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EDUCATION

PhD, 2013

Claremont School of Theology

Practical Theology: Religious Education
and Interreligious Education

ThM, 2008

Princeton Theological Seminary

MDiv, 2005

Princeton Theological Seminary

BA, 2002

University of Washington

English Literature and Communications

LANGUAGES

English: Fluent

Korean: Fluent

German: Reading

PROFILE

Christine J. Hong is Associate Professor of Educational Ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. Her research includes anti-colonial and decolonial approaches to religious and interreligious education. Hong's research interests include Asian Diasporic spiritualities, Korean Musok, and children and adolescent spiritual and theological formation among BIPOC communities. She is the author of numerous articles, chapters, and two monographs; the first is *Youth, Identity, and Gender in the Korean American Church*, published by Palgrave, and the second is *Decolonial Futures: Intercultural and Interreligious Intelligence for Theological Education* from Lexington Press. She is a frequent conference speaker and workshop leader on decolonizing religion and spirituality.

Teaching

2017-Present

Columbia Theological Seminary

Associate Professor of Educational Ministry

- Lead Professor Doctor of Educational Ministry Program 2024 - Present
- Director of Doctor of Educational Ministry Program 2020-2024
- Courses: Introduction to Christian Spirituality, Introduction to Christian Education Theory and Practice, Intercultural and Interreligious Intelligence, Global Christian Spiritualities, Advanced Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Theory, Advanced Curriculum Design, Educational Care Resources, Youth Ministry, Introductory Seminar in Education Theory and Practice for DEdMin, The Bible Through Liberative Pedagogy, The Arts and Spirituality

Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

2015-2017

Assistant Professor of Worship and Evangelism

- Courses: Evangelism Today, Multi-religious Leadership, Multi-faith perspectives on Global Displacements, Introduction to Worship, Practical Theology for Congregations, Senior Seminar in Interreligious Leadership
- Director: Caldwell Chapel

Claremont School of Theology

2014-2023

Professor

- Course: Interreligious Education and Leadership

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SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Decolonial Moves in Practical Theology Association for Practical Theology - AAR Minari: Specters and Conjuring in Immigrant Life	2022
AAR 2022, Korean Biblical Colloquium Panel: Pluralism - A Vision for Decolonizing Christianity Eden Theological Seminary	2022
Story as Theologies of Joy as Refusal AAR 2021, Women of Color in Teaching, Scholarship, and Activism Panelist and Moderator: Korean Feminist Theologians and Anti-Asian Violence	2021
Illif School of Theology Moderator: Beyond Heteronormativity Religious Education Association Conference	2021
Respondent: Decolonial Practical Theology American Academy of Religion – Practical Theology unit Institutional Racism Plenary Panel	2020
PAANAWTM Conference Asian Americans and Histories of Anti-Racism and Solidarity American Academy of Religion – ANARCS section	2019
What is possible in a Post-Colonial Practical Theology American Academy of Religion – Practical Theology unit Teaching and Pedagogy with Anti-Racist Frameworks	2018
American Academy of Religion – Teaching Religion unit Solidarity among Asian/North American Scholars Association for Asian/North American Theological Educators	2017
The Shifting Classroom: Student and Instructor Identities and spiritualities in co-formation Henry Luce conference – Interreligious Education, Graduate Theological Union, The Spirituality of Intercultural and Interreligious Engagement, The Spirituality of Curiosity	2016
6th Institute for Multicultural Ministry and Intercultural Engagement, Princeton Seminary We are the way we were: Reintegrating unsung Asian American heroes in Asian American Religious Education Religious Education Association, Research Interest Group	2014
Research is a Dirty Word: Post-Colonial Qualitative Research Methodologies for the Practical Theologian American Academy of Religion, Practical Theology unit	2012

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SELECTED LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND WORKSHOP

