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EMPLOYMENT

Columbia Theological Seminary Decatur, GA
Assistant Professor of American Religious and Cultural History July 2014 – Present
Master of Theology Program Director July 2017 – Present

EDUCATION

Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion Atlanta, GA
Doctor of Philosophy 2014

Emory University, Candler School of Theology Atlanta, GA
Master of Theology 2008

Westminster Theological Seminary Philadelphia, PA
Master of Divinity 2004

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Science in Economics 2000

MONOGRAPHS

Presbyterians and Race in America: A History. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, under contract. ISBN: 9780664264673.

The Stories of American Christianity: A Historical Introduction across Race and Ethnicity. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, under contract. ISBN: 9780664265014.

American Missionaries, Korean Protestants, and the Changing Shape of World Christianity, 1884-1965. New York and London: Routledge, 2017. 226 pp. ISBN: 9781138696020.

EDITED VOLUMES

The Presbyterian Experience in the United States: A Sourcebook. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017. 192 pp. ISBN: 9780664262143.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Review Article:

“Moving from ‘Foreign Mission’ to ‘World Mission’ in South Korea and the United States: The Rise of Reverend Kyung-Chik Han and the Uneasy Transitions within the American Presbyterian Missionary Enterprise in Korea after 1945,” *Mission Studies* 33:3 (November 2016), pp. 299-326.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Cumberland Presbyterian Church,” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, Volume 1, edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Rowman & Littlefield, 2016), pp. 671-672.

“Helen Kim,” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, Volume 3, pp. 1277-1278.

“Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, Volume 4, pp. 1832-1834.

“Protestant Theological Seminaries,” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, Volume 4, pp. 1878-1879.

“James Woodrow,” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, Volume 5, pp. 2514-2515.

Essays:

“2 Corinthians 2:8-15,” “2 Corinthians 12:2-10,” and “Ephesians 1:3-14,” in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series* (Commentary 2: Connecting the Reading with the World, Year B, Volume 3), edited by Joel B. Green, Thomas G. Long, Luke A. Powery, and Cynthia L. Rigby (Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming).

“Revelation 7:9-17,” “Micah 3:5-12 and Joshua 3:7-17,” and “Joshua 24:1-3a and Amos 5:18-24,” in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series* (Commentary 1: Connecting the Reading to Scripture, Year A, Volume 3), edited by Joel B. Green, Thomas G. Long, Luke A. Powery, and Cynthia L. Rigby (Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming).

“The Ubiquity of White Christian Silence and the Promise of Righteous Resistance,” @ This Point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture 13:1 (Spring 2019), online.

“Transforming the Seminary Classroom into an Academic Conference: A Worthy Experiment to Share the Stage and Empower the Student as Fellow Sage,” *Teaching Theology & Religion* 21:1 (January 2018), pp. 70-71.

“When Talking isn’t Enough: Moving from Conversations about Race to Actions toward Racial Justice,” *Presbyterians Today*, October/November 2017, pp. 6.

“Silence is Not an Option, But What Should We Say?,” *The Presbyterian Outlook*, August 18, 2017, online.

“Being Decisive without Being Divisive amid the Zig-Zags of History,” *Political Theology Today*, January 3, 2017, online.

“Asian Americans and their Various Votes,” *Christian Century Then & Now*, October 12, 2016, online.

“Immigration as Threat and Opportunity,” *Christian Century Then & Now*, February 10, 2016, online.

“Embracing the Margins,” *The Presbyterian Outlook*, November 3, 2014, online.

“Collaborative Leadership Patterns: Looking to our Past,” *The Presbyterian Outlook*, September 29, 2014, pp. 24-25.

Book Reviews:

Rebecca Y. Kim, *The Spirit Moves West: Korean Missionaries in America*, *Journal of Asian Studies* 75:2 (May 2016), pp. 532-534.
Eleazar S. Fernandez (ed.), *Teaching for a Culturally Diverse and Racially Just World*, *Christian Education Journal* (Spring 2015), pp. 217-221.

Jennifer A. Lindholm, *The Quest for Meaning and Wholeness: Spiritual and Religious Connections in the Lives of College Faculty*, *Reflexive Teaching* (January 2015), online.

