

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Employment

2013– Associate Professor, Drew University Theological School
2007– Assistant Professor, Drew University Theological School
2005–2007 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Hobart and William
Smith Colleges

Education

1997–2005 Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN)
Ph.D. in Religion
Dissertation: “Spirit and Dao: Two Politico-Ecological Dialectics
of Freedom in Hegel and Laozi”
Peter C. Hodgson and John Thatamanil, co-advisors
1996–97 McGill University (Montreal, Canada)
Ph.D. in Theology (transferred to Vanderbilt)
1995–96 United Theological College (Montreal, Canada)
Master of Divinity, 1996
1993-95 McGill University (Montreal, Canada).
Master of Arts, 1995 (Theology major)
Thesis: “Jürgen Moltmann as a Biblical Theologian: Political
Hermeneutic of Scripture as Foundational for Ecological
Theology”
1991–93 McGill University (Montreal, Canada)
Bachelor of Theology, 1993
1985–89 Yonsei University (Seoul, Korea)
Bachelor of Arts, 1989 (Philosophy major)

Publications

1) Monographs

Spirit, Qi, and the Multitude: A Comparative Theology for the Democracy of Creation
(Fordham University Press, 2014)

2) Peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, essays.

- “All under Heaven and the City of God: A Familial and Ecclesial Reflection.” In *Christian Theology in a Pluralistic Age*. Ed. David H. Jensen (Wipf and Stock, 2024)
- “Jeong (情), Civility, and the Heart of a Pluralistic Democracy.” In *Emotions in Korean Philosophy and Religion*. Ed. Edward Y. J. Chung and Jea Sophia Oh. Palgrave MacMillan, 2022).
- “My Path to a Theology of *Qi*.” In *Theology Without Walls: The Transreligious Imperative*. Ed. Jerry L. Martin (Routledge, 2019).
- “Confucian Democracy and a Pluralistic Li-Ki Metaphysics.” *Religions* 9, no. 11 (2018): 325 (article number: 325. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel9110325>).
- “Ren and Causal Efficacy: Confucians and Whitehead on the Social Role of Symbolism.” In *Rethinking Whitehead's Symbolism: Thought, Language, Culture*. Ed. Roland Faber et. al. (Edinburgh University Press, 2017)
- Co-authored “Tradition in Action” chapter in *Awake to the Moment: An Introduction to Theology*. Ed. Laurel C. Schneider and Stephen G. Ray (Westminster John Knox, 2016).
- “The Heart-Mind of the Way and the Human Heart-Mind are Non-Dual: A Reflection on the Neo-Confucian ‘Panentheism’ of Zhu Xi and Nongmun.” In *Panentheism in the World Religions*. Ed. Loriliai Biernacki and Philip Clayton (Oxford University Press, 2013).
- "Being Hospitable to the Subaltern Others of Religious Others: Comparative Theology as a Decolonizing Theological Practice in Asia." *CTC Bulletin* [Bulletin of Christian Conference of Asia Theological Concerns] 28, no. 2 (2012): 27–49.
- “Consecrate the Offerings to Yourselves.” *TheoSpirit* 9, no. 2 (Fall 2011): 14–16 (Matriculation Address delivered at Drew University Theological School on Feb 3, 2011).
- “Theological Themes: John 1:1-9, 10-18.” *Lectionary Homiletics* 22, no. 1 (Dec-Jan 2011): 40–41.
- “‘Empty and Tranquil, and Without Any Sign, and Yet All Things Are Already Luxuriantly Present’: A Comparative-Theological Reflection on the Manifold Spirit.” In *Polydoxy: Theology of Multiplicity and Relation*. Ed. Catherine Keller and Laurel C. Schneider. London and New York: Routledge, 2010.

“Interreligious Dialogue as a Politics of Recognition: A Postcolonial Re-reading of Hegel for Interreligious Solidarity.” *The Journal of Religion* 85, no. 4 (2005).

Professional Presentations

“Patterns Are Virtual?: Nokmun’s Non-dual Conception of the Ri-Gi Relation in Conversation with Deleuze’s Notion of Virtuality.” Institute for Religion and Civic Culture (IRCC) & The HK Institute for Integrated Medical Humanities (IIMH) International Conference on “Religion, Life, and Political Ecology: Lessons From Diverse Thought Traditions.” Kyunghee University, South Korea, Oct 14, 2023.

“Everyone Can Be a Sage-Ruler: Toegye, Nokmun, and a Metaphysical ‘Faith’ in Moral-Political Equality.” International Conference in 2023 by Northeast Asia Institute for Humanities & Social Sciences. Wonkwang University, South Korea, Oct 12, 2023.

