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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, May 2004
- Th.M. (*magna cum laude*), Candler School of Theology, Emory University
- M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary
- B.A., New York University, Major: Philosophy
- Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Major: Engineering, Degree: None

## ADMINISTRATIVE & FACULTY POSITIONS

- President, Graduate Theological Union, (Interim, February – July 2020) August 2020 – present
- Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Graduate Theological Union, January 2017 – July 2020
- John Dillenberger Professor of Biblical Studies, Graduate Theological Union, January 2017 - present
- Academic Dean, Hartford Seminary, July 2012 – December 2016
- Full Professor of Hebrew Bible, Hartford Seminary, July 2015 – December 2016
- Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible, Hartford Seminary, 2010 – 2015
- Assistant Professor of Hebrew bible, Hartford Seminary, 2005 – 2010  
Courses: *Hebrew Bible Survey (I and II)*, *Biblical Hebrew*, *Solomon and the Wisdom Tradition*, *Reading Judges for Our Time*; *David and His Supporting Cast*; *Reading David for Our Time*; *King David and Multicultural Leadership*; *Contextual Interpretation of the Bible*; *Old Testament Survey* [for the Black Ministry Certificate Program]
- Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible [tenure-track appointment], Canisius College, Buffalo, New York, 2004–2005; Courses: *Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*; *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*; *Introduction to World Religions*
- Visiting Professor, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, Spring 2009; Courses: *Old Testament and Postcolonialism*; *Book of Judges*

- Visiting Professor, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, Summer Session 2006; Course: *Introduction to the Old Testament*
- Adjunct Faculty, San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California, 2000–2004; Courses: *Biblical Hebrew* (Fall 2003 and Winter 2004; Fall 2002 and Winter 2003; Fall 2001 and Winter 2002, Fall 2000 and Winter 2001); *Reading in Biblical Hebrew*, Fall 2002
- Adjunct Faculty, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, Fall 2000–Spring 2004; Course: *Exegesis of the Hebrew Bible* (Fall 2000, Fall 2001); *Wisdom Literature* for the Certificate of Ministry Studies Program (October 2001); *The Former Prophets* for the CMS Program (October 2002; October 2003); *Introduction to the Old Testament* for the CMS Program (May 2004)
- Visiting Lecturer, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, Summer 2003; Course: *Asian and Asian–American Biblical Hermeneutics*
- Newhall Teaching Fellow, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, Spring 2003; Course: *The Bible, Memory and Asian America*
- Teaching Assistant, Graduate Theological Union, 1999–2003; Courses: *The Book of Joshua* (Spring 2001); *Prophets* (Spring 2001); *Introduction to the Old Testament* (Fall 1999, Fall 2000, Fall 2003)

#### TEACHING INTERESTS/EXPERTISE

- Biblical Hebrew; Deuteronomistic History; History of Ancient Israel; Wisdom Literature
- Postcolonial Criticism; Cultural/Contextual Hermeneutics; Asian and Asian-American Theology and Interpretation
- King Josiah; King David; Book of Judges; Historical and Political Context of Ancient Near East in the Seventh Century B.C.E.

#### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Selected as the Alum of the Year for 2013 by the Graduate Theological Union
- ATS Lilly Faculty Fellowship, 2011 – 2012
- Wabash Center Colloquy for Theological Deans, 2015-16
- Wabash Center Summer Fellowship, Summer 2007
- Wabash Center’s Workshop for Asian/North American Pre-Tenure Faculty, 2006 – 2007
- North American Doctoral Fellow, The Fund for Theological Education, 2001 – 02, 2002 – 03, and 2003 – 04
- Appenzeller Memorial Scholarship, International Foundations for Ewha Womans University, Spring 2004
- Newhall Teaching and Research Fellow, 2002 – 2003
- Presidential Scholar, Graduate Theological Union’s Ph.D. Program