Mark A. Noll and Carolyn Nystrom, *Clouds of Witnesses: Christian Voices from Africa and Asia*, *Practical Matters* (Spring 2013), online.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor: *Histories of American Christianity*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2019

Master of Theology Program Director: Th.M. Research Methods Seminar and Colloquium, Columbia Theological Seminary, Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

Assistant Professor: *Exploring Christian History*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2018

Assistant Professor: *Histories of the Christian Experience in the United States: Pastors, Laity, and Outsiders* (D.Min. residential and online hybrid course), Columbia Theological Seminary, Fall 2016

Assistant Professor: Th.M. advisor for a project on *History of Western Missions in Early Twentieth-Century Korea*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Fall 2016

Assistant Professor: *History and Presence: Movements in Christianities Across Time and Space*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016

Assistant Professor: *Presbyterian History and Polity*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, and Fall 2019

Assistant Professor: *Race, Migration, and the Making of the American Church* (D.Min. residential and online hybrid course), Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2016

Assistant Professor: *South Korea Explorations* (M.Div. Contextual Education), Columbia Theological Seminary, Winter 2017 and Winter 2019

Assistant Professor: *Atlanta Explorations* (M.Div. Contextual Education), Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2016

Assistant Professor: *Histories and Diversities of Theology and American Culture*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Fall 2015

Assistant Professor: *American Religious and Cultural History*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2015

Adjunct Instructor: *Introduction to Religion: Buddhism and Christianity*, Emory College, Spring 2014

Adjunct Instructor: *American Religious and Cultural History*, Columbia Theological Seminary, Spring 2012 – Spring 2014

Adjunct Instructor: *History of Religion in Korean America*, Candler School of Theology, Spring 2013

Adjunct Instructor: *History of Evangelicalism and American Culture*, Candler School of Theology, Spring 2012

Adjunct Co-Instructor: *History of Religions in the United States*, Emory College, Spring 2012

FELLOWSHIPS

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Fellowship: “Disrupting a Single Chronological Narrative to Teach a More Racially Just and Ethnically Inclusive History of Christianity in the United States” (2018 – 2019)

Florence Ellen Bell Scholar Award for Research of Methodist Collections at Drew University and the General Commission on Archives and History for the United Methodist Church (2017 – 2018)

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Early Career Workshop for Faculty of Asian and Pacific Islander Descent (2017 – 2018)

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Fellowship: “Implementing the Practice of Archival Research to Deepen Student Learning in Church History” (2016 – 2017)

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Pre-Tenure Workshop for Theological Faculty (2015 – 2016)

The Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship (2013 – 2014)

Emory University, Laney Graduate School Arts & Sciences Fellowship (2009 – 2014) and Piedmont Fellowship (2010 – 2011)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“An Asian American Perspective on the Reality of North American Theological Education,” Biennial Conference of the Association of Asian/North American Theological Educators, Decatur, GA, October 8, 2016

“Competing for Converts with U.S. Missionaries in Korea: Malcolm Fenwick and the Canadian Protestant Missionary Experience, 1889-1917,” Spring Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Edmonton, Canada, April 8, 2016

“Pedagogical Intersections and Divergences in a Presbyterian Seminary Classroom: Adventures in Teaching the Histories of Religious Pluralism and Protestant Formation in the United States,” Regional Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Nashville, TN, March 7, 2015

“The Emergence of the ‘Younger Church’ after the Korean War: American Missionaries, Korean Ministers, and the Uneasy Beginnings of the Reverse Mission to the West, 1950–1965,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, New York, NY, Jan. 2, 2015

“The Birth Pangs and Growing Pains of the Reverse Mission from South Korea to the West: The Rise of Reverend Kyung-Chik Han and the Fall of the American Protestant Mission, 1945–1965,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2014

“Which Christ to Follow?: Colonial Resistance, Transnational Contestation, and the Religious Disagreement between Korean Protestants and American Missionaries, 1910–1945,” Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, October 26, 2013

