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EDUCATION:

- 2004 Ph.D. in Church History, School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 11
 Dissertation: "Christian Self-Representation in the Second and Third Centuries: The Apologies, Apocryphal Acts and Martyr Acts"
 Advisor: David M. Scholer, Th.D.
 Secondary expertise in New Testament
- 1998 M.Div., School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, summa cum laude
 (GPA 3.92)
- 1994 B.A. in History, University of California, Berkeley, cum laude (GPA 3.74)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE/COURSES TAUGHT:

- 2004-present Professor of History of Christianity, Westmont College
 History of World Christianity (every semester)
 Reformation and Modern Christianity (Spring, 2017, 2016, 2015)
 Theology and Economics of Wealth and Poverty (Fall, 2016; Spring, 2017, 2015, 2013)
 Tutorial: Gender and Embodiment (Spring, 2015)
 Tutorial: Poverty and Social Justice (Spring, 2015)
 Tutorial: Christian Mysticism (Spring, 2013)
 Missional Theology (Spring, 2014)
 Gender in Theological Perspective (Spring, 2014; Fall, 2015, 2012)
 Wealth and Poverty in Christian History (Spring, 2010, 2008)
 Contemporary Christianity (Spring, 2007)
 Life and Literature of the New Testament (Fall, 2008, 2006)
 Christianity and the Roman Empire (Summer 2010, Fall, 2008, 2006)
 Early and Medieval Christianity (Fall, 2015, 2014; Fall, 2011; Spring, 2006)
 Reformation Christianity (Fall, 2007, 2005)
 Modern Christianity (Spring, 2009, 2005)
- 2015 Summer Visiting Professor, Global Institute of Theology (Yonsei University), Seoul, Korea
 Theology and Economics of Wealth and Poverty
- 2013 Summer Visiting Professor, Bridgeworld College, Karen, Kenya
 Wealth and Poverty in Christian History
- 2012 Summer Visiting Professor, Torch Trinity Graduate University, Seoul, Korea
 Wealth and Poverty in Christian Traditions
- 2007 Winter Adjunct Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary, Santa Barbara Extension
 American Church History
- 2004 Spring Adjunct Instructor, Fuller Theological Seminary
 Early Church History

1999-2003 Teaching Assistant and Instructor-in-Training, Fuller Theological Seminary
 Early Church History
 Medieval and Reformation Church History
 American Church History
 Modern Church History
 Patristic Theology
 Religious and Cultural Backgrounds of Early Christianity

SELECT ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS:

2018 (Spring) Residential Research Fellowship at Biola University’s Center for Christian Thought (CCT) on “Suffering and the Good Life”

2016-2017 Wabash Center Peer Mentoring Cluster Grant with Profs. Carolyn J. Medine (UGA), Melanie Harris (TCU), and Swasti Bhattacharyya (BVU) (\$7,500)

2016 Ten-Year Anniversary of Wabash Center Religion Faculty Workshop (funded by Lily Endowment, Inc., May)

2015-2016 **Martin Institute/Dallas Willard Center (MI/DWC) Senior Fellow Research Grant (\$10,000), Westmont College**

2014-2014 **MIDWC Senior Fellow**

2014 **Faculty Researcher of the Year Award, Westmont College**

2014 Ping Faculty Development Fellowship for International Faculty Development Seminar (IFDS) by Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) for “Comparative Business Perspective in Tokyo & Shanghai”

2014, 2012 Professional Development Grant, Westmont College

2013 Research Group Grant, Westmont College

2012 IFDS—“China: Economic Development and Urban Transformation” (June)

2011 Interdisciplinary Curriculum Development Grant, Westmont College

2010 Bruce and Adaline Bare Teacher of the Year Award in Humanities, Westmont College

2010 Faculty Induction to The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Westmont College

2009, 2007, 2005 Professional Development Grant, Westmont College

2008-2009 Wabash Center Grant for Pedagogies for Civic Engagement (\$20,000)—group grant for teaching civic engagement and social justice

2007-2008 Wabash Center Grant for Pedagogy of Difficult Questions Consultation (\$20,000): “Teaching into the Difficult: Racial Ethnic Women Professor—White University – Race, Religion, and Gender in the Classroom,” with Melanie Harris (Texas Christian University) and Carolyn Medine (University of Georgia)

2007 Wabash Center Summer Fellowship (funded by Lily Endowment, Inc.)

2006-2007 **Wabash Center Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty Workshop** (funded by Lily Endowment, Inc.)

