

Curriculum vitae

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Education:

- Ph.D., Theological Ethics, Boston College
- M.Div. Yale Divinity School
- B.A., Yale University, Political Science, with honors

Faculty Positions:

- Kyung-Chik Han Professor of Asian American Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary (Fall 2022-present)
- Professor of Theological Ethics, Department of Religion, Seton Hall University (Fall 2020 – Spring 2022)
- Associate Professor of Theological Ethics, Department of Religion, Seton Hall University (Fall 2012 – Spring 2020)
- Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics, Department of Religion, Seton Hall University (Fall 2016 – Spring 2012)

Past Administrative Positions and Related Service:

- Chair, Theology Department, Princeton Theological Seminary (3-year term, starting Fall 2025)
- Chair, Department of Religion, Seton Hall University (Fall 2016 – Spring 2022)
- Founding co-director, Medical Humanities Minor Program, Seton Hall University (Fall 2018 – Spring 2022)
- Faculty coordinator, Second-Year University Core Program, Christianity and Culture in Dialogue, Seton Hall University (Fall 2013 – Spring 2022)

Service, Princeton Seminary (select)

- Chair, Faculty Executive Committee (Fall 2025-Spring 2026)
- Co-Chair, Middle States/ATS Re-accreditation Self-Study - Working Group on Finance and Operations (Fall 2025 to Fall 2027)
- Faculty member, Religion and Society Program (Fall 2024-present)
- Chair, Advisory Committee on Diversity (Fall 2022-Fall 2023)
- Faculty Advisor, Asian Association at PTS (Fall 2022- present)
- Faculty Liaison, Center for Asian American Christianity (Fall 2022-present)
- Faculty Advisory Board Member, Center for Contemplative Leadership (Spring 2023-present)
- Masters Admissions Committee (Fall 2023 - present)
- Faculty Marshal (Fall 2023 – present)
- PhD Studies (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)

Service, Seton Hall University (select)

- Co-Chair, Seton Hall Middle States Re-accreditation Self-Study – University Mission Working Group (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022)
- University Strategic Plan, Phase II Subcommittee (May 2021-June 2021)

- Co-Chair, Accelerated Program Review Committee for Doctoral Programs (Fall 2020)
- Co-Chair, Academic Policy Committee, Seton Hall Faculty Senate (Fall 2019 – Spring 2021)
- Chair, Educational Policy Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (Fall 2015– Spring 2016)
- Co-Chair, Seton Hall Middle States Re-accreditation Self-Study Assessment Working Group (Spring 2012 – Fall 2014)
- Faculty Advisor, Theta Alpha Kappa, Religious Studies and Theology National Honor Society (Fall 2007 – 2014)

Editorial Service:

- Co-Editor, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (5-year term, starting Spring 2022)
- Editorial Board, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (January 2012-2015)

Peer Review:

- Review of book proposal/manuscript for Georgetown University Press (2025), Lexington Books (2023), Palgrave MacMillan (2022), Lever Press (2022), Rowman & Littlefield (2020), Georgetown University Press (2019), InterVarsity Press (2019), Routledge (2018), T&T Clark (2018), Blackwell (2017)
- Review of articles for *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* (2024), *Theology Today* (2024, 2023), *Horizons* (2022), *Journal of Religious Ethics* (2021), *College Theology Society Annual Journal* (2010), *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Religion* (2010), *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (ongoing since 2006)

Service, other (select):

