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SKILL SUMMARY:

Content Expertise: World Christianity, Lived Theology & Religion, Chinese Christianity and Chinese Religions (Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, Folk Religions), Comparative and Intercultural Theology, Inter-religious Relations and Religious Pluralism, Intercultural Relations and Communication, Missions Studies, Practical Theology, Public Theology, Cultural Studies, Urban Ministry.

Research Methods: Participant Observation (Ethnography), Qualitative Interviews and Focus Groups, Grounded Theory, Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis, Discourse Analysis, Theological Action Research, Participatory Action Research, Communication Criticism, Asset-Based Community Development, Experiential Education, Community Based Learning.

Languages: Highly Competent in Modern Mandarin-Chinese (Heritage Speaker w/ Advanced Coursework Completed), Competent in Reading/Translating Classical Chinese, Beginner French.

CURRENT TITLE, DUTIES, & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Assistant Director of Academic Programs Overseas Ministries Study Center at Princeton Theological Seminary (OMSC@PTS)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING & ADVISING

- Organizing and overseeing Residential Study Program projects, seminars, and curriculum.
- Designing and delivering the new digital curriculum on Lived Theology and World Christianity.
- Manage and pilot new online study program modules with part-time Digital Learning Specialist.
- Assist director with the selection and management of Lamin Sanneh research prizes.
- Working across seminary departments and divisions to advance OMSC's mission and vision.
- Teaching Intercultural Communication for Princeton Theological Seminary's revised MDiv program.
- Convene conferences and gatherings to advance OMSC's mission and expand its network.

EDITING & PUBLICATIONS

- Curating and editing book reviews for the *International Bulletin of Mission Research (IBMR)*.
- Assisting the *IBMR* editor to screen article submissions for peer-review.
- Managing, with the *IBMR* editor, translation of non-English language scholarship for publication.
- Managing, along with part-time managing editor, the publication and expansion of *The Occasional*, OMSC's online magazine.

GRANTS, FUNDRAISING, & COMMUNICATION/DIGITAL STRATEGY

- Applying for research grants with endowments and foundations to advance OMSC's mission.
- Developing, implementing, and overseeing OMSC's digital and online learning strategy in collaboration with Princeton Seminary's Offices of Continuing Education and Digital Learning.

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy: *Georgetown University, Washington DC* **DEC 2020**

- *Dissertation Title:* "Discerning a Lived Chinese Protestant Theology - Christian Identity, Everyday Life, & Encounters with the Other in Contemporary China"
- *Dissertation Committee:* Peter Phan, Becky Hsu, Jose Casanova
- *Examined Competencies:* Religious Pluralism / Chinese Religions / Chinese Christian Theology in Social Contexts / Lived Religion and Religious Formation
- *Relevant Coursework:* Religious Pluralism from Theological and Religious Studies Perspectives; Confucianism; Daoism; Non-dualist Thought in Buddhism and Daoism; Buddhism and Modernity; Religion and Violence; Twentieth Century Chinese History; Chinese Religions; Christian Traditions & Tradition; Contemporary Christian Thought; Qualitative Sociological Research Methods

Master of Divinity *Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC* **MAY 2014**

- *Specialization:* Urban Ministry & Mission
- *Academic Honors:* Graduated with Honors, Community Engagement Fellowship
- *Relevant Coursework:* Community Based Research; Christian Ethics & Politics; Ethnography and Community Transformation; Praxis Education for Urban Ministry Contexts; Pastoral Counseling in Global Contexts; Comparative Readings of the Qur'an; World Religions for Christian Theology & Ministry; Religion, Peace, and Violence

Master of Arts: Intercultural Studies *Wheaton College, Wheaton IL* **JAN 2009**

- *Specialization:* East Asian Studies
- *Relevant Coursework:* Intercultural Communication, Partnerships, and Research; Principles of Community Development; Theological Contextualization; Chinese Culture & Communication, Church in Modern China; Missional History and Theologies; Buddhism; Confucianism

Certificate: Teaching English as a Foreign Language *Wheaton College, Wheaton IL* **AUG 2005**

