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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT, FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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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 Parsenius / 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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT

Fuller Theological Seminary | July 1, 2020—Present

Courses:
Biblical Interpretive Practices; New Testament Introduction; NT Exegesis: 1 Peter (Greek Text),
Biblical Interpretation in Context

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

PUBLICATIONS

"Pulling Up a Seat at the Leader's Table." Pages 70–83 in *A Biblical Study Guide for Equal Pulpits*. Edited by Young Lee Hertig. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2022.

Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter: Who You Are No Longer. LNTS. London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2021.

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." Pages 111-129 in *Minoritized Women Reading Race and 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.

"Commentary on 1 Peter 1:17-23." Workingpreacher.org (April 26, 2020), 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

"Introduction to 1 Peter." *HarperCollins Study Bible 3rd Edition*. San Francisco: HarperOne.

"Commentary on 1 Peter." In *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Commentary on the New Testament*. Edited by Esau D. McCaulley, Janette H. Ok, Amy L. B. Peeler, and Osvaldo Padilla. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic.

"Asian American Biblical Interpretation." In *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Commentary on the New Testament*. Edited by Esau D. McCaulley, Janette H. Ok, Amy L. B. Peeler, and Osvaldo Padilla. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic.

"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.

"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.

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

EDITORIAL WORK

Editorial Board of Brill's *Biblical Interpretation Series* (June 2022-present)

Co-Editor of *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Commentary on the New Testament*, with Esau D. McCaulley, Amy L. B. Peeler, and Osvaldo Padilla. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic (forthcoming).

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

PAPERS

Response to Diane G. Chen's Review of Janette Ok's *Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

Response to Nijay Gupta's Review of Janette Ok's *Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter*. Paper presented at the Christ among the Disciplines Conference, Online, October 2021.

Response to Amy L. B. Peeler's Review of Janette Ok's *Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter*. Paper presented at the Christ among the Disciplines Conference, Online, October 2021.

"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 SBL, Online, November 2020.

"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.

"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 SESSIONS ORGANIZED

"Reading with the 'Etceteras' of the Gospels." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

"Pandemic, the Bible, and Anti-Asian Racism." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

"Book Review: *Reading Ecclesiastes from Asia and Pasifika*, edited by Jione Havea and Peter H. W. Lau, 2020." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

"Reading Biblical Texts from Asian, Asian-American, and Aesthetic Perspectives." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

"Talk with the President: Adele Reinhartz: The Hermeneutics of Chutzpah: A Disquisition on the Value/s of 'Critical Investigation of the Bible.'" Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

"SBL Women Members Breakfast." Annual Meeting of the SBL, Denver, CO, November 2018.

"SBL Women Students Members Networking Session." Annual Meeting of the SBL, Boston, MA, November 2017.

ADDITIONAL SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS, GUEST LECTURES & INTERVIEWS

"Reading 1 Peter from an Exilic Space." Guest Lecture at Yonsei University, South Korea, Online, May 25, 2002.

"Minor Feelings and Embodied Strategies in Doctoral Biblical Education." Presentation for the Payton Lectures at Fuller Theological Seminary, May 12–13, 2022.

"1 Peter." Interviewed by Lisa M. Bowens at Princeton Theological Seminary, Online, April 12, 2022.

"Conversing with Mark Labberton" Episode 104 – Christian Identity as Ethnic Identity, with Janette Ok." Podcast interview, July 27, 2021, <https://fullerstudio.fuller.edu/podcast/christian-identity-as-ethnic-identity-with-janette-ok/>

"The Two Cities" Episode #73 – Asian American Biblical Interpretation with Dr. Janette Ok." Podcast interview, June 16, 2021, <https://anchor.fm/thetwocities/episodes/Episode-73---Asian-American-Biblical-Interpretation-with-Dr--Janette-Hur-Ok-e12rl6n/a-a5t3jgu>.

"New Creation Conversations with Dr. T. Scott Daniels Episode 17 – with Dr. Janette Ok on the Interpretation of Scripture and the Intersection of Race, Identity, and Culture." Podcast interview, June 9, 2021, <https://newcreationconversations.buzzsprout.com/1709368/8667301-new-creation-conversations-episode-017-dr-janette-ok-on-the-interpretation-of-the-scripture-at-the-intersection-of-race-identity-and-culture>.

"SBL Members Spotlight: What Do I Do as a Biblical Scholar? featuring Janette Ok." Society of Biblical Literature, May 2021, <https://www.sbl-site.org/membership/MemberSpotlight.aspx>.

"AAPI Roundtable on Anti-Asian Racism." Panelists, Online, Belmont University, March 25, 2021.

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

"1 Peter." Interviewed by 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 at Azusa Pacific University, Online, June 10, 2020.

“Office Hours: An Online Popup Bible Study with Chris Holmes and Brennan Breed” Week 3 – Philippians with Dr. Janette Ok.” First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, May 5, 2020.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eH7LqxzftPw>.

