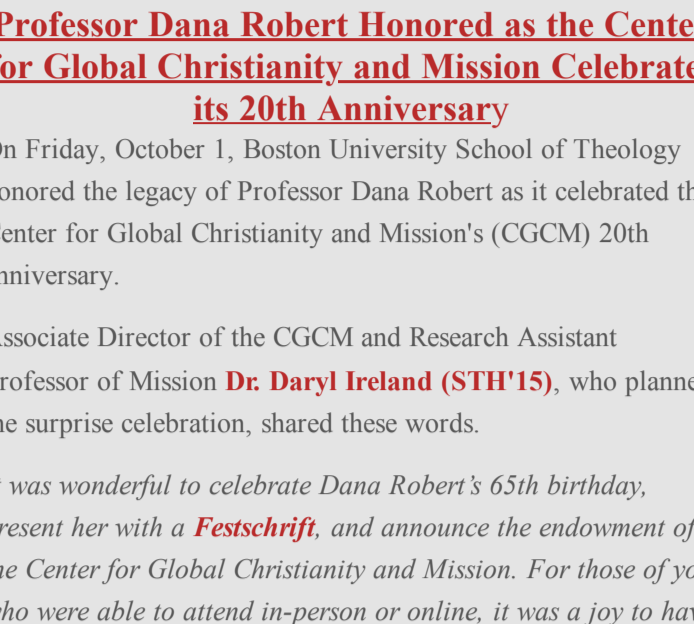




G. Sujin Pak Installed as Dean of Boston University School of Theology

On September 29, 2021, the Boston University School of Theology (BUSTH) celebrated the installation of our fifteenth dean, **G. Sujin Pak**. Thank you to all who joined us in person and virtually. [Click here](#) to view a recording of the service and [here](#) to read her latest message to alumni and friends.



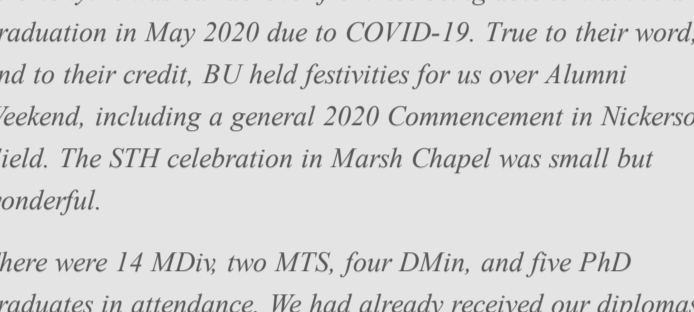
Professor Dana Robert Honored as the Center for Global Christianity and Mission Celebrates its 20th Anniversary

On Friday, October 1, Boston University School of Theology honored the legacy of Professor Dana Robert as it celebrated the Center for Global Christianity and Mission's (CGCM) 20th anniversary.

Associate Director of the CGCM and Research Assistant Professor of Mission **Dr. Daryl Ireland (STH'15)**, who planned the surprise celebration, shared these words.

*It was wonderful to celebrate Dana Robert's 65th birthday, present her with a **Festschrift**, and announce the endowment of the Center for Global Christianity and Mission. For those of you who were able to attend in-person or online, it was a joy to have you present. Of course, you know that some of the prepared statements from guests who could not be physically present had glitches. If you would like to hear **Dr. Mark Noll (10:32)** masterfully summarize some of Dr. Robert's major contributions to scholarship, or **Dr. Soojin Chung (STH'18) (4:38)** and **Dr. Angel Santiago-Vendrell (STH'08) (4:52)** describe their chapters in the Festschrift and how they extended the trajectory of their mentor's work, follow the links embedded in their names.*

[Click here](#) to view a recording of the surprise celebration.



STH Class of 2020 Recognition Ceremony

On Saturday, October 2, the STH Class of 2020 returned to campus for a special recognition ceremony with faculty, family, and friends. **Susan Clinkenbeard (STH'20)** recounted the day with exciting detail:

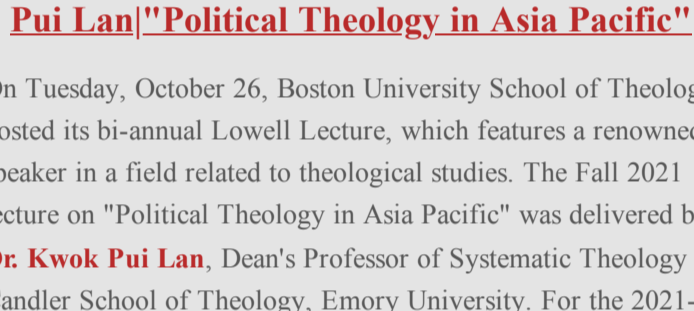
I wanted to say what joy I felt, that I am still savoring, that I was able to participate in the Celebration of 2020 Graduates ceremony. It was our do-over from not being able to walk in a graduation in May 2020 due to COVID-19. True to their word, and to their credit, BU held festivities for us over Alumni Weekend, including a general 2020 Commencement in Nickerson Field. The STH celebration in Marsh Chapel was small but wonderful.

