

Jon R. Kershner, Ph.D.

Education

2008 - 2013	University of Birmingham (UK). Ph.D., Theology. Title: "The Government of Christ: John Woolman's (1720-1772) Apocalyptic Theology" [Online: http://etheses.bham.ac.uk/4640/]
2002-2005	Princeton Theological Seminary. M.Div.
1997-2001	George Fox University. B.A., Christian Ministries.

Teaching Competencies

Historical Theology; Systematic Theology; Church History; Spiritual Formation and Classics of Christian Devotion; Global Theology; Green Theology; Quaker Theology

Research Competencies

Apocalypticism; Quaker History and Theology; Global Christian Theology; Theology and Antislavery; Colonial mid-Atlantic North American Theology; Colonial and Early American Evangelical and Dissenting Theologies

Academic Teaching

2018-Current	Visiting Assistant Professor in Religion Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA <ul style="list-style-type: none">I design and teach courses in apocalypticism, world religions, Christianity and Slavery, and ecotheology
2016-2018	Lecturer in Christian History and Theology Pacific Lutheran University Tacoma, WA <ul style="list-style-type: none">I designed and delivered courses in the History of Christianity and on theological motivations for social witness.
2014-Current	Honorary Researcher Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Religion Lancaster University, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">I designed and delivered an online postgraduate module on Quakers, Peace and Witness.
2014-Current	Lecturer in Historical Theology Centre for Postgraduate Quaker Studies Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre Birmingham, UK

- I design and facilitate seminars in antislavery thought and Quaker history.

2012-2016 Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology, Online
Barclay College
Haviland, KS

- I designed and delivered online undergraduate modules in historical theology.
- I designed and delivered an online graduate module on American Quaker history and theology.

2013-2015 Adjunct Professor of Theology, Online
Earlham School of Religion, Earlham College
Richmond, IN

- I designed and delivered online graduate modules on constructive theology and the history of Christian thought.

Academic Leadership

2017-Current Editor, *Quaker Religious Thought*

2016-Current Associate Editor, “Quaker Studies: Theology and Philosophy,” *Brill Research Perspectives*, Brill Publishing.

2016-Current Executive Committee, Friends Association for Higher Education

2015-Current International Advisory Panel, *Quaker Studies*

2015-2016 Associate Editor, *Quaker Religious Thought*

2014-Current Co-Chair, History of Christianity & North American Religion, American Academy of Religion – Pacific Northwest Region

2014-Current Program Committee, Friends Association for Higher Education

2013-2014 Nominating Committee, Friends Association for Higher Education

2013-Current Co-Chair, Quaker Studies Group, American Academy of Religion

2013-2016 Advisory Committee, *Quaker Religious Thought*

- 2012-2013 Co-Chair and organizer of Quaker Studies Application to Group Status at the American Academy of Religion
- 2012 Quaker Studies Exploratory Session Organizer (American Academy of Religion)

Selected Publications

John Woolman and the Government of Christ: A Colonial Quaker's Vision for the British Atlantic World, Oxford University Press, 2018.

“*To Renew the Covenant*”: *Religious Themes in Eighteenth Century Quaker Abolitionism*, Brill Publishers, 2018.

“Anthony Benezet’s (1713-1784) Revolutionary Rhetoric: Slavery and Sentimentalism in Quaker Political Remonstrance,” *Quaker Religious Thought*, 130, March 2018, 5-15.

“Evangelical Quakerism and Global Christianity,” *The Cambridge Companion to Quakerism* eds. Pink Dandelion, Stephen Angell, Cambridge University Press, 2018.

Editor, *Quakers and Mysticism: Comparative and Syncretic Approaches to Spirituality*, Palgrave Macmillan Press. Under Contract.

“John Woolman’s Christological Model of Discernment and the *Imitation of Christ*,” *Quakers and Mysticism: Comparative and Syncretic Approaches to Spirituality*, Palgrave Macmillan Press. Under Contract.

with C. Wess Daniels, and Robynne Rogers Healey, *Quaker Studies: An Overview, the Current State of the Field*. Brill Publishers, 2018.

“The Theological Thought of Early Friends,” *Quaker Religious Thought*, 128, March 2017, pp. 5-11.

“‘Diminish not a Word’: The Prophetic Voice of John Woolman,” *Quakers and Literature*, Friends Association for Higher Education, 2016, pp. 11-26.

“‘Come out of Babylon, my People’: John Woolman’s (1720-1772) Antislavery Theology and the trans-Atlantic Economy,” in *Quakers and their Allies in the Abolitionist Cause, 1754–1808*, eds. Susan Kozel and Maurice Jackson, Routledge Press, 2015, pp. 85-97.

“Mysticism and Revelation in John Woolman’s Theology,” *Quaker Religious Thought*, 125, October 2015, pp. 34-42.

“‘A More Lively Feeling’: The Correspondence and Integration of Mystical and Spatial Dynamics in John Woolman’s Travels,” *Quaker Studies*, 20, September 2015, pp. 103-116.

with Hayley Glaholt, “The Religious Society of Friends,” *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, volume 9, eds. Dale Allison, Jr. et al, De Gruyter Publishers, 2014.

