

Faculty of Theology
Saint Paul University

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CURRICULUM VITAE

a) NAME

JOHNSON, Sarah Kathleen, Assistant Professor, tenure-track
Member of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies
Director of Undergraduate Studies (BA, MTS, MDiv)
Director of Anglican Studies

b) DEGREES

Ph.D., Theology, University of Notre Dame, USA, 2021
M.A.R., Liturgical Studies, Yale Divinity School, USA, 2010
M.T.S., Theology, University of Waterloo/Conrad Grebel University College, Canada, 2008
B.A., Religious Studies, University of Waterloo/St. Jerome's University, Canada, 2007

c) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2022-	Assistant Professor of Liturgy and Pastoral Theology, Saint Paul University
2021-2022	Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology and Worship and Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow, Vancouver School of Theology and St. Mark's College at the University of British Columbia
2021	Instructor of Record, University of Notre Dame

d) ACADEMIC HONOURS

2026	Visiting Research Fellow, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit
2026	Resident Scholar, Collegeville Institute
2025	Honorary Canon, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
2024-2025	Early Career Theological School Faculty Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
2022-2023	Louisville Institute Scholar, Louisville Institute
2021-2022	Postdoctoral Fellowship, Louisville Institute
2018-2021	Visiting Fellowship, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto
2017-2021	Graduate Affiliate, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame
2015-2020	Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2020	Distinguished Alumni Service Award, Conrad Grebel University College
2020	A. James Reimer Award, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre
2019	Julian Gwyn Essay Prize in Baptist and Anabaptist History and Thought, Acadia Centre for Baptist and Anabaptist Studies

2019	A. James Reimer Award, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre
2016-2018	Doctoral Fellowship, Louisville Institute
2018	Mary Ellen Konieczny Award for the Best Graduate Student Sociology of Religion Paper, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame
2017	Emerging Scholars Forum Winner with Carl Bear, Hymn Society in the United States and Canada
2007-2008	J. Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

e) SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Project Direction:

2024-	Co-Principal Investigator, Young People and Christian Worship: Experiences, Stories and Values, with Nelson Cowan and Emily Snider Andrews
2024-	Founder and Coordinator, Qualitative Methods in Liturgical Studies Workshop, Saint Paul University
2024-	Coeditor, winter 2026 issue of <i>Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology</i> on “Decolonial Discipleship as an Intercultural Church,” with Pablo Kim
2023-	Co-Project Director, Anabaptist CCLI Top 100 and Beyond Project, with Emily Ralph Servant and Anneli Loepp Thiessen
2018-2021	Founder and Coordinator, Notre Dame Theology and Ethnography Group
2017-2020	Editor, <i>Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition</i> , MennoMedia/Mennonite Church Canada/Mennonite Church USA
2016-2020	Worship Resources Editor and Editorial Team Member, <i>Voices Together</i> , MennoMedia/Mennonite Church Canada/Mennonite Church USA

Service to the University:

2024-	Member, Senate of the University of Ottawa
2024-	Secretary, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University
2023-	Director of Undergraduate Studies (BA, MTS, MDiv), Saint Paul University
2023-	Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Saint Paul University
2023-	Member, Senate of Saint Paul University
2023-	Board Member, Centre for Religious Education and Catechesis, Saint Paul University
2023	Coordinator, New Developments in Israel-Palestine and the Role of The Churches, panel discussion featuring national leaders in the Anglican, Lutheran, United, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic traditions, Saint Paul University
2022-	Director of Anglican Studies, Saint Paul University
2022-	Member, Heads of Anglican and Lutheran Schools in Canada
2022-	Member, Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education, Anglican Church of Canada
2022-	Member, Anglican Studies Advisory Committee, Saint Paul University
2022-	Member, Program and Curriculum Committee, Faculty of Theology, Saint Paul University
2022-2023	Director of the MDiv and MTS Programs, Saint Paul University
2021-2022	Member, Worship and Spiritual Life Committee, Vancouver School of Theology

2021-2022 Member, Research Studies Committee, Vancouver School of Theology

Service to the Academy—Publishing:

2025- Member, Editorial Board, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*
 2025- Member, Board of Directors, The Liturgical Conference (*Liturgy*)
 2024- Member, Editorial Board, *Anglican Theological Review*
 2023- Member, Editorial Board, *Studia Liturgica*
 2022- Member, Editorial Council, *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*
 2017- Peer-Reviewer, *Conrad Grebel Review*, *Studia Liturgica*, *Anabaptist Witness*, *Religions*, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, *De Gruyter Brill*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Yearbook for Ritual and Liturgical Studies*

Service to the Academy—Professional Organizations:

