

# SARAH JEAN BARTON

Curriculum vitae  
January 2020

## EDUCATION

**Duke Divinity School**, Durham, NC

**ThD**, Theology and Ethics, 2019

Dissertation: "Becoming the Baptized Body: Disability, Baptism, and the Practice of Christian Community"

Committee: Drs. Warren Kinghorn, John Swinton, Susan Eastman, and Willie Jennings  
Certificate in Reflective and Faithful Teaching

**Duke Divinity School**, Durham, NC

**MTS**, *summa cum laude*, 2014

Thesis: "Toward Human Flourishing: Theological Perspectives in Occupational Therapy"  
Certificate in Anglican Studies

**Boston University**, Boston, MA

**MS**, Occupational Therapy, Pi Theta Epsilon, 2012

**Seattle Pacific University**, Seattle, WA

**BS**, *magna cum laude*, Biology, 2009

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS and EMPLOYMENT

**Duke University School of Medicine**, Durham, NC

**Instructor**, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Occupational Therapy Doctorate Division  
2019 - Present

**Western Theological Seminary**, Holland, MI

**Henri Nouwen Faculty Fellow**, 2018 – Present

**Duke University Health System**, Durham, NC

**Senior Pediatric Occupational Therapist**, 2013 – 2018

**Hilltop Home**, Raleigh, NC

**Pediatric Occupational Therapist**, 2012 - 2013

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

**2020** **Barton, S. J.** "Remember Your Baptism: Engaging People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from a Wesleyan Perspective." Forthcoming in *Wesleyan Theological Journal*.

- 2019 **Barton, S. J.**, Sandu, S., Doan, I., Blanchard L., Dai, A., Paulenich, A., Smith, E.R., van de Water, B. J., Martin, A. H., Seider, J., Opolot, S., Ekeji, N. Bility, M., Bettger, J. P. (2019). Perceived Barriers and Supports to Community-Based Services for Uganda's Pediatric Post-Surgical Population. *Disability and Rehabilitation*, December 15, 2019: 1-12. PMID: 31841047
- 2019 **Barton, S. J.** "Theologising Disability: The Future of Critique and Collaboration at the Intersections of Theology and Disability Studies" in *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Disability: Looking Towards the Future*, Eds. Katie Ellis, Rosemarie Garland-Thompson, Mike Kent, and Rachel Robertson, Ashgate, 2019.
- 2018 Smith, E. R., van de Water, B. J., Martin, A., **Barton, S. J.**, Seider, J., Fitzgibbon, C., et al. (2018). Availability of Post-Hospital Services Supporting Community Reintegration for Children with Identified Surgical Need in Uganda. *BMC Health Services Research*, 18, 1-9.
- 2017 **Barton, S. J.** (2017). A Critical Approach to Integrating Christian Disability Theology in Clinical Rehabilitation. *The Journal of Religion and Disability*, 21, 5-13.
- 2017 **Barton, S. J.**, Selman, L., Maslow, G., and Barfield, R. C. "Religion and Spirituality in Pediatrics" in *Spirituality and Religion Within the Culture of Medicine: From Evidence to Practice*, Eds. Michael Balboni and John Peteet, Oxford University Press, 2017.

#### ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **Barton, S.J.** Review of *Wondrously Wounded: Theology, Disability, and the Body of Christ* by Brian Brock, forthcoming in *Theology Today*.
- 2020 **Barton, S.J.** "Beauty in Belonging." Review of *The Disabled Church: Human Difference and the Art of Communal Worship* by Rebecca F. Spurrier, in *The Christian Century*.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.** "Considering the Intersections of Trauma and Disability." Forthcoming in the Fall Connections Newsletter of the Anabaptist Disabilities Network.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.** Review of *Disability and World Religions: An Introduction* edited by Darla Schumm and Michael Stoltzfus. Volume 60, Issue 4 in *Modern Believing*.
- 2018 **Barton, S. J.** "Embracing Belonging: Welcoming Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities." Episcopal Church Foundation Vital Practices: Vestry Papers, November Issue.
- 2017 **Barton, S. J.** "Time in New Creation: Apocalypse, Baptism, and Remembering." Response to John Swinton's *Becoming Friends of Time*, Syndicate Forum.
- 2016 **Barton, S. J.** "The Church and Mental Health - Conversation and Program Planning Guide." Reimagining Health Collaborative, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC.
- 2012 Berger, S. Coppola, S., **Barton, S.**, Colter, H., Gleason, K., Kaminski, C., et al. (March). Infusing Occupational Justice into Gerontology Practice. *Gerontology Special Interest Section Quarterly*, 35, 1-4.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

