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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, 2006  
(New Testament & Early Christianity; Minor: Hebrew Bible and Rabbinic Judaism)
- M.Div. McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, 1999
- BA. Econ. Kyungpook National University, Korea, 1985

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2021– Full Professor of New Testament & Early Christianity, Virginia Union University
- 2013– Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA
- 2005–12 Assistant Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA
- 2003–04 Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

*Under contract:*

*2 Corinthians* (the *Contextual Critical Commentary* series). Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, projected in 2024.

*Under peer review:*

*Monotheism, Biblical Traditions, and Race Relations*. Cambridge University Press.

*How to Read Paul: A Brief Introduction to his Theology, Writings, and World*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2021.

*Rereading Galatians from the Perspective of Paul's Gospel: A Literary and Theological Commentary.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2019.

*Rereading Romans from the Perspective of Paul's Gospel: A Literary and Theological Commentary.* Eugene, OR: Resource Pubs, 2019.

*Reimagining the Body of Christ in Paul's Letters: In View of Paul's Gospel.* Eugene, OR: Resource Pubs, 2019.

*Preaching the New Testament Again: Faith, Freedom, and Transformation.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2019.

*Decentering the New Testament: A Reintroduction.* Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2018 (co-authored with Mitzi J. Smith).

*Reading Jesus' Parables with Dao De Jing: Appendix: A New Translation of the Dao De Jing.* Eugene, OR: Resource Pubs, 2018.

*Jesus's Truth: Life in Parables.* Eugene, OR: Resource Pubs, 2018.

*Messiah in Weakness: A Portrait of Jesus from the Perspective of the Dispossessed.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2016.

*Resurrecting Jesus: The Renewal of New Testament Theology.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015.

*Truth, Testimony, and Transformation: A New Reading of the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus in the Fourth Gospel.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2014.

*Biblical Interpretation: Theory, Process, and Criteria.* Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2013.

*A Transformative Reading of the Bible: Explorations of Holistic Human Transformation.* Cascade Books, 2013.

*A Theological Introduction to Paul's Letters: Exploring a Threefold Theology of Paul.* Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2011 [also translated into Korean and published by Samin Books in Korea, 2015].

*Christ's Body in Corinth: The Politics of a Metaphor (Paul in Critical Contexts).* Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2008.

*Question Mark to the Bible: A Culture-Critical Reading of the Bible and Today.* Seoul, Korea: DongYeon Press, 2014 (Korean edition).

### **Edited Books**

Yung Suk Kim, ed. *1 and 2 Corinthians* (Texts @ Contexts). Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2013.

Yung Suk Kim and Jin-ho Kim, eds. *Reading Minjung Theology in the Twenty-first Century: Selected Writings by Ahn Byung-Mu and Modern Critical Responses*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2013 [also translated into Korean and published by Samin Books in Korea, 2013].

### **Articles and Special Contributions**

“Race, Ethnicity and the Gospels.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies*. Ed. Christopher Matthews. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

“An Introduction to Asian Biblical Hermeneutic.” In *An Asian Introduction to the New Testament*, edited by Johnson Thomaskutty. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, forthcoming 2021.

“Which Gospel Do We Preach? Exploring the Truth of the Gospel in Galatians,” in *Currents in Korean American and Korean Biblical Interpretation*, edited by John Ahn (SBL Press, 2022 forthcoming).

“The Johannine Realism about the Kingdom of God: ‘Born From Above, Born of Water and Spirit’ (John 3:1-21),” *Currents in Theology and Mission* (forthcoming 2022).

“The Call Story of Luke 5:1-11: Exploring the Themes of Vocation, Transformation, and Discipleship.” *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Oct 2021 (forthcoming).

“The Politics of Identity in Paul’s Gospel: In the Case of the Antioch Incident.” *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship*, 2021 forthcoming.

“Reading Mercy in the Parables of Jesus.” *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 2021 forthcoming.

“Teaching in Times of the Pandemic Crisis: Embracing Care and Responsibility for Students.” *Teaching and Learning During Crisis* (Wabash Center Blog series), June 2020.

“Preaching Commentary on Acts 19:1-7,” *Working Preacher*, 1/10/2021.

“Preaching Commentary on 2 Cor 5:20b-6:20,” *Working Preacher*, 2/10/2021.

“Preaching Commentary on 2 Cor 4:3-6,” *Working Preacher*, 2/14/2021.

“Preaching Commentary on 1 Pet 3:18-22,” *Working Preacher*, 2/21/2021.

