

Curriculum Vitae for Karin Yvonne Maag

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Current Post: Director, H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies, Calvin University and Seminary, and tenured full Professor, History Department, Calvin University (tenure and promotion to full Professor effective September 2005). Adjunct Professor, Calvin Theological Seminary (beginning September 2016)

Education

- 1990-94 Ph.D, University of St Andrews, Scotland, in Reformation History. Supervisor: Professor Andrew Pettegree Thesis title: "Geneva as a Center of Calvinist Higher Education, 1560-1620".
- 1989-90 M.Litt, University of St Andrews, Scotland, in Medieval and Renaissance Studies.
- 1986-89 B.A., Concordia University, Montreal: Double Major in Western Society and Culture and Religion. Graduated with Distinction. Valedictorian

Employment

- 2005- Director, H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies and Professor, History Department, Calvin College (now Calvin University)
- 1997-2005 Director, H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies and Associate Professor, History Department, Calvin College
- 1994-1997 Instructor, Modern History and Honorary Research Fellow, St Andrews Reformation Studies Institute, University of St Andrews
- 1991-1995 Tutorial assistant in Church History and Modern History, University of St Andrews

Languages

English, French (fluent oral/reading comprehension, written and spoken), German (intermediate oral/reading comprehension, written, and spoken), Spanish (intermediate oral/reading comprehension, basic written and spoken), Dutch (basic oral/reading comprehension)

Grants, Awards and Prizes (since 2004)

- 2003-04 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a five-week summer seminar on “John Calvin and the Transformation of Religious Culture in Geneva, France and Beyond”, \$82,654.
- 2006-07 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a three-week summer institute, “Teaching the Reformation in a Pluralist Age”, \$112,114.
- 2007 \$6,000 from the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship and \$2,000 from the Nagel Institute for World Christianity at Calvin College to help fund the 2009 Calvin Studies Society conference, marking John Calvin’s 500th birthday: “John Calvin: Myth and Reality”
- 2008-09 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a three-week summer institute for high school teachers, “Making Sense of the Reformation”, \$118,116.
- 2012-13 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a three-week summer seminar for college and university teachers, “Persecution, Toleration, Co-Existence: Early Modern Responses to Religious Pluralism”, \$107,838
- 2016-17 National Endowment for the Humanities grant for a three-week summer institute for college and university teachers, “Teaching the Reformation after 500 Years”, \$134,930
- 2019 \$1,500 from the Calvin Theological Seminary Faculty Heritage fund to help pay for some of the expenses related to the conference commemorating the 500th anniversary of Zwingli’s Reformation in Zurich
- 2021 \$2,000 from the Calvin Theological Seminary Faculty Heritage fund to help pay for some of the expenses related to the Puritans and Their Impact conference, held in September 2021

Publications

Monographs

Seminary or University? The Genevan Academy and Reformed Higher Education (St Andrews Studies in Reformation History, Aldershot, 1995)

Lifting Hearts to the Lord: Worship with John Calvin in Sixteenth-Century Geneva (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016)

Does the Reformation Still Matter? (Grand Rapids: Calvin College Press, 2016)

Worshiping with the Reformers (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2021)

Edited volumes

The Reformation in Eastern and Central Europe (Edited by K. Maag) (St Andrews Studies in Reformation History, Aldershot, 1996)

The Reformation and the Book (Translation and English Edition by K. Maag) (St Andrews Studies in Reformation History. Aldershot, 1998)

Melanchthon in Europe: His Work and Influence beyond Wittenberg (Edited by K. Maag) (Grand Rapids: Baker Bookhouse, 1999)

Worship in Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Change and Continuity in Religious Practice (edited by K. Maag and John Witvliet) (University of Notre Dame Press, 2004)

(Translation) *John Calvin and the Printed Book* by Jean-François Gilmont (Sixteenth Century Essays and Studies, 2005)

(Translation) *On Time, Punctuality, and Discipline in Early Modern Calvinism* by Max Engammare (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010)

Politics, Gender, and Belief: The Long-Term Impact of the Reformation (edited by Amy Nelson Burnett, Kathleen Comerford, and Karin Maag) (Geneva: Droz, 2014)

Calvinus frater in Domino: Papers of the Twelfth International Congress on Calvin Research (edited by Arnold Huijgen and Karin Maag) (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020)

Articles and Book Chapters (since 2005)

