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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

Upcoming Employment (Fall 2026) Visiting Instructor of Theology and Ethics
Union Presbyterian Seminary
Virginia Campus and Charlotte Campus
3401 Brook Rd, Richmond, VA 23227
5141 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion (ABD, May 2025, Expected)

- Area of Concentration: *Ethics and Society (Major)* & *Practical Theology (Minor)*
- Dissertation: “*Theo-political Ethics of Networked Collective Memory: A Transnational and Cross-cultural Approach for Emancipatory Democracy*”
- Committee: C. Melissa Snarr (Chair), Emilie M. Townes, Victor Anderson, Ellen T. Armour, Helen Jin Kim (Emory University)

M.Div., Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2021

- *Master of Divinity Award for Academic Excellence*
- *Concentrations in Theology and Ethics and Chaplaincy*

B.A., Yonsei University, *Theology, Mass Communication*, 2018

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Memoriography as a Theo-Ethical Methodology for Working with Collective Memories of the Marginalized.” *Religions* 17, no. 5 (2026): 516.

“Freedom through Fostering Democratic Social Relations: Jane Addams’s Faithful Feminist Pragmatist Pedagogy,” Forthcoming, *the American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, 47 no. 3, (2026)

“Mobilizing Collective Memory for Emancipatory Democracy: Transnational Korean Diaspora Activists Carrying the Memory of the May 18 Uprising in Dialogue with Womanist and Asian American Feminist Theo-Ethicists,” (Under Review, *Studies in Christian Ethics*)

“The Haunted Future: Interrogating Abusive Memorialization of Specters and Moral Agency in the Metaverse of Roblox,” (Presenter, American Academy of Religion, November 2026)

“Peanut Butter Box is Here: Cross-cultural Countermemory for Critical Solidarity” in *Womanist Dancing Mind Map: A Festschrift for Emilie M. Townes* (Submitted & Forthcoming 2026)

“Hauntology as a Method and Its Limits in Fieldwork: Ethics of Memoriography,” (Presenter, Society of Christian Ethics 2026)

“Collective Freedom to ‘Live Right, Know Your Roots, Live Strong, Live Together’: Reconceptualizing Freedom through the Memories of Activism and Spirituality in the Korean Diaspora,” *Papers*

Session: Asian America's Religious Past and Present: Inclusion, Freedom, Democracy and Trauma (Presenter, American Academy of Religion, November 2025)

“Freedom through Fostering Democratic Social Relations: Jane Addams’ Faithful Feminist Pragmatist Pedagogy,” (Presenter, American Academy of Religion, November 2025)

“Religion’s Influence on Memory Activism for Democracy: Korean American Diaspora Activists and the Remembrance of a Pro-Democracy Uprising in South Korea,” (Presenter, American Academy of Religion, November 2024)

“Constructing Moral Concepts of God in a Global Age by Myriam Renaud." *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 44, no. 1 (2024): 205-206.

“Towards Radical Democracy with Marys: Spiritual-Political Agency of Korean Women through the Lens of Songbaekhoi’s Social Movement in the Era of Transpacific Christian Right” (Presenter, Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, March 2024)

“Ethics of Memory: Remembering the May 18th People’s Uprising in South Korea” (Blog, Vanderbilt University: Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, October 5, 2023).

“Pedagogy for Organizing” (Organizer and Facilitator with Drs. Jeremy Posadas and Aaron Stauffer for 30 Scholar Activist, Social Ethics and Organizing Working Group, July 2023)

“Asian American Solidarities and Their Limits” (Panelist, Society of Christian Ethics, June 2023)

“Accountability or Appropriation?: Research Ethics in the Context of Transnational Qualitative Research.” (Panelist, the Emerging Scholar Workshop at the May 18 Memorial Foundation, Gwangju, South Korea, July 2022)

“Transnational Democracy” (Panelist, the Global Democracy at Gwangju Democracy Forum, Gwangju, South Korea, May 2023)

“Global Implications of Critical Race Theory and Theology” (Panelist, Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion, April 2, 2022)

“What Makes A Great America: How Evangelical Ethical Ideologies Shaped Reagan’s Vision of a Great America?” (Presenter, American Academy of Religion Southeastern Regional Meeting, Athens, GA, 2020)

“LibGuides: Christian Ethics: Health”
<https://guides.theology.library.emory.edu/c.php?g=495853&p=3641342>. (Research Database, Pitts Theological Library, 2020)

TEACHING

Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte, NC

Visiting Instructor of Record

- ETHICS120: Christian Ethics: Faith in Action (Hybrid course) Fall 2026
- Political Theology and Democracy: Orientations, Methodologies, Conceptualization (Online course), Winter term, 2026-2027

Vanderbilt University’s College of Arts and Science

Teaching Assistant

- CORE 2500: Technologies of the Soul: Human Thriving Across Traditions (Dr. Richard McGregor), Spring 2026

Vanderbilt Divinity School

Co-Instructor of Record: DIV 7121 Religion and Social Movements (with Dr. C. Melissa Snarr), Fall 2023.