“Justice Matters, But Which Justice? In the Case of Jesus’ Parables.” *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol 46 No 3 (2019).

“Preaching Commentary on 1 Cor 12:1-11,” *Working Preacher*, 1/20/2019.

“Preaching Commentary on 1 Cor 12:12-31a,” *Working Preacher*, 1/27/2019.

“Preaching Commentary on 1 Cor 13:1-13,” *Working Preacher*, 2/3/2019.

“Preaching Commentary on Rom 10:8b-13,” *Working Preacher*, 3/10/2019.

“Revisiting ‘justification by faith’,” *News and Joy* (Korean), 2018. 7. 11

“Between Text and Sermon: Hebrews 11:8–16,” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, 72.2 (2018) 204-206.

“Rereading the parable of the father and two sons in Luke 15:11-32: Exploring a model of reconciliation,” *Journal of Bible and Human Transformation*, Vol. 6, Iss. 1 (Nov. 2016).

"What It Means to Be the Next Editor of JRER: Diversity, Solidarity, and Balance," *JRER* Vol. 6, Issue 2 (April 2015).

“The Bible and Human Transformation: Part 1, The Nature of the Bible.” *Seminarium* (The Elements of Great Teaching).

“The Bible and Human Transformation: Part 2, Jesus’ Parables and Human Transformation.” *Seminarium* (The Elements of Great Teaching).

“The Bible and Human Transformation: Part 3, Miracles and Human Transformation.” *Seminarium* (The Elements of Great Teaching).

“Reclaiming Christ’s Body (*soma christou*): Embodiment of God’s Gospel in Paul’s Letters,” *Interpretation* 67.1 (2013): 20-29.

““Imitators” (*Mimetai*) in 1 Cor. 4:16 and 11:1: A New Reading of Threefold Embodiment,” *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 33.2 (2011): 147-170.

"Rationale and Proposal for the *Journal of Bible and Human Transformation*," *JBHT* Vol. 1, Issue 1 (Nov. 2011).

"Teaching the Bible in a Different Culture." *Teaching Theology in a Global and Transnational World*, 2011.

“Korea, South, Christianity in.” In *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, edited by Daniel Patte, 696-97. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

“The Story of Hannah (1 Sam 1:1 – 2:11) from the Perspective of *Han*: The Three-phase Transformative Process,” *The Bible and Critical Theory* 4.2 (2008).

“Jesus' Death in Context,” *The Living Pulpit* vol. 16 no. 2 (2007).

“*Lex Talionis* in Exod 21:22-25: Its Origin and Context,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* vol. 6 article 3 (2006). Also in *Perspectives on Hebrew Scriptures III* edited by Ehud Ben Zvi (Gorgias Press, 2007), 99-112.

“A Lesson from Studies of Source Criticism: Contradicting Stories and Humble Diversity in Creation Stories (Gen 1-2),” *The SBL Forum* vol. 5 no. 9 (2007).

“‘In Christ’ as a Hermeneutical Key for Diversity,” *Journal of Biblical Studies* vol. 6.1 (2006) 34-54.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of Young Lee Hertig, *The Tao of Asian American Belonging: A Yinist Spirituality* (Orbis 2019), *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship*, 2021.

Review of Cynthia Long Westfall and Bryan R. Dyer eds., *The Bible and Social Justice: Old Testament and New Testament Foundations for the Church's Urgent Call* (Pickwick, 2016), *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2019.

Review of Larry Hurtado, *Honoring the Son: Jesus in Earliest Christian Devotional Practice* (Lexham Press, 2018), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2019).

Review of Meredith Warren, *My Flesh is Meat Indeed: A Nonsacramental Reading of John 6:51-58* (Fortress, 2015), *Biblical Interpretation* 25.1 (2017): 132-133.

Review of E.P. Sanders, *Paul: The Apostle's Life, Letters, and Thought* (Fortress, 2015), April 2016, Blog: *Human Transformation*.

Review of R.S. Sugirtharajah, *The Bible and Asia* (Harvard University Press, 2013), *Interpretation* 69.4 (2015): 496-497.

Review of Dale Patrick, *Redeeming Judgment* (Cascade Books, 2012), *Interpretation* 68.3 (2014): 329.

Review of Adrian Long, *Paul and Human Rights: A Dialogue with the Father of the Corinthian Community* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2009), *Biblical Interpretation* 20 (2012): 361-362.

Review of Tat-Siong Benny Liew, *What is Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics?* (University of Hawaii Press, 2008), *Interpretation* 64.1 (2010): 107.

