

Curriculum Vitae: WILLEMIEN OTTEN

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Citizenship: Dutch, permanent resident in the US

Education:

-1980: B.A. University of Amsterdam (*summa cum laude*)

area: *Theology*: O.T & N.T. Exegesis, Systematic Theology, History of Christianity, History of Religions, Philosophy of Religions, Philosophical Ethics

-1983: M.A. University of Amsterdam (*summa cum laude*)

area: *Theology*: New Testament studies, Ancient & Medieval Philosophy (Proclus), History and Theology of the Middle Ages

Adviser: Prof. M.B. Pranger

-1983-1984: Special Student at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto

areas: Medieval History (Prof. B. Stock), Medieval Philosophy: Augustine (Prof. J.M. Rist), Medieval Rhetoric (Prof. Fr. Nims), Medieval Theology: John Scottus Eriugena (Prof. Ed. Jeaneau)

-June 1989: Ph.D. University of Amsterdam (*summa cum laude*)

area: *Theology/Religion* (History of Christianity)

Title: *The Anthropology of John Scottus Eriugena*

Advisers: Prof. M.B. Pranger, Prof. L.M. de Rijk (Leiden Univ.)

External Examiner: Prof. B. McGinn (University of Chicago)

Academic Positions held:

July 2021-present: Dorothy Grant Maclear Professor of the History of Christianity and Theology, The University of Chicago Divinity School

Sept. 2017-June 2023: Director of the Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion, The University of Chicago Divinity School

January-March 2017: Visiting Distinguished Tipton chair in catholic studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

July 2007-present: Professor of the Theology and History of Christianity
The University of Chicago Divinity School and The College;
Associate Member, The Department of History, The Division of the Social Sciences (since October 2014)

Oct. 2007 - Oct. 2009: Honorary Professor of the History of Christianity, Faculty of the Humanities, Utrecht University

Febr. 2003-May 2007: Dean, Theology Department, Utrecht University

- July 1997-July 2007: Professor of the History of Christianity and of Christian Doctrine
Theology Department, Utrecht University
- March 1997-June 1997: Associate Professor of History of Christian Life and Thought,
Theology Dept., Boston College
- Sept. 1994-March 1997: Assistant Professor of History of Christian Life and Thought,
Theology Department, Boston College
- August 1990-May 1994: Assistant Professor of Medieval Theology
Loyola University of Chicago
- March 1990-July 1990: Adjunct lecturer in Patristics (part-time)
Catholic School of Theology, Utrecht
- May 1986-May 1990: Junior Position in History of Christianity,
Theology Dept., University of Amsterdam
- Sept. 1980-Sept. 1983: Teaching Assistant New Testament
Theology Dept., University of Amsterdam

Research, honorary, and board positions, honors awarded, grants received:

- July 2020 – May 22: Member of the Jury awarding the Dutch Simon Stevin Prize (in applied knowledge) for an individual or research team (2 prizes of € 2.500.000)
- April 27, 2022: Gave the 37th *Etienne Gilson* lecture, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, University of Toronto on “Creation and Gender in Eriugena, Hildegard and Hadewijch.”
- November 8, 2019: Received an honorary doctorate in Church History from the Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- January 2018-2019: Chair of the committee on Research&Prizes, *American Society of Church History*
- January 2016-2019: Member of the committee on Research&Prizes, ASCH
- January-December 2016: Recipient of a Henry Luce III Fellowship in History of Christianity for the project *Natura Educans: The Psychology of Pantheism from Eriugena to Emerson* (Luce Foundation and ATS)
- November 2014 - : Member of the steering committee of the *Augustine and Augustinianisms* group, American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- January 2013-15: Elected member of the Council of the *American Society for Church History* (ASCH)
- May 2012 – Nov. 2013: Member (round of 2012) and vice-chair (round of 2013) of the NWO selection committee for the Dutch *Gravitation* grants (for collaborative, long-term institutional research projects; total annual budget: € 150.000.000 for approx. 6 projects)
<http://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/our-funding-instruments/nwo/gravitation/gravitation.html>
- Nov. 2011 – Sept 2022: President, International Society for the Promotion of Eriugenan Studies (SPES); since Sept 2022 I am honorary president of SPES.
- Sept. 2009 - July 2010: Co-director Marty Center seminar, University of Chicago Divinity School
- April 2009 – Dec. 2016: Government appointed member of the Dutch Committee *Sustainable Humanities*, chaired by prof.dr. F.P. van Oostrom