There were 14 MDiv, two MTS, four DMin, and five PhD graduates in attendance. We had already received our diplomas by mail last year, but we had the hooding ritual, and could invite a limited number of family and friends. My favorite part was dotting on my beloved professors, many of whom told me how important it was that we got to have this rite of passage. Dr. Shelly Rambo said she had to miss her Masters graduation, and somehow, it felt like she never graduated. Dr. Kathe Darr shared that when she was a newly minted assistant professor in New England, she couldn't afford to travel to her own PhD graduation from Vanderbilt, and so she was very affirming when I thanked her for being there.

Some of the highlights include: Library Prof. Amy Limpitlaw led the procession carrying the oldest Bible from the STH Library. Prof. Chris Evans served as faculty marshal. We got to hear greetings from our new (fantastic!) Dean, Sujin Pak, and Dean Emerita Mary Elizabeth Moore was also there as faculty, beaming at all of us and giving the final prayer. Dean Stone read out the awards. Our own Libby Gatti, MDiv, gave the most wonderful Valedictory Address. New Dr. Seehee Kim and Jayleigh Lewis, MDiv (recipient of the Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship and Practice) were our scripture lectors. The Rev. Dr. Teddy Hickman-Maynard – Pastor Teddy! – PREACHED a most magnificent sermon and broke into song as only he can. And the Seminary Singers slew it as ever, under the direction of Rev. Chad Kidd. Thanks be to God!

[Click here](#) to view a recording of the ceremony.

Photographer Dave Green created a photo gallery which you can [access here](#). For high resolution photos, you may click the picture, "add to cart," and then fulfill the payment at checkout. I believe the cost is \$10 for each web use photo (for web & social media) and \$50 for full resolution images (for press, publication, posters, album artwork, etc.). If you have questions, please contact Dave directly at dg@davegreenphoto.com.



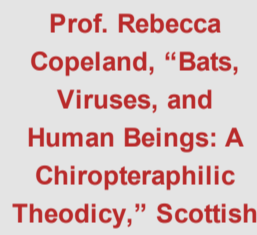
Fall 2021 Lowell Lecture featuring Dr. Kwok Pui Lan "Political Theology in Asia Pacific"

On Tuesday, October 26, Boston University School of Theology hosted its bi-annual Lowell Lecture, which features a renowned speaker in a field related to theological studies. The Fall 2021 lecture on "Political Theology in Asia Pacific" was delivered by **Dr. Kwok Pui Lan**, Dean's Professor of Systematic Theology at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. For the 2021-22 academic year, topics will be centered on themes of anti-racism and advocacy for marginalized communities. The Lowell Lecture series is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Lowell Institute.

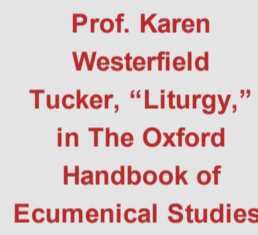
[Click here](#) to view a recording of the lecture.

[Click here](#) to view the panel response from **Dr. Choi Hee An**, Mr. Jaira Koh (STH'21,'26), and **Dr. Nimi Wariboko**.

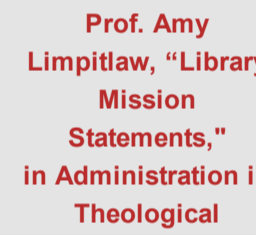
Three Recent Faculty Publications



Prof. Rebecca Copeland, "Bats, Viruses, and Human Beings: A Chirotheraphilic Theology," *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 2021.

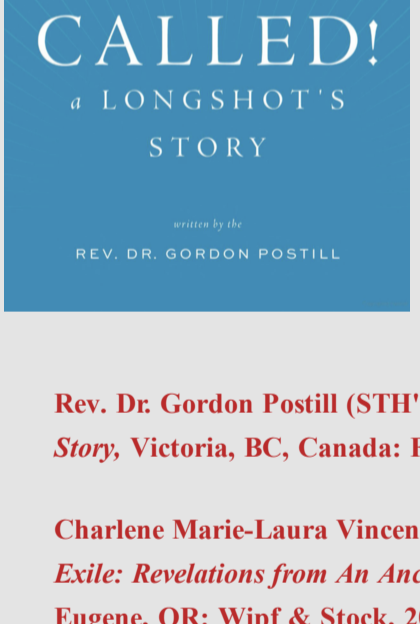


Prof. Karen Westerfield Tucker, "Liturgy," in *The Oxford Handbook of Ecumenical Studies*, ed. Geoffrey Wainwright and Paul McPartlan, 291-307. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.

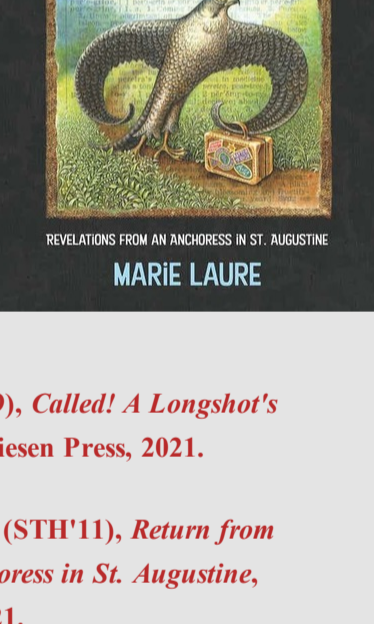


Prof. Amy Limpitlaw, "Library Mission Statements," in *Administration in Theological Libraries: The Theological Librarian's Handbook, Vol. 2*, edited by Andrew Keck. Chicago: Atla Open Press, 2021.

