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Former Students in the Center for Global Christianity and Mission at the American Society of Missiology
From Left to Right: Daryl Ireland, William Gregory, Ben Hartley, Ruth Padilla DeBorst, Anicka Fast, Michèle Sigg, Bruce Yoder, Titus Presler, Tyler Lenocker, David Scott

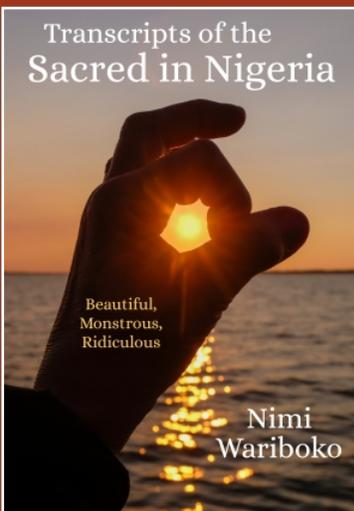
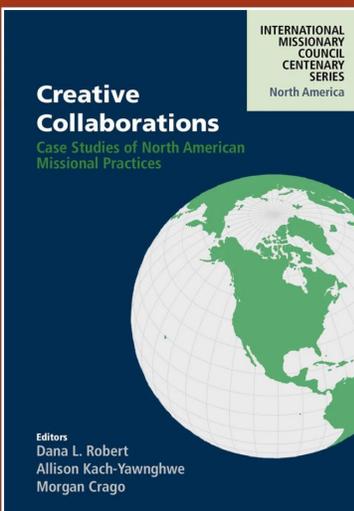
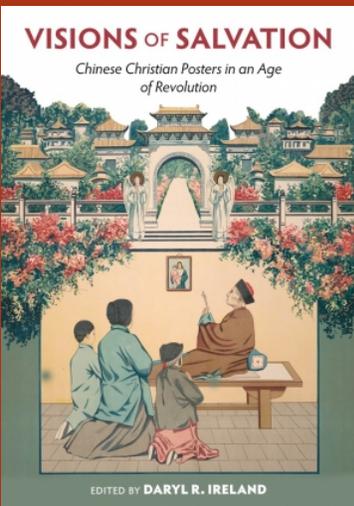
From the Director's Desk

As the fall begins in New England, students, faculty, and researchers gather in Boston. The new academic year always brings hope and excitement as people come from around the world, ready and eager to explore new ideas among a supportive community of fellow seekers and learners.

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The new academic year provides a welcome restart, as the past few months have been difficult for many of us. Individuals connected with the CGCM have experienced the effects of anti-Christian violence, and the tragic consequences of climate

New Books by Faculty Associates



change in Maui and Vermont. Several have suffered from COVID, with significant after-effects. Some are living in places where research into Christianity is opposed by hostile governments. At the same time, much good is being done. In the past six months, folks connected with the Center have taught in Africa, led mission trips overseas, published books and articles, secured important new positions, and lectured in a range of venues from the Midwest to Korea. In June, a substantial group of alumni gathered at the American Society of Missiology annual meeting in South Bend, Indiana. It is an amazing validation of our program that the incoming President and Vice-President—as well as the designated authors of the updated history of the ASM—all studied at Boston University.

As we resume the new academic year, we will be sharing some of the highlights of the amazing work going on in Boston and beyond. One forthcoming highlight will be a new CGCM website. Among other things, it will include a Publications page. Individual researchers do their own research and writing. But we also have a growing list of publications that reflect substantial support by the CGCM as well as authorship by multiple people associated with the Center. The Publications page will include links for acquiring our publications, ranging from the free downloads of the quarterly *Journal of African Christian Biography*, to scanned earlier works, to recent books available for purchase.

Two new CGCM-specific books are worth mentioning. First is the prize-winning publication *Visions of Salvation: Chinese Christian Posters in an Age of Revolution* (Baylor University Press, 2023) edited by Prof. Daryl R. Ireland. This book showcases over 200 of the posters collected by the Center, as well as articles by scholars associated with the project. The second publication, *Creative Collaborations: Case Studies of North American Missional Practices*, was a product of the North American mission study coordinated by the Center for the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism of the World Council of Churches. Not only did three faculty and students edit the volume, but half a dozen mission scholars connected with the School of Theology contributed articles. As we reconvene this fall, we look forward to sharing other news and insights into both our individual and our collaborative work.

—Dana L. Robert

Global Mission in the Age of World Christianity

In May 2023, Yonsei University and the Saemoonan Church combined to host Dana Robert as she gave the special Underwood Lectures on Global Mission in the Age of World Christianity. The lectures included, “Frontiers, or ‘to the Ends of the Earth,’” “Friendship in the Kingdom,” and “Fellowship: Living ‘As If.’” Reporting on the lecture on “Fellowship: Living ‘As If,’” the United Graduate School of Theology and the Global Institute of Theology noted that “the central focus of the lecture was the importance of Christian Fellowship in our contemporary era.”