Festival of Faiths	2024
Presenter	
Strengthening Ministry With Children	2024
Workshop Leader and Consultant	
Union Presbyterian Seminary - Faculty Conference	2024
Facilitator	
Candler School of Theology - Emory, Annual Women's Forum	2023
Keynote	
Louisville Institute: Vocation of a Theological Educator - Decolonial Qualitative Research	
Keynote	2023
Decolonial Futures	2022
Mercer University School of Theology	
Key Contributor and Author	2022
A Sanctified Art 2022 Advent Series	
Keynote	
National Council of Churches – Unity Gathering	2022
Keynote	
National Council of Churches – Unity Gathering	2021
Theologies of Refusal for Building Solidarities	
Keynote	2021
Duke Divinity School	
Anti-Asian Violence and Building Solidarities	
Keynote	2020
NEXT Annual Conference	
White and Christian Supremacy in Our Times	2020
Furman University	
Anti-racist work through Dialogue and Orature	2019
ColInspire - Montreat Conference Center	
Liberating Imagination at ColInspire Anti-Racism Conference	2019
ColInspire – Montreat Conference Center	
Vocational Exploration Lab	2018
Forum for Theological Exploration, Discernment Days	
Theological Movements Towards Anti-Racism	2018
Montreat-Crossroads Anti-Racism Training	
Preaching Towards Anti-Racism	2018
Montreat-Crossroads Anti-Racism Training	
Women in Ministry Conference	2017
Princeton Theological Seminary	
Adult Bible Study Leader	2017
Montreat Conference Center	
Keynote: Reconciliation is a Dirty Word	2017
Big Tent: PC(USA)	
Keynote: It's Your Problem Too- A Conversation on Systemic Racism	
2017	
Bill and June Rogers Social Justice Lecture, Hanover College	
Keynote: One in Christ	2017

AWARDS

Wabash Small Grant	2023
The Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant	2022
The Stories We Never Tell: Orature with AAPI Women in the Church	
Wabash Digital Salon Grant	2021
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion	
Wabash Peer Mentoring Grant	2020
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion	
Wabash Early Career Faculty, Theological Schools Fellowship Award	2019
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion	
Wabash Early Career Faculty of Asian and Asian American Descent Fellowship Award	2018
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion	

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INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE AT LARGE

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion	2022-2023
Faculty - Early Career Cohort for Theological Education	
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion	2022 – 2023
Consultant	
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion	2022 – Present
Journal on Teaching, Board Member	
Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia	2021
Board of Trustees	
The Louisville Institute	2017-Present
Doctoral Cohort Mentor	
The Louisville Institute	2021-Present
Pastoral Study Project Mentor	
Forum for Theological Exploration	2017-2018
Doctoral Forum Design Team	
Forum for Theological Exploration	2017-Present
Doctoral Forum Mentor	
The Louisville Institute	2016-2017
Board, Faculty Representative	
Montreat Conference Center	
Strategic Planning Team	2014-2017
Dis(Grace) Antiracism Conference Planning Team	2015-2016
Co(l)nspire Antiracism Conference Planning Team	2018-2020

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE TO TEACHING INSTITUTIONS

Columbia Theological Seminary	2017-Present
• Sustainability	2023-2024
• Presidential Search Committee	2021-2022
• DEdMin Program Director	2020-2023
• DEdMin Lead Professor	2024-Present
• DEdMin Review Taskforce	2020-2022
• Admissions Committee	2020-2022
• Advanced Degrees Committee	2020-Present
• Executive Committee of the Faculty	2019-2022
• CORE - Convener	2018
• Guiding Coalition of the Faculty(CORE and WIF)	2018
• Equity Diversity and Inclusion	2018-2020
• Basic Degrees Committee	
• Worship Life Committee	2017-2019

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GUILDS

Religious Education Association	2022 – Present
REA Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Officer	2021-2024
Wabash Digital Salon: Asian and Asian North American Faculty	2020-2021
FTESEA - Board	2022-Present
Religious Education Association	2018 – Present
Board Member and Chair of the Committee of Public Life and Global Community	
Asian North American Theological Educators	2017 - Present
Chair	
Wabash Early Career Faculty of Asian and Asian American Descent	2017-2018
Wabash Early Career Faculty	2018-2019
Institute for Diversity and Civic Life	2014-Present
Advisory Board	
Christian Leadership Initiative – Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel	2014-2016
Fellow	

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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GUILDS CONT.

Ecclesial Practices: Journal of Ecclesiology and Ethnography	2012-Present
Advisory Board	
Practical Theology Section at AAR	2012 -2019
Steering Committee Member	
Women of Color in Scholarship and Activism at AAR	2018-Present
Steering Committee Member	
Asian Theological Summer Institute	2011
Pacific, Asian, and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry	2009- Present
Governing Board	
Local conference planning committee	

PROFESSIONAL LICENCES

Minister of Word and Sacrament - Teaching Elder	2006-Present
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)	

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Hong, Christine, and Anne Walker. *Candidly Speaking: Refusing a White Supremacist World Through Dialogue and Story*. Forthcoming by Cascade Books.

Hong, Christine. *Identity, Youth, and Gender in the Korean American Christian Church*. New York, NY: Palgrave Pivot, 2015.

