

# Stories, power, and the choices we make

I bring ancient texts into conversation with the questions people face now: who holds power, whose voices count, and how stories shape what we believe is possible.

A biblical scholar, author, and experienced educator, Erica helps audiences engage complex stories with historical depth, ethical clarity, and room for genuine inquiry.

## SELECTED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Built for the room, the audience, and the question

### 01 Power, Leadership, and Responsibility

What does accountable leadership look like? Ancient texts offer sharp questions about authority, justice, whose interests are served, and the human cost of power.

### 02 Women, Voice, and Agency

Explore how biblical narratives portray women negotiating power, kinship, risk, and belonging - and what changes when we attend to their choices and voices.

### 03 Myth, Story, and Moral Imagination

Myth is more than a synonym for falsehood. Learn how stories give communities language for truth, identity, responsibility, and the worlds they hope to build.

### 04 Reading Difficult Texts with Intellectual Honesty

A practical approach to complex or troubling texts: examine historical context, notice our interpretive lenses, and stay with ethical tension without rushing to easy answers.

## FORMATS

Keynotes | Conference sessions | Panel conversations | Interactive workshops | Facilitated discussions

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Conferences, colleges and universities, nonprofit and civic organizations, leadership programs, and faith communities.

### EXPERIENCE THAT BRIDGES SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLIC CONVERSATION

Ph.D. in Divinity | 13+ years teaching | Presenter at Society of Biblical Literature, Tyndale Fellowship, and the University of Oregon

Author of *So Say We All: Religion, Spirituality, and the Divine in Battlestar Galactica*, *Divine Council*, *Ethics*, and *Resistance in Psalm 82*, and *Cosmos & Creation: Ethics in Genesis 1-11*.

Recent workshop: 28 participants at Grace Episcopal Church, Paducah (2026). Survey respondents (n=9) rated likelihood to attend again and recommend at 4.6/5.