“Evaluating the new Oxford Handbook of Quaker Studies,” *Quaker Religious Thought*, 122, April 2014, pp. 43-50.

“The York Manuscript: John Woolman's Final Writings,” *Quaker History*, 102, Fall 2013, pp. 28-51.

“The Valiant Sixty-First? John Woolman's (1720-1772) Apocalyptic Eschatology and the Restoration of the Lamb's War,” *Quaker Studies*, September 2013, pp. 23-49.

“A Leader with few Followers: Maurice Creasey and his Theological Vision for the Future of Quakerism,” *Quaker Religious Thought*, 120, June 2013, pp. 35-46.

“The (Com)Motion of Love: Theological Formation in John Woolman's Itinerant Ministry,” *Quaker Religious Thought*, 116-117, December 2011, pp. 23-36.

“When Bad Things Happen to Good People,” *Spirit Rising*, Quaker's United in Publishing, 2010, pp. 186-190.

Review: “Marcus Rediker’s The Fearless Benjamin Lay: The Quaker Dwarf Who Became the First Revolutionary Abolitionist and Gary Nash’s Warner Mifflin: Unflinching Quaker Abolitionist,” *Quaker Studies*, forthcoming.

Review: “Holy Nation: The Transatlantic Quaker Ministry in an Age of Revolution,” au. Sarah Crabtree, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, 86:1, 2017, pp. 233-235.

Review: “Quakers & Abolition,” eds. Brycchan Carey and Geoffrey Plank, *Quaker Studies*, 22:1, 2017, pp. 127-129.

Review: “Trade, Land, Power: The Struggle for Eastern North America,” au. Daniel K. Richter, *Quaker Studies*, 20:1, September 2015 pp. 149-152.

Review: “On Records: Delaware Indians, Colonists, and the Media of History and Memory,” au, Andrew Newman, *Quaker Studies*, 19:2, March 2015 pp. 319-322.

Review: “John Woolman's Path to the Peaceable Kingdom: A Quaker in the British Empire,” au. Geoffrey Plank, *Quaker Studies*, 19:1, September 2014 pp. 184-186.

Review: “The Call to Authenticity: A Handbook of Hope for the Church,” au. Irv Brendlinger, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 2013.

Review: “The Oxford Handbook of Eschatology,” ed. Jerry Walls, *Quaker Studies*, 16:2, April 2012 pp. 229-231.

Review: “Quaker Constitutionalism and the Political Thought of John Dickinson,” au. Jane Calvert, *Quaker Studies*, 16:1, September 2011 pp. 138-140.

Conference Papers and Presentations

“An Apocalypse by any other Name: John Woolman in Theological Context,” Quaker Theological

Discussion Group, Denver, CO, November, 2018.

“Anthony Benezet’s (1713-1784) Revolutionary Rhetoric: Slavery and Sentimentality in Quaker Political Remonstrance,” Quaker Theological Discussion Group, Boston, MA, November, 2017.

“The Theology of the Second Period of Quakerism,” Quaker Theological Discussion Group, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.

Conference Speaker, Spiritual Emphasis Week, “On Earth as it is in Heaven: John Woolman’s (1720-1772) Realizing Eschatology” Barclay College, Haviland, KS, April 2016.

Plenary Speaker, Friends Association for Higher Education “‘Diminish not a Word:’ The Prophetic Voice of John Woolman,” Newberg, OR, June 2015.

with Deborah Shaw, Guilford College, and Michael Heller, Roanoke College, “Are we Initiating College Students into a Quaker Way of Learning?” Friends Association for Higher Education, Newberg, OR, June 2015.

Guest Lecture, “Eighteenth Century Antislavery Theology,” Guilford College, Greensboro, NC, March 24, 2015.

Guest Lecture, “Liberationist Christologies,” Earlham School of Religion, Earlham College, Richmond, IN March 12, 2015.

“John Woolman, Mysticism, and Revelation,” Quaker Theological Discussion Group, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

“‘Way back in the Wilderness’: John Woolman (1720-1772) in the Wild,” Christian Spirituality Group, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2013.

“Evaluating the new Oxford Handbook of Quaker Studies,” Quaker Studies Exploratory Session, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2013.

“Reading John Woolman and Helping Students Imagine Higher Education as Something More,” Friends Association of Higher Education, Canton, Ohio, June 2013.

“‘To meditate awhile on this subject:’ John Woolman’s (1720-1772) Reading of Anthony Benezet’s (1713-1784) *A Caution and Warning to Great Britain*,” The Atlantic World of Anthony Benezet, Paris, France, May 2013.

“Quaker Antislavery: The Philosophical and Theological Differences of John Woolman (1720-1772) and Anthony Benezet (1713-1784),” American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Seattle, Washington, May 2013.

“In ‘the world,’ but not of it: Spiritual and Ethical Perfection in John Woolman’s Eschatology,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2012.

“‘Perfect and Compleat [*sic*] in the Will of God:’ John Woolman’s (1720-1772) View of Entire

Sanctification,” Quaker Studies Research Association, Birmingham, UK, July 2012.