2025- Member-at-Large, Council, Societas Liturgica
 2025- Member, Organizing Committee, Liturgy and the Senses: A Fellowship of Scholars
 2025- Delegate for Seminars and Member of the Academy Committee, North American Academy of Liturgy
 2021- Member, Ecclesial Practices Unit Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion
 2024-2025 Convenor, Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy
 2024-2025 Past-President, Canadian Theological Society
 2023-2024 President, Canadian Theological Society
 2023-2024 Member, Membership Committee, North American Academy of Liturgy
 2022-2023 Vice President and President-Elect, Canadian Theological Society
 2019-2022 Convenor, Free Church Traditions Pre-Meeting, North American Academy of Liturgy
 2019-2022 Local Committee Member, Societas Liturgica Congress at Notre Dame

Service to the Church:

2025- Member, Transformation Task Force, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada
 2024- Mennonite Co-Chair, Anglican Church of Canada–Mennonite Church Canada Ecumenical Dialogue
 2024- Canadian Representative of the Consultation on Common Texts, English Language Liturgical Consultation
 2023- Member, *Together in Worship* Leadership Team (website)
 2022- Ordination, Mennonite Church Canada
 2020- Consultant, Anabaptist Worship Network
 2019- Mennonite Representative, Consultation on Common Texts (Revised Common Lectionary)
 2024 Liturgical Consultant, Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
 2023-2025 Member, Primate's Commission—Reimagining the Church: Proclaiming the Gospel in the 21st Century, Structures and Resources, Anglican Church of Canada
 2022-2024 Adjunct Consulting Team Member, *Cast the Net* Strategic Visioning Process, Anglican Diocese of Toronto
 2018-2023 Chair, *Together in Worship* Leadership Team (website)

Professional Experience:

2020	Supervisor, Undergraduate Practicum, Canadian Mennonite University (one student)
2019-2020	Supervisor, Supervised Experience in Ministry, Conrad Grebel University College (five students)
2018-2019	Worship Resources Developer, MennoMedia/Mennonite Church Eastern Canada
2014-2015	Social Media Communications Officer, Government of Canada
2010-2013	Associate Minister, Ottawa Mennonite Church
2009-2010	Samuel Slie Fellow, University Church in Yale

Professional Development:

2023	Certificate in Leadership Excellence, Sauder School of Business at the University of British Columbia
2021	Pedagogical Practicum on Theology and Race, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
2020-2021	Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate, Kaneb Center, University of Notre Dame
2020	Certificate in Online College Teaching, Kaneb Center, University of Notre Dame
2019-2020	Theological Pedagogy Workshops, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
2009	Clinical Pastoral Education, Bethany Village Retirement Center (1 unit)

f) GRADUATE SUPERVISIONS

Supervisor:

Completed: 1 M.A.; in progress: 3 Ph.D.

Ph.D.

1. Turner, Mykayla. "Reckoning With Rural: A Qualitative Study of Ecumenical Worship in Rural Canadian Communities," September 2024-
2. Sorensen, Erik. "Ritualizing Reconciliation: Catholic Liturgy in the Canadian Settler-Colonial Context," September 2023-
3. Zentner-Barrett, Joshua. "Unmasking Coloniality in Canadian Anglican Liturgy," September 2022-

M.A.

1. Nwizu, Francis. "The Relevance of the Life and Spirituality of Saint Francis for Alleviating the Problem of Pastoral Insensitivity in the Ministry of Catholic Priests in Nigeria," completed May 2023

Committee Member:

Completed: 1 M.A.; in progress: 1 Ph.D.

Ph.D.

1. Candy, Alice. "She Who Could Be: The Doctrine of Deification as a Resource for Reconstructive Feminist Theologies," September 2024-

M.A.

1. Vincent, Xavier Chingamthara. "An Ethnographic Exploration of Two Catholic Communities: Thriving through Unique Parish Cultures," completed April 2025

UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISIONS

Supervisor:

Completed: 2 M.Div.; in progress: 1 M.Div.

M.Div.

1. Scromeda, Charlie. "The Liturgical Experiences of Transgender Anglicans and Families," in progress 2025
2. McBride, Karen. "A Time of Prayer Resource Kit for Contextual Mission and New Worshipping Communities," completed 2024
3. Argot, Rebecca. "Reflection on the Federation of North American Explorers' Spirituality alongside Laudato si'," completed 2024

Second Reader:

Completed: 4 M.Div.; 2 M.T.S.

M.Div.

1. Ogbechi, Victor. "Society of St. Vincent de Paul Integration Project," completed 2025
2. Charles, Tracy. "'Who do you say that I am?': An Intimate Chronicle of Three Sermons on the Journey of Personal Transformation, Faith, Resiliency, and Call to Ministry," completed 2024
3. Ghafari, Paul. "Revival and Renewal: Exploring Your Inner Monk—An Introduction to the Syriac and Maronite World," completed 2024
4. Sun, Wei Dong. "Planting a Chinese Church in Gatineau," completed 2024

M.T.S.

