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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT, FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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EDUCATION

PhD, BIBLICAL STUDIES: NEW TESTAMENT
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ | 2018

MDiv
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton NJ | 2006

BA, STUDY OF RELIGION (MAJOR); ENGLISH LITERATURE (MINOR)
University of California, Los Angeles, CA, *cum laude and with honors* | 2001

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT
Fuller Theological Seminary | July 1, 2020—Present (awarded tenure Spring 2024)

Courses Taught:
Biblical Interpretive Practices; New Testament Introduction; NT Exegesis: 1 Peter (Greek Text),
Biblical Interpretation in Context, NT Exegesis: 1–3 John (Greek Text)

Doctoral Directed Readings: Use of Postcolonial Theory for New Testament Readings;
Interpretive Culture and Hermeneutics; Health and Healing in Scripture

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

ASSISTANT 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:
11th and 12th Grade English; AP Literature & Composition

TEACH FOR AMERICA
Corps Member, LA Region | 2001–2003

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Bible Commentary. Edited by Esau D. McCaulley, Janette H. Ok, Amy L. B. Peeler, and Osvaldo Padilla. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2024.

Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter: Who You Are No Longer. LNTS 645. London: Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2021.

BOOKS & CHAPTERS FORTHCOMING

“Wisdom and the Pedagogy of Desire.” In *At This Time: Dialogues in Theological Education: Theological Education Between the Times*. Edited by Corwin Malcolm Davis and Ted A. Smith. Eerdmans (Release date Jan 2026).

“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 (submitted).

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

To Be and Be Seen: Reading the New Testament as Asian Americans. Co-authored with Jordan J. Cruz Ryan. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic (under contract).

BOOK CHAPTERS, ARTICLES, & REVIEWS

“Wisdom and the Pedagogy of Desire.” Pages 143–157 in *At This Time: Dialogues in Theological Education*. Edited by Corwin Malcolm Davis and Ted A. Smith. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2025.

Review of *Race and Rhyme: Rereading the New Testament* by Love Lazarus Sechrest. *Horizons*, Vol. 51.2 (2024): 427–428.

“Commentary on 1 Peter.” In *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Bible Commentary*. Edited by Esau D. McCaulley, Janette H. Ok, Amy L. B. Peeler, and Osvaldo Padilla. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic (August 2024).

“Asian American Biblical Interpretation.” In *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Bible Commentary*. Edited by Esau D. McCaulley, Janette H. Ok, Amy L. B. Peeler, and Osvaldo Padilla. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic (August 2024).

“Can the Desire of Wisdom Be Taught?” Fuller Studio (July 8, 2024),

“Commentary on 1 John 3:1–7.” Workingpreacher.org (April 14, 2024).

“Commentary on 1 John 3:16–24.” Workingpreacher.org (April 21, 2024).

“Commentary on 1 John 4:7–21.” Workingpreacher.org (April 28, 2024).

“Commentary on 1 John 5:1–6.” Workingpreacher.org (May 5, 2024).

“Living Hope: Practices of Possibilities.” Pages 205–218 in *Now to God Who Is Able: Vocation, Justice, and Ministry: Essays in Honor of Mark Labberton*, eds. Neal D. Presa and Anne E. Zaki. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2023.

“Introduction to 1 Peter.” Pages 2133–2135 in *The SBL Study Bible: Including Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books*. New Revised Standard Version Updated Version. San Francisco/New York: HarperOne, 2023.

“Minor Feelings and Embodied Strategies in Doctoral Biblical Education.” Pages 251–256 in *Remapping Biblical Studies: CUREMP at Thirty*. Edited by Stephanie Buckhanon Crowder and Mary F. Foskett. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2023.

“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.

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).

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

"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).

"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.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Editorial Board of Brill's *Biblical Interpretation Series* (June 2022–Present)

Editorial Board of Cascade's *Asian American Theology and Ministry Series* (Jan 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 (August 2024).

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

PAPERS

Response to Papers on KFood and the Bible (Ancient Jewish and Christian Meals and Their Afterlives and the Korean Biblical Colloquium). Panel response at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, Boston, MA, November 2025.

"Honoring the Legacy and Scholarship of Prof. Sang Hyun Lee." Paper commemorating Dr. Lee's ideas of Pilgrim Theology and Liminality at the Annual Meeting of the AAR and SBL, San Diego, CA, November 2024.

