

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2025–Present Assistant Professor of Asian Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary

2023–2025 Postdoctoral Fellow, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Italy

**EDUCATION**

2016–2023 Ph.D., History & Ecumenics, Princeton Theological Seminary

2014–2015 M.A.T.S., Religion and Society, Princeton Theological Seminary

2012–2014 M.A., Historical Theology, Wheaton Graduate School

2009–2012 B.A., Biblical Languages, Moody Bible Institute

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Manuscript in Progress**

“Christian Vernaculars: The Making of the Korean Language in the Global Translation Network”

**Forthcoming**

“Articulating Sin: Performing Liturgical Texts in Nineteenth-Century Korean Catholicism.” In *Tempting Tunes: Interfaces of Sound and Narrative in Korean Culture*, edited by Barbara Wall. University of Copenhagen. (Expected 2026)

“Prison Letters (Okchung p’yŏnji) by Ludgarda Yi Suni (1782–1802).” In *Korea and Vietnam: Early Modern Encounters*, edited by Kathlene Baldanza, Jaymin Kim, John Phan, and Sixiang Wang. (Expected 2026)

**Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

2024 “Care Under Empire: Catholic Orphanages and Colonial Welfare in Korea, 1888–1945.” *Seoul Journal of Korean Studies* 38, no. 2 (2025): 109–137.

<https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/seo.2025.a979861>

2024 “Translating Confessions: Korean Vernacular Voicing of the Penitent Self.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 59, no. 3 (2024): 401–415.

<https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/ecu.2024.a935550>

2021 “Asian Americans and Christianity in North America.” In *Bloomsbury Religion in North America*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.5040/9781350971073.022>

2019 “Displaced Continuity: Juche, Christianity, and Subjectivity of North Korean Migrants.” In *Migration and Public Discourse in World Christianity*, vol. 2, edited by Afe Adogame, Raimundo Barreto, and Wanderley P. da Rosa, 83–98. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2019.

<https://muse-jhu-edu.ezproxy.cul.columbia.edu/book/68223>

2018 “The Politics of Impeaching Shamanism: Regulating Religions in the Korean Public Sphere.” *Journal of Church and State* 60, no. 4 (2018): 636–660.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/jcs/csx078>

## PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

2025 Panelist, “Christian Nationalism and Sinophobia: The Role of Anti-China Sentiment in South Korean Politics and Diplomacy,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, co-sponsored by the Korean Religions Unit and the Religion and Politics Unit.

2025 Panelist, “Articulating Sin: Performing Liturgical Texts in Nineteenth-Century Korean Catholicism,” Tempting Tunes: Interfaces of Sound and Narrative in Korean Culture, University of Copenhagen.

2025 Presenter, “Building Faith, Building Seoul: Chinese Christian Contractors in Korea’s Colonial Era,” 32nd Association for Korean Studies in Europe Conference, University of Edinburgh.

2024 Panelist, “Sewing Independence: How the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres Shaped Social Welfare in Colonial Korea,” Kyujanggak International Symposium on Korean Studies, Seoul.

2024 Presenter, “Pure for God: Korean Catholic Women and Their Corporeal Vision,” PRIN Internal Workshop, University of Turin.

2024 Guest Lecture, “Brush Talk Confessions: Nineteenth-Century Korean Catholic Women’s Writings,” Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia.

2023 Individual Paper, “Weep for the Nation,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.

2023 Presenter, “Translating Confessions,” North American Academy of Ecumenists Annual Meeting.

2023 Panelist, “The Intersection of Religion and Politics,” Kyung Hee University.

2023 Panelist, “Translating Piety,” Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference.

2022 Panelist, “Korean Catholic Epistles,” UCLA.

2022 Presenter, “Confession of the Self,” Kyujanggak Institute.

2022 Presenter, “Memories of Vernacular Catholics,” Harvard University.

2022 Individual Paper, “Protestant Missions and the Korean Vernacular,” The Annual Meeting of Association for Asian Studies (virtual).