“Republic and the City of God: A Familial and Ecclesial Reflection.” Frierson Conference on “Christian Theology in a Pluralistic Age.” Austin Presbyterian Seminary, April 13–15, 2023.

“Everyone Can Be a Sage: Toegye, Nongmun, and the Metaphysical ‘Faith’ in Moral Equality. The Conference on “Buddhism and Confucianism in the East Asian Intellectual History and their Meanings in our Time.” American University, Washington DC, January 13–14, 2023

“Saint, Sage, and Citizen: Toward a Non-Liberal Basis of Pluralistic Democracy.” North American Korean Philosophy Association, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (held virtually), Jan 15, 2021

“Jeong (情), Civility, and the Heart of a Pluralistic Democracy”
North American Korean Philosophy Association, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, Jan 8–11, 2020
&
The 2020 Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University, Nov. 9, 2020

“Confucian Democracy and a Pluralistic Metaphysics of Ki”
2017 Annual Conference of North American Korean Philosophy Association (NAKPA), Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea, Oct 25–27, 2017

“*Donghak* and Personal or Transpersonal Ultimate Reality”
Theology Without Walls Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX; November 2016.

- “My Path toward a Theology of Qi”
Theology Without Walls Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting,
Atlanta, GA; November 2015.
- Response to Prof. Chun, Young Ho’s “The Church as a Public Face of Agape”
2015 East-West Theological Forum, Sogang University, Seoul, Korea, May 7–9,
2015
- “Ren and Causal Efficacy: Confucians and Whitehead on the Social Role of Symbolism”
2014 Whitehead Research Project, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont,
CA, Dec 4–6, 2014
- “The Great Ultimate and the Chaosmos: Nongmun’s Non-dual Conception of the *li-qi*
Relation in Conversation with Deleuze’s Notion of Virtuality”
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, American Academy of Religion
Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL; November 2012
- "Being Hospitable to the Subaltern Others *of* Religious Others: Comparative Theology as
a Decolonizing Theological Practice in Asia"
The 7th Meeting of the Congress of Asian Theologians (CATS VII), Seoul, Korea,
July 2–5, 2012
- Presentation at the panel, “Global Christianities and Religious Pluralism”
Center for Christianities in Global Contexts (CCGC), Drew University
Theological School, February 21, 2012
- “The Heart-Mind of the Way and the Human Heart-Mind are Non-Dual: A Reflection on
the Neo-Confucian ‘Panentheism’ of Zhu Xi and Im Seong-ju”
Integral Cosmology and Panentheism conference at the Esalen Center for Theory
and Research, Esalen, California, November 28–Dec 1, 2010
- Respondent to Philip Clayton at Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew
University, October 1–3, 2010
- “Empty and Tranquil, and Without Any Sign, and Yet All Things Are Already
Luxuriantly Present”: A Comparative-Theological Reflection on the Manifold Spirit of
the *Taegyeuk/Taiji*.”
Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University; October 1–4, 2009
- “My Methodological Moves and Theoretical Partners in Constructive Theology”
Workgroup in Constructive Theology Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN; April
18–19, 2009
- “Interreligious Dialogue as a Politics of Recognition: A Postcolonial Re-reading of Hegel
for Interreligious Solidarity.”

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX; November 2004

“The Mythical Vision of a Disillusioned Marxist?: Miyazaki Hayao’s *Princess Mononoke* in Dialogue with the ‘Dialectic of Enlightenment’”

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO; November, 2001

“A Liberating Ecology of the Other: A Hegelian *Aufhebung* of Levinas for Non-Human Others” (a heavily revised version of the preceding presentation)

International Association for Environmental Philosophy, Penn State University, University Park, PA; October, 2000

“A Liberating Ecology of the Other: A Critical Retrieval of Emmanuel Levinas for Twenty-First Century Theology”

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA; November, 1999

Scholarly Reviews

Peer review of monographs for publishers

Cascade Books, 2024

McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2018

Cascade Books, 2018

Orbis Press, 2014

Peer review of articles for academic journals

Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture, 2023

Religious Studies Review, 2006

Workshop Leader/Facilitator

Workshop leader for the conference, *The Future of Christian Spirituality and*

Interreligious Interaction: In honor of Dr. Pyun, Sun Hwan, Drew University

Theological School, September 26–28, 2012

Workshop leader for the 2011 Tipple Vosburgh Lectures, Drew University Theological