“North American Presbyterian Missionaries as Migrants in Korea: Crossing Borders, Recreating Western Homes, and the Problems of Cultural Difference and Economic Inequality, 1884–1904,” Spring Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Portland, OR, April 5, 2013

“Crossing Racial, Religious, and National Boundaries: The Impact of a Friendship between American and Korean Methodist Women from North Georgia to South Korea, 1948–1965,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012

“‘Even if you stayed long, who would have you for a sweetheart – you are a Korean!’: Drawing the Racial Boundaries and Limits for Korean Protestant Men and the White American Women who Loved Them, 1885–1965,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL, January 7, 2011

“Battle Hymn of a Korean Tiger Mother: Theological Education and Christian Formation in the Life and Writings of Kim Hwal-lan (Activist, Educator, Liberationist, Methodist),” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2011

“Yun Ch’iho’s America: A Korean Protestant Convert’s Journey Through Dixie, 1888–1893,” Spring Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Grand Rapids, MI, April 8, 2011

“East–West Encounters in Twentieth-Century Korean and American Methodist Life: Examining Resistance and Religious Belief in the Writings and Experiences of Kim Hwal-lan and Agnes Davis Kim,” Regional Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Louisville, KY, March 4, 2011

“Inside the Mental and Spiritual Worlds of Yun Ch’iho, the First Korean Southern Methodist,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, October 30, 2010

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Central Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Atlanta, GA, August 11, 2019

NEXT Church National Gathering (PCUSA), Seattle, WA, March 11, 2019

Covenant Network of Presbyterians Biannual Conference (PCUSA), Baltimore, MD, November 9-10, 2017

Decatur Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Decatur, GA, August 20, 2017, August 27, 2017, September 3, 2017, June 3, 2018, and July 15, 2018

National Asian Presbyterian Council Student Program (PCUSA), Columbia Seminary, Decatur, GA, August 14 – 18, 2017

Richmond Korean Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Richmond, VA, July 9, 2017

Big Tent National Gathering (PCUSA), St. Louis, MO, July 7, 2017

NEXT Church National Gathering (PCUSA), Kansas City, MO, March 13, 2017

Central Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Atlanta, GA, July 31, 2016

Flint River Presbytery Celebration of Faith (PCUSA), Cordele, GA, March 5, 2016

NEXT Church National Gathering (PCUSA), Atlanta, GA, February 22, 2016

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Marietta, GA, February 14, 2016 and October 2, 2016

Joint Meeting of the Committee on General Assembly and the Board of the Presbyterian Historical Society (PCUSA), Philadelphia, PA, October 26, 2015
Newnan Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Newnan, GA, September 20, 2015
First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Columbia, TN, September 6, 2015
SeMeHan Korean Presbyterian Church (KPCA), Laytonsville, MD, June 21, 2015
Korean Central Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Chamblee, GA, June 7, 2015
First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Atlanta, GA, April 12, 2015 and April 19, 2015
Flint River Presbytery Meeting (PCUSA), Albany, GA, February 14, 2015
First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Cartersville, GA, January 11, 2015 and March 29, 2015
John Knox Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Marietta, GA, November 16, 2014
Siloam Korean Presbyterian Church (PCA), Norcross, GA, November 9, 2014
Ray-Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Marietta, GA, August 10, 2014 and September 28, 2014
Evergreen Presbyterian Church (KPCA), Suwanee, GA, September 8, 2013

AWARDS

2013 American Society of Church History Graduate Student Award (For Paper Presentation at 2013 Spring Meeting)
2013 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) People's Choice Award, Oral Competition, Emory University
2013 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Honorable Mention Prize, Written Competition, Emory University
2012 American Society of Church History Graduate Student Award (For Paper Presentation at 2012 Winter Meeting)
2011 American Society of Church History Graduate Student Award (For Paper Presentation at 2011 Spring Meeting)

GUILD AND ECCLESIAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the American Academy of Religion
Member of the American Society of Church History
Member of Cherokee Presbytery
Council Member of the American Society of Church History, 2016 – 2018
Steering Committee Member of the American Academy of Religion Reformed Theology and History Group, 2017 – 2019
Board of Directors for the Presbyterian Historical Society, 2018 – 2020
Member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly Committee on Representation, 2019 – 2022