

## **Resume**

**Johanna Willemina H. van Wijk- Bos**

**Birth date: August 8, 1940, The Netherlands**

**Marital status: Married to A. David Bos, ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).**

**One son: Martin**

**Denomination: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), ordained minister**

**Address: 1385 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40208  
Tel. 502-634 1963**

\*\*\*\*\*

### **EDUCATION**

**1952-1959: High School and Undergraduate Studies at Stedelijk Gymnasium, Tiel, The Netherlands.**

**1963: M.Div. Leiden University, The Netherlands, Department of Theology.**

**1968: Drs.Theol. (Equivalent of M. Phil.) Leiden University, The Netherlands, Department of Theology. Subject: Church History.  
Thesis: "Wyclif And His Followers."  
Advisors: P. de Bruin, P.A.H. de Boer, H. Berkhof.**

**1976: Ph.D. Union Theological Seminary, New York. Subject: Biblical Studies.  
Dissertation: "Psalms And Sinai Covenant."  
Advisor: Samuel Terrien**

**Other Study:**

**1963-64: Graduate Studies at New College, Edinburgh with a grant from the Overseas and Continental Committee of the Church of Scotland.**

**1989-90: Studies in Hebrew Bible at the Protestant Seminary of the French Reformed Church in Montpellier, France**

**1998: Lecturer at ITEBA, an ecumenical seminary in Salvador, Brazil. Preacher and lecturer for a number of congregations and workshops in the context of Northeast Brazil.**

**LANGUAGES:**

<b>Reading and speaking facility:</b>	<b>Reading/instruction facility:</b>
Dutch	Hebrew
English	Aramaic
French	Greek
German	Latin
Portuguese	Ugaritic
	Syriac
	Akkadian

\*\*\*\*\*

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

- 1964-1966:** Assistant to the Chair of Medieval Church History. Leiden University
- 1970-1973:** Tutor in Old Testament. Union Theological Seminary, New York
- 1977-1981:** Assistant Professor of Old Testament  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 1981-1985:** Associate Professor of Old Testament  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 1985-2000:** Professor of Old Testament  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 2000-2004:** Dora E. Pierce Professor of Bible and Professor of Old Testament  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 2004-2007:** Dora Pierce Professor of Bible, Professor of Old Testament and Director of the Women's Center  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- 2007- :** Dora Pierce Professor of Bible and Faculty Liaison to the Women's Center  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

\*\*\*\*\*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**At Louisville:**

**Introductory Courses:**  
**Introduction to the Hebrew language**  
**Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Scripture I)**  
**Introduction to Exegesis (biblical texts used for this course: Exodus, Second Isaiah, Ruth, and Esther, and selections from Torah, Prophets and Writings)**

**Biblical Theology:**  
Covenant Theology  
Liberation Theology I and II  
Feminist Theology  
Theology of the Psalms  
Biblical Interpretation and the Holocaust  
Hospitality to the Stranger

**General Biblical Area:**  
Advanced Hebrew  
The Masoretic Annotations to Exodus 1 and 2  
Preaching from the Hebrew Bible  
The Problem of Biblical Authority  
Feminist Interpretation of the Bible  
Advanced studies in the Psalms  
Introduction to the Syriac language  
Introduction to Aramaic

**Other:**  
Women in Ministry  
Multicultural Bible Studies  
Women Theologians (Rosemary Radford Ruether and Phyllis Trible)  
Elements of “theological” German

Advisor in the Th.M. and D.Min. programs.

Elsewhere:

**1989-1990:** Guest professor at the Faculté Protestante de Théologie, Montpellier, France

**June/July 1992:** Guest teacher in the D.Min. program at San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California

**Spring 1998:** Guest lecturer and preacher in the context of ITEBA, an ecumenical seminary in Salvador, Brazil. Teacher of a number of workshops for the empowerment of women in Salvador

In addition to these courses taught in a Seminary setting I work in an educational capacity in the wider church. During the past 30 years I have been a speaker and workshop leader at a great variety of educational events, from small congregational settings to large gatherings at Presbytery meetings, Synod schools and special events such as the celebration in the context of the WCC Ecumenical Decade for Women, held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 1992, and the Re-Imagining Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 1993.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMITTEES**