Bachelor of Arts: Christian Education & Formation *Wheaton College, Wheaton IL* **MAY 2005**

Bachelor of Arts: Communication (Rhetoric & Culture) *Wheaton College, Wheaton IL*

- *Academic Honors:* Magna Cum Laude

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PUBLICATIONS

MANUSCRIPTS:

In process of revising dissertation for publication with Penn State University Press's World Christianity Series, tentatively titled *Chinese Christianity in an Age of Liquid Religiosity: A Lived Theology of Pilgrimage*. (Acquisitions Editor: Tristan Bates / Series Co-editors: Dale Irvin and Peter Phan).

In conversation with Baylor University Press (Acquisitions Editor: Cade Jarrell) regarding a monograph focused on methodology for lived theology in the context of World Christianity.

In conversation with SCM Press (Acquisitions Editor: David Shervington) regarding a monograph focused on migration experiences as a form of discipleship and spiritual formation.

EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES & VOLUMES:

Special Issue on Multiple Belongings in Transpacific Christianities. Edited by David Chao and Easten Law, *International Bulletin of Mission Research* [In Progress - Expected July 2024].

Special Issue on Inter-religious Learning in Chinese Christianity and Religions. Edited by Easten Law and Joel D. Daniels, *Journal of World Christianity* 13, no. 2 (2023).

Ecclesial Diversity in the Chinese Church. Edited by Alexander Chow and Easten Law. Pathways for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue Series. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan (2021).

Special Issue on Ethnographic Method and Emerging Scholars. Edited by Raimundo Barreto and Easten Law. *Journal of World Christianity* 10, no. 1 (2020).

ACADEMIC ARTICLES:

“Framing Asian American Discipleship Across Generations: Displacement, Migration, and Belonging in China and America” [in progress]

“Chinese Christianity without China? Exploring Sinophone Studies as Intervention & Fulfillment of Sino-Christian Theology” [To be published in 2024 in Volume 3 of Chinese Christian Theology series edited by Chloë Starr, Fortress Press]

“Orienting a Transnational Lived Theology for Asian America – Becoming Friends on the Way.” *Theology Today* 79, no. 4 (January 2023).

“Qualitative Research, Theology, and World Christianity,” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Handbook on Qualitative Research and World Christianity*, edited by Pete Ward and Knut Tveitereid. New York: Wiley-Blackwell: 2022.

“What Difference Does Twenty Years Make? Imagining the Future in Humble Hindsight.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 46, no. 1 (2022).

“Broadening the Will of God in Every Sphere: Understanding Christian Action Between Church and State in Schleiermacher’s Ethics.” *International Journal of Public Theology* 14, no. 1 (2021).

“The Abductive Presence of God: Experiments in Qualitative Research and Theological Inquiry.” *Journal of World Christianity* 10, no. 1 (2020).

“Complex Currents, Contemporary Perspectives, and Converging Methods: A Review of the Graduate Student Research Panel at Princeton Theological Seminary’s 2018 World Christianity Conference.” *Journal of World Christianity* 9, no. 1 (2019).

“Toward a Social-Ecological Method for Theological-Structural Analysis: Comparing Responses to Anti-Christian Sentiment at Yanjing and St. John’s Universities in Republican China (1920-1935).” *Journal of World Christianity* 7, no. 2 (2017).

“The Study of Buddhist Self-Immolation Beyond Religious Tradition and Political Context: The Necessity of Proto-geitcal Analysis.” *International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society* 7, no. 3 (2017).

- Winner of the Volume 7 Religion and Spirituality in Society Award for Excellence (<http://religioninsociety.com/journal/awards#block-2>)
- “Faith-Based Engagement in China's Harmonious Society: A Study of an Indigenous, Faith-Based NGO's Organizational Culture & Response to the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake” in *The Shaping of Christianity in China*. Edited by Paul Woods. Oxford, UK: Regnum, 2017.
- “Praxis Education for Urban Contexts: A Pedagogical Review of Wesley Seminary’s Urban Fellows Program.” *Journal of Urban Mission* 4, no. 1 (2015).
- “Exhibiting Cultural Justice Through Shared Leadership Structures: the Example of ONE DC in Washington, D.C.” *Intercultural Management Quarterly* 15, no. 1 (2014).
- “Intercultural Dynamics in Indigenous Chinese Nonprofits: A Case Study.” *Intercultural Management Quarterly* 12, no. 2 (2011).

