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**BOOKS**

- Alexis, Nekeisha Alayna and Jamie Pitts. *What Happened at Benham West: African American Stories of Community, Displacement, and Hope*. South Bend: Wolfson Press/Indiana University South Bend Press, 2025.
- Martin, Nick and Jonathan Smucker, eds. *Courage to Enter the Song: A Mennonite Action Guide to Grassroots Organizing*. Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. *Organizing Spirit: Pneumatology, Institutions, and Global Imagination*. Studies in Anabaptist Theology and Ethics. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2025.
- van Hoogstraten, Marius. *Community and Catastrophe: An Ecclesio-Political Reading of the Schleithem Confession*. Studies in Anabaptist Theology and Ethics. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2025.
- Yoder, R. Bruce. *Sowing Seeds: J. D. Graber and the Vision for Global Anabaptism*. Studies in Anabaptist and Mennonite History 54. Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2025.

**JOURNALS**

- Anabaptist Witness* 12, no. 2 (December 2025). Edited by Jonathan Bornman, Elhadji Djibril Diagne, Mame Gora Diop, and Matthew J. Krabill. Co-published by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Mennonite Church Canada, and Mennonite Mission Network. Theme: A Cry for Peace: Mennonites and Murids in Conversation.
- Anabaptist Witness* 12, no. 1 (August 2025). Edited by Jamie Pitts and Luis Tapia Rubio. Co-published by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Mennonite Church Canada, and Mennonite Mission Network. Theme: Latino Anabaptism and Global Mission.

*Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 35, no. 2 (December 2025). Edited by Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, coeditor. Theme: Women and Gender in Ancient Judaism and Christianity.

*Mennonite Quarterly Review* 100, no. 1 (January 2026). Jamie Pitts, editor. Published by the Mennonite Quarterly Review Publication Committee formed by the Mennonite Historical Society, Goshen College, and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

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## ACADEMIC ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

Cramer, David. “Affirming Acts: Toward an Anabaptist, Queer-Affirming Biblical Hermeneutic.” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 99 (Oct. 2025): 403–12.

Hunter-Bowman, Janna. “Reckoning in Mennonite Peace Theology: Reinhold Niebuhr’s Realism and Four Waves of Development.” *Journal of Moral Theology* Vol. 14, No. 2 (2025): 7–34.

Krabill, James. “Qu’arrive-t-il à la musique lorsque les cultures se rencontrent? Six étapes de développement de la musique dans les églises africaines.” In *Ethnodoxologie: Articles*, edited by Roch Ntankeh, 89–101. Yaoundé, Cameroon: Self-published, 2025.

Krabill, James. “Rencontres: Ce qui arrive à la musique lorsque les peuples se rencontrent.” In *La musique dans la Vie de l’Eglise Africaine*, edited by Roberta King, Jean Ngoya, James R. Krabill, and Thomas Odura, 77–106. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2008. Translated by Roch Ntankeh and republished in Yaoundé, Cameroon, 2025.

Krabill, James. “Qu’arrive-t-il aux arts lorsque les cultures se rencontrent?” In *Evangile, Arts et Culture: Manuel d’Ethnodoxologie pour l’Eglise francophone*, edited by Janie Blough, James R. Krabill, Ruth Labeth, Roch Ntankeh, and Rubin Pohor, 143–52. Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire: Conseil des Institutions Théologiques d’Afrique, 2026.

Krabill, James. “La collecte des chants.” In *Evangile, Arts et Culture: Manuel d’Ethnodoxologie pour l’Eglise francophone*, edited by Janie Blough, James R.