- Elected to Board of Directors, Society of Christian Ethics (January 2020 – present)
- Appointed to Grants Jury, American Academy of Religion (ended Spring 2022)
- Chair, Nominations Committee, Society of Christian Ethics (January 2021 – January 2022)
- Board of Trustees, Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies, Seton Hall University (Summer 2015 – Spring 2022)
- Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Task Force for Institutional-Mission Assessment (Fall 2016)
- External Reviewer for the Theology Department, Stuart Country Day School, Princeton, NJ (May 2016)
- Co-convener, Asian American Ethics Working Group, Society of Christian Ethics (ended January 2014)
- Elected Vice President, Alumni Board, Yale Divinity School (Fall 2010 – Fall 2012)
- Nominating Committee, Society of Christian Ethics (Spring 2011)
- Program Committee, Society of Christian Ethics (Spring 2010)
- Convener, Religion and Society Section, College Theology Society (ended Summer 2010)
- Inaugural Advisory Board, The Ethics Institute, Kent Place School, Summit, NJ (Fall 2008 – Fall 2012)
- Program Committee, Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Region Association for Asian Studies, held at Seton Hall University (Spring 2006)

Publications, Books:

- *Art and Moral Change: A Reexamination* (Georgetown University Press, 2024)
- *Disciplined by Race: Theological Ethics and the Problem of Asian American Identity* (Cascade, 2019)
- *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill's Contributions to Christian Ethics*, ed. with Sarah Moses and Andrea Vicini, S.J. (Orbis, 2020)

Publications, Journal articles/Book chapters:

- "Normative Human Nature and Racial Justice: A Rapprochement?," in *The Oxford Handbook of Theological Anthropology*, ed. Jens Zimmermann, Ashley Moyse, and Michael Durdett (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- "Mutuality, Equality and Participation: Practicing Critical Ethics in Philanthropy," with Roseanne M. Mirabella, in *Reframing Nonprofit Organizations: Democracy, Inclusion, and Social Change*, 2nd ed., eds. Angela M. Eikenberry, Billie Sandberg, and Roseanne M. Mirabella (Irvine, CA: Melvin and Leigh, [November] 2024) - updated chapter for the second edition of this volume
- "What is Asian about Asian American Theology? Fiction, Heterogeneity, and Ends," *Critical Theology* 7, no. 2 (Winter 2025): 3-8.
- "'Neither Here nor There' as Prophetic Witness: On Asian American Politics between Empires," in *Transpacific Political Theology: Perspectives, Paradigms, Proposals*, ed. Kwok Pui Lan (Baylor University Press, 2024)
- "Diversity or Option for the Poor?: Confronting the Contradictions Between our DEI Commitments and Enrollment Practices," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 43, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2023): 1-9.
- "Asian American Christianity," in *Handbook of Contemporary Christianity in the U.S.: Historical, Cultural, Theological, and Ethical Explorations, Volume One*, ed. Mark A. Lamport, 293-305 (Rowman & Littlefield, 2022).
- "Interrupting the Violence of Racial Identities: Lessons from Asian American Experience, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and the Principle of Truth Force," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 42, no.1 (Spring/Summer 2022).
- "Natural Law, Moral Reasoning, and Common Morality: Toward a Liberationist Paradigm," in *Reimagining the Moral Life: On Lisa Sowle Cahill's Contributions to Christian Ethics*, ed. Ki Joo Choi, Sarah Moses, and Andrea Vicini, S.J., 3-16 (Orbis, 2020).
- "Beyond Codes: Values, Virtues, and Nonprofit Ethics," with Roseanne M. Mirabella, in *Routledge Companion to Nonprofit Management*, ed. Helmut Anheier and Stefan Toepler, 165-176 (Routledge, 2020).
- "Asian American Christian Ethics: The State of the Discipline," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 38, no. 2 (Winter 2018): 33-44.
- "The Priority of the Affections over the Emotions: Gustafson, Aquinas, and an Edwardsean Critique," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 38, no. 1 (Summer 2018): 113-130.
- "Mutuality, Equality, and Participation: Practicing Critical Ethics in Philanthropy," with Roseanne M. Mirabella, in *Reframing Nonprofit Organizations: Democracy, Inclusion, and Social Change*, ed. Angela M. Eikenberry, Roseanne M. Mirabella, and Billie Sandberg (Irvine, CA: Melvin & Leigh, November 2018): 53-65
- "After Authenticity: Clarifying the Relevance of Culture as a Source of Moral Reflection in Asian American Christian Ethics," *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion*, Vol. 7, Issue 2 (August 2016), 1-30.