Review of *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Bible Commentary*. Panel response at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Diego, CA, November 2024.

"The *Imago Dei*." Panelist for the IVP Academic & CBE Lunch at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA, November 2024.

Review of *Otherness and Identity in the Gospel of John* by Sung Uk Lim. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2023.

Response to Reviews by David G. Horrell, Noel Cheong, & Katherine Hockey of Janette Ok's *Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the British Society of New Testament Studies, Exeter, England, UK, September 2023.

Review of *Reading Biblical Texts Together: Pursuing Minoritized Biblical Criticism*, eds. Tat-siong Benny Liew and Fernando F. Segovia. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, Denver, CO, November 2022.

Response to Musa W. Dube's lecture: Embracing the Gifts of Women, "In the Circle of God's Mission: Power, Agency, and the Mission of God." Paper presented at the Fuller Missiology Lectures at Fuller Theological Seminary, Online, October 2022.

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

"Those Who Know and Those Who Conquer: The Role of Intergenerational Faith Transmission in 1 John." Paper presented at the Meeting of the Biblical Literature-Pacific Coast Region Meeting, Brea, CA, February 2022.

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 SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

Response to Reviews by Nijay Gupta and Amy Peeler 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.

Review of *The Peoples' Bible* and *The Peoples' Companion to the Bible*. Paper 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 CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED

"East Asian Reception and Translation of LXX and Jewish Literature." Annual Meeting of the SBL, Boston, MA, November 2025.

SBL Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Lunch. Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Diego, CA, November 2024.

"Indigenous, Multiethnic, and Multiracial Reading of the Bible from Asian and Asian American Contexts." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Diego, CA, November 2024.

"Envisioning the Future of Doctoral Program in Biblical Studies." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2023.

"Review of Ekaputra Tupamahu's *Contesting Languages: Heteroglossia and the Politics of Language in the Early Church*." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2023.

"Reading the Bible In, From, and To Asian and Asian American Contexts and Communities." Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, TX, November 2023.

"Asian and Asian-American Interpretations of Paul." Annual Meeting of the SBL, Denver, CO, November 2022.

"The Current State of Scholarship in Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics." Annual Meeting of the SBL, Denver, CO, November 2022.

"A Review of Gale Yee's *Toward an Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics: An Intersectional Anthology*." Annual Meeting of the SBL, Denver, CO, November 2022.

"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 LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS & PODCASTS

LECTURES

"Who is the 'Elect Lady' of 2 John?" Lecture given at Logia, St. Andrews University, Scotland, and Westminster Theological Centre, UK, Online, March 24, 2025.

"Missiology Doctoral Seminar Discussion on *Constructing Ethnic Identity in 1 Peter: Who You Are No Longer.*" Guest Lecture for Fuller Seminary's Center for Missiological Research PhD seminar taught by Ryan Bolger and Collin Cornell, Pasadena, CA, May 7, 2024.

"Wealth and Poverty in the Johannine Writings." Guest Research Seminar Lecture at Houston Christian University, Online, April 15, 2024.

"What Is the New Testament?" Guest Lecture for the "Into the Word" Series on Bible History and Interpretation at Trinity Church Wall Street, New York, NY, February 8, 2024.

"The Epistles." Guest Lecture for the Asian and Asian American Feminist Biblical Studies Course for the Candler Foundry, Emory University, Online, February 6, 2024.

"Exe-Genius 2: Contexts, Languages, and Commentaries." Guest Lecture at PreachHer Academy, with the Women's Speaker Collective, Online, September 26, 2023.

"Home Economics and Communal Flourishing in the Johannine Literature." Guest Lecture for the Centre of the Study of Christian Origins Seminar at the University of Edinburgh School of Divinity, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, September 4, 2023.

"The Fiery Ordeal among You" (1 Pet 4:2): How the Impact of Anti-Asian Hate Speech and Hate Incidents Sheds Light on the Nature of Suffering in 1 Peter." Presidential Lecture for The Sang Hyun Lee Lecture on Asian American Theology and Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, March 29, 2023.

"Reading 1 Peter from an Exilic Space." Guest Lecture at Yonsei University, South Korea, Online, May 25, 2022.

"1 Peter and Identity." Interviewed by Dr. Erin Dufault-Hunter at Fuller Seminary, Online, May 10, 2022.

"What is Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics?" Guest lecture presented at Portland Seminary, Portland, OR, February 22, 2022.