“Higher Education for Melanchthon and Calvinism: a comparative approach” in *Melanchthon und der Calvinismus* (edited by Günter Frank and Herman Selderhuis) (Frommann-Holzboog, 2005)

“Early Editions and Translations of the Heidelberg Catechism” in *An Introduction to the Heidelberg Catechism: Sources, History and Theology* (edited by Lyle Bierma) (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005)

“Preaching Practice: Reformed Students’ Sermons” in *The Formation of Clerical and Confessional Identities in Early Modern Europe* (edited by Wim Janse and Barbara Pitkin) (Leiden: Brill, 2005)

“Hero or Villain? Interpretations of John Calvin and his legacy” in *Calvin Theological Journal* 41 (2006), 222-237

“John Calvin” for the *Dictionary of Literary Biography: Sixteenth Century French Writers* (Brucoli Clark Layman, Inc., 2006)

“Recteur, pasteur et professeur: Théodore de Bèze et l'éducation à Genève” in *Théodore de Bèze (1519-1605: Actes du Colloque de Genève (septembre 2005))* (edited by Irena Backus) (Geneva: Droz, 2007)

“Calvijns bijdrage aan de universiteit van Genève” in *Johannes Calvijn: zijn leven, zijn werk* (edited by Willem Balke, Jan Klok, and Willem van't Spijker) (Amsterdam: Kok, 2008)

“Calvin research: tools, institutions and the state of research” and “Calvin and Students” in *The Calvin Handbook* (edited by Herman Selderhuis) (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009)

“Calvin as the Ideal Teacher” in *Saint or Sinner? The Reformation of John Calvin (1509-1564)* (edited by Herman Selderhuis) (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010)

“John Calvin after 500 years: Life and Impact” [review article] in *Sixteenth Century Journal* 41/1 (2010): 122-30

“Calvin 2009: the results” in *Calvin Clarissimus Theologus: Papers of the Tenth International Congress on Calvin Research* (edited by Herman Selderhuis) (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2012)

“Catechisms and Confessions of Faith” in *T&T Clark Companion to Reformation Theology* (edited by David Whitford) (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2012)

“From Professors to Pastors: the Convoluting Careers of Jean Diodati and Théodore Tronchin” in *Church and School in Early Modern Protestantism: Studies in Honor of Richard A. Muller on the Maturation of a Theological Tradition* (edited by Jordan Ballor, David Sytsma, and Jason Zuidema) (Leiden: Brill, 2013)

“Theodore Beza” *The Expository Times* November 2014: 1-9

“Geneva and the Myth of the Escalade” *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte* 106 (2015): 273-89

“The Reformation and Higher Education” in *Protestantism after 500 Years* edited by T. A. Howard and Mark Noll (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016)

“Pulpit and Pen: Pastors and Professors as Shapers of the Huguenot Tradition” in *A Companion to the Huguenots* edited by Raymond Mentzer and Bertrand van Ruymbeke (Leiden: Brill, 2016)

“Schools and Education, 1500-1600” in *A Companion to the Swiss Reformation* edited by Amy Nelson Burnett and Emidio Campi (Leiden: Brill, 2016)

“Calvin's Impact in Elizabethan England” in *Calvinus Pastor Ecclesiae: Papers of the Eleventh International Congress on Calvin Research* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2016)

“The Place and Image of Luther in Calvinist/Reformed Historiography” in *Luther and Calvinism: Image and Reception of Martin Luther in the History and Theology of Calvinism*

edited by Herman Selderhuis and J. Marius J. Lange van Ravenswaay (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2017)

“No Better Songs”: John Calvin and the Genevan Psalter in the Sixteenth Century and Today” *The Hymn: A Journal of Congregational Song* 68/4 (2017): 28-33

“A Debated Office: Deacons in the Huguenot Church, 1560-1660” in *Emancipating Calvin: Culture and Confessional Identity in Francophone Reformed Communities* edited by Karen Spierling, Erik de Boer and Ward Holder (Leiden: Brill, 2018)

“Permeable Borders: Cross-Confessional Encounters and Traditions in Reformation Geneva” in *Semper Reformanda: John Calvin, Worship and Reformed Traditions* edited by Barbara Pitkin. (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2018)

“Impact amid absence: the Synod of Dort and the French Huguenots” *In die Skriflig* 52/2 (2018) <https://doi.org/10.4102/ids.v52i2.2340>

