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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.      **Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University, 2020**  
Person, Community, and Religious Life  
Concentration in Practical Theology and Religious Practices  
The Henry Luce Foundation Global Skills Development Program
- M.Div.     **Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2015**
- B.A.        **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2011**  
Honors Program, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2020-Present    **Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University**  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care  
Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow
- 2021-Present    **Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York**  
Visiting Instructor of Psychology of Religion
- 2018-2020       **Candler School of Theology, Emory University**  
Adjunct Instructor in Area IV (Church and Ministry)  
Congregational Internship Supervisor, the Office of Contextual Education
- 2017-2019       **Candler School of Theology, Emory University**  
Director of the Candler Writing Center, the Office of Student Life

## ORDINATION

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Minister of Word and Sacrament – Teaching Elder, the Presbyterian Church (USA)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

*Making Sense of Life with God: Religious Stories that Dreamers Tell in the Face of Uncertainty*  
(Brill's *Theology in Practice* series; Manuscript draft is due December 31, 2021)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

“From the Yellow Peril to the Model Minority and Back Again: Unraveling the Orientalist Representations of Asian Americans in the Age of Covid-19,” *Journal of Pastoral Theology* (2021) (Published online first).

“Do We All Live Story-Shaped Lives? Narrative Identity, Episodic Life, and Religious Experience,” *Religions* 12, no. 2 (2021): 71.

“Prayer as a Religious Narrative: The Spiritual Self and the Image of God,” *Pastoral Psychology* 68, no. 9 (2019): 639–649.

“Constructing Interreligious Identity: Narrative Personality Approach,” *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 28, no. 3 (2018): 175-188.

“Issue Intro: Re-Understanding Migration as a Theologizing Experience,” *Practical Matters* 11 (2018): 1-5.

“Migrations and Religious Practices,” edited by Eunil David Cho, *Practical Matters* 11 (2018).

### **Book Chapters**

“Coping with a Double Pandemic of Health Crisis and Anti-Asian Racism in America: The Role of Immigrant Churches,” in *Between Pandemonium and Pandemethics: Responses to Covid-19 in Theology and Religions*, Dorothea Erbele-Küster and Volker Küster, eds., Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, (forthcoming in Winter 2021).

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

“William James and Psychology of Religious Experience,” (co-authored with John R. Snarey) *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, edited by David A. Leeming, Heidelberg, Germany: Springer Nature, 2018.

“Reformed Tradition,” in *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, edited by David A. Leeming Heidelberg, Germany: Springer Nature, 2018.

“Narrative Identity,” in *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, edited by David A. Leeming Heidelberg, Germany: Springer Nature, 2017.

### **Educational, Pastoral, and Popular Publications**

“Can We Feel Safe Anywhere?: A Pastoral Reflection on the Surge of Anti-Asian Racism in the Age of COVID-19,” *Asian American Theological Forum* 8, no. 1 (2021).  
<https://aatfweb.org/2021/06/12/can-we-feel-safe-anywhere-a-pastoral-reflection-on-the-surge-of-anti-asian-racism-in-the-age-of-covid-19/>

“Writing Center Rounds Out Holistic Student Experience,” Candler News and Events, *Candler School of Theology*, February 14, 2019. <https://candler.emory.edu/news/releases/2019/02/writing-center-rounds-out-holistic-student-experience.html>

“The Trip to the Motherland: Bestowing the Legacy upon the Next Generations,” *The Presbyterian Outlook* 199, no. 10 (2017): 22-25.

“Understanding Mental Illness and Violence in the Asian American Context,” *Asian American Theological Forum* 3, no. 1 (2016).

### **Book Reviews**

Cordell Strug, On Religious Life: William James and I: An Affectionate Ruminations, *AAR Reading Religion*, February 2017.

Mark Chung Hearn, Religious Experience Among Second Generation Korean Americans, *AAR Reading Religion*, April 2017.

Jehu J. Hanciles, Beyond Christendom: Globalization, African Migration and the Transformation of the West, *The Presbyterian Outlook* 199, no. 6 (2017), 36.

