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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

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| 2019 | Ph.D., Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary. Dissertation: “Concursus and Concept Use: Nature, Grace, and Norms in Karl Barth’s Doctrine of Providence.” |
| 2011 | Th.M., Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary. Thesis: “The Death of Christ in the Theologies of Karl Rahner and Hans Urs von Balthasar.” |
| 2000 | M.Div., Theology, Regent College (Vancouver). |
| 1994 | B.A., Molecular Biochemistry and Biophysics, Yale University. |

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| 2021–present | Director of Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary. |
| 2020–2021 | Director of Asian American Program, Princeton Theological Seminary. |
| 2019–2020 | Postdoctoral Fellow in Asian American Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary. |

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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| | <i>Asian American Christian Theology: An Introduction and New Perspectives.</i> West Sussex, UK: Wiley Blackwell. (Under contract) |
| 2025 | <i>Concursus and Concept Use in Karl Barth’s Doctrine of Providence: Nature, Grace, and Norms.</i> London: Routledge. |

Edited Volumes

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| 2024 | “Multiple Belongings in Transpacific Christianities,” Special Issue, <i>International Bulletin of Mission Research</i> 48, no.3. |
| 2023 | “Lived Theology in Asian America: Race, Justice, and Politics in Transpacific Context,” Special Issue, <i>Theology Today</i> 79, no. 4. |

Co-Edited Volumes

- 2022 Barth, Karl. *The Early Barth—Lectures and Shorter Works: Volume 1, 1905-1909*. Edited by Hans-Anton Drewes, Hinrich Stoevesandt, Darrell L. Guder, Matthias Gockel, and David C. Chao. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 2019 Barth, Karl. *Barth in Conversation: Volume 3, 1964-1968*. Edited by Eberhard Busch, Darrell L. Guder, Matthias Gockel, and David C. Chao. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 2018 Barth, Karl. *Barth in Conversation: Volume 2, 1963*. Edited by Eberhard Busch, Karlfried Froehlich, Darrell L. Guder, Matthias Gockel, and David C. Chao. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 2017 Barth, Karl. *Barth in Conversation: Volume 1, 1959-1962*. Edited by Eberhard Busch, Karlfried Froehlich, Darrell L. Guder, and David C. Chao. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2024 “The 1517 Project and World Christianity: Migration and the Uses of Doctrine.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research*. 48, no. 3.
- 2023 “Evangelical or Mainline? Doctrinal Similarity and Difference in Asian American Christianity: Sketching a Social-Practical Theory of Doctrine.” *Theology Today* 80, no. 1.
- 2016 “Cur Deus homo? Reflections on Divine Power and Ontology in Barth’s Doctrine of Reconciliation, *Church Dogmatics* IV/1, §59.” *Zeitschrift für dialektische Theologie* 32:1, 119-135.

Book Chapters

- 2025 “Asian American Theology.” In *T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*. Edited by Philip G. Ziegler and R. David Nelson. London: T&T Clark.
- 2025 “Different Expressions of Justice in Salvation and Providence: Eberhard Jüngel on Theological Anthropology and Justification—with Help from Thomas Aquinas.” In *The Freedom of Christian Theology: New Studies in Dialogue with Eberhard Jüngel*. Edited by Piotr Malysz and R. David Nelson. Lanham, MD: Lexington/Fortress.
- 2020 “Barth’s Doctrine of Creation.” In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Karl Barth*. Edited by George Hunsinger and Keith Johnson. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Public Scholarship

- 2024 “Reclassifying Our Stories: The Intersection of Archives, Power, and Asian American Theology.” In *Imagine Otherwise*. Princeton, NJ: Center for Asian American Christianity. August 7.

Book Reviews

- 2023 Book review: “Jonathan Tran, *Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism*.” *Modern Theology*.
- 2017 Book review: “Donald W. Norwood, *Reforming Rome: Karl Barth and Vatican II*.” *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 24:1, 158-161.

