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Education:

Ph.D., Religious Studies (HB/OT), Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Yale University, 2006

S.T.M., Yale Divinity School, Yale University (con. HB/OT), 1999

M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary (con. HB/OT), 1997

B.A., Religious Studies (with honors) & Linguistics with minor in Music, New York University *magna cum laude*, 1994

Dissertation: Exile, Literature, and Theology: Forced Migrations of the Southern Kingdom of Judah (Robert R. Wilson)

Languages: Biblical Hebrew, Qumran Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, Egyptian/Qumran Aramaic, Koine Greek, Ugaritic, Akkadian, Phoenician, French, German, Latin, Korean

Honors and Awards:

President, Mid-Atlantic Region Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), 2021-2022

Reginald Lewis Award, Office of the Provost, Howard University, 2019-2020

President, Korean Biblical Colloquium, 2017-2021

Member, Center of Theological Inquiry: Migration and Religion (Princeton, NJ), 2017-2018

Appreciation Certificate, Black Ministers' Conference of Montgomery County Maryland, 2016

Fellow, Next Generation Project Texas, The Strauss Center for International Security and Law, The University of Texas (Austin), 2011

2009 SBL Southwest Regional Scholar, 2008

Samuel Kendall Bushnell Fellowship, Graduate School, Yale University, 2005

University Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School, Yale University, 2004-2005

University Fellowship, Graduate School, Yale University, 1999-2003

Class Marshal for the S.T.M. Degree, Divinity School, Yale University, 1999

Two Brothers Fellowship (Archaeological Dig to Ashkelon, Israel), Divinity School, Yale University, 1999

Seminary Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1994-1997

Phi Beta Kappa, New York University, 1994

Highest GPA in Linguistics Citation, New York University, 1994

Religious Studies Prize, New York University, 1994

Founder's Day Award, New York University, 1994

Athlete-Scholar Citation, NCAA Men's Volleyball, New York University, 1994

Larry Silverstein Scholar, New York University, 1990-1994

Academic Experience:

Associate (tenured) Professor of Hebrew Bible, Howard University School of Divinity, (Washington, DC), 2019-

Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible, Howard University School of Divinity (Washington, DC), 2015-2019

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, St. Edward's University (Austin, TX), 2013-2014

Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, St. Edward's University (Austin, TX), 2012-2103

Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, Dept. Philosophy, Texas State University (San Marcos, TX), 2012-2013

Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Austin Seminary (Austin, TX), 2006-2012

Instructor, Yale Divinity School (New Haven, CT), 2005-2006

Adjunct Professor of Hebrew Bible, Hartford Seminary (Hartford, CT), 2004-2005

Program Manager, Asian American Cultural Center, Yale College (New Haven, CT), 2002-2004

Teaching Fellow, Yale College & Yale Divinity School (New Haven, CT), 2001-2004

Books (Monographs):

2010 Exile as Forced Migrations, BZAW 417 (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2010)

Books (Edited):

- 2019 Landscapes of Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretations, ed. John Ahn, IVBS 10 (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2019)
- 2015 *The Prophets Speak on Forced Migration*, ed. Mark Boda, Frank Ames, John Ahn, Mark Leuchter, SBLAIL 21 (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015)
- 2012 By the Irrigation Canals of Babylon: Approaches to the Study of the Exile, ed. John J. Ahn and Jill D. Middlemas, LHBOTS 526 (London: Bloomsbury, 2012)
- 2009 Thus Says the LORD: Essays on the Former and Latter Prophets in Honor of Robert R. Wilson, ed. John J. Ahn and Stephen L. Cook, LHBOTS 502 (London: T &T Clark, 2009)

Publications:

- 2025 "Intertextuality and Hosea 3: To Enslave or to Set Free? He Bought Her for Fifteen Shekels and Commodities," *JBRT* 4.1
- 2024 "What Need Do You Have for a Tribe? Two Readings of Tobit in Contemporary Diasporas: An African and Korean (American), John Ahn and Jacob Onyumbe, *JBRT* 3.2
- 2024 "A Note to the Special Issue on Cornel West," JBRT 3.1
- 2024 Westminster Study Bible (NRSV UE), Introduction and Commentary Notes on 1 Maccabees
- 2023 "Asherah Revisited as the Deuteronomist's asherah: Was Asherah a Black Goddess?" *JBRT* 2.2 (2024): 184-204.
- 2023 "Forced Migrations and Urban Centers of Diaspora Politics: Babylon (Ezekiel) and Egypt (Jeremiah)" in *Political Theology*, ed. Mark Brett and Rachelle Gilmour (Leiden: Brill)
- 2023 Book Review, Race and Rhyme: ReReading the New Testament, Love Lazarus Sechrest, JBRT 2.1
- 2022 "Religious Appropriation of the Slave Trade" Kefas Lamak (with John Ahn), JBRT 1.2 (2022): 247-263.
- 2022 "Joseph's Hyper-Assimilation: A Fourth Generation's Hidden Memory of Collapse," *JBRT* 1.1 (2022): 3-21.
- 2022 NRSV Updated Edition "Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi"
- 2021 "Migration in the Hebrew Bible," in EBR, ed. C. Furey, S. McKenzie, et al., (Berlin: de Gruyter), 66-72.
- 2021 "The Pervasiveness of Wisdom in (Con)texts," in The Oxford Handbook of Wisdom and Wisdom Literature, ed. Will Kynes (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021), 301-318.
- 2021 "Alien in the Book of Deuteronomy," NRSV Harper Collins Bible (Viewpoint Entry)
- 2020 "Forced and Return Migrations as the *Mitte* in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament," in *Christian Theology in the Age of Migration*, ed. Peter Phan (Lanham: Lexington Book, 2020), 51-68.
- 2020 Review, Joanna M. Hoyt, *Amos, Jonah, & Micah* (Bellingham: Lexham Press, 2019), *RBL* https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/13371 14933.pdf
- 2019 "Introduction," in *Landscapes of Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretations*, ed. John Ahn, (Atlanta: SBL Press 2019), 1-18.
- 2019 "Murder, Adultery, and Theft," in *Landscapes of Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretation* (SBL Press, 2019), 73-98.
- 2019 "Migration as a Hermeneutical Lens," in Fresh Thinking, Center of Theological Inquiry
- 2018 "Minor Prophets in the Bible: Amos, Reading the Book of Amos in Context," *Biblical Archeology Review* (on-line) see https://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/people-cultures-in-the-bible/people-in-the-bible/minor-prophets-bible-amos/
- 2017 "Daniel 1: Made in Babylon," in *T & T Clark Handbook to Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics*, ed. Uriah Kim and Seung Ai Yang (London: Bloomsbury, 2019), 317-28.
- 2015 "Ezekiel 15: A משל," in The Prophets Speak on Forced Migrations, ed. Mark Boda, et al., 101-119.
- 2015 "Introduction," with Frank Ames, in *The Prophets Speak on Forced Migration*, ed. Mark Boda, Frank Ritchel Ames, John Ahn, and Mark Leuchter (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2015), 1-8.
- 2014 "Story and Memory," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology*, ed. Samuel Balentine (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 332-43.
- 2014 "From Generation," in *The Oxford Handbook on the Psalms*, ed. William Brown (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), 459-74.
- 2014 "Social Context of Ancient Israel" with Corrine Carvalho, in *The Anselm Companion to the Bible* ed. Corrine Carvalho (Winona, MN: Anselm Academic Press, 2014), 137-151.