School, October 18–20, 2011

Teaching

Associate Professor, Drew University Theological School

Spring 2025 INTF 501 Global Faiths and the Earth

THEO 672 Saints, Sages, and Citizens

Fall 2024 VOCF 900F Mentored Portfolio F
 TPHL 655 Confucian and Taoist Religious Thought
 THEO 647 Theology of Spirit
 Spring 2024 VOCF 900E Mentored Portfolio E
 INTF 501 Global Faiths and the Earth
 Fall 2023 VOCF 900D Mentored Portfolio D
 THEO 648 Interpretations of Christ
 THEO 670 Interreligious Theologies
 VOCF 601 Leadership Seminar 1
 Spring 2023 VOCF 900C Mentored Portfolio C
 INTF 501 Global Faiths and the Earth
 Fall 2022 VOCF 900 B Mentored Portfolio B
 THEO 672 Saints, Sages, and Citizens
 TPHL 655 Confucian and Taoist Religious Thought
 Spring 2021 VOCF 900A Mentored Portfolio A
 INTF 501 Global Faith and the Earth
 THEO 647 Theology of Spirit
 Fall 2020 STM 975 Extended Paper
 REL 530 Studying Religion and Theology
 THEO 670 Interreligious Theologies
 Spring 2020 STM 975 STM Extended Paper
 INTF 501 Global Faiths and the Earth
 TPHL 655 Confucian and Daoist Religious Thought
 Fall 2019 CRW 695 STM Extended Paper
 TPHL 725 Hegel and Theology
 THEO 672 Saints, Sages, and Citizens
 Spring 2019 INTF 501 Global Faiths and the Earth
 THEO 660 Asian and Asian American Theologies
 Fall 2018 THEO 670 Interreligious Theologies
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions
 Spring 2018 TPHL 641 Interpretations of Christ
 TPHL 655 Confucian and Taoist Religious Thought
 Spring 2017 TPHL 622 Topics in Comparative Theology: Saints, Sages, and
 Democratic Subjects
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions
 Fall 2016 TPHL 647 Theology of Spirit
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions
 Spring 2016 TPHL 641 Interpretations of Christ
 TPHL 622 Topics in Comparative Theology: Interreligious
 Theologies
 Fall 2015 TPHL 655 Confucian and Taoist Religious Thought
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions
 Spring 2015 TPHL 657 Hegel: Reason, Revolution, and the Beginning of
 Liberation Theology
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions

- Fall 2014 TPHL 622 Topics in Comparative Theology: Spirit, Qi, and the Trinity
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions
- Fall 2013 TPHL 622 Topics in Comparative Theology: Interreligious Theologies
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions

Assistant Professor, Drew University Theological School

- Spring 2013 TPHL 647 Theology of Spirit
 TPHL 508 Challenge of World Religions
- Fall 2012 TPHL 655 Confucian and Taoist Religious Thought
 TPHL 610 Theology of Religious Pluralism: One God, Many Paths?
- Spring 2012 Theph 357 Hegel: Reason, Revolution, and the Beginning of Liberation Theology
 Theph 308 Challenge of World Religions
- Fall 2011 Theph 322 Topics in Comparative Theology: Spirit, Ch'i, and Trinity
 Theph 308 Challenge of World Religions
- Spring 2011 Theph 354 Asian Theologies of Liberation and Indigenization
 Theph 308 Challenge of World Religions
- Spring 2010 Theph 347 Theology of Spirit: A Panentheistic Exploration of the World
 Theph 308 Challenge of World Religions
- Fall 2009 Theph 355 Tao and Logos: A Confucian/Daoist-Christian Dialogue
 Theph 308 Challenge of World Religions
- Spring 2009 Theph 368 Theology of Gi(Qi): An East Asian Perspective on God
 Theph 308 Challenge of World Religions
- Spring 2008 Theph 380-002 Studies in the Philosophy of Religion: Theology of Spirit
 Theph 308 Challenge of World Religions to Christian Faith and Practice
- Fall 2007 Theph 355 Tao and Logos: A Confucian/Daoist-Christian Dialogue
 Theph 718 Decolonizing Theology

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

- Spring 2007 Rel 254 Question of God/Goddess
- Fall 2006 Rel 226 Religion and Nature
 Rel 313 Postcolonial Theologies
- Spring 2006 Rel 103 Journeys and Stories
 Rel 243 Theology of World Religions
 Rel 313 Religious Language
- Fall 2005 Rel 232 Rethinking Jesus

Rel 260 Religion as a Philosophical Act

Instructor, Theology Primer; Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University
Spring 2003, Spring 2001, Spring 2000