“‘A More Lively Feeling:’ The Correspondence and Integration of Mystical and Spatial Dynamics in John Woolman's Travels,” Borders and Crossings/Seuils at Traverses: An International and Multidisciplinary Conference on Travel Writing, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham, UK, July 2, 2012.

“Were John Woolman's 1770 Pleurisy Visions Apocalyptic Experiences?” Center for Postgraduate Quaker Studies, University of Birmingham, UK, June 14, 2012.

“‘The Government of Christ:’ A Colonial North American vision of Isaiah's Peaceable Kingdom,” American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Portland, OR, May 2012.

“‘The Lamb's War’ or the ‘Peaceable Government of Christ’? John Woolman (1720-1772) and Quaker Apocalypses,” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 2011.

“Getting to ‘the Government of Christ’: Methodology and Sources for John Woolman's (1720-1772) Apocalyptic Theology,” Center for Postgraduate Quaker Studies, University of Birmingham, UK, June 30, 2011.

“‘His Word was in my Heart:’ John Woolman's Prophetic Self-Identification,” American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Spokane, Washington, May 2011.

“The Valiant Sixty-First? John Woolman's (1720-1772) Theology and the Restoration of the Lamb's War,” Quaker Studies and Research Association, Birmingham, UK, July 2010.

“Methods and Findings,” Quaker Research Summer School, University of Birmingham, UK, June 2010.

“‘A Good Degree of Resignation:’ ‘Natural Inclination,’ ‘the World,’ and Spirituality in John Woolman's Ethics,” American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Region, Victoria, Canada, May 2010.

“The (Com)Motion of Love: Theological and Moral Formation in John Woolman's Itinerant Ministry,” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM, March 2010.

Adult Christian Education

2009-2018 Minister
 McKinley Hill Friends Church
 Tacoma, WA

July 20-22, 2018 Lecture Series
 “John Woolman and the Apocalypse of the Heart”

Woodbrooke Quaker Studies Centre
Birmingham, UK

- April-June 2015 Lecture Series
“The Theology of John Woolman: One Quaker’s Vision of a World Remade”
North Seattle Friends Church
Seattle, WA
- April 11, 2015 John Woolman Memorial Annual Lecture
“John Woolman, Anthony Benezet and Diversity in Eighteenth Century
Antislavery Views”
Mt. Holly, NJ
- April-May 2014 Lecture Series
“The John Woolman I Never Knew”
Scholar in Residence
Center for Christian Studies, Reedwood Friends Church
Portland, OR
- April-May 2014 Lecture Series
“Pietism, the Lamb’s War, and Global Christianity: Theologies of Christian
Renewal”
Scholar in Residence
Center for Christian Studies, Reedwood Friends Church
Portland, OR
- December 1, 2013 Guest Lecture
“John Woolman's Apocalypticism,”
North Seattle Friends Church
Seattle, WA
- January 2013 “Way of the Spirit: Contemplative Study in Community,” speaker.
Mt. Angel, Oregon
- June 2012 “John Woolman and the Inward Divine Voice,” co-facilitator and speaker,
Woodbrooke Quaker Studies Centre, Birmingham, UK.
- March 2011 “Roots of Contemplation, Roots of Action: A Quaker Study Retreat,” co-
facilitator and speaker, Mt. Angel, Oregon.
- 2005-2008 Pastor

Olympic View Friends Church
Tacoma, WA

Church Board Leadership

2017-Current	Assistant Clerk, Sierra-Cascade Yearly Meeting of Friends
2015-2017	Faith and Practice Revision Committee; Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Churches
2009-2012	Pendle Hill Board; Education and Outreach Committee, Recording Clerk and Associate Clerk
2008-2011	Board of Elders; North Seattle Friends Church

Ecumenical Peace Work

January 2009	Delegate to “Heeding God's Call,” a gathering of the historic peace churches in Philadelphia, PA.
November 2007	Completed training: “Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders.” Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

Instructional Training

Teaching Writing 101: Bootcamp
Thursday, May 31, 2018
Pacific Lutheran University

WRIT 101 Assessment Workshop
Friday, June 1, 2018
Pacific Lutheran University

Media Appearances/Interviews

Kershner, Jon R. Interview with Tony Abraham. *Generocity.org. Online Social Impact News Source* [<http://generocity.org/philly/2016/01/06/quakers-social-enterprise/>]. Online. December 23, 2015.

Awards and Grants

American Academy of Religion Conference Travel Grant, 2016
Award Holder, Clarence and Lilly Picket Endowment for Quaker Leadership, 2012
The Lyman Fund, 2012
“Hassidism, Continental Pietism and Religious Awakening,” 5th Jerusalem Summer School in Jewish Studies and Comparative Religion, Hebrew University, Jerusalem Israel, June 2010
Elizabeth Bogert Memorial Scholarship for Studies in Christian Mysticism, 2010
Award Holder, The David Adshead Award for Quaker Studies, 2009

George Fox University, Summa Cum Laude, 2001

George Fox University, Outstanding Religion Student, 2001

George Fox University, Barnabas Servant Leadership Award, 2000

Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, 1998-2001

Alpha Chi National Honor Society, 1997-2001