<http://www.regiegeesteswetenschappen.nl>

- Nov. 2008 – present: Member of the steering committee of the *Platonism and Neoplatonism*-group, American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- Aug. 2007 - Aug. 2010: Member of the Academic Jury awarding the Dutch annual Spinoza Prize (4 annual individual awards of € 2.500.000 each)
- April 2007: Research proposal accepted for NIAS theme group for 2008-09: *The (Post)Modern Augustine. Aspects of His Reception from 1600 to 2000.* Team leaders: Pollmann and Otten (I subsequently declined and recruited a replacement because of my move to the University of Chicago) (NIAS = Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study)
- March 26, 2007: Convocation speaker at Utrecht University.
Title of address: *Exercitatio mentis: Religion as Mental Exercise.* (I was the first female convocation speaker since the University's founding in 1636)
- May 2006 - May 2009: Awarded funded collaborative research project (NWO) = Dutch Scientific Organization with prof. M.B. Pranger (main applicant; University of Amsterdam) and Prof. S. Nichols (Johns Hopkins, Romance Languages). General Project Title: *The Pastness of the Religious Past.* Awarded 2 postdocs and 1 Ph.D.student (€500.000). This project was completed and positively evaluated by NWO in the Spring of 2011.
- April 2006 - May 2007: Member of the NWO selection committee for programmatic research in the Humanities
- April 2005 - May 2007: Chair of the Board of Deans in Theology (DGO), Association of Dutch Universities (VSNU)
- May 2005 - May 2007: University Representative on the Supervisory Board of Roosevelt Academy, Middelburg, the Netherlands
- Feb. 2003 - May 2007: Member of the Board of the *Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra and Choir.* Conductor: Ton Koopman
- Jan. 2002 - May 2007: President of the Dutch Society for the Study of Early Christianity
- Jan. 2001- Dec. 2005: International secretary of SPES (Society for the Promotion of Eriugenan Studies)
- March 26, 2000: Conferred honorary doctorate in Theology on Ton Koopman, Artistic Leader and Conductor of the *Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra*, Utrecht University (on its *dies natalis*)
- April 2000 - 2001: Member of the NWO VICI-selection committee
- April 1998 - 2000: Member of the NWO selection committee for Programmatic Research in Theology and Philosophy; committee chair in 1999 – 2000
- January 1999 - present: Member of the Dutch Research School in Medieval Studies.
- January 1998 - present: Member of the Dutch Research School in Theology (NOSTER)
- January - June 1994: Research Fellow at the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Divinity School, University of Chicago
- Jan. 1993- Jan. 2008: Convener of the AAR's *Platonism and Neoplatonism*-group
- June 1992 - June 1994: Convener of the Midwest Patristics Seminar
- June 1989 - present: Member of the AAR
- June 1989 – present: Member of the Medieval Academy of America (MAA)
- June 1991 – present: Member of the North American Patristics Society (NAPS)

Editorial positions:

- July 2020 - Editor, *Journal of Religion*, University of Chicago
Sept. 2019 – present Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Augustinian Studies*
Sept. 2014 - present: Member of the Editorial Board of the series *Knowledge Communities (1100-1700)*, Amsterdam University Press
March 2011– present: Member of the Editorial Board of *Medieval Mystical Theology: The Journal of the Eckhart Society*
Jan. 2008 – Feb. 2011: Editor, *Journal of Religion*, University of Chicago
Jan. 2009 – Nov. 2009: Columnist for the Dutch Financial Times on “Chicago under Obama” (series of three-weekly columns)
Sept. 2004 – present: Member of the Editorial Board, *Brill’s Studies in Intellectual History*
June 2003 – Aug. 2013: Principal Collaborator and General Editor of the Project: *After Augustine. A Survey of His Reception 430-2000*.
This project is completed and has resulted in a three-volume publication with Oxford University Press (2013).
Sept. 2000 – May 2007: Member of the Editorial Board of *Utrecht Studies*, a series of Dutch theological monographs
Sept. 1998 – present: Member of the Editorial Board of the Dutch theological journal *Kerk en Theologie/Church and Theology*
Quarterly columnist on *Theology in America* since 2012
Sept. 1989 – June 1990: Member of the Editorial Board of *Millennium*, Dutch Journal for Medieval Studies.