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

“What is Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics?” Guest lecture presented at Portland Seminary, Portland, OR, February 25, 2020.

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

“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.

“Mary of Nazareth, Prophetess & Protagonist.” Paper response presented at the Forum on Women in Ministry at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 21, 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.

“Gender Equality and Gender Equity Journey.” Panel presentation for the Gender Summit 2: Imagining More Equal Pulpit hosted by Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity (ISAAC) and sponsored by the Louisville Institute, Los Angeles, CA, March 18, 2019.

“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

“When We Love, We Feel God’s Pleasure (1 John 4:19–5:5)” Sermon preached at Ekko Church, Fullerton CA, June 26, 2022. <https://ekkochurch.com/blog/category/sermons/1-john/>

Preacher in Residence. Engle Institute of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, June 12–17, 2022. Sermon Series Theme “Preaching 1 Peter from an Exilic Space.”

Sermon 1: “Becoming Foreign-Born Christians (1 Peter 1:1–9)”

Sermon 2: “Ransomed and Disinherited (1 Peter 1:17–21)”

Sermon 3: “Speaking Truth to Power (1 Peter 2:18–25)”

Sermon 4: “A Name Only the Brave Can Say (1 Peter 4:12–19)”

“Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst (Matthew 5:6).” Sermon preached at the Calvin Symposium on Worship 2022 Conference, Online, January 31–February 4, 2022, <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/blessed-are-those-who-hunger>.

“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#sermon-231504>.

“The Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12).” Sermon preached at Baylor University Chapel, Online, April 19, 2021.

“Holy Disruption (Acts 18).” Sermon preached at Fuller Seminary Chapel, Online, March 10, 2021, <https://www.facebook.com/fullerchapel/videos/187979529442891>.

“Disciplined into Christ-Centering Power (1 Corinthians 12).” Sermon preached at the Preaching Master Class: Racial Reconciliation as Spiritual Formation, Online, February 8, 2021. <https://www.instagram.com/p/CMBDTCOh1Cz/embed/?autoplay=1>

“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=PLM9CEYLqWh65ur2JTJC5WbvZtr3dAObpS&index=12&t=0s>.

“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-dB4UI>.

“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>.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING PASTOR

Ekko Church, Fullerton, CA | September 2018–Present

Strategic leadership and ministry development; board and pastoral liaison; teaching & preaching; preaching team development; pastoral care.

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

PASTOR

Ekko Church, Anaheim CA | Fall 2012–December 2017

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

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

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI) | June 2022–Present

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Association for Asian North American Theological Educators (AANATE) | January 2022

EXTERNAL EXAMINER

MPhil Thesis: “Female Leadership in Nepalese Churches (Pentecostal Perspectives,)” Alphacrucis College, Melbourne, Australia | October 21, 2021

MEMBER

Interpreting Scripture Research Cluster, Fuller Seminary | June 2021–Present

AFFILIATED FACULTY

Center for Asian American Theology and Ministry, Fuller Seminary | July 2021–Present

CONSULTANT

Consultation for deepening and expanding partnerships with Korean American communities and institutions in and beyond Atlanta, Candler School of Theology, Emory University | June 18, 2021

U.S. WORKING GROUP MEMBER

ReThinking Church in the 21st Century, Fuller Seminary | May 2021–December 2021

HERMENEUTICAL COHORT FACILITATOR

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Brehm Chair of Worship, Theology & the Arts, Fuller Seminary | Spring 2021–Winter 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Program Foundations, Fuller Seminary | Spring 2021–Present

ASSOCIATE FACULTY

Center for Advanced Theological Studies, New Testament concentration, Fuller Seminary | January 2021–Present

COMMITTEE MEMBER

MDiv/MACCL Ad Hoc Working Group, Fuller Seminary | Fall 2020–Spring 2021

STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

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

TASKFORCE MEMBER

Assessing Teaching Evaluation Scores during Pandemic Taskforce, Azusa Pacific University | March 2020–May 2020

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 Seminar of the SBL | January 2018–Present

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI) | January 2018–June 2022

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 Section of the SBL | January 2009–December 2017

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PARTICIPANT

Wabash Peer-Mentoring Cluster: "Korean-American Women in New Testament Studies." | June 2021–June 2022

PARTICIPANT

Asian and Asian American Feminist Theologies, The Candler Foundry at Emory University, Online | May 2021–June 2021

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

PARTICIPANT

Wabash Peer Mentoring Cluster, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion | November 2017–November 2018

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Two-Course Reduction to participate in Pedagogy NEXT: A Pedagogy Experiment, part of Lilly Pathways 2 Grant, Fuller Theological Seminary | Fall 2022

Inclusion and Equity Faculty Course Revision Grant, Fuller Theological Seminary | Spring 2022

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Grant: Korean-American Women in NT Studies | 2021-2022

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning 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