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Christian Social Activism and Rule of Law in Chinese Societies*, edited by Fenggang Yang and Chris White. *Journal of Church and State* 64, no. 3 (2022).
- Lived Theology: A Pastoral Theology of Empowerment*, by Sabrina Müller. *Practical Theology* 15, no. 1-2 (2022).
- Imitating Christ in Magwi: An Anthropological Theology*, by Todd Whitmore. *Studies in World Christianity* 28, no. 1 (2022).
- A Multitude of Many Peoples: Engaging Ancient Christianity’s Global Identity*, by Vince Bantu. *Studies in World Christianity* 28, no. 1 (2022).
- The Politics of Protestant Churches and the Party-State in China – God Above Party?*, by Carsten Vala. *Studies in World Christianity* 25, no. 3 (2019).
- Chinese Public Theology: Generational Shifts and Confucian Imagination in Chinese Christianity*, by Alexander Chow. *The Journal of World Christianity* 8, no. 2 (2018).
- Explorations in Asian Christianity: History, Theology, and Mission*, by Scott Sunquist. *The International Journal of Public Theology* 12, no. 2 (2018).
- The Many Altars of Modernity: Toward a Paradigm for Religion in a Pluralist Age*, by Peter Berger. *The International Journal of Public Theology* 11, no. 3 (2017).
- Chinese Theology: Texts and Contexts*, by Chloe Starr. *Reading Religion - A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, (10/26/2017 at <http://readingreligion.org/books/chinese-theology>).

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ADMINISTRATIVE LECTURER

SEPT 2022 - MAY 2023

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
PRINCETON, NJ

- Course Taught:
 - **Intercultural Communication:** This course explores the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for intercultural awareness and learning for ministry across multiple dimensions of cultural difference.

ADJUNCT LECTURER

JAN 2018

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
WASHINGTON, DC

- Course Taught:
 - **Spiritual Formations in Chinese Christian, Buddhist, and Daoist Traditions:** This course explores basic principles and questions in intercultural and interreligious relations by examining dynamics of spiritual formation in Chinese Christian, Buddhist, and Daoist traditions in relationship with their unique social, cultural, and historical contexts and considers how comparative study ought to be conducted from a Christian standpoint.

PROFESSORIAL LECTURER (INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS)

AUG 2012 - AUG 2015

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY: SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC

- Courses Taught:
 - **Cross-Cultural Communication;** a core course in the SIS undergraduate program exploring knowledge, skills, and character for promoting effective cross-cultural engagement with diverse values, behaviors, and worldviews.
 - **Just War and Non-Violence in Christian Tradition;** freshmen seminar focused on strengthening critical thinking and discernment of diverse perspectives on ethics and war through evaluation of historical sources from Augustine to Niebuhr utilizing debate, oral presentation, and analysis of contemporary case studies.
 - **Human Rights in East Asia;** focused on the history of the Asian values debate and current implications for the role of culture and economic development in emerging human rights systems at global, regional, and grassroots levels. Special attention is given to recent developments in China and ASEAN.

INSTRUCTOR (WASHINGTON SEMESTER & MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS)

AUG 2010 - AUG 2012

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL & EXTENDED STUDIES
WASHINGTON, DC

- Courses Taught:
 - **Cross-Cultural Communication;** a core course in the SIS undergraduate program exploring knowledge, skills, and character for promoting effective cross-cultural engagement with diverse values, behaviors, and worldviews.
 - **Chinese Cultural Worldviews and Human Rights;** explores the cultural foundations for and against the concept of Human Rights within classic and modern Chinese cultural worldviews from classical Confucianism to modern policies in the PRC.
 - **Internship & Research Seminars;** Mentor and oversee career development workshops for students engaging in internships throughout the Washington D.C. area and advise students in developing methodology and executing independent research projects.