Willemien Otten has served as outside thesis-examiner and/or conducted evaluations for research projects, awards, tenure, accreditation, and promotion in history, theology, philosophy, religious studies, Romance languages, and medieval studies at the University of Chicago, St. Andrews University, Protestant Theological University (Netherlands), Catholic School of Theology (Netherlands), University of Tilburg, Harvard University, Duquesne University, Boston College, Loyola University Chicago, University of Saskatchewan, Catholic University of America (Washington), Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, MacQuarrie University (Australia), Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO), Flemish Organisation for Scientific Research (FWO), Johns Hopkins University, and the University of New Mexico (Albuquerque).

She has reviewed articles and manuscripts for the following journals and presses: Journal of Religion, Journal of Early Christian Studies, Speculum, the International Journal of Philosophy and Theology, Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion, Modern Theology, Florilegium, Traditio, Viator, the Anglican Review, Archa Verbi, Orbis Litterarum, Vigiliae Christianae, Eras Journal, Harvard Theological Review, Wiley-Blackwell, Baker Academic, Fordham University Press, Columbia University Press, Brill, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, PIMS Press.

Between 1997 and 2007, when she left the Netherlands, Otten was a frequent commentator in Dutch media (television, radio, newspapers) with a focus on the role of the church and the academic study of religion in the Netherlands and on religion in America. Since 2014 she writes a quarterly column on religion and theology in the US (Theologische kroniek uit Amerika) for the Dutch journal Kerk en Theologie.

*Publications by Willemien OTTEN (*forthcoming; @monograph):*

Books:

1. @*Thinking Nature and the Nature of Thinking: From Eriugena to Emerson* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2020) 284pp.
2. Co-editor with Susan E. Schreiner, *Augustine Our Contemporary. Examining the Self in Past and Present* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2018) 402pp.
3. Co-editor with Michael Allen, *Eriugena and Creation*. Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Eriugenian Studies, held in honor of Edouard Jeauneau, Chicago, 9-12 November 2011 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2014) 759pp.
4. *The Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine (OGHRA)*. Editor in Chief: Karla Pollmann, Editor: Willemien Otten (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2013) 3 volumes, 2250 pp.
5. Co-editor with Babette S. Hellemans and M. B. Pranger, *On Religion and Memory* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2013) 271pp.
6. Co-editor with Nienke M. Vos, *Demons and the Devil in Ancient and Medieval Christianity*, Supplements to *Vigiliae Christianae* (Leiden: Brill, 2011) 257pp.
7. Co-editor with Arjo Vanderjagt and Hent de Vries, *How the West Was Won. Essays on Literary Imagination, the Canon, and the Christian Middle Ages for Burcht Pranger*, Brill's Studies in Intellectual History 188 (Leiden: Brill, 2010) 420pp.
8. Co-editor with Maarten Wisse and Marcel Sarot, *Scholasticism Reformed. Essays in Honour of Willem van Asselt*. Studies in Theology and Religion 14 (Leiden: Brill, 2010) 390pp.
9. Co-editor with Karla Pollmann, *Poetry and Exegesis in Premodern Latin Christianity. The Encounter Between Classical and Christian Strategies of Interpretation* (Leiden: Brill, 2007) 360pp.
10. Co-editor with W. Hannam and M. Treschow, *Divine Creation in Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Thought. Essays Presented to the Rev. Dr. Robert D. Crouse*. With a Preface by Fr. Robert Dodaro OSA. Studies in Intellectual History, Vol. 151 (Leiden: Brill, 2007) 457 pp.
11. @*From Paradise to Paradigm. A Study of Twelfth-Century Humanism*. Studies in Intellectual History, Vol. 127 (Leiden: Brill, 2004) 330pp.
12. Co-editor with J. Frishman and G. Rouwhorst, *Religious Identity and the Problem of Historical Foundation. The Foundational Character of Authoritative Sources in the History of Christianity and Judaism* (Leiden: Brill, 2004) 588pp.
13. Co-editor with W.J. van Asselt, *Kerk en conflict. Identiteitskwesties in de geschiedenis van het christendom* (Zoetermeer: Meinema, 2002) 217pp.
14. Co-editor with Theo Clemens and Gerard Rouwhorst, *Het einde nabij? Toekomstverwachting en angst voor het oordeel in de geschiedenis van het christendom* (Nijmegen: Valkhof Pers, 1999) 316pp.
15. Co-editor with Bernard McGinn, *Eriugena: East and West. Papers of the Eighth International Symposium of the Society for the Promotion of Eriugenian Studies*, Chicago and Notre Dame, 18-20 October, 1991 (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1994) 290 pp.
16. @*The Anthropology of Johannes Scottus Eriugena*, Studies in Intellectual History, Vol. 20 (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1991) 242pp.