- "Racial Identity and Solidarity" in *Asian American Christian Ethics: Voices, Methods, Issues*, ed. Grace Y. Kao and Ilup Ahn (Baylor University Press, September 2015), 131-152.
- "Should Race Matter? A Constructive Ethical Assessment of the Post-Racial Ideal," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 31.1 (Spring/Summer 2011): 79-102.
- "The Role of Perception in Jonathan Edwards's Moral Thought: The Nature of True Virtue Reconsidered," *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 38.2 (Summer 2010): 269-296.
- "The Deliberative Practices of Aesthetic Experience: Reconsidering the Moral Functionality of Art," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 29.1 (2009): 193-218.
- "Beauty in a Rahnerian Key? Some Reflections on the Perception of the Beautiful in Transcendental Experience," in *God's Grandeur: The Arts and Imagination in Theology*, ed. David Robinson, S.J., *College Theology Society Annual*, Vol. 52 (Summer 2007): 167-191.

Other Publications: Editorials, Essays, and Reviews (select):

- "Beyond Identity: Sang Hyun Lee's Call to a Liminal Faith," *Imagine Otherwise* (Substack), Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary, February 12, 2025, <https://caacptsem.substack.com/p/beyond-identity-sang-hyun-lees-call>.
- "The 'Small Things' and Social Change," Political Theology Network, Catholic Re-Visions Series, February 28, 2025, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-small-things-and-social-change/>.
- "Preface," with MT Davila, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 44, no. 2 (fall/winter 2024): vii-x.
- "Preface," with MT Davila, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 45, no. 1 (spring/summer 2025): vii-ix.
- "Preface," with MT Davila, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 43, no. 2 (fall/winter 2023): vii-ix.
- "Preface," with MT Davila, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 44, no. 1 (spring/summer 2024): vii-viii. Invited review of *An Infinite Fountain of Light: Jonathan Edwards for the Twenty-First Century*, by George Marsden (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2023), in *The Journal of Presbyterian History* 102, no. 1 (spring/summer 2024), 44-45.
- Invited review of *Anti-Asian Racism: Myths, Stereotypes, and Catholic Social Teaching*, by Joseph Cheah (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2023), in *Horizons* 50, no. 2 (2023): 482-84.
- Invited review of Angela N. Parker's *If God Still Breathes, Why Can't I? Black Lives Matter and Biblical Authority* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2021), in *Horizons* 50, no. 1 (June 2023): 213-215.
- Invited review symposium of Maureen H. O'Connell's *Undoing the Knots: Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness* (Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 2022), in *American Catholic Studies* 133, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 68-69.
- Invited Review of Young Lee Hertig, *The Tao of Asian Belonging: A Yinist Spirituality* (Orbis Books, 2019), in *Horizons* 49, no. 1 (June 2022): 242-244.
- Review for *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 42, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2022): 239-240. Review of *Politics After Christendom: Political Theology in a Fractured World* (Zondervan Academic, 2020).
- "Letter 47," Letter to President Biden and 117th Congress. Invited letter/essay for *American Values, Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters Project* (published on March

7, 2021), <https://www.valuesandvoices.com/letters-2021/letter-47/> Also published in Andrea Weiss and Lisa Winberger, eds., *American Values, Religious Voices, Volume 2: Letters of Hope from People of Faith* (University of Cincinnati Press, 2023)

