

# Emily Dolan Gierer

*Co-Lead Pastor, St. Timothy's Church*

*Adjunct Professor, University of Connecticut*

*Adjunct Professor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary*

## Education

- Ph.D. English, University of Connecticut, May 2013  
D.Min. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, May 2024  
M.Div. Yale Divinity School/Institute of Sacred Music, May 2017  
M.A. English, University of Connecticut, May 2007  
B.A. English, Gordon College, May 2005. *Summa cum laude.*

## Teaching Experience

- Adjunct Professor, Doctor of Ministry Program, GCTS, 2025-Present  
Adjunct Professor, English Department, University of Connecticut, 2015-Present  
Visiting Assistant Professor in Residence, University of Connecticut, 2013-2014  
Adjunct Professor, Gordon College, 2010-2011

## Ministry Experience

- Co-Lead Pastor, St. Timothy's Church, Storrs, CT (August 2018 – Present)*  
Responsible for planning, leading, and preaching at the weekly service in addition to designing and implementing spiritual formation programming
- Chapter Planter, InterVarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship, University of Connecticut (August 2012-August 2022)*  
Re-planted a chapter of InterVarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship at the University of Connecticut and led weekly Bible studies and prayer groups with an interdenominational group of Christian graduate students
- Director of Spiritual Formation, St. Paul's Church, Storrs, CT (December 2012 – August 2015)*  
Developed and taught a series of spiritual formation classes that introduced participants to a variety of spiritual practices and helped them to reflect on their spiritual growth.

## Additional Ministry Experience

- Founder and Organizer, Women in Homiletics Subcommittee, Evangelical Homiletics Society (2023-Present)*

*Board Member, Evangelical Homiletics Society (2023-2024)*

*Cohort Member, Fuller Spiritual Formation Group for Early Career Pastors (2018-2019)*

*Member, Christian Contemplative Prayer Group, Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center (2016-2018)*

### **Selected Courses**

#### **University of Connecticut**

ENGL 2603: Literary Approaches to the Bible

ENGL 2411-W: Popular Literature (writing intensive)

ENGL 2407: The Short Story

ENGL 2276-W: American Utopias and Dystopias (writing intensive)

ENGL 2203-W: American Literature since 1880 (writing intensive)

ENGL 2201-W: American Literature to 1880 (writing intensive)

ENGL 1007: Seminar in Multimodal Composition

ENGL 1004: Introduction to Academic Writing

ENGL 1003: English for Non-Native Speakers

#### **Gordon College**

ENG 338: Victorian Literature

ENG 143: Women's Literature

### **Academic Publications**

*Active Preaching: Bringing the Tools of the Classroom to the Pulpit.* Wipf & Stock. (Under Review).

“Wrestling with God and Language: The Conversion Narratives of New England Women.” *The Influence of Jonathan Edwards in the Early American Republic: Patriotism, Exceptionalism, and the Pursuit of Happiness.* Eds. John T. Lowe and Obbie Todd. Pickwick Press, forthcoming.

“Hannah Edwards and Dying Women: Changing Perspectives on Female Death During the Enlightenment.” *Jonathan Edwards and the Dark Side of the Enlightenment.* Eds. Daniel N. Gullotta and John T. Lowe. Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2020.

“Monstrous Confessions: Early American Women and the Dangers of Divine Revelation.” *Jonathan Edwards Studies* 7.1 (2017): 2-25. **Winner of the Jonathan Edwards Center Graduate Student Paper Competition.**

"Rebecca Harding Davis and the Troubled Conclusion." *American Literary Realism* 46.3 (2014).

"Explaining Deconversion from Christianity: A Study of Online Narratives." *Journal of Religion and Society*. 13 (2011). Co-written with Professors Bradley R. E. Wright, Dina Giovanelli, and Mark Evan Edwards.

### Non-Academic Publications

"It Doesn't Pay to Go on Maternity Leave at Most Evangelical Seminaries." *Christianity Today*. March 2017.

### Selected Presentations

"Women in Homiletics: A Conversation with Dr. Sarah Han." Organizer and Facilitator. Evangelical Homiletics Society Virtual Meeting. May 2025.

"Women in Homiletics: A Conversation with Dr. Carol Norén." Organizer and Facilitator. Evangelical Homiletics Society Virtual Meeting. April 2024.

"Women in Homiletics: A Conversation with Dr. Patricia Batten." Organizer and Facilitator. Evangelical Homiletics Society Virtual Meeting. March 2023.

"Teaching and Preaching: Utilizing Tools from the Classroom in the Pulpit." Presentation. Evangelical Homiletics Society Conference. October 2022.

"Active Preaching: Engaging the Congregation in the Preaching Act." Presentation. Evangelical Homiletics Society Conference. October 2021.

"Hannah Edwards Wetmore and Joyful Death: The Deathbed Confessional in the Eighteenth Century." Panel. American Society of Church History. January 2020.

"Louisa May Alcott and *Moods*: A Case Study in Publishing Pressures." Invited Speaker. University of Connecticut Book History Colloquium. March 2013.

"Louisa May Alcott's Rehabilitation of the Fallen Woman in *Behind a Mask*." Panel. Society for the Study of American Women Writers Conference. October 2012.

"Rebecca Harding Davis and Her Troubled Conclusions." Panel. American Literature Association. May 2012

"Visions of the 'New Man' in Elizabeth Stuart Phelps's *Doctor Zay*." Panel. New England Modern Language Association Conference. April 2010.

“Student Collaboration, Revision, and Technology.” The University of Connecticut Freshman English Program's Fifth Annual Conference on the Teaching of Writing. March 2010.

## Awards

Nominee, American Society of Church History's Jane Dempsey Douglass Prize for “Monstrous Confessions: Seventeenth-Century Women and the Dangers of Divine Revelation.” Fall 2017.

Winner, Jonathan Edwards Center Graduate Student Paper Competition for “Monstrous Confessions: Seventeenth-Century Women and the Dangers of Divine Revelation.” Summer 2016.

Selected, Institute for the Editing of Historical Documents, Summer 2013.

Award for Research Excellence. University of Connecticut. Spring 2010.