Associate Professor of New Testament Language and Literature, Western Seminary DEng@WesternSeminary.edu

Courses Taught: Hermeneutics Interpreting the Gospels

Greek Grammar Interpreting the Prophets and Gospels

Greek Grammar & Syntax Interpreting Acts to Revelation

Greek Syntax & Reading Paul and Pastoral Ministry: 1&2 Timothy, Titus

The Epistle of James Asian American Ministry Formation

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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)University of Cambridge

Theology and Religious Studies

"Eschatological Approval in the Epistle of James"

Doctor of Ministry (DMin)Talbot School of Theology

Asian American Ministry

Master of Theology (Th.M.)

Talbot School of Theology

Bible Exposition

Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Talbot School of Theology

Pastoral and General Ministries

Bachelor of Arts

Communication Studies Boston College

PUBLICATIONS AUTHORED AND EDITED

Luke, The Preachers' Greek Companion (Under contract with Hendrickson)

Assistant Editor, TGC Concise Commentary on the Bible (Crossway, expected 2025)

<u>The Hodder Bible Commentary</u>: James (Hodder & Stoughton, expected 2025)

"James," in *The New Testament in Color: A Multiethnic Commentary*, 2024 (IVP Academic)

Editor, Greek New Testament, Produced at Tyndale House, Guided Annotating Edition, 2023 (Crossway)

Editor, Faithful Ministry Through Chinese Churches in America: The Legacy of the Fellowship of American Chinese Evangelicals, 2023 (Urban Loft Publishers)

Eschatological Approval: The Structure and Unifying Motif in James, 2022 (Sheffield Phoenix Press) in New Testament Monographs series, ed. David A. Clines

"The Letter of James," in <u>An Asian Introduction to the New Testament</u>, 2022 (Fortress Press)

James: An Honor-Shame Paraphrase, 2018 (Timē Press)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "Healing from Sin: The Effective Prayer in James 5:16" Trinity Journal 44.1 (Spring 2023): 37-50.
- "East Asian and Asian American Reflections on James"

 Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry 19.2 (Fall 2022): 245-57.
- "The Refining of Your Faith?' Metallurgic Testing Imagery in James"

 Bulletin for Biblical Research 32.2 (July 2022): 182-201.
- "I Call You Friends: Jesus as Patron in John 15" Themelios 46.1 (April 2021): 55-69.
- "Addressing the Stigma Associated with Seeking Help for Mental Health Among Asian Americans" with Judith K. TenElshof. *The Journal of Psychology and Christianity* 39.2 (2020): 125-133.
- "The Role of Semitic Catchwords in Interpreting the Epistle of James" *Tyndale Bulletin* 70.2 (2019): 245-267.
- "Finally Belonging: The Reception of the Parable of the Prodigal Son Among Asian Americans"

 The Journal of the Asian American Theological Forum 6.2 (November 2019).
- "The Widening Circle: Honour, Shame, and Collectivism in the Parable of the Prodigal Son" Expository Times 130.5 (February 2019): 193-201.
- "The Antioch Assumption: Did Jews and Gentiles Actually Worship Together in Antioch?" Evangelical Review of Theology 42, (July 2018): 268-279.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Louise and Richard Goodwin Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing, 2017.

The Award in Homiletics, Talbot School of Theology, 2010.

Outstanding Senior Preacher, Talbot School of Theology, 2009.

Inez Gooden Memorial Award, Talbot School of Theology, 2009.

CERTIFICATIONS

Ordained Minister, World Council for Independent Christian Churches

Certificate of Study, Christian Apologetics, Biola University

OTHER TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity

2019-2020

Undergraduate Supervisor

A1b: Elementary New Testament Greek

Focused Teaching in Small Groups Lent Term 2018, Easter Term 2018

Moody Theological Seminary

Online Adjunct Professor New Testament Greek II—Spring 2020

New Testament Greek I—Fall 2019

Tyndale Theological Seminary (Badhoevedorp, The Netherlands)

Visiting Instructor Elementary Greek, Summer 2019

London School of Theology

Online Instructor Reading the Greek NT, Sept 2018—July 2019

Vacation Term for Biblical Studies

Instructor Intermediate NT Greek, July—August 2018

Cambridge Theological Federation

Interim New Testament Lecturer New Testament Texts: John, Easter Term 2018

Training for East Anglia Ministry (TEAM)

Leader/Coach, Instructor Biblical Interpretation, Fall Term 2017

Institute of Biblical Studies, Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ)

Visiting Instructor Biblical Interpretation--Summer 2016

Biblical Communication--Summer 2016

Biola University, Undergraduate Biblical Studies

Adjunct Professor BBST430 Salvation in the New Testament

Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

Co-Instructor BBST100 NT History and Literature

hybrid online/classroom course, Spring 2015

OTHER PUBLICATION EXPERIENCE

Review Board Member, Bulletin for Biblical Research, 2024-

"And Finally. . . The Foolish Man Will Not Get Another Chance," Expository Times, April 2021

"And Finally... A Ministry of Refreshment (2 Timothy 1:15–18)," Expository Times, October 2020

