

Hope Chang

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EDUCATION

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Doctor of Philosophy, expected 2031

Doctoral Student, Department of Theology, Ethics, & Politics

YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL, YALE UNIVERSITY – Master of Arts in Religion '26

Concentration in Theology, MA Thesis: "Apocalypse, Aesthetics, Ambivalence: An Asian American Theology of Ballroom Dancing"

TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL – Master of Divinity '24

Summa cum laude, Bruce Fields Racial Reconciliation Award Recipient 2022, Horace Dawson Memorial Award Recipient 2024

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK – Bachelor of Arts '18

Concentrations in Sociology and Philosophy

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Ornamented Woman: An Asian American Hermeneutics of Skin," paper presented in the Asian American Hermeneutics Seminar at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature (2026).

"'Gyohwe Oppa': Conjuring the Specter of Korean American Masculinity at Church," paper presented on the panel "Man as Surface: Women Theorizing Asian American Masculinities from Religious Contexts" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies (2025). Panel co-organizer and presenter.

"Restraining Desire: Model Minority Orthodoxy and Its Heretics" panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies (2025). Panel co-organizer.

"Stories from the Apocalypse: (Re)Subjecting the Asian American Body" paper presented at Koinonia Forum: Religion, Dystopia, and Reimagining Otherwise, the graduate student conference at Princeton Theological Seminary (2025). Co-written with K. Ryu.

"Korea, American, Christian, Woman: Identities of Sexual Trauma and Disenfranchised Grief," paper presented on the panel "The Shape of Our Loss: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Asian American Grief" at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian American Studies (2023). Panel co-organizer and presenter.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Association of Asian American Studies

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Institute

WORK EXPERIENCE

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – 9/2026– Present

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Lisa Bowens, Professor of New Testament

- Managed administration and the Brightspace learning platform for a master's-level course in womanist and proto-womanist biblical hermeneutics, including assignment workflows, grading support, and student communications.
- Facilitated weekly in-class discussions, guiding graduate-level dialogue and supporting students' engagement with course texts and themes.
- Delivered one lecture, developing instructional materials aligned with course learning objectives and session plan.

COMPUTATIONAL THEOLOGY LAB AT YALE DIVINITY LIBRARY – 8/2025 – 5/2026

Barth Project Research Fellow

- Pitched and conducted a project that uses computation and machine learning to analyze theological journals.
- Traced and mapped the genealogy of theological ideas to reveal networks of ideas.
- Performed network analysis to propose new protocols for computation as a theological research method.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL – 6/2022 – 5/2024

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Dana Harris, Professor of New Testament, and Dr. John Monson, Professor of Old Testament

- Lectured classes of over 20 students at both the undergraduate and the graduate level.
- Supported professors with grading, administration, and design in 6 graduate and 1 undergraduate courses.
- Tutored students in Koine Greek and Biblical Hebrew at the graduate level.

THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE – 7/2018 - 12/2021

Pastoral Care Office Coordinator & Columbarium Manager

- Recruited and led a proficient team of five sales, database, and operations managers for overseeing the Cathedral's columbarium expansion project; effectively managed an \$8 million budget across a two-year timeline.
- Orchestrated 50+ weddings, funerals, and services, resulting in a 40% increase in positive client feedback.
- Conceptualized brand-consistent promotional material, augmenting Columbarium visibility, attracting a 30% rise in client engagement and serving the greater NYC metro area during the COVID-19 pandemic.

THE ERIC H. HOLDER INITIATIVE FOR CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS – 5/2015 - 5/2018

Editorial & Community Organizing Intern, Columbia University

- Pioneered and established the framework for impactful community civic engagement events, focusing on critical issues such as voter suppression and alternative electoral college methods; devised and implemented marketing protocol, drawing over 50 attendees per event and nurturing informed discussions.
- Strategically conceptualized and crafted compelling marketing materials tailored for student-centric events.
- Initiated content creation strategy, authoring and editing student contributions to the institute blog; significantly bolstered the platform's credibility and engaged readership.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

NEW WINE COLLECTIVE, REMOTE – 8/2022 – Present

New Ecclesiology and Emerging Spiritualities Research Fellow

- Proposed and performed sociological and theological research to support new ecclesiological models, facilitating global innovation cohorts toward developing experimental models for spiritual communities.
- Designed and spearheaded *The Emeralds Project*, a social/spiritual innovation program supporting young women in Chennai, India, and Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; lead a global team of women to win 1st place funding at ILab 2023.
- Created written and visual content and curricula for spiritual communities around theology and praxis.

CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM, MOUNT PROSPECT, IL – 7/2023 – 6/2024

Director of Youth Ministries

- Designed worship services and discipleship curricula for youth ages 11 to 17, including yearlong program sequencing and lesson materials.
- Developed formation curricula for teens, including confirmation and storytelling/speaking instruction.
- Produced theological training resources for pastoral staff addressing sex/sexuality and related pastoral-care concerns.

MOSAIC HOUSE MINISTRIES, WAUKEGAN, IL – 1/2022 – 6/2024

Community Leadership Fellow and Volunteer

- Supported development of a North Chicago-area community center serving underserved families; contributed to program design and community planning.
- Volunteered in free afterschool programming for children of working parents and supported evening community programming.
- As a community organizer connected with Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, designed and led large-group sessions and facilitated student/faculty discussions on complex social issues (e.g., sex and gender, gun violence, class, and racial violence).

HOPE CHURCH NYC, NEW YORK, NY – 1/2018 - 11/2021

Lay Church Planter

- Supported pastoral staff in the administration and launch operations of multiple church plants; served as a community leader and church board member; contributed to the planting of 8 churches total in the NYC Metro area.
- Designed neighborhood specific outreach strategy and materials.
- Planned worship services and delivered monthly preaching/teaching for a Manhattan-based arts community plant, shaping program content and service flow.

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

- Languages: English (native), Korean (fluent), Koine Greek (research), Biblical Hebrew (research)
- Computer Languages: Python, XML/TEI, R, HTML/CSS (basic), Github, Cursor
- Digital Programs: Adobe Creative Suite (Lightroom, Photoshop, Illustrator, Fresco), Brightspace, Canvas

RESEARCH AREAS

- Asian American Studies
- Ethnographic methods
- Gender (masculinities)
- Material Cultures
- Race, Ethnicity, Migration
- Religion/Religious Studies
- Sociology of space/place and the body
- Theology of flesh and apocalypse