**Barton, S. J.** *Becoming the Baptized Body*. (Book manuscript under revision for peer review)

**Barton, S. J.** “Expanding the Theological Classroom: People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as Theological Learners.” (Article under peer review)

**Barton, S. J.** “Responding Faithfully to Women’s Pain: Practicing the Stations of the Cross.” (Article manuscript in progress)

## AWARDS and HONORS

**Episcopal Church Foundation**, New York, NY  
**Academic Fellow, Fellowship Partners Program**, 2018-2021

**The Louisville Institute**, Louisville, KY  
**Dissertation Fellow (Honorary)**, 2018-2019

**Duke University, The Bass Connections Program**, Durham, NC  
**Award for Outstanding Mentorship**, 2018

**Duke University, The Kenan Institute for Ethics**, Durham, NC  
**Graduate Student Fellow**, 2017-2018

**The Calvin Institute for Christian Worship**, Grand Rapids, MI  
**Dissertation Research Award**, 2017-2018

**The Louisville Institute**, Louisville, KY  
**Doctoral Fellow**, 2015-2017

**Duke University Health System**, Durham, NC  
**Patient Service Champion Award**, 2013 & 2014

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**2020 Barton, S. J.**, Dow, K., Stahl, D., and Timpe, K. Disability in Christian Thought. Panel presentation to be delivered at The Conference on Medicine and Religion, Columbus, OH, March 2020.

**2020 Barton, S. J.**, Kinghorn, W., Stahl, D., and Whitmore, T. “Narrow Is the Way”: Clinical Practice, Scholarship, and Christian Discipleship. Panel presentation to be delivered at The Conference on Medicine and Religion, Columbus, OH, March 2020.

**2020 Barton, S. J.**, Ostertag, C., and Timpe, K. Christian Perspectives on Disability Identity. Panel presentation delivered at The Society for Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2020.

- 2019 **Barton, S. J.** Becoming the Baptized Body. Plenary presentation delivered at the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Holland, MI, May, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S. J.**, Conner, B., and Thompson, L.S.C.A. From Longing to Belonging: Theological Education. Panel presentation delivered at the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Holland, MI, May, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S. J.**, Gayes, D., and McKinney Fox, B. Reexamining Healing from Christian Theology and Disability Studies. Panel presentation delivered at the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Holland, MI, May, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S. J.**, Hall, A., and Newton, R. Supporting Function and Participation Across the Lifespan with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Poster presentation delivered at the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, April, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.**, Tate, T., Antiel, R., and Hauerwas, S. *“Do ye bear the children weeping?”* Responding to Childhood Suffering at the Intersection of Clinical Practice and Christian Theology. Paper panel delivered at the Conference on Medicine and Religion, Durham, NC, March, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.**, Stahl, D., and Webb, C. *“Ask Me About My Uterus:”* Theological Responses to Women’s Pain in Contemporary Western Medicine. Paper panel delivered at the Conference on Medicine and Religion, Durham, NC, March, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.** Panelist for *“Cancer Stories and the Christian Story”* conference held at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, February, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.** Intellectual Disability and Theological Anthropology: Reimagining the Conversation with St. Paul. Paper delivered at the Saint Benedict Institute Day of Study, Holland, MI, February, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.** Baptism, Personhood, and Universal Design: Learning from Disability. Workshop delivered at the Calvin Symposium on Worship, Grand Rapids, MI, January, 2019.
- 2019 **Barton, S.J.**, Newman, B.J. Coaching on Universal Design for Worship. Workshop delivered at the Calvin Symposium on Worship, Grand Rapids, MI, January, 2019.
- 2018 **Barton, S. J.** Rethinking the Theological Classroom: Engaging People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as Scholars. Paper presentation delivered at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November, 2018.
- 2018 **Barton, S.J.**, McKinney-Fox, B. Engaging People with Intellectual Disabilities as Scholars and Leaders. Workshop delivered at the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Raleigh, NC, June, 2018.
- 2018 **Barton, S. J.**, Blanchard, L., Dai, A., Doan, I., Paulenich, A., Sandhu, S., Smith, E.R., van de Water, B., Martin, A., Seider, J., Fitzgibbon, C. Bility, M., Ekeji, N., Vissoci, J., Haglund, M. H., Bettger, J. P. Supports and Barriers to Community-Based Care for Children with