Hong, Christine. *Decolonial Futures: Intercultural and Interreligious Intelligence in Theological Education*. Minneapolis, MN: Lexington (a division of Rowman and Littlefield Publishers), 2021.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS:

Hong, Christine J. "Vocation as Communal" In *Explore: Vocational Discovery in Ministry*, edited by Kristina Lizardy-Habji and Matthew Floding, Minneapolis, MN: Rowman and Littlefield

Hong, Christine J. "Post-Colonial Theology: Theology and Qualitative Research: Continuities and Discontinuities" In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Theology and Qualitative Research*, edited by Peter Ward and Knut Tveitereid, New Jersey: Wiley Blackwell Publishers, Forthcoming.

Hong, Christine J. "Reflections on Religious Education, pedagogy, and the scholarship of Kwok Pui-lan." In *Festschrift Celebrating the Scholarship of Kwok Pui Lan*, edited by Rita Nakashima, Brock and Benny Liew, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, Forthcoming.

Hong, Christine J. "Interreligious Education: Transnational and Trans-Spiritual Identity Formation in the Classroom" In *Critical Perspectives on Interreligious Education: Experiments in Empathy*, edited by Judith Berling, Heidi Hadsell, and Najeeba Syeed, 46-65. Brill Books, 2020.

Hong, Christine J. "Storyed People: The Intergenerational Power of Story in the Lives of Immigrants." In *Migration and Public Discourse in World Christianity*, edited by Afe Adogame, Raimundo Barreto Jr., Pereira Da Rosa, 135-150. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019.

Hong, Christine J. "Go Somewhere." In *Here I Am: Faith Stories of Korean American Clergy Women*, edited by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, 58-63. Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2015.

Hong, Christine J. "Korean Folklore in the Lives of Korean American Christian Women" In *Asian American Identities and Practices: Folkloric Expressions in Everyday Life*, edited by Jonathan H.X. Lee and Kathleen Nadeau, 221-234. New York: Lexington Books, 2014.

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Hong, Christine J. "Christmas Eve PS, Christmas Day II PS, Christmas Day III PS" in *Connections A Commentary for Preaching Year A, Vol 1, Advent Through Epiphany*, edited by Joel B Green, Thomas G. Long, Luke A. Powery, Cynthia L. Rigby, Carolyn J. Sharp. 70-72, 86-89, 102-104, Westminster John Knox Press, 2019.

ARTICLES

Hong, Christine J. "Letters from Rahab: A Pedagogy of Solidarity" *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Vol 40, No 2 (2024), 91-96.

Hong, Christine J. "Experiential Learning and Skills Transfer" *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, No 32 (2002), 97-103.

Hong, Christine J., Walker, Anne C. "Was This Guild Made for You and Me?: A Dialogue" *Journal of Religious Education*. 115:1, 61-69.

Hong, Christine J. "Cultivating Woori: The Experience of and Formation of Children and Youth in Korean Immigrant Communities," *Practical Matters: A Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology*, Issue 11 (Spring 2018): 46-56.
<http://practicalmattersjournal.org/2018/08/01/cultivating-woori/>

Hong, Christine J. "The Other Women," *Inheritance Magazine*, Volume 57: The Power to Create the World Anew. August 1, 2017. <https://www.inheritancemag.com/stories/the-other-women>

Hong, Christine J. "Good Soil: The Truth About Reconciliation." *Justice Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice*. September 6, 2017. <http://justiceunbound.org/carousel/goodsoil-the-truth-about-reconciliation/>

Hong, Christine J. "A Reflection on Sin and Pain" @ *This Point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture*, Vol 12, No.2 Summer 2017. <http://www.atthispoint.net/professionalresponses/areflection-on-sin-and-pain/294/>

Hong, Christine J. "A Response to Elizabeth Vasko's Beyond Apathy" *The Syndicate*. October 19th, 2017.
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/beyond-apathy/>

Hong, Christine J. and Damayanthi Niles. "We Are A Storytelling People." *The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary*, Fall 2016.

BOOK REVIEWS

Hong, Christine J. Review of *Religious Experience Among Second Generation Korean Americans* by Mark Chung Hearn. *Christianity Next*. 105-110, January 2018.

Hong, Christine J. Review of *The Spirit Moves West: Korean Missionaries in America*, by Rebecca Y. Kim. *The Journal of Presbyterian History*. 95(1): 40-41, 2017

Hong, Christine J. Review of *A History of Korean Christianity* by Sebastian C. H. Kim. *Anglican and Episcopal History*. 85(4): 528-530, 2016.

Hong, Christine J. Review of *Hope Abundant: Third World and Indigenous Women's Theology* by Kwok Pui Lan. *Anglican and Episcopal History*. 80(2): 205-206, 2011.

Hong, Christine J. Review of *Loving God, Loving Neighbor: Ministry with Searching Youth* by Sondra Higgins Matthai. *Religious Education Journal*, Vol. 106 Issue 1, 2011.