**Since 1976 member of the Presbytery of Louisville.**

**Served as a delegate from this Presbytery to the General Assembly of the PC(USA) in 1991.**

**Class of 1995: member of the Worship Committee, Louisville Presbytery.**

**1998: Moderator, Worship Committee, Louisville Presbytery, Executive Council, Louisville Presbytery.**

**Served for five years on the Presbyteries Cooperative Committee (a committee that designs and administers the standard ordination examinations for the PC(USA)).**

**Served on a Task Force for the Council on Theology and Culture in 1985.**

**Served as a Board member of Community Living, an organization that facilitates independent living for people with mental and physical disabilities.**

**Co-founder of the organization of women faculty in the five theological schools in our region (called the TEAM-A schools).**

**Chair of the committee on Gender and Ministry at Louisville Seminary.**

**Member of the Women's Caucus and co-founder of FALPTS (Feminists At Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary) and the newsletter SPARKS/WIMMINWISE. Through these two groups we established a Women's Center on the campus of the Seminary. This Center now has on-going programs for the campus and the local community.**

**Chair of the APT (Associate Pastors' Troubles) committee, a research project, in cooperation with the Women's Ministry Unit of the Presbyterian Church, of the particular problems faced by women who serve our denomination as Associate Pastors.**

**Member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and of the local FOR executive committee.**

**Member of the Advisory Council for the FAIRNESS campaign in Louisville, an ongoing effort to combat discrimination against gay and lesbian people by adding an amendment to the city's anti-discrimination ordinance.**

**Member of Voices of Sophia, an organization within the Presbyterian Church (USA).**

**Co-founder and facilitator of the More Light Chapter at LPTS, a chapter of the More Light Churches Network in the Presbyterian Church (USA).**

**Society of Biblical Literature**

**Active memberships:**

National Women's Studies Association

Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights

Kentucky Coalition for the Abolishment of The Death Penalty

NOW

The American Civil Liberties Union

\*\*\*\*\*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Selection of Book Reviews:**

Jacob Presser: The Destruction Of The Dutch Jews. – Cithara, November 1971.

Hans Kung: The Church Maintained in Truth? – Presbyterian Survey, Fall 1980.

Richard D. Nelson: The Double Redaction of the Deuteronomistic History – Interpretation, Fall 1982.

Letty Russell editor: Feminist Interpretation of the Bible – Pacific Theological Review, Fall 1986.

Danna Nolan Fewell and David Miller Gunn: Compromising Redemption: Relating Characters in the Book of Ruth – Theology Today, Spring 1991.

Carol A. Newsom and Sharon H. Ringe eds.: The Women's Bible Commentary – Presbyterian Outlook, October, 1992.

Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza: But She Said: Feminist Practices of Biblical Interpretation – Presbyterian Outlook, Spring 1993.

Renita Weems: Battered Love: Marriage, Sex, and Violence in the Hebrew Prophets (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995) – Theology Today, Winter 1996.

Dorothee Soelle: Theology for Skeptics: Reflections on God (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995) – Princeton Seminary Bulletin, Spring 1997.

Brian Wren: Piece Together Praise (Carol Stream: Hope Publishing, 1996) – Presbyterian Outlook, Spring, 1997.

Gail Ramshaw: God Beyond Gender: Feminist Christian God-Language (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1995) – Theology Today, October 1997.

Mary E. Mills: Images of God the Old Testament (Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1998) – Interpretation, April 2000.

Carter Heyward: Saving Jesus from those who are right: Rethinking what it means to be Christian (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1999) – The Outlook, Spring 2000.

Gale A. Yee: Poor Banished Children of Eve: Woman as Evil in the Hebrew Bible (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003) – Family Ministry, May 2004.

Athalya Brenner: I Am: Biblical Women Tell Their Own Stories (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005) – Family Ministry, February 2005.

Amy Plantinga Pauw and Serene Jones, editors: Feminist and Womanist Essays in Reformed Dogmatics. Columbia Series in Reformed Theology (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2006) – Theology Today, December 2006.

#### ARTICLES:

“To Whom It May Concern” – Monday Morning, February 23, 1981.

“When You Pray” – Presbyterian Survey, May 1981.

“Scripture and Sexuality” (with Eric Mount, Jr.) – Journal of Presbyterian History, Summer 1981.

“Oh, When the Saints” – Journal for the Study of the Old Testament 24 (1982).

