Kathleen Corley, PhD
3:30 – 4:50 pm
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Kathleen Corley is a Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where she teaches New Testament, Christianity, Gnosticism, and Women in Religion. Her publications include *Private Women, Public Meals* (1993); *Women and the Historical Jesus* (2002); *Jesus and Mel Gibson’s The Passion of the Christ* (2004); and *Mara: Women’s Funerary Traditions and Christian Origins* (2010).

**HOW WOMEN INVENTED CHRISTIANITY**

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