**Melisa Ortiz Berry**

Assistant Professor of History and Global Christianity

Northwest Christian University

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**Education**

Ph.D. Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, 2011–2018

Major: History of Christianity, Religion in North America; Minor: Christian

Origins

M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 2008–2010

Concentrations: New Testament and Women’s Studies

M.A. Knox Theological Seminary, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 1998–2005

Major: New Testament; Concentration: Church History

M.A. University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 1995–1998

Major: United States History; Minor: Greco-Roman History

B.A. Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, 1991–1995

Double Major: Classical Greek and History

**Teaching and Educational Experience**

Assistant Professor, 2019-Present

Northwest Christian University

History and Global Christianity

Adjunct Professor, 2014–2019

Azusa Pacific University, CA

History of Christianity

Teaching with Technology Institute, July 2018

Wabash Center Teaching Workshop for the Hispanic Theological Initiative, March

2016

Living Stones Oral History Project, Azusa Pacific University, Summer 2014–2016

Abel Beth Maacah Archaeological Dig, Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant, Claremont Graduate University, Fall 2013

Christianity in the First Millennium, Karen Torjeson

Tel Akko Archaeological Dig, Summer 2012

Curator and Cataloger, Fall 2010

James H. Charlesworth Antiquities Collection, Princeton, NJ

Research Assistant, 2009–2010

Dead Sea Scrolls Project, James H. Charlesworth, Princeton, NJ

Adjunct Professor, 2001–2008

Calvary Chapel Bible Institute, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Koine Greek, History of Christianity, Writing

**Courses Previously Taught**

Apostolic Era to the Eve of the Reformation

Adjunct Professor, Azusa Pacific University, Fall 2014–Present

Eve of the Reformation to the Present

Adjunct Professor, Azusa Pacific University, Fall 2014–Present

Christianity in the First Millennium

Teaching Assistant, Claremont Graduate University, Fall 2013

Koine Greek, Church History, Ancient-Medieval Christianity, Reformation-Modern

Christianity, Writing Seminars

Professor, Calvary Chapel Bible Institute, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2001–2008

**Awards and Grants**

Azusa Pacific University School of Theology Adjunct Faculty Award, 2018

American Academy of Religion Western Regional Paper Award, 2018

Hispanic Theological Initiative Scholar, 2012–2017

CGU Dissertation Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University, 2016–2017

Fernandez Prize in Religion, Claremont Graduate University, 2015

Freidman Grant, Claremont Graduate University, 2015

Presidential Research Award, Claremont Graduate University, 2012

Church History Award, Knox Theological Seminary, 2005

**Publications**

Review of “Madre Matiana: Prophecy and Popular Culture in Modern Mexico,”

*Religious Studies Review* 42, no. 3 (September 2016): 219

Review of “Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz,” *Religious Studies Review* 42, no. 1 (March

2016): 51

Review of “Palestine Speaks: Narratives of Life Under Occupation,” *Oral History*

*Review* 43, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2016): 204–206

**Presentations**

“Padre on Shifting Sands: Ramon Ortiz and the Mexican-American War,” American

Academy of Religion, Western Regional, Berkeley, CA, March 2018

“Winks, Wagers, and Papers: Sacred Moments in Religious Research,” American

Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2016

“Henrietta Mears and Gospel Light Publishing: Evangelical Women and the

Dissemination of a Global Evangelical Orthodoxy,” American Academy of

Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2016

“The World Deputation Movement: Evangelical Students and Social Justice in Europe

after World War II,” American Academy of Religion, Western Regional,

Tucson, AZ, April 2016

“Suffering Submission as an Ascetic Impulse: Evangelical Women in the Twentieth

Century,” Religions in Conversations Conference, Claremont Graduate

University, Claremont, CA, February 2016

“Drawing the Border Lines of an Evangelical Orthodoxy: Henrietta Mears and

Christian Education,” American Academy of Religion, Upper Midwest

Regional, St. Paul, MN, 2015

“Evangelical Women in the City of Angeles: How the City of Los Angeles Impacted

the Ministries of Henrietta Mears and Aimee Semple McPherson,” California

American Studies Association, Fullerton, CA, April 2015

“Choosing Second Place: The Self-Subjugation of Evangelical Women,” American

Academy of Religion, Western Regional, Los Angeles, CA, March 2014

“The Asceticism of Self-Subjugation: How Evangelical Leader Henrietta Mears Both

Submitted to and Subverted Patriarchy,” Religious Genderings Interdisciplinary Conference, Chapman University, Orange, CA, February 2014

“Wild Hats and Hollywood Glam: Fashion as a Textile Theology in the Ministry of

Henrietta Mears,” Religions in Conversations Conference, Claremont Graduate

University, Claremont, CA, February 2014

“Nineteeth-Century Spiritualism: Naturalism, Feminism, and Contemporary

Criticism,” invited lecture at Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, Exploring Judeo-Christian Knowledge, November 2, 2013

“The Nature of Orthodoxy,” Imagining the Good Life: Apologetics and Human

Flourishing,” California Baptist University, Riverside, CA, April 2013

“Gospel Bombs: Henrietta Mears and her fight Against the Rising Tide of

Secularization,” American Academy of Religion, Western Regional, Phoenix,

AZ, March 2013

**Service to the Profession**

Minority Mentoring Program, Claremont Graduate University, mentor and panel

speaker, 2015–2016, 2017–2019

Religions in Conversation Conference, Claremont Graduate University, board member

and section chair, 2015

**Professional Affiliations**

Hispanic Theological Initiative

American Academy of Religion

Oral History Association

Society for Pentecostal Studies