Two Recent Alumni Publications



Rev. Dr. Gordon Postill (STH'99), *Called! A Longshot's Story*, Victoria, BC, Canada: Friesen Press, 2021.



Charlene Marie-Laura Vincent (STH'11), *Return from Exile: Revelations from An Anchoress in St. Augustine*, Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2021.

More STH & Alumni News

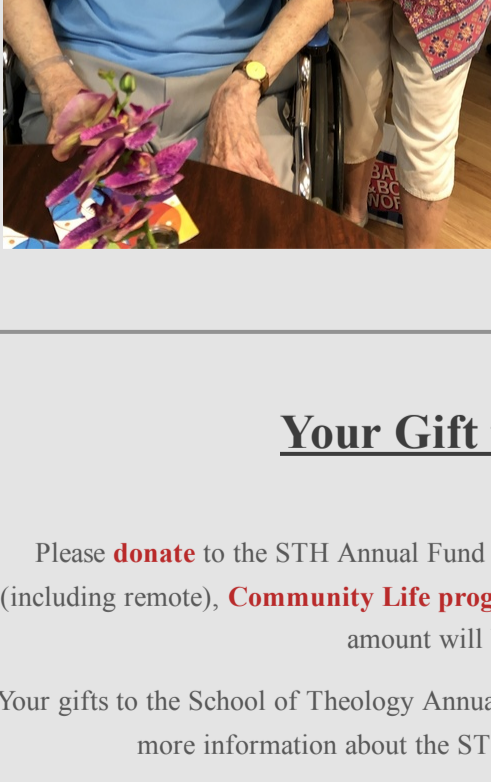
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Check out the [STH News Section](#) on the STH website for exciting announcements and timely reflections. You may also visit the [STH Livestream](#) page to watch sermons from recent STH worship services and other recorded events.

Upcoming Events

- [Humanist Chaplaincy with Greg Epstein | Online](#)
Friday, November 5, 2021 | 12pm - 1 ET
Alumni are welcomed to join the Chaplaincy Group for a meeting with our guest Greg Epstein, humanist chaplain at Harvard University.
[Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.
- [Hymnody Mini-Conference | STH 325](#)
Monday, November 8, 2021 | 2:30 - 5:30pm ET | STH 325 & Online
STH is hosting a short conference on hymnody live in STH 325 and via zoom. Guests include BU alumni **Dr. David Bjorlin (STH'18)** and **Dr. Stephanie Binney (STH'04,'12)**, and speakers include **Professor Dana Robert** and Librarian **Dr. Amy Limpitlaw**. The mini-conference is hosted by **Professor Karen Westerfield Tucker** and **Professor Andrew Shenton** and is open to all.
[Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.
- [Center for Practical Theology's 14th Annual Lecture | STH 325 & Online](#)
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 | 5 - 7pm ET
The Center for Practical Theology at Boston University will be holding its 14th Annual Lecture on the evening of Tuesday, November 9 in the School of Theology, Room 325. For this year's event, we have decided to explore the diverse vocational trajectories of some of our Practical Theology Ph.D. graduates and to create an interactive space in which current students, program alums, and faculty can reflect together on the field. Speakers include **Dr. Timothy Adkins-Jones (STH'09,'21)**, **Dr. Susan Forshey (STH'15)**, **Dr. Diana Ventura (STH'16)**, and **Dr. Montague Williams (STH'18)**. Refreshments will be served at 5 pm, and the Panel will start at 5:30 pm.
This will be hybrid event, so you may participate via Zoom using the following link.
[Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.
- [BU LGBTQIA+ Scholars Series: Challenges in Queer Theological Education: The Scholar's Identity, the Student's Success, and the Curriculum's Failure | Online](#)
Friday, November 12, 2021 | 11am - 12pm ET
Professor Luis Menéndez-Antuña will discuss some of the specific dilemmas that religious and theological educators face in institutional settings, name some of the challenges that students studying for ministry and who self-identify as sexual minorities encounter in the classroom, and point to the problem of developing a theological curriculum that is attentive to queer sensibilities. **This event is sponsored by the Boston University LGBTQIA+ Center for Faculty & Staff, and is geared toward faculty and staff members at the University. This event is co-sponsored by the School of Theology.
[Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting.

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Reverend Dr. Howard E. Hunter (STH'54, GRS'57) is Professor Emeritus of Religion, Tufts University. **Reverend Dr. Doris L. Hunter (STH'55, GRS'58)** is a retired Professor of Philosophy and Unitarian Universalist Minister.

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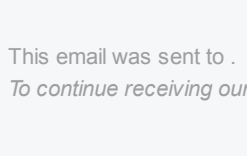
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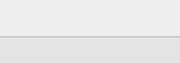
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