1. Kingston, Elizabeth. "Indigenous Mission—A Circle of Reconciliation," completed 2025
2. Stephenson, Kathleen. "Twelve Years at Saint Paul University: A Series of Homilies," completed 2024

g) COURSES

Saint Paul University:

2025	THO 6301 Special Topics: Sociological Perspectives on Christian Community
2025	THO 4161 Sociological Perspectives on Christian Community
2025	THO 3170 Proclaiming the Word of God in the Liturgy
2025	THO 8311 Directed Readings: Modern Liturgical History: Eucharist and Ecumenism
2024	THO 3171 Introduction to Ministry
2024	THO 8311 Directed Readings: Qualitative Theological Methods
2024	THO 6334 Issues and Debates in Contemporary Ethics: Liturgy and Ethics in Times of Crisis

2024	THO 3169 Liturgy and Experience: An Introduction to Christian Worship
2023	THO 8311 Directed Readings: Indigenous Christian Liturgical Theology in Context
2023	THO 4161 Sociological Perspectives on Christian Community
2022	THO 3171 Introduction to Pastoral Practice I

Vancouver School of Theology:

2022	From Smoke Machines and Livestreams to Lectionaries and the Latin Mass: Transformations of Christian Worship in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries
2022	Theologies and Practices of Music in Christian Worship

St. Mark's College:

2021-2022	Theology and Culture BA Seminar in Faith Formation
2021	World Religions

University of Notre Dame:

2021	Foundations of Theology: Biblical/Historical
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As a Teaching Assistant at the University of Notre Dame:

2018	Sacramental Theology
2017	Holy Communion and Christian Disunity

h) EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Year	Source	Type*	Annual Amount	Purpose**
2026	Collegeville Institute Kilian McDonnell Fellowship	F	\$2,000 USD + four months of housing	Residency at the Collegeville Institute to write a book
2025-2026	Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Teacher- Scholar Grant	F	\$25,000 USD	Research on ritual responses to crisis
2025	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion	F	\$5,000 USD	Liberative Pedagogies and Qualitative Theological Methods
2024-2025	Baylor University Future Church Project	F	\$16,000 USD	Research on Young People and Christian Worship
2024	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion	F	\$3,000 USD	Participation in the Early Career Theological Faculty Hybrid Teaching and Learning Workshop on Craft in the Teaching Life

2023-2024	Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Vital Worship, Vital Preaching Grant	F	\$17,000 USD	Develop an on-campus meal-based ecumenical worship gathering
2022-2023	Louisville Institute Scholarship	F	\$7,000 USD	Participation in the Vocation of the Theological Educator gatherings and mentoring structures
2021-2023	Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship	F	\$61,000 CAD annually for two years (declined second year to accept position at Saint Paul University)	Participation in the Vocation of the Theological Educator Postdoctoral Fellowship
2018-2021	Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Visiting Fellowship	O	\$0 CAD, access to University of Toronto libraries and resources	Research - Academic affiliation while conducting ethnographic research in Toronto
2015-2020	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship	C	\$20,000 CAD annually for four years	Research
2020	Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre A. James Reimer Award	O	\$5,000 CAD	Research
2019	Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre A. James Reimer Award	O	\$10,000 CAD	Research
2019	Societas Liturgica Scholarship	O	\$1,000 USD	Travel
2018-2019	Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Legacy Initiatives Fund Grant	F	Not public	Development of worship resources through funding a full-time position for one year
2018	North American Academy of Liturgy Full Scholarship	O	\$375 USD	Travel
2018	Austin C. Lovelace Scholarship, Hymn Society in the United States and Canada	O	\$600 USD	Travel
2016-2018	Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellowship	F	\$2,000 USD annually for two years	Participation in the Vocation of the Theological Educator Doctoral Fellowship
2017	SSSR Student Travel Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion	O	\$600 USD	Travel

2017	Societas Liturgica Scholarship	O	\$1,750 USD	Travel
2015	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship	C	\$35,000 CAD annually for three years (declined to attend University of Notre Dame)	Research
2007-2008	SSHRC J. Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's	C	\$17,500 CAD annually for one year	Research

*Type: C-Granting councils; G-Government; F-Foundations; O-Other

** Purpose: research, travel, publication, etc.

INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Year	Source	Amount	Purpose**
2025	Glasmacher Scholarly Conference Grant, Saint Paul University	\$1,750 CAD	Travel
2025	Glasmacher Scholarly Conference Grant, Saint Paul University	\$1,500 CAD	Travel
2024	SSHRC Institutional Grant, Saint Paul University	\$5,000 CAD	Research
2023	Glasmacher Research Grant, Saint Paul University	\$5,000 CAD	Research
2023	SSHRC Exchange Grant, Saint Paul University	\$1,750 CAD	Travel
2023	SSHRC Explore Grant, Saint Paul University	\$2,000 CAD	Publication
2022	SSHRC Exchange Grant, Saint Paul University	\$1,000 CAD	Travel
2019	Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame	\$3,000 USD	Research
2019	Research Funding Award, Center for Liturgy, University of Notre Dame	\$500 USD	Research
2019	Research Funding Award, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, University of Notre Dame	\$1,500 USD	Research
2017	Graduate Professional Development Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame	\$1,500 USD	Travel

2007-2008	President's Graduate Scholarship, University of Waterloo	\$10,000 CAD annually for one year	Research
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i) PUBLICATIONS

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2) Details

Books Authored:

1. *Occasional Religious Practice: Valuing a Very Ordinary Religious Experience*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025.
2. *Youth Worship Sourcebook*. Scottdale: Mennonite Publishing Network, 2009.

