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EDUCATION

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| 2019 - | HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE, MA
Ph.D. Candidate in the Study of Religion (Subfields: North American Religions & History) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Working Dissertation: “Sacred Borders, Divine Hierarchies: American Liberal Protestants, US Immigration Policymaking, and the Fashioning of Asians as “Undesirables,” 1882-1924”▪ Committee: Catherine Brekus (Chair), David Holland, Erika Lee. |
| 2019 | HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL, CAMBRIDGE, MA
Master of Theological Studies |
| 2011 | YONSEI UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, KOREA
Th.M. History of Christianity
B.A. Theology and Sociology |

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

“American Medical Foreign Mission, Epidemics, and the rise of New Normal: American Medical Mission and the Transformation of the Concept of Disease in Korea.” *Christianity and History in Korea*. 36(Spring, 2012): 227-268

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

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| 2025 | 2025 Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Annual Conference , Boston, MA
“Afterlives of Twin Panics: White Slavery, Yellow Peril, and the Moral Politics of Border Control” |
| 2025 | Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History (ASCH) 2025 , Chicago, IL
“For the Conversion of Other Asiatic Peoples”: The Mythologized Convergence of Missionary and American Interests in the Korean Frontier to Hawaii in the Era of Asian Exclusion, 1900-1905” <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Panel: <i>Missionary Intelligence and U.S. Ambition</i> |
| 2024 | 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) , San Diego, CA
“Moral Borders and Immoral(ized) Crossings: The Transpacific Emergence of the ‘War on Asian Prostitutes’ in 19th-Century America and the ‘Yellow Peril’ as the Sexual Peril” <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Panel: <i>Narratives of Embodiment and Corporeal Control: Constructing/Performing APIA Corporeality</i> |
| 2024 | 2024 Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative , University of California, Berkeley, CA
“Religious Identity, Race, and Emerging Asian American Consciousness Among Korean/American Students in Early 20th Century America” |
| 2024 | OAH (Organization of American Historians) Conference on American History 2024 , New Orleans, LA
“How to <i>Sanctify</i> an Empire: American Foreign Mission in Korea and Transpacific Labor Migrations to Hawai’i” <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Panel (organizer): <i>Mapping the Encounter Between Religion and Empire in American History</i> |
| 2023 | Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association (ASA) 2023 , Montreal, Canada
“No Freedom without Christianity”: Religion, Imperial Mobility, and Resistance among Korean Students in America, 1910-1939” <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Panel: <i>Collaboration, Critique, Resistance: Rethinking the Study of Religion and U.S. Empire</i> |
| 2023 | 2023 Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative , University of California, Berkeley, CA
“The Imperial Turn in American Religious History: An APA Religious Critique” |
| 2022 | 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) , Denver, CO
“Selling and Subletting the Body of Christ: Buying, Selling, Closing, and Subletting Churches in Boston”
Panel: <i>Religion, Moral Panics, and the American City</i> (North American Religions Unit). |

2022	2022 Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative , University of Southern California, CA “Centering White Evangelical Masculinity in the Gendered Racialization of Asian Women: The 2021 Atlanta Massacre and beyond”
2020	2020 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) , Boston, MA “When America is <i>not</i> your Destination: The Rise of Transient Migration in the US and the Transformation of Asian Migrants’ Religious Life in Boston” - <i>Religion and Migration Unit</i> .
2016	2016 Annual Conference for the Society of Christian History in Asia , Seoul, Korea “Western Foreign Missions and the Rise of Discourses of <i>Modernized Citizen</i> : Historical Comparison of Korea, China, and Japan”

TEACHING AND ADVISING

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Fall 2025 & Fall 2021	Teaching Fellow, Harvard Divinity School NARRATIVES OF AMERICAN RELIGION: THE CANON AND ITS REVISIONS (Profs. Catherine Brekus and David Holland)
Fall 2023	Instructor, Boston Nehemiah Institute (BNI) INVENTION OF THE FAMILY: RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF THE KOREAN DIASPORA
Spring 2022 & Spring 2023	Teaching Fellow, Harvard College TOPICS IN ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) STUDIES (Prof. Eleanor Craig) * Recipient of <i>Certificate of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching</i>
Spring 2023	Course Organizer and Facilitator, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences PEDAGOGY IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION
Fall 2022	Teaching Fellow, Harvard Divinity School EVANGELICALISM IN AMERICA (Prof. Catherine Brekus)
Fall 2021	Teaching Fellow, Harvard College PLURALISM: CASE STUDIES IN AMERICAN DIVERSITY (Prof. Diana Eck) * Recipient of <i>Certificate of Distinction and Excellence in Teaching</i>

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2023- Present	UNDERGRADUATE ASSOCIATE RESEARCH MENTOR Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
2021- 2023	SENIOR THESIS MENTOR Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (EMR), Harvard University
2020- 2024	STUDENT ADVISING COUNCIL Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (EMR), Harvard University