- Krabill, Ruth Labeth, Roch Nkankeh, and Rubin Pohor, 181–88. Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire: Conseil des Institutions Théologiques d'Afrique, 2026.
- Lee, Gilha. “지금도 계속되는 화해의 부름: 바울의 화해신학 다시 보기” (“The Ongoing Call to Reconciliation: Reconsidering Paul’s Theology of Reconciliation”). *기독교사상 (Christian Thought)* (Sept. 2025): 179–89.
- Schipani, Daniel S. “Understanding Spiritual Care: A Christian View.” In *What is Spiritual Care? Perspectives from Different Professions and Religious Traditions*, edited by Pamela Cooper-White, 136–48. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2025.
- Schipani, Daniel S. “Lecciones de un Proyecto Extraordinario: Un Estudio desde la Teología Práctica.” In *Dios Creó al Ser Humano: Comunidades Indígenas en América Latina Leen la Biblia desde Contextos Marginados*, edited by Hans de Wit and Edgar Antonio López López, 711–25. Bogotá: Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2025.
- Thomas, Leah. “Mourning Together: The Climate Crisis as Collective Trauma.” *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 35, no. 2 (Dec. 2025): 128–43.

## PUBLIC ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

- Boshart, David. “A Fresh Vision for Leadership at a Time of Transition.” *The Canadian Mennonite*, Vol. 28, No. 08, June 2024, 14-15.
- Cramer, David. “Anabaptists, Catholics collaborate in conference on Christian nationalism.” *Anabaptist World*, May 2025, 26–27.
- Krabill, James. “Préface.” In Roch Ntankeh, *Le Mangabeu dans la vie du disciple Medumba: Pleinement africain et pleinement en Christ*. Yaoundé, Cameroon: Monange, 2026.
- LeBlanc, Rena. “Remembering the Faith of our Ancestors.” *The Berne Witness*, January 26, 2026, 4.
- Schipani, Daniel S. “Prólogo.” In Francisco Rodés González, *Renacer de la Esperanza: Memorias de un Capellán de Prisiones*, 9–13. Matanzas, Cuba: Seminario Evangélico de Teología, 2026.
- Schipani, Daniel S. “Teach Us to Count Our Days.” *People’s Reporter* 39, no. 1 (January 2026): 1–4.
- Shimeles-Hailu, Hasset. “Ethiopians don’t need passive piety.” *Anabaptist World*, September 8, 2025.
- Shimeles-Hailu, Hasset. “My ‘yes’ is a quiet megaphone.” *Dangerous Faith, Anabaptist World*, October 20, 2025.

Strait, Drew. “How to Challenge MAGA’s Biblical Authoritarianism.” *Word & Way*, a newsletter of *A Public Witness*. July 2, 2025.

Strait, Drew and Jonathan Brenneman. “Israel Ally Mike Huckabee Reveals Christian Supremacism.” *Institute for the Study of Christian Zionism*, July, 2025.

Wyse-Rhodes, Jackie. “All Creation, Peers in Praise.” *Politics of Scripture. Political Theology Network*, December 22, 2025.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Lee, Gilha. “Review of *Paul’s Gospel of Divine Self-Sacrifice: Righteous Reconciliation in Reciprocity* by Paul K. Moser.” *Review of Biblical Literature* (March 2026).

Schipani, Daniel S. “Review of Paulo Freire: *Una Pedagogía Latinoamericana* by J. Samuel Escobar.” *Journal of Latin American Theology* 20, no. 1–2 (2025): 223–26.

Strait, Drew. “Review of *Death, The End of History, and Beyond: Eschatology in the Bible* by Greg Carey.” *Review of Biblical Literature* (June 2025).

Wyse-Rhodes, Jackie. “Review of *Prophetic Disability: Divine Sovereignty and Human Bodies in the Hebrew Bible* by Sarah J. Melcher.” *Journal of Religion* (July 2025).

Wyse-Rhodes, Jackie. “Review of *Reading the Bible amid the Environmental Crisis: Interdisciplinary Insights to Ecological Hermeneutics* by Sebastien Doane.” *The Bible & Critical Theory* (July 2025).

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURESHIPS

Cramer, David. “Affirming Acts: A Biblical Hermeneutic for Queer-Affirming Churches.” Paper at the Mennonite Scholars and Friends session at AAR/SBL. San Diego, California 22 November 2024.