Books Edited:

1. **Johnson, Sarah Kathleen**, and Andrew Wymer, eds. *Worship and Power: Liturgical Authority in Free Church Traditions*. Worship and Witness Series, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Eugene: Cascade, 2023.
2. *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*. Harrisonburg: MennoMedia, 2020.
3. Kauffman, Bradley, Benjamin Bergey, **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**, Adam M. L. Tice, eds. *Voices Together*. Harrisonburg: MennoMedia, 2020.

Papers in Refereed Journals:

1. **Johnson, Sarah Kathleen**, Audrey Seah, and Erik Sorensen. "The Cow and the Canoe: Ritual Responses to Crisis in Rwanda and Canada." *Journal of Global Catholicism* 9.3 (2025): 30-77.
2. "Evolving Liturgy and Enduring Hybridity: An Ecumenical Ethnographic Study of Four Pandemic Holy Weeks." *Ecclesial Practices* 11.2 (2024): 107-127.
3. **Johnson, Sarah Kathleen**, and Nathan Chase. "Occasional Religious Practice in Early Christianity." *Questions Liturgiques* 104.3-4 (2024): 129-154.

4. "Looking and Listening for Lived Theologies of Truth and Reconciliation: Learning from a Diffuse Art Installation in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa." *Toronto Journal of Theology* 40.2 (2024): 176-192.
5. Graber, Katie, Anneli Loepp Thiessen, and **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**. "Centring Relationship: The Necessity and Complexity of Worshiping with Songs and Prayers with Connections to Indigenous Communities." *Conrad Grebel Review* 41.1 (2023): 18-52.
6. **Johnson, Sarah Kathleen**, and Anneli Loepp Thiessen. "Contemporary Worship Music as an Ecumenical Liturgical Movement." *Worship* 97 (2023): 204-229.
7. "Free Church Worship: Renewed from Within and Beyond." *Liturgy* 37.4 (2022): 40-46.
8. "Crisis, Solidarity, and Ritual in Religiously Diverse Settings: A Unitarian Universalist Case Study." *Religions* 13.7 (2022): 614. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13070614>
9. **Johnson, Sarah Kathleen**, and Adam M. L. Tice. "Our Journey with Just and Faithful Language: The Story of a Twenty-First-Century Mennonite Hymnal." *The Hymn* 73.2 (Spring 2022): 17-27.
10. "Online Communion, Christian Community, and Receptive Ecumenism: A Holy Week Ethnography during COVID-19." *Studia Liturgica* 50.2 (2020): 188-210.
11. "Hubmaier's Milk Pail: Anabaptist Baptism, Rituals of Resistance, and Liturgical Authority." *Worship* 93 (October 2019): 300-322.
12. "Poured Out: A Kenotic Approach to Initiating Children at a Distance from the Church." *Studia Liturgica* 49.2 (2019): 175-194.
13. "Trinitarian Worship for a Radical Church?" invited response to John D. Rempel, "An Impossible Task: Trinitarian Theology for a Radical Church?" *Conrad Grebel Review* 37.2 (2019): 171-179.
14. "On Our Knees: Christian Ritual in Residential Schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada." *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 47.1 (March 2018): 3-24.
15. Bear, Carl, and **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**. "Medieval Hymns on Modern Lips: An Analysis of Medieval Texts and Tunes in Twenty-First-Century Protestant Hymnals." *The Hymn* 69.1 (Winter 2018): 10-16.
16. "Meeting Mystery in Mennonite Worship: Presence as Absence Empowers Ethics." *Worship* 84.3 (May 2010): 253-274.
17. "The 'Shared Convictions' of Mennonite World Conference in Developmental Context and Ecumenical, Anabaptist, and Global Perspective." *Conrad Grebel Review* 27.1 (Winter 2009): 36-56.

Papers in Other Journals:

1. "Exploring an Ecumenical Feast of Creation: A Free Church Perspective and Attending to the Experience of Ordinary Worshipers." *Proceedings of the North American Academy of Liturgy* (2025): 23-27.
2. "Tradition and Hope: A Mennonite Chain of Memory." *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* 25.1 (2024): 14-20.
3. "The Problem of Mennonite Worship Leadership becoming 'Women's Work.'" *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* 23.1 (Spring 2022): 23-32.
4. Bear, Carl, and **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**. "Singing with the Early and Medieval Church through *Voices Together*," *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* 23.1 (Spring 2022): 75-84.

