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Associate Professor of Church Histories and Historical Theology
Eden Theological Seminary

CURRICULUM VITAE*

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Research Interests and Specializations

General Subjects: Historical Theology (Patristics, Reformation), Ecclesiology, Systematic and Constructive Theologies, Reformed Theologies, Theological and Applied Ethics, Critical Theories, World Christianities, Church Histories

Theologians and Philosophers of Specialty: Augustine of Hippo, Thomas Aquinas, Johann Baptist Metz, Ignacio Ellacuría, Walter Benjamin, Zhuangzi

Selected Teaching Appointments and Experience

2024 – present **EDEN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY** (Webster Groves, MO)
Associate Professor of Church Histories and Historical Theology (2023 – Present)

Oct. 2025 Dean, **Global Institute of Theology of the World Communion of Reformed Churches**
(Convened at McGilvary School of Divinity / Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand)

2020 – 2024 **GREENSBORO COLLEGE** (Greensboro, NC)
Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics (2023 – 2024)
Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics (2021 – 2023)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics (2020-2021)
Director, George Center for Honors Studies (2023 – 2024)
Assistant Director, George Center for Honors Studies (2022 – 2023)

Courses taught: (* = graduate level)

History courses: Global History of Christianity*, History of American Christianity*, History and Theology of the Reformation*

Theology courses: Contemporary Theology*, Modern Theology, Systematic Theology*, Constructive Theology*

Ethics courses: Theological Ethics*, Introduction to Ethics, Business Ethics

Other courses: Stories We Tell Ourselves (Honors “great texts” course), Introduction to Old Testament

2014 - 2017 **GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION** (Berkeley, CA)
Newhall Instructor, *Pacific School of Religion* (Spring 2017)
Teaching Assistant, *Pacific School of Religion* (Fall 2015)
Newhall Teaching Assistant, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific* (Fall 2014)
Teaching Assistant, *Pacific School of Religion* (Fall 2014)

Education

2013 – 2019	Ph.D. Systematic and Philosophical Theology	Graduate Theological Union / University of California (Berkeley, CA)
2010 – 2013	M.Div. (conc. Christian Ethics, Religion & Society)	Princeton Theological Seminary (NJ)
2006 – 2009	M.A. Economics	University of Illinois at Chicago (IL)
2002 – 2006	B.Sc. Economics & Mathematics	Wheaton College (IL)

* This is an abbreviated CV with a curated list of publications, experiences, and other information. Please contact me for a comprehensive CV or for other desired information.

Selected Academic Publications

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2023 "Ecclesiology as Method: Deimperialization as Fundamental Decoloniality," in *Decolonial Horizons: Reshaping Synodality, Mission, and Social Justice*, eds. Raimundo Barreto and Vladimir Latinovic (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023): 21-40.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024 "The Business of Virtue: The Theological Virtues in the Moral Conception of Commercial Institutions," *Global Perspectives* 5, no. 1 (2024): 115634. <https://doi.org/10.1525/gp.2024.115634>
- 2023 "Walking Together Under Heaven: Traversing Between Reformed Catholicity, Synodality, and *Tianxia* Philosophy," *Journal of World Christianity* 13, no. 2 (2023): 143-162. <https://doi.org/10.5325/jworlchri.13.2.0143>
- 2022 "Teaching the Virtues of Climate Responsibility," *Canopy Forum*, February 8, 2022. <https://canopyforum.org/2022/02/08/teaching-the-virtues-of-climate-responsibility/>
- 2022 "Dangerous Memories, Costly Faith, and a Faithful Future," *Political Theology Network Symposium*, January 20, 2022. <https://politicaltheology.com/dangerous-memories-costly-faith-and-a-faithful-future/>
- 2021 with SungUk Lim, "Suffering and Memory in Asian Contexts and Beyond: Towards a Hermeneutical Proposal for Remembering Comfort Women in the Future," *Dialog* 60, no. 4 (2021): 409-420.
- 2021 "Beyond Ontologizing Asian America," *Political Theology Network Symposium*, July 29, 2021 <https://politicaltheology.com/the-banality-of-oppression-memory-theology-and-the-suffering-of-chinese-comfort-women/>
- 2021 "From Accra to the World: Catholicity, Justice, and Inter-Confessionality," *Reformed World* 69, no. 2 (2021): 117-127.
- 2021 "Catholicity Under Heaven: Reformed Ecclesiology and Chinese Philosophy," *Ecclesiology* 17, no. 1 (2021): 51-71.
- 2021 "The Virtues of Economic Rescue Legislation: Distributive Justice, Civil Law, and the Troubled Asset Relief Program," *Moral Philosophy and Politics* 8, no. 2 (2021): 305-329. <https://doi.org/10.1515/mopp-2019-0039>
- 2020 "The Accra Confession as Dangerous Memory: Reformed Ecclesiology, Climate Change, and the Problem of Catholicity," *Religions* 11, no. 7 (2020): 320, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel11070320>
- 2020 "The Business of Double-Effect: The Ethics of Bankruptcy Protection and the Principle of Double-Effect," *Journal of Religion and Business Ethics* 4, no. 11 (2020): 1-25.
- 2019 "A New Reformed Catholicity: Catholicity and Confessing in Reformed Ecclesiology," *Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology* 3, no. 1-2 (2019): 149-163.
- 2013 "Forgiving from Liminal Space: Locating Asian American Theologies of Forgiveness," *Society of Asian North American Christian Studies Journal* 4 (2012-2013): 133-150.
- 2011 "Hacking into the Church Mainframe: A Theological Engagement of the Post-Informational World," *Princeton Theological Review* 16 (2011): 81-90.

