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Curriculum vitae
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EDUCATION

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

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

	Catholicity after Christendom: Doctrine, Difference, and Ecclesial Judgment. Cambridge University Press. (Under contract)
	Asian American Christian Theology: An Introduction and New Perspectives. Wiley Blackwell. (Under contract)
2026	*Concursus and Concept Use in Karl Barth's Doctrine of Providence: Nature, Grace, and Norms.* Routledge.

Edited and Co-Edited Journal Volumes

2024	"Multiple Belongings in Transpacific Christianities." Special Issue. Edited by David Chao and Easten Law. *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 48, no.3.
2023	"Lived Theology in Asian America: Race, Justice, and Politics in Transpacific Context." Special Issue. *Theology Today* 79, no. 4.

Co-Edited Book Volumes

A Bright Sadness: Navigating Transitions through Asian American Spiritual Formation. Edited by David C. Chao and Joshua E. Livingston. Westminster John Knox Press. (Under contract)

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. 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. 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. 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. Westminster John Knox Press.

Refereed Journal Articles

2026 "Artificial Theological Intelligence: Doctrinal Adequacy, Contextual Disambiguation, and Catholicity." *Modern Theology*.

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

"Lived Religion." In *Oxford Handbook of Asian American Religions*. Edited by Helen Jin Kim, Justine Tse, and Melissa Borja. Oxford University Press. (Under contract)

2026 "Asian American Theology." In *T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*. Edited by Philip G. Ziegler and R. David Nelson. 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. Lexington/Fortress.

2020 "Barth's Doctrine of Creation." In *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Karl Barth*. Edited by George Hunsinger and Keith Johnson. Wiley-Blackwell.

Public Scholarship

2025	"Building Theological Infrastructures for Asian American Christian Communities." In *Imagine Otherwise*. Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary. July 25.
2025	"Asian American Styles of Reasoning: Theological Reflection in Context." In *Imagine Otherwise*. Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary. June 13.
2025	"Biblical Theology in Asian America: Expanding Our Canonical Imagination." In *Imagine Otherwise*. Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary. April 18.
2025	"Between Basel and Chinatown: Karl Barth, Historical Consciousness, and the Future of Asian American Theology." In *Imagine Otherwise*. Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary. March 14.
2025	"Transpacific Christianity: Three Pillars for Doing Asian American Theology." In *Imagine Otherwise*. Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary. March 4.
2024	"Reclassifying Our Stories: The Intersection of Archives, Power, and Asian American Theology." In *Imagine Otherwise*. Center for Asian American Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary. 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

2026	Co-Author. "Christ in Digital Places: Artificial Intelligence, Generation Z, and Moral Formation in Asian and Asian American Christian Communities," Collaborative Research Grant, Asian Theological Institute. $3,500.
2026–2030	Co-Author. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness: Asian Pacific American Stories of Faith and Life." National Storytelling Initiative on Christian Faith and Life, Lilly Endowment. Awarded to Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative / University of California, Berkeley (with CAAC as subaward). $5,000,000.
2025	Author. "Strengthening Asian American Christian Mental Health." K/T Foundation. $30,000.
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. Awarded to Baylor University (with CAAC as subaward). $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. $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

2026 "Pacific Ecotones of Faith: Digital Place, AI, and Gen Z Religion" with Rachel Siow Robertson, Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 21-24.

2026 "Underground Church Above Ground: Lived Theology and Chinese Ecclesiology at Philadelphia's Chinese Christian Church & Center" at the "Churches in Global Chinese Communities Conference" at Cambridge Centre for Chinese Theology, University of Cambridge, September 22-24.

2026 "Diasporic Desires: Faith, Hope, and Love Across Asian American Generations" with Stephen Chen, Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative, University of California Berkeley, June 9-11.

2026 "Three Worlds, One Church: Migration, Language, and Sacred Value in Korean American Christianity" at the Korean Church of Boston Symposium, "Imagining a New Way Forward: Leadership, Identity, and Mission in the Korean American Church," April 13-15.

2026 "Rhizomatic Catholicity: Rethinking Boundary Making and Conviviality in World Christianity," World Christianity Conference: Boundary-Making, Translocal Entanglements, and Conviviality in World Christianity, Recife, Brazil, March 9-13.

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. "Biblical Theology in Asian America: Family, Migration, and Divine Presence." Princeton Theological Seminary (hybrid), October 7.

2025 Co-organizer with Asian American Christian History Institute (Fuller), American Baptist Home Mission Society, and Epic (Cru). "Our Story, Our Faith: South Asian American Christian Histories and Futures." Seven Mile Road Church, Philadelphia, PA (hybrid), June 6-7.

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 (hybrid), 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," 20232 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.

2020–2022 Steering Committee, Barth Translators' Seminar, Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary.

2019–2025 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.