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## EDUCATION

PH.D., BIBLICAL STUDIES: NEW TESTAMENT  
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ | 2018

Dissertation: "Who You Are No Longer: Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter"  
Adviser: George Parsenios / Committee Members: Dale Allison and Clifton Black

M.DIV.  
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton NJ | 2006

B.A., STUDY OF RELIGION (MAJOR); ENGLISH LITERATURE (MINOR)  
University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA | 2001

## TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT

Fuller Theological Seminary | July 1, 2021—Present

Courses:  
Interpretive Practices; New Testament Introduction; NT Exegesis: 1 Peter (Greek Text); "Feminist, Womanist, and Intersectional Approaches to the Bible"

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Azusa Pacific Seminary | 2019—2020

Courses Taught:  
Paul the Pastor and Theologian; Gospels and Christology;  
Gospels' Witness to Christ; Bible and Preaching; Developing the Sound and Soul of the Preacher

ASSISANT PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Azusa Pacific Seminary | 2015—2019

Courses Taught:  
Paul the Pastor and Theologian; Gospels and Christology;  
Gospels' Witness to Christ; Bible and Preaching

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Azusa Pacific Seminary, Azusa CA | Spring 2012

Course Taught:  
Luke-Acts

TEACHING FELLOW

Princeton Theological Seminar, Princeton NJ | 2007—2011

Courses Taught:  
Introduction to New Testament | Spring 2011  
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew | Summer 2008  
Introduction to Biblical Greek | Fall 2007 – Spring 2008

ENGLISH TEACHER

Compton High School, Compton, CA | 2001—2003

Courses Taught:  
11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade English; AP Literature & Composition

TEACH FOR AMERICA CORPS MEMBER

Los Angeles Region | 2001—2003

## PUBLICATIONS

Review of *What Does the Bible Say?: A Critical Conversation with Popular Culture in a Biblically Illiterate World*, by Mary Ann Beavis and Hyeran Kim-Crag. *Biblical Interpretation* 29.1 (2021): 117–119.

“You Have Become Children of Sarah: Reading 1 Peter 3:1-6 through the Intersectional Lens of Asian Immigrant Wives, Patriarchy, and Honorary Whiteness.” In *Minoritized Women Reading Race-Ethnicity: Intersectional Approaches and Early Christian (Con)Texts*. Feminist Studies and Sacred Texts. Edited by Mitzi J. Smith and Jin Young Choi. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2020.

“Commentary on 1 Peter 2:19-25.” Workingpreacher.org (May 3, 2020),  
[https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=4447](https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=4447).

“Commentary on 1 Peter 1:17-23.” Workingpreacher.org (April 26, 2020),  
[https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=4439](https://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=4439).

“Leading with Imagination: How to Cultivate Women Leaders in Our Churches.” *Brethren in Christ History & Life Journal* 43.1 (April 2020): 70-79.

“An Asian American Interpretation of Luke 14:25-33.” *Oxford Biblical Studies Online*. Oxford University Press (October 17, 2019),  
<http://www.oxfordbiblicalstudies.com/article/opr/t998/e66>.

“Always Ethnic, Never ‘American’: Reading 1 Peter through the Lens of the ‘Perpetual Foreigner’ Stereotype.” Pages 417–426 in *T&T Clark Handbook to Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics*. Edited by Seung Ai Yang and Uriah Y. Kim. New York: T&T Clark, 2019.

“Myth of the Model Minority.” Pages 121-133 in *Intersecting Realities: Race, Identity, and Culture in the Spiritual-Moral Life of Young Asian Americans*. Edited by Hak Joon Lee. Eugene OR: Cascade, 2018.

“Vocation.” Page 63-75 in *Intersecting Realities: Race, Identity, and Culture in the Spiritual-Moral Life of Young Asian Americans*. Edited by Hak Joon Lee. Eugene OR: Cascade, 2018.

Review of *Reading First Peter with New Eyes: Methodological Reassessments of the Letter of First Peter*, edited by Robert L. Webb and Betsy Bauman-Martin. *Biblical Interpretation* 18.1 (2010): 71-73.

## FORTHCOMING

*Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter: Who You Are No Longer*. LNTS. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark (Release date: July 15, 2021).

“Introduction to 1 Peter.” *HarperCollins Study Bible*, 3rd ed. San Francisco: HarperOne (2022).

“Those Who Know and Those Who Conquer: The Role of Intergenerational Faith Transmission in 1 John 2:12-14.” In *Currents in Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretation*. Edited by John Ahn. Atlanta: SBL Press (2022).