ADJUNCT FACULTY (COMMUNICATION STUDIES)
COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
CATONSVILLE, MD

OCT 2009 - AUG 2011

- Course Taught:
 - ***Fundamentals of Speech Communication***; covering topics like public speaking, small group communication, conflict resolution, cross cultural communication, and mass media.

VISITING LECTURER (COMMUNICATION & CULTURE)
ANHUI NORMAL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF FOREIGN STUDIES
WUHU, ANHUI, CHINA

JUL 2005 - JUL 2008

- Courses Taught:
 - ***Public Speaking and Debate*** (undergraduate)
 - ***Literary Sources of Western Culture*** (undergraduate)
 - ***Readings in English News and Media*** (undergraduate)
 - ***Oral English Communication*** (undergraduate)
 - ***Intercultural Communication*** (graduate)
 - ***Western Teaching Methodologies*** (graduate)
- Department Service:
 - Successfully coached and judged award-winning speech & debate teams in national and international competitions.
 - All Asians International Debate Tournament, 2008 (Dhaka, Bangladesh).
 - CCTV National English Speaking Competition, 2008 (Beijing, China).
 - Students received 10th and 48th place of top 105 students in the nation.
 - CCTV National English Speaking Competition, 2007 (Beijing, China).
 - Student received 36th place of top 105 students in the nation.

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ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION & SERVICE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
WASHINGTON, DC

AUG 2013 - MAY 2015

- ***Cross-Cultural Communication Course Coordinator***: responsible for assessment of learning outcomes and curricular alignment for over 30 sections of Cross-Cultural Communication, taught by a team of nine faculty members. Duties also include fostering collaboration and shared resources amongst faculty and balancing standardization of content with the specializations of respective instructors. (**Student testimony for teaching available at <https://vimeo.com/79647623> (Password: sisu140)**)
- ***Service Learning & Curriculum Representative***: Worked in partnership with American University's *Center for Community Engagement and Service* to integrate experiential and service learning components to strengthen intercultural competency in collaboration with local D.C. community organizations. (**Video documenting student experiences available at: <https://vimeo.com/113775199>**)

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
WASHINGTON, DC

AUG 2013 - MAY 2014

- ***Community Engagement Fellows Curriculum Assistant & Evaluator***: Worked with faculty to develop, facilitate, monitor and evaluate curriculum for the seminary's new community engagement fellowship program in urban ministry. (**An excerpt from the final evaluation can be**

reviewed in the *Journal for Urban Mission* at <https://jofum.com/case-studies/praxis-education-for-ministry-in-urban-contexts-a-pedagogical-programmatic-review-of-wesley-theological-seminarys-urban-fellows-program/>)

ANHUI NORMAL UNIVERSITY / ELIC

AUG 2006 - MAY 2008

WUHU, ANHUI, CHINA

- *Academic Team Leader & Regional Liaison:* Organized and directed a team of foreign teachers at Anhui Normal University in teaching and mentoring students, reviewing curriculum, and providing trainings; worked with regional coordinator to implement academic and pedagogical objectives across several universities in three provinces; worked closely with with local university administration on behalf of ELIC.

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MISSIONAL & ECCLESIAL LEADERSHIP

LICENSED MINISTER

SEPT 2023 - Current

NEXTGEN CHURCH / AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

WEST WINDSOR, NJ

- Currently in the ordination process with the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

CHURCH ELDER

JUN 2019 - JUN 2021

REDEEMER GRACE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

- Worked closely with senior pastor to transition church organizational structure from a pastor-centric structure to a presbyterian structure with elders and deacons; helped articulate new vision and purpose statements for church's expansion including assisting with fundraising and communication; preached on a monthly basis and oversaw curriculum for church small groups.

RESIDENTIAL MINISTER

AUG 2016 - JUN 2018

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

- Ministering and counseled a diverse student body while living in university student housing with programming that enhanced community fellowship with spiritual awareness and growth.