"And Finally...On Closed Doors, and Value of a Bible Atlas" Expository Times, December 2019

Assisted Dirk Jongkind with copy-editing for the *Tyndale House Greek New Testament*, Crossway, 2017

Assisted Robert Saucy with research for Minding the Heart: Way of Spiritual Transformation, Kregel, 2013

Assisted J. Kent Edwards with research and indexing for Deep Preaching, B&H Publishing, 2009

Administrator for Book Reviews, The Journal of Christian Ministry, 2009

Editor for The Steadfast, student publication of Talbot School of Theology, 2007–2008

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Portland Chinese C&MA Church Portland, OR

Governing Board Member, 2024-

Cambridge Yeolim Church Cambridge, UK

Interim English Pastor, 2017

Evergreen Baptist Church of San Gabriel Valley

La Puente, CA

Assistant Pastor of Congregational Life, 2020

Pastoral Intern, 2006-2010

Sagebrush Community Church Albuquerque, NM

Small Group Material and Devotional Writer, 2014-2016

Austin Chinese Church Austin, TX

Youth Pastor, 2010-2014

Starlight Ministries, Emmanuel Gospel Center Boston, MA

Development Intern, 2001

WEB-BASED PUBLICATIONS

[&]quot;Reading and Teaching the Book of Ruth," Crossway (Church Society), January 2020

[&]quot;Why I Keep Using a Physical Bible" Transform, March 2024

[&]quot;Joseph: Called to Faith" Seminary Now, December 2023

[&]quot;Sermon on the Mount: 5 Keys That Unlock Understanding" Word by Word, July 2023.

[&]quot;Is Jesus Really My Friend?" Word by Word, March 2023.

[&]quot;5 Things We're Teaching Our Kids For This Messy World, Biblical Wisdom for Parents, March 2023.

[&]quot;Disappointment with God" Word by Word, February 2023.

[&]quot;The Key to the Sermon on the Mount (or ... What Psalty Got Wrong)" Transform, October 2022

[&]quot;Why and How I Preach Without Notes" Transform, June 2022

[&]quot;What a Patron We Have in Jesus," The Gospel Coalition, December 2021.

[&]quot;What is a Bible Dictionary and How Do I Use It?" Our Daily Bread, July 2020.

[&]quot;The Forgotten Figure in the Nativity Scene," The Gospel Coalition, December 2019.

[&]quot;What the British Museum Taught Me About Faith," The Logos Academic Blog, June 2019.

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At The SOLA Network (selected)
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- "What I Wish You Understood About the Ethnic-Specific Church" June 2024
- "The Power of an 'Ordinary' Christian Testimony" November 2023
- "How Christ Sets an Example for Ethnic-Specific Ministries" January 2023
- "Choose For Yourself: Joshua's Message for Dads" June 2022
- "How Olympians Nathan Chen and Zhu Yi Remind Me of My True Hope" February 2022
- "The Ethnic-Specific Church and MLK's 'Most Segregated Hour' Line" January 2022
- "What is a Fitting Response to the Advent Season?" December 2021
- "Biblical Support for Ethnic-Specific Ministries" November 2021
- "How Do I Know if Someone is 'The One'?" June 2021
- "Should Asian Americans Follow Their Desires?" April 2021
- "An Untraditional Bible Reading Plan" December 2020
- "Six Movies on Disney+ for Discussing Biblical Values" June 2020
- "Biblical Principles To Guide Us During This Pandemic" June 2020
- "Gospel Reflections from 40 Days of Lockdown" May 2020
- "How Asian Americans Connect with the Parable of the Prodigal Son" April 2020
- "Church Hospitality 101" Part 1, Part 2, Part 3, Part 4
- "Good News of Great Joy: A Christmas Devotion" December 2019
- "My Favorite Bible Passage about Christmas Isn't in the Gospels" December 2019
- "When is 'Privilege' Not a Problem?" August 2019
- "What a Drive-Thru Teaches Us about Relationships" July 2019
- "Doctor's Notes: Tips for Reading Luke-Acts" December 2018
- "The Bible is More Accurate in Texas (Well, Sort of...)" December 2018
- "3 Things I Learned From Hoover Wong" October 2018
- "How Would Jesus View Immigrants? Reflections on the Gospel of Luke" July 2018
- "The Spiritual Growth Secret No One Talks About" April 2018

Curator, Biblical Greek Help: Resources to Assist Your Reading and Learning, 2018-present.

Editor, Asian American Pastor, 2011-present.

OTHER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Faculty Advisor, Western Seminary Student Theologian Fellowship, *Center for Pastor Theologians* Steering Committee Member, Socio-Cultural Interpretation, Evangelical Theological Society Steering Committee Member, Asian/Asian American Theology, Evangelical Theological Society Editorial Board Member, SOLA Network: Gospel-Centered Voice for the Emerging Generation Coordinating Committee, Asian American Ministry Conference, Talbot School of Theology, 2014. Talbot Associated Students Officer, Talbot School of Theology, 2007–2009.

