

Marah Sarji | PhD Candidate

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Education

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| PhD in Theology, Ethics, and Politics - Princeton Theological Seminary Dissertation on Saint Barbara and Palestinian Feminist Theology Presidential Merit Scholarship, Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, Trustees Merit Scholarship | 2023-2028 Princeton |
| Masters in Sociology and Cultural Anthropology – Tel Aviv University Thesis: Liberation by Doing Theology: The Case of ‘Christ at The Checkpoint Young Adults’ Project The track of Justice and Inequality in Resource Distribution, GPA- 95 on a scale of 100 Deans Excellence award in 2021, Scholarship from The School of Social and Policy Studies 2020 | 2019-2023 Tel Aviv |
| BA Business Administration and Sociology and Anthropology – Tel Aviv University Major in entrepreneurship in Business administration. | 2016-2020 Tel Aviv |

Publications

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| Guatemala and Gaza, Enfleshed Divinity in Women’s Ethics of Care Book chapter in The Cross and the Olive Tree: Cultivating Palestinian Theology amid Gaza | 2025 Orbis Books |
| Combating Christian Zionism in <i>Christ in the Rubble: Empire theology and the genocide in Gaza</i> Book review of Christ in the Rubble by Munther Isaac | 2026 PIR |
| Invisibility: incarnation and Gazans Christmas reflection in Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center, Issue 86 Christmas 2023 | 2023 Cornerstone |

Academic Conferences and Presentations

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| Invited Roundtable Participant- Gender, Genocide, and Palestine The American Academy of Religion Web, Feminist Studies in Religion unit | 2026 AAR Web |
| Invited Panelist- Christian Zionism and Palestinian Theology Concluding workshop for Theology and Political Imaginaries: “The Question of Palestine” Reading Group | 2026 KU Leuven |
| Invited Panelist- Palestine and/as feminism The American Academy of Religion, The Women of Color, Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit | 2025 AAR, Boston |
| Guatemala and Gaza, Enfleshed Divinity in Women’s Ethics of Care The American Academy of Religion, Comparative Religious Ethics Unit and Liberation Theologies Unit paper presentation | 2025 AAR, Boston |
| Invited Panelist- Scripture, Hermeneutics, and the Middle East The institute of Biblical Research | 2025 IBR, Boston |
| Incarnation and <i>tajallī</i> in George Khodr’s liberation theology Emerging Scholars of Christianity and Theology from the Middle East Conference by Dar Al- Kalima University paper presentation | 2025 Istanbul |
| Indecenting Palestinian Liberation Theology, Saint Barbara and Palestinian Women Martyrs | 2024 AAR Web |

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The American Academy of Religion Web, Theologies of Liberation and Contextual Theologies from the Middle East Session paper presentation

Reading Saint Barbara in the Palestinian context of 1948 territories

The Remnant and the Diasporic: Vitalizing Church and Society in the Middle East Conference by Dar Al-Kalima University paper presentation

2024
Cyprus

Professional Experience

Guest Lecture- Introduction to Palestinian Liberation Theology

2026

Lectured a class at Martin Luther University College, in course Loving God, Self and the World

Online

Teaching Assistant- Princeton Theological Seminary

2024-2026

Doing Christian Theology, instructed by Keri Day and George Hunsinger

Princeton

Black Liberationist and Womanist Christologies, instructed by Keri Day

Reformed Theologies on Worship and Public Life, instructed by Dirk Smit

Immigration as Theological Problem, instructed by Ki Joo Choi

Emotions and Affectivity in Early Christian Theology, instructed by Sarah Stewart-Kroeker

Blind Review for article- Open Theology Journal

2026

Teaching Assistant- Tel Aviv University

The Historical and Intellectual Origins of Social Sciences, instructed by Yehouda Shenhav and

2019-2021

Loaay Wattad, two consecutive years

Tel Aviv

Society in Israel, instructed by Smadar Sharon

Arab Students' Coordinator- Students Union at Tel Aviv University

Arranging extra-curricular activities and events; representing the students union for the students;

advocating for the students' needs; media and publications in Arabic

2018-2019
Tel Aviv

Service to the Field

CoLaboratory Member- Feminist Studies in Religion

2026

USA

Founding Member- Palestinian Theological Feminist Circle

2026

Palestine

Co-moderator- Theology and Religion and Society Workshop, Princeton Theological Seminary

2026

Princeton

Conference organizer- The Koinonia Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary

Religion, Dystopia, and Reimagining Otherwise

2024-2025

Christianity and Identity

Princeton

Student representative- Theology Department, Princeton Theological Seminary

2024-5

Speaking Engagements

Podcast Episode- Palestinian Liberation Theology from a feminist perspective

2022

The Two Cities podcast

Online

Speaker- Am I My Sister's Keeper?

2022

Palestine

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Short lecture at Christ at The Checkpoint conference on gender oppression in society and the church in Palestine from the book of Ruth.

Panel Speaker- From Ferguson to Palestine, a Quackers/EAPPI Shared Conference

Addressed the similarities in the struggle for freedom among Palestinians and Blacks in the United States, specifically the violence enacted on Palestinian bodies, women's bodies, and housing racial discrimination in Israel

2021
Online

Social Involvement

Founding member of Christ at The Checkpoint young adults' movement

2018

Solidarity Community among Black and Palestinian Theologians and Christian leaders

2021-2022

Moderator of Theology Committee for Global Kairos for Justice

2023- 2024

Founding member of Edward Saed Forum at Tel Aviv University

2019

Languages

Arabic- Native tongue

Modern Hebrew- fluent

English- fluent

German- basic reading

Syriac- basic reading

Greek- basic reading