Publications (continued):

- 2013 "Diaspora Studies," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*, ed. Steve McKenzie (New York: Oxford University Press [8,500 word count])
- 2012 "Exile," in *The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*, ed. Mark J. Boda and Gordon McConville (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Press, 2012), 196-204.
- 2012 "Forced Migrations Guiding the Exile: Demarcating 597, 587, and 582," in *By the Irrigation Canals of Babylon*, 173-189.
- 2012 "Introduction" with Jill Middlemas, in *By the Irrigation Canals of Babylon*, ed. John Ahn and Jill Middlemas, LHBOTS 526 (New York/London: T & T Clark, 2012), 1-6.
- 2011 "Carshena," *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (EBR), ed. Hans-Josef Klauck, et al. (Berlin/NewYork: de Gruyter)
- 2011 "Cherub," EBR, ed. Hans-Josef Klauck, et al. (Berlin/New York: de Gruyter)
- 2011 "Coastlands," EBR (Berlin/New York: de Gruyter)
- 2011 Review, Martien Halvorson Taylor, Enduring Exile: The Metaphorization, of Exile in the Hebrew Bible (Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2011), Journal of Hebrew Scriptures 11 http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews new/review551.htm
- 2011 Review, Scott McKnight, *The Letter of James*, NICNT (Grand Rapids; Eerdmans, 2011), *HBT* 33.1 (2011): 93-95.
- 2011 Review Essay on Belief a New Commentary: Justo Gonzalez's *Luke* and William Placher's *Mark* (Louisville; WJK, 2011), *HBT* 33.1 (2011): 83-89.
- 2010 "Awakening Biblical Theology" in Religious Studies Review 36.3 (2010): 183-91.
- 2010 Review, John Barton, The Nature of Biblical Criticism (Louisville: WJK, 2008), HBT 31 (2009): 199-202.
- 2010 Review, Jon L. Berquist, Approaching Yehud (Leiden: Brill/SBL, 2008), BibInterp 18 (2010): 158-60.
- 2010 Review, Christopher Seitz, *Prophecy and Hermeneutics* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007), *HBT* 31.2 (2009): 221-222.
- 2009 Review, Brevard Childs, *The Church's Guide for Reading Paul: The Canonical Shaping of the Pauline Corpus* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008), *HBT* 31/2 (2009): 209-210.
- 2009 "Introduction" with Stephen Cook, *Thus Says the LORD*, ed. John Ahn and Stephen Cook, LHBOTS 502 (New York/London: T & T Clark, 2009), 1-10.
- 2009 "Zephaniah, a Disciple of Isaiah of Jerusalem?" *Thus Says the LORD*, ed. John Ahn and Stephen Cook, LHBOTS 502 (New York/London: T & T Clark, 2009), 292-307.
- 2009 "A Generational Approach to Immigration," Insights 124.2 (2009): 3-12.
- 2009 "Introduction to the Book of Obadiah," in *The Peoples' Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009), 1063-4.
- 2009 "Introduction to the Book of Zephaniah," in *The Peoples' Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2009), 1089-90.
- 2009 Cullen Story (with John Ahn), "The Fourth Suffering Servant," HBT 31.2 (2008)
- 2009 Review, C. Clifton Black, *The Eighth Day of Creation* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008), *HBT* 31/2 (2009): 205-6.
- 2008 "Psalm 137: Complex Communal Laments," JBL 127 (2008): 267-289.
- 2008 Exegesis and Commentary on Job 42:1-6, 10-17, *Feasting on the Word*, ed. Barbara Brown Taylor and David Bartlett (Louisville: WJK, 2008)
- 2008 Exegesis and Commentary on Ruth 1:1-8, *Feasting on the Word*, ed. Barbara Brown Taylor and David Bartlett (Louisville: WJK, 2008)
- 2008 Exegesis and Commentary on Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9, *Feasting on the Word*, ed. Barbara Brown Taylor and David Bartlett (Louisville: WJK, 2008)
- 2008 Review, James Kugel ed., *Prayers That Cite Scripture* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006), *HBT* 30.2 (2008): 191-193.
- 2008 Review, April D. Deconick, *The Thirteenth Apostle* (New York: Continuum, 2007), *HBT* 30.1 (2008): 76-78.
- 2007 "Tibhath," *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, et al. (Nashville: Abingdon)
- 2007 "Tidal," *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, et al. (Nashville: Abingdon)
- 2007 "Tiras," The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, et al.; Abingdon)
- 2007 "Ham, Hamites," *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, et al. (Nashville: Abingdon)
- 2007 "Sharon," *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, et al. (Nashville: Abingdon)