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION CURRICULUM CONSULTANT

MAY 2015 - AUG 2015

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GENERAL BOARD ON RACE & SOCIETY

WASHINGTON, DC

- Designed a six session, experiential learning based training curriculum for congregations and faith-based organizations building on biblical foundations for understanding diversity and inclusion, cultural reflexivity, and methods for intercultural engagement.

CONGREGATIONAL ORGANIZER

MAY 2010 - AUG 2010

GALLERY CHURCH BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE, MD

- Organizing and mobilizing congregational capacity to implement "Together Baltimore" service projects throughout Baltimore City to expand HIV/AIDS testing, renovate city schools, and refurbish city parks in partnership with University of Maryland Institute for Human Virology, Baltimore City Department of Health, and other local faith communities and non-profits.

INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION & TRAINING SUPPORT

AUG 2008 - AUG 2009 / NOV 2009 / AUG 2010

MERCY CORPS

CHENGDU, SICHUAN, CHINA / TAIWAN

- Trained over 200 psycho-social program caregivers in public speaking and teaching methodology to assist children affected by the Wenchuan Earthquake; designed informational pamphlets, newsletters and training videos to assist implementation and dissemination of programs.
- Trained 85 caregivers and master trainers in partnership with Tzu Chi Buddhist Relief Services (Kaohsiung) and Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (Taipei and Taichung) in “Moving Forward” psycho-social recovery programs for children affected by Typhoon Marakot.

ACADEMIC AND SHORT-TERM PROJECT COORDINATOR **AUG 2008 - AUG 2009**
 HUA-MEI INTERNATIONAL TRAINING & EDUCATION CENTER
 CHENGDU, SICHUAN, CHINA

- Organized and led short-term relief teams to work with local Three-Self churches in cities affected by the Wenchuan earthquake; developed and piloted a new English as Foreign Language teaching curriculum for primary school students; provided Mandarin-Chinese to English interpretation during conferences and small group interviews and written translation for development proposals.

MISSIONAL PARTNER **AUG 2005 - MAY 2008**
 CHINA

- Partnered with local house church leaders and networks to design programs to identify, disciple, and pastor young leaders in small group settings.

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GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS:

- 2023 Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers: Stories of Faith, Resilience, and Politics: First-Generation East Asian American Christians (Co-lead w/ David Chao)
- 2020 Sacred Writes Fellow / Media Partnership with *Sojourners*
- 2019-2020 Forum for Theological Exploration Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2019 Georgetown University Graduate Research Travel Grant
- 2009-2014 Wesley Seminary Bishop’s Scholarship & Community Engagement Fellowship
- 2002-2005 Wheaton College Honor Society & Henry T. Wu Scholarship

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PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, & WORKSHOPS

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

ECCLESIOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY NORTH AMERICA CONFERENCE **MAR 2023**
 PRINCETON, NJ

- *“Exploring Trans-Pacific Stories of Faith, Resilience, and Politics in First-Generation East Asian American Christians”*

PRINCETON SEMINARY WORLD CHRISTIANITY 4TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE **MAR 2023**
 PRINCETON, NJ

- *Theological Construction in the Impossible City: Emerging Overseas Hong Kong Theologians Working Amidst Crisis*

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE **NOV 2022**
 DENVER, CO

- **Chinese Christianities Group:** Panelist for Roundtable on “*Sinophone Studies and its implications for Chinese Christianities*”
- **Practical Theology Group:** panelist for Book Panel on *The Wiley-Blackwell Handbook on Theology and Qualitative Research*

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MISSIOLOGY ANNUAL CONFERENCE **JUN 2022**
SOUTH BEND, IN

- “*OMSC at 100 Years: A Site of Pilgrimage in Theological Education and Missionary Conversion*”

CHINESE CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY CONFERENCE: SINO-CHRISTIAN & ACADEMIC THEOLOGIES **MAR 2022**
NEW HAVEN, CT

- “*Chinese Christianity without China? Exploring Sinophone Studies as Intervention & Fulfillment of Sino-Christian Theology*”