2022 Invited Discussant, Seoul National University.

2021 Panelist, “What Does Anglo-Saxon Have to Do with Korean Vernacular?” ACLA (accepted; cancelled).

2021 Presenter, “Protestant Missions and the Korean Vernacular,” Princeton University.

2020 Invited Lecture, “History of Korean Bibles,” Women Together.

2019 Presenter, “The Korean Bibles in Motion,” Nida School of Translation Studies, Italy.

2018 Presenter, “Translating Religious Texts,” Princeton University.

2018 Lecture, “Christianity, Commerce, and Civilization,” Princeton Theological Seminary.

2018 Panelist, “The Vernacular Cosmopolitan,” World Christianity Conference.

2018 Lecture, “Antonio Gramsci and Pier Paolo Pasolini’s *Il vangelo secondo Matteo*,” Princeton Theological Seminary.

2017 Plenary Panelist, Yale–Edinburgh Group on World Christianity.

2017 Panelist, “Crossing Boundaries,” Yale–Edinburgh Group.

2017 Lecture, “Nation of Islam: The Great Migration,” Princeton Theological Seminary.

2017 Panelist, “Protestant Christianity and Politics in South Korea,” Princeton Theological Seminary.

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

202 Panel Organizer, “Religion, Resistance, and Reform,” American Academy of Religion.  
 2024 Conference organizer (with Hyojin Lee), “Echoes of Time,” Ca’ Foscari University of Venice.  
 2023 Panel Organizer, “Boundless Translations,” Association for Asian Studies.  
 2020 Panel Organizer, “Religion and Translation,” Princeton Theological Seminary (cancelled).  
 2019 Chair, “Currents & Perspectives in Korean Christianities,” Princeton Theological Seminary.  
 2019 Panel Organizer, “The Future of World Christianity Scholarship,” World Christianity Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary.  
 2019 Conference Committee, Asian American Theology Conference.

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2025 Korean Studies Grant, Academy of Korean Studies (AKS), AKS-2025-R-126. Project: “Sewing Independence: How Korean Nuns Shaped Social Welfare in Colonial Korea.” Grant amount: \$7,100.  
 2023–2025 PRIN Project Fellowship, Italian Ministry for Universities and Research.  
 2021–2022 Junior Fellow, Kyujanggak Institute, Seoul National University.  
 2021 Assist-A-Scholar Recipient, Association for Asian Studies.  
 2014 Trustees Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary.  
 2012–2014 Wheaton College Graduate Student Scholarship.

## TEACHING

2026 Princeton Theological Seminary  
     WCCH 2104: History of Christianity in Asia  
     TI 2034: Interfaith Dialogue  
 Course Instructor  
 2017, 2019 HRRS 3340: Making Christianity in Contemporary East Asia

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Manuscript Reviewer (2023–Present)  
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *International Journal of Korean History*; *International Bulletin of Mission Research*; *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*; *Journal of Presbyterian History*; *Theology Today*  
 Committee, Religion and Society Program (2025)  
 Committee, International Admissions Sub-Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary (2025)  
 Copyeditor, Fortress Press Series, World Christianity and Interfaith Relations (2020–2021)  
 Committee, Anti-Racism Platform, Princeton Theological Seminary (2020)  
 Co-Chair, World Christianity Wildcard Section, AAR Mid-Atlantic Region (2019)  
 Coordinator, Office of Multicultural Relations, Princeton Theological Seminary (2018–2021)  
 Conference Secretariat, World Christianity Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary (2017–2021)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion  
 Association for Asian Studies  
 Association for Korean Studies in Europe  
 The Institute of the History of Christianity in Korea  
 Yale–Edinburgh Group on World Christianity and the History of Mission

**LANGUAGES**

Korean (native)

Chinese (reading and translation for Literary Sinitic; two years spoken Mandarin)

French (reading and translation)

Greek (reading and translation)