Karen D. Scheib, Pastoral Care: Telling the Stories of Our Lives, *The Presbyterian Outlook* 199, no. 8 (2017), 38.

Joyce Ann Mercer and Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, ed. Conundrums in Practical Theology, *AAR Reading Religion*, September (2017).

Courtney G. Goto, Taking on Practical Theology: The Idolization of Context and the Hope for Community, *Homiletic* 43, no. 2 (2018).

Kim-Cragg, HyeRan, Interdependence: A Postcolonial Feminist Practical Theology, *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 29, no. 2 (2019): 132-135.

Jennifer R. Ayres, Inhabitation: Ecological Religious Education for *AAR Reading Religion*, March 2021.

### **In Progress**

“William James’s Psychology of Religion: Looking for ‘The Principles of Psychology’ in ‘The Varieties of Religious Experience,’” (co-authored with John Snarey and Shelby Hall).

“A Roundtable Reflection on the Impact of Practical Matters: A Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology,” (invited to contribute for *Practical Matters* Issue 14: Exclusion, Belonging, and Becoming in Religious Communities).

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

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### **Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX**

Visiting Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care & Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow

Spring 2022 Pastoral Care in a Complex World (Intro Course)  
Spring 2022 Narrative Approaches to Pastoral Care: Story, (Auto)biography, and Identity  
Fall 2021 Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care  
Fall 2021 Theological Dimensions of Pastoral Care: Theodicy, Evil and Suffering  
Spring 2021 Pastoral Practice with Adolescents (online)  
Spring 2021 Narrative Approaches to Pastoral Care: Story, (Auto)biography, and Identity (online)  
Fall 2020 Pastoral Practice in the Age of Global Migration (online)

### **Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY**

Visiting Instructor of Psychology of Religion

Summer 2021 Pastoral Practice in a World of Displaced Persons (online)

### **Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA**

Adjunct Instructor in Area IV (Church and Ministry)

Summer 2020 Pastoral Care for Adolescents (online)  
Spring 2020 Ministry Internship Supervision (online)  
Fall 2019 Ministry Internship Supervision (hybrid)  
Summer 2019 Pastoral Care for Adolescents  
Fall 2018 The Art of Reading and Writing in Seminary

Fall 2018 Introduction to Pastoral Care (co-taught with Gregory Ellison)  
Fall 2017 The Art of Reading and Writing in Seminary

**Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA**

Teaching Associate and Assistant

Spring 2020 Introduction to Preaching (Instructor: Ted Smith)  
Spring 2019 Introduction to Preaching (Instructor: Ted Smith)  
Fall 2018 Becoming a Reflective Practitioner (D.Min. Capstone Course) (Instructor: Ted Brelsford)  
Spring 2018 William James Seminar (Instructor: John Snarey)  
Spring 2017 Caring for Adolescents (Instructor: Gregory Ellison)  
Fall 2016 Caring with Marginalized Populations (Instructor: Gregory Ellison)  
Fall 2016 Interfaith Spiritual Care (Instructor: Emmanuel Larthey)  
Fall 2015 Reading Lives: Narrative Approaches to Pastoral Care (Instructor: Karen Scheib)  
Spring 2014 Introduction to Pastoral Care (Instructor: Karen Scheib)

**Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA**

Director of the Candler Writing Center

2017-2019 Taught two graduate-level writing courses; designed fifteen seminary-wide workshops on critical reading and writing practices in theological education; designed workshops on academic skills for non-native English-speaking students; provided 300 hours of academic consultation for M.Div., M.T.S., Th.M., and D.Min. students

**Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA**

Academic Coach, Center for Academic Literacy (CAL)

2015-2016 Provided 100 hours of tutoring and mentoring for M.Div., M.T.S., and Th.M. students; designed two workshops on academic skills for non-native English-speaking students

