

Mary E. Hunt
Biographical Summary
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Mary E. Hunt, Ph.D., is a feminist theologian who is co-founder and co-director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER) in Silver Spring, Maryland, USA. A Catholic active in the women-church movement, she lectures and writes on theology and ethics with particular attention to social justice concerns.

Dr. Hunt received the Ph.D. from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. She also received the Masters in Divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and the Masters in Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School. Her undergraduate degree in Theology and Philosophy is from Marquette University.

She completed Clinical Pastoral Education. She spent several years teaching and working on women's issues and human rights in Argentina as a participant in the Frontier Internship in Mission Program. She continues that work through WATER's project, *Women Crossing Worlds*, an ongoing exchange with Latin American women.

Dr. Hunt was Adjunct Assistant Professor of Women's Studies at Georgetown University for five years. For the 2000-2001 academic year, she was at Harvard Divinity School as a Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life. She has taught in summer programs and online at Iliff School of Theology and Pacific School of Religion, as well as summer classes at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

She is a co-editor with Diann Neu of *New Feminist Christianity: Many Voices, Many Views* (SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2010). She is also the editor of *A Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z* (Palgrave, 2004) and a co-editor with Kecia Ali and Monique Moultrie of a revised edition (2014).

Mary Hunt is a co-editor, with Patricia Beattie Jung and Radhika Balakrishnan, of *Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives from the World's Religions* (Rutgers University Press, 2001). She is the author of *Fierce Tenderness: A Feminist Theology of Friendship* (Crossroad Publishing Company, 1991), which was awarded the Crossroad Women's Studies Prize. She edited *From Woman-Pain to Woman-Vision: Writings in Feminist Theology* (Fortress Press, 1989) by Anne McGrew Bennett. She edited *La sfida del femminismo alla teologia, The Challenge of Feminism to Theology*, with Rosino Gibellini (Editrice Queriniana, 1980).

Among her many publications are articles in the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Concilium*, *Conscience*, *Religion Dispatches*, and *Mandragora*.

She has published chapters in books such as *Living Cosmology: Christian Responses to Journey of the Universe* (ed. Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim); *Pope Francis in Postcolonial Reality: Complexities, Ambiguities, & Paradoxes* (ed. Nicholas Panotto); *Feminism and Religion in the 21st Century: Technology, Dialogue, and Expanding Borders* (ed. Gina Messina-Dysert and Rosemary Radford Ruether); *Querida Ivone: Amorasas Cartas de Teologia & Feminismo* (ed. Nancy Cardoso and Claudio Carvalhaes); *Queer Christianities: Lived Religion in Transgressive Forms* (ed. Kathleen T. Talvacchia, Michael F. Pettinger, and Mark Larrimore); *Feminist Theologies: Legacy and Prospect* (ed. Rosemary Radford Ruether); *Heterosexism in Contemporary World Religion: Problem and Prospect* (ed. Marvin M. Ellison and Judith Plaskow); *God*

Forbid (ed. Kathleen Sands); *Sexuality and the Sacred* (ed. James Nelson and Sandra Longfellow); *Feminist Theological Ethics* (ed. Lois Daly); *Sexual Diversity and Catholicism* (ed. Patricia Beattie Jung); and *Women's Voices and Visions of the Church: Reflections from North America* (ed. Letty M. Russell, Aruna Gnanadason, and J. Shannon Clarkson), as well as entries in the *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America* (ed. Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether), *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion* (ed. David A. Leeming, et al), and *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Psychology and Religion* (ed. Michel D. Palmer and Stanley M. Burgess).

Mary is a member of the American Academy of Religion where she co-chaired the Women and Religion Section; she also belongs to the Society of Christian Ethics and the Catholic Theological Society of America. She is an advisor to the Women's Ordination Conference. She is active in the Women-Church Convergence. Through WATER, participates in the National Religious Leadership Roundtable.

She lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, with her partner, Diann L. Neu, and their daughter, Catherine Fei Min Hunt-Neu.

Work

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Education

Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California (1974-80), Ph.D.; Philosophical and Systematic Theology; Dissertation: FEMINIST LIBERATION THEOLOGY: THE DEVELOPMENT OF METHOD IN CONSTRUCTION

Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, Berkeley, California (1977-79), Master of Divinity; Historical and Systematic Theology; Clinical Pastoral Education: Summer Quarter, 1978, California Institution for Women

Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (1972-74), Master of Theological Studies; Theology and New Testament

Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (1969-72, Bachelor of Arts (magna cum laude); Theology and Philosophy, minor, Psychology

Employment

2000-2001 Research Fellow, Harvard Divinity School, Center for the Study for Values in Public Life, Cambridge, MA

- 1995-1999 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Women's Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- 1986-87 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York
- 1983-present Co-director and Co-founder, Women's Alliance for Theology Ethics and Ritual (WATER), Silver Spring, MD
- 1980-82 Frontier Internship in Mission, Buenos Aires, Argentina: Visiting Professor of Theology, ISEDET

Membership and Activities

Editorial Boards: *Theology and Sexuality*; Web Board of *Feminist Studies in Religion* (<http://www.fsrinc.org>); Revista de Estudos Feministas em Teologia e Religião

Boards: Volunteers in Global Service

Memberships: American Academy of Religion (Chair, Women and Religion, 1992-94); Society of Christian Ethics; Catholic Theological Society of America

Honor Societies: Phi Sigma Tau; Alpha Sigma Nu

Community Collaboration: Women-Church Convergence; Advisor to Women's Ordination Conference; National Religious Leadership Roundtable

Professional Experience (Selected)

Lectures

National Higher Education: American University, United Theological Seminary, Colgate University, College of New Rochelle, Smith College, Hollins College, Iliff School of Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary, University of St. Thomas, St. Lawrence University, Claremont School of Theology, Regis College, Manhattan College, Loyola University Chicago, Denison University, Yale University

Conferences: Grailville; JFSR; Kirkridge; "Re-imagining" Conference; Call to Action; National Organization for Women; National Council of Churches of Australia

International Higher Education: Universities of Uppsala, Lund and Gothenberg, Sweden; Universities of Aarhus and Copenhagen, Denmark; University of Oslo, Norway; Protestant Academy, Bad Boll, Germany; Methodist and Lutheran Universities, Brasil, Iceland

Teaching

Pacific School of Religion (Summer School and online); Instituto Metodista (Sao Paulo, Brasil); Iliff School of Theology (Summer School and online); Lancaster Theological Seminary (Summer School)