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Education

Doctor of Philosophy; Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA

- Degree Program: Practical Theology and Homiletics
- 2008 – 2018

Master of Sacred Theology; Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT

- Degree Program: Homiletics and Liturgical Studies
- 2007 – 2008

Master of Divinity; Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA

- Degree Program: Theology
- 2004 – 2007

Bachelor of Arts; Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

- Major: Theology
- 1997 – 2004

Publication/Presentation

Books

- Contributor, “Finish, Then, Thy New Creation”: a Sample Sermon for a Quadrilateral Sermon in *Patterns of Preaching: A Sermon Sampler*, (expected to be published in 2027)
- Contributor, *Preaching God’s Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary A*, Louisville: WJKP, 2013
- Contributor, *Preaching God’s Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary C*, Louisville: WJKP, 2012
- Contributor, *Preaching God’s Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary B*, Louisville: WJKP, 2011

Magazine

- Lectionary Commentary on October 19, 2025 (Luke 18:1-8; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5), *The Christian Century*
- Lectionary Commentary on October 26, 2025 (Joel 2:23-32 & Psalm 65; Luke 18:9-14), *The Christian Century*

Journals

- Book Review: Rob O’Lynn, *Digital Jazz: Preaching, Media, and Technology*, in *Homiletic* Vol 49, No. 1 (2024)
- Book Review: Matthew Kim & Paul Hoffman, *Preaching to a Divided Nation*, in *Homiletic* Vol 48, No. 1 (2023)
- Book Review: Andre E. Johnson, *No Future in This Country: The Prophetic Pessimism of Bishop Henry McNeal Turner*, in *Homiletic* Vol 47, No. 2 (2022)

- Book Review: O. Wesley Allen, Jr and Carrie La Ferle, *Preaching and the Thirty-Second Commercial*, in *Homiletic* Vol 46, No. 2 (2021)
- Book Review: J. Dwane Howell, *Preaching In/And the Borderlands*, in *Homiletic* Vol 46, No. 1 (2021)
- Book Review: Michael J. Hyde, *The Interruption That We Are: The Health of the Lived Body, Narrative, and Public Moral Argument*, in *Homiletic* Vol 45, No. 2 (2020)
- Book Review: Anna Rebecca Solevag, *Negotiating the Disabled Body: Representations of Disability in Early Christian Texts*, in *Homiletic* Vol 44, No 2 (2019)
- Book Review: Tim Hutchings, *Creating Church Online: Ritual, Community, and New Media*, in *Homiletic* Vol 44, No 1 (2019)
- Book Review: James H. Cone, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*, in *Homiletic* Vol 43, No 2 (2018)
- Book Review: William Willimon, *How Odd of God: Chosen for the Curious Vocation of Preaching*, in *Homiletic* Vol 41, No 1 (2016)
- Book Review: Debra J. Mumford, *Exploring Prosperity Preaching*, in *Homiletic* Vol 39, No 1 (2014)

Presentations

- Workshop for Preach at BU Conference. Workshop Title: “Preaching as a Practice of Exorcism: Confronting Injustice in the Church Today” Location: Boston University School of Theology, MA
- Presentation, “Wesleyan Theology of the Renewed Law and Its Implications for Narrative Preaching” In *Paper of the Annual Meeting*, Academy of Homiletics, Denver, CO, November 2018
- Presentation, “Healing of Moral Injury for Korean Immigrant Community in the U.S.” In *Paper of the Annual Meeting*, NEMAAR, Boston, MA, March 2016
- Presentation, “Preaching the End of the World or the New World?,” In *Paper of the Annual Meeting*, Boston University School of Theology, Doctoral Student Association, Boston, MA, March 2012
- Presentation, “Pedagogy of Preaching to Empower Ethnic Minority Students” In *Paper of the Annual Meeting*, Academy of Homiletics, Atlanta, GA, November 2010