**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

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2020-2022 Two-Year Visiting Professorship & Postdoctoral Fellowship, Louisville Institute  
2019 Future Theologian Scholarship, Torrance First Presbyterian Church (USA)  
2019 Teaching Seminar Grant for Doctoral Students, Wabash Center  
2018-2019 Doctoral Fellowship for Latino/a, Asian and First Nations Students, Forum for Theological Exploration  
2016-2017 Global Development Summer Fieldwork Grant, Henry Luce Foundation  
2016-2018 Doctoral Student Fellowship, Louisville Institute  
2016-2017 Seminarian Scholarship Award, Youngnak Presbyterian Church  
2015 Special Research Grant, National Korean Presbyterian Men of the PC (USA)  
2015 Doctoral Fellowship, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University  
2014 James T. Laney Book Award: "The Korean Graduate Student Who Made a Significant Contribution to Emory Community," Emory University Alumni Association  
2012-2015 Bethany Presbyterian Church (USA) Seminarian Scholarship  
2012-2015 Felix Robertson Hill Full Scholarship Award, Candler School of Theology  
2011-2012 Distinguished Teaching Award, Classical Christian School for the Arts  
2010-2011 James B. Angel Scholar Award, University of Michigan  
2008-2011 Academic Honors, University of Michigan

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

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### Academic Presentations

- 2021 Presenter, “Breaking the Silence at a Time Like This: Lessons from the Diasporic Jews in Exile,” Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX (co-presenting with Hyun Woo Kim)
- 2021 Presenter, “From the Yellow Peril to the Model Minority and Back Again,” Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 Panelist, “Book Review for *A Postcolonial Leadership: Asian Immigrant Christian Leadership and Its Challenges* by Hee An Choi,” Korean North American Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 Panelist, “Anti-Asian Racism and Christian Responses,” Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (online) <https://vimeo.com/531463952>
- 2021 Respondent, “Honoring Christ, Honoring Ancestors, Honoring Self: Challenges to the Asian Pacific-Island Community in Navigating Culture and Christ Through the Lens of Connecting with the Spiritual Wisdom of Our Ancestors,” Colloquy led by Rev. Sandhya Jha, Asian/Asian American and Pacific Islander Church Studies Colloquy, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX (online) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxyE\\_Jpr1ak&t=5s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MxyE_Jpr1ak&t=5s)
- 2021 Keynote Lecturer, “When the Story Is Over: Narrative Foreclosure in the Face of Trauma,” The Gilbert and Hilda Davis Workshop in Ministry, Ministers Week 2021, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX (online) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKJmpd4fvK4>
- 2021 Moderator, “Caring for a Community in Crisis,” Ministers Week 2021, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX (online)
- 2020 Presenter, “Learning Mother Tongue on Sunday Morning: The Korean Immigrant Church-Based Heritage Language Education,” Religion and Migration Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Boston, MA (online)
- 2020 Presenter, “Documenting Undocumented Narratives: Migration Stories, Personal Uncertainty, and Religious Experience,” Narrative Matters Conference, Atlanta, GA (postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2019 Presenter, “Writing Diaspora: An Interdisciplinary Analysis on Writing/Scribal Activity as Cultural Preservation,” Bible and Practical Theology Unit, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (co-presented with Hyun Woo Kim)
- 2019 Presenter, “Documenting the Undocumented Narratives: Immigration Uncertainty and Identity Formation,” Society of Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Denver, CO
- 2019 Presenter, “You Can Become a Story: A Pastoral Theological Response to the Unstoried Self,” Philadelphia Conference on Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 Presenter, “Prayer as a Religious Narrative: The Spiritual Self and the Image of God,” Philadelphia Conference on Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men, Philadelphia, PA

- 2018 Presenter, “Let Us Build New Statues: Practical Theological Reflection on Building/Removing Statues,” Association of Practical Theology, New Haven, CT
- 2017 Presenter, “Two Different Virtues of Obedience in Conflict,” Ecclesiology and Ethnography Annual Conference, Durham, United Kingdom
- 2017 Presenter, “The Historical Black-Korean Tension in the United States: Intercultural Pastoral Theological Reflection,” Society of Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Dallas, TX
- 2017 Presenter, “Interreligious Christian-Buddhist Identity in the Making,” Global Religions and Pluralism Section at American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2016 Presenter, “The Construction of Narrative Gender Identity in the Context of Asian America,” Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group at American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 Presenter, “Religious Trans-Nationalism in Practice,” Association of Practical Theology Biennial Conference, Fordham University, Bronx, NY
- 2015 Presenter, “Finding Identity in Your Story: Narrative Analysis Through Memoir,” Religion, Culture, and the Arts at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 Presenter, “The First Korean America: Religious Nationalism in Practice,” Religions in America at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, Atlanta, GA