Thematic Journal Issues or Other Edited Texts:

1. Foreword in *Sightings. Reflections on Religion in Public Life*, ed. Brett Colasacco (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2019), pp. xiii-xvi.

2. Co-editor with William Schweiker of *The Journal of Religion* 93.4 (2013), a special issue on Michael Fishbane's *Sacred Attunement*. See "Introduction: Engaging Michael Fishbane's Theology and Ethics of Attunement", pp. 1-2.
3. Invited Guest Editor-in-Chief of *Les études philosophiques: Érigène*, Janvier 2013 – 1, a thematic issue devoted to Eriugena, with articles by B. McGinn, E. Jeauneau, D. Moran, S. Gersh, A. Guiu, E. Kendig and W. Otten. See "Avant-propos", pp. 3-5.
4. Editor of "Tertullian and Rhetoric," in *Studia Patristica* Vol. LXV. *Proceedings of the 16th Oxford Patristics Conference*, Vol. XIII: The First Two Centuries; Apocrypha; Tertullian and Rhetoric; From Tertullian to Tyconius, ed. Markus Vinzent (Louvain: Peeters, 2013), 295-358. With contributions by D. E. Wilhite, Fr. Chapot, G.D. Dunn and W. Otten.
5. Editor of *The Journal of Religion* 91.1 (2011), a special issue on 'The Augustinian Moment. Reflection at the Limits of Selfhood,' with articles by B.S. Stock, J.-L. Marion, J.A. Wetzel, M.B. Pranger. See "Special issue: The Augustinian Moment", pp. 1-5.
6. Co-editor with B. de Gaay Fortman of *Kerk en Theologie* 58.4 (2007), a thematic issue on 'Leken' (=Lay persons in church and theology), with articles by F.G.M. Broeyer, J.A.B. Jongeneel, K. Martens, L.J. Koffeman, B. de Gaay Fortman, M. Spindler, and W. Otten.

Audio CD:

Christendom. Een hoorcollege over de geschiedenis van de christelijke religie en cultuur (Christianity; a lecture course about the history of the Christian religion and its culture) by Willemien Otten (The Hague: Home Academy, 2006) 4 CDs, 4 hours (in Dutch).

Articles and chapters in books:

1. "Between Naturalization and Exegesis: Gender and Creation in Augustine," in M. Labinski (ed.), *Augustine and Gender* (Lanham, Boulder, New York, London: Lexington Books, 2023) (in press)
2. "David Tracy's Constructive Theology: Impressions, Contours, Conversations," in Andreas Telser and Barnabas Palfrey (eds.), *Beyond the Analogical Imagination. The Theological and Cultural Vision of David Tracy* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023) (in press)
3. "Nature's Mediation: William of Conches and Hildegard of Bingen on Creation and the Cosmos," in Sarah Powrie and Gur Zak (eds.), *Textual Communities, Textual Selves. Essays in Dialogue with Brian Stock* (Toronto: PIMS Press, 2023), 149-171.
4. "Creation and Gender in Eriugena, Hildegard, and Hadewijch," 37th Étienne Gilson Lecture, April 27, 2022 (Toronto: PIMS, 2022) 34pp.
5. "An Exercise in 'Thinking Nature': Eriugena's *Periphyseon* Against the Background of the History of Exegesis and Patristic Reception," in R. Keen, D. Owings, and E. Palmer (eds.), *Reading Certainty: Epistemology and Exegesis on the Threshold of Modernity* (Leiden: Brill, 2022), 3-18.
6. "Creation and Gender," in: A.B.J. Hampton (ed.), *Cambridge Companion on Religion and the Environment* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022), 303-318.
7. "Theology as Searchlight: Miracle, Event, and the Place of the Natural," in *Religion in Reason. Metaphysics, Ethics, and Politics in Hent de Vries*, eds. Tarek Dika and Martin Shuster (New York: Routledge, 2022), 92-107.
8. "De constructieve theologie van David Tracy: Impressies, contouren, gesprekken," *Kerk en Theologie* 72.4 (2021): 317-32 [Dutch version of no. 4]

9. "Eriugena as the Last Patristic Cosmologist," in Markus Vinzent and I.L.E. Ramelli (eds.), *Studia Patristica* CXXII, vol. 19: Eriugena's Christian Neoplatonism and Its Sources in Patristic and Ancient Philosophy (Leuven-Paris-Bristol: Peeters, 2021), 127-43.
10. "Response," in Markus Vinzent and I.L.E. Ramelli (eds.), *Studia Patristica* CXXII vol. 19: Eriugena's Christian Neoplatonism and Its Sources in Patristic and Ancient Philosophy (Leuven-Paris-Bristol: Peeters, 2021), 265-72.
11. "Between Thesis and Antithesis: Negative Theology as a Medieval Way of Thinking Forward," in Ingolf U. Dalfert and Trevor W. Kimball (eds.), *The Meaning and Power of Negativity* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021), 21-39.
12. "Natural Theology as Thinking Nature. A Discussion between Schleiermacher, Emerson and William James," *Jahrbuch für Biblische Theologie. Band 34* (2019). *Natur und Schöpfung* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020): 199-219.
13. "The Recovery of Nature's Religious Role in the Context of the Pandemic," in Alexander J. B. Hampton (ed.), *Pandemic, Ecology, Theology. Perspectives on COVID-19* (New York: Routledge, 2020), 103-15. [reprinted in *Criterion*, Spring 2021, 16-23].
14. "Suspended between Cosmology and Anthropology: *Natura*'s Bond in Eriugena's *Periphyseon*," in *Brill's Companion to Eriugena*, ed. Adrian Guiu (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 189-212.
15. "Joseph Ratzinger and the Paradigm of Medieval Creation: From Bonaventure to Eriugena," in Emery de Gaál and Matthew Levering (eds.), *Joseph Ratzinger and the Healing of the Reformation-Era Divisions* (Steubenville, OH: Emmaus Academic, 2019), 257-77.
16. "West and East: Prayer and Cosmos in Augustine and Maximus the Confessor," in H. van Loon, G. de Nie, M. Op de Coul & P. van Egmond (eds.), *Prayer and the Transformation of the Self in Early Christian Mystagogy* (Leuven: Peeters, 2018), 319 -37.
17. "The Open Self: Augustine and the Early-Medieval Ethics of Order," in W. Otten and Susan Schreiner (eds.), *Augustine Our Contemporary. Examining the Self in Past and Present* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2018), 135-64.
18. "Nature as a Theological Problem. An Emersonian Response to Lynn White," in G. Thomas and H. Springhart (eds.), *Responsibility and the Enhancement of Life. Essays in Honor of William Schweiker* (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2017), 265-80.
19. "Cosmos and Liturgy from Maximus to Hans Urs von Balthasar (with an excursion on H.J. Schulz)," in P. van Geest, M. Poorthuis and H.E.G. Rose, eds. *Sanctifying Texts, Transforming Rituals. Encounters in Liturgical Studies* (Leiden, Brill, 2017), 153-169.
20. "The Fate of Augustine's Genesis Exegesis in Medieval Hexaemeral Commentaries. The Cases of John Scottus Eriugena and Robert Grosseteste," *Proceedings of the Seventeenth Oxford Patristics Conference, Vol. 24, Studia Patristica* 98. *Saint Augustine and His Opponents*, ed. M. Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters, 2017), 51-69.
21. "Christianity's Content: (Neo)Platonism in the Middle Ages, Its Theoretical and Theological Appeal," *Numerus* 63 (2016): 245-270.
22. "Eriugena on Natures (Created, Human and Divine): From Christian-Platonic Metaphysics to Early-Medieval Protreptic," in Isabelle Moulin (ed.), *Philosophie et Théologie chez Jean Scot Érigène. Collection de l'Institut d'études médiévales de l'Institut Catholique de Paris* (Paris: Vrin, 2016), 113-133.
23. «Medieval Latin Humanism », in Houari Touati (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Mediterranean Humanism*, March 2016, URL=<http://www.encyclopedie-humanisme.com/?Medieval-Latin-Humanism>
24. "Bach's Passions in a Secular World. Comments about Bach, Ambrose and