Reference Contributions

- 2024 "Christian Theology and Health," in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Medical Humanities* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020): forthcoming.
- 2015 "Prayer" in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society* (Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publishers, 2015): 1305-1306.

Selected Conference Presentations

- June 28, 2024 "Managing Diversity in the Church: Negotiating Critical and Organizational Diversity Studies and Ecclesiology," **15th Ecclesiological Investigations International Conference** (Chicago, IL: Chicago Theological Seminary)
- Nov. 18, 2023 "Towards Confessional Hospitality: A Synodal Way to Find the Truth that Unites Confessing Churches," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (San Antonio, TX). Reformed History and Theology Unit.
- Oct. 23, 2023 "Confessing Accra Anew," **Reading the Signs of the Times theological consultation** Keynote Presentation, **World Communion of Reformed Churches** (Depok, Indonesia)
- Nov. 22, 2022 "Doing the Truth: Belhar's Next Step," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (Denver, CO). Reformed History and Theology Unit.
- Oct. 27, 2022 "Remembering the God of Life for a World on Edge," **First Reformed Ecumenical Symposium** (Rome, Italy: Facoltà Valdese di Teologia). Sponsored by the World Communion of Reformed Churches, the Waldensian Evangelical Church of Italy, and the Waldensian Faculty of Theology.
- June 25, 2022 "Ecclesiology as Method: Deimperialization as Fundamental Decoloniality," **14th Ecclesiological Investigations International Conference** (San Juan, PR: Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico)
- Nov. 22, 2021 "Strategic Missionalty in Manhattan's Chinatown: Endangering Reformed Theology," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (San Antonio, TX). Asian North American Religions, Cultures and Society Unit.
- Nov. 30, 2020 "The Dangers of Being Reformed and Being Reforming," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (Virtual). Reformed History and Theology Unit
- Dec. 9, 2020 "Salvation as Method: Deimperializing National Soteriologies," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (Virtual). Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit
- Oct. 20, 2019 "Interrogating National Soteriologies: Wu Yaozong's Political Theology," **2nd Political Theology Network Conference** (New York, NY: Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University)
- Apr. 26, 2019 "To be Saved from Dangerous Debt: The Church Between Liberation and Liability". **Sign of the Times: Christianity and Socialism Conference** (Waco, TX: Baylor University). Sponsored by Baylor and Southern Methodist Universities.
- Jun. 27, 2018 "Back and Forth Between the Borders: Intersections of Reformed Catholicity and Migration Theologies in New York's Chinatown." **12th Ecclesiological Investigations International Conference** (Toronto, ONT: University of Toronto)
- Nov. 19, 2017 "Peregrinating Between Two Cities: Revisiting the *Peregrinus*," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (Boston). Reformed Theology and History Unit
- Nov. 20, 2017 "A New Confessional Catholicity: Reformed Ecclesiology and the New Catholicity," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (Boston). Co-sponsored session: Ecclesiological Investigations and World Christianity Units
- Nov. 22, 2016 "Reformed Confessions and Cosmic Catholicity" **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (San Antonio). Reformed Theology & History Unit
- Jul. 21, 2016 "Catholicity Under Heaven: Reformed Catholicity and the Philosophy of *Tianxia*," **10th Ecclesiological Investigations International Conference** (Ming Hua Theological Seminary and Chinese University of Hong Kong; Hong Kong, SAR)
- Nov. 23, 2015 "The Dangerous Memory of Accra: Hope for a Unified Reformed Response to the Ecological Crisis," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (Atlanta). Ecclesiological Investigations Unit
- Nov. 22, 2015 "The Dangerous Memory of 1965: Immigration Legislation as Asian American Ecclesiological Challenge," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (Atlanta) Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit.