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs/Edited volumes

1. *Decolonizing Josiah: Toward a Postcolonial Reading of the Deuteronomistic History* (Bible in the Modern World, 5; Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2005)  
Reviewed by Panel of 4 Presenters, San Diego, 2007 SBL Annual Meetings  
Reviewed in the following journals:
  - Reviews in Biblical Literature* 09/2006 (8 pages in length; 3800 words)
  - Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69/1 (2007):120-22
  - Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 30/5 (2006):110
  - Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* 19/2 (2005):302-303
  - Revista biblica* 69/1-2 (2007):119-120
  - The Bible and Critical Theory* 2007; 3/3:47.1-47.3
  - Reviews in Religion and Theology* 13/3 (2006):283-85
  - Society for Old Testament Study Book List*
  - Conversations in Religion and Theology* 6/1 (2008):6-9
2. *Identity and Loyalty in the David Story: A Postcolonial Reading* (Hebrew Bible Monographs, 22; Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2008)  
Reviewed by Panel of 4 Presenters, New Orleans, 2009 SBL Annual Meeting  
Reviewed in the following journals:
  - Biblical Interpretation* 20 (2012):165-67
  - Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 35/5 (2011):95
  - The Bible and Critical Theory* 6/3 (2010):44.1-44.3
  - Reviews in Religion and Theology* 17/1 (2010):15-18
  - Conversations in Religion and Theology* 8/1 (2010):1-11
3. Editor with Marvin Chaney and Annette Schellenberg, *Reading a Tendentious Bible: Essays in Honor of Robert B. Coote* (Hebrew Bible Monographs, 66; Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2014)
4. Editor with Seung Ai Yang, *T&T Clark Handbook of Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics* (T&T Clark, 2019)

### Journal Articles

- “In Search of God, Identity and Home with/in Others: A Reflection on Korean Diaspora and Old Testament,” *Korean Journal of Old Testament Studies* 25/4 (2019): 59-81.
- “More to the Eye than Meets the Eye: A Protest against the Empire in Samson’s Death,” *Biblical Interpretation* 22/1 (2014): 1-19

- "The Postnational Responsibility toward Undocumented Immigrants: The Praxis of *Hesed* and a New Ethics of Friendship," *Covenant Quarterly* 71/3-4 (2013): 3-19
- "Is There an 'Anti-Conquest' Ideology in the Book of Judges," in Roland Boer, ed., *Postcolonialism and the Hebrew Bible: The Next Step (Semeia Studies 70)*; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2013), pp. 109-128
- "The Politics of Othering in North America and in the Book of Judges," *Concilium* 49/2 (2013): 32-40
- "Preaching David and Saul from Multicultural Contexts," *The Living Pulpit* 21/1 (2012): 8-11 (<http://www.pulpit.org/2012/02/preaching-david-and-saul-from-multicultural-contexts>)
- "Leviticus 25:1-24," *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 65/4 (October 2011): 396-98
- "Where is the Home for the Man of Luz?" *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 65/3 (July 2011): 250-262
- "Reading King David from Asian American Context," *Society of Asian North American Christian Studies Journal* 3 (Summer 2011): 7-22
- "The Third Way for Korean Churches," Korean Theology Association's Annual Conference Papers, October 2009
- "The Transgressive Power of Hybridity: King David and President Obama," *Yonsei Theological Forum* (2009)
- "Uriah the Hittite: A (Con)Text of Struggle for Identity," *Semeia* 90/91 (2002): 69-85

#### Book Chapters

- "More Than an Interpretation from a Different Perspective: A Postcolonial Reading from a Different Epistemological (Back)Ground," in Uriah Y. Kim and Seung Ai Yang, eds., *T&T Clark Handbook of Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics* (T&T Clark, 2019), pp. 186-95.
- "Introduction to the Handbook," in Uriah Y. Kim and Seung Ai Yang, eds., *T&T Clark Handbook of Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics* (T&T Clark, 2019), pp. 1-14.
- "The Woman of 4Q184: She's No Ordinary Woman," in Marvin Chaney, Uriah Kim, and Annette Schellenberg, eds., *Reading a Tendentious Bible* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2014), pp. 98-113
- "2 Kings 22 – 23," in Mark Roncace and Joseph Weaver, eds., *Global Perspectives on the Old Testament* (forthcoming; Prentice Hall)
- "Judges 12," in Mark Roncace and Joseph Weaver, eds., *Global Perspectives on the Old Testament* (forthcoming; Prentice Hall)
- "From Marginality to Hybridity: A Postcolonial Reflection on David's Kingdom and Korean Church," in K. Park and H.J. Lee, eds., *Reading the Bible and Doing Theology in Asian American Context: Essays in Honor of Sang Hyun Lee* (forthcoming; Portland, Maine: Pickwick Press)
- "Postcolonial Criticism: Who Is the Other in the Book of Judges?" in Gale A. Yee, ed., *Judges and Method* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007), pp. 161-182

- “The Realpolitik of Liminality in Josiah’s Kingdom and Asian America,” in Jeffrey Kuan and Mary Foskett, eds., *Ways of Being, Ways of Reading: Asian American Biblical Interpretation* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2006), pp. 84-98