Publications (continued):

- 2007 Review, Won W. Lee, *Punishment and Forgiveness in Israel's Migratory Campaign* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003), *HBT* 29.2 (2007): 223-234.
- 2007 Review, John J. Collins, *The Bible after Babel: Historical Criticism in a Postmodern Age* (Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 2005), *HBT* 29.2 (2007): 227-228.
- 2007 Review, Jacqueline E. Lapsley, *Whispering the Word: Hearing Women's Stories in the Old Testament* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005), *HBT* 29.2 (2007): 231-232.
- 2007 Review, Choi Hee An and Katheryn Pfisterer Darr, eds., *Engaging the Bible: Critical Readings from Contemporary Women* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2006), *HBT* 29.1 (2007): 87-90.
- 2007 Review, Rodney R. Hutton, *Fortress Introduction to the Prophets* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004), *HBT* 29.2 (2007): 229-230.
- 2007 Review, Marvin Sweeny, *The Prophetic Literature* (IBT; Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005), *HBT* 29.1 (2007): 98-100.
- 2007 Review, Brevard S. Childs, *The Struggle to Understand Isaiah as Christian Scripture* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004), *Insights* 122.2 (2007): 35-36.
- 2007 Review, Robert W. Jenson, Song of Songs (IBC; Louisville: John Knox Press, 2005), HBT 29.1 (2007): 91-92.
- 2006 "A Light to the Nations: The Sociological Approach in Korean American Interpretation" in *Ways of Being, Ways of Reading*, ed. Jeffrey Kuan and Mary Foskett (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2006), 112-122; 221-224.
- 2005 Review, Rainer Albertz, *Israel in Exile: The History and Literature of the Sixth Century BCE* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2003), *JR* 85 (2005): 305-307.
- [2004 Assisted Professor John Collins with select chapters and the glossary, *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004)]

Editorial Work: Journal of Black Religious Thought (Brill), editor-in-chief

2025 JBRT 4.1

2024 JBRT 3.1, 3.2

2023 JBRT 2.1, 2.2

2022 JBRT 1.1, 1.2

Editorial Work: *Horizons in Biblical Theology* (Brill), Book Review Editor; Old Testament Library (WJK), Hebrew Transliteration Editor (Expanded *HBT* Book Reviews to include Semitic philology, DSS, Second

Temple, Greco-Roman, Gnostic)

2011 Book Reviews, HBT 33.1

2010 Book Reviews, *HBT* 32.1, 2

2009 Book Reviews, *HBT* 31.1, 2

2008 Book Reviews, *HBT* 30.1, 2

2007 Book Reviews, *HBT* 29.1, 2

2008 Hebrew Transliteration, Leslie Allen, Jeremiah: A Commentary, OTL

2007 Hebrew Transliteration, Susan Niditch, Judges: A Commentary, OTL

2007 Hebrew Transliteration, Marvin Sweeney, 1 & 2 Kings: A Commentary, OTL

Research Interest:

Sociological and Anthropological Approaches to Religion; Neo-Babylonian & Persian (sub-spec. Hellenistic) periods; forced & return migration studies (Exile-Return); communities behind textual traditions; social construction of realities; generational consciousness; cultural distinction; cultural memory; cultural trauma; identity; home; acculturation and assimilation; inter-marriage; Prophets; Writings, Dead Sea Scrolls (4QD^a 1Q266-273 [CD], 1QS, 1QpHab, 4QpNah, 4QpZeph, 11QT^a); History of Interpretation; Israelite Religion; OT Ethics; Ancient Letters; Hermeneutics; Canon; Mediterranean Economies; Hebrew and Aramaic Grammars

Teaching Competence:

Exile; Return; Biblical & Qumran Hebrew; Biblical, Egyptian/Qumran Aramaic; HB Text Criticism; Approaches (Historical, Literary, Sociological, Anthropological, Theological, Postmodern, Postcolonial, Cultural); Prophets (Isa, Ezek, Jer, the Book of the Twelve); Pentateuch (Gen, Exo, Num); Writings (Ps, Lam, Song, Dan); Wisdom (Proy, Job. Ooh); Diaspora; Wilderness Tradition; Introduction to the HB; History of Biblical Interpretation with Black Consciousness; Biblical Theology; Religion of Ancient Israel; Dead Sea Scrolls; Introduction to Judaism; Origins of Western Civilization; Introduction to Buddhism; Introduction to World Religions; Korean I-IV

Undergraduate Courses: St. Edward's University [SE], Schreiner University [SU], Texas State [TS], Yale College [YC], Howard University College of Arts and Science [HU-COAS] + New Course [^] Grant Proposal and Funded Course

Introduction to World Religions [SE]; +The Wilderness Wandering Tradition [SE]; +Judaism in the Diaspora [SE]; Jesus the Jewish Teacher [SE]; Introduction to Judaism [SE]; +The Book of Lamentations and the Holocaust [SE]; Religious Studies Methodology [SE]; +^Moral and Ethical Implications of Globalization [SU]; Introduction to the Hebrew Bible [TS]; The Dead Sea Scrolls in Translation [TS]; Bible as Literature [YC]; Introduction to Buddhism [YC]; Origins of Western Civilization [YC]; Korean II & IV [HU-COAS]

