

## **LISA J. DE BOER**

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Doctorate in the History of Art**

**Primary field: Seventeenth Century**

**Secondary fields: Late Medieval and Renaissance**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Dissertation: Martial Arts: Military Themes and Images in Dutch Art of the Golden Age

Dissertation Chair: Celeste A. Brusati

#### **Master of Arts in the History of Art**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

#### **Bachelor of Arts in German**

#### **Bachelor of Arts in Art History**

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

### **FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

**Associated Church Press Award of Excellence** (first place) in the Theological or Scholarly Article category, for "The Accidental Ecumenist," *The Cresset*, Easter 2019.

#### **Jane Hideko Higa Academic and Co-Curricular Partnership Award**

Westmont College, May 2019

#### **Arlin G. Meyer Prize in Nonfiction**, for *The Visual Arts in the Worshiping Church*

Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, October 2016

#### **Faculty Research Award**

Westmont College, May 2016

#### **Bruce and Adaline Bare Teacher of the Year, Humanities**

Westmont College, May 2009

#### **Bruce and Adaline Bare Teacher of the Year, Humanities**

Westmont College, May 2003

#### **Lilly Fellows Program Post-Doctoral Fellowship**, September 1996 - June 1998

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso Indiana

#### **Fulbright Fellowship**, September 1993 - August 1994

Rijksbureau voor Kunsthistorische Documentatie, The Hague

#### **Nederlandse Ministerie van Onderwijs en Wetenschappen** "Zomercursus

Nederlandse Taal en Cultuur," Full Scholarship for an intensive summer Dutch language and culture course. Kasteel Nijenrode, Breukelen, Summer 1993

#### **Jacob K. Javits Fellowship**, January 1990 - August 1993

#### **DAAD Scholarship (Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst)**, July 1988

Bayreuth, Federal Republic of Germany

### **CURRENT PROJECTS**

#### **Natural History: News and Historical Representation in the Early Dutch Republic**

A research project investigating the emergence of news media in the low countries between 1568 and 1648 and the resulting shifts in historiographical practice, both verbal and visual, due to the availability of "nieuws" as a new type of primary source

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE****Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA (August 1999 to present)**

Teach a variety of lower division surveys and upper division seminars in the history of art. Fall 2000, 2003, and 2009 served as a faculty leader for Westmont's Semester in Europe, developing the curriculum, planning and executing the itinerary and managing a budget of approximately one million dollars.

**Gordon College, Gordon in Orvieto (October 2019)**

Taught an intensive, one-month course on Italian Renaissance art in Orvieto, Italy. The course included excursions to Rome, Florence, and Assisi.

**Lilly Graduate Fellows Program****Mentor for Cohorts 5 (2012-2015) and 10 (2017-2020)**

Via bi-monthly online colloquia and bi-monthly phone conversations, I mentored 16 graduate students with the goal of preparing them for ecumenical, interdisciplinary teaching and scholarship in church-related, liberal arts settings. My co-mentor for cohort 5 was Father Michael Patella of St. John's University, Collegeville; my co-mentor for cohort 10 is Dr. John Ware of Xavier University, New Orleans.

**Fuller Seminary, Summer Intensive Humanities course (June 2006)**

Taught an intensive, two-week course on Rembrandt for students in the Doctor of Psychology program

**Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (August 1998-June 1999)**

Taught both halves of the Western survey, plus upper division courses on Italian Renaissance art and Seventeenth-century art.

**Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (August 1996 – May 1998)**

As a Lilly Fellow, taught interdisciplinary honors courses in Christ College, Valparaiso's honors college, and lower and upper division art history courses in the art department.

**GRANTS,  
INITIATIVES  
& SEMINARS****Seminar Participant: CIC/Kress Foundation Faculty Development Seminar,**

"Power and Absence in European Art 1500-1700" Hosted by Rhodes College and the Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN, June 18-22, 2023

**Project Director: 2020 Lilly Network Small Grant**

"Looking Back/Looking Forward: Images for Worship and Devotion,"

A \$3500 grant to partially fund working groups envisioning new imagery for Westmont's Voskuyl Chapel.

