"Job the Priest: From Scripture to Sculpture." Paper presented to the Bible and Visual Art Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL). San Diego, 2019.

"Stretching Sacred Space: The Cosmic Tabernacle and Holy Peripheries in the Torah and Job." Paper presented to the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section and the Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. San Diego, 2019.

"The Joban Theophany: A Whirlwind Revelation and Revolution of Tabernacle Terms." Paper presented to the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. Boston, 2017.

"Revering Sacred Earth: Ecological Implications of Tabernacle Terms in Job 38–41." Paper presented to the Ecological Hermeneutics Section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. Boston, 2017.

"'You will dip me in filth' (Job 9:31): Job's Subversion of the Priestly Purity System." Paper presented to the Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. Chicago, 2012.

"The Use of Priestly Terms and Transformation of Priestly Theologies in the Prologue of Job." Paper presented to the Hebrew Bible Section at the Annual Meeting of the Central States Region of the SBL. St. Louis, 2012.

"Mary Baker Eddy: Liberating Interpreter of the Pauline Corpus." Paper presented to the Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Consultation at the Annual Meeting of the SBL. San Diego, 2007.

## **Selected Lectures**

Some examples of over 300 biblical studies lectures given across the United States and internationally include:

Lectures on Principia Lifelong Learning Trips to Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Greece, and Turkey.

Webinar Series on Exilic and Postexilic Texts. Principia Alumni and Field Relations. 2020.

Lectures on the Hebrew Bible, Psalms, and the Apostle Paul. Principia Alumni and Field Relations. Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Kansas City, St. Louis, Northern California, and Florida, 2018–2020.

“Job’s Transformation of the Torah and God’s Embrace of the Marginalized.” Academic Dean’s Colloquium at Principia College. Elsah, IL, 2018.

“‘The Earth is the Lord’s’ (Ps 24:1).” Lecture on Ecological Hermeneutics and Sustainability for the Public Affairs Conference on Sustainable Cities at Principia College. Elsah, IL, 2018.

Lectures on the Torah, Prophets, and Wisdom Literature. Tenacre. Princeton, 2017–2018.

Graduate Studies Colloquium at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Richmond, VA, 2007.

Lectures on Psalms, Parables, Paul’s Letters, and Revelation. Higher Ground Bible Conferences. Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, St. Louis, and Tampa, 2004–2006.

Lectures on the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, Lord’s Prayer, and Biblical Sites for Sunday School Teachers and Students. Austin, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Richmond, St. Charles, St. Louis, and Sydney, 2000–2007.

## **Current Service**

Chair, Religious Studies Program, Principia College

Faculty Council and Faculty Leadership Team, Principia College

Joint Action and Advocacy for Justice and Peace Convening Table, National Council of Churches

Member, Ecumenical Team, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, MA

Member, Cultural Competence Committee, Principia College

Biblical Studies Consultant, Multiple Organizations

Faculty, Principia Lifelong Learning

## **Selected Prior Service**

Chair, Religious Studies and Philosophy Department, Principia College

Director, Israel, Palestine, and Jordan Abroad, Principia College

Moderator, Theta Alpha Kappa Chapter, Principia College

Captain, Principia College Team, St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk

## **Professional Memberships**

Society of Biblical Literature

Theta Alpha Kappa