- Invited Review of Oliver D. Crisp, *Approaching the Atonement: The Reconciling Work of Christ* (InterVarsity Press, 2020), in *Horizons*, Vol.48.No.1 (June 2021): 211-213.
- Invited Review of Peter B. Josephson and R. Ward Holder, *Reinhold Niebuhr in Theory and Practice* (Lexington, 2019), in *Horizons* 47, no. 1 (June 2020): 174-175.
- Responses to symposium review of my book *Disciplined by Race: Theological Ethics and the Problem of Asian American Identity*, in the *Syndicate*, September/October 2019
- "Where Have All the Asians Gone? A Response to the U.S.C.C.B.'s 'Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love,'" *Political Theology Network*, March 15, 2019.
- Invited Review of Atalia Omer et. al., eds, *Oxford Handbook on Religion, Conflict, and Peacemaking* (Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Peace and Change: A Journal for Peace Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 3 (July 2016), 401- 403.
- "Pope Francis, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Social Justice: Why *Laudato Si'* is Worth Reading," *NJ Art News/CivicStory* (September 2015)
- "Racial Diversity and its Limits: What One Experience with Asian American Students Might Tell Us About Teaching Race," *Race Matters in the Classroom*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (July 2015)
- "Christian Ethics and the Science of Morality as a Case Study: Thematic and Methodological Implications for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and Interdisciplinary Dialogue." Essay commissioned by Collegium and the Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA) (April 2012)
- Invited review of *Receptive Human Virtues: A New Reading of Jonathan Edwards's Ethics* by Elizabeth Agnew Cochran (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2011), *Journal of Religion* (October 2012).
- Review for the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 31.1 (Spring/Summer 2011), 204-206: Review of Ilseup Ahn, *Position and Responsibility: Jurgen Habermas and Reinhold Niebuhr, and the Co-Reconstruction of the Positional Imperative* (Princeton Theological Monograph Series, 2009).
- Review for *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 30.1 (Spring/Summer 2010), 213-215: Review of Stephen Wilson, *Virtue Reformed: Rereading Jonathan Edwards's Ethics* (Brill Academic Publishing, 2005).

Recent Presentations (select):

- Respondent to Kate Sonderegger on "Art, Prayer, and Power," Anglican Ethics and Contemplative Interest Groups, Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, DC, January 10, 2026
- Panelist on "Understanding Minority Support for Trump: Opportunities and Obstacles for Interracial Organizing and Politics, Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, DC, January 9, 2026.
- "Asian Americans, Guns, and Belonging," invited paper/panelist, Interest Group on Gun Cultures and Gun Violence, Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Portland, OR, June 14, 2025

- Invited Respondent to "Asian American 'Blood'" paper session, APARRI Annual Meeting, Berkeley, CA, June 12, 2025.
- "On the Uses (and Mis-uses) of Indigeneity in Theology and Asian American Studies," invited panelist, "Religion, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity in the Pacific and Asian Americas" panel, APARRI Annual Meeting, Berkeley, CA, June 11, 2025
- "Can Art be Prophetic in a Polarized World," Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Lafayette, CA, May 3 and 4, 2025.
- "What if God Were Asian: Why Asian American Theology Matters," Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Lafayette, CA, May 3 and 4, 2025.
- "Indigenous Wisdom and the Problem of Re-representation," invited panelist, "Religion and Indigeneity in the APA," Association for Asian American Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 19, 2025
- "On Mark 11:15-17 - Jesus Cleanses the Temple," invited biblical meditation, Society of Biblical Theologians, Princeton, NJ, February 22, 2025.
- "Special Session, Honoring the Scholarship and Legacy of Prof. Sang Hyun Lee," invited panelist, organized by the Korean Biblical Colloquium, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 24, 2024.
- Guest on "Dialogues Podcast," Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary, November 21, 2024, <https://caaptsem.substack.com/p/disciplined-by-race-feat-ki-joo-kc>.
- "Why Write? Why Publish?," invited panelist, Annual Conference for Fellowship of Protestant Ethicists, Emory University, July 13, 2024.
- "Accompaniment, Racialization, and the Limits of Belonging: Theological and Political Considerations," invited panelist, Interest Group for Peacebuilding and Nonviolence Annual Meeting of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Baltimore, MD, June 14, 2024.
- "Religion, Race, and Asian American Identity," invited speaker, Philip Jaisohn House Symposium, with Gwynedd Mercy University, Media, PA, April 13, 2024
- Invited workshop host, "Race and Asian American Discipleship," Center for Asian American Christianity Mental Health Conference, "Intergenerational Wholeness for Asian Americans: Integrative Approaches to Christian Spiritual and Mental Health Formation," Princeton Theological Seminary, January 12, 2024.
- "Transpacific Political Theology: Perspectives and Methods," invited panelist, Liberation Theologies Program Unit, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2023.
- "Christian Foundations of Nonviolence," invited speaker for The Catholic Nonviolence Initiative (Virtual) Lecture Series 2022-2023, sponsored by Casa Esther Catholic Worker House in Omro, WI and Pax Christi International, October 17, 2023.
- "Asian American Theology and Asian American Literature," panel paper for the annual meeting of the Asian American Studies Association, April 16, 2022.
- "Violence and Asian American Life Before and During Covid-19: Model Minoritarianism and Capitalist Desire," Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 5, 2021
- Invited Plenary Panelist for *Talking Politics in Turbulent Times* conference, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, October 1, 2020.
- "Can Mindful Virtual Experience Increase Shared Community Compassion?" Panel Presentation for SouthNEXT, South Orange Performing Arts Center, South Orange, NJ, October 19, 2019