Teaching Assistant, Constructive Theology; Graduate Department of Religion,
Vanderbilt University, Fall 2001 & Fall 1998

Teaching Assistant, Religions of Ancient Near East; Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill
University, Fall 1996

Professional Organizations and Service

American Academy of Religion
American Philosophical Association
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
North American Korean Philosophy Association

Committees and Community Service

TPSR PhD Area Co-Convener 2024–2025
Committee on Faculty, 2023–2024
TPSR PhD Area Co-Convener 2023–2024
Chair, Committee on Faculty, 2022–2023
TPSR PhD Area Convener, Spring 2021
STM Program Convener, Drew Theological School, Fall 2019–Spring 2021
TPSR liaison, Drew Theological School, Fall 2020–Spring 2021
Committee on Faculty, Fall 2020–Spring 2021
Curriculum Steering Committee, Fall 2019–Spring 2021
Doctoral Studies Committee, Drew University Theological School, Spring 2019
Committee on Faculty, Drew University Theological School, 2018–Spring 2019
Masters Programs Committee -- MAR/STM, Fall 2018
Graduate Academic Standard Committee, Drew University, Spring 2018
Doctoral Studies Committee, Drew University Theological School, Spring 2018
Dean's Council, Drew University Theological School, 2016–2018
E. Stanley Jones Chair of Evangelism Search Committee, 2016–2017
STM Program Advisor, Drew University Theological School, 2015–2017
Committee on Faculty, Drew University Theological School, 2014–2016
University Committee on Faculty, Drew University, 2014–2016
The Dean of Libraries Search Committee, Drew University, 2014–2015
Dean's Council, Drew University Theological School, Fall 2013
Chair, Degree Programs Committee, Drew University Theological School, Spring
2013–Fall 2013
Convener, Division III/Theology and Philosophy Area, Drew University Theological
School, Spring 2012–Fall 2013
Academic Life Constellation, Drew University Theological School, Spring–Fall 2012

Investigative Group, Drew University, 2011–2012
Computing Advisory Committee, Drew University, Fall 2011–Fall 2013
Committee on Faculty, Drew University Theological School, 2011–2012
Convener, Division III, Drew University Theological School, 2009–2011
Curriculum Committee, Drew University Theological School, 2009–2011
Prospectus Committee, Drew University Theological School, Spring 2009–Spring 2011
Sexual Harassment Committee, Drew University, Spring 2008–Spring 2011
Faculty Advisory Committee, the Center for Religion, Culture, and Conflict, Drew University, Spring 2008–Spring 2011
Academic Standing Committee, Drew University Theological School, Spring 2008, Spring 2011
Dean’s Search Committee, Drew University Theological School, 2009–2010
Formation Committee, Drew University Theological School, 2009–2010
Worship Committee, Drew University Theological School, 2007–2008
Community Life, Drew University Theological School 2007–2008

Steering Committee, The Fisher Center for the Study of Women and Men, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2006–2007

Betty Ford Award for Community Service, Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, May 2000

Nominated for Thomas M. Weser Award, Vanderbilt University, March 2000

President, Graduate Department of Religion Student Association, Vanderbilt University, 1999–2000

American Academy of Religion Student Liaison for Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, 1998–2000

Preaching

Craig Chapel (Fall 2022 Matriculation), Drew University Theological School, September 7, 2022

Craig Chapel (Spring 2019 Korean Caucus Opening Worship), Drew University Theological School, January 28, 2019

Craig Chapel (Spring 2018 Matriculation), Drew University Theological School, January 24, 2018

Craig Chapel (Spring 2012 Lenten Series), Drew University Theological School, March 27, 2012

Craig Chapel (Spring 2011 Matriculation), Drew University Theological School, March 3, 2011

Zion Evangelical Church of New Jersey, Fords, NJ, January 6, 2008

Craig Chapel (Korean Caucus Worship), Drew University Theological School, September 10, 2007

St. John’s Chapel, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, April 6, 2007

Grants/Fellowships/Scholarships and Academic Honors

Junior Research Fellowship (Summer Research Grant), Drew University Theological School, 2009

Summer Research Grant for Faculty, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2006

Woods-Greer University Tuition Scholarship, Vanderbilt University, 1997-2000

University Graduate Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 1997-2000

Branscomb Departmental Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 1997-2000

Dean's Honor List, McGill University, October 1995

Great Distinction/Birks Award, McGill University, June 1993

Tuition Scholarship, McGill University, April 1993

Dean's Honor List/James McGill Award, McGill University, June 1992

Entrance Scholarship, Yonsei University, February, 1985

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