- Augustine in Honour of Ton Koopman,” in Albert Clement (ed.), *Studies in Baroque. Festschrift Ton Koopman* (Bonn: J. Butz Verlag, 2014), 33-52.
25. “Eriugena and Emerson on Nature and the Self,” in: Michael I. Allen and W. Otten (eds.), *Eriugena and Creation. Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Eriugenian Studies*, held in honor of Edouard Jeauneau, Chicago, 9-12 November 2011 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2014), 503-38.
26. “Creation and Epiphanic Incarnation. Reflections on the Future of Natural Theology from an Eriugenian-Emersonian Perspective,” in B. S. Hellemans, W. Otten, M.B. Pranger (eds.), *On Religion and Memory* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2013), 64-88.
27. “The Reception of Augustine in the Early Middle Ages (c. 700-c.1200). Presence, Absence, Reverence, and Other Modes of Appropriation,” in *The Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine (OGHRA)*. Eds. Karla Pollmann, Willemien Otten (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 23-39.
28. “On *Sacred Attunement*, Its Meaning and Consequences: A Meditation on Christian Theology,” *Journal of Religion* 93.4 (2013): 478-94.
29. “Tertullian’s Rhetoric of Redemption: Flesh and Embodiment in *De carne Christi* and *De resurrectione mortuorum*,” in *Studia Patristica. Vol. LXV. Proceedings of the 16th Oxford Patristics Conference*, Vol. XIII: The First Two Centuries; Apocrypha; Tertullian and Rhetoric; From Tertullian to Tyconius, ed. Markus Vinzent (Louvain: Peeters, 2013), 331-48.
30. “Le language de l’union mystique. Le désir et le corps dans l’oeuvre de Jean Scot Érigène et de Maître Eckhart,” in *Érigène. Les études philosophiques* 113 (2013/1): 121-41.
31. “Platonism,” in Julia Lamm (ed.), *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Christian Mysticism* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), 56-73.
32. “Between Praise and Appraisal: Medieval Guidelines for the Assessment of Augustine’s Intellectual Legacy,” *Augustinian Studies* 43/1 (2012): 201-18.
33. “Overshadowing or Foreshadowing Return: The Role of Demons in Eriugena’s *Periphyseon*,” in: N.M. Vos and W. Otten (eds.), *Demons in Early and Medieval Christianity* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), 211-29.
34. “Nature and the Representation of Divine Creation in the Twelfth Century,” in: C. Mews and J.N. Crossley (eds.), *Communities of Learning: Networks and the Shaping of Intellectual Identity in Europe, 1100-1500*, Europa Sacra 9 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2011), 57-74.
35. “The Long Shadow of Human Sin: Augustine on Adam, Eve, and the Fall,” in: B.E.J.H. Becking and S.A. Hennecke (eds.), *Out of Paradise: Eve and Adam and their Interpreters* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2010), 29-49 [=English version of nr. 53].
36. “Does the Canon Need Converting? A Meditation on Augustine’s *Soliloquies*, Eriugena’s *Periphyseon*, and the Dialogue with the Religious Past,” in: W. Otten, A. Vanderjagt and H. de Vries (eds.), *How the West Was Won. Essays on Literary Imagination, the Canon, and the Christian Middle Ages for Burcht Pranger* (Leiden: Brill, 2010), 195-223.
37. “Scholasticism and the Problem of Intellectual Reform,” in: M. Wisse, M. Sarot, W. Otten (eds.), *Scholasticism Reformed. Essays in Honour of Willem van Asselt* (Leiden: Brill, 2010), 55-73.
38. (with W. Schweiker, K. Hector, H.-D. Betz, R. Rosengarten, P. Mendes-Flohr, W.