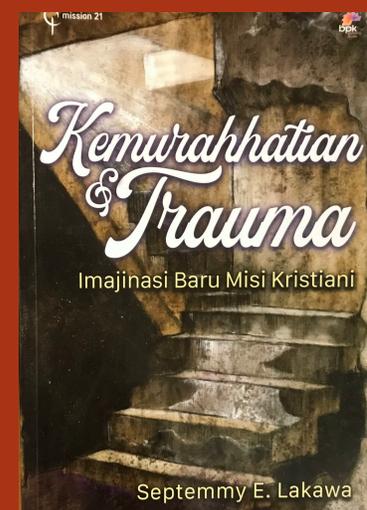
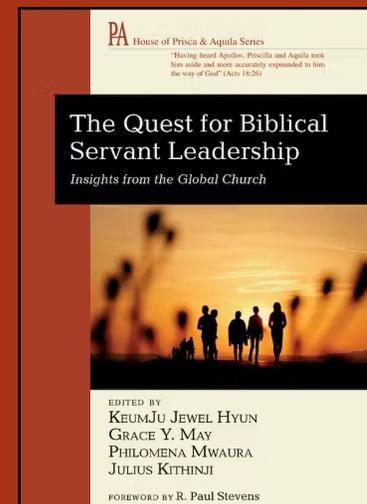
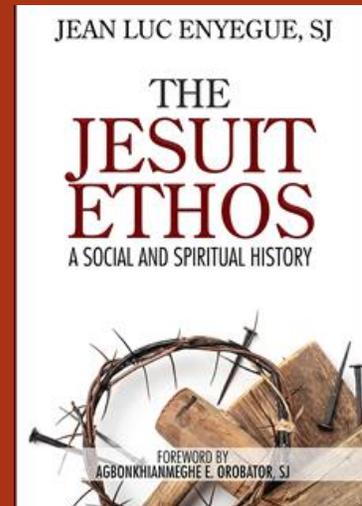
Robert at Yonsei University

Robert drew upon the visionary perspective of the pioneering Protestant missionary, Horace Underwood, highlighting his notion of the unity of the Church. Underwood believed in fostering a sense of togetherness and collaboration among Christians, transcending geographic boundaries and denominational differences.” Continuing, the report added, “In the context of our rapidly

globalizing world and the emergence of World Christianity, Dr. Robert explored the implications of Underwood's vision for the present-day Church. She emphasized the significance of nurturing fellowship as a means of strengthening and unifying the body of Christ, regardless of diverse cultural, social, and theological backgrounds.” The lectures inspired a renewed sense of purpose and an awareness of the vital role attendees play in fostering fellowship within the Church, and highlighted the need to actively engage with believers worldwide, appreciating the rich diversity present in the global body of Christ.

In the age of World Christianity, where believers are connected like never before, the call to embrace Christian Fellowship becomes more relevant than ever. This lecture served as a catalyst for reflection and action, inspiring individuals to strive for unity, understanding, and collaboration as they participate in God's mission in the world. — Excerpted from the Global Institute of Theology

New Books by Alumni



Upcoming Events

October 20-21
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Mission: Mission Networks

November 21
 Lecture by
Prof. Ann D. Braude
 Senior Lecturer on American Religious History,
 Harvard Divinity School

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John McGreevy's Catholicism: A Global History Panel Discussion

Panelists

Moderator DR. DANA ROBERT Executive Center for Global Christianity and Mission Boston University	Respondent DR. JENNIFER SCHEPER HUGHES University of California Riverside
Respondent DR. LESLIE WOODCOCK TENTLER The Catholic University of America	Respondent DR. JEAN LUC BINTOUB, S.J. Director, Africa Institute of Theology in Africa

Friday, Nov. 17 | <https://tinyurl.com/249cj3ly> | 12PM - 1:30PM
Webinar Link

Catholicism
 A Global History from the Past to the Present
 John T. McGreevy

For more info: **DR. JOHN MCGREEVY**
 Professor, University of Notre Dame

November 17
 Webinar on
John McGreevy's Global Catholicism

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Boston Korean Diaspora



The CGCM and the East Rock Institute launched the Boston Korean Diaspora project in 2013. It is an interdisciplinary, multi-layered study on the Korean community in Boston, from the first arrivals in the 1920s until 1965 when the pattern of immigration radically changed in the wake of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

This year, the CGCM updated and upgraded the website (sites.bu.edu/koreandiaspora) in time for the the the Korean Church of Boston's 70th anniversary. This first Korean church in the city was a crossroads for the individuals, institutions, and issues that shaped the early immigrants from Korea.

Eunil David Cho, a CGCM Faculty Associate, presented "Practicing Korean American Theology: Telling Our Stories from Generation to Generation" during the three-day anniversary celebration. Based on the symposium's theme on storytelling, he began with the importance of storytelling in identity development, faith formation, theological imagination, church renewal, and social justice for the Korean American Christian communities. Then he provided a comparative look at how Jewish communities in diaspora engage in the practice of storytelling through Haggadah during Passover to strengthen intergenerational ties and to empower their future generations to enrich their Jewish identity in diaspora. In the end, Cho invited all those gathered to imagine creatively how Korean immigrant churches can continue to tell their stories of God, Korean American identity, immigration experience, pain and loss, and hope and redemption faithfully.



His talk can be viewed at: [YouTube.com/watch?v=-8vwATvcaZw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8vwATvcaZw), beginning at 1:13:34