Chapters in Refereed Books:

1. "Domination, Resistance, Solidarity: An Analysis of Power in the Making of a Mennonite Worship Book." In *Worship and Power: Liturgical Authority in Free Church Traditions*, ed. Sarah Kathleen Johnson and Andrew Wymer (Eugene: Cascade, 2023), 75-95.
2. **Johnson, Sarah Kathleen**, and Andrew Wymer. "Introduction: Liturgical Authority in Free Church Traditions," In *Worship and Power: Liturgical Authority in Free Church Traditions*, ed. Sarah Kathleen Johnson and Andrew Wymer (Eugene: Cascade, 2023), 1-24.

Book Reviews:

1. Review of *A History of Contemporary Praise & Worship* by Lester Ruth and Lim Swee Hong. *Worship* 97 (April 2023): 178-180.
2. Review of *Elements of Ritual and Violence* by Margo Kitts. *Homiletic* 44.1 (2019): 59-60.
3. Review of *Congregational Music, Conflict and Community* by Jonathan Dueck. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 92.3 (July 2018): 468-470.
4. Review of *Evangelical versus Liturgical? Defying a Dichotomy* by Melanie Ross. *Conrad Grebel Review* 35.4 (Winter 2018): 92-94.

Papers Presented at Academic Conferences:

1. "Young People and Christian Worship: Beyond Transactional Engagement," with Nelson Cowan and Emily Snider Andrews, Ritual Studies Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts, 2025.
2. Respondent, Book Panel: *Occasional Religious Practice: Valuing a Very Ordinary Religious Experience*, with Joel Thiessen, Gerardo Marti, and Audrey Seah, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2025.
3. "Does the Battle Belong? Complexifying Anabaptist Approaches to Violent Language in Contemporary Worship Music" with Anneli Loepp Thiessen and Mykayla Turner, Christian Congregational Music Conference, Oxford, England, 2025.
4. "Embodiment and Affect in Roman Catholic and Evangelical Liturgical Practice," contribution to a panel on Young People and Christian Worship: Seeing the Liturgical Assembly through the Eyes of Teenagers and Emerging Adults, Societas Liturgica, Paris, France, 2025.
5. "Visual Theology in the Classroom," contribution to a panel on Visual Approaches to Qualitative Research in Theology, Canadian Theological Society, Toronto, Ontario, 2025.
6. Respondent, Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable: *Occasional Religious Practice: Valuing a Very Ordinary Religious Experience*, with Rachel Brown, Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, Stuart Macdonald, and Brian Clarke, Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Toronto, Ontario, 2025.
7. "Germinal Ritual: Can Liturgical Practices Seed Social Transformation?" with Joshua Zentner-Barrett, Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies Seminar and Liturgy and Cultures Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Valparaiso, Indiana 2025.
8. "Understanding Young Worshipers through Mixed-Methods Research: Introducing the Young People and Christian Worship (YPCW) Study" with Nelson Cowan and Emily Snider Andrews, Contemporary and Alternative Worship Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Valparaiso, Indiana 2025.
9. "Young People and Christian Worship: Free Church Connections" with Emily Snider Andrews, Free Church Traditions Meeting, North American Academy of Liturgy, Valparaiso, Indiana 2025.

10. "Young People and Liturgical Renewal in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto: Perspectives on Ecclesiology and Mission from the Pews," Anglican Studies Seminar, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, 2024.
11. "Germinal Ritual and Reconciliation: A Visual Ethnography of a Diffuse Art Installation in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto," with Joshua Zentner-Barrett, North American Academy of Ecumenists, Toronto, Ontario, 2024.
12. "Exploring the Influence of Free Church Worship on the So-Called 'Great Tradition' of Christian Liturgy," Free Church Traditions Meeting, North American Academy of Liturgy, Seattle, Washington, 2024.
13. "'What Feather?': The Possibilities and Limitations of an Art Installation for Contributing to Truthtelling and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Anglican Congregations in Canada," with Joshua Zentner-Barrett, Ecclesial Practices Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, 2023.
14. "Evolving Practices of Online Communion in Ecumenical Perspective: An Ethnographic Study of Four Pandemic Holy Weeks," Societas Liturgica, Maynooth, Ireland, 2023.
15. "Hope, Hopelessness and a Heating Planet: Responding (In)effectively to the Ecological Crisis in Song," roundtable presentation, Christian Congregational Music Conference, Oxford, England, 2023.
16. "Introducing *Voices Together*," with Carl Bear, Music Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Kansas City, Missouri, 2022.
17. "Online Communion, Christian Community, and Receptive Ecumenism: A Holy Week Ethnography during COVID-19—Returning One Year Later," Ecclesial Practices Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, 2021.
18. "Bridging the Divides Between Religion and Nonreligion in Canada," Canadian Theological Society, online, 2021.
19. "Occasional Religious Practice and the Liturgical Arts," Societas Liturgica, online, 2021.
20. "Occasional Religious Practice and Congregational Singing," Christian Congregational Music Conference, online, 2021.
21. "Singing Welcome with *Voices Together*," with Anneli Loepp-Thiessen and Adam M. L. Tice, Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, online, 2021.
22. "Online Communion, Christian Community, and Receptive Ecumenism: A Holy Week Ethnography during COVID-19," Emerging Scholars Symposium, North American Academy of Liturgy, online, 2021.
23. "Religion as Practice, Ethnography as Theology, and Dialogue between Sociology of Religion and Liturgical Studies," Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Atlanta, Georgia, 2020.
24. "The Power of *Voices Together*: Liturgical Authority and the Making of a Mennonite Worship Book," Free Church Traditions Pre-Meeting, North American Academy of Liturgy, Atlanta, Georgia, 2020.
25. "Occasional Religious Participation: A Congregational Level Analysis," with David Sikkink, Sociology of Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, 2019.
26. "Religion as Practice, Ethnography as Theology, and Dialogue between Sociology of Religion and Liturgical Studies," panel on "Theology and Sociology: #RelationshipGoals," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, Missouri, 2019.

