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EDUCATION

- 2018 Boston University
 Doctor of Philosophy, History of 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
- 2018–2021 California Baptist University
 Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies
 Director of Intercultural Studies
- 2017–2018 University of California, Berkeley
 Visiting Scholar, Department of Ethnic Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Book

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

The Christian-Imperial Racial Order: Race, Empire, and the Making of World Christianity, forthcoming.

Articles

“Recovering the Third World Force: World Christianity and Self-Determination,” *Studies in World Christianity* (October 2025).

- “Exiled Aliens: Christianity and Korean Migrant Nationalism, 1903–1945,” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* (July 2024).
- “History of World Christianity and the Future of Theological Education,” *Current Mission Trends* (March 2024).
- “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,” forthcoming.

Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Books

- “Ethnicity and Culture,” in *Oxford Handbook of Asian American Religions*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “Woman’s Work for Woman: Gender, Imperialism, and Politics of Female Missionaries in Korea, 1885–1945,” in *Revisiting Women and Gender in World Christianity*, Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming.
- “History of Asian Women Activists: Integration of Contemplative Practices and Solidarity,” in *Prayer as Resistance: Contemplative Practices for Racial Justice*, forthcoming.
- “The Lost Discourse: Race, Ethnicity, and World Christianity,” in *New Contours of World Christianity Studies*, forthcoming.
- “Asian and Asian American History and Biblical Interpretation,” in *What Biblical Scholars Need to Know about Asian and Asian American Studies*, forthcoming.
- “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.

Encyclopedia Articles and Entries

- “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.

Other Scholarly Articles

“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 *Race for Revival: How Cold War South Korea Shaped the American Evangelical Empire*, by Helen Jin Kim. *History of Religions*, forthcoming.

Review of *The Missionary Movement from the West: A Biography from Birth to Old Age*, by Andrew F. Walls. *Journal of Presbyterian History*, forthcoming.

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2023–Present
Women in World Christianity
Transpacific History of Christianity
East Asian Christianity
History of Christian Mission

University of California, Irvine, 2019–2023
Academic Writing
Academic Reading

Azusa Pacific University, 2021–2023
Contextual Theology
History of World Christianity
Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry
Introduction to Christian Theology
Introduction to Christian Mission

California Baptist University, 2018–2021
Global Christianity
Intercultural Communications and Practice

World Religions

University of California, Berkeley, 2017–2018

Race, Ethnicity, and Religion
Religions in Asian America

Boston University School of Theology, 2014–2017

Global Development and Faith
Evangelism and Contemporary Culture Spiritual Autobiography

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND LECTURES

“Asian and Asian American History and Biblical Interpretation”

Society of Biblical Literature
Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO. November 21–24, 2026.

“Amplifying the Voices of the Global South through Visual Art”

Yale-Edinburgh Conference on the History of World Christianity
University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK. June 10–12, 2026.

“Korean American Churches’ Belonging, Identity, and Agency: A Lesson from History”

Korean Church of Boston Symposium, Plenary Speaker
Boston, MA. April 13–15, 2026.

“Political Control in Asian American Studies”

Asian American Studies Research Fellowship Symposium, Guest Speaker
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. April 10, 2026.

“Lost Discourse: Race and World Christianity”

Princeton World Christianity Conference
Catholic University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil. March 9–13, 2026.

“Third World Force in Mission Studies and World Christianity”

International Association for Mission Studies
De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines. January 21–23, 2026.

“United for Mission: How Neo-Evangelicals Fostered Christian Unity through Child Sponsorship Program”

American Society of Missiology
Notre Dame, IN. June 19–22, 2025.

“Self-Examination or Self-Determination? World Christianity and Ethnic Studies”

Harvard Radcliffe Institute Seminar, Guest Speaker
Cambridge, MA. March 6–7, 2025.

“World Christianity and Ethnic Studies: Subversive Partners in Academia”

American Academy of Religion
San Diego, CA. November 23–26, 2024.

“Race and Ethnicity in World Christianity”

Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Guest Lecturer
Mainz, Germany. July 4–7, 2024.

- “Spirit, Ancestors, and Shamanism in Korean Christianity”
 Yale-Edinburgh Conference on the History of World Christianity
 Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT. June 26–28, 2024.
- “World Vision and Compassion International: The Foundation of the Transnational Adoption Movement”
 American Society of Missiology
 Notre Dame, IN. June 13–16, 2024.
- “Honoring Dana L. Robert, Scholar and Teacher of World Christianity”
 Princeton World Christianity Conference, Chair and Panel Organizer
 University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana. March 11–15, 2024.
- “Woman’s Work for Woman: The Controversial Role of Female Missionaries in Korea, 1885–1945”
 Princeton World Christianity Conference
 University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana. March 11–15, 2024.
- “Mission in the Age of World Christianity”
 Asbury Theological Seminary E. Stanley Jones School of Mission & Ministry, Guest Lecturer
 Wilmore, KY. March 6, 2024
- “World Christianity and Ethnic Studies: Subversive Partners in Academia”
 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Guest Lecturer
 South Hamilton, MA. February 29, 2024
- “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
- “Helen Doss’s *The Family Nobody Wanted*”
 Princeton Theological Seminary Department of History & Ecumenics Colloquium
 Princeton, NJ. October 6, 2023.
- “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

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 The Crossroads Project: Worship and Prayer for Disabled Children of Color, Lilly Endowment
- 2024 Global Spiritual Formation Project, Templeton Religion Trust
- 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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023–Present Princeton Theological Seminary
Chair, Overseas Ministries Study Center Advisory Committee
Convener, Princeton World Christianity Conference Gerald H. Anderson Lectures
Art@PTS Committee
Lamin Sanneh Research Grants Selection Committee
Afua Kuma-Dora Yu Paper Prize Selection Committee
Advisory Committee on Naming

2024–Present	American Society of Missiology Board of Directors
2024–Present	William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company Editorial Board, History Collection
2022–Present	Panelist, The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Education Programs, <i>Humanities Initiatives</i>
2022–July 2023	American Society of Missiology Associate Editor, <i>Missiology: An International Review</i>
2021–July 2023	Azusa Pacific University Curricular and Pedagogical Innovation Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, General Education Subcommittee Undergraduate Councils, Committees, and Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
2020–2023	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Faith in the Academic Profession</i>

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
Asian Pacific American Religious Research Initiative
Pacific Asian and Asian North American Women in Theology and Ministry

LANGUAGES

Korean (native)
English (native fluency)
German (basic reading and translation)
Traditional Chinese (basic reading and translation)