Graduate Courses: Howard University School of Divinity [HUSD], Austin Seminary [AS], Hartford + New Course *Hebrew/Aramaic/Greek Based Seminary [HS], Yale Divinity School [YDS]

+Humans, Angels, & Demons [HUSD]; +History of Biblical Interpretation: With Black Consciousness [HUSD]; +*Genesis [HUSD]; Introduction to the Hebrew Bible I/II [HUSD]; *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I/II/III/IV [HUSD]; +*Introduction to Biblical Aramaic; +*Intermediate/Advance Aramaic+; *Daniel & Apocalyptic Literature [HUSD]; Leadership in the HB [HUSD]; +Exile as Forced Migrations [HUSD, AS]; +*The Book of Isaiah [HUSD]; +*Dead Sea Scrolls [HUSD]; +*Exodus, Cultural Memory & Trauma [HUSD]; +*Wilderness Wandering Tradition [HUSD]; Old Testament Theology [HUSD]; +*Book of Job and the Black Experience [HUSD]; +*Lamentations & Song of Songs [HUSD]; *Qohelet [HUSD, AS]; +*Hebrew Bible Textual Criticism [AS, HUSD]; *Isaiah [AS]; *Jeremiah [AS]; *January Intensive Biblical Hebrew [AS]; +*Spring Biblical Hebrew [AS]; *Hebrew Rapid Reading Courses (Court/Succession Narrative, Dan, Gen 1-11, Exo/Num, Judges, Ruth, Esther, Women in the HB, Models of Leadership) [AS]; Isaiah 40-55 [AS]; Introduction to the OT/HB [AS]: Introduction to Biblical Interpretation [AS]: +English Exegesis: the Book of Isaiah [AS]; DMIN Core Course: Classical to Contemporary Approaches to the Bible-DMIN [AS]; Hebrew Bible Survey II [HS]; +Cultural Approaches to the Bible: African American, Latino/a American, Asian American Biblical Interpretations [YDS]; Summer Intensive Biblical Hebrew (Sessions I & II) [YDS]; Old Testament Interpretation [YDS-TF]; New Testament Interpretation [YDS-TF]

MA & DMIN Thesis Director (selected):

Naomi Levh, "Daniel 2-7: A Trauma-Informed Look at the Aramaic Portion of Daniel," 2024 Karen Hartridge, "The Intersectionality of the Black Women: A Comparative Study with the Book of Ruth," 2019

Margaret Talbot, "Reading Emmanuel Levinas with Qohelet," 2010 Kimberly Meyers, "Black Woman's Hair in Song of Songs," 2009

DMIN Wayne Eberly, "A Jubilee Journey: Embodying Jubilee through a 50 Day Commitment in Study and Practice," 2009

Moses Park, "Toward a Korean Feminist Hermeneutics," 2008

Professional Activities:

Editor-in-Chief, New Guides to Biblical Studies, Brill 2025-

Editor, Tools for Biblical Study, Brill, 2023-

Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Black Religious Thought (Brill), 2022-

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Ancient Judaism (Brill), 2022-

Reviewer, Resources in Biblical Studies, SBL Press, 2022

Professional Activities (continued)

Vice President, Mid-Atlantic SBL, 2020-2021

Book Review Section Leader, Daniel and the Minor Prophets, NRSV Updated Edition, 2019-2021

Founder-Chair, Return Migration in Biblical Literature, International SBL, 2019- present

Writings Section Chair, Hebrew Bible, Mid Atlantic SBL, 2018–2022

Reviewer, SBL Ancient Near East Monograph Series, 2018

Reviewer, Religions (MDPI), 2018–2023

Editor, Journal of Religious Thought, 2018-2021

Chair of Hebrew Bible Program, Southwest SBL (Southwest Commission on Religious Studies), 2011-2013

Steering Committee, Covenant in the Persian Period, AM SBL, 2010-2012

Founder-Chair, Forced Migration in Biblical Literature, International SBL, 2010-2012

Founder-Chair, Exile-Forced Migrations in Biblical Literature Group, SBL AM, 2008-2014

Executive Director, Korean Biblical Colloquium, SBL Affiliate, 2011-2017

Secretary, Korean Biblical Colloquium, SBL Affiliate, 2007-2011

Hebrew Transliteration Editor, Old Testament Library (WJK), 2007-2009

Book Review Editor, Horizons in Biblical Theology (Brill), 2006-2011

Assistant Editor, Yale Journal of Law & Humanities, 2005-2006

Committee-Member, Yale Graduate School Mentoring Award Committee, 2003 & 2004

Professional Memberships:

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
American Academy of Religion (AAR)
American Sociological Association (ASA)
American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Korean Biblical Colloquium (KBC) Catholic Biblical Association (CBA)

Academic Presentations:

- 2025 SBL International Meeting (Uppsala, Sweden): Return from Egypt and the Coastlands into the Wilderness of Jerusalem
- 2025 Ukraine Summer School of Theology, (Lviv, Ukraine—on-line) World Without Borders: Forced Migrations—Historical and Contemporary, the 6th Century BCE and 21st Century CE with Generational Consciousness, 2025
- 2024 SBL International Meeting (Amsterdam, The Netherlands): Ezekiel's Temple as a "Third" Temple (in Babylonian-Persian Space): Vis-a-vis Jerusalem and Elephantine
- 2023 Biblical Archeological Society of Northern Virginia (Rockville, MD): Exile and Return: The Birth and Defining Moments of Ancient Judaism
- 2022 Mid-Atlantic SBL Presidential Address (Washington, DC; Zoom): In Statelessness, the Wilderness as Sacred and Ordinary Space: Between Persia and Egypt
- 2022 Biblical Archeology Society—Spring Bible and Archaeology Fest 2022 (Washington, DC: Zoom): One Judaism or Competing Expressions? Persian and Egyptian Influences on Post-Exilic Jewish Belief and Identity
- 2021 SBL Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX): An Introduction to Biblical Studies with Ethics in Min Jin Lee's Pachinko
- 2021 Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK; Zoom): Facing the Faces of Forced Migrants: Contemporary and Ancient Peoples in Plight
- 2021 SBL Southwest (KBC-SW) (Fort Worth, TX; Zoom): Framing and Reframing Jacob and Joseph: Third and Fourth Generation Narratives Revisited
- 2020 Yonsei University (Seoul, S. Korea; zoom): Backgrounds and Contexts Leading to *Landscapes of Korean and Korean American Biblical Interpretation* (lectured in Korean)
- 2020 SBL Annual Meeting (Boston, MA; Zoom): Egypt's Jewish Diaspora Communities: Elephantine
- 2020 SBL Annual Meeting (Boston, MA; Zoom): The Smell of Cultural Trauma: 9-11 and Dan 3
- 2020 Biblical Archeology Society: 23rd Bible and Archeology Fest (Boston, MA: zoom): Returns of Diaspora Judean Communities in the Fifth Century BCE
- 2020 Political Theology Conference (Melbourne, Australia; zoom): Forced Migrations and Urban Centers of Diaspora Politics: Babylon (Ezekiel) and Egypt (Jeremiah)
- 2020 SBL Southwest (Fort Worth, TX): The Provenance of R^{JE}: Two Possibilities
- 2019 SBL Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA): Hosea's Problem: I Bought Her for 15 Shekels To Enslave or Set Her Free?

Academic Presentations (continued):

- 2019 SBL International Meeting (Rome, Italy): The Return of Angels in the War Scrolls as Final Restoration from Powerlessness
- 2019 Rostock University (Rostock, Germany): Four Generations of Canonical Consciousness
- 2019 Ewha Women's University (Seoul, South Korea): Akedah and Gen 1-11 and 20-50 (in Korean)
- 2019 Trinity Torch University (Seoul, South Korea): In the Diaspora: Abraham to Joseph (in Korean)
- 2019 SBL Mid-Atlantic (New Brunswick, NJ): Joseph: The Assimilated Egyptian Intermarries (Gen 41:45; 50-52) then Enslaves (Gen 47:18-19, 24): Joseph and Moses as Anti-Persian Stories
- 2019 AAR Mid-Atlantic (New Brunswick, NJ): Migration and "Repatriation" as Forced Return Migration: Modern and Ancient Communities
- 2018 SBL Annual Meeting (Denver, CO): Diaspora: Third and Fourth Generations
- 2018 SBL Annual Meeting (Denver, CO): The Fourth Generation in Joseph, Did Not Return: Only His Bones
- 2018 Hispanic Theological Initiative (Princeton, NJ): Respondent to Julian Andres Gonzalez Holguin's Cain, Abel, and the Politics of God: An Agambenian Reading of Genesis 4:1-16
- 2018 SBL Mid-Atlantic (New Brunswick, NJ): Pre-Sinai and Post-Sinai Wilderness Wandering Traditions
- 2018 Center for Theological Inquiry (Princeton, NJ): Migration in the Hebrew Bible
- 2017 Washington Theological Consortium (Washington, DC): Response to Prof. Peter Phan's Paper on Migration
- 2016 Howard University School of Divinity Faculty-Student Colloquium: Re-visioning the Wilderness Tradition (Washington, DC)
- 2016 SBL Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX): Critical Issues and Current Problems in Moses Stories
- 2016 Society for Asian Biblical Studies (SABS) (Seoul, South Korea): Made in Babylon: Daniel and His Three Friends
- 2016 SBL International Meeting (Seoul, South Korea): Murder, Adultery, and Theft: Pressing Laws
- 2016 AAAS Science for Seminaries: Climate Change and Biblical Studies (Southport, ME)
- 2016 Religion and Science Conference, Howard University and AAAS (Washington, DC): Paleoclimatology and the Hebrew Bible
- 2015 Respondent to Dr. Alice Bellis, Professor of Hebrew Bible, Howard University School of Divinity, Like a Gold Ring in a Pig's Snout is a Beautiful Woman Without Good Sense: Feminist Reflections on Proverbs, Howard University School of Divinity (Washington, DC), 2015
- 2015 SBL Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA): A Luhmannian Perspective: Communicating Damascus
- 2014 Plenary Keynote Speaker, Southeast AAR-SBL, Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Ancient and Contemporary Immigrant Generational Consciousness: Forced Migrations in Cultural Memory and Cultural Trauma (Atlanta, GA)
- 2013 SBL Annual Meeting (Baltimore, MD): Ezra's "Return Migration" Resulting in "Forced Migration": Social Communal Identity Formation or Ethnic Cleansing? Ezra 9-10 and the Expulsion of Hagar and Ishmael
- 2013 SBL Annual Meeting (Baltimore, MD): Complaints for Water, Food, and Security as a Form to Mark Collective Traumatic Experience
- 2013 SBL Southwest Regional (Forth Worth, TX): Social Construction of Reality (Berger and Luckmann) and the Dramaturgical (Goffman) in the War Scroll (DSS)
- 2012 SBL Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL): Forced Migration (Exile) vs. an Exile-less Exile: A Principal Judeo-Babylonian and Judean/Judahite Concern that Bridges Them: Intermarriage
- 2011 SBL Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA): Isaiah's "Immanuel" in the Gospel of Matthew 2011 SBL International Meeting (London, UK): Provisional "Turn" in Order to "Return" Home: Some Theories on Temporary Return Migrations
- 2010 SBL Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA): The Problem of "Israel" and "Jacob" in Second Isaiah
- 2010 SBL Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA): Isaiah 42:6b Revisited: Judeo-Babylonians as Light
- 2010 50th Year Anniversary of the Korean Old Testament Society: Second Generation Assimilation Theories for Reading Second Isaiah, Methodist Theological Seminary (Seoul, South Korea)
- 2010 SBL Southwest Regional (Forth Worth, TX): Wilderness Wandering Tradition: A Post-Exilic Reading
- 2009 SBL Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA): Jer 29: A Product of the 1.5 Generation Judeo-Babylonians
- 2009 SBL Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA): The Mitte of the Book of Ezekiel: Ezek 15
- 2009 SBL Southwest Regional (Forth Worth, TX): The Forced Migrations of Judeans in 582 B.C.E.
- 2008 SBL Annual Meeting (Boston, MA): A New Approach to the Study of the Exile: Forced Migrations
- 2008 SBL Annual Meeting (Boston, MA): The Demonstrative Adverb šm: Where is "there"?