Dejene, Abenezer. “The Heart of Peacemaking—Standing With and Uplifting God’s Vulnerable: An Exegesis on Matthew 5:9.” 2025 Biennial International Conference, Africa International University, Nairobi, Kenya, October 29, 2025.

Hunter-Bowman, Janna. “Migrants Organizing Otherwise—Mobilizing the Dead.” Everyday Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. September 5, 2025.

Krabill, James with Eladio Mondez and Hyacinth Stevens. “Cultivating Missional Leadership in our Congregations.” Mennonite World Conference, Schonblick, Germany, May 28, 2025.

- Krabill, James. “Anabaptists Sing! Learning from Faith Communities Around the World.” Early Anabaptism in Global Perspective Conference, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, July 22, 2025.
- Krabill, James. “Create! The New Testament Mandate to the Church for Creating Local Culturally-Appropriate Arts for Use in Worship and Witness.” Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas, October 4, 2025.
- Lee, Gilha. “Reconciliation across Difference: Matthew Thiessen’s Paul and the Ethics of Peace.” Consultation on Judaism, the Bible, and Anabaptism, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia, March 2026.
- Lee, Gilha. “Trauma, Silence, and Unfinished Stories: A Comparative Reading of Mark 16:8 and Han Kang’s *Human Acts* (소년이 온다).” Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Program Unit, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2025.
- Lee, Sunghyun. “Teaching Controversial Topics: Immigration and Religion.” American Academy of Religion webinar, October 1, 2025.
- Lee, Sunghyun. “Mature Empathy in the Face of Gender-based Violence: Empowering the Marginalized in Faith Communities,” at International Association for Spiritual Care Annual Conference, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois, July 20–21, 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. “Becoming a ‘Front Light’ for Justice? Mennonite Positions on Social Transformation” and “Would Jesus Kill Hitler?” Staley Lectures, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, February 22–23, 2026.
- Pitts, Jamie. “Translating Anabaptist Sources” and “Teaching Early Anabaptist History.” Panels at Early Anabaptism in Global Perspective Conference, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, July 23–24, 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. “Peace when There Is No Peace: Anticolonial Revolution and Peace Witness in Three Christian Traditions.” Revitalizing Peace Witness for Today: A Multi-Faith Peace Conference, Wesley House, Cambridge, England, June 6, 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. “Anabaptists and Philosophy.” Panel at Believers Church Conference, Elspeet, Netherlands, June 3, 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. “Renewing Reconciliation: Decolonization and Missional Ecclesiology.” Believers Church Conference, Elspeet, Netherlands, June 2, 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. “Anabaptism, Sovereignty, and Decolonization: Revisiting Mennonite Mission Algeria.” Pursuing an Emancipatory Theology: The Intersection of Liberation and Anabaptist Theologies Consultation, Stuttgart, Germany, May 31, 2025.

- Schipani, Daniel S. "Trauma-informed Ministry Praxis." McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, October 3–6, 2025.
- Schipani, Daniel S. "Pastoral Care and Counseling as a Psycho-Spiritual Discipline: Seven Normative Hypotheses in a *Pneumatological* Key." Pentecostal Theological Faculty, Budapest, Hungary, November 9, 2025.
- Shimeles-Hailu, Hasset. "Scars of Silence: Remembering Wartime Sexual Violence and Preventing Atrocities in Ethiopia." Challenges and Recommendations for Peace, Justice, and the Common Good, Graduate Student Peace and Justice Symposium, Villanova University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 13, 2026.
- Shimeles-Hailu, Hasset. "The Algorithmic Principality: A Theological Analysis of Social Media Power and the Shape of Christian Witness." Christian Ethics and Peacebuilding in the Age of AI and Autonomous Weapons Systems, Queen's University Belfast, March 3, 2026.
- Shimeles-Hailu, Hasset. "Scars of Silence: Remembering Wartime Sexual Violence and Preventing Atrocities in Ethiopia." Breaking the Cycle—From Remembrance to Prevention GHRAD Conference, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois, March 4, 2026.
- Shimeles-Hailu, Hasset. "Digital Peacebuilding: Subverting Digital Tribalism with Theological Praxis." New Game, New Peaces: Strategies for a Shifting Field, Notre Dame Student Peace Conference, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 10, 2026.
- Strait, Drew. "Homiletic Innuendo: How to Challenge White Christian Nationalism from the Pulpit." Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Massachusetts, November 21-24.
- Thomas, Leah. "Pastoral/Spiritual Care in Times of Distress: A Turn to Embodiment." Practical Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2025.
- Wyse-Rhodes, Jackie. "Online Collaborative Notebooks as Tools for Postcolonial Pedagogy." Postcolonial Pedagogy for Biblical Studies Program Unit, International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Uppsala, Sweden, June 26, 2025.
- Wyse-Rhodes, Jackie. "Queering Balaam." Intersectional Feminisms Program Unit, International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Uppsala, Sweden, June 26, 2025.
- Yoder, R. Bruce. "Sectarian, Ecumenical, and Global: Navigating Identities in the Story of a Mission Visionary." American Society of Missiology Conference, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, June 20–22, 2025.