“To Whom Then Will You Liken Me?” – Reformed Liturgy and Music, Fall 1983.

“Out of the Shadows” – SEMEIA 42 (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1988).

“The Wedge that Cleaves the Stone” – APCE-ADVOCATE, December 1989.

“An Eye Opener at the Gate: George Coats and Genesis 38” – Lexington Theological Quarterly, October 1992.

“Born In Zion,” a homiletical application of psalm 87, particularly for Christian Baptism – Interpretation, Summer 1993.

“Solidarity With The Stranger,” in A Journey to Justice: Report of the Special Task Force of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People. Presbyterian Church (USA), 1993, pp. 45-57.

“The Way of Hesed,” in And Show Steadfast Love: A Theological Look at Grace, Hospitality, Disabilities and the Church, edited by Lewis H. Merrick. Louisville: PCUSA, 1993.

“A Conference and an Uproar” – Perspectives, May 1994.

“Freedom is Coming...!” – That All May Freely Serve, May 1995.

“Toxic Times” – Network News, vol. xv, no. 4, Fall 1995.

“The Heidelberg Catechism and Homosexuality” (with Christopher Elwood) – Monday Morning, November 18, 1996.

“‘Break the Chains of Injustice’: Eight Bible Studies on Isaiah 58:1-12,” in Break the Chains of Injustice! Bible studies for the 23rd General Council, Debrecen, Hungary 8-20 August, 1997, edited by Stephen Farris and Paraic Reamonn. Geneva: World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1997.

“Devisings of the Human Heart: The Bible and Violence,” in Striking Terror No More: The Church Responds to Domestic Violence. Louisville: Bridge Resources, Presbyterian Church (USA), 1997.

“Stumbling Toward Clarity,” in Called Out With: Stories of Solidarity in Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons, edited by Sylvia Thorson-Smith, Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos, Norm Pott, and William P. Thompson. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1997.

“Beauty and the Bible” – Re-Imagining, August 1997.

“The Bible and Violence,” in Telling the Truth: Preaching about Sexual and Domestic Violence, edited by John S. McClure and Nancy J. Ramsay. Cleveland: United Church Press, 1999.

“No Small Thing: The Overturning of Nineveh in the Third Chapter of Jonah,” in On the Way to Nineveh: Studies in Honor of George M. Landes, edited by Stephen L. Cook and S. C. Winter. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1999.

“Writing On The Water: The Ineffable Name of God,” in Jews, Christians and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures, edited by Alice Ogden Bellis and Joel S. Kaminsky. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2000.

“Scripture and Sexuality,” in Body and Soul, edited by Sylvia Thorson Smith and Marvin Ellison. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2003.

“Assemble,” a short entry in The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.

“God, metaphors for,” an entry in The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.

“How Do We Read What We Read? Responsible Christian Exegesis of Hebrew Scripture,” in The Peoples’ Bible. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.

Prayer “For A Service of Ordination,” in Prayers for the New Social Awakening, edited by

Christian Iosso and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.

**BOOKS:**

Weaving the Fabric of Faith. 1985-86 Bible Study for the United Presbyterian Women and the Women of the Church, Presbyterian Church (USA).

Ruth, Esther, Jonah. Knox Preaching Guides. John Knox Press, 1986. Translated into Italian as I Libri Di Ruth, Ester e Giona. Torino: Claudiana Editrice, 1992.

Reasoning with the Foxes: Female Wit in a World of Male Power (edited with J. Cheryl Exum. Semeia 42. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1988.

Ruth and Esther: Women in Alien Lands. GBBM United Methodist Church, 1988. Translated into Spanish as Rut y Ester: Mujeres in Terras Etranjeras.

Reformed and Feminist: A Challenge to the Church. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1991.

Reimagining God: The Case for Scriptural Diversity. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1995.

Called Out With: Stories of Solidarity in Support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons (edited with Sylvia Thorson-Smith, Norm Pott, and William Thompson). Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997.

Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Westminster Bible Companion series, edited by Patrick D. Miller and David L. Bartlett. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1998.

Ruth and Esther: Women in Alien Lands. Nashville: Abingdon, Press, 2001.

Making Wise the Simple: The Torah in Christian Faith and Practice. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 2005.

Reading 1 & 2 Samuel, a volume in the series, Reading the Old Testament, forthcoming from Smyth and Helwyss.