## EDITORSHIP AND BOOK REVIEWS

- Senior Editor, *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, July 2007 to July 2011
- Associate Editor, *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, August 2005 to June 2007
- On the Editorial Board of *Society of Asian North American Christian Studies Journal*, since 2008
- On the International Editorial Board of *Korean Presbyterian Journal of Theology*, since 2013

### Editorials in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* and Responses in *Conversations*

- “In Memory of Mary,” editorial (19/1 January 2012: 1-3)
- “You’re the Standard, Sir!” editorial (17/1 January 2010: 1-4)
- “Barak Obama and King/David,” editorial (15/4 September 2008: 477-79)
- “From Strength to Strength,” editorial (15/1 January 2008: 3)
- “Beckham’s Cultural Currency,” editorial (14/4 September 2007: 325-27)
- “Oprah’s Book Club and RRT’s Review List,” editorial (13/3 July 2006: 269-70)
- “Response to Robert Coote,” my response to Robert Coote’s review of *Identity and Loyalty in the David Story* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2008), *Conversations in Religion and Theology* 8/1 May 2010: 11-13
- “Response to Dr. Daniel L. Smith-Chritopher,” my response to Dr. Smith-Christopher’s review of *Decolonizing Josiah* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2006), *Conversation in Religion and Theology* 6/1 (2008): 9-12

### Book Review Articles in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*

- “Will Capitalists Live Happily Ever After?” review article of Roland Boer, *Political Myth: On the Use and Abuse of Biblical Themes* (18/2 March 2011: 195-200)
- “To the Ends of the Earth? Minority Biblical Criticism in Motion,” review article of Randall C. Bailey, Tat-siong Benny Liew, and Fernando F. Segovia (eds.), *They were All Together in One Place? Toward Minority Biblical Criticism* (18/1 January 2011: 4-12)
- “Enjoying Life and Fearing God: A Theology and Ethics for the ‘Haves,’” review article (co-wrote with Jane Ellingwood) of Eunny P. Lee, *The Vitality of Enjoyment in Qohelet’s Theological Rhetoric* (14/4 September 2007: 474-78)
- “Hold Back Abraham and Push Hagar and Sarah,” review article of Phyllis Tribble and Letty M. Russell (eds.), *Hagar, Sarah, and Their Children* (13/4 September 2006: 461-65)

- “Time to Walk the Postcolonial Talk,” review article of R. S. Sugirtharajah (ed.), *The Postcolonial Biblical Reader* (13/3 July 2006: 271-78)

#### Book Reviews in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*

- Review of David G. Horrell, *The Bible and the Environment: Towards a Critical Ecological Biblical Theology* (18/4 September 2011: 516-18)
- Review of A. Philip Brown II, Bryan W. Smith, Richard J. Goodrich, and Albert L. Lukaszewski (eds.), *A Reader’s Hebrew and Greek Bible* (18/1 January 2011: 19-21)
- Review of Anthony C. Thiselton, *Hermeneutics: An Introduction* (17/3 July 2010: 283-285)
- Review of Mark G. Brett, *Decolonizing God: The Bible in the Tides of Empire* (16/4 September 2009: 503-507)
- Review of A. Philip Brown II and Bryan W. Smith, *A Reader’s Hebrew Bible* (16/3 July 2009: 334-35)
- Review of Bruce K. Waltke, *An Old Testament Theology: An Exegetical, Canonical, and Thematic Approach* (16/1 January 2009: 27-30)
- Review of Richard S. Hess, *Israelite Religions: An Archaeological and Biblical Survey* (16/1 January 2009: 183-186)
- Review of Victor H. Matthews, *Studying the Ancient Israelites: A Guide to Sources and Methods* (15/3 July 2008: 310-312)
- Review of Thomas Römer, *The So-called the Deuteronomistic History: A Sociological, Historical, and Literary Introduction* (15/1 January 2008: 18-20)
- Review of Yehouda Shenhav, *The Arab Jews: A Postcolonial Reading of Nationalism, Religion, and Ethnicity* (14/4 September 2007: 523-26)
- Review of Peter Leithart, *I & II Kings* (14/4 September 2007: 482-83)
- Review of Tomáš Czövek, *Three Seasons of Charismatic Leadership* (14/3 July 2007: 338-41)
- Review of Keith Bodner, *David Observed: A King in the Eyes of His Court* (13/4 September 2006): 466-69)
- Review of *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible*, edited by Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Craig G. Bartholomew, Daniel J. Treier, and N. T. Wright (13/4 September 2006): 483-84)
- Review of Victor H. Matthews, *Old Testament Turning Points: The Narratives That Shaped a Nation* (13/3 (July 2006): 287-89)