## **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

- Alexis, Nekeisha Alayna and Jamie Pitts. “Weaving Spirit and Justice.” Workshop, Pastors and Leaders Week, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, February 24, 2026.
- Alexis, Nekeisha Alayna and Jamie Pitts. “Anabaptist @ 501: Practicing Faith — Weaving the Work of Justice.” Fall Symposium at Portland Mennonite Church, Portland, Oregon, November 7–9, 2025.
- Awoke, Dinknew. “Eschatological Imagination: Acceptance Before Healing.” Rooted & Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, September 19, 2025.
- Boshart, David and Shana Peachey Boshart. “Leadership as Calling: Grounding Vision in Vocation.” Workshop Presentations for Church Leaders, Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, Kitchener, Canada, July 2-5, 2025.
- Boshart, David and Shana Peachey Boshart. “Transformational Leadership in a Time of Transition.” Workshop Presentations for Church Leaders, Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, Kitchener, Canada, July 2-5, 2025.
- Boshart, David and Shana Peachey Boshart. “Cultivating a Culture of Call.” Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, Kitchener, Canada, July 5, 2025.
- Boshart, David. “Leadership, the Self, and All That Noise: The 6 Ps of Leadership for Business and Life.” Mennonite Economic Development Association Convention, Montreal, Canada, October 30-November 2, 2025.
- Boshart, David and Shana Peachey Boshart. “From Hard Work to Deep Purpose: The Triple Bottom Line of Leadership.” Mennonite Economic Development Association Convention, Montreal, Canada, October 30-November 2, 2025.
- Cramer, David. “Courage to Enter the Song: Moving Congregations from Quietism to Active Resistance.” Workshop, Pastors and Leaders Conference, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, February 24, 2026.
- Johnson, Janeen Bertsche, “Shame Resilience.” Workshop, Pastors and Leaders Conference, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, February 25, 2026.
- Krabill, James. “Beyond Two Songs and a Sermon: Can Using the Arts More Creatively Transform Our Worship Experiences?” South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore, India, October 22, 2025.
- Krabill, James. “Eglise et expressions artistiques locales: Défis et enjeux pour la nation.” Musée National, Yaoundé, Cameroon, November 8, 2025.