**Invited Participant: CIVA Consultation on Ecumenism and Liturgical Arts**

A two-day meeting with leading scholars of liturgical art from Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions, October 12 & 13, 2020

**Seminar Leader: Lilly Fellows Summer Seminar for Teachers**

"Restoring Art to a Place in the Community: New Lessons from Renaissance Italy" Hosted by the Gordon College Orvieto Program, June 12- July 2, 2016

**Seminar Participant: Congregations and Social Change, June 2011**

Directed by Gerardo Marti, L. Richardson King Professor of Sociology, Davidson College

**Project Director: 2005 Worship Renewal Grant, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship**

\$10,700 award to institute a campus-wide art grant, drafted by students in Art 129

**Consultant: Sacred Imagery and the Church, 2005**

A three-year, \$300,000 research project sponsored by Fuller Seminary. Funded by the Luce Foundation and directed by Dr. William Dyrness

**Diversity Grant: Irvine Guest Artist Series, 2004**

Author and coordinator of \$18,000 grant to host artists to campus who represent excellence in integrating cultural identity, religious identity, and artistic calling

**Luce Summer Seminar: Aesthetics, Theology, and Liturgy, July 2003**

Directed by Nicholas Wolterstorff, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology, Yale University

**Project Director: 2002 Worship Renewal Grant, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship**

\$15,000 award to institute a campus-wide art grant, drafted by students in Art 129.

**NEH Summer Seminar, Literature and Cartography in France 1450-1690, July 1998**

Directed by Tom Conley, Lawrence Lowell Professor of Visual and Environmental Studies and of Romance Languages and Literatures, Harvard University

**BOOKS*****The Visual Arts in the Worshiping Church, (Eerdmans, 2016)***

A book examining the sociological and ecclesiological factors that shape our understanding and use of the visual arts in Christian congregations.

*Awarded the Arlin G. Meyer Prize in academic non-fiction, October 2016*

**ESSAYS & ARTICLES**

"The Accidental Ecumenist," *The Cresset*, Easter 2019. Given the "Award of Excellence" (first place) for 2019 "Theological or Scholarly Articles" by the Associated Church Press.

"The Sidelong Glance: Battlefield Emotions in the Art of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch Republic." in *Battlefield Emotions 1500-1850: Practices, Experience, Imagination*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2017.

"We Speak Through Nature, Nature Speaks Through Us," *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, November/December 2015.

"Rembrandt's Jews in Context," introductory essay for *Rembrandt and the Jews: The Berger Print Collection*, Westmont College, 2015.

"Faith in Art" a brief response in *Re-Enchantment*, eds. James Elkins and David Morgan, Routledge, September 2008.

"Everyday Uncanny" in *Domestic Vision: Twenty-Five Years of Intimate Geography in the Art of Joel Sheesley*, ed. G. Hertzlieb, Lutheran University Press, 2008

"A Comic Vision? Northern Renaissance Art and the Human Figure," in *Broken Beauty*, 43-57, ed. Ted Prescott, Eerdmans, 2005.

"Hogenberg and History," pp. 214-232 in *The Arts, Community and Cultural Democracy* eds. L. Zuidervaart and H. Luttikhuisen, McMillen/St. Martins Press, 2000

**BOOK REVIEWS**

Julia Voss, *Hilma af Klint: A Biography*, (University of Chicago Press, 2022)  
Reviewed for *Current* (currentpub.com), February 7, 2023.

Christopher S. Wood, *A History of Art History*, (Princeton University Press, 2019)  
reviewed for *Fides et Historia*, reviewed in *Fides et Historia*, Vol. 54/1, 2022: 96-98.

Jonathan Anderson and William Dyrness, *Modern Art and the Life of a Culture: The Religious Impulses of Modernism for Theology Today* (IVP Press, 2016)  
reviewed in *Theology Today*, Vol. 75/1, April 2018.

Steven Guthrie's *Creator Spirit: The Holy Spirit and the Art of Becoming Human*, (Baker Academic, 2011) in *Perspectives*, March/Aprils 2013.