GRANTS

- 2025 Author. “Reflective Leadership Grant.” Duke Divinity School. \$15,000.
- 2025 Author. “Mental Health Initiative.” K/T Foundation. \$50,000.
- 2024–2025 Principal Investigator. “Advancing Asian American Theology: Collaborative Manuscript Development Workshop.” Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative. \$7,000.
- 2023–2024 Co-Principal Investigator. “Filipino American Nurses: Faith and Professional Communities in the Age of COVID and Anti-Asian Hate.” Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative. \$7,000.
- 2023–2024 Principal Investigator. “Stories of Faith, Resilience, and Politics: First-Generation East Asian American Christians.” Louisville Institute. \$30,000.
- 2022–2025 Co-Author and Project Co-Leader. “Religiously-Inspired Asian American Coalitional Justice Work.” The Henry Luce Foundation. \$250,000.
- 2019–2021 Co-Author and Project Co-Manager. “The Lectures and Essays of Karl Barth, 1905-1921.” National Endowment for the Humanities, Scholarly Editions and Translations Grant, Princeton Theological Seminary. \$300,000.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2015–present Fellow, Barth Translators’ Seminar. Center for Barth Studies. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.
- 2017 Fellow, Asian Theological Summer Institute Teaching and Learning Workshop. Wabash Center. Crawfordsville, IN.
- 2015 Asian Theological Summer Institute. Lutheran Theological Seminary. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 Scholarship, Goethe-Institut Language Program. Goethe-Institut. Göttingen, Germany.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2025 “Artificial Theological Intelligence: What Large Language Models and Social Practical Theory Teach Each Other About Reasoning,” Challenges to Religious Worldviews: East-West Dialogue; Inaugural Conference of the Asian Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hong Kong Baptist University, August 13.
- 2025 “Sacred Values and Lived Theology: First-Generation, East Asian American Christian Stories,” with Easten Law, Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative, University of California Berkeley, June 11.

- 2025 “Dislocation and Belonging: First-Generation, Asian Immigrant Churches in North America as Counterpublics of Sacred Value,” World Christianity Conference: Migration, Diaspora, and Transnationalism in World Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 10-14.
- 2024 “Providence, Concept Use, and Politics: The Limits of Barth’s Comprehensive Correction,” Karl Barth Society of North America, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 22-26.
- 2024 “The Empowering and Disempowering Impact of Religion: Filipino Nurses, COVID-19, and Anti-Asian Hate,” with Aprilfaye Manalang and Christian Gloria, Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative, University of California Berkeley, June 12.
- 2024 “Hauntings of Archival Ghosts in Histories of Chinese Christianity: Modernity, Theological Categories, and Discursive Traditions,” Thirteenth International Symposium on the History of Christianity in Modern China: Archives and the History of Chinese Christianity in Modern Times, Centre for Sino-Christian Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University and Divinity School of Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, June 6-7.
- 2024 “A Framework for Asian American Spiritual Formation,” with Sharon Wada. Intergenerational Wholeness for Asian Americans, Princeton Theological Seminary, January 12.
- 2023 “The 1517 Christendom Project and the Spirit of Post-Christendom Christianity: Migration and Formations of Asian American Christian Consciousness,” Asian American Theology Conference: Multiple Belongings in Transpacific Christianities, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 29.
- 2021 “Sketching a Social-Practical Theory of Christian Doctrine: Case Studies in Asian American Christianity,” Systematic Theology Research Seminar, University of Aberdeen, December 16.
- 2018 “Justice in Asian Liberation Theology: Aloysius Pieris and Karl Barth on the Struggle for Human Righteousness,” Karl Barth Conference: The Future of Liberation Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, June 17-20.
- 2016 “Human Being’s Relation to Grace: Eberhard Jüngel and Thomas Aquinas on Anthropology and Justification,” Eberhard Jüngel Research Colloquium, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 18-22.
- 2016 “Dialogue, Domination, and the Missional Spirit: Amos Yong and Karl Barth on Interreligious Encounter,” Karl Barth Conference: Karl Barth’s Pneumatology and Global Pentecostalism, Princeton Theological Seminary, June 19-22.
- 2015 “Euthyphro and the Doctrine of God: Ethical Necessity in Isaak Dorner’s Understanding of the God-World Relationship,” Nineteenth Century Theology Group and Schleiermacher Group (Co-Sponsored Session), Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 20-24.
- 2015 “The Divine Power and Human Obedience of the Son Who Takes Away the Sin of the World: An Analysis of Barth’s *CD* §59.2, ‘The Judge Judged in Our Place,’” Protestantse Theologische Universiteit—Princeton Theological Seminary Symposium, Princeton Theological Seminary, August 23-26.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2024 “Decolonizing Presbyterianism: Power and Theology in a Global Context,” Presbyterian Mission Agency (PCUSA), virtual, May 16.
- 2024 “Reformed Identity, Christendom, and Global Christianity: The Case of Asia,” Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA, May 11.
- 2022 “Asian American History and Theology.” Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, November 2.
- 2019 “The Story of Asian (and Asian American) Theology.” Templeton Honors Forum. Eastern University, St. Davids, PA, September 20.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 2025 Organizer. “Navigating Transitions with Faith and Resilience: Asian American Mental Health Across Life Stages,” 2025 Annual Mental Health Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary (hybrid), January 17–18.
- 2024 “Asian Americans and the Presidential Election.” Princeton Theological Seminary (hybrid), October 7.
- 2024 Co-organizer with Asian American Christian History Institute (Fuller) and Epic (Cru). “Asian Exclusion and the Church: Ripples from the 1924 Immigration Act.” Democracy Center, Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA, May 29.
- 2024 Organizer. “Intergenerational Wholeness for Asian Americans,” 2024 Annual Mental Health Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary (hybrid), January 12–13.
- 2023 Co-organizer with the Overseas Ministries Study Center. “Multiple Belongings in Transpacific Christianities.” Princeton Theological Seminary (hybrid), April 28–29.
- 2023 Organizer. “The Pursuit of Asian American Happiness: Improving Mental Health in the Asian American Church,” 2023 Annual Mental Health Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary (online), January 19.
- 2022 Co-Organizer with the Betsey Stockton Center for Black Church Studies. “Hope from Ashes: Legacies and Lessons from the Los Angeles Riots.” Princeton Theological Seminary (online), May 13–14.
- 2022 Organizer. “Mental Health and Asian Americans: Contexts and Strategies for Faith Leaders,” 2023 Annual Mental Health Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary (online), January 24.
- 2021 Co-Organizer, Book Panel Discussion of *Barth in Conversation*, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX.
- 2021 Chair, Steering Committee. “Lived Theology in Asian America: Race, Justice, and Politics in Transpacific Context.” Princeton Theological Seminary (online), April 23–24.
- 2019 Chair, Steering Committee. “Asian American Theology Conference: Immigration, Providence, and Politics.” Princeton Theological Seminary, March 29–30.

