

Barbara Pitkin Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies, Stanford University
650-723-2895 | pitkin@stanford.edu
<http://stanford.academia.edu/BarbaraPitkin>

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. Ph.D., Theology, with distinction 1994
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. A.M., Religious Studies 1987
CARLETON COLLEGE. B.A., German, *magna cum laude* 1981
LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-UNIVERSITÄT, MUNICH. Junior Year Abroad 1979-1980

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies 2008-
Acting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies 1996-2008
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
Visiting Lecturer in Religious Studies 1998-1999
ST. OLAF COLLEGE
Assistant Professor of Religion and Tutor in the Paracollege 1995-1998
Lecturer in Religion and Tutor in the Paracollege 1991-1992, 1993-1995

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

SIXTEENTH CENTURY JOURNAL
Editor 2019-
SOCIETY FOR REFORMATION RESEARCH
Executive Committee Member 2019-2022
SIXTEENTH CENTURY SOCIETY
Bainton Theology/History Prize Committee 2017-2019
CALVIN STUDIES SOCIETY
Past President 2017-2019
President 2015-2017
Vice-President and Program Chair 2013-2015
Board Member-at-large 2001-2005
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY
Council Member 2012-2015
Nominating Committee Member 2015-2016
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION
Co-chair, Steering Committee, Consultation on Children and Religion 2006-2007

BOOKS

Monographs:

Calvin, the Bible, and History: Exegesis and Historical Reflection in the Era of Reform (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2020).

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:

Semper Reformanda: John Calvin, Worship, and Reformed Traditions, ed. Barbara Pitkin, Refo500 Academic Series (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018).

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).

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Calvin and Politics According to His Mosaic Harmony: Text, Paratext, and Context," in *Calvin Frater in Domino*, ed. Arnold Huijgen and Karin Maag (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, in press).

"Religion and the Divine," in *A Cultural History of Ideas in the Age of the Renaissance (1450-1650)*, ed. Jill Kraye, vol. 4 of *A Cultural History of Ideas*, 6 vols., ed. Peter Struck and Sophia Rosenfeld (London: Bloomsbury, in press).

"Calvin on the Early Reformation," in *Calvin and the Early Reformation*, ed. Brian C. Brewer and David Whitford (Leiden: E. J. Brill, in press).

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

"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, 2018), 164-81.

"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: 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 *A 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. du Toit (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2007), 323-47.

“The Spiritual Gospel? Christ and 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 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 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 13th 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 8:1-2,” 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 Commentaries on John by 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.

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

TRANSLATIONS

Christoph Strohm, “Sixteenth-Century French Legal Education and Calvin’s Legal Education,” translated from the German by Barbara Pitkin, in *Calvin and the Early Reformation*, ed. Brian C. Brewer and David Whitford (Leiden: E. J. Brill, forthcoming).