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

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

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

PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

"Hold Your Breath for Dear Life: Developing Resilience for Deeper Preaching." Presentation for the Fresh Preaching Conference, Azusa Pacific University, November 6, 2025.

"Reading the Bible Through Asian American Eyes." Presentation for the Asian American Christian Collaborative Conference, Washington DC, Oct 28, 2025.

"What is Asian American Preaching?" Presentation for the USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture Compelling Preaching Cohort. Chatsworth, CA, October 6, 2025.

"Blessed Are We Among Women." Presentation for True North Church's Women's Ministry. Palo Alto, CA, September 1, 2025.

"Gaining Resilience for Deeper Ministry." Commencement Celebration Talk for the Asian American Center Graduation Banquet at Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA, June 12, 2025.

"PUBLICATIONs: 'The Theology of Ezra-Nehemiah" with Dr. Roger Nam, Soong-Chan Rah, and Janette Ok. Panel Discussion on Nam's book *The Theology of Ezra-Nehemiah*, The Candler Foundry at Emory University, Online, March 27, 2025.

"Why Churches Need Preachers, not a Preacher." Workshop presented at the Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI, February 7, 2025.

"Why We Need the New Testament in Color." Keynote presentation for the Evangelical Covenant Church's Midwinter Conference (Racial Righteousness Breakfast), Denver, CO, January 22, 2025.

"Speaking Truth to Power (1 Peter 2:18–25)." Keynote presentation for the Evangelical Covenant Church's Midwinter Conference (Antiracism Discipleship Pathway Gathering), Denver, CO, January 21, 2025.

"Why the New Testament in Color?" Panel presentation for *The New Testament in Color* Book Launch at Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA, July 23, 2024.

"Preaching the Letter of 1 John in a Polarized Church." PCUSA Synod of the Covenant, June 5, 2024.

"Well-being and Vocation." Pastoral Reflection presented Communities of Hope: God's Work of Healing in Our Asian American Churches & Contexts, Fuller Seminary's Inaugural Conference of the Asian American Well-Being Collaboratory, Pasadena, CA, May 16, 2024.

"Those Who Know and Those Who Conquer: The Role of Intergenerational Faith Transmission in 1 John." Paper presented at Fuller Seminary's Bible Colloquy, Online, November 27, 2022.

"Contexts, Languages, and Commentaries." Guest Lecture at PreacHer Academy, with the Women's Speaker Collective, Online, October 4, 2022.

"God's Great Hope for the Asian American Church." Facilitator for the Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month (APAHM) Theology Lecture panel featuring Jonathan Tran at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, May 4, 2022.

"Preaching as Asian Americans." Talk presented for the Center for Asian American Christianity Colloquium at Princeton Theological Seminary, Online, February 24, 2022.

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

"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.

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

"Asian American Biblical Interpretation." Guest Lecture for Dr. Esau McCaulley's Bible and Theology in Color at Wheaton College, Online, April 14, 2020.

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

"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.

"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.

"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.

INTERVIEWS

"Deliver Us from Evil: 1 – The Bible and the Challenge of Naming Evil" with Janette Ok and Willie Jennings. Theology Lab Series, Online, September 28, 2025.

"The Bible as the Living Word." Interview for the 2025 Vineyard USA National Conference: Melody and Harmony. Denver and Cincinnati, Summer 2025.

"Christian Identity and Community in the New Testament." Interview for the 2025 Vineyard USA National Conference: Melody and Harmony. Denver and Cincinnati, Summer 2025.

"Janette Ok on Identity, Vocation, and Reading Scripture Through the Asian American Lens" by Joyce Koo Dalrymple. *Christian for Social Action*, May 22, 2025.

"In God's Image. In Our Particularity." A Conversation with the Editors of *The New Testament in Color*, Common Good Magazine, August 13, 2024.

"A Conversation with the Editors of 'The New Testament in Color,' InterVarsity Press Website. July 2024.

"On Reading 1 Peter through the Lens of the Perpetual Foreigner Stereotype." Interviewed by Dr. Ekaputra Tupamahu at Portland Seminary, Online, April 8, 2024.

"Preaching as Asian Americans." Interviewed by Dr. Grace Kao at Claremont School of Theology, Online, March 21, 2024.

"Asian American Hermeneutics." Interviewed by Dr. Eric D. Barreto for "Race, Ethnicity, and the New Testament" course at Princeton Theological Seminary, Online, September 18, 2023.