“Reformed Education and the Genevan Academy” in *Calvin in Context* edited by R. Ward Holder (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020), 111-118

Academic papers and presentations (since 2005)

March 2005 ‘Hero or Villain? Interpretations of John Calvin and His Legacy’, Meeter Center Colloquium

September 2005 ‘Recteur, pasteur et professeur: Théodore de Bèze et l’éducation à Genève’, International conference on Theodore Beza, Geneva, Switzerland

October 2006: ‘Recruiting and Training Pastors: the Genevan Model’, and ‘Teaching Calvinism’, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Salt Lake City

October 2008: ‘Calvin as the Ideal Teacher’, Calvin: Saint or Sinner? Conference, Putten, The Netherlands

October 2008: ‘The Uses of the Catechism in Calvin’s Geneva’, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Saint Louis, MO

October 2009: “‘Appointed by God’? John Calvin on civil and church powers in the Reformation era”, Invited Lecture at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

August 2010: ‘Calvin 2009: The Results’, Plenary Lecture, International Calvin Congress, Bloemfontein, South Africa

June 2011: ‘The Advantages of Being under Threat: Geneva and the Myth of the Escalade, December 1602’, The Myth of the Reformation Conference, Zurich, Switzerland

October 2011, ‘Bad Books: complaints about printing in France and Geneva in the late 16th and early 17th centuries’, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Fort Worth

August 2014, ‘Calvin’s Impact in Elizabethan England’, International Congress of Calvin Research, Zurich, Switzerland

October 2014, ‘The Contribution of Reformed Studies to the Establishment of the Reformed Faith’ and ‘The Role of a Research Center in the Formation of the Reformed Faith’ Chongshin University and Seminary, Seoul, South Korea

January 2015, ‘Fount of Grace and Source of Tension: Conflicts over Baptism in Calvin’s Geneva’, and ‘How to Implement Worship Changes without Losing Your Congregation in the Process: Lessons from Reformation Geneva’, Worship Symposium, Calvin College

September 2015, ‘Luther in Calvinist Historiography’ Calvin and Luther Conference, Johannes A Lasco Library, Emden, Germany

January 2017, ‘Five Hundred Years Later: Why the Reformation Still Matters’ January Series lecture, Grand Rapids, MI

July 2017, “‘No Better Songs’: John Calvin and the Genevan Psalter in the Sixteenth Century and Today” National Hymn Society of the United States and Canada annual conference, Waterloo, Ontario

October 2017, “Impact Amid Absence: The Synod of Dordt and the French Huguenots” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Milwaukee, WI

February 2020, “Getting beyond the *Institutes*: An Assessment of the Current State of Calvin Studies” – online presentation for the Greystone Postgraduate Seminar

October 2020, “Calvin and the Jews” – presentation for Calvin University

Service to College/University (selected)

1999-2001	Faculty Senator, representing the History Department
2001-05	Member of the Calvin College Educational Policy Committee
2003-05	Faculty Senator, representing the Contextual Disciplines Division
2005-08	Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate (elected by the faculty)
2005-08	Member of the College Strategic Planning taskforce

2008-09	Member of the implementation subcommittee for the taskforce on communication and governance
2008-11	Elected by Faculty Senate to serve on the taskforce on Calvin's Reformed Identity and Mission
2008-11	Vice-Chair, Faculty Senate (re-elected by the faculty)
2009-11	Member of the Calvin College Committee on Governance
2010-2014	Chair, Seminars in Christian Scholarship governing board

Service to Calvin Theological Seminary

2016-	Editor and Book Review Editor, <i>Calvin Theological Journal</i>
2018-	Co-director and program advisor, ThM program

Service to the Wider Community

1999-2002	Member-at-large and member of the program committee, Calvin Studies Society
2000-	Instructor, Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning (teaching one short course of three to four weeks each semester)
2001-2004	Member of the Executive Council, Society for Reformation Research
2002-05	Member of the advisory council, Sixteenth Century Studies Society
2003-05	Vice-president and program chair, Calvin Studies Society
2005-07	President, Calvin Studies Society
2014-	Member of the Praesidium (Steering Committee) International Calvin Congress
2015-	Instructor, Osher Living-Learning Institute (Aquinas College). Teaching one or two classes of three to four weeks each year
2014-16	Vice-President, Society for Reformation Research
2016-18	President, Society for Reformation Research
2018-	President of the International Calvin Congress