- Krabill, James. “Vivre l’anabaptisme au XXIème siècle.” Centre Universitaire de Missiologie (CUM), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, November 14, 2025.
- Krabill, James. “Etre pasteur anabaptiste au XXIème siècle.” Parish ECC/4ème CEFM Paroisse Missionnaire Kintambo II, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, November 15, 2025.
- Krabill, James. “Ethnodoxology.” Zion Evangelical Ministries of Africa, Sunbury Christian Camp, Durban, South Africa, January 7–8, 2026.
- Krabill, James. Keynote speaker on The Lord’s Prayer (“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done, on Earth As It Is in Heaven”), Worship Quest Academy Retreat, Beach Hotel, Karachi, Pakistan, February 27, 2026.
- Krabill, James. “Biblical, Theological and Historical Reasons for Developing a Worship Studies Curriculum in Theological Institutions.” Annual gathering of Theological Educators’ Forum, Lahore, Pakistan, March 3, 2026.
- LeBlanc, Rena. “Pausing in the Wilderness of Lent.” Workshop, Pathways Retreat, Goshen, Indiana, March 7, 2026.
- Lee, Gilha. “What Does 2 Corinthians Tell Us about Ministry (*Diakonia*)?” Sojourners Sunday School, Goshen College Church, Goshen, Indiana, January 2026.
- Lee, Gilha. “Nature of Leadership Formation in the New Testament.” AMBS Board of Directors Meeting, Elkhart, Indiana, October 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. “The Trinity beyond Belief.” Spiritual Emphasis Weekend, West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa, October 25–26, 2025.
- Sawatzky, Joseph. “Drawn Together by Wisdom.” Sermon on Matthew 5:13–16, Virginia Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly, Ridgeway Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia, August 21, 2025.
- Sawatzky, Joseph. “Reading the Bible Missiologically: Frameworks for Teaching Anabaptist Witness.” Workshop, Asia Anabaptist Mennonite Education Network Meeting, Ban Luang, Chom Thom District, Chiang Mai, Thailand, November 3, 2025.
- Sawatzky, Joseph. “What is an Anabaptist Christian? Refreshed.” Youth Seminar at Follow Jesus '25, Mennonite Church USA Convention, Greensboro, North Carolina, July 11, 2025.
- Sawatzky, Joseph. “With Steadfast Devotion: A Vision of the Church in Mission in ‘4 Ms.’” Four-week Adult Sunday School Series, Sunnyside Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana, October–November 2025.
- Strait, Drew. “Building Peace in an Age of Christian Extremism.” Lombard Mennonite Church and Christ Community Church, Chicago, Illinois. October 11, 2025.

- Strait, Drew. “What Does White Christian Nationalism Have to Do with Christian Zionism? It Turns Out, A Lot.” Mennonite Church USA Convention, Greensboro, North Carolina. July 9–12, 2025.
- Strait, Drew. “Why the Bible Matters for Challenging Christian Nationalism.” Mennonite Church USA Convention, Greensboro, North Carolina. July 9–12, 2025.
- Strait, Drew. “The Bible and Christian Nationalism.” Western District Conference Annual Meeting, MC USA. August 9, 2025.
- Thomas, Leah. “Restitutio Divina.” Mennonite Church USA Convention, Greensboro, North Carolina, July 9–12, 2025
- Thomas, Leah. Session on trauma and trauma-informed caregiving. Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, September, 2025.
- Wyse-Rhodes, Jackie. “Apocalyptic Literature and Anabaptist Peace Theology.” Believers Church Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, June 4, 2025.

## PODCASTS

- Berry, Malinda Elizabeth. “What is Justice?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. April 6, 2026.
- Berry, Malinda Elizabeth. “Are Mennonites Amish?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. November 17, 2025.
- Cramer, David. “Does Prayer Work?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. January 20, 2026.
- Graber, Brent. “AI, Space & Musicals?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. April 27, 2026.
- Pitts, Jamie. “WWJD in the trolley problem?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. December 2, 2025.
- Pitts, Jamie. “Is God Real?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. April 20, 2026.
- Rudy-Froese, Allan. “Prayer Gone Wrong.” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. November 3, 2025.
- Thomas, Leah. “Am I wrong for walking out of church?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. December 9, 2025.
- Wyse-Rhodes, Jackie. “Should we read the Old Testament?” *Seminary Reacts*, hosted by Amy Marshall. December 16, 2025.

## **DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS**

- Johnson, Janeen Bertsche. "Healing after the Shame of a Difficult Ministry Ending: A Phenomenological Study." DMin Dissertation, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2026.
- Rissler, James. "How Faith-Adjacent People Experience Spirituality in Wild Church: A Phenomenological Study." DMin Dissertation, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2026.