#### Book Reviews in journals other than *Reviews in Religion and Theology*

- Review of David Jenzen, “The Necessary King: A Postcolonial Reading of the Deuteronomistic Portrait of the Monarchy,” *Biblical Interpretation* 23 (2015): 276-78

- Review of Royce M. Victor, “Colonial Education and Class Formation in Early Judaism,” *Journal for the Study of Judaism in the Persian, Hellenistic and Roman Period* 46/1 (2015): 157
- Review of Andrew Sloane, ed., “Tamar’s Tears: Evangelical Engagement with Feminist Old Testament Hermeneutics,” *The Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 47/2 (2012): 304-305
- Review of Adam Sparks, “One of a Kind: The Relationship between Old and New Covenants as the Hermeneutical Key for Christian Theology of Religions,” *The Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 47/1 (2012): 139-140
- Review of Roberta Serman Sabbath, ed., “Sacred Tropes: Tanakh, New Testament, and Qur’an as Literature and Culture,” *The Muslim World* 102/1 (2012): 204-206
- Review of Brian C. Alston, ed., “Visions in Conflict: International Perspective on Values and Enmity,” *The Muslim World* 101/3 (July 2011): 567-69
- Review of Randall C. Bailey, Tat-siong Benny Liew, and Fernando F. Segovia (eds.), “They were All Together in One Place? Toward Minority Biblical Criticism,” *Society of Asian North American Christian Studies Journal* 2 (Summer 2010): 107-111
- Review of Karen Armstrong, “The Bible: A Biography,” *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* 27/4 (2009): 149-151; <http://www.case.edu/artsci/rosenthal/reviews/Bible2.htm>
- Review of Lester L. Grabbe, ed., “Good Kings and Bad Kings,” *Biblical Interpretation* 16 (2008): 514-15
- Review of James Chukuma Okoye, “Israel and the Nations,” *Theological Studies* 68/4 (December 2007): 955-56
- Review of Philip F. Esler, ed., “Ancient Israel: The Old Testament in its Social Context,” *Theological Studies* 68/1 (March 2007): 172-3

## VARIA

### Essays for General Audience

- “Giving Thanks” and “Understanding ‘Enemies’,” *Horizons* Nov/Dec 2009, pp. 27-30
- “Beyond Single-Identity Politics,” *The Progressive Christian*, September/October 2008, pp. 26-28
- “For Nothing?,” *The Praxis*, August 2008
- “Making Enemies Out of Neighbors,” *Zion’s Herald*, March/April 2006

Contributed the following articles for *The People’s Bible* (NRSV study bible published by Fortress Press, 2008)

- “Introduction to the Historical Books”
- “1 Samuel”
- “2 Samuel”

*The People’s Bible’s* “WikiWord”

- Judges 1:10-11

- Judges 1:22-26

#### Dictionary Articles

*The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 1: A–C (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006)

- “Ashurbanipal/Assurbanipal”
- “Cherethites and Pelethites”

*The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 3: I–M (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008).

- “Josiah”
- “Jehoiakim”
- “Jehoiachin”
- “Lebo-Hamath”
- “Manasseh (King)”
- “Maon”

*The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 4: Me–R (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

- “Meshullam”

*The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 5: S–Z (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

- “Uriah”

#### PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- “The Postnational Responsibility toward Undocumented Immigrants: The Practice of *Hesed* and a New Ethics of Friendship,” Immigration and Theology Group, AAR/SBL AM, November 2012
- “A Reflection on Genesis 21 from an Asian American Perspective,” Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Consultation, AAR/SBL AM, November 2012
- “The Politics of Othering in the Book of Judges,” SBL Annual Meeting, November 2011
- Invited as a panelist for a session sponsored by the Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Consultation, SBL Annual Meeting, November 2011
- Respondent to Panel Book Review of *Identity and Loyalty in the David Story*, SBL Annual Meeting, November 2009
- “Reading the David Story *with* Asian Americans,” SBL Annual Meeting, November 2008
- Respondent to a panel on a postcolonial reading of Prophetic Literature, SBL Annual Meeting, November 2008
- “David of Theology, History and Postcolonial Imagination,” The Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative’s annual conference, August 2008