“Johannine Literature.” *The Oxford Handbook for Wealth and Poverty in the Biblical World*. Edited by Roger S. Nam and Samuel L. Adams. Oxford University Press (2022).

*The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Commentary on the New Testament*. Edited by Esau D. McCaulley, Janette H. Ok, Amy L. Peeler, and Osvaldo Padilla. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic (2023).

*The Epistles of John*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans (2024).

## SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“Asian American Biblical Interpretation: Evangelical Engagement and Critique.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Online, November 2020.

“Imagining a More Equal Pulpit.” Panel presentation for Louisville Institute Collaborate Inquiry Team Session at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2019.

“You Have Become Children of Sarah: Reading 1 Peter 3:1-6 through the Intersectional Lens of Asian Immigrant Wives, Honorary Whiteness, and the Oriental Feminine Mystique.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, Denver, CO, November 2018.

"Always Ethnic, Never 'American': Reading 1 Peter through the Lens of the 'Perpetual Foreigner' Stereotype." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.

"Honorary Ethnics: Contesting and Subverting Christian Stigma through the Construction of Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

"Who You are No Longer: Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

"Review of *The Peoples' Bible* (Fortress, 2008) and *The Peoples' Companion to the Bible* (Fortress, 2010)." Book review presented at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

"Active Perseverance in Romans 5:1-5: Paul's Challenge and Encouragement to the Korean American Church." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Diego, CA, November 2006.

## **SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES & INTERVIEWS**

"AAPI Roundtable Discussion on Anti-Asian Racism." Panel Presentation at Belmont University, Online, March 25, 2021.

"Liberative Biblical Interpretive Practices." Interview with Dr. Christine Hong at Columbia Theological Seminary, Online, March 17, 2021.

"1 Peter." Interview with Dr. David G. Horrell at Exeter University, Online, September 15, 2020.

"A Conversation with Korean American Pastors and Ministers." Panel presentation for the Kairos Series: Moving Toward Racial Justice in Asian American Churches," Online, August 17, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxMHNRjjeLc&feature=youtu.be>

"Equity and Justice Forum." Panel presentation for Azusa Pacific University, Online, June 10, 2020.

"Theology and Covid-19 Symposium." Panel presentation for Azusa Pacific University, Online, April 2, 2020.

"What is Asian American Biblical Interpretation?" Guest lecture presented at Portland Seminary, Portland, OR, February 25, 2020.

"Lead with Imagination: How to Cultivate Women Leaders in Our Churches." Keynote address presented at Messiah College's "Empowering Women in Ministry Conference," Mechanicsburg, PA, October 11, 2019.

"Integrative Development of Leaders." Presentation at Cyclical San Diego's Church Starters Gathering, San Diego, CA, June 27, 2019.

"Behold Her Body! Pursuing and Policing Female Sexuality." Panel presentation for the Forum on Women in Ministry at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 22, 2018.

"Interpreting 1 Peter from an Asian American Perspective." Guest lecture presented at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, December 3, 2018.

"SheLeads: A Missio Alliance Summit." Panel presentation on Women in Pastoral Leadership at the SheLeads Summit, First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, CA, October 28, 2017.

"Making Space for Tamar: Sexual Assault Then and Now." Paper response presented at the Forum on Women in Ministry at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 21, 2017.

"Reading from a Cultural and Social Location." Guest lecture presented at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, October 19, 2015.

## **SELECTED SERMONS**

"Border Crossings (Matthew 2:13-23)." Sermon featured in *Sojourners* "El Camino—The Way: Sermons on the way to a robust engagement with immigrant justice" Series, May 5, 2021, <https://sojo.net/sermon/series/immigration-sermons>.

"The Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:1-26)." Sermon preached at Baylor University Chapel, Online, April 19, 2021, <https://vimeo.com/537862569>.

"Holy Disruption (Acts 18:24-28)." Lent sermon preached at Fuller Seminary Chapel, Online, March 10, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnhbKwbH7SY>.

"Disciplined into Christ-Centering Power (1 Corinthians 12:12, 21-26)." Sermon preached at the Preaching Master Class: Racial Reconciliation as Spiritual Formation, Online, February 8, 2021. <https://www.preachingmasterclass.com/>.

"The King's Speech (1 Samuel 19:1-10)." Sermon preached at Ekko Church, Online, June 14, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZo5Rgp4wmM&list=PLM9CEYLqWh65ur2JTJC5WbvZtr3dAQbpS&index=12&t=0s>.