27. "Occasional Religiosity: The Case of Participation in Anglican Religious Practices in Toronto, Canada," European Sociological Association, Manchester, England, 2019.
28. "Case Study: Using 360 Photos to Teach Liturgical History," contribution to a presentation by Carl F. Bear, "Remembering in 360 Degrees: Immersive Technology and the Study of Liturgy," Societas Liturgica, Durham, England, 2019.
29. "Remembering Prominent Torontonians: Anglican Funerals at the Cathedral Church of St James and the Roles of Christian Ritual in an Increasingly Nonreligious and Religiously Diverse Canada," Societas Liturgica, Durham, England, 2019.
30. "Occasional Religiosity and Liturgical Theology: The Case of Participation in Anglican Religious Practices in Toronto," Ecclesiology and Ethnography Canada, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 2019.
31. "Beyond Inclusive Language for Humanity and Expansive Language for God: Exploring Questions of Worship and Gender in *Voices Together*," Women Doing Theology, Elkhart, Indiana, 2018.
32. "How 'Thoughts and Prayers' Matter: Christian Ritual Repertoire and Official Memorial Events Following Mass Shootings in the United States," Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Vancouver, British Columbia, 2018.
33. "Listening for Harmony and Dissonance in Overlapping Ritual Systems," Ritual Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts, 2017.
34. "Rest in Ambiguity: Unitarian Universalist Ritual Responses to Death," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC, 2017.
35. "Initiating Children at a Distance from the Church: Pastoral Realities and Theological Questions," Societas Liturgica, Leuven, Belgium, 2017.
36. "Medieval Hymns on Modern Lips: An Analysis of Medieval Texts and Tunes in Twenty-First-Century Protestant Hymnals," with Carl Bear, Emerging Scholars Forum, Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, Waterloo, Ontario, 2017.
37. "The Ritualization of the Ordinary: Sharing Joys and Concerns at First Unitarian Church," contributed to a roundtable discussion of the work of Anthony Pinn, Critical Theories and Liturgical Studies Seminar, North American Academy of Liturgy, Washington, DC, 2017.
38. "Trusted Structures, Shared Stories, Embodied Symbols: Interaction Ritual Fosters Solidarity in a Theologically Diverse Unitarian Universalist Church," Chicago / Notre Dame Graduate Conference on Theology, Ethics, and the Death of God, University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, 2016.
39. "Clerical Perspectives on Initiating Children at a Distance from the Church," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle, Washington, 2016.
40. "The Political Theology of *Hymnal: A Worship Book*," Sound in the Lands Conference, Waterloo, Ontario, 2009.

Invited Papers Presented at Academic Conferences:

1. "The Feast's Title: Christological or Trinitarian? – A Free Church Perspective," The Nicaea Centenary and Creation Day: Second Ecumenical Conference about the New Liturgical Feast, Assisi, Italy, 2025.
2. "Embracing Baptism as an Occasional Religious Practice," keynote address, Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2025.
3. "Congregational Song in a Changing Canadian Religious Landscape: Fact Checking and Future Directions," Sacred Threads: A Mosaic of Congregational Song, Guelph, Ontario, 2025.

