

## Kimberly Penner

University of Alberta, St. Stephen's Theological College,  
Adjunct

### ***Curriculum Vitae:***

Kimberly L. Penner EDUCATION Ph.D. in Theology with a focus in Ethics, University of Toronto, St. Michael's College, Toronto, 2017 Dissertation: "Discipleship as Erotic Peacemaking: Toward a Feminist Mennonite Theology of Embodiment and Sexuality" (supervisor: Dr. Marilyn Legge)

M.T.S., University of Waterloo, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, 2011 Thesis: "The Work of Wealthy Women: Female Discipleship in Luke 8:1-3" (supervisor: Dr. Tom Yoder Neufeld) B.A., Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, 2008

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

- Pastor, Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener, ON, February 2021 – current.
- Associate Teaching Faculty, St. Stephen's College, at the University of Alberta, September 2022 – current. Adjunct Instructor, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, January 2019 – 2021.
- Adjunct Instructor, Victoria College, University of Toronto, May 2020 – May 2021.
- Adjunct Instructor, Emmanuel College of Victoria University, in the University of Toronto, Fall 2016 – Fall 2019.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:**

- International Conference in Spirituality and Aging Coordinator, Conrad Grebel University College, April 2020 – October 2020.
- Administrative Assistant to Theological Studies and Anabaptist Learning Workshop, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo, May 2017 – May 2020.
- Co-ordinator of Continuing Education and Events, Emmanuel College of Victoria University, in the University of Toronto, September 2016-July 2017.
- Co-ordinator of the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, June 2015-May 2016.
- Administrative Assistant to Ministry Quest Inquiry Program, Canadian Mennonite University, September 2011- April 2012.

## **BOARD EXPERIENCE:**

- Board Member, Pastors in Exile (a progressive and affirming community-based ministry), Kitchener, Ontario.
- Program Committee Member, Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum at the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Books:**

1. With Michael Buttrey, *Power, Desire, Theology: Understanding Abuse in Christian Institutions* (under contract with Bloomsbury Publishing).

### **Book contributions:**

1. "Exploring Sin, Suicide, and MAiD Through an Intersectional Feminist Lens: Revealing the Interplay of Social Systems, Divine Love, and Justice" (forthcoming)
2. "Power, Violence, and Peace Church Ethics," in *Resistance: Confronting Violence, Power, and Abuse within Peace Churches*, edited by Carol Penner and Cameron Altaras, 1-15. Elkhart: Institute for Mennonite Studies, 2022.
3. "Toward Ecclesial Practices and Notions of Authority that Embody Radical Hope," in *Concern for Church Polity and Discipline: Essays on Pastoral Ministry and Communal Authority in a Post-Christendom World, 1958-1969*, vol. 1, edited by Laura Schmidt Roberts, 133-142. Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2022.
4. With Susanne Guenther Loewen. Foreword to *The Challenge is in the Naming: A Theological Journey*, by Lydia Neufeld Harder, 10-14. Winnipeg, MB: CMU Press, 2018.
5. "Sacred yet Insufficient: The Use of Scripture as a Source in a Mennonite-Feminist Approach to Sexual Ethics," in *All You Need is Love: Honoring Women's Voices in Theology*, edited by Jenny Castro, 173-184. Elkhart, IN: Women in Leadership Project, Mennonite Church USA, 2016.

### **Peer-reviewed journal articles:**

1. "Formed as (Sexual) Peacemakers? Interrogating the Role of Sexuality in Relation to Institutional Culture for Formation for Witness and Discipleship at Postsecondary Theological Schools," *Anabaptist Witness* 9, no. 1 (April 2022): 69-81.

2. "Parenting a Child with Health Challenges: A Story of Vulnerability and Hope," *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* (Spring 2021). "
3. "Mennonite Peace Theology and Violence Against Women," *The Conrad Grebel Review* 35, no. 3 (Fall 2017): 280-292.
4. "Building Right Relationships," *Anabaptist Witness* 3, no. 2 (Dec. 2016): 29-46.
5. "From Community to Consumers: The Wedding Industry's Impact on the Ritual and Theological Meaning of Mennonite Weddings," *The Conrad Grebel Review*, 34, no. 3 (Fall 2016): 266- 283.