Full course redesign for transnational focus; shared full lecture and grading responsibilities.

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to the New Testament (Dr. Jennifer Quigley), Spring 2023
- Global Christianity I, Fall 2025

Guest Lectures in VDS Courses:

- “Feminist Pragmatist Approach to Democracy through Memory of Jane Addams,” *Introduction to Theological Ethics* (Dr. Victor Anderson), Spring 2024
- “Historical-Pneumatological Hermeneutics of Minjung Theology,” *Introduction to the New Testament* (Dr. Quigley), Spring 2023
- “Feminist and Womanist Ethics,” *Introduction to Theological Ethics* (Dr. Anderson), Spring 2023
- “Postcolonial Politics and Theology,” *Contemporary Christian Political Thought* (Dr. Snarr), Fall 2022

Researcher & Instructor:

The Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative Project, 2022

(Co-PI: “Theological Ethics of Care and Justice in Action: Immigration and Racism”)

Goal: To equip local churches with religious resources to address racism and to build cross-racial relationships between Korean and Black Christian communities.

Outcome: 1) Teach Asian American hermeneutics and racial justice history to a local Korean Presbyterian youth group. 2) Use the virtual platform “Metaverse” to create engaged learning experiences for the youth. 3) Organize cross-cultural activity with a Nigerian immigrant Christian community.

Vanderbilt University, Graduate Level Course Development (full syllabi constructed in Doctoral Exams):

“Political Theology and Democracy: Orientations, Methodologies, Conceptualizations”

In conversation with Christian political theologians/social ethicists and activists who pursue the common life, this course explores how we can constructively and critically cultivate democracy in emancipatory ways. Understanding students as democratic agents in the classroom, church, and society, this course aims to equip students to build collective moral agency to challenge colonialism, sexism, racism, classism, etc., both in the classroom and in each student’s ministerial context.

“Cosmopolitan Democracy: Social Gospel Resources for Social Change (Jane Addams)”

This course explores a feminist pragmatist approach to cosmopolitan democracy through the story of Jane Addams’ Progressive Era activism with Hull House. By locating Addams in the Social Gospel tradition, the class exercises historically embedded moral imagination for emancipatory democracy by bringing each student’s context in wrestling with the complex vision embodied by Jane Addams.

Candler School of Theology, Emory University

Teaching Assistant: History of Early Christian Thought (Dr. Anthony A. Briggman), Fall 2019

Writing Consultant: Candler Writing Center, 2019-2021

Teaching Mentor

- Introduction to the Old Testament (Dr. Joel M. LeMon), Fall 2019
- MDiv Advising (Dr. Anne Burkholder), Fall 2021

Yonsei University, Incheon, South Korea

Executive Residential Assistant, Headquarters of Yonsei Residential College, Summer–Fall 2015

- Organized and convened meetings with professors and House Residential Assistants
- Published online newsletters and coordinated residential college programs

House Residential Assistant, Underwood House, Winter 2015–Summer 2016

- Created and led programs, including “Moonlight Couple Dodgeball” (LED-themed league) and “Read and Do” (book club with field trips)
- Mentored first-year college students and collaborated with other RAs to foster a hospitable and supportive living environment

CERTIFICATE & TRAINING

The Institute for the Advancement of Higher Education (AdvancED), Vanderbilt University:
Certificate in College Teaching (December 2020)

- Acquired educational theory and practice, including active learning strategies and developing a reflective teaching philosophy through an 8-week seminar
- Gained experience in applying pedagogical models to teaching practices, including micro-teaching demonstrations, teaching unit design/redesign, and constructive assessment skills through an 8-week practicum
- Performed teaching demonstrations at Vanderbilt Divinity School, followed by a professional teaching consultation

AI & TECHNOLOGY ETHICS

Research & Presentations

“The Haunted Future: Interrogating Abusive Memorialization of Specters and Moral Agency in the Metaverse of Roblox,” (Presenter, American Academy of Religion, November 2026)

Teaching & Workshops Led

“AI and Ministry and Ethics,” Workshop Series (Organizer and Facilitator, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Spring 2027)

Professional Training & Workshops

- “We Can Wait No Longer: Educating Theological Educators About Artificial Intelligence,” (Vanderbilt Divinity School, Spring 2026, Graduate Student Participant)
- “AI Days,” (Vanderbilt Data Science Institute AI Workshop, March 2026)
- “AI Summer” (Vanderbilt Data Science Institute’s 4 weeks workshop series, May 2026).
- “Digital Lab Python Workshop Series,” (Vanderbilt University, Fall 2025)
- “AI and the Human Seminar” (the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities at Vanderbilt, January 2026)
- “The Ethics of AI” (Vanderbilt University Library, February 2025)