"Embodying Diversity." Interviewed by Dr. Kutter Callaway for Fuller Seminary's "Dialogues: Frontiers in Theological Education," Online, April 13, 2023.

"Asian American Pastoral Ministry." Interviewed by Dr. Kevin Doi for "Asian American Pastoral Ministry" course at Fuller Theological Seminary, February 4, 2022.

"1 Peter." Interviewed by Dr. Chris Blumhofer for "Introduction to the New Testament" course at Fuller Theological Seminary, December 19, 2022.

"1 Peter." Interviewed by Dr. Lisa M. Bowens at Princeton Theological Seminary for Introduction to New Testament course, Online, April 12, 2022.

"SBL Members Spotlight: What Do I Do as a Biblical Scholar? featuring Janette Ok." Society of Biblical Literature, May 2021.

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

"Grounded in Christ While Living in Between." Article in *Fuller Magazine: Issue 20*, May 30, 2021.

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

PODCASTS

"The New Testament in Color, with Janette Ok and Jordan Ryan" and hosted by Mark Labberton. Conversing Podcast, September 9, 2025.

"What is the New Testament in Color with Janette Ok?" In Good Faith Podcast, May 31, 2025.

"Lessons from the Diaspora: An Asian American Hermeneutic with Janette Ok." The Whole Church Podcast, August 13, 2025.

"The New Testament in Color with Janette Ok and Amy Peeler." The Fascinating Podcast, December 16, 2024.

"Taking a Seat at the Table: A Conversation with Janette Ok." Faith Matters Podcast. December 14, 2024.

"A Multiethnic Approach to Scripture | Janette H. Ok." Ryley Heppner Podcast. December 9, 2024.

"Janette Ok: A Look Inside 1 Peter." Highrock Theology Lab Podcast with Scott Rice, June 4, 2024.

"Centering: The Asian American Podcast." Served as Guest Host for Season 8: "Biblical Scholarship for the Church," which includes 9 interviews with prominent Asian American biblical scholars, Asian American Center of Fuller Theological Seminary, December 2022 – February 2023.

"Christian Identity as Ethnic Identity, with Janette Ok" and hosted by Mark Labberton. Conversing Podcast, interview, July 27, 2021.

"Asian American Biblical Interpretation with Dr. Janette Ok." The Two Cities Podcast, June 16, 2021.

"Interpretation of Scripture and the Intersection of Race, Identity, and Culture -- with Dr. Janette Ok and hosted by Dr. T Scott Daniels. New Creation Conversations, June 8, 2021.

"Philippians, with Dr. Janette Ok." Office Hours: An Online Popup Bible Study #3 with Chris Holmes and Brennan Breed. First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, May 5, 2020.

SELECTED SERMONS

"Friends That Stick (Ruth 1:1-14)." Sermon Preached at True North Church, Palo Alto, CA, September 1, 2025.

"Essential Five: 5 Pillars for Spiritual Maturity—The Teacher (Ephesians 4:7-16)." Sermon Preached at EKKO Church, Anaheim, CA, August 3, 2025.

"A Name Only the Brave Can Say (1 Peter 4:12-19)." Sermon Preached at Fuller Seminary Chapel, Pasadena, CA, May 28, 2025.

"The King Who Weeps (Luke 19:28-44)." Palm Sunday Sermon Preached at EKKO Church, Anaheim, CA, April 13, 2025.

"Come and Have Breakfast (John 21:1-14)." Sermon Preached at the InterVarsity Asian American Ministries Staff Conference 2025. Irvine, CA, February 26, 2025.

"The Friend at Midnight (Luke 11:1-13)." Worship Service Sermon Preached at Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI, February 5, 2025.

"God's Economy of Abundance." Advent Sermon Preached at Ekko Church, Anaheim CA, December 8, 2024.

"The Messy Practice of Perfect Love (1 John 4:7-21)." Sermon preached at Pasadena Covenant Church, Pasadena, CA, September 29, 2024.

"The Eagerness of God (Luke 11:15-13)." Sermon preached at Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles, CA, September 8, 2024.

"Humble & Satisfied (Psalm 131)." Sermon preached at Citizens LA Church, Los Angeles, CA, July 28, 2024.

"The Spirit's Christ-Centering Power." Sermon preached at The Church We Hope For, Pasadena, CA, May 19, 2024.