Academic Presentations (continued):

2008 SBL International (Auckland, New Zealand): One Letter or Many Letters in Jer 29?

2008 SBL Southwest Regional (Fort Worth, TX): Ezekiel 15: 597, 587, 582

2007 SBL Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA): Num 32: A Second Generation Judeo-Babylonian Reading

2007 AAR Annual Meeting (San Diego, CA): glh as Forced Migrations: DIDR, IDPs, and Refugees

2007 SBL Southwest Regional (Fort Worth-Dallas, TX): A New Term for the Exile: Forced Migrations

2006 SBL Annual Meeting (Washington, DC): The Hebrew Particle Na: Preservation of Spoken Honorifics?

2006 SBL Annual Meeting (Washington, DC): Isa 42.6b: Light to Nations not Light to 'the' Nations

2006 SBL International (Edinburgh, Scotland): Is Ps 137 Exilic or Post-Exilic?

2006 SBL New England Regional Meeting (Cambridge, MA): Asherah Revisited: In (Con)Text

2004 SBL Annual Meeting Presentation (San Antonio, TX): The Genres of Psalm 137: Communal Lament

2004 SBL Annual Meeting Presentation (San Antonio, TX): Historical Critical as Foundational: Challenges from Cultural and Postcolonial Approaches

2003 SBL Annual Meeting Presentation (Atlanta, GA): Methodological Concerns and Demarcations in the Sociological Approach: From Form Criticism to Socio-Canonical

2003 AAR New England-Maritime Regional Meeting (Andover-Newton, MA): Economy and Authority: When Authority Supersedes Law and Justice

Committee Service:

Chair/Member, Committee on Committees, Faculty Senate, Howard University, 2024-2026/2022-2024

Member, Appointment, Tenure, Promotion Committee, Faculty Senate, Howard University, 2024-2026

Chair, Committee on Budget and Planning, Faculty Senate, Howard University, 2022-2024

Co-Chair, ATS Self-Study Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2020-2022

Member, University Subcommittee, Decanal Evaluation Committee, Howard University, 2020-2021

Chair, School of Divinity Decanal Evaluation Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2020 - present

Member, Student Grievance Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2020-2022

Faculty Secretary, Howard University School of Divinity, 2019-2022

Member, HUSD Enrollment Taskforce, Howard University School of Divinity, 2019-2020

Co-Chair, Academic Symposium Committee, 150 Anniversary of Howard University School of Divinity, 2019

Member, Executive Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2018 - present

Chair, Library and Educational Technology, Howard University School of Divinity, 2018 - present

Chair, Journal of Religious Thought, Howard University School of Divinity, 2018- present

Member, Middle State Accreditation Self Study Sub-Committee, Howard University, 2018-2019

Chair, Dean's Installation Worship Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2017

Faculty Member, Howard University School of Divinity Dean Search Committee, Howard University, 2017

101st Convocation for Howard University School of Divinity Planning Committee, 2017

HU Research Symposium Judge, Howard University, 2017- present

Journal of Religious Thought Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2016- present

Master of Arts Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2016-2018

Master of Divinity Committee, Howard University School of Divinity, 2015- present

Member, SACS QEP & Sub Committees, St. Edward's University, 2013-2014

Phi Beta Kappa Task Force, Texas State University, 2012-2013

Library Task Force, Austin Seminary, 2007-2011

Co-Chair, Biblical Studies Department, Austin Seminary, 2008-2010

Student Life and Standing Committee, Austin Seminary, 2006-2011

DMIN Core Faculty, Austin Seminary, 2007-2011

Biblical Studies Chair for SACS QEP Committee, Austin Seminary, 2007-2010

Faculty Sponsor, Black Students Association, Austin Seminary, 2006-2011

Faculty Sponsor, Korean Association, Austin Seminary, 2006-2011

Faculty Sponsor, Multicultural Student Association, Austin Seminary, 2006-2011

Curriculum Review Committee, Austin Seminary, 2006-2010

Member, Yale Graduate School Mentoring Award Committee, Yale University, 2003 & 2004

Recruiter for Under Represented Students, Yale Divinity School, 2001-2003

Vice President, Yale Divinity Korean Association, Yale Divinity School, 1997-1998

President, Korean Association at PTS, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1996-1997

Professional Development:

Faculty Network Resource (FNR), Leadership Initiative, New York University, 2023-2024

Lilly Pathways Director/PI Leadership Mentoring, Life Long Learning, Columbia Seminary/ATS, 2024

The Future of Spiritual Formation in the Korean Context, Fuller Seminary, 2023

Black Leadership Across Campuses Summit: HBCUs, the Black Church and Social Justice Today, Virginia Union University, 2023

Future of Regional SBL Meetings, 2022

Peer-Mentoring, "To Complete Our Story," Wabash, 2022

Climate Change, Human Migration, and Practices of Environmental Sustainability with Science Advisors and DoSER, AAAS, 2022

Lilly Pathways Grant, Phases 1 and 2, 2021 & 2022

NRSV UE Workshops, 2019, 2020, and 2021

Annual Assessment Academy, Howard University, 2021

Roundtable Seminar for Midcareer Faculty, The Association of Theological School, 2019