Robin Jensen's *Face to Face: The Portrait of the Divine In Early Christianity* (Augsburg Fortress, 2004) in *Material Religion* 4/1 (Winter 2008): 99-100.

Rosa Giorgi's *Saints in Art*, (The J. Paul Getty Museum, 2003) in *Church History*, 73 (Summer 2004): 434-435.

Frank Burch Brown, *Good Taste, Bad Taste, Christian Taste*, (Oxford UP, 2000) in *Church History* 70 (Fall 2001): 603-604.

Kathleen Erickson's *At Eternity's Gate* (Eerdmans, 1998) in *The Cresset*, Pentecost, 1999: 40-41.

"Within the Long Permission of God's Hope: Learning as Sanctification," *The Cresset* (Christmas/Epiphany, 1997-98): 15-19. A review essay of *Keeping Faith: Embracing the Tensions in Christian Higher Education*, edited by Ron Wells, Eerdmans, 1996

## LECTURES, PANELS & PODCASTS

Interviewed for *Cornell Claritalks: A Podcast of Christian Thought*, 38 min. Hosted by August Erlich for Claritas. April 24, 2024.

"Virtue and Virtuosity: Michelangelo in the Sistine Chapel," Guest Lecture Old Mission Santa Barbara, August 14, 2023

Interviewed for *Luminous: Conversations on Sacred Arts*, 65 min. Hosted by Peter Bouteneff of Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Seminary, June 25, 2021

"Art, Worship and Ecclesiology: An Ethnographic Exploration," Ecclesiology & Ethnography Network, Durham, UK, September 2019

"The Accidental Ecumenist," Keynote Address at the 2018 Lilly National Network Conference, Hope College, October 12, 2018.

"Art Worlds and Church Worlds," Guest Lecturer for Indiana Wesleyan University's CICW Grant, Dr. Anne Greeley, director. September 13, 2018

"God Made the Earth, but the Dutch made Holland: Pleasant Places, Sublime Scenes, and Teaching the Liberal Arts for a Fragile Planet." Liberal Arts for a Fragile Planet: Sixteenth Annual Conversation on the Liberal Arts, March 24, 2017

"CC&R's" Response to plenary lecture and panelist for "Contemporary Art and the Church," CIVA, Calvin College, June 2015

"Rembrandt's Jews in Context," a lecture to accompany the Westmont curated exhibition, *Rembrandt and the Jews: The Berger Print Collection*. February 12, 2015 at Westmont College; Also November 3, 2016 at the Figge Museum in Davenport Iowa; and January 19, 2018 at the Appleton Museum in Ocala, Florida.

"Worlds of Art in Art Worlds," Plenary Lecture for 2014 Kuyper Conference Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2014

"The Sidelong Glance: Battlefield Emotions in the Art of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch Republic." Invited speaker for "Battlefield Emotions" symposium, Free University, Amsterdam, January 2013.

"Solo Flyers: Curricular and Pedagogical Strategies for the Lone Art Historian in a Studio Department." CAA, Los Angeles, February 2012.

"News and Good News: *Kairos* and *Chronos* at work in Communion" HNA sponsored Session at CAA, New York, February 2007

"Challenges and Models: A very brief history of studio art and art history in American colleges and universities," CAA, New York, February 2007

"Worshiping with U2"

Baylor University Lilly/Pruitt Symposium on Christianity and Culture, Waco, October 2006

"Printed Portraits in the Low Countries"

CAA, New York, NY, February 2003

"Picturing the Past: Making History in Haarlem"

Holland Historical Museum, Holland MI, July 2001

"Representing Faith: A Meditation on Vermeer's *Allegory of Faith*"

CIVA Scholars Symposium, Notre Dame, June 2000

"The Genres in the History of Dutch Art"

Mid-West Art History Society, Detroit, March 1999

"Arms and the Man: Civility, Gender and Genre in Dutch Art of the Golden Age"

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, February 1998

"Landscape as History: News, Historical Representation and Local Identity in the Early Dutch Republic" CAA, Toronto, Ontario, February 1998

"Making History: Frans Hogenberg and the History of the Dutch Revolt,"