### **Other journal articles:**

1. "Tensions: Legal Systems and the Church in Ethical Crisis," feature article *Leader Magazine* 19, no. 4 (Summer 2022): 2-4.
2. "Let's talk about power," feature article *Canadian Mennonite* 26, no. 1 (January 5, 2022): 3-7.
3. "Celebrating Embodied Incarnation," *Canadian Mennonite* 20, no.1 (January 4, 2016): 27-28.

### **Book reviews in academic journals:**

1. *On Holy Ground: Stories by and about Women in Ministry Leadership in the Mennonite Brethren Church*, edited by Dora Dueck, *Journal of Mennonite Studies*, forthcoming.
2. *Liberating the Politics of Jesus*, edited by Elisabeth Soto Albrecht and Darryl Stephens, *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion, published September 25, 2022, <https://readingreligion.org/9780567692788/liberating-the-politics-of-jesus/>.

3. *Mennonite Ethics: From Isolation to Engagement*, by J. Lawrence Burkholder, *The Conrad Grebel Review* 37, no. 3 (Fall 2019): 290-292.
4. *Resurrecting Parts: Early Christians on Desire, Reproduction, and Sexual Differentiation*, by Taylor G. Petrey.
5. *Religion and Gender: Online Journal for the Systematic Study of Religion and Gender in an Interdisciplinary Perspective* 9, no. 2 (December 2019): 231-323.
6. *Remnants: A Memoir of Spirit, Activism, and Mothering*, by Rosemary Freney Harding, with Rachel Elizabeth Harding, *The Conrad Grebel Review* 35, no. 1 (Winter 2017): 103-105.
7. *Global Justice, Christology, and Christian Ethics*, by Lisa Sowle Cahill, *The Conrad Grebel Review* 34, no. 2 (Spring 2016): 198-199.
8. *Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Gay Christians in the Church*, by Wendy VanderWal- Gritter, *The Conrad Grebel Review* 33, no. 3 (Fall 2015): 388-390.

#### **ECUMENICAL AND INTER-FAITH DIALOGUES:**

- Representative of Mennonite Church Canada, in dialogue with the Anglican Church of Canada, 2017 – 2022.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Conference colloquia/panels “How Theological and Institutional Norms Hinder Protestant Responses to Sexual Violence,” panel at the Religion and Sexual Abuse Conference, March 5, 2022, University of California, Riverside, hybrid in person and Zoom.
- “How Theological and Institutional Norms Hinder Protestant Responses to Sexual Violence,” panel at

the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, January 8, 2022, online.

- “People of Peace?: Sexual Violence and Christian Institutions of Higher Education,” panel discussion, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, October 14, 2021, online.
- “The Future of Women Doing Theology in Canada,” panel on Women in Theology in Canada: The Past, the Present, and the Future, Canadian Theological Society annual meetings, Toronto, ON, May 30, 2017.
- Response to “Naming God While Doing Theology,” keynote address by Lydia Neufeld Harder, Toronto Mennonite Graduate Student Conference, Toronto, ON, June 15, 2018.
- Moderator, “Supersessionism,” Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum, American Academy of Religion annual meetings, Boston, MA November 17, 2017.
- Conference papers “The Revolutionary Nature of Lydia Neufeld Harder’s Feminist-Mennonite Method for Theology/Ethics,” Mennonite Church USA Women Doing Theology Conference, Elkhart, IN, November 9, 2018.
- “Conversations on Peace Ethics,” Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Scholar’s Forum, Toronto, ON, December 5, 2017.
- “Peace Theology and Violence against Women,” Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference and Festival, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON, June 10, 2016.
- “God with Skin on: An Embodied View of the Incarnation for Mennonite Ecclesiology and Ethics,” Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum, American Academy of Religion annual meetings, San Diego, CA, November 12, 2014.

- With Joanna Manning, “On Feminist Theology,” Junia’s Daughters: Young Women Partnering in Ministry Conference, Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON, November 8, 2014.
- “An Embodied View of the Incarnation for Mennonite Sexual Ethics,” Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference, Winnipeg, MB, May 30, 2014.
- “Use of the Bible in Christian Ethics,” Toronto School of Theology Advanced Degree Student