Faculty Development Forum, The Association of Theological School, 2019

Gathering for Racial/Ethnic Faculty, The Association of Theological School, 2019

Observer Fellowships and Grants, The Association of Theological Schools, 2007

Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty, The Association of Theological Schools, 2006

Community Service:

Volunteer, Shepherd's Table (Silver Spring, MD), 2024, 2025

Crew Chief, Home Repair, World Changers (Neptune City NJ), 2023, 2022

Group Leader, Tin-Roof Repair, Post-Maria Relief Puerto Rico (Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico), 2019

Volunteer, Home Repairs, Post-Hurricane Sandy (Neptune City, NJ), 2018

Volunteer, Capital Food Bank D.C., 2017– present

Participant as Educator/Community Rep., Parent Camp International—U.S. Department of Education (Washington, DC), 2016

Section Leader, Austin Homeless Count (Austin, TX), 2006-11

8th & 9th Annual Austin Stand Down — Homeless Assistance (Austin, TX), 2008-9

Advisory Board, Fern Bluff Elementary School (Round Rock, TX), 2007-2009

Principal Search Committee, Round Rock Independent School District (Round Rock, TX), 2007

Volunteer, The Food Bank for NYC (New York, NY), 2001-2006

Invited Public Speaking Engagements (selected from 400+):

Speaker, "The Minor Prophets and the New Testament," Bethany EM (Gaithersburg, MD), 2025 Speaker, "Working Towards Meaning Together: Jeffrey Alexander's Legacy for Sociology," Yale University, 2024

Speaker, "Letter to the Philippians," Adult Education, Bethany EM Church (Gaithersburg, MD), 2024

Speaker, "Response to Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's The Last Week of Jesus, Adult Education, Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2023

Speaker, "Revisiting Revelations: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics in the Book of Revelation by Elaine Pagels," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2023

Preacher, "Where is Hope to Be Found?" Bethany EM (Gaithersburg, MD), 2023

Preacher, Jesus Said, 'My Time Has Not Yet Come, Then Honored His Mother's Request," Bethany EM (Gaithersburg, MD), 2023

Speaker: "Cenchreae as New Orleans," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2022 Workshop Presenter, "The NRSV UE," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2022

Speaker, "Reflections on the Recent Atlanta Shooting," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD),

Speaker, "Did Paul Ever Remove His Thorn?" Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2020

Speaker, "Listening to Genesis 1 and 2 Again," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2020

Speaker, "Issues of Forced Migration and Involuntary Migration in the Book of Genesis," Takoma Park Presbyterian Church (Takoma Park, MD), 2020

Preacher, "Joseph: To Be or Not to Be the Enslaver," Takoma Park Presbyterian Church (Takoma Park, MD), 2019

Invited Public Speaking Engagements (continued):

Speaker, "Hardships that Paul Faced in Mission, Contextualized," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2019

Preacher, "That Fig Tree in the Garden: Gen 3," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2018 Preacher, "Light in the Midst of Darkness: Gen 1," Takoma Park Presbyterian Church (Takoma Park, MD),

Preacher, "And There was Light: John 1," Christ Congregational Church (Silver Spring, MD), 2018

Speaker, "Rejoice, I Say Again, Rejoice," McLean Korean Presbyterian Church (McLean, VA), 2017

Speaker, "Paul in Philippians," Bethany Church (Gaithersburg, MD), 2017

Speaker, Words and Actions, Korean & Korean American Students' Association (Frederick, MD), 2017 Panel Speaker, Jewish, Christian, Muslim Dialogue: Imam Dr. Siddiqqi, Rev. Dr. Ahn, Rabbi Dr. Gross man—Temple Beth Shalom (Columbia, MD), 2016

Speaker, Black Minsters Conference of Montgomery County MD (Silver Spring, MD), 2016

Speaker, "The Gospel of Luke," Church of Philippi's Teachers' Retreat (Hanover, MD), 2016

Speaker, "The Universal Church," Church of Philippi (Hanover, MD), 2015 Speaker, "On Genesis 22 Abraham and Isaac, They Believed," Korean Church of Hope (Glenwood, MD), 2015

Speaker, "St. Augustine's Reading of the Good Samaritan," North Central Care Givers (Austin, TX), 2013 Speaker, "Climbing the K-2 of Higher Education," Oklahoma City Education Series (Oklahoma City, OK),

Speaker, "Higher Education and Beyond," The Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Houston Houston—San Antonio—Austin (TX), 2011

Speaker, "A Laments Psalms' Conference," Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, GA), 2010

Speaker, "Strangers and Foreigners in the Bible," Austin Seminary (Austin, TX), 2010

Retreat Speaker/Preacher, "Living Prophetically," First Presbyterian of Pasadena (Pasadena, TX), 2010

Adult Education, "Difficult Texts," First Presbyterian Church of Georgetown (Georgetown, TX), 2010

Guest Preacher, The Northwest Baptist Church (Austin, TX), 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

Workshop Leader, "Humor in the Old Testament," Retired Ministers Association (Tucson, AZ), 2009

Workshop Leader, Men's Conference, Mo Ranch (Hunt, TX), 2009

Retreat Speaker/Preacher, University Presbyterian Church (Austin, TX), 2009

Workshop Speaker, Lenten Readings (Lake Charles, LA; Austin, TX), 2009

Workshop Leader, APCE (San Antonio, TX), 2009

Speaker & Workshop Leader, "The Old Testament," Lay Leaders' Institute (Austin, TX), 2009, 2007

Workshop Speaker, Advent Readings (Austin, TX), 2008

Speaker, "The Un-Authorized Gospels of Mary, Thomas, and Judas," A Reflective Retreat (Hunt, TX), 2008