2006 Faith-Learning Grant, Westmont College

2002-2003 Church History Fellowship, Fuller Theological Seminary

2001-2002 Partial Fellowship, Fuller Theological Seminary

- 2001 First Prize, Student Essay Competition in Western Pacific Region,
Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
- 2000-2002 Young Nak Scholarship
- 2000-2002 Korean American Scholarship Foundation
- 1999 Korean American United Methodist Church Scholarship
- 1993 Induction to the Golden Key National Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS:

Monographs:

- 2012 *Loving the Poor, Saving the Rich: Wealth, Poverty, and Early Christian Formation*
(Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic)
- 2005 *Early Christian Literature: Christ and Culture in the Second and Third Centuries*
(London & New York: Routledge)

Primary Source Anthology:

- 2017 *Wealth and Poverty in Early Christianity. Ad Fontes: Early Christians Sources Series*
(Minneapolis: Fortress Press)

Refereed Articles & Book Chapters:

- 2017 "Portrayal of Patients in Early Christian Sources," *Studia Patristica*, LXIII,
forthcoming
- 2017 "Irenaeus and Paul: Sexuality, Virginity, and Women," in *Irenaeus and Paul* (eds. T.
D. Still and D. Wilhite: London & New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark Publishing),
forthcoming
- 2016 "Roundtable: Women of Color in the Religious Studies Classroom: Silent Scripts and
Contested Spaces," with Melanie L. Harris and Carolyn M. Jones Medine, *Journal of
Feminist Studies in Religion* 32.1, 101-114.
- 2014 "Family Structure: Early Church," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender
Studies* (ed. Julia M. O'Brien; Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press),
228-34.
- 2013 "Wealth, Business Activities, and Blurring of Christian Identity," *Studia Patristica*,
LXII, 245-57.
- 2013 "Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from Above: The Episcopal Control of Charity
and Christian(-ized) Patronage," *Scrinium* 9 (Patrologia Pacifica Tertia), 122-38.
- 2012 "The Wealth of Christians" in *Tertullian and Paul* (eds. T. D. Still and D. Wilhite:
London & New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark Publishing), 195-215.
- 2012 "The Authority and Function of Jewish Scripture in the *Acts of Peter* and the
Pseudo-Clementine Homilies" in 'Soyez des changeurs avisés'. *Controverses
exégétiques dans la littérature apocryphe chrétienne* (eds., G. Aragione - R.
Gounelle; Cahiers de Biblia Patristica 12; Strasbourg, Université de Strasbourg),
33-46.
- 2012 "A Patristic View of Wealth and Possessions," *Ex Auditu: An International Journal
of Theological Interpretation of Scripture* 27, 51-77.
- 2011 "Wealth, Poverty, and Eschatology: Pre-Constantine Jewish and Christian Social
Thoughts and the Hope for the World to Come," in *Patristic Social Ethics: Issues
and Challenges* (ed. J. Leemans, B. Matz, and J. Verstraeten), 64-84.

