

Dr. Melissa D. Ramos
Curriculum Vitae

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

George Fox University and Portland Seminary	
Associate Professor of Biblical Studies	2017-2026
Director of Seminary Master's Programs	2020-2021
University of California, Los Angeles	
Lecturer	2015-2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of California, Los Angeles	2015
	Hebrew Bible	
M.Phil.	Cambridge University, United Kingdom	2003
	Religious Studies: Old Testament	
M.Div.	Fuller Theological Seminary,	2002
B.A.	University of California, Irvine	1996
	Psychology	
Certificate	Hebrew University, Israel	
	Modern Hebrew Ulpan Course	

PUBLICATIONS

Books

New Perspectives on Ritual in the Biblical World. Laura Quick and Melissa Ramos, editors.
LHBOTS. London: T & T Clark, 2022.
Ritual in Deuteronomy: The Performance of Doom. The Ancient Word. Edited by Seth Sanders.
New York: Routledge, 2021.

Articles, Book Chapters, and Book Reviews

"The Captive Woman's Transition to Wife," TheTorah.com (July 2026)
"Deuteronomy 27-30: Exploring Covenant, Curses, and Blessings," *Koren Tanakh of the Land of Israel Commentary on Deuteronomy*. Koren Publishers (2025).
"The Making of a Covenant: The Book of Deuteronomy," TheTorah.com (2022/Hebrew version 2023).

Review of *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament* by Brent A. Strawn, *Interpretation* (2022)

“Deuteronomy 30:9-14.” *Working Preacher* (July 2022).

“Jeremiah 18:1-11.” *Working Preacher* (September 2022).

“Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7.” *Working Preacher* (October 2022).

“Monumentalizing Slaughter: ‘Cutting Covenant’ in the Hebrew Bible and Levantine Inscriptions” in *New Perspectives on Ritual in the Biblical World*. LHBOTS. Edited by Laura Quick and Melissa Ramos. London: T & T Clark, 2022.

“Recovering the Lost Art of Reading the Biblical Languages.” *Presbyterian Outlook* (2018).

“The Northwest Semitic Curse Formula: The Sefire Treaty and Deuteronomy 28,” *ZAW* (2016): 205-220.

Popular Pieces

“Fruit of the Spirit: An Adventure in Ancient Manuscripts.” religionforher.com (January 2024).

“Hagar: The Immigrant.” religionforher.com (April 2022).

“God as Mother in the Bible.” religionforher.com (March 2022).

“The Proverbs 31 Woman.” religionforher.com (January 2022).

AWARDS

2023 Workshop Becoming a White Anti-Racist – Wabash Center

2022 Workshop for Early Career Theological School Faculty – Wabash Center

2022 Faculty Development Grant – George Fox University

2021 Graduate Faculty Researcher of the Year - George Fox University

2019 Faculty Development Grant – George Fox University

2018 Faculty Development Grant - George Fox University

2015 Dissertation Year Fellowship – University of California, Los Angeles

2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies Award (FLAS) for Modern Hebrew study at the Hebrew University, Israel

2012 First Prize, Essay Contest – Pacific Coast Regional Society for Biblical Literature

INVITED LECTURES, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, and PODCASTS

2026 “The 10 Commandments and Curses: A Response to The Ten Commandments through the Ages,” Panel Respondent
(Newberg: American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting)

2022 “The Curses of Deuteronomy,” invited guest on the Podcast “The Two Testaments”

2022 “Ritual in Deuteronomy 27-30”
(Newberg: George Fox University’s Spring Faculty Lecture)

2021 “Ritual in Deuteronomy”
(Los Angeles: UCLA’s Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures)

- 2021 “Ritual Innovation in Deuteronomy 6”
(San Antonio: Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting)
- 2021 “Ritual in Deuteronomy 27-30”
(San Antonio: Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting)
- 2019 “Making the Cut: Covenant and Iconic Visual Display”
(Rome: International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting)
- 2019 “Ritual, Memory, and Materiality in the Torah Stones of Deuteronomy”
(San Diego: Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting)
- 2017 “Immigration Studies and the Immigrant in Ugarit and Ancient Israel”
(Boston: Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting)
- 2016 “Deuteronomy 27 and Ancient Media: The Torah Stones and the Meaning of Covenant”
(San Antonio: Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting)
- 2015 “Making the Cut: Covenant, Curse and Oath in Deut 29-30 and the Incantation Plaques of Arslan Tash” (Baltimore: Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting)