

## NICOLA SLEE PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

### 1. Solo authored and edited books

*In Search of the Risen Christa* (SPCK, 2011)(author)

*The Book of Mary* (SPCK, 2007)(author)

*Praying Like a Woman* (SPCK, 2004)(author)

*Women's Faith Development: Patterns and Processes* (Ashgate, 2004)(author)

*Faith and Feminism: An Introduction to Christian Feminist Theology* (Darton, Longman & Todd, 2003)(author)

From 2002 - 2012, annually editing *Words for Today*, daily Bible reading notes (International Bible Reading Association)(editor)

*Easter Garden: A Sequence of Readings on the Resurrection Hope* (Fount, 1990)

### 2. Co-authored and edited books

With Fran Porter and Anne Phillips, *Researching Female Faith: Qualitative Research Methods* (Taylor & Francis, in preparation)

With Gavin D'Costa, Eleanor Nesbitt, Mark Pryce and Ruth Shelton, *Making Nothing Happen: Five Poets Explore Faith and Spirituality* (Ashgate: 2014)

With Fran Porter and Anne Phillips, *The Faith Lives of Women and Girls: Qualitative Research Perspectives* (Ashgate, 2013)

With Stephen Burns, *Presiding Like a Woman* (SPCK, 2010)

With Stephen Burns & Michael N. Jagessar, *The Edge of God: New Liturgical Texts and Contexts in Conversation* (Epworth, October 2008)

With Rosie Miles, *Doing December Differently: An Alternative Christmas Handbook* (Wild Goose Publications, 2006)

With Leslie J. Francis, *A Feast of Words: An Anthology for Exploring Christian Worship* (Collins Liturgical, 1983)

### 3. Academic articles, contributions to books

'Poetry as feminist research methodology in the study of female faith', in Nicola Slee, Fran Porter and Anne Phillips (eds.), *Researching Female Faith:*

*Qualitative Research Methods* (Taylor & Francis, in preparation).

‘No Promised Land: A lay theologian reflects on the journey to women’s episcopacy in the Church of England’, in Jenny Chalmers & Erice Fairbrother (eds.), *Vashti’s Banquet: Voices from her feast: Essays to mark the 2th anniversary of the ordination of the first woman diocesan bishop in the Anglican communion: The Rt Rev’d Penelope Ann Bansall Jamieson* (Auckland: Council for Anglican Women’s Studies, 2015), pp.220-240.

‘What’s a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?’ or ‘What’s a feminist practical theologian doing amongst a bunch of distinguished philosophers?’ A riff on Professor Joe Margolis’ paper, *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* (forthcoming).

God-language in public and private prayer: a place for integrating gender, sexuality and faith, *Theology and Sexuality* 20 (3) (2014), pp. 225-237.

Feminist Theology as Public Theology, in Burns, S. & Monro, A. (eds.) *Not Behind Our Backs* (Equinox, 2014).

(with Helen Cameron) Peering into the shadows or foregrounding the feminine: feminist rewritings of the parable of the prodigal son, *Practical Theology* 7 (1) (2014), pp. 50-62.

Writing like a woman: in search of a feminist theological poetics, in D’Costa, G, E. Nesbitt, M. Pryce, R. Shelton, and N. Slee, *Making Nothing Happen: Five Poets Reflect on Faith and Spirituality* (Ashgate, 2014), pp. 9-47.

Feminist qualitative research as spiritual practice: reflections on the process of doing research, in Slee, N, F. Porter and A. Phillips (eds.), *The Faith Lives of Women and Girls: Qualitative Research Perspectives* (Ashgate, 2013), pp. 13-24.

Visualising, conceptualizing, imagining and praying the Christa: in search of her risen forms, *Feminist Theology* 21(1) (2012), pp.71-90.

Presiding in the classroom: a holy work, in Slee, N & Burns, S. (eds.) *Presiding Like a Woman* (SPCK, 2010), pp.156-165.

Word, in Burns, S. (ed.) *Renewing the Eucharist*, Vol. 1, *Journey* (Canterbury Press, 2008).

Writing the (Feminine) Divine: Reflections on the Practice of Contemporary Feminist Liturgy, in Burns, S., M.N. Jagessar & N. Slee, *The Edge of God: New Liturgical Texts and Contexts in Conversation* (Epworth, 2008).

(with Claire Carson) Brokenness, Love and Embrace: Eating Disorders and the Eucharist, in Burns, S., M.N. Jagessar & N. Slee, *The Edge of God: New Liturgical Texts and Contexts in Conversation* (Epworth, 2008).

- A meditation on Elisabeth Frink's *Pieta*, *Practical Theology* 1.1 (2008), pp. 33-41
- Women and mission: reflections and research findings, *Re-thinking Mission* on-line journal at [www.rethinkingmission.org.uk](http://www.rethinkingmission.org.uk) (2006).
- The public use of poetry, *Audenshaw discussion paper*, the Hinksey network (2006).
- The patterns and processes of women's faith development: A qualitative approach, *British Journal of Theological Education* 14.1 (2003), pp. 93-107.
- The Holy Spirit and spirituality, in Parsons, S. (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Feminist Theology* (Cambridge University Press, 2002), pp.171-189.
- Apophatic faithing in women's spirituality, *British Journal of Theological Education* 11.2 (2001), pp.23-27.
- A Subject in Her Own Right - The Religious Education of Women and Girls, *The Hockerill Lecture 2000* (Hockerill Educational Foundation, 2000).
- Relationality in women's spirituality and faith development, *Caravan* 13/53 (2000), pp. 14-15.
- Some patterns and processes of women's faith development, *Journal of Beliefs and Values* 21 (2000), pp. 5-16.
- Flourishing: a model and metaphor of the work of the Spirit, *Anglicans for Renewal* 81 (2000), pp. 31-35.
- Further on from Fowler: post-Fowler faith development research, in Francis, L.J. & Cambell, W.S., *Research in Religious Education* (Fowler Wright/Gracewing, 1996), pp. 73-96.
- The power to re-member, in Hampton, D. (ed.) *Swallowing a Fishbone? Feminist Theologians Debate Christianity* (SPCK, 1996), pp. 33-49, 129-134, 158-161.
- God's good greening power: Hildegard's gift of veriditas, in Heather Walton & Susan Durber (eds.), *Silence in Heaven: An Anthology of Women's Preaching* (London: SCM, 1994), pp. 135-9.
- Spirituality in the curriculum: an annotated Bibliography, *Journal of Beliefs and Values* 13/2 (1993), pp. 10-17.
- Endeavours in a theology of adult education: a theologian reflects, in Jarvis, P. & Walters, N. (eds.) *Theological Interpretations of Adult Education* (Krieger, 1993b), pp. 325-346.
- Gender issues in religious education: a report from Britain, *German Journal of Religious Education* 45 (1993), pp. 55-60.

'Heaven in ordinarie': the imagination, spirituality and the arts in religious education, in Watson, B. (ed.) *Priorities in Religious Education* (Falmer, 1992), pp. 38-57.

Liberating women: new theological directions, a report of the fourth conference of the European Society of Women in Theological Research, *Journal of Beliefs and Values* 12/2 (1991), pp.6-8.

Cognitive developmental studies of religious thinking: a survey and discussion with special reference to post-Goldman research in the UK, in Nipkow, K.E., Schweitzer, F. & Fowler, J.W. (eds.) *Stages of Faith and Religious Development: Implications for Church, Education and Society* (Crossroad/SCM, 1991), pp. 130-146.

Getting away from Goldman: changing perspectives on the development of religious thinking, *Modern Churchman* 32/1 (1990), pp. 1-9.

Developments in school worship: an overview, *Journal of Beliefs and Values* 11 (1990), pp. 5-10.

Women's silence in religious education, *British Journal of Religious Education* 12 (1989), pp. 29-37.

Conflict and reconciliation between competing models of religious education: some reflections on the British scene, *British Journal of Religious Education* 11 (1989a), pp. 126-135.

Religious development and education: report of the International Symposium on Religious Development and Education, *Journal of Beliefs and Values* 9/1 (1988), pp. 1-14.

Religious language and religious education: report of the Fifth International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, *British Journal of Religious Education* 9 (1987), pp. 120-123.

The development of religious thinking: some linguistic considerations, *British Journal of Religious Education* 9 (1987a), pp. 60-69.

A note on Goldman's methods of data analysis, with special reference to scalogram analysis, *British Journal of Religious Education* 8 (1986b), pp. 168-175.

Goldman yet again: an overview of his contribution to research, *British Journal of Religious Education* 8 (1986a), pp. 84-93.

Education's responsibility for morality and faith in a rapidly changing world: report of the fourth international seminar on religious education and values, *Journal of Christian Education* 85 (1985), pp. 30-34.

Parables and women's experience, *The Modern Churchman* 26/2 (1984), pp. 20-31 (reproduced in Loades, A. (ed.) *Feminist Theology: A Reader* [SPCK, 1990],

pp. 41-47).

Parable teaching: exploring new worlds, *British Journal of Religious Education* 5 (1983), pp.134-6.

#### **4. Popular articles and shorter, occasional pieces**

‘A creative engagement with Mary’, *The Franciscan* May 2014, pp. 1-2.

Praying like a woman, *REToday* 31/3 (2014), pp.6-7.

Good to be women, *Magnet* 65 (2004), pp.4-6.

Voices from the wilderness, *Magnet* 49 (2000) pp.32-3.

Mary Magdalene: mystery, myth and model: A sermon for Mary Magdalene tide, *Chrysalis* January (1991), pp. 10-11.

Biblical women: images of female faith, *RE Today* 11/2 (1994a), pp. 24-5.

The motherhood of God: a sermon for mothering Sunday, *Expository Times* 102/5 (1991b), pp. 142-44.

Redemptive teaching: a sermon for Education Sunday, *Expository Times* 12 (1990a), pp. 114-5.

Who cooked the calf? *Times Educational Supplement*, 2 December 1989, p. 18

The invisible woman in Christianity, *World Religions in Education 1988* (London: Commission for Racial Equality), pp. 8-11.

‘Dance’ and ‘Poetry and prose’ in Leslie J Francis, *Making Contact: Christian Nurture, Family Worship and Church Growth* (London: Collins Liturgical, 1986c), pp. 108-16, 137-46.

Opening up the Bible in religious education, *New REView* 4/1 (1985), pp. 6-8.

#### **5. Adult Bible study materials and reflections**

‘Tears in the Old and New Testaments’, in Nathan Eddy (ed.) *Fresh from the Word 2015* (Birmingham: International Bible Reading Association, 2015), pp. 309-322.

‘God’s hands and ours: God so loved the world’, in Nathan Eddy (ed.) *Fresh from the Word 2014* (Birmingham: International Bible Reading Association, 2014), pp. 84-90.

*Seeing the Spirit* (Study material on contemporary artists' images of the Holy Spirit from a variety of cultural settings)(Christian Education, 2008)

*Seeing Jesus* (Study material on contemporary visual images of Christ from a variety of cultural settings) (Christian Education, 2005)

*Prisons and Palaces: Exploring the biblical story of Joseph* (Christian Education, 2004)

*Searching Stories* (on Luke's gospel) (Christian Education, 2003)

*Songs of Life* (on the psalms) (Christian Education, 2001)

*Remembering Mary* (on Mary) (NCEC, 2000)

## **6. Co-authored books for children**

With Leslie J Francis, *The Teddy Horsley Series of Books for Children* (Christian Education, 1983 - cont.) Some 20 titles exploring aspects of Christian worship and biblical themes for 3-7 year olds.

With Leslie J Francis and Betty Pedley, *Ready, Teddy, God! Activities for Home, Church and School* (Christian Education, 1999)

## **7. Poems and Liturgical texts**

'Return', *NZ Books* (forthcoming)

'The road to the isles', 'Song for Iona' and 'Leaving Iona', *Coracle* (forthcoming)

'Jeremy's bench', in *Artemis* (2014)

'Envoys', in *Artemis* (2012)

'Rummage', commended in The Plough on-line competition, Torrington, Devon, 2010.

'The Maori Christa', *NZ Books*

'Annunciation', 'In praise of Mary reading', 'Eve and Mary in the garden' and 'A litany for illiterate girls', *Coracle* 4/35 (2008), pp.

'May we be as faithful: a celebration of Jesus' female disciples: act of worship', *Magnet* 81 (2008), pp. 18-23.

'Bombs will ripen', *Obsessed with Pipework* (2004)

'Minster trees', *Coffee House Poetry* (2004)

'Thanksgiving for friends', 'Loving enemies', 'Prayer for friends turned enemies', 'Enemies, friends' and 'What have we done?' in BURGESS, R. (ed.) *Friends and Enemies: A Book of Short Prayers and Some Ways to Write Your Own* (Wild Goose Publications, 2003)

'The edge of God', 'Ecclesiastical hedges' and 'Litany to a dark god', short-listed for *Myslexia* special issue on 'God'.