- 2018 Steering Committee. “*Römerbrief 1-7*, with Andrea White and Katherine Grieb.” Karl Barth Graduate Student Colloquium. Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, August 8-10.
- 2017 Steering Committee. “Providence, *Church Dogmatics* III/3 with Willie Jennings.” Karl Barth Graduate Student Colloquium. Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, August 9-11.
- 2017 Chair, Steering Committee. “Asian American Theology: Promise and Challenge.” Theology Colloquium. Princeton Theological Seminary, April 5.
- 2016 Steering Committee. “Theological Anthropology, *Church Dogmatics* III/2 with Paul Dafydd Jones.” Karl Barth Graduate Student Colloquium. Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, August 10-12.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Reimagining Theology and Its Uses, Princeton Theological Seminary (Independent Study, 2024).
 Asian American Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017).
 Ethnography, Lived Theology, and Asian Christianity; Princeton Theological Seminary (Independent Study, 2021).
 Power, Liberation, and Doctrine; Princeton Theological Seminary (2021, 2020).

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2021–present Advisory Committee, Overseas Ministries Study Center, Princeton Theological Seminary.
- 2021–present Series Co-Editor, Cascade Books Asian American Theology and Ministry Series.
- 2020–present Steering Committee, Barth Translators’ Seminar, Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary.
- 2019–present Steering Committee, Reformed Theology and History Unit, American Academy of Religion.
- 2017–2025 Advisory Committee, Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary.

SERVICE TO PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

- 2021–2022 Admissions Committee, International Admissions Sub-Committee
- 2020–2021 Antiracism Implementation Team

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 2021–present The Society of Christian Ethics
- 2020–present Fellowship of Protestant Ethics
- 2019–present Association of Asian American Studies
- 2011–present American Academy of Religion
- 2011–present Karl Barth Society of North America

REFERENCES

Available upon request.