**Ecclesial and Professional Presentations**

- 2021 Co-Facilitator and Co-Curriculum Writer, “An Ecosystemic Approach to Anti-Racism Training” with Fearless Dialogues, United Methodists of Greater New Jersey, Neptune City, NJ
- 2021 Guest Preacher for Theological Education Sunday 2021, Bethany Presbyterian Church (USA), Marietta, GA
- 2021 Lecturer, Lecture Series II: Heal: “Faith and Mental Health in Korean American Communities” Korean American Coalition Atlanta Chapter, Atlanta GA (online)
- 2021 Guest Preacher, Seo-Ro-Sarang-Ha-Neun Presbyterian Church, Sunchun, South Korea
- 2021 Guest Preacher, The Light Church of Frisco, Frisco, TX
- 2021 Lecturer, “Caring for Self in the Face of Uncertainty,” Community Conversation Event, Leibrock Village, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
- 2020 Facilitator and Animator, “Fearless Dialogues,” Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, VA
- 2020 Facilitator and Animator, “Fearless Dialogues,” Monumental Sports and Entertainment, Washington, DC
- 2020 Guest Preacher, “Looking Through the Eyes of God,” HDS Mustard Seed Church, Johns Creek, GA

- 2020 Lecturer, “We Are the Stories We Tell: Story, Autobiography, and Identity,” St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX
- 2020 Lecturer, “Making Sense of Interrupted Identity in the Age of Uncertainty,” Emmaus Project Online Conference 2020, Pasadena, CA
- 2019 Guest Preacher and Lecturer, Shalom Methodist Church, La Grange, GA
- 2019 Lecturer, “Your Stories Matter: Practicing Pastoral Story Companionship,” Central Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Panelist, “Context, Collaboration, and the Prophetic in Theological Education: A Doctoral Student’s Perspective,” Louisville Institute Fall Gathering, Louisville, KY
- 2017 Facilitator, “Fearless Dialogues,” Summer Global Mission Fellows Training, General Board of Global Ministries, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Panelist, “South Korea as a Multicultural Society: Implications for the Korean American Church,” Annual Adoption Celebration Event of Mission to Promote Adoption in Korea, Marietta, GA
- 2016 Facilitator and Animator, “Fearless Dialogues,” Global Mission Fellows, the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 Panelist, “Migrations and Religious Practices,” Leadership and Multifaith Program Symposium 2017: Asylum, Refuge, and Relocation: Multifaith and Community Responses to Global Migration, Atlanta, GA
- 2016 Facilitator and Animator, “Fearless Dialogues,” African American Student Union Orientation, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 Lecturer, “Getting To Know Who You Are: A Personality Workshop for Intercultural Ministry,” Presbyterian Intercultural Young Adult Network Post-Conference, Big Tent 2015, Knoxville, TN

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2016-Present Animator, Research Fellow and Curriculum Writer, Fearless Dialogues, Atlanta, GA
- 2015-2018 Issue Editor (2017-2018) and Assistant Editor (2015-2017), *Practical Matters: A Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology*, Initiative in Religious Practice and Practical Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- 2015-2016 Research Fellow, G2G-KODIA Christian Education Center, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012-2015 Academic Skills Tutor, Candler School Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- 2012-2013 Family Literacy Instructor, Refugee Family Services, Clarkston, GA
- 2011-2012 Social Studies Teacher, Classical Christian School for the Arts, Pinellas Park, FL
- 2011 Teacher’s Assistant & Summer Program Teacher, Cesar Chavez Academy, Detroit, MI