Review of Brian Blount, *Revelation: A Commentary* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2009), *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion*, April 2010.

Review of Pamela Eisenbaum, *Paul Was Not a Christian: The Original Message of a Misunderstood Apostle* (New York: HarperOne, 2009), *Review of Biblical Literature* 2010.

Review of Marsha Rossiter and M. Clark, *Narrative and the Practice of Adult Education*" (Florida: Krieger, 2007), *Teaching Theology and Religion* 12.3 (2009): 294-295.

Review of Francis Watson, *Paul, Judaism, and the Gentiles* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2007), *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 31.1 (2009): 95-96.

Review of Seyoon Kim, *Christ and Caesar* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2008), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71.3 (2009): 648-49.

### **Scholarly Presentations**

"Unraveling White Supremacist Readings of Paul: Challenge to the Western Gospel and Its Rhetoric of Unity (*homonoia*).\" SBL Annual Meeting 2021 forthcoming (in San Antonio).

“The Politics of Identity in Paul’s Gospel: In the Case of the Antioch Incident (Gal 2:11-14).” SBL 2019 in San Diego.

"Reading the Parable of the Father and Two Sons in Luke 15:11-32 from a Perspective of Divided Korea: Seeking a Model of Reconciliation,\" SBL Annual Meeting 2014, San Diego, CA.

“A Transformative Reading of Scripture: Explorations of Holistic Human Transformation,\" at the Daniel Patte Retirement Symposium, Vanderbilt University, 2013.

“Identity of Jesus and the Johannine Community: Focusing on ‘Do You love me?’ (John 21:9-17),” *Mid-Atlantic Region of SBL Annual Meeting*, March 2007.

“Exploring Theological Themes of Three Figurative Body Discourses in 1 Corinthians,\" *SBL Annual Meeting*, Nov. 2007.

“Rereading *Basileia* and *Dikaiosyne* from a Communal Perspective in a Korean and African-American Context (Mt 6:25-34),” *SBL Annual Meeting*, Nov. 2007.

“In Christ’ as a Hermeneutical Key for Diversity,\" *SBL Annual Meeting*, Nov. 2004.

“Matthew's Holy City (4:5; 27:53),” *Southeastern Region of SBL Annual Meeting*, March 2003.

### **GRANTS, AWARDS & PRIZES**

Scott and Stringfellow Outstanding Professor Award, Virginia Union University, 2019.

Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service and Unselfish Commitment, Virginia Union University, 2013.

2011-12 Lilly Theological Scholars Grant (project title: “A Study of the “I am” Sayings in John’s Gospel in a Pluralistic Life Context of America Today”).

The Wabash Center Fellowship (2007– 08 Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty).

Vanderbilt University Full-Tuition Scholarship and Stipend, 2001–2005.

The Arthur McKay Prize in Theology, McCormick Theological Seminary, 1999.

The James W. Angell Award for Preaching with the Congregation, McCormick, 1999.

The John V. Farwell Award in Scripture Reading (second prize), McCormick, 1999.

The Samuel Robinson Award in Shorter Catechism, McCormick, 1999.

### **ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTION**

Editor, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* (2015–2018).

Editor, *Journal of Bible and Human Transformation* (2015–).

Steering Committee of Contextual Biblical Interpretation, *SBL* (2009–2014).

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2012 Conference for Lilly Theological Research Grants Recipients, ATS.

2007-08 Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Pre-Tenure Theological Faculty  
Conference on Pedagogical Imaginations of Faculty Members & the Formation of Student Learning Outcomes, Atlanta, 2007 (convener: ITC).

Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty (ATS), Pittsburgh, 2006.

ATS Conference for Faculty of Historically Black Theological School, Pittsburgh, 2005.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Academic Affairs Committee, School of Theology, Virginia Union University, 2017–2020.

Chair of the Library Committee, School of Theology, Virginia Union University, 2008.

Self-study Steering Committee, School of Theology of Virginia Union University, 2007.

**PUBLIC SERVICES (Invited speeches, lectures, and seminars)**

Bible Study Teacher, “Luke 5:1-11 and Reader-Response Criticism,” at 2019 UMC Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, in Grove City, PA, June 6–8, 2019.

“Matters of Justice and Jesus’s Parables,” Guest Lecture at Hanshin University Graduate School of Theology, Seoul, Korea (2018. 5).

“Romans and Gospel,” Guest Lecture at Sungkonghoe University Graduate Seminar, Seoul, Korea (2018. 6).

“Paul’s Gospel,” Presentation at a Seminar on Religion and Theology, Sungkonghoe University, Seoul, Korea (2018. 6).