YALE-EDINBURGH CONFERENCE ON WORLD CHRISTIANITY & HISTORY OF MISSION **JUN 2021**

- “*A Digitally Public & Lived Chinese Christianity: The Alter-Public of “JingJie” (境界)*” (Short presentation accessible at: <https://vimeo.com/572304909>)

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: TEACHING ECUMENISM AND WORLD CHRISTIANITY **JUN 2021**
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

- “*Grounded Ecumenism – detangling visions of ecumenism and world Christianity through theological ethnography in an age of migration*”

PRINCETON SEMINARY WORLD CHRISTIANITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE **APR 2021**

- “*Liquid religiosity and Christian encounter with the religious other in contemporary China.*”
- Panelist for *Author Meets Critic: “World Christian Encyclopedia, 3rd edition,”* by Todd Johnson and Gina Zurlo

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE **DEC 2020**

- **Chinese Christianities Group:** “*Negotiating a lived Chinese theology across boundaries - the mainland Chinese Christian experience in Hong Kong*”

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE **NOV 2019**
SAN DIEGO, CA

- **Comparative Study of Religion Group:** “*Mapping Everyday Inter-religious Encounters Among Chinese Christians in Shanghai and Hong Kong*”

ECCLESIOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE **SEP 2019**
DURHAM, UK

- “*A case study in cosmopolitan Chinese Christianity: the theological implications of negotiating religiosity across boundaries among young urban professionals in Shanghai and Hong Kong.*”
- Panelist for *Author Meets Critic: “Imitating Christ in Magwi: An Anthropological Theology”* by Todd Whitmore

PRINCETON SEMINARY WORLD CHRISTIANITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE **MAR 2019**
PRINCETON, NJ

- “*The Abductive Presence of God: Experiments in Qualitative Methods and Theological Inquiry*”

ECCLESIOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE **AUG 2018**
DURHAM, UK

- “*One in Three: Weaving a Single Story in Three Gatherings: Exploring the Ecclesiological Implications of a ‘Liturgy of Conversation’ in a Multi-Site Urban Church Model in Baltimore, Maryland.*”

- PRINCETON SEMINARY WORLD CHRISTIANITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **JAN 2018**
 PRINCETON, NJ
- *“Toward a Chinese Lived Theology of Public Life and Religious Pluralism: Synthesizing Market, Ecology, and Lived Religion Models”*
- YALE-EDINBURGH CONFERENCE WORLD CHRISTIANITY & HISTORY OF MISSION:** **JUN 2017**
 NEW HAVEN, CT
- *“Negotiating Faith and Nationalism in Republican China: Experiences of Pilgrimage and Exile at Yanjing and St. John’s Universities (1920-1935)”*
- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **NOV 2016**
 SAN ANTONIO, TX
- **Schleiermacher Group:** *“Broadening the Reign of God in Every Sphere: Understanding Christian Action Between Church and State in Schleiermacher’s Philosophical and Christian Ethics.”*
 - **Practical Theology Group:** *“Praxis Education for Ministry in Urban Contexts: A Pedagogical & Programmatic Review of Wesley Theological Seminary’s Urban Fellows Program (2009-2014)”*
- ECCLESIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **JUL 2016**
 HONG KONG, CHINA
- *“Political Reform, Religious Sensibility, and Interreligious Study: The Life and Thought of Liang Shuming”*
- COMMON GROUND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY IN SOCIETY** **MAR 2016**
 WASHINGTON, DC
- *“The Study of Buddhist Self-Immolation Beyond Religious Tradition and Political Context: The Necessity of ‘Proto-getical’ Analysis”*
- OXFORD CENTRE FOR MISSION STUDIES: THE SHAPING OF CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA** **MAY 2015**
 OXFORD, UK
- *“Faith-Based Engagement in China’s Harmonious Society: A Study of an Indigenous, Faith-Based NGO’s Organizational Culture & Response to the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake”*
- INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION - NORTHEAST REGION ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **NOV 2014**
 BALTIMORE, MD
- *“The Critical Space We Share: Exploring Connections