4. "Feast of Creation," plenary panel, North American Academy of Liturgy, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2025.
5. "Listening for Lived Theologies of Truth and Reconciliation," Presidential Address, Canadian Theological Society, Montreal, Quebec, 2024.
6. "Occasional Religious Practice in a Consumer Culture," keynote address, Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2024.
7. "The Cow and the Canoe: Ritual Responses to Crisis in Rwanda and Canada," with Audrey Seah and Erik Sorensen, 30 Years Beyond the Genocide: Lessons for the Global Church, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, 2024.
8. "Sing the Peace God Imagines: A Festival from *Voices Together*," with Adam M. L. Tice, Bradley Kauffman, and Anneli Loepp Thiessen, evening hymn festival, annual conference of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada, Washington, DC, 2022.
9. "Hope, Despair, Lament in Song and Prayer," 90-minute plenary hymn festival, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference, online, 2021.
10. "Introducing *Voices Together*," with Carl Bear, Anneli Loepp-Thiessen, and Katie Graber, 90-minute plenary session, Christian Congregational Music Conference, online, 2021.
11. "Mennonite Worship Resources for Baptism in Ecumenical Perspective," contribution to "One Baptism? A Symposium on Baptism and the Christian Life," a response to the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Mennonite Trilateral Dialogue on Baptism, Waterloo, Ontario, 2019.
12. "Shaping the Sung Theology of Future Anabaptists," 90-minute plenary workshop, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference, Toronto, Ontario, 2018.

Academic Workshops and Seminars:

1. "Emotion, Embodiment, and Affect in Evangelical and Roman Catholic Worship," Liturgy Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2025.
2. "Crisis, Solidarity, and Ritual in Religiously Diverse Settings: A Unitarian Universalist Case Study," Research Colloquium, Vancouver School of Theology, online, 2022.
3. "The Implications of Occasional Religious Practice for Christian Ministry: An Ethnographic Liturgical Theology in a Changing Religious Landscape," Scholars Forum, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre at the Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, Ontario, 2021.
4. "Doing Theology with Occasional Religious Practitioners," Scholars Forum, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre at the Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, Ontario, 2021.
5. "Ritual Systems and Occasional Practice: Selective Participation and Productive Overlaps," Liturgy Seminar, Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, Ontario, 2020.
6. "*Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*—How can 180 pages best support leaders in shaping intentional, contextual, and theologically Anabaptist worship?" Scholars Forum, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre at the Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, Ontario, 2018.

Podcast Appearances

1. "Recognizing the Diversity of Ways People Relate to Religion," Rhythms of Faith, University of Notre Dame, 2025.
2. "Contemporary Worship Music as an Ecumenical Liturgical Movement," Worship Nerds with Adam Perez, posted May 28, 2024.
3. "Sarah Kathleen Johnson and Andrew Wymer on *Worship and Power*," Public Worship and

Christian Life, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, posted December 28, 2023.

4. "Conversation with Sarah Kathleen Johnson and Anneli Loepp Thiessen on 'Contemporary Worship Music as an Ecumenical Liturgical Movement,'" Jolly Thoughts Pod with Marc Jolicoeur, posted October 16, 2023.

Selected Presentations for a General Audience:

1. "Understanding and Valuing Occasional Religious Practice," John Albert Hall Lecture, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, 2025.
2. "Occasional Religious Practice and Grassroots Ecumenism," Public Lecture and Discussion, Centre for Christian Engagement, St. Mark's College, Vancouver, British Columbia, 2025.
3. "Three Reflections: Truth and Reconciliation, Young People, and Theological Education for the Church," Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Synod, Ottawa, Ontario, 2025.
4. "Introducing the *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*," plenary address, Mennonite Church Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 2024.
5. "Introducing the *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*," plenary address, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Baden, Ontario, 2023.
6. "Liturgical Renewal from the Margins," three lecture series for Clergy Conference, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, Mount Gabriel, Quebec, 2023.
7. Laurelville Music and Worship Leaders Retreat, resource person, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, 2023.
8. "Congregational Singing Today" and "Singing Justice," public lectures, Church Music Ministry of Canada, online, 2022.
9. Pacific Northwest *Voices Together* Launch Events, Mennonite Church British Columbia and Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference, Abbotsford, British Columbia and Portland, Oregon, 2022.
10. "'Really good Christians—they go Easter and Christmas': Understanding Occasional Religious Practice," public lecture, Centre for Christian Engagement at St. Mark's College, Vancouver, British Columbia, 2021.
11. "Do You Hear What I Hear? Singing Our Faith from Advent to Christmas," pastoral leader lunch, Centre for Missional Leadership, St. Andrew's Hall, 2021.
12. "*Voices Together* Visual Art Exhibition Opening," panelist, Fall Convocation, Bethel College, online, 2021.
13. "Voices Together: Hope and Joy for the Journey," chapel address, *Voices Together* Dedication and Distinguished Alumni Service Award presentation, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario, 2021.
14. "Tradition and Hope: A Mennonite Chain of Memory," keynote address, 75th Anniversary of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario, 2020.
15. Laurelville Music and Worship Leaders Retreat, resource person, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, 2019.
16. Regional Worship Services and Resourcing Weekend, guest speaker, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 2019.
17. Faith and Life Forum, guest speaker, Mountain States Mennonite Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2019.
18. Youth Retreat and Junior Youth Retreat, guest speaker, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Sauble Beach, Ontario, 2019.

19. Leamington Mennonite Music and Worship Workshop, guest speaker, Leamington, Ontario, 2019.
20. “*Voices Together: Prepare the Way*” Resourcing Day and Hymn Sing, guest speaker, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, St. Jacob’s, Ontario, 2018.