“Hannah’s faith,” Speech, Shinchon Church (Seonggyul) English Ministry, Seoul, Korea (2018. 6).

“Romans 1:1-17 as a Prologue,” Lecture, Yonsei Graduate School of Theology, Seoul, Korea (2018. 6).

“Currents of Paul’s Theology and Challenges to Today’s Ministry,” Lecture at Pastors’ Colloquium in Jeonnam/Gwangju area (2018. 6) at Naju Bitgaram Church.

“Currents of Paul’s Theology and Challenges to Today’s Ministry,” Lecture at Pastors’ Colloquium in Jeonju area (IBP, Institute of Biblical Preaching), at Jeonju Heeneon Church (2018. 6).

“Currents of Paul’s Theology and Challenges to Today’s Ministry,” Lecture at Pastors’ Colloquium in Cheonan/Chungnam area at Daecheon Church (2018. 6).

“Currents of Paul’s Theology and Challenges to Today’s Ministry,” Lecture at Pastors’ Colloquium in Incheon area at Incheon Church (2018. 6).

“The Bible, Politics, and the Black Church in the Contemporary World.” Church Leadership Conference, VUU, 2018.

“Messiah in Weakness: A Conversation on the Humanity of Jesus.” First Fridays at the Seminary, Virginia Union University, April 2017.

“True prayer and spirituality.” Community Service at the School of Theology at Virginia Union. Oct. 2016.

“One thing that I do know.” Community Service at the School of Theology at Virginia Union. Apr 2016.

“The truth will make you free.” The Lewis-Hill-Brown “Spiritual Enrichment Series” and 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black History Month Celebration, Second Baptist Church, Richmond, VA, March 8, 2015.

“The Parables of Jesus.” One-year Bible study series, the Lord Jesus Korean Church, Richmond, VA, 2014-15.

“Baptism and the Spirit: John the Baptizer, Jesus, and Jordan.” 57th Church Leadership Conference, Virginia Union Univ. March 2014.

“What Has Faith to Do with Us?” Total Community Formation. School of Theology at Virginia Union Univ., Sep. 2013.

“Spiritual Birth in John’s Gospel and Christian Ministry Today.” 56th Church Leadership Conference. School of Theology at Virginia Union University, 2013.

“Good News (*euangelion*) in the New Testament: Diversity and Challenge.” The Johnson A. Edosomwan Institute for Evangelism, Mission and Global Christianity at Virginia Union, 2013.

“Community in the New Testament” —invited lecture for “Faith in the City” at Virginia Union University, January 2013.

“A Fresh Word: The Message of the New Testament for Contemporary Times.” 55th Church Leadership Conference. March 2012, School of Theology at Virginia Union University.

“Review of Paul’s theology,” Seminar for the Richmond Council of Korean Churches, May 2010.

“History of Faith: Jesus, Paul, and Us Today.” Revival meeting, Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL, 2009.

“The Double Command of Love.” Total Community Formation, School of theology at Virginia Union University, September 2009.

“Christianity in Korea: Its History and Challenge.” *Forum on Religion and the Contemporary World*, School of Theology at Virginia Union University, April 2009.

“Faith and Balanced Christian life.” *Community Worship Service*, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA. October 2006.

“Salvation Today.” *Baptist Ministers' Conference of Richmond*, Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2006.

## **LANGUAGES**

Reading: Biblical Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Chinese (classical literature: Dao De Jing), French, German, Spanish

Speaking: English, Spanish, Korean (native)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Intro to the New Testament

Intro to Biblical Studies

Parables of Jesus

Paul's Letters

Biblical Greek and Exegesis I & II

Jesus and the Gospels

The Gospel According to Matthew

The Fourth Gospel (John)

Romans and Galatians

Preaching the New Testament

D. Min Colloquium (Paul's ecclesiology)

D. Min Colloquium (Advanced topics in the New Testament)

Introduction to the Study of Religion (undergrad)

Survey of the Hebrew Bible (undergrad)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Biblical Literature (1999–)

## **ACADEMIC BLOG**

Dr. Yung Suk Kim's Official Page [<https://drkimys.blogspot.com>]

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**YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

New Testament Studies with Dr. Kim:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIWtuo125bfz46Z7V1ojRgA>

**BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

Branch Manager, LG Electronics Miami, FL, USA (1995–1996)

Marketing Manager, LG Electronics Panama, Republic of Panama (1991–1994)

Export Executive, LG Electronics, Seoul, Korea (1987–1991)