SELECTED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2024	MERIT TERM-TIME RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (\$21,000) Kenneth Griffin Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS), Harvard University
2024-25	C. CONRAD & ELIZABETH H. WRIGHT FELLOWSHIP (\$3,000) - For research in the MHS’s holdings on American religious history Massachusetts Historical Society (MHS), Boston, MA
2024	WEATHERHEAD CENTER MID-DISSERTATION GRANT <i>conjoined with</i> KOREA INSTITUTE GRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT (\$7,000) - Project: Religious (un)Making of Exclusion: Diasporic Asians, Transpacific Christianity, and the Struggle Against U.S. Anti-Asian Policies, 1882-1924 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs & The Korea Institute, Harvard University

2023	JOHN L. LOEB FELLOWSHIP (\$35,000) Harvard University
2023	WEATHERHEAD MIGRATION CLUSTER DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP (\$7,500) Harvard-Weatherhead Research Cluster on Migration
2023 & 2024	ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI)
2022 & 23	WEATHERHEAD GSA RESEARCH GRANT (\$2,500; \$3,300) Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Harvard University
2022	2022 AAR ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANT American Academy of Religion
2022	SUMMER TRAVEL GRANT FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH (\$3,000) - <i>Declined</i> Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University
2022	GRADUATE SOCIETY SUMMER PREDISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP (\$3,000) Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University
2022	GOCHMAN DEAN'S FUND FOR INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University
2010- 2011	TUEL FELLOWSHIP (\$20,000 cumulatively) TUEL Scholarship Foundation, Korea

HONORS & AWARDS

2024	2024 PRESIDENTS' TRAVEL FUND FOR EMERGING HISTORIANS Organization of American Historians (OAH)
Spring 2022 & Fall 2021	CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION AND EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING Office of Undergraduate Education, Harvard College
2015-16	NATIONAL RESEARCH GRANT AWARDEE Ministry of Defense, South Korea.
2015	OUTSTANDING RESEARCH PAPER AWARD Korean Journal of Military Theology, Korea
2012	ROTARY SCHOLAR Rotary Foundation International

PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2020- 2023	STUDENT COORDINATOR <u>Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies Working Group.</u> Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (EMR). Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2022- Present (on leave AY 24-25)	GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATE <u>Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.</u> Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2023- Present	DOCTORAL FELLOW <u>Harvard Weatherhead Research Cluster on Migration.</u> Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
2018- 2021	RESEARCHER <u>Creative Callings Innovation Hub</u> (Lilly Endowment-funded project) Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
2018- 2021	FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL COORDINATOR <u>Nonreligion and SBNR Research Seminar (NSRS)</u> Center for the Study of World Religions. Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

INVITED TALKS & EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

2023	ORGANIZER <u><i>Archipelago of Resettlement: Vietnamese Refugee Settlers and Decolonization Across Guam and Israel-Palestine</i></u> by <u>Evyn L. Espiritu Gandhi</u> ☞ March 16. Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights and the Asia Center, Harvard University ORGANIZER <u><i>Spring Welcome Back and a Conversation with Dr. Nitasha Sharma (Northwestern)</i></u> ☞ February 17. Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights, Harvard University
2022	ORGANIZER <u><i>Navigating Pacific Islands Studies in "AAPI": From the Academic to the Personal</i></u> ☞ November 16. Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights, Harvard University INVITED MODERATOR <u><i>Faith & Immigration Justice</i></u> ☞ October 14. Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, Harvard Law School
2021-2022	ORGANIZER <u><i>AAPI Studies Workshop Series: Re-/Un-doing Asian/American/Pacific Islander Studies: History, Relations, and Politics of a Label</i></u> ☞ Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights, Harvard University
2021	INVITED MODERATOR <u><i>Approaches to Ethnic and Indigenous Studies Series: Vivek Bald</i></u> ☞ Committee on Ethnicity, Migration, Rights, Harvard University
2020-2021	ORGANIZER for the following events hosted by the EMR at Harvard University <u><i>"Processing These Times: Cure/ation and Creation: Asian American Feminist Media Making"</i></u> ☞ <u><i>"Conversation with AAPI Harvard Scholars Series: A Conversation with Melissa Borja"</i></u> ☞ <u><i>"Processing the These Times: Between Tower and Sea: Creative Directions With Paul Bonnell"</i></u> ☞ <u><i>"Processing the Pandemic: The AAPI COVID-19 Project, Findings, Methods, Community"</i></u> ☞
2019	ORGANIZER AND MODERATOR for the following events organized by the <i>Nonreligion and SBNR Research Seminar Lecture Series</i> , Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School <u><i>"Mapping Spiritual Landscapes of Unaffiliated Millennials: Conversation with Angie Thurston"</i></u> <u><i>"Parenting Outside of Religion: What Nones Pass on to Their Children"</i></u> with Christel Manning

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION	AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION	ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN HISTORIANS
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CHURCH HISTORY	ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES	IMMIGRATION AND ETHNIC HISTORY SOCIETY

LANGUAGES

KOREAN	Native
ENGLISH	Fluent
FRENCH	Academic level reading and conversational knowledge * <u>High-passed</u> Harvard Language Exam
SPANISH	Academic level reading and some conversational knowledge * <u>High-passed</u> Harvard Language Exam
MANDARIN & JAPANESE	Basic proficiency (in-progress)