- 2011 “Christian Identity,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (vol. 1; ed. G. Kurian; Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing), 475-80.
- 2011 “Justin Martyr,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (vol. 2; ed. G. Kurian; Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing), 1264-65.
- 2011 “Riches and Christianity,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (vol. 3; ed. G. Kurian; Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing), 1989-93.
- 2010 “Experiences and Theology of Martyrdom in a Korean Context,” in *A Cloud of Witnesses: Opportunities for Ecumenical Commemoration* (eds., T. Grzelidze and G. Dotti; Proceedings of the International Ecumenical Symposium, Monastery of Bose; Geneva, WCC Publications, 2010), 155-59.
- 2010 “Wealth and the Wealthy in the *Acts of Peter*,” *Studia Patristica*, XLV, 343-47.
- 2009 “Wealth and Poverty in the *Acts of Thomas*,” in *Prayer and Spirituality V: Riches and Poverty* (ed. G. Dunn, D. Luckensmeyer, and L. Cross; Strathfield, Australia: St Paul’s Publications), 111-18.
- 2006 “‘Globalizing’ the Liberal Arts: Issues and Challenges for Teaching” *Liberal Arts* 5 (2006), 65-73.
- 2006 “Persecution, Martyrdom, and Christian Self-Definition in the Early Church,” in *The Suffering Body: Responding to the Persecution of Christians* (ed. H. D. Hunter & C. M. Robeck, Jr.; Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster), 3-23.
- 2005 “Spirituality of Female Martyrs: Virginity and Spiritual Motherhood,” in *Prayer and Spirituality IV: The Spiritual Life* (ed. W. Mayer, P. Allen and L. Cross; Strathfield, Australia: St Paul’s Publications), 133-48.

Book Reviews:

- 2016 Mark Grundeken, *Community Building in the Shepherd of Hermas: A Critical Study of Some Key Aspects* (Brill, 2015), *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, forthcoming
- 2015 Sheila E. McGinn, et al. eds. *By Bread Alone: The Bible through the Eyes of the Hungry* (Fortress, 2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 78:1, 197-99.
- 2014 Ronald Heine, *Classical Christian Doctrine: Introducing the Essentials of the Ancient Faith* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013), *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, 22:1, 158-60.
- 2009 Susan Holman, ed., *Wealth and Poverty in the Early Church* (Holy Cross Studies in Patristic Theology and History; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008), *Missiology: An International Review* 37:4 (2009), 589.
- 2009 Suzanne Watts Henderson, *Christology and Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark* (Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 135. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006), *The Classical Bulletin* 84.1, 158-60.

Book Endorsements:

- 2017 Amy Brown Hughes and Lynn Cohick, *Christian Women of the Patristic World: their Influence, Authority, and Legacy in the Second through Fifth Centuries* (Baker Academic)
- 2016 Brian J. Matz, *Gregory of Nazianzus* (Baker Academic)
- 2016 James L Papandrea, *The Earliest Christologies: Five Images of Christa in the Post-Apostolic Age* (IVP Academic)
- 2015 David Downs, *Alms: Charity, Reward, and Atonement in Early Christianity* (Baylor University Press)

- 2015 David E. Wilhite, *The Gospel according to Heretics: Discovering Orthodoxy through Early Christological Conflicts* (Baker Academic)
- 2013 Eric Constanzo, *Harbor for the Poor: A Missiological Analysis of Almsgiving in the View and Practice of John Chrysostom* (Wipf & Stock)

Popular Article:

- 2017 “Follow the Bishop: How Christian Communities Negotiated Their Place in Pagan Society,” *Church History Magazine*

SELECT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS and ACTIVITIES:

- 2017 “Wealth, Poverty, and Human Flourishing in Patristic Theology,” Consultation on Wealth and Poverty for the Theology of Joy and the Good Life Project at the Yale Center for Faith and Culture (March)
- 2015 “Portrayal of Patients in Early Christian Sources,” XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK (August)
- 2015 “The Poor as Healers and Caretakers of the Sick,” Shifting Frontiers XI: Poverty, Philanthropy, and Healthcare in Late Antiquity, University of Iowa, Iowa City (March)
- 2014 “Reading Paul in Cyprian's Exhortation to Unity and Purity,” Contextualizing North African Christianity Section, Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meeting, San Diego (November)
- 2013 Panelist on Gary Anderson's *Charity: The Place of the Poor in the Biblical Tradition*, Christian Theology and Bible Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Baltimore (November)
- 2013 “Bringing up Boys (Oh, Girls, Too) in John Chrysostom's *De inani Gloria*,” North American Patristic Society (NAPS) Annual Meeting, Chicago (May)
- 2012 “Do We Not Have the Right to Our Food and Drink? A Peek into the Development of Clerical Compensations in Christianized Patronage,” Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Unit, SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago (November)
- 2012 “Every Good and Perfect Gift Comes from Above: The Episcopal Control of Charity and Christian(-ized) Patronage,” Asia-Pacific Early Christian Studies Society (APECSS), The Presbyterian Seminary, Seoul, Korea (July)
- 2012-2011 Coordinator of Westmont-UCSB Joint Lecture Series in Early Christianity
- 2011 “Loving the Poor, Saving the Rich: Almsgiving and Salvation in Early Christianity,” the Paul C. Wilt Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Westmont College (October)
- 2011 “A Patristic View of Wealth and Possessions,” North Park Theological Seminary Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture: Money and Possessions (October)
- 2011 “Wealth, Business Activities and Blurring of Christian Identity,” XVI International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK (August)
- 2011 “Asian and Pacific Islander American History and Christianity: Finding a Missing Link,” Asian American Equipping Symposium II, Fuller Theological Seminary (February)
- 2010 “The Authority and Function of Jewish Scripture in the *Acts of Peter* and the *Pseudo-Clementine Homilies*,” SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta (November)
- 2010 Invited Public Lecture as a Franklin Visiting Scholar at the University of Georgia, Athens: “Wealth, Poverty, and Eschatology in Early Christianity” (March);

- Sponsored by the Department of Religion and the Institute of African American Studies funded by the Franklin College's Office of Inclusion and Diversity Leadership
- 2010 "The Authority and Function of Jewish Scripture in the *Acts of Peter* and the *Pseudo-Clementine Homilies*," The Third International Colloquy on the Christian Apocryphal Literature, Strasbourg, France (January)
- 2009 "Social *aequitas* in Lactantius' *Divine Institutes*," SBL Annual Meeting, New Orleans (November)
- 2009 Convener of Wabash Grant Workshop on dissemination and publication of "Pedagogies for Civic Engagement," Montreal (November)
- 2009 "Construction of Social Realities through the Early Christian Catacombs," Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religion (COMCAR): Rome, Ostia & Pompeii (July)
- 2009 "Divine Judgment and Acts of Charity as Acts of Justice in Pre-Constantine Christian Texts," NAPS Annual Meeting, Chicago (May)
- 2009 Participation in the Round Table Fellowship of Asian American Women on Leadership (AAWOL, February)
- 2008 "Text and Material Culture: Constructing and Understanding Wealth and Poverty in the Second and Third Century Christianity," SBL Annual Meeting, Boston (November)
- 2008 "Experiences and Theology of Martyrdom in a Korean Context," World Council of Churches, Faith and Order Commission, International Ecumenical Symposium—A Cloud of Witnesses, Bose, Italy (October-November)
- 2008 Response to Phi Kappa Phi Lecture by Dr. Alister Chapman, "Two Cheers for Populism? John Stott and the Limits of Educated Evangelicalism in England" (October)
- 2008 "The Issue of Constructing Poverty and the Poor in the Second and Third-Century Christian Texts," New Testament Faculty Seminar in Archaeology and Ancient Material Culture, Selçuk, Turkey (June)
- 2008 Co-planning and co-hosting of Wabash Grant of Pedagogy of Difficult Questions Consultation: "Teaching into the Difficult: Racial Ethnic Women Professor—White University – Race, Religion, and Gender in the Classroom," Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas (May-June)
- 2008 "Who Are the Poor That Are Saved?: Descriptions of the Poor and Poverty in Pre-Constantinian Christian Literature," NAPS Annual Meeting, Chicago (May)
- 2008 "Wealth and Poverty in the *Acts of Thomas*," Triennial Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church Conference, Melbourne, Australia (January)
- 2007 Panelist for "Uncomfortable Places, Transformative Spaces," the Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego
- 2007 "Wealth and the Wealthy in the *Acts of Peter*," XV International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK (August)
- 2006 "'Globalizing' the Liberal Arts: Issues and Challenges for Teaching," The Sixth Annual Conversation on Liberal Arts hosted by The Gaede Institute for Liberal Arts at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2005 "Spirituality of Female Martyrs: Virginity and Spiritual Motherhood," Triennial Prayer and Spirituality in the Early Church Conference, Melbourne, Australia

