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EDUCATION

- 2018 Boston University
 Doctor of Philosophy, World Christianity
- 2012 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
 Master of Divinity (Phi Alpha Chi Honors)
- 2008 University of Virginia
 Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2023–Present Princeton Theological Seminary
 Director, Overseas Ministries Study Center
 Editor, *International Bulletin of Mission Research*
- 2021–2023 Azusa Pacific University
 Associate Professor, School of Theology
 ○ Assistant Professor, School of Theology (July 2021–May 2023)
 Director of General Education, Office of the Provost
- 2019–2023 University of California, Irvine
 Curriculum Developer
- 2018–2021 California Baptist University
 Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies
 Director of Intercultural Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Adopting for God: The Mission to Change America through Transnational Adoption. New York University Press, 2021.

Articles

“Exiled Aliens: Christianity and Korean Migrant Nationalism, 1903–1945,” *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, forthcoming.

“The Seed of Korean Christianity Grew in the Soil of Shamanism,” *Christianity Today* (November 2022).

“Civilization or Christianization: Female Missionaries’ Controversies and Contributions in Korea,” *Fides et Historia: The Journal of the Conferences on Faith & History* (Fall 2020).

“Mother of Transracial Adoption: Pearl Buck’s Special Needs Adoption and American Self-Criticism,” *Studies in World Christianity* (December 2019).

“The Christian History of Korean American Adoption,” *Christianity Today* (October 2019).

“Missiology of Pearl S. Buck.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* (April 2017).

“Transnational Adoption: A Noble Cause? Female Missionaries as Pioneers of Transnational Adoption, 1945-1965.” *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* (October 2016).

“Military Mascots: Symbol of US-Korean Relations and Reinvention of America as a Benevolent Savior,” in progress.

Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Books

“All God’s Children: How Missionaries Fostered World Friendship through Transnational Adoption,” in *Unlikely Friends: How God Uses Boundary-Crossing Friendships to Transform the World*. Wipf and Stock, July 2021.

“Baptists, Global Christianity, and the Christian Tradition,” in *Baptists and the Christian Tradition*. B&H Academic, June 2020.

Other Scholarly Articles

“Poor, Poverty—World Christianity” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2023.

“Race and Ethnicity—World Christianity” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2023.

“Minjung Theology—World Christianity” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2022.

“South Korea” in *World Christian Encyclopedia*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020.

“Japan” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*. Lanham, MA: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2018.

“Ministry to Children in Asia” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*. Lanham, MA: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2018.

“History of Korean Immigration to America, from 1903 to Present,” Boston Korean Diaspora Project.
<http://sites.bu.edu/koreandiaspora/>

“Kang Younghill: the Pioneer of Korean American Literature,” Boston Korean Diaspora Project.
<http://sites.bu.edu/koreandiaspora/>

“Yang Yuchan: The Mouthpiece of Korea and Defender of Liberation,” Boston Korean Diaspora Project.
<http://sites.bu.edu/koreandiaspora/>

Book Reviews

Review of *The Global Gospel: Achieving Missional Impact in Our Multicultural World*, by Werner Mischke. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, January 2016.

Review of *Discovering Missions*, by Charles R. Gailey and Howard Culbertson. *Mission Studies* 32, no.3, November 2015.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Hispanic Serving Institution Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
Project Director for “Our Declaration: A Summer Bridge Program for Our Incoming Gen1 Students.”
- 2021 NetVue Vocation Academy Grant, Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and Lilly Endowment, Inc.
Project Director for “Exploring Vocation Program.”
- 2020 Research Grant, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU)
Research Project: “The Christian Home in Global Protestant Mission Thought and Practice, 1800–2000.”
- 2019 Asia Project Grant, Henry Luce Foundation
Grant Project: [Chinese Christian Posters Project](#), Boston University
- 2018 Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University School of Theology
- 2017 Research Grant, University of Kassel, Germany
Research Project: “Designing Modern Families: International Perspectives on Intercountry and Transnational Adoptions.”
- 2016 Doctoral Students of Color Fellowship, Forum for Theological Exploration
- 2016 Research Grant, West Virginia and Regional History Center
- 2015 Robert and Fran Yeager Fehlman Scholarship, Boston University
- 2015 Research Fellowship, The Korean Evangelical Church of America
- 2014 Doctoral Fellowship, Boston University School of Theology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry
Christian Theology
Contextual Theology
Global Christianity
Intercultural Communications and Practice
World Religions
Race, Ethnicity, and Religion
Religions in Asian America
Global Development and Faith
Evangelism and Contemporary Culture
Spiritual Autobiography

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

East Asian Christianity; History of Mission; Race, Ethnicity and World Christianity; Korean Diaspora Christianity