A series of graces in Paynter, N. (ed.) *Blessed Be Our Table: Graces for Mealtimes and Reflections on Food* (Wild Goose, 2003)

'A single woman's manifesto', 'A covenant commitment to the single life', 'So many kinds of awesome love', 'Charis' and 'Making love to you', in Duncan, G. (ed.) *Courage to Love* (DLT, 2002)

'Blessing for a sabbatical', 'A blessing for beginnings or endings', 'The darkness of God: a blessing', 'A blessing for one who is dying', 'Blessing for lovers' and 'Blessing at the table' in Burgess, R., *A Book of Blessings and how to write your own* (Wild Goose, 2001)

'A celebration of faith development', 'Cairn building', 'A house warming celebration', 'A liturgy of friendship' and 'A healing liturgy' in Ward, H. & Wild, J. (eds) *Human Rites: Worship Resources for an Age of Change* (Cassell/Mowbray, 1995)

'Broken silence', 'Christmas crib', 'Nativity', 'Conversations with muse 3', 'Wrestler' and 'A confession of faith' in Ward, H., Wild, J. & Morley, J. (eds.) *Celebrating Women: The New Edition* (SPCK, 1995)

*Broken Silence: Women Finding a Voice* A liturgy for women's voices and congregational participation (WIT Publications, 1993)

With Susanna Fageol & Lesley Hitchens (eds.) *Who Are You Looking For? Easter liturgies to launch the WCC Decade*, Churches in Solidarity with Women (EFECW/WICCC, 1990)

## 8. Book reviews

Regular/occasional reviews in, for example, the *British Journal of Religious Education*, *Church Times*, *Expository Times*, *Journal of Adult Theological Education*, *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, *Journal of Theology and Sexuality*, *Modern Believing*, *Outlook*, *Reviews in Religion and Theology* and *Theology*.

Recent reviews include:

Francesca Bugliani Knox and David Lonsdale (eds.), *Poetry and the Religious Imagination: The Power of the Word* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015), for *Practical Theology* (forthcoming)

Elaine Storkey, *Scars Across Humanity: Understanding and Overcoming Violence Against Women* (London: SPCK, 2015), for *Theology* (forthcoming)

Susannah Cornwall, *Controversies in Queer Theology* (London, 2011), *Practical Theology*

Arnfríður Guðmundsdóttir, *Meeting God on the Cross: Christ, the Cross, and the Feminist Critique* (Oxford University Press, 2010), *Theology* 114, No 6 (Nov/Dec 2011) pp.457-9.

## 9. Interviews

On poetry and prayer, interview with Rosie Venner, *Movement* 137 (2011), pp.4-5.

Interview with Dawn Llewellyn for her doctoral thesis (2010) and *Reading, Feminism and Spirituality: Troubling the Waves* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).

Interview with Jan Berry for her doctoral thesis (2007) and *Ritual Making Women: Shaping Rites for Changing Lives* (Equinox, 2009).

‘Ich habe schon immer geschrieben...’, interview with Antje Röcjemann, *Schlangen brut* 23 (2005), pp.29-31.

## 10. Conference Papers, Public Lectures, Presentations and Workshops

‘Practical theology as a spiritual practice of multiple attention’, Keynote lecture, BIAPT Conference, Limerick, 12-14 July 2016.

‘Poetry as feminist research methodology’, paper presented at TRS research seminar, University of Chester, May 2016.

‘What’s a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?’ or ‘What’s a feminist practical theologian doing amongst a bunch of distinguished philosophers?’ Response to Professor Joe Margolis, International Conference on Religious Diversity, VU Amsterdam, September 2015.

Theological reflection, Anglican Network of Retreat Centres and Centres of Theological Education, St Deniol’s library, Hawarden, September 2015.

‘Caught between the waves: (post) feminist theology in church and academy in 2015?’, presentation at ‘The F-word’ day conference, University of Chester,

August 2015.

‘Theological research as transformative spiritual practice’, and ‘Reading and writing as spiritual practice’, 2 keynote lectures for Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology Summerschool, University of Cardiff, July 2015.

‘Tracing the Christa heritage’, lecture for the opening of an exhibition of images of the female Christ figure, University of Winchester, 10 July 2015.

‘Into the woods - and out again: reflections on Sabbath and sabbatical space’, paper presented at the Vaughan Park Scholars’ Gathering, Auckland, January 2015.

‘Reflections on writing and publishing *The Faith Lives of Women and Girls*’, panel presentation, The Women’s Caucus, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, 24 November 2014.

‘Re-gendering the story of Christ: remythologising the gospel narrative via the Christa’, paper/workshop, BIAPT Conference, 15-17 July 2014, Edinburgh.

‘God-language in prayer as a place of integration of gender, spirituality and sexuality’, workshop for Embodied ministry conference, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, 9-10 July 2014.

Theological reflection on the contemporary state of feminist theology, presentation at ‘The Meanings and Future of Radical Theology John Bowden Memorial Consultation’, Sarum College, 30-31 May 2014.

