

## **BARBARA PITKIN**

*Senior Lecturer*

*Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University*

650-723-2895 | [pitkin@stanford.edu](mailto:pitkin@stanford.edu)

<http://stanford.academia.edu/BarbaraPitkin>

### **EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. Ph.D., Theology, 1994, with *Distinction*.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. A.M., Religious Studies, 1987.

CARLETON COLLEGE. B.A., German, 1981, *magna cum laude*.

LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-UNIVERSITÄT, MUNICH. 1979-1980.

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

STANFORD UNIVERSITY. *Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies*, 2008-present.

*Acting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies*, 1996-1999, 2000-2008.

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY. *Visiting Lecturer in Religious Studies*, 1998-1999.

ST. OLAF COLLEGE. *Assistant Professor of Religion and Tutor in the Paracollege*, 1991-1992, 1993-1998.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

Hewlett Faculty Research Grant, Stanford University, 2005-2006; 2008-2009; 2013-2014

Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Stanford University, 1996-1997.

St. Olaf College Summer Research Grant, 1996 (declined in order to accept Mellon Fellowship).

Fellow at the Institute of European History, Mainz, Germany, 1992-1993, Summer 1994.

John T. McNeill Fellow at the University of Chicago, 1990-1991.

Junior Fellow in the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago, 1990-1991.

Doctoral Exams passed with Distinction, 1990.

Divinity School Fellow, University of Chicago, 1989-1990.

B.A. Comprehensive Exams passed with Distinction, 1981.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1981.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

*What Pure Eyes Could See: Calvin's Doctrine of Faith in Its Exegetical Context*, Oxford Studies in Historical Theology (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).

#### **Edited Anthologies**

*The Formation of Clerical and Confessional Identities in the Sixteenth Century*, ed. and intro. Wim Janse and Barbara Pitkin, *Dutch Review of Church History* 85 (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2006).

*Semper Reformanda: John Calvin, Worship, and Reformed Traditions*, Refo500 Academic Series (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017).

#### **Articles**

"John Calvin's Vision of Reform, Historical Thinking, and the Modern World," in *Calvinism Handbook*, ed. Bruce Gordon and Carl Trueman (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

"Calvin's Commentary on Psalm 1 and Providential Faith: Reformed Influences on the Psalms in English," in *Crossing Traditions: Essays on Reformation and Intellectual History in Honour of Irena Backus*, ed. Maria-Cristina Pitassi and Daniela Solfaroli Camillocci (Leiden: E. J. Brill, forthcoming)

"John Calvin," in *Christianity and Family Law: An Introduction*, ed. John Witte, Jr., and Gary S. Hauk

(Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), 211-28.

“Erasmus, Calvin, and the Faces of Stoicism in Renaissance and Reformation Thought,” in *The Routledge Handbook of the Stoic Tradition*, ed. John Sellars (London and New York: Routledge, 2016), 145-59.

“Human Nature in Calvin’s Commentary on Seneca’s *De clementia*,” in *Anthropological Reformations—Anthropology in the Reformation*, ed. Anne Eusterschulte and Hannah Wälzholz (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015), 165-74.

“The Reformation of Preaching: Transformations of Worship Soundscapes in Early Modern Germany and Switzerland,” *Yale Journal of Music and Religion* 1/2 (Sept. 2015): 5-20.  
<http://elischolar.library.yale.edu/yjmr/vol1/iss2/2/>

“John Calvin, François Hotman, and the Living Lessons of Sacred History,” in *Politics, Gender, and Belief: The Long-Term Impact of the Reformation*, ed. Amy Nelson Burnett, Kathleen Comerford, and Karin Maag (Geneva: Librairie Droz, 2014), 19-44.

“Exil im Spiegel der Geschichte in Calvins Jesaiakommentar (1559),” in *Calvin und Calvinismus: Europäische Perspektiven*, ed. Irene Dingel and Herman Selderhuis (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011), 215-28.

“Calvin’s Mosaic Harmony: Biblical Exegesis and Early Modern Legal History,” *Sixteenth Century Journal* 41/2 (2010): 441-66.

“Calvin, Theology, and History,” *Seminary Ridge Review* 12/2 (2010): 1-16.

“John Calvin and the Interpretation of the Bible,” in *History of Biblical Interpretation*, vol. 2, ed. Alan J. Hauser and Duane F. Watson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009), 341-71.

