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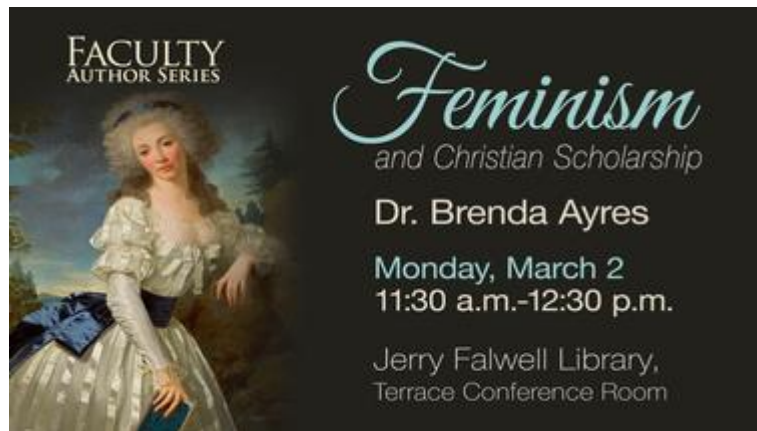
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Must academic feminism and Christianity be at cross purposes? How does one define “academic feminism”? Is the term “feminist Christian” an oxymoron? Is it possible for Christians to have a feminist agenda that drives their scholarship and if so, what might that be? Was Jesus a feminist? What forms of feminism does God endorse according to His Word? Do Christians have insights that give them an edge to publish in a highly competitive secular and academic market, and if so, how can they succeed when that market has become increasingly hostile toward Christian thought? Although there are many additional questions that Christians might raise regarding feminist scholarship, these are a few that Dr. Ayres will address in her presentation on March 2. Ayres has published twenty books to date, all of them from a Christian feminist perspective. In addition, three books on Mary Wollstonecraft are scheduled for publication in 2015 with a fourth in 2016. How can a Christian have so much to say about the “Mother of Feminism” and say it though secular university presses?