- Disabilities in Uganda. Poster presentation delivered at the American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, April, 2018.
- 2018 Barton, S. J.,** Stahl, D., and Kinghorn, W. Challenging Ableist Foundations of Modern Medical Practice: The Power of Liturgy. Paper panel delivered at the Conference on Medicine and Religion, St. Louis, MO, April, 2018.
- 2017 Barton, S. J.,** Hall, A., and Newton, R. Supporting Function and Participation Across the Lifespan with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Short course delivered at the North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association Conference, Raleigh, NC, November, 2017.
- 2017 Barton, S. J.** Pediatric Post-Surgical Community Resource Geospatial Mapping in Uganda. Podium global health interest group presentation delivered at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, New Orleans, LA, June, 2017.
- 2017 Barton, S. J.** Remember Your Baptism: John Wesley's Means of Grace and Intellectual Disability. Doctoral seminar presentation delivered at the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Azusa, CA, June, 2017.
- 2016 Barton, S. J.** Baptism and Intellectual Disability: Engaging Pastors and Families on Questions of Theological Anthropology. Doctoral seminar presentation delivered at the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Holland, MI, May, 2016.
- 2016 Barton, S. J.** Collaborating with Chaplains to Address Client Spirituality. Poster presentation delivered at The American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April, 2016.
- 2015 Barton, S. J.** Ecumenical Baptismal Practices Among Persons Experiencing Profound Intellectual Disability. Doctoral seminar presentation delivered at the Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Atlanta, GA, May, 2015.
- 2015 Barton, S. J.** Expanding the Scope of Interprofessional Dialogue in Occupational Therapy. Short course presentation delivered at The American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN, April, 2015.
- 2014 Barton, S. J.** Engaging Theological Perspectives in Occupational Therapy. Poster presentation delivered at The American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, April, 2014.
- 2013 Barton, S. J.** A Critical Approach to the Integration of Christian Disability Theology in Clinical Rehabilitation. Paper panel presentation delivered at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings, Baltimore, MD, November, 2013.
- 2013 Barton, S. J.** Exploring Theological Contours of Occupational Therapy. Symposium presentation delivered at The Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Toronto, Ontario, July, 2013.

- 2013** **Barton, S. J.** Integrating Spirituality and Clinical Practice: Occupational Therapy and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Poster presentation delivered at The American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, April, 2013.
- 2013** **Barton, S. J.**, Porcello, D. R., and Wilske, G. C. The Collaborative Fieldwork Model: Student and Supervisory Perspectives. Poster presentation delivered at The American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, April, 2013.
- 2011** Alaniz, A. E., **Barton, S. J.**, and Sachs, L. Occupational Therapy and Sexuality: The Role of the Therapist in the Sexual Health and Sexual Expression of Clients. Session presentation delivered at Boston University's annual Lead the Way Symposium, Boston, MA, May, 2011.

## INVITED LECTURES

- 2020** **Barton, S. J.** Considering Disability: Religion and Human Limitation in Medical Contexts. Michigan Medicine Program in Health, Religion, and Spirituality Leadership, Ann Arbor, MI, lecture to be delivered February, 2020.
- 2019** **Barton, S.J.** The Disabled God: A Theology of Disability. Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, MI, lecture delivered October, 2019.
- 2018** **Barton, S.J.** A Shared Vocation: Considering Disability and Baptismal Discipleship. Episcopal Church Foundation Fall Board Meeting, New York, NY, November, 2018.
- 2018** **Barton, S.J.** Discipleship and Disability: A Baptismal Approach. Disability Lecture Series, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, February, 2018.
- 2018** **Barton, S. J.** Documenting Disability: Ableism, Electronic Medical Records, and the Challenge of Christian Identity. Theology, Medicine, and Culture Seminar, Trent Center for Bioethics, Humanities, & History of Medicine, Duke University Health System, Durham, NC, February, 2018.
- 2017** **Barton, S. J.** Disability and the Healing Arts. Lecture Delivered for "The Healing Arts" Christian Ethics Course, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, September, 2017.
- 2017** **Barton, S. J.** and Schipper, J. Introduction to Disability Studies and the Hebrew Bible. Invited co-lecture delivered for Introduction Old Testament, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, February, 2017.
- 2016** **Barton, S. J.** and Kinghorn, W. J. How to Not Be in Control: What the Gospel Teaches Us About Being Human. Plenary lecture delivered at Practice and Presence: A Gathering for Christians in Healthcare, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, May, 2016.
- 2015** **Barton, S. J.** Welcoming People with Disabilities: How the Church Can Help and How the Church Can Hurt. Plenary lecture delivered at The Theology, Medicine, and Culture Initiative's Reimagining Health Conference, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, July, 2015.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI**

