

The Grawemeyer Awards

Susan R. Holman Winner of the 2016 Grawemeyer Award in Religion

Susan R. Holman is a writer and scholar who works in the intersections of public health, the history of faith-based responses to poverty, and social history. She is a senior writer at the Global Health Education and Learning Incubator at Harvard University, where she serves as the lead writer on “translational” educational public goods that connect health-related issues across a multidisciplinary social context.

Since 1998, Holman has also served as an independent researcher on religion and the history of public/global health and ethics, with a focus on contemporary relevance to faith communities and health justice. Formerly an academic research writer and editor at Harvard School of Public Health, she has also worked in clinical nutrition.

Holman’s book, [*Beholden: Religion, Global Health, and Human Rights*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), earned her the 2016 University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

Among her many other awards and honors are a “Christian Faith and Life” grant (2007) from the Louisville Institute to complete her book [*God Knows there’s Need: Christian Responses to Poverty*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), and the Allyn Russell Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, American Academy of Religion, New England/Maritimes Region (1998) for her paper, “Touching the Suffering ‘Other’” (later published by *Harvard Theological Review* as “Healing the Social Leper”).

She is also author of [*The Hungry are Dying: Beggars and Bishops in Roman Cappadocia*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001) as well as several articles, presentations and courses that focus on faith in relation to health and social justice issues.

Holman holds a doctorate in religious studies from Brown University, a master’s degree in theological studies from Harvard Divinity School, a master’s degree in nutrition from Tufts University School of Nutrition Science and Policy and bachelor’s degrees in psychology and nutrition, both from Valparaiso, University.

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