‘Poetry as ethnography, ethnography as poetry’, paper presented at the Symposium on the Faith Lives of Women and Girls, Queen’s Birmingham, November 2013.

‘Beyond *Honest to God*: the rise of feminist theology’, Lecture for Honest to God day conference, St Ethelburga’s, London, 5 October 2013.

‘Poetry as ethnography, ethnography as poetry’, Poster presentation, BIAPT Conference, University of York, July 2013.

‘Poetry and psalmody’ presentation, National Network of Pastoral Musicians National Conference, Worth Abbey, 20-22 July 2012.

Poetry workshop, Modern church conference on women’s ministry, High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesden, 16-19 July 2012.

‘The landscape of the gap: charting a cartography’, Lecture to Continuing the Journey Conference, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, 3-4 April 2012. (Keynote, invitation)

‘Poetry as ethnography: Alice Oswald’s *Dart*’, paper presented at the Symposium on the Faith Lives of Women and Girls, Queen’s Birmingham, 24 March 2012.

- ‘Seeking the Risen Christa’, lecture to Rochester Theological Society and Department of Ministry and Mission, Rochester, 16 March 2012. (Invitation)
- ‘Poetry as pilgrimage’, weekend course co-run with Dr Eleanor Nesbitt, Woodbrooke Study Centre, 29 February-2 March 2012. (Invitation)
- ‘Compassion and empowerment’, Lecture for St Martin’s in the Fields lecture series, London, 31 October 2011. (Invitation)
- ‘Poetry and practical theology’, presentation for Poesis and practical theology Consultation, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham, 20-21 May 2011.
- ‘Presiding like a woman’, lecture for Cambridge Theological Federation, Westcott House, Cambridge, 28 April 2011.
- ‘Prayer’, talk for Student Christian Movement Annual Conference, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, 4 February 2011.
- ‘Feminist qualitative research as spiritual practice: reflections on the process of doing qualitative research’, paper presented at the inaugural meeting of the Symposium on the Faith Lives of Women and Girls, Queen’s, Birmingham, 19 November 2010.
- ‘Peering into the shadows: a re-reading of the parable of the Prodigal Son’, paper presented at Rewriting the Bible Symposium, University of Glasgow, 14-15 June 2010.
- ‘Feminist theology as public theology’, paper presented at Feminist Theology and Public Theology Symposium, Uniting Church College, Parramatta, Sydney, August 2009.
- ‘Mary: ideal woman, impossible saint or feminine divine?’ Lecture for Evesham Lent Lecture series, 16 March 2009.
- ‘The feminist apophatic: explorations into contemporary feminist prayer via women’s poetry’, paper presented at Women and Religion seminar, Queen’s, 20 January 2009.
- ‘The Work of Standing, the Joy of Dancing: A Spirituality to Sustain the Long Haul’, Keynote address to Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement AGM, London, 12 April 2008.
- ‘This woman’s body: feminist explorations on the body personal and the body politic’, Hinde Street Lecture, Hinde Street Methodist Church, March 2008.
- ‘Poetry as a means of theological reflection’, paper presented at Teaching Practical Theology in Higher Education Conference, Oxford Brookes

University, 1 March 2007.

‘Alone of all her sex’, lecture for Carrs Lane Radical Christianity lecture series, Carrs Lane Birmingham, 19 October 2006.

‘Alone of all her sex’, talk on Mary for Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival, Cheltenham, 26 August 2006.

‘Reflections on formation’, presentation at the Methodist Conference, Ipswich Corn Exchange, 14 March 2006.

‘Writing the (feminine) divine: reflections on the practice of contemporary feminist poetry and liturgy’, paper presented at Women and the Divine Conference, University of Liverpool, 17-19 June 2005.

‘The patterns and processes of women’s faith development: a qualitative approach’, paper presented at the Fourth International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Kristiansand, Norway, July 2002.

‘Conflict and reconciliation between competing models of religious education: some reflections on the British scene’, Keynote address at the Sixth International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Stony Point, New York, August 1988.

‘Cognitive developmental studies of religious thinking: a survey and discussion with special reference to post-Goldman research in the UK’, paper presented at the International Symposium on Religious Development and Education, Tübingen/Blaubeuren, June 1987.

‘Research in the development of religious understanding: some linguistic considerations’, paper presented at the Fifth International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Dublin, Ireland, July 1986.

‘Goldman yet again: an overview of his contribution to children’s religious development’, paper presented at the Fourth International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Kempville, Ontario, Canada, July 1984.

‘Promoting religious understanding: a theological and literary approach to children’s understanding of parables’, paper presented at the Third International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Driebergen, Netherlands, July 1982.

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