Selected Workshops for a General Audience:

1. Workshop Leader, “Qualitative Research for Congregational Leaders,” Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2025.
2. Workshop Leader, “Contemporary Worship Music as an Ecumenical Liturgical Movement,” Institute of Liturgical Studies, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2024.
3. Workshop Leader, “Exploring Hybrid Worship,” Faith Mennonite Church, Leamington, 2024.
4. Workshop Leader, “Singing Justice,” with Carl Bear, *You Are Leaven: Fermenting Cultures of Spiritual Formation*, Anglican Church of Canada, 2024.
5. Instructor, Anabaptist Learning Workshop, Conrad Grebel University College, “Worship Clinic: Communion” (continuing education), 2019.
6. Workshop Leader, “Introducing *Together in Worship*—An Online Worship Resource,” Pastors and Leaders Week, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2020.
7. Workshop Leader, “Just Words? Choosing and Changing the Words We Sing and Pray,” Ontario Mennonite Music Camp, 2018.
8. Workshop Leader, “Choosing Words for Worship for the Future Church,” Pastors and Leaders Week, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2018.

Selected Publications for a General Audience:

1. “Harmony and Dissonance: The Lived Liturgical Experience of Non-Catholic Participants in the Roman Catholic Mass.” *Political Theology Network: Catholic Re-Visions*. September 26, 2025.
2. Graber, Katie, **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**, and Anneli Loepp Thiessen. *Guide to Songs and Resources in Voices Together with Connections to Indigenous Communities in Canada and the United States*. Harrisonburg: MennoMedia, 2023. Available for download.
3. *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition Curriculum*. Harrisonburg: MennoMedia, 2021. Available for download.
4. **Johnson, Sarah Kathleen** and SaeJin Lee. “The Story of Visual Art in *Voices Together*.” Preface to the *Voices Together* Visual Art Exhibition Catalog, 2021.
5. Graber, Katie, **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**, and Adam M. L. Tice. *Expansive Language in Voices Together: Gendered Images of God*. Harrisonburg: MennoMedia, 2020. Available for download.
6. Bergey, Benjamin, **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**, Anneli Loepp Thiessen, and Darryl Neustaedter Barg. *Guide to Contemporary Worship Music in Voices Together*. Harrisonburg: MennoMedia, 2021. Available for download.
7. Contributor, *Menno Snapshots Blog*, Mennonite Church USA, 2019-2021.
8. Scarsella, Hilary Jerome, Carolyn Heggen, Katie Graber, Anneli Loepp Thiessen, **Sarah Kathleen Johnson**, and Bradley Kauffman. *Show Strength: How to Respond When Worship Materials Are Implicated in Abuse*. Harrisonburg: MennoMedia, 2020. Available for download.
9. “Voices Together: Different Gifts but the Same Spirit—Dedication Resources.” *Leader* 18.1 (Fall 2020).
10. “We Are All Worship Leaders.” *Leader* 18.1 (Fall 2020).

Selected Liturgical Leadership:

1. Project Director, six meal-based ecumenical liturgies, “Remembering Those We Love and See No Longer—All Souls Day,” “Journey Towards the Light—Advent,” “Celebrating Unity: Love God and Love All—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,” “Shout to God All the Earth—Praying for Our Common Home,” “Trust Before Truth, Relationship, and Reconciliation—Collaboration with the Indigenous Centre,” and “Love Each Other—Holy Thursday Footwashing,” Saint Paul University, 2022-2023.
2. Worship Planner and Leader, with Carl Bear, “Standing at the Crossroads: Repentance and Repair in Indigenous-Settler Relations,” Bridgefolk Mennonite-Catholic Dialogue, 2022.
3. Worship Planner and Leader, with Anneli Loepp-Thiessen, “Be at Rest: Reflection and Ritual in Response to Pandemic Ministry,” Community of Spiritual Leadership Day, Mennonite Church Canada Nationwide Gathering, 2022.
4. Worship Coordinator and Worship Committee Member, “We Declare: What We Have Seen and Heard,” Nationwide Gathering, Mennonite Church Canada, 2022.
5. Worship Planner and Leader, “Voices Together Launch III: For the Joy of Ear and Eye—Singing with the Visual Art in *Voices Together*,” Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, 2021.
6. Worship Planner and Leader, *Voices Together* Celebration and Dedication Launch Event, Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, 2020.
7. Worship Leader and Worship Committee Member, Worship Leader and Worship Committee Member, Nationwide Gathering, Mennonite Church Canada, 2019.
8. Worship Planner and Leader, with Carl Bear, “Toward a Just Peace: Eradicating the Evil of Racism,” Bridgefolk Mennonite-Catholic Dialogue, 2018.
9. Sunday Worship Planner and Leader, with Carl Bear, “Seeds of Compassion: How Can Art Cultivate Cultures of Kindness,” Mennonite Arts Weekend, 2018.