- Clark Gilpin, K Culp, M. Riesebrodt) “Grappling with Charles Taylor’s *A Secular Age*,” *Journal of Religion* 90.3 (2010): 367-400.
39. “Women in Early Christianity: Incarnational Hermeneutics in Tertullian and Augustine,” in: B. de Gaay Fortman, K. Martens, and M.A. Mohamed Salih (eds.), *Hermeneutics, Scriptural Politics, and Human Rights Between Text and Context* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), 219-35.
40. “Broken Mirrors: Abelard’s Theory of Language in Relation to the Augustinian Tradition of Redeemed Speech,” in: C.J. Nederman, N. van Deusen and E.A. Matter (eds.), *Mind Matters: Studies of Medieval and Early Modern Intellectual History in Honour of Marcia Colish*, Disputatio 21 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2010), 69-87.
41. “Religion as *Exercitatio Mentis*: A Case for Theology as a Humanist Discipline,” in Z.R.W.M. von Martels, A. MacDonald (eds), *Christian Humanism, Essays Offered to Arjo Vanderjagt on the Occasion of his Sixtieth Birthday* (Leiden: Brill, 2009), 59-73 (modified English version of nr. 46).
42. B.S. Hellemans and W. Otten, “‘Eerst begrijpen en dan geloven’: over de persoonlijkheid van Peter Abelard en theologie als experiment,” in: B.E.J.H. Becking en A. Merz (eds.), *Verhaal als Identiteitscode. Opstellen aangeboden aan Geert van Oyen bij zijn afscheid van de Universiteit Utrecht*. Utrechtse Theologische Reeks 60 (Utrecht: Fac. Geesteswetenschappen, 2008), 150-60.
43. “Nature as Religious Force in Eriugena and Emerson,” in H. de Vries (ed.), *Religion: Beyond a Concept* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2008), 354-67.
44. “De leek-theoloog: bron van irritatie of aansporing tot institutionele vernieuwing,” *Kerk en Theologie* 58 (2007) 293-302.
45. “Het ‘redelijk’ geheim van Augustinus’ vroege dialoog, de *Soliloquia*,” in: H.J. Lam, P. J. Vergunst en L. Wüllschleger (red.), *Kerk rond het heilgeheim. Opstellen, aangeboden aan prof.dr. A. de Reuver* (Zoetermeer: Boekencentrum, 2007), 36-49.
46. “Augustinus en de vorming van christelijke gemeenschappen: een retrospectief,” in A. van der Kooi, G.W. Neven en J.D.Th. Wassenaar (red.), *Augustinus en Noordmans. Twee denkers in de spanning van moderniteit en postmoderniteit* (Kampen: Kok, 2007), 89-107.
47. “*Exercitatio Mentis*: religie als denkoefening”, *Dies Natalis 2007* (Utrecht: Universiteit Utrecht, 2007), 3-14.
48. “Het aangezicht der barmhartigheid in de vroegchristelijke traditie van het westen: diakonale theologie en praktijk bij Cyprianus, Ambrosius en Augustinus,” in: W. Otten, M. Schrama en J. Smit (red.), *Wanneer hebben wij u hongerig gezien? Het aanzien van de onaanzienlijke bij Matteüs en Augustinus*, Utrecht Theological Series 58. Utrecht 2007, 31-52.
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- Theological Criticism: Creation and Gender (Autumn 2020, HCHR/THEO 5000; HIST 66004)
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