Christian Ethics, Fall 2018  
Trauma and Disability, January Term (Online) 2019  
The Practice of Counsel and Care, Spring 2019 & 2020  
Disability and Theology in the Christian Tradition (Online), Spring 2020

### **Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC**

Discipleship and Disability (co-instructed with Warren Kinghorn), Spring 2018  
Theology and Disability (with Stanley Hauerwas), Spring 2017  
Christian Ethics: The Healing Arts (co-instructed with Ray Barfield and Richard Payne),  
Fall 2016  
Christian Ethics: The Healing Arts (co-instructed with Warren Kinghorn and  
Richard Payne), Fall 2015

### **Duke Global Health Institute, Duke University, Durham, NC**

Connections in Global Health (with Janet Prvu Bettger), Fall 2017  
Connections in Global Health 2.0 (with Janet Prvu Bettger), Spring 2018

## **STUDENT ADVISING**

### **Western Theological Seminary**

2020 ThM Faculty Examiner: Julie Myers, “Disability Ministry and Down Syndrome”  
2019 DMin Internal Reader: Brian Telzerow, “Pacing Presence: Impact of Relational Ministry  
Course for Graduates of Kuyper College Working with Adolescents”

## **SERVICE**

### **American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA**

Religious Studies and Disability Unit, Steering Committee Member (2020 – Present)

### **Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI**

Pastor Theologian Lunch Invited Speaker, 2020

### **Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI**

Instructor for Abbey Formation Program, November 2019 – Present

### **Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI**

Student Peer Group Facilitator, August 2019 – Present

### **Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI**

Worship Committee Member, August 2019 – Present

### **Ottawa County Suicide Prevention Coalition, Holland, MI**

Core Coalition Member and Faith Sub-Committee Leader, February 2019 – Present

**Grace Episcopal Church**, Holland, MI

Lay Preacher, Lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Youth Volunteer, Christian Formation Committee Member, and Educator for Adult Formation, August 2018 - Present

**Western Theological Seminary**

Graduate Certificate in Disability Ministry Committee Member, August 2018 – Present

**The Summer Institute on Theology and Disability**

Core Leadership Council, June 2018 - Present

**Duke University School of Medicine**, Durham, NC

Founding Program Director of the Occupational Therapy Doctorate Search Committee, 2018

**Duke University**, Durham, NC

Member of the Duke Disability and Access Initiative (Faculty Working Group), 2017- 2018

**World Federation of Occupational Therapists**

Manuscript Reviewer for the 2018 International Congress Cape Town, South Africa

**Duke Divinity School**, Durham, NC

Executive Planning Committee for *Practice and Presence: A Gathering for Christians in Healthcare*, 2016

**Duke University**, Durham, NC

Duke Graduate Conference in Theology Executive Planning Committee, 2015-2016

**Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC**

Collaborator and Educator for the *Reimagining Health Initiative*, 2015-Present

**Duke University Bass Connections Program**, Durham, NC

Advisor for The Global Alliance on Disability and Healthcare Innovation, 2015-2018

**Duke University Health System**, Lenox Baker Children's Hospital, Durham NC

Customer Service Committee Member, 2014

**World Federation of Occupational Therapists**

Manuscript Reviewer for the 2014 International Congress in Tokyo, Japan

**St. Joseph's Episcopal Church**, Durham, NC

Vestry Member, Lay Preacher, Parish Discernment Committee Chair, Altar Guild, 2013-2018

**Duke Divinity School**, Durham, NC

Student Representative on the Curriculum Committee and Member of the Student Work Load Task Force, 2013-2014

**The Summer Institute on Theology and Disability**, Toronto, Ontario

Cooperative Resource Exhibit Co-Coordinator, 2013



## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

American Occupational Therapy Association  
**Board Certification in Pediatrics**, 2019 - Present

Michigan Board of Occupational Therapists  
**Licensed Occupational Therapist**, 2018-Present

National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy  
**Registered Occupational Therapist**, 2012-Present

North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy  
**Licensed Occupational Therapist**, 2012 – Present

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The Society for the Study of Occupation (2020-Present)  
Michigan Occupational Therapy Association (2018-Present)  
Society for Disability Studies (2017-Present)  
The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (2016-Present)  
The Society of Christian Ethics (2015-Present)  
American Academy of Religion (2013-Present)  
North Carolina Occupational Therapy Association (2012-Present)  
World Federation of Occupational Therapists (2010-Present)  
American Occupational Therapy Association (2009-Present)

## **REFERENCES**

**Benjamin Conner**, PhD  
Professor of Practical Theology  
Director of the Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry  
Western Theological Seminary  
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**Warren Kinghorn**, MD, ThD  
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