- "Reading the Story of David for Our Time," *Chatlos Bible Conference*: "One Bible, Many Milieux," sponsored by New York Theological Seminary, Feb. 11, 2007
- Respondent to Panel Book Review of *Decolonizing Josiah*, SBL Annual Meeting, November 2007
- "Contextual Interpretations of the Deuteronomistic History in the *Global Bible Commentary*," SBL Contextual Interpretation Consultation panel on the *Global Bible Commentary*, SBL Annual Meeting, November 2005 [posted in the internet as "Inter(con)textual Interpretations of the Deuteronomistic History in the *Global Bible Commentary*" in [www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/religious\\_studies/GBC/proscons.htm#kim](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/AnS/religious_studies/GBC/proscons.htm#kim)]
- "Reading Josiah's Death, Reading Domain Assumptions," SBL Annual Meeting, November 2005
- "The Realpolitik of Liminality in Josiah's Kingdom and Asian America," the Asian Pacific Americans and Religion Research Initiative's annual conference, August 2004
- "Decolonizing Josiah," the Asian Pacific Americans and Religion Research Initiative's annual conference, August 2002
- "Uriah the Hittite: A (Con)Text of Struggle for Identity," the SBL/Pacific Coast Region, March 2000

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "One Scripture, Multiple Perspectives: The Sacrifice of Jephthah's Daughter and the Death of Samson"; Congregation Beth Israel, May 11, 2011; Asylum Hill Congregational Church, May 18, 2011
- "Insights into Biblical Leadership"; Asylum Hill Congregational Church, April 13, 2011
- Keynote speaker, Annual Retreat of National Association of Korean-American United Methodist Pastors Serving Cross-Racial Appointment, August 4-7, 2010
- "The Transformative Power of King David and President Obama"; public lecture at Hartford Seminary, November 4, 2009
- "The Third Way for Korean Churches"; Key-note paper at the Korea Theological Society's 2009 World Conference of Korean Theologians, October 26, 2009
- "The Transgressive Power of Hybridity: King David and President Obama"; Yonsei University's College of Theology's Annual Lecture, May 20, 2009; Methodist Theological University, April 16, 2009
- "Wisdom Literature"; Methodist Theological University, April 16, 2009
- "Leadership for Multicultural Society: David and Saul"; The United Graduate School of Theology, Seoul, South Korea, April 2, 2009, at its annual Ecumenical Conference
- "A Reflection on Bruce Almighty and Job"; a sermon delivered at Yonsei University's Chapel, April 1, 2009

- “Three Davids”; The College of Theology of Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, May 26, 2008
- “Interpreting the Story of Joseph from Three Faith Traditions”; The Jewish Community Center of New Haven, December 2, 2007
- Keynote speaker at a conference of the AADVENT Project at McCormick Theological Seminary, August 8-12, 2007
- “The Joseph Story”; for Educational Outreach program at Hartford Seminary, May 2006
- “The Politics of Interpretation and Identity”; for Educational Outreach program at Hartford Seminary, November 2005
- “On PANA’s Tenth Year Anniversary”; for Pacific School of Religion’s PANA Institute’s tenth year celebration, Berkeley, October 2005
- Commencement Speaker at the 2004 Commencement of the Graduate Theological Unions (the speech can be read at <http://www.gtu.edu/news-events/events/lectures-and-addresses/other-lectures/knowledge-and-jeong-on-holy-hill>)
- Numerous speaking engagements at churches, including topics on “Homosexuality and the Bible,” “Multicultural Leadership,” and “King David and President Obama”

## BLOGS

- "Postmodernity and the Church" at *Ephphatha Poetry* (<http://ephphatha-poetry.blogspot.com/2009/07/uriah-kim-on-postmodern-church.html>)

## SERVICE TO ACADEMY/INSTITUTION

- Member of the Steering Committee, Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation, 2018 – present
- Member of the Steering Committee, Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies, 2017 – 2019
- Member of the Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, 2012 – present
- Co-chair of the Steering Committee of the Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Group 2009-2013; member of the Steering Committee since 2005
- Member of the Fund for Theological Education’s Ministry Fellowship Selection Committee, 2010-2012
- Faculty Advisor, Recruitment Conference sponsored by The Fund for Theological Education, Emory University, October 2005
- Faculty Advisor, “Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars,” sponsored by The Fund for Theological Education, at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2008
- Coordinator, Recruitment Conference 2000 sponsored jointly by Fund for Theological Education, Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion, Summer 2000