Award/Fellowship

- The Charles E. Jefferson Fellowship, Boston University, 2010
- The Edgar Sheffield Brightman Fellowship, Boston University, 2009
- The Frank D. and Bertha Howard Fellowship, Boston University, 2008
- Preaching Award, Yale Divinity School, 2008
- The Charles E. Jefferson Fellowship, Boston University, 2007
- Bridge-Builder Award, Student Leadership Award, Black Seminarian Association, Boston University, 2007

Teaching

- Instructor, Lay Servant Ministry Advanced Course in Preaching, (2024 - present)
- Lecturer in Preaching, Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT (2023 - 2025)

- Dean, Local Pastor Licensing School, New England Conference of the United Methodist Church (2022 – 2025)
- Facilitator, Provisional Leadership Academy, New England Conference of the United Methodist Church (2020 - 2023)
- Faculty, Local Pastor Licensing School, New England Conference of the United Methodist Church (2014 – 2017)
- Instructor, Local Pastor Licensing School, New England Conference of the United Methodist Church (2009 – 2017)
- Teaching Assistant, Boston University School of Theology: Practice of Faith, Fall 2010
- Teaching Assistant, Boston University School of Theology: Introduction to Preaching, Spring 2010, Fall 2009, and Fall 2008

Affiliation/Memberships

- American Academy of Religion
- Academy of Homiletics
- Association of Practical Theology
- Ordained Elder, United Methodist Church

Language Skill

- Korean
- English
- Spanish

Professional Society Activities

- Section Editor: Media, Culture, & Identity, *Homiletic* (2019 - present)

Guest Preaching

- General Council on Finance & Administration (UMC) Weekly Chapel, May 2024
- West Chelmsford UMC in Chelmsford, MA July 2023
- Zion Korean UMC in Warwick, RI January 2020. August 2020. January & August 2021
- Danielson UMC in Danielson, CT December 2019
- Sidney/Oakland UMC in Oakland, MA August 2019
- Marsh Chapel, Boston University, MA, February 2012
- Pearl St. UMC in Brockton and Whitman UMC in Whitman, MA, February 2010
- Wesley Korean United Methodist Church in Medford, MA, April 2010
- First UMC in Melrose, MA, January 2010
- St. Nicholas UMC in Hull, MA, December 2009
- Calvary UMC in Arlington, MA, September 2009
- The Columbus Ave. A.M.E. Zion Church in Boston, MA, May 2009
- The Charles St. A.M.E. Church in Boston, MA, August 2007
- Marsh Chapel, Boston University, MA, May 2007

Church-Related Appointments

- District Superintendent of Green Mountain District (Vermont) (July 2025 –)

- Pastor, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Chelmsford, MA (July 2022 – June 2025)
- Co-Chair, District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Seacoast District (July 2020 – 2023)
- Chair, District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Connecticut/Western Massachusetts (June 2017 – June 2020)
- Pastor, Living Faith United Methodist Church, Putnam, MA (July 2016 – June 2022)
- Pastor, Westport Point United Methodist Church, Westport Point, MA (July 2013 – June 2016)
- Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Portsmouth, Portsmouth, NH (July 2010 – June 2013)
- Police Chaplain, Portsmouth Police Department, Portsmouth, NH (January 2011 – June 2013)
- Associate Pastor, Belmont United Methodist Church, Belmont, MA (July 2008 – June 2010)
- Assistant Pastor, Union United Methodist Church, Boston, MA (July 2005 – August 2007)

Clinical Experience

- Clergy Support, D'Youville Memory Care, Lowell, MA (December 2023 – present)
- Clergy Support, Portsmouth Regional Hospital, Portsmouth, NH (July 2010 – June 2013)
- Clinical Pastoral Education (1 unit), Caritas Holy Family Hospital, Methuen, MA (June 2009 – August 2009)

Military Record

- Private, Korean Army, Artillery & Assistant to Military Chaplain (February 1999 – April 2001)