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## Executive Leader Mission and Ministry

Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia  
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## CURRENT POSITION:

Professor Emeritus (Theology), University of Auckland

Executive Director Mission and Ministry – Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea

**2003-2014** Head of Theology and Professor of Theology – University of Auckland

**1982-2001** Lecturer in New Testament – Pius XII Seminary/St. Paul's Theological College and Brisbane College of Theology

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1990 PhD University of Queensland, Brisbane.
- 1986 BSS Pontifical Biblical Commission, Rome.
- 1986 Élève Diplômé École Biblique de Jérusalem.
- 1985 MA [Theol] Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.
- 1980 BA Hons University of Queensland, Brisbane.
- 1966 Certificate of Teaching [Secondary] Kelvin Grove Teachers' College, Brisbane.

## TEACHING: Examples of Courses Offered [Undergraduate and Postgraduate]

*Hermeneutics; Biblical Healing; Doing Theology in Context; Gospel of Matthew; Worlds and Cultures of the Bible; Feminist Theologies; The Bible in Popular Culture; Biblical Texts in Context; EcoTheology; Spirituality of Healing.*

## OCCASIONAL LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS [Some Most Recent Examples]:

Remembering Mary in an Age of Ecological Imperatives [Marian College, Bendigo, 2015]

Religious Life in an Evolving Universe [Series of Sessions given in various locations within ISMAPNG for the Year of Consecrated Life]

Habitat Human and Holy Parabled: Reading the Matthean Parables Ecologically [Lecture given at Rahamim Ecological Centre, Bathurst. October, 2015]

Healing and Healers: Women and Earth [Lecture given at Sophia Centre, Adelaide, May, 2016]

Reading the Scriptures Anew in an Age of Ecological Imperatives [Workshop: Mercy Spirituality Centre, Auckland, February, 2015]

Of Birth and Death, Hearing and Seeing [Keynote Speaker at Oceania Biblical Studies Association, September, 2015]

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Attending to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor in the Jubilee Year of Mercy [2 Keynote addresses at the ISMAPNG Governance Forum – Sydney, March, 2016]

Freedom for all the Earth in Christ [Seminar, St. Dominic's College, Auckland, October, 2015]

"Some Challenges to Reading the Gospel of Matthew Ecologically: Matt 21:12-22 as a Test Case." Federation of Biblical Scholars, Melbourne, 25 August, 2011, Invited Paper:

"Crossing Over; Taking Refuge: Reading Matt 2:13-25; 8:28-34 and 15:21-28 with an Ear to Asia"—Keynote address at the June meeting of the Society for Asian Biblical Studies in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

"Save us! We Are Perishing!" (Matt 8:25): Reading the Biblical Text in an Ecological Age." Concannon Lecture at the University of Southern Queensland, 20 August, 2012.

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Can Beatitude Address the Ecological/Economic Nexus of Violence." Presidential Address, Society for Asian Biblical Studies Biennial Meeting, Chiang Mai, Thailand, June, 2014:

Monthly article in *Tui Motu* magazine, Dunedin, New Zealand—Ecological reading of selected texts from the gospel for the liturgical year (2015, Year of Matthew; 2016 Year of Luke).

## PUBLICATIONS [Some Recent Examples]:

### Books:

#### Author:

*Habitat, Human and Holy: An Eco-Rhetorical Reading of the Gospel of Matthew.* Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2016.

With Robert J. Myles and Carlos Olivares. *The Gospel according to Matthew: The Basileia of the heavens is near at Hand.* Phoenix Guides to the New Testament 1. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 85 pages, 2014.

*Woman Healing/Healing Women: The Genderization of Healing in Early Christianity.* London: Equinox, 262 pages, 2006.

*Shall We Look for Another: A Feminist Re-reading of the Matthean Jesus.* Maryknoll: Orbis, 200 pages 1998.

*Towards a Feminist Critical Reading of the Gospel of Matthew.* BZNW 60. Berlin: de Gruyter, 410 pages, 1991.

#### Editor:

With Jione Havea, and David J. Neville, Eds. *Bible, Borders, Belonging(s): Engaging Readings from Oceania.* Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014.

With H. Haker, and L. Cahill. Eds. *Human Trafficking.* Concilium 2011/3. London: SCM, 145 pages, 2011.

With P. Culbertson. Eds. *The Bible in/and Popular Culture: A Creative Encounter.* Leiden: Brill, 2011 and Atlanta: SBL, 210 pages, 2010.

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With D. Irarrazaval and D. Gira. Eds. *Oceania and Indigenous Theologies*. Concilium 2010/5. London: SCM, 2010.

With L. C. Susin and F. Wilfred. Eds. *Eco-Theology*. London, SCM, 2009.

## Refereed Journal Articles:

“In Memory of Her! Exploring the Political Power of Readings – Feminist and Ecological.” *Feminist Theology* 23.2 (2015): 205-220.

“Crossing Over, Taking Refuge: A Contrapuntal Reading.” *HTS Teologiese Studies / Theological Studies*; Vol 70, No 1 (2014), 6 pages

“Ecological Hermeneutics: Reflections on Methods and Prospects for the Future’ by David G. Horrell: A Reponse.” *Colloquium* 26.2 (2014): 166-169.

“Reading Matt 21:12-22 Ecologically.” *ABR* 60 (2012): 67-79.

“Images, Words and Stories: Exploring their Transformative Power in Reading Biblical Texts Ecologically.” *Biblical Interpretation* 20 (2012): 280-304.

“On Pilgrimage with Biblical Women in Their Land(s).” *HTS TEOLOGIESE STUDIES*, 67(1), 2011. 7 pages.

“Place, Power and Potentiality: Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Ecologically.” *Expository Times*, 121.4 (2010), 159-167.

“In the Lands of the Eucalypt and The Long White Cloud: Jesus Research ‘Downunder.’” *Colloquium* 40.1 (2008): 3-22.

“The Open Door that No One Can Ever Shut!?: Friendship with Women of the Gospels as Heritage.” *Women-Church* 40 (2007): 10-14.

‘In Fear and Great Joy: Forty Years of Feminist Biblical Scholarship’ *Compass* 39, 24-36, 2005.

‘SeaChanges Land and Living and Loving: Women Scholars of Religion and Theology over 10 Years’ *SeaChanges* 4 (2004):1-24., <http://www.wsrt.com.au/seachanges/volume4/index.shtml>.

## Sections in Books:

“Threads of Tradition Weaving a Complex Web: The Challenge/s of Reading Women in Early Christianity.” In: Wendy Mayer and Ian J. Elmer (Eds), *Men and Women in the Early Christian Centuries* (Early Christian Studies 18; pp. 25-40). Strathfield: St. Pauls, 2014.

“‘Save Us! We are Perishing!’: Reading Matthew 8:23-27 in the Face of Devastating Floods.” In: Jione Havea, David J. Neville and Elaine M. Wainwright, *Bible, Borders, Belonging(s): Engaging Readings from Oceania*. Semeia Studies 75: 21-38. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014.

“Of Borders, Bread, Dogs and Demons: Reading Matthew 15.21-28 Ecologically.” In: Alan H. Cadwallader with Peter L. Trudinger, *Where the Wild Ox Roams: Biblical Essays in Honour of Norman C. Habel* (Hebrew Bible Monographs 59; pp.114-128). Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2013.



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“Of Dogs and Women: Ethology and Gender in Ancient Healing. The Canaanite Woman’s Story – Matt 15:21-28.” In: Stefan Alkier and Annette Weissenrieder (Eds), *Miracles Revisited: New Testament Miracle Stories and their Concepts of Reality*. Studies of the Bible and Its Reception 2, pp. 55-69. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2013.

“Texts@Context To Borrow a Phrase: A Contribution from Oceania.” In: Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, Florian Höhne and Tobias Teitmeier (Eds), *Contextuality and Intercontextuality in Public Theology*, pp. 153-160. Zürich: Lit Verlag, 2013.

“Reading the Gospel of Matthew Ecologically in Oceania: Matthew 4:1-11 as Focal Text.” In: Nicole Wilkinson Duran and James Grimshaw (Eds), *Matthew: Texts @ Contexts* (pp. 255-270). Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013.

“Hear then the Parable of the Seed”: Reading the Agrarian Parables of Matthew 13 Ecologically. In: Boer, R., Carden, M. & Kelso, J. (Eds), *The One Who Reads May Run: Essays in Honour of Edgar W. Conrad* (pp. 125-141). New York: T & T Clark, 2012.

“Beyond the Crossroads: Reading Matthew 13,52 Ecologically into the Twenty-First Century. In D. Senior (Ed.), *The Gospel of Matthew at the Crossroads of Early Christianity* (BETL CCXLIII, pp. 375-388). Leuven: Peeters, 2011.

“Clothed and in His Right Mind’: An Exploration of Spirit Possession in Early Christianity.” In *Spirit Possession, Theology and Identity: A Pacific Exploration*, edited by Elaine M. Wainwright, Philip Culbertson and Susan Smith, 155-181. Hindmarsh: ATF Press, 2010.

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