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023–Present Princeton Theological Seminary
Art@PTS Committee
Lamin Sanneh Research Grants Selection Committee
Convener, Princeton World Christianity Conference Gerald H. Anderson Lectures
- 2022–Present Panelist, The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
Division of Education Programs, *Humanities Initiatives*
- 2022–July 2023 American Society of Missiology
Associate Editor, *Missiology: An International Review*
- 2021–July 2023 Azusa Pacific University
Curricular and Pedagogical Innovation Working Group
- Chair, General Education Subcommittee
- Undergraduate Councils, Committees, and Services
- Chair, First Year Seminar Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - General Education Council
 - Doctoral Studies Council
 - Undergraduate Studies Council
 - Professional Studies Council
 - University Assessment Committee
 - TRIO Student Support Services Advisory Board
 - School of Theology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
 - Writing Center Director Search Committee
 - Trustee’s Scholarship Committee
 - Judge, Honors College Oxbridge Tutorial Essay Award
- 2020–Present Editorial Board, *Journal of Faith in the Academic Profession*
- 2021–Present Reviewer, *Journal of Religious History*
- 2019–Present Reviewer, *Journal of Early Modern Christianity*

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND LECTURES

- “The Role of Korean American Christianity in Shaping the Korean Independence Movement”
American Society of Church History
San Francisco, CA. January 4–7, 2024
- “World Christianity and Ethnic Studies in Hindsight”
American Society of Church History
San Francisco, CA. January 4–7, 2024

- “Korean American Christianity as the Basis of Liberation and Belonging”
Princeton Theological Seminary Center for Asian American Christianity
Princeton, NJ. April 28–29, 2023.
- “Asian & Asian American Christianity: Marginality, Identity, and Storytelling”
Claremont McKenna College, Guest Lecturer
Claremont, CA. April 11, 2023.
- “Helen Doss and Global Christian Friendship”
American Society of Missiology
St. Mary’s College, South Bend, IN. June 17–19, 2022
- “Possibilities and Limits of Christian Humanitarianism”
American Society of Church History, Panel Organizer
New York, NY. January 3–6, 2020
- “What Americans Left Behind: Christian Adoption and US-Korea Relations, 1945–1955”
UCLA Im Conference of Korean Christianity
Los Angeles, CA. April 26, 2019
- “The Role of Christian Adoption Narratives in the Changing American Racial Landscape”
American Society of Church History, Panel Organizer
Chicago, IL. January 3–6, 2019
- “Hero or Villains: The Holts and the Korean Adoption Boom, 1955–60”
UCLA Center for Korean Studies, Im Colloquium Speaker
Los Angeles, CA. October 31, 2018
- “The State of the Field: Asian American Religious and Theological Studies”
Asian Pacific American Religious Research Initiative
Claremont, CA. July 18–21, 2018.
- “Indigenization or Syncretism? Term Question in Korean Christianity”
Asian-American Religions, Guest Speaker
UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. February 20, 2018
- “Foundation of Transnational Adoption Movement: Child Sponsorship Program, 1950–1952”
Conference on the History and Practices of International Adoptions, Guest Speaker
University of Kassel, Kassel, Germany. November 17-18, 2017
- “Children and Mission: Historical Case Studies”
American Society of Missiology, Panel Organizer
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. June 16–18, 2017
- “Asian Theology: Marginality, Identity, and Storytelling”
Global Christianity, Guest Lecturer
Gordon College, South Hamilton, MA. April 11, 2017
- “The Inception of International Adoption, 1948–1955”
New England Historical Association
Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT. April 23, 2016

“Younghill Kang: The Pioneer of Korean American Literature”

Korean Diaspora Project Annual Meeting
Boston University, Boston, MA. April 21, 2016

“Mission and Motherhood: Female Missionaries as Pioneers of Transnational Adoption”

The New England Maritimes Region of the American Academy of Religion
Boston College, Boston, MA. April 2, 2016

“Woman’s Work for Woman: The Controversial Role of Female Missionaries, 1885–1945”

The Annual Orlando E. Costas Consultation on World Mission and Ecumenism
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA. February 26, 2016

“Early Korean Missionary Reflections on Shamanism, 1877–1910”

Graduate Student Conference
Boston University, Boston, MA. November 14, 2015

“Shamanism’s Influence on Korean Christianity”

Yale-Edinburgh Conference on the History of World Christianity
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT. June 25–27, 2015

“The Role of Female Missionaries in Advancement of Korean Women’s Social Status”

Evangelical Missiological Society
Flushing, NY. March 28, 2015

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

American Society of Missiology

International Association for Mission Studies

Yale-Edinburgh Group on World Christianity and History of Mission

Association for Asian American Studies

Asian Pacific American Religious Research Initiative

Pacific Asian and Asian North American Women in Theology and Ministry