"New Wine, New Wineskins (Matthew 9:9-17)." Anniversary Sermon preached at Ekko Church, Anaheim, CA, November 13, 2023.

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.

"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.

"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.

"Discipled into Christ-Centering Power (1 Corinthians 12)." Sermon preached at the Preaching Masterclass: Racial Reconciliation as Spiritual Formation, Online, February 8, 2021.

"The King's Speech" (1 Samuel 19:1-10)." Sermon preached at Ekko Church, Online, June 14, 2020.

"Flagrant, Fragrant Worship (John 12:1-11)." Sermon preached at Biola University Chapel, La Mirada, CA, December 18, 2018.

"The Place (Luke 22:39-46)." Sermon preached at Azusa Pacific University Chapel, Azusa, CA, October 19, 2018.

"The Ties That Bind Us (Luke 14:25–27)." Sermon preached at Christ Kaleidoscope Church, Irvine, CA, June 3, 2018.

"The Constant Gardener (John 20:1–18)." Easter sermon preached at Ekko Church, Anaheim, CA, April 1, 2018.

"A Eulogy for Jesus (Mark 15)." Good Friday sermon preached at Victory Bible Church, Pasadena, CA, March 30, 2018.

"Seeing in the Dark (Luke 2:1–21)." Advent Sermon preached at Ekko Church, Anaheim, CA, January 21, 2018.

PRESS/MEDIA/FEATURED ARTICLES

"15 Important Theology Books of 2024!" Englewood Review of Books, December 12, 2024.

"Christianity Today Book Awards." Christianity Today, December 3, 2024.

"Princeton Seminary Leading the Way in Theological Faculty Representation." Princeton Theological Seminary Website, October 23, 2024.

"Fuller Theological Seminary Announces the Launch of 'The New Testament in Color.'" Global Newswire, August 6, 2024.

"IVP Academic's Highly Anticipated The New Testament in Color Release August 6." InterVarsity Press Release, July 2024.

"1 John has wisdom for preaching in polarized communities of faith." Article by Mike Ferguson, Presbyterian News Service, June 7, 2024.

"How to Fix the Asian American Female Pastor Dilemma." Article by Morgan Lee, Christianity Today, January 29, 2024.

"Guest Speakers, Belmont Faculty Hold Anti-Asian Racism Roundtable." Article by Emma dela Pena, Belmont University Website, April 1, 2021.

"#50-2-Follow: 40 NT Scholars to Read and Follow—Janette H. Ok." Article by Nijay Gupta, Patheos "Crux Sola" Blog, Marcy 10, 2020.

"Preparing Women in Ministry Leadership: Why It's So Important." Article by Stephanie Thurrott, Azusa Pacific University Website, June 15, 2019.

"This is What a Leader Looks like, Seminary Professor Edition: Janette Ok." Article by Naomi Hall, The Junia Project, May 2, 2017.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING PASTOR
EKKO Church, Anaheim, CA | January 2024–Present

Preaching and teaching; preaching and leadership development

PASTOR
EKKO Church, Fullerton, CA | September 2018–December 2023

Chair of pastoral team; board liaison; preaching & teaching; preaching team development

ACTING LEAD PASTOR
EKKO Church, Anaheim, CA | December 2017–August 2018

Presided over church services; led staff & pastoral team; provided strategic organizational leadership and development; equipped & trained leaders, offered pastoral care; developed preaching team; 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE (FULLER)

SENIOR FELLOW OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN CENTER
The AAC Senior Fellows Program | January 2026 – Present

CHAIR
Tenure Review Committee | January 2026 – March 2026

MEMBER
SMT Faculty 2025 Retreat Planning Team | Summer-Fall 2025

MEMBER
Payton Lecture 2025 Planning Team and Bible Department Liaison | Spring 2025

CHAIR
Promotion Review Committee | February 2025 – March 2025

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER
Curricular Restructuring Subcommittee | December 2024 – January 2025

TASK FORCE MEMBER
ReThinking Church in the 21st Century Initiative, Fuller Seminary | May – June 2024

COMMITTEE CHAIR
Masters Foundations, Fuller Seminary | January 2024–June 2024

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER
Dean of School of Mission and Theology | Spring 2023–Winter 2024

COURSE DESIGN TEAM
Pedagogy NEXT (Lilly 2 Grant), Fuller Seminary | September 2022–December 2022