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

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### **Academy**

- 2021-Present Steering Committee Member, Society of Pastoral Theology
- 2021-Present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*

- 2021-Present Co-Chair, Religion and Migration Unit, American Academy of Religion
- 2021 Peer Reviewer, *Trends in Psychology*
- 2021 Peer Reviewer, *Qudus International Journal of Islamic Studies*
- 2020 Peer Reviewer, *Toronto Journal of Theology*
- 2017-2020 Steering Committee Member, Religion and Migration Unit, American Academy of Religion
- 2015-2018 Editorial Staff, *Practical Matters: A Journal of Religious Practices and Practical Theology*

### **Seminary and University**

- 2021-Present Faculty Member, Doctor of Ministry Program Committee, Brite Divinity School
- 2021 Consultant, Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative, Candler School of Theology
- 2020-2021 Faculty Member, Accreditation Reaffirmation Sub-Committee, Brite Divinity School
- 2020-2021 Faculty Member, Master's Program Committee, Brite Divinity School
- 2017-2019 Member, Academic Services and Student Life Support, the Office of Student Programming, Candler School of Theology
- 2016-2018 Steering Committee Member, Laney Colloquium in Religion, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University
- 2016-2019 Ph.D. Student Representative, Emory Korean Graduate Student Association, Emory University
- 2015 Student Member, Search Committee for a Faculty Position in Interfaith Dialogue and Practice, Candler School of Theology
- 2014-2015 M.Div. Student Representative, Candler Coordinating Council, Candler School of Theology
- 2014 Member, International Studies and Initiative Committee, Candler School of Theology
- 2013-2014 President, Emory Korean Graduate Student Association, Emory University

### **Church and Community**

- 2020-Present Member, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Atlantic Korean American Presbytery
- 2020-Present Chair, Committee on Boundary Training Curriculum for Korean American PC(USA) Churches, Atlanta Korean American Presbytery
- 2021 Consultant, Woori Network: A New Community of Spiritual Care Practitioners of Korean Descent
- 2021 Consultant on Spirituality and Mental Health, Korean American Coalition Metro Atlanta
- 2015-2016 Regional Young Adult Leader, the Presbyterian Intercultural Network, Southeast Chapter

### **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020-Present Instructor, Searchers' Class (Theological Education Program for Lay Adults), St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX
- 2018-2020 Young Adult Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church English Ministry, Marietta, GA
- 2013-2016 Youth Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Marietta, GA
- 2014 Student Counselor, Covenant Counseling & Family Resource Center, Snellville, GA
- 2012-2013 Chaplain and Language Instructor, Refugee Family Services, Clarkston, GA
- 2011-2012 Director of Christian Education, First Korean Presbyterian Church of Tampa, Tampa, FL

### **CLINICAL TRAINING**

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- 2021 Pastoral Care Specialist Training Program, Arizona Christian Counseling, Phoenix, AZ
- 2020 The Tree of Life Narrative Therapy Methodology, Narrative Therapy Initiative, Salem, MA
- 2020 Foundational Training, Vancouver School of Narrative Therapy, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2019 Basic Narrative Therapy in Practice Training, Narrative Therapy Initiative, Salem, MA



- 2014 Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I, Covenant Counseling Center, Snellville, GA  
2013 Family Chaplain and Language Instructor, Refugee Family Services, Clarkston, GA

### **CERTIFICATES & OTHER TRAINING**

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- 2019 Wabash Doctoral Student Teaching Seminar  
2019 Ethnography and Theology Workshop, American Academy of Religion  
2018 Emory Foundation for Online Teaching  
2018 Online Learning Experiences in Theology and Religion, Laney Graduate School at Emory  
2016 Qualitative Research Training, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University  
2013 Certificate of Stewards of Children's Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training  
2011 Association of Christian Schools International Teaching Certificate

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS**

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Presbyterian Church (USA)  
American Academy of Religion  
Association of Practical Theology  
Society of Pastoral Theology  
Ecclesiology and Ethnography

### **LANGUAGES**

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Korean (proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing) and French (basic proficiency in reading)