May 22, 2015 "The Dangerous Memory of the Crucified People: The Church as Critical, Liminal Space," **9th Ecclesiological Investigations International Conference** (Georgetown University; Washington, DC)

Nov. 25, 2014 "An Asian American Theological Awakening: *Mondialisation* and the Church," **AAR/SBL Annual Meeting** (San Diego). Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Selected Book Reviews

- 2023 Ilsup Ahn, *The Church in the Public: A Politics of Engagement for a Cruel and Indifferent Age* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2022). In *Reading Religion*: <https://readingreligion.org/9781506467962/the-church-in-the-public/>
- 2023 Kwok Pui-Lan, *Postcolonial Politics and Theology: Unraveling Empire for a Global World* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2021). In *Reading Religion*: <https://readingreligion.org/9780664267490/postcolonial-politics-and-theology/>
- 2022 Jonathan Y. Tan, *The Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences: Bearing Witness to the Gospel and the Reign of God in Asia* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2021). In *International Bulletin of Mission Research* (2022): 1-2.
DOI: 10.1177/23969393221128815
- 2022 Helen D. Morris, *Flexible Church: Being the Church in the Contemporary World* (London: SCM Press, 2019). In *Reading Religion*: <https://readingreligion.org/books/flexible-church>
- 2021 Mary Frohlich, *Breathed into Wholeness: Catholicity and Life in the Spirit* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2019). In *Reading Religion*: <https://readingreligion.org/books/breathed-wholeness>
- 2020 Cristina Lledo Gomez, *The Church as Woman as Mother: Historical and Theological Foundations* (Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, 2018). In *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology* 6, no. 1 (2020): 147-150.
- 2019 Neal D. Presa, *Ascension Theology and Habakkuk: A Reformed Ecclesiology in Filipino American Perspective* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018). In *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology* 5, no. 1 (2019): 152-155.
- 2017 Ronald D. Burris, *Wisdom From Africa: Theological Reflections on the Confessions of St. Augustine* (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2016). In *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology* 3, no. 1 (2017): 146-149.
- 2015 Mark L. Taylor, *The Theological and the Political: On the Weight of the World* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010). In *The Evangelical Review of Theology and Politics* 3 (2015): BR27-BR29.
- 2012 Jung Mo Sung, *Desire, Market and Religion* (London: SCM Press, 2007). In *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 6 (April and October, 2012): 174-184.

Selected Popular or Editorial Writings

- 2021 "A Strategy of Grace," *Politics of Scripture Blog* (2021). Available at <https://politicaltheology.com/dangerous-beginnings/>
- 2020 "The Banality of Oppression: Memory, Theology, and the Suffering of the Chinese Comfort Women," *Political Theology Symposium* (2020). Available at <https://politicaltheology.com/the-banality-of-oppression-memory-theology-and-the-suffering-of-chinese-comfort-women/>
- 2019 "In the Space of Waiting," *Diverging Magazine* (2019). Available at www.divergingmag.com/lent-2019-day-20/
- 2018 "The Challenges (and Opportunities) of 'Secularization'," *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology* 4, no. 1 (2018): 4-10.
- 2018 "The Ground of Our Faiths," *Diverging Magazine* (2018). Available at www.divergingmag.com/lent-day-29/
- 2015 "The Church Missional, the Church Catholic," *Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice* (June/July 2015). Available at <http://justiceunbound.org/carousel/the-missional-church-the-church-catholic/>
- 2015 "At the Place 'Where Religion Meets the World'," *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology* 1, no. 1 (2015): 4-9.

Church/Community Presentations or Service

- Jan. 15, 2024
- Present 2025 General Council Ecumenism and Interreligious Cooperation Working Group moderator,
World Communion of Reformed Churches
- 2/4, 2/11, 2024 “Local Church Histories.” **West Market United Methodist Church** (Greensboro, NC)
- Oct. 22-25, 2023 Reading the Signs of the Times theological consultation, **World Communion of Reformed Churches**
(Depok, Indonesia)
- Oct. 18-22, 2023 Economics, Ecology, and Theology theological consultation, **World Communion of Reformed Churches**
(Depok, Indonesia)
- 8/27, 9/4, 2023 “Number the Stars.” **West Market United Methodist Church** (Greensboro, NC)
- Aug. 6, 2023 “World Christianity and Us.” **Christ United Methodist Church** (Greensboro, NC)
- June 3-8, 2023 General Council 2025 Workshop, **World Communion of Reformed Churches** (Bangkok, Thailand)
- Apr. 23, 30, 2023 “Christianity After Jesus.” **West Market United Methodist Church** (Greensboro, NC)
- Dec. 4, 11, 2022 “The Dangerous Memories of Advent.” **West Market United Methodist Church** (Greensboro, NC)

Selected Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

- 2023 Early Career Religion Faculty Teaching Undergraduates Workshop, **Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning** (*Crawfordsville, IN*)
- 2020 – 2021 Research Justice at the Intersections Fellowship, **Mills College** (*Oakland, CA*)
- 2017 ATSI Fellow, **Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning** (*Crawfordsville, IN*)
- Summer 2015 Asian Theological Summer Institute Fellow, **Lutheran Theological Seminary** (*Philadelphia, PA*)
- 2014 Chan Foundation Prize in Religion and Economics, **Graduate Theological Union**
- 2013 – 2015 Presidential Scholarship, **Graduate Theological Union**
- 2013 Asian American Ministry Award, **Princeton Theological Seminary**