- 2005 “The Second Century Martyr Acts: Christianity as True Piety,” NAPS Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2004 “Christian Loyalty to the Empire: The Case of the Second Century Apologists,” NAPS Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2004 “Persecution, Martyrdom, and Christian Self-Definition in the Early Church,” International Charismatic Consultation, Malta
- 2001 “Christian Self-Representations from the Mid-Second to the Early Third Century: Apologists and the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles,” SBL, Western Pacific Regional Meeting, Claremont Graduate School

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

- 2017 The Washington Post, August 5th
- 2014 IKON (Internet Blog) Interview on Wealth and Poverty on Early Christianity
- 2013 *Mars Hill Audio Journal*, Vol. 118: Interview with Ken Myers

WORK IN PROGRESS:

Monograph projects: *Pain, Illness, and Healthcare in Early Christianity*
“I Am What I Am by the Grace of God”: Bodily Pain, Suffering, and Spirituality in Early Christianity
Flesh Is Weak: Pain, Suffering, and Early Christian Formation

Chapter: “Wealth, Poverty, and Almsgiving,” for *Cambridge History of Early Christianity* (Cambridge University Press)

Book Review: Brown, Peter. *Ransom of the Soul: Afterlife and Wealth in Early Western Christianity*. Harvard University Press, 2015.
 Robinson, Thomas A. *Who Were the First Christians? Dismantling the Urban Thesis*. Oxford University Press, 2017.

Editorial Board: *Ad Fontes*: Early Christian Sources Series, Augsburg Fortress Press
 Japanese Society for Patristic Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Second and Third Century Christian Literature and Material Culture
 Early Christian Apologists, Persecutions, and Martyrdom
 Early Christian Identities and Asceticism
 Greco-Roman Religions, Society, and Culture
 Gender, Sexuality, and Women in Christianity
 Wealth and Poverty in Early and Contemporary Christianity
 Bodily Pain and Suffering, and Illness in Late Antiquity
 Healing and Health Care in Late Antiquity
 Globalization, Economy, and World Christianity

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
 North American Patristic Society (NAPS)
 American Society of Church History (ASCH)

LANGUAGES:

English and Korean (fluent in all communicative forms)
 Greek and Latin (reading and research fluency)
 French and German (reading and research proficiency)

CHURCH MINISTRY EXPERIENCES:

2016- Ordained Elder of Free Methodist Church Santa Barbara (FMCSB)
 2015- Co-leader of the Foundry (Discipleship/Spiritual Formation Ministry of
 FMCSB)
 2013-2015 Member of the Westside Initiative (Community Plant and Missional Initiative
 of FMCSB in Westside of Santa Barbara)
 2005-2013 Member of the Santa Barbara Community Church (including homegroups and
 prayer ministry)
 2005-2016 Teaching Adult Sunday School Classes at various churches in local community
 2000-2004 Pastor of English Ministry and Adult Education/Discipleship at Hana Church,
 Buena Park, CA
 1996-2000 Pastoral Intern and Director of Newcomers and Members Care Ministry, River
 of Life Christian Fellowship, Pasadena, CA
 1992-1996 Campus Ministry in UC Berkeley and UCLA (via Berkland Baptist Church)

REFERENCE: Upon Request