University of California, Berkeley, March 1996

"Seeing is Believing? Vermeer's *Allegory of Faith* and the Epistemological

Limits of Art," Chicago Graduate Student Symposium, Chicago Art Institute, April 1993

## SERVICE TO WESTMONT

## COMMITTEES AND GOVERNANCE

Faculty Senate, Fall 2024

Justice, Reconciliation and Diversity GE task force, 2022-23

Personnel Committee 2021-2023

Adams Chair search committee, outside member, 2020-2021

Diversity ILO Assessment team member, 2021

New Frontiers Contributor, August 2021

Lead Where You Stand Contributor, May 2021

Engineering Search Committee, outside member, 2020

*Looking Back, Looking Forward* Project Director 2020-2023

Christian Understandings, Practices, and Affections (CUPA)

ILO Lead Assessment Coordinator 2018-2019

Trailhead Unit Contributor, July 2017, July 2018, June 2021

Faculty Council, 2017-2020

Faculty Senate, 2015-2017, Vice-Chair of Senate 2016-2017

Co-Director of New Faculty Seminar, 2010-11, 2013-2019

Art Department Chair, 2008-2013, 2016-2019

Strategic Planning Task Force, 2008-2011, 2015-2021

Budget and Salary Committee, 2012-2015

Provost Search Committee 2008-2009, 2010-2011, Fall 2011

Faculty Council, 2007-2010; Faculty Vice-Chair, 2008-2009

Long Range Planning Taskforce, 2005-2007

Chair of Mission and Vision Subcommittee, Spring 2006

General Education Committee, 2004-2006

Hiring for Mission Taskforce, 2004-2006

Program Review Committee, Sp.2003 and Sp. 2004

Advisory Board for the Institute for the Liberal Arts, 2001-2002

Personnel Committee, 2001-2002

**OTHER SERVICE**

**INSTITUTES, NETWORKS, INITIATIVES**

Consultant, Incarnational Preaching Project, Gaede Institute, 2024-2025  
 Coordinator for *Hearts and Minds: Undergraduate Spiritual and Intellectual Development at Lilly Network Institutions*, the Lilly Network National Conference hosted by Westmont's Gaede Institute, September 2024  
 Lilly Fellows Program Faculty Representative, 2004-present  
 Lilly Fellows Program, Board Member 2008-2012  
 Worship Commission of the Christian Reformed Church, 2000-2003  
*Reformed Worship* editorial council, 1997-2000

**OTHER SERVICE**

External dissertation reviewer, Fuller Seminary, summer 2023

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Worship Arts and Ministry Committee  
 First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, Fall 2022 to Fall 2024

Driver for First Presbyterian Church's Senior Transportation Ministry  
 Fall 2018 to present

Adult Education Committee, Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
 2012-2016. Committee chair 2012-2013

Worship Committee, Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
 2009-2011

Transition House Volunteer, Santa Barbara, CA, 2002-present  
 Worked 1-2 times a month as a shelter manager or assistant, 2002-2006  
 Provider and server for dinner, once a month, 2007- 2018

Founder of the Evangelical/Democratic Working Group, Santa Barbara, CA 2004-2008,  
 working with the faith-outreach liason in Congresswoman Lois Capps' Office

Plus .... numerous Adult Education programs in local churches, including Montecito Covenant,  
 First Presbyterian, Saint Andrew's Presbyterian, Free Methodist

**COURSES**

Survey of Art I (Prehistoric-Gothic)  
 Survey of Art II (Renaissance-Contemporary)  
 Survey of Art III (Survey of World Art)  
 Italian Renaissance Art  
 17th century Art  
 19<sup>th</sup> century Art  
 Modern and Contemporary Art  
 Theory and Criticism in the Arts  
 Art, Theology and Worship  
 The Art of Travel  
 Land into Landscape

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

CAA (College Art Association)  
 HNA (Historians of Netherlandish Art)  
 WZE (Werkgroep Zeventiende Eeuw)  
 CIVA (Christians in the Visual Arts)  
 SHARP (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing)

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Dutch: reading and some oral ability  
 German: reading and oral ability  
 French: some reading ability