"The King We Need (Matthew 21:1-11)." Palm Sunday sermon preached at Ekko Church, Online, April 5, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LdhYRJzh8&list=PLM9CEYLqWh65ur2JTJC5WbvZtr3dAQbpS&index=23&t=11s>.

“Flagrant, Fragrant Worship (John 12:1-11).” Sermon preached at Biola University Chapel, La Mirada, CA, December 18, 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfw8Q-dB4U1>.

“The Place (Luke 22:39-46).” Sermon preached at Azusa Pacific University Chapel, Azusa, CA, October 19, 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36xOoqrv0Gc>.

“The Constant Gardner (John 20:1-18).” Easter sermon preached at Ekko Church, Anaheim, CA, April 1, 2018. <https://ekkochurch.com/blog/category/sermons/easter/>.

“Are You Full of It? (Luke 4:1-13).” Sermon preached at Ekko Church, Anaheim, CA, February 19, 2018, <https://ekkochurch.com/blog/category/sermons/luke/page/3/>.

## **SELECTED MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

### TEACHING PASTOR

Ekko Church, Anaheim, CA | September 2018–present

Leadership and ministry development; teaching & preaching; pastoral committee

### ACTING LEAD PASTOR

Ekko Church, Anaheim, CA | December 2017–August 2018

Presiding over church services; leading staff & pastoral team; strategic organizational leadership and development; equipping & training Leaders, pastoral care; preaching team development; teaching & preaching

### TEACHING PASTOR

Ekko Church, Anaheim CA | Fall 2012–December 2017

Strategic organizational leadership and development; pastoral care; preaching team development; teaching & preaching

### DIRECTOR OF WELCOME MINISTRY

Praise Presbyterian Church, North Brunswick, NJ | 2009-2011

### DIRECTOR OF INFANT MINISTRY

Praise Presbyterian Church, North Brunswick, NJ | 2007-2009

### PASTOR OF COLLEGE MINISTRY

Korean Calvary United Methodist Church, East Brunswick, NJ | 2005–2006

### PASTORAL INTERN OF YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Korean Calvary United Methodist Church, East Brunswick, NJ | 2004–2005

### PASTOR OF ELEMENTARY MINISTRY

Thanksgiving Korean Church, Buena Park, CA | 2001–2003

### ASSISANT YOUTH PASTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Thanksgiving Korean Church, Buena Park, CA | 1999-2001

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE**

### HERMENEUTICAL COHORT FACILITATOR

PastoraLab, Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity (<https://isaacweb.org/pastoralab/>) | January 2021–Present

### SEARCH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Fuller Seminary | Spring 2021–Present

### MASTERS IN THEOLOGY PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

Fuller Seminary | Spring 2021–Present

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI) | February 2021–Present

MDIV/MACCL AD HOC WORKING GROUP COMMITTEE MEMBER

Fuller Seminary | Fall 2020–Spring 2021

STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Unit of the SBL | January 2020–Present

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Term Tenure and Rank Promotion Review Committee, Azusa Pacific University | September 2019–June 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Presidents Committee for the Status of Women, Azusa Pacific University | September 2019–June 2020

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Unit of the SBL | January 2018–Present

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession (CSWP) of the SBL | January 2014–December 2019

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Unit of the SBL | January 2009–December 2017

TASK FORCE MEMBER

Task Force on Communication and Governance at Princeton Theological Seminary | 2009–2010

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

COHORT MEMBER

Wabash Digital Salon: Engaging Imagination as Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion | September 2020–May 2021

PARTICIPANT

Developing the Leader Within Training, Azusa Pacific University | October 2019–December 2019

FELLOW

Joe R. Engle Institute of Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary | June 9–14, 2019

FELLOW

Joint Asian Theological Summer Institute (ATSI) and Wabash Fellows Teaching and Learning Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion | March 2014

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

Wabash Center Grant: Korean-American Women in New Testament Studies (2021–2022)

Wabash Center Grant: Korean-American, West Coast Biblical Scholars (2017–2018)

Doctoral Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007–2011)

The Fellowship in New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary (2006)

The Asian American Ministry Award, Princeton Theological Seminary (2006)

Presidential Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary (2003–2006)

## **DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION**

Non-Denominational; Wesleyan Tradition

Ordained Minister, Ekko Church, Anaheim CA (November 11, 2012)