“Calvin’s Reception of Paul,” in *A Companion to Paul in the Reformation*, ed. R. Ward Holder (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2009), pp. 267-96.

“Glaube und Rechtfertigung,” in *Calvin Handbuch*, ed. Herman J. Selderhuis (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008), 284-95.  
In Dutch in *Calvijn Handboek* (Kampen: Kok, 2008).  
In English in *The Calvin Handbook* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009), 288-99.

“Prophecy and History in Calvin’s Lectures on Daniel (1561),” in *Die Geschichte der Daniel-Auslegung in Judentum, Christentum und Islam: Studien zur Kommentierung des Danielbuches in Literatur und Kunst*, ed. K. Bracht and D. DuToit (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2007), 323-47.

“The Spiritual Gospel? Views of Human Nature in Calvin’s Commentary on John,” in *The Formation of Clerical and Confessional Identities in the Sixteenth Century*, ed. W. Janse and B. Pitkin, *Dutch Review of Church History* 85 (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2006), 187-204.

“Calvin as a Commentator on the Gospel of John,” in *Calvin and the Bible*, ed. Donald K. McKim (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), 164-98.

“The Protestant Zeno: Calvin and the Development of Melancthon’s Anthropology,” *Journal of Religion* 84/3 (July 2004): 345-78.

“Redefining Repentance: Calvin and Melancthon,” in *Calvinus Praeceptor Ecclesiae: Papers of the Eighth International Congress for Calvin Research*, ed. Herman J. Selderhuis (Geneva: Librairie Droz, 2004), 275-85.

“Honoring Children’s Bodies,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 4/1 (January 2004):  
<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle>

“Children and the Church in Calvin’s Geneva,” in *Calvin and the Church*, Papers presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> Colloquium of the Calvin Studies Society, May 24-26, 2001, ed. David L. Foxgrover (Grand Rapids: CDC Product Services for the Calvin Studies Society, 2002), 144-64.

“Psalm 8:2,” in “Between Text and Sermon,” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 55/2 (April 2001): 177-80.

“The Heritage of the Lord: Children in the Theology of John Calvin,” in *The Child in Christian Thought*, ed. Marcia J. Bunge (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001), 160-93.

“Seeing and Believing in the John Commentaries of Martin Bucer and John Calvin,” *Church History* 68/4 (December 1999): 865-85.

“Nothing But Concupiscence: Calvin’s Understanding of Sin and the *via Augustini*,” *Calvin Theological Journal* 34 (November 1999): 347-69. Peer reviewed.

“Imitation of David: David as a Paradigm for Faith in Calvin’s Exegesis of the Psalms,” *Sixteenth Century Journal* 24/4 (1993): 843-63.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

#### *Reviewing and Editorial Work:*

Advisory Board Member, *Church History and Religious Culture* (2007-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Childhood and Religion* (2009-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Renaissance & Reformation Review* (2013-present)

Editorial Committee Member, *The Sixteenth Century Journal* (2014-present)

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2016-2018)

Peer Reviewer for Oxford University Press (2004-present)

Peer Reviewer for the *The Journal of Religion* (2004)

Peer Reviewer for *The Sixteenth Century Journal* and Sixteenth Century Texts and Studies (2002-present)

Peer Reviewer for Jossey-Bass Publishers (2002)

Network Editor for Historical Theology, *Religious Studies Review*, 1995-1999.

Editorial Assistant, *The Journal of Religion*, 1988-1991.

#### *Professional Societies: Membership and Leadership Activities*

American Academy of Religion, Member, 1990-present.

AAR Program Unit Steering Committee, Consultation on Children and Religion, Co-chair 2006-2007; Member, 2002-2007.

American Historical Association, Member, 2012-present.

American Society of Church History, Council Member, 2012-2015; Nominating Committee Member, 2015-2016; Member, 1995-present.

Calvin Studies Society, past President, 2017=2019; President, 2015-2017; Vice-President and Program Chair, 2013-2015; Board Member-at-large, 2001-2005; Member, 1996-present.

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Member, 1995-present.

Society for Reformation Research, Member, 2011-present.

Douglas Murray Prize Committee Member, *Renaissance and Reformation Review*, 2015.

Bainton History/Theology Prize Committee Member, *Sixteenth Century Society*, 2017-present.