BOOK REVIEWS

"You Need a Better Gospel: Reclaiming the Good News of Participation with Christ" Expository Times 134.3 (December 2022)

"Christian History in Seven Sentences" Expository Times 133.2 (November 2021)

- "The Big Idea Companion for Genesis to Revelation" Expository Times 132.12 (September 2021).
- "From Research to Teaching: A Guide to Beginning Your Classroom Career" Expository Times 132.11 (August 2021)
- "Hearing Paul's Voice: Insights for Teaching and Preaching," Expository Times 132.8 (May 2021).
- "The Ancient Mediterranean Social World: A Sourcebook," Expository Times 132.5 (February 2021).
- "Reading the Epistle of James: A Resource for Students," Expository Times 131.11 (August 2020).
- "Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes," Expository Times 131.5 (February 2020).
- "Basics of Biblical Greek (Fourth Edition)" Logos Bible Software: Word by Word, December 2019.
- "Septuaginta: A Reader's Edition," THink 2 (Spring 2019).
- "Basics of Greek Accents" Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society 61.4 (December 2018).
- "Letters from the Pillar Apostles" Themelios 42.3 (December 2017).
- "Solving the Immigrant Church Crisis" Themelios 42.3 (December 2017).
- "The Significance of Exemplars for the Interpretation of James," Themelios 42.1 (April 2017).
- "Tapestry of Grace: Untangling the Cultural Complexities in Asian American Life and Ministry," Themelios 42.1 (April 2017).
- "The 3D Gospel: Ministry in Guilt, Shame and Fear Cultures," McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry, 17 (2015–2016).
- "Saving God's Face: A Chinese Contextualization of Salvation" *Asian American Christian Equippers*, 2015.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- "Scripture's Migration Motif and the Asian American Contribution to Interpretation" Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, 2024
- "The Task of Asian American Hermeneutics"
 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Antonio, 2023
- "Evaluating the Use of Revelation 7:9 to Inform the Local Church"

 Evangelical Theological Society Northwest Regional Meeting. Portland, 2023
- "Healing from Sin: The Righteous Person's Prayer in James 5:16" Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Denver, 2022
- "East Asian and Asian American Reflections on James"

 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Fort Worth, 2021
- "Relationship, Reciprocity, and Regency: Friends as Subordinates in John 15" Graduate New Testament Seminar. University of Cambridge, 2019 British New Testament Conference. Liverpool, 2019 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, 2019 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, 2019
- "The Arrangement of James in Light of Catchword Association in Semitic Documents" Oxford-Cambridge Biblical Studies Conference. Oxford, 2018 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, 2018
- "How the New Testament Addresses the Counseling Stigma for Asian Americans" Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Denver, 2018

"The Refining of Your Faith? Metallurgic Imagery in James"

British New Testament Conference. Twickenham, 2018

Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Providence, 2017

Tyndale Fellowship Conference. Cambridge, 2017

"Jesus' Shameless Message: An Honor-Based Reading of the Prodigal Son for Asian Americans" American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston, 2017 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Providence, 2017

"The Shameless Father: Honor and Shame in the Parable of the Prodigal Son" Oxford-Cambridge Biblical Studies Conference. Cambridge, 2017 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Boston, 2017

"The Antioch Assumption: Interaction of Jew and Gentile Believers in Antioch" Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, 2015

SPEAKING AND PREACHING MINISTRY

Speaker, Chinese Leader Retreat, Alliance NW, 2024.

Speaker, Fall Retreat, Cross Bridge Ministry, 2024.

Speaker, High School Retreat, Chinese Evangelical Church of Portland, 2023.

Plenary Speaker, Annual Conference, Association of Christians Ministering Among Internationals, 2022.

Speaker, Lunar New Year International Students Outreach, St. Andrew the Great Church, 2020.

Seminar Speaker, "Reading Old Testament Poetry," The Philip Project, Friends International, 2020.

Seminar Speaker, PHAT Camp, Chinese Overseas Christian Mission UK, 2018.

"The Spiritual Growth Secret No One Talks About"

Seminar Speaker, ReGeneration Conference, Chinese Overseas Christian Mission UK, 2018.

Speaker, Michaelhouse Centre, Great St Mary's (University Church), Cambridge, 2018.

"The Church's Response to Refugees and Immigrants"

Speaker, Youth Workers Vision Weekend, Nordic Chinese Christian Church Oslo, 2018.

Discussion Panelist, ReGeneration Conference, Chinese Overseas Christian Mission UK, 2017.

Seminar Speaker, All-Church Conference, Evergreen SGV, 2015.

"Spiritual Growth 201,"

"Teaching and Speaking to Transform Lives"

Speaker, Adult Retreat, Arcadia Chinese Baptist Church, 2015.

Speaker, Men's Retreat, First Chinese Baptist Church of Los Angeles, 2015.

Speaker, Youth Summer Camp, Bread of Life Church, 2014.

Speaker, College Retreat, Boston Chinese Evangelical Church, 2012.

Speaker, Gospel Camp, New York Chinese Alliance Church, 2010.

Speaker, High School Retreat, Bread of Life Church, 2009.