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

- “Navigating Difficult Conversations in the Classroom” (AdvancED, January 2026)
- “Designing Learning Activities Using AI as a Partner” at *Course Design Institute* (AdvancED, May 2025)
- “Mastering Mentorship: Strategies for Supporting Graduate Students through Challenges” (AdvancED, February 2025)
- “Gamification” (September 2024)
- “Inclusive Assessment and Grading” (AdvancED, September 2024)

SELECTED RESEARCH & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Academic Administrative Fellow for Associate Dean Ellen Armour, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 2024-25

- Reviewed and edited Vanderbilt Divinity School’s Self-Study Report submitted to the Association of Theological Schools for accreditation
- Analyzed communication strategies, target audiences, and defining characteristics of Th.M. programs at U.S. seminaries
- Ensured all course syllabi were in compliance with institutional academic guidelines

Research Assistant, Vanderbilt University

- Book project for Dr. Melissa Snarr, 2023
- Critical Race Theory project for Dr. Stacey Floyd-Thomas, 2022
- Christian Social Ethics for Dr. Victor Anderson, 2021

Ethics Bibliographer, Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University, 2021-

Qualitative Research Cohort for the “Christian Conflict Workers” project for Drs. Ellen Ott Marshall and Kyle Lambelet, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2020

English Interpreter & Qualitative Research Assistant for Dr. Nan-Hee Lee at Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs, 2015- 2018, South Korea.

MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP & PUBLIC THEOLOGY

The United Methodist Church

Provisional Elder in the North Georgia Conference (2025-)

Extension Ministry Appointment, Vanderbilt Divinity School (2025–2026)

- Teaching Assistant and Doctoral Candidate
- Worship Planning Committee
- Assistant to Local UMC Liaison

Pastoral Intern of West End United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN, 2025-

Member of Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. 2018-

Interviewee with Gwangju Munhwa Broadcasting on Women in Democracy, *News Desk*, May 26, 2023, Gwangju, South Korea.

Project Grantee with Olubunmi Adegbola, The Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative 2022, (Project Mentor: Dr. Teresa L. Smallwood)

Curriculum Development, “Lay Ministry Program for Congregational Care” for Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church in partnership with Wesley Woods Senior Living, North Georgia Conference, Summer 2020 (Online)

Panelist “Ethical Issues and The Old Testament: Exploring Moral Ambiguity in Narratives,” at Conversation with Korean women theologians at Korea Lutheran Hour, Seoul, South Korea, May 18, 2019

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society of Christian Ethics,

Elected Student Representative for SCE Board, 2025-2027

Finance and Long-Term Planning Committee, 2025-2027

Student Member, 2021-

American Academy of Religion,

Steering Committee, Religion and Human Rights, 2023-

Student Member, 2020-

Pacific, Asian, and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry,

Selected as May 2024's Student of the Month

Organizing Committee, 2019

Member 2019-

Asian Theological Institute,

Member, 2025-

Association of Asian Studies,

Student Member, 2024-

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS

- Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, 2025-2026
- Angella P. Current-Felder Women of Color Scholars Program, 2025-2026
- Vanderbilt Provost's Pathbreaking Discovery Award, Vanderbilt University, 2025
- The Asian Theological Institute, 2025
- Theology and Practice Fellow, Vanderbilt University's Graduate Department of Religion, 2021-
- University Graduate Fellow, Russell G. Hamilton Scholar, Vanderbilt University, 2021-
- Place of Memory Fellow, the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, 2023-2024
- Graduate School Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University's Graduate School, 2024
- Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellowships (Alternate), 2023
- The James Lawson Institute for the Research and Study of Nonviolent Movements, 2023
- 5.18 Memorial Foundation Research Paper Grant, South Korea, 2023
- Graduate School Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2023
- The Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2022
- Vanderbilt Doctoral Advancement Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2022
- The Harvey Branscomb Tuition Scholarship, Vanderbilt University, 2021
- Dean's Scholarship, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2018 –2021
- MDiv Award for Academic Excellence, Candler School of Theology, 2021
- Candler Advantage, Candler School of Theology, 2020
- James D. and Alice Slay Award, Candler School of Theology, 2020
- Journey Toward Ordination Scholarship, The United Methodist Church, 2020
- Dollars for Scholars, The United Methodist Church and Glenn Memorial Church, 2020
- Professional Development Funding, Candler School of Theology, 2020.
- Theology Fund scholarship, College of Theology, Yonsei University, South Korea, 2016-2017
- Shin Dong-Wouk Scholarship, College of Theology, Yonsei University, 2017
- Women's Alumni Scholarship, Women's Alumni of Yonsei College of Theology, 2016
- Academic Award, College of Theology, Yonsei University, 2016
- Yonsei Funding for Truth, Yonsei University, 2015
- Korean National Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Korea Student Aid Foundation, 2014-2015

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Research Languages: English, Korean

Qualitative Research, Ethnography

Research Software: MAXQDA (fluent), Covidence(intermediate), Python for AI (beginner)