MEMBER
Interpreting Scripture Research Cluster, Fuller Seminary | June 2021–June 2024

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

U.S. WORKING GROUP MEMBER

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

SEARCH COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Masters 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & SERVICE (EXTERNAL)**COMMITTEE & BOARD LEADERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP****COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee (CUREMP), Society of Biblical Literature | January 2024

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

Cascade's *Asian American Theology and Ministry Series* | Jan 2022–Present
Brill's *Biblical Interpretation Series* | June 2022–Present

SENIOR FELLOW

Phase III Writing Group, Theological Education between the Times project (TEBT), Emory University, Candler School of Theology, funded by the Lilly Endowment | April 2023–January 2024

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–Present

STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Seminar of the SBL | January 2020–December 2025

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–December 2025

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER

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

CONSULTING

CONSULTANT

Religion for Her 15-week training course introducing Biblical Studies for women who are part of the Compelling Preaching Initiative with Lilly Foundation at Portland Seminary | June 26, 2024

CONSULTANT

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Hermeneutics Project, focusing on Scriptural Engagement and Theological Formation | October 11, 2023

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

PEER REVIEWER**GRANT REVIEWER**

The Asia Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI) Research Grant, which supports scholarship that advances the scholarly and public knowledge of Asian Pacific American religions. | December 2024

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

Journal of Biblical Literature
Brill Academic Publishers

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**SECOND DISSERTATION MENTOR**

PhD Candidate Eunice Momah, Center for Missiological Research, Fuller Seminary | August 2022–Present

SECOND DISSERTATION MENTOR

PhD Candidate David Eng-Wong, Center for Advanced Theological Studies, New Testament Concentration, Fuller Seminary | January 2021–June 2025

EXTERNAL EXAMINER

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

SELECTED MENTORING**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Pacific Asian North American Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAATM) Mentoring Committee Program guiding prospective doctoral students through the PhD application process | Fall 2025–Present

FACULTY MENTOR

Pacific Asian North American Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAATM) Mentoring Program guiding prospective doctoral students through the PhD application process | Fall 2024

TEACHING FACULTY

Asian American Women Preaching Cohort (InterVarsity Staff), funded by Lilly's Compelling Preaching Initiative | January 2024–June 2025

COHORT CO-FACILITATOR

PastoraLab, Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity (<https://isaacweb.org/pastoralab/>) | January 2020–December 2022

FACULTY MENTOR

Pacific Asian North American Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAATM) Conference Masters Students Session, San Diego, CA | March 18, 2023

FACULTY MENTOR

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APAARI) Conference PhD Students Luncheon, USC, Los Angeles, CA | July 13, 2022

FACULTY PEER MENTOR

Global Research Institute Post-Doctoral Peer Mentor, Fuller Seminary | January–June 2022

FACULTY MENTOR

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COACHING

Coaching for Faculty and Higher Education Professionals from Dr. Amanda Swain | February – March 2025

COACHING

Executive Coaching for Perfectionists from Dr. Kenneth Wang | July – September 2024

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Intergenerational Mentoring Cluster Grant: Asian-Descent Pre-Tenure Faculty and Post-Tenure Mentors in Theological Education | 2023–2024

PARTICIPANT

Wabash Intergenerational Mentoring Group, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion | September 2023–May 2024

PARTICIPANT

Institute for Biblical Research Women New Testament Commentary Writing Group | March 2022–Present

PARTICIPANT

Forum for Theological Exploration Theological Executive Course | September 2022–October 2022

PARTICIPANT

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning 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 Center for Teaching and Learning Peer-Mentoring Cluster: Korean-American, West Coast Biblical Scholars | November 2017–November 2018

PARTICIPANT

Joint Asian Theological Summer Institute (ATSI) & Wabash Fellows Teaching and Learning Workshop | March 2014

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Christianity Today 2024 Book of the Year in Biblical Studies for *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Bible Commentary* | 2025

Johnston-Barsotti Emerging Scholar Award, Fuller Theological Seminary | 2023–2024

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

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

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Greek, Hebrew, Latin

Modern: German (reading), French (reading), Korean (conversational)

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION & ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS

Non-Denominational; Wesleyan Tradition
Ordained Minister, Ekko Church, Anaheim CA | November 11, 2012–Present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Institute for Biblical Research | 2022–Present
Pacific Asian North American Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAATM) | 2011–Present
Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APAARI) | 2009–Present
Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) | 2005–Present