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She served as general editor and consultant for the United Methodist Church's Africana Worship project and has published several book chapters and articles. Her publications also include her roles as associate editor and author for *The Africana Bible: Reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora* (2009), *Norton's Preaching with Sacred Fire: An Anthology of African American Sermons, 1750 to the Present* (2010), and co-editor of *Those Preaching Women: A Multi-Cultural Collection* (2008). Her most recent work is a co-authored volume on *Hosea* for the Wisdom Commentary series, due out soon. She currently is working on a commentary on *Job*, also for the Wisdom Commentary series.

Dr. Bridgeman earned her Ph.D. in biblical studies (Hebrew Bible concentration) and secondary studies in ethics from Baylor University. She earned her Master of Divinity from Austin Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas and a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major of Communication and Religion from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

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