Speaker, "What Our Church Doesn't Teach Us About the Bible: Cutting Edge Approaches," University Presbyterian Church, Adult Education (Austin, TX), 2008

Workshop Leader, College of Pastoral Leaders (Austin, TX), 2008

Workshop Leader, Western National Leadership Conference (Jackson Hole, WY), 2007

Speaker, "From Broken Love to Redeeming Love," University Presbyterian Church (Austin, TX), 2007

Principal Organizer, Virginia Tech Incident Memorial Service (Austin, TX), 2007

Speaker, Korean Women's Leadership, NKPC-Northwest (San Francisco, CA), 2007

Speaker, Korean Women's Leadership NKPC-Southwest (Austin, TX), 2007

Speaker, "Hermeneutics and Recent Approaches to the HB/OT," St. Edward's University (Austin, TX), 2007

Speaker, "The Jewish and Christian Faiths and Scriptural Traditions," State University of New York— Buffalo Student Christian Fellowship (Buffalo, NY), 2006

Retreat Speaker, Korean Church of Queens (Mt. Bethel, PA), 2006

Speaker, "Who is My Neighbor," Stony Brook University Jewish-Christian Dialogue (Stony Brook, NY),

Speaker, Long Island Presbyterian Church & Faith Presbyterian Church of Staten Island (Mt. Bethel, PA),

Speaker, Christian Club, CUNY-Queens College (Flushing, New York), 2003

Speaker, Cornell University, Grace Fellowship (Ithaca, NY), 2002

Speaker, "Beyond I Have a Dream: What's Next for Our Tomorrow Today?" Youth Appreciation Day, Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, New Jersey), 2001

Invited Public Speaking Engagements (continued):

Speaker, Youth Group, Han Min Korean Presbyterian Church, 2001

Speaker, "Gen 22: The Akedah" & "Job: Theodicy" The Jewish Oakland Center (Bayside, NY), 2000, 2001

Speaker, College/Youth Revival, Bethel United Methodist Church (Bronx, NY), 1999

Speaker, Youth Rally, Korean Church of Westchester (North Tarry Town, NY), 1999

Speaker, Presbyterian Church of Palisades (Palisades, NJ), 1997, 1996

Speaker, 1996 AMEN Youth Retreat, Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ), 1996

Speaker, Korean American Christian Education Resource Service, 1996

Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson (Tucson, AZ) June 3-9 Korean Presbyterian Church of Goldsboro (Goldsboro, NC) June 18-20 Synod Retreat in Peoria (Peoria, IL) June 23-26 Korean Church of Leigh Valley (Whitehall, PA) July 5-7 Korean Youth Retreat in Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA) July 9-12 July 15-19 Princeton Community Church (Princeton, NJ) 1996 World Mission Conference (Wheaton, IL) July 22-24 Synod of Living Water Youth Conference (Huntsville, AL) August 12-15 Korean Central Presbyterian Church of Queens (Bayside, NY) August 21-23

Speaker, State University of New York—Binghamton Intervarsity (Binghamton, NY), 1995

Speaker, Children's Revival, Calvary Korean United Methodist Church (East Brunswick, NJ), 1996, 1995

Speaker, Youth Group, The First Korean Church of New Jersey (Jersey City, NJ), 1994

Social NGO Ventures/Archeology:

Ussrik, Nahodka, Siberia, Russia—Private Think/Action-Tank for Hunger Relief, August 2005 Puritiagadda, New Delhi, Rajasthan, India—Brought supplies and cared for orphans, August 2003 Ashkelon, Israel (archeology) —Additional travels to Jordan, June-August 2001

Kenya, Africa—Leadership training for deaf-mute communities in Nairobi, Kittengala, Mombassa, August 2000 Russia & Ukraine—Historical and cultural exchange, a precedence between fourth and fifth generation Korean-Russians and first and second generation Korean-Americans, August 1994

Grants (Awarded):

Lilly Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative—\$1,000,000 (Phase 2) — PI: John Ahn, "The Imaginative Formation of Black Pastors and Lay Leaders" submitted on August 2, 2021/March 1, 2022, funded June 28, 2022.

Lilly Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative —\$50,000 (Phase 1) — PI: John Ahn, "For the Black Soul of America." Three initiatives: interviews, listening, and data mining in urban and rural contexts of ministry for Black pastors. Submitted March 15, 2021. Funded April 30, 2021.

Wabash Small Grant—\$7,500 Peer Mentoring Cluster—(John Ahn—Howard University School of Divinity [Facilitator], Paul Cho—Wesley Seminary, Paul Kim—Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio, Bo Lim—Seattle Pacific University, Roger Nam—Emory University, "To Complete Our Story: Where Do We Go From Here?" Submitted 2021. Funded 2021-2022.

Wabash Small Grant—\$7,500 Peer Mentoring Cluster—(Roger Nam— George Fox University [Facilitator], John Ahn—Howard University, Paul Cho—Wesley Seminary, Bo Lim—Seattle Pacific University, Paul Kim — MTSO), "1903: Returning to the Past, Negotiating the Future." Submitted 2017, Funded 2018.

Wabash Small Grant—\$7,500 Peer Mentoring Cluster— (Paul Kim-MTSO [Facilitator], John Ahn—Howard University, Paul Cho—Wesley Seminary, Bo Lim—Seattle Pacific University, Roger Nam—George Fox University), "Seen Yet Unseen." Submitted 2016, Funded 2017-2018.

Lilly Endowment Small Grant —\$10,000 Schreiner University (Kerrville, TX) and Austin Seminary (Austin, TX) with Monterey Institute of Technology (Monterrey, Mexico). Lilly Small Grant for teaching globalization, ethics, and migration (USA-Mexico-Germany) to college, seminary, and congregation, 2008.

References:

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