- Respondent to Plenary Address by David Bentley Hart, 2019 Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY, January 2019

Media Interviews, etc.

- Interviewed by Kelly Cherwin, "A Campus-Wide Approach to Honoring Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage," with Monica Burnette and Hezal Patel, *HigherEdJobs* (May 21, 2021)
- Interviewed by Greg Cellini, OSF, Thank God for Monday radio program (out of St. Francis College in Brooklyn, NY), on celebrating AAPI month, with Monica Burnette (May 17, 2021)
- Interviewed by Lexi McMenamin, "The Covid-19 Vaccine is Here. What Ethics Should Guide its Rollout?" *Sojourners Magazine* (December 14, 2020)
- Interviewed by Dino Flammia, "Religion in New Jersey – How Many of Us Believe in God?" (on the Spring 2018 Pew Research Center report on religious attitudes of New Jerseyans), *NJ 101.5 FM* (April 4, 2018)
- Interviewed by Dexter Thomas, "#FergusonSyllabus: How do we teach teens about injustice?" *The Los Angeles Times* (August 25, 2015)

Membership in Professional Societies/Committees (current active)

- Society of Christian Ethics
- American Academy of Religion
- Catholic Theological Society of America
- Society of Biblical Theologians

Awards/Honors/Fellowships/Grants

- "Northeast Critical Ethnic Studies Working Group." Grant awarded from the Asian Pacific Asian Religions Research Initiative (or APARRI, funded by Luce, administered by University of California, Berkeley) (\$7000.00, AY 2023-2024)
- Interfaith Programming Grant from Association of American Colleges and Universities and Interfaith Youth Core (\$10,000.00 awarded for use in AY 2021-2022), with Axel Takacs.
- Lilly Fellows Program Grant for "Medical Humanities: Pedagogy and Praxis" (\$3000.00 awarded for AY 2018-2019)
- Summer Research Fellowship, University Research Council, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ (\$5000.00, 2007)
- Faculty Fellow, The Collegium Summer Colloquy, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA (Summer 2006)
- University Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA (2005)
- Graduate Student Fellow, Erasmus Institute Summer Seminars, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (Summer 2003)
- Flatley Fellowship in Theological Ethics, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA (2002-2003)
- University Fellowship in Theological Ethics, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA (1999-2002, 2003-2004)
- The Interpretation Journal Prize in Bible and Theology, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT (1998)
- The Rev. Ben F. Wyland Scholar, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT (1997)
- Charles W. Forman Scholar, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT (1996)

- Edgar J. Boell Prize for College Leadership, Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University, New Haven, CT (1995)
- Class of 1948 Fellow, Community Service Fellowship, Association of Yale Alumni, Yale University, New Haven, CT (1992)