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Lecturer in New Testament and Theology
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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, IL
Concentration: Parables
Advisor: Ray Pickett; Committee Members: Barbara Rossing, Tom Blanton
Dissertation: *An Abject Kingdom: Reversal, Disruption, and The Minas (19:11-28) in Lukan Narrative Perspectives*
- 2011 Th.M., New Testament, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, IL
- 2008 M.T.S., Boston University School of Theology, MA
- 2002 B.A., Bible & Religion (major), Music Theory (minor), King College, TN

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022 *NT Intro • Ministry Across Cultures • Luke's Parables • Currents in NT and Critical Theory* at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- 2021 • *Greek • Paul • Reading Christian Theology in Context*, at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- 2021 • *The Jewish Matrix of the New Testament*, at Seoul Christian University
- 2020 • *Luke as Gospel; • Thesis Writing; • John's Apocalypse* at Seoul Christian University
- 2019 • *Acts with #BLM: Ethnicity, Class, and Race in Acts of the Apostles* at McCormick Theological Seminary
- 2018 • *No Longer Slave Nor Free: Ethnicity, Gender, and Freedom in Galatians; • Luke's Parables and Economic Crises: Invitations to Resist; • Acts for Racial Justice: Ethnicity, Class, and Race in Acts of the Apostles* at McCormick Theological Seminary
- 2017 • *Introduction to Greek Exegesis* at McCormick Theological Seminary

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, #BlackLivesMatter: *A Theological Anthropology*;
•*Intersectional Theology*, with Professor Linda Thomas

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 [Forthcoming] “My Light is Darkness’: Reading (the Bible in) Baldwin for #BLM,” from *Activist Hermeneutics of Liberation in the Bible*, ed. Jin Young Choi and Gregory L. Cuellar, Routledge 2022.
- 2021 “Race and Legitimacy in Acts 17:26: An Approach from Political Theology,” *신학논단 (Theological Forum)* Vol. 106 (2021. 12. 31): 111-135.
- 2021 "Negativity in Luke’s Rich Fool and the Abyss of the Cross", *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 43, 1 (2021): 51-69.
- 2020 “Everyone Deserves a Family’: The Triple Bind of Family in Ari Aster’s Horror,” *가족과 커뮤니티 (Family and Community)*, Vol.1, No.1, 2020. pg. 1-26.
- 2019 “The End of Eschatology: Derrida’s *Specters of Marx* and the Futures of Luke’s Christ” in *Revista de Teología SIWO*, Vol I. 2019, p.119-130.
- 2017 Review of *Origins of Neoliberalism: Modeling the Economy from Jesus to Foucault*, by Dotan Leshem. *Journal for Culture and Religious Theory*, April
- 2017 Extended Review of *A Materialism for The Masses* by Ward Blanton. *Critical Theory and the Bible*, Vol.13, No.1, 2017, 128-133.
- 2012 “Reframing the Parable of the Pounds in Lukan Narrative and Economic Context: Luke 19:11-28” in *Currents in Theology and Mission*

SCHOLARLY PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 2021 “Race and Legitimacy in Acts 17:26” at *Acting Out, Theology of Democracy in Global Contexts: Bible, Theology, and Solidarity* at Yonsei University.
- 2020 “Zombie Father, Sovereign Daughter: Watching Korean Zombie Cinema with *Sim Cheong*,” at the *Family and Community in the Neoliberal Era* International Conference at Chonnam National University
- 2019 “Negativity, the Cross, and the Rich Fool” at the Anniversary Lecture for Seoul Christian University
- 2019 “Will Green Tolerate Black: The Green New Deal in Critical Race Perspectives,” given at the American Studies Association of Korea, Seoul.

- 2017 “We Are Not Talking About Belief: Reading (the Bible in) Baldwin’s Jimmy’s Blues for #BLM” given at the SBL (Society of Biblical Literature) Boston.
- 2017 “The End of Eschatology: Derrida's *Specters of Marx* and the Possible Futures of Luke's Christ” given at the SBL International Meeting.
- 2017 “Blackness and History in Neoliberalism: Towards a #blacklivesmatter Hermeneutic of the New Testament” given at the SBL International Meeting.
- 2016 “The Sense and Non-Sense of Kingdom: Kristevan Abjection in Luke's Kingdom-of-God” given at the SBL International Meeting
- 2016 “Christology under Deconstruction: Jesus and Specters in the New Testament and Patristics” given at the SBL International Meeting.
- 2015 “What Happens When you Lose your gods?” Presented at the University of Chicago’s Alternative Epistemology Workshop
- 2015 “Pastors with Benefits: The Subsumption of the Pastor-Role Under Late Capitalism” presented at Subverting the Norm 3, Springfield, MO.
- 2014 “Critical Research on Religion: Is the Emergent/ing Church Important?” presented at the American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- 2014 “Disruptive Christologies: Vonnegut’s Christological Vision in *Slaughterhouse-Five*” presented at AAR

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND SPECIALTIES

Skills

Moodle, Microsoft Office, Google Ecosystem
 English editing for non-native speakers
 Korean Language Intermediate (B2)

Specialties and Interests

Gospels, Luke-Acts
 Political Theology
 Narrative Criticism
 Critical Race Theory
 Critical Theories in Religion (Psychoanalysis)
 Feminist, Decolonial, and Liberation Thought

WORK AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2017-21 Primary child caretaker.
- 2016 Civic Engagement for Korean Resource and Culture Center: I organized constituents in the political process and also gave presentations on Model Minority and Critical Whiteness. Chicago, IL.
- 2013-14 The Pub Church Facilitator. Boston, MA.
- 2010-11 Campus Minister at Korean Campus Ministry for the University of Chicago.
- 2008-10 Youth and English Pastor at Good Shepherd Korean Church. Naperville, IL.
- 2006-08 Boston University Chaplain Assistant, Boston. MA.

2003-05 Hello Ehwa Publishing. Seoul, Korea.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND RECOGNITIONS

2016 New American Democracy Fellowship from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
2008-14 North American Scholar Fellowship Recipient
2010-11 Ralph Klein Fellowship in Biblical Studies Recipient

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2006–present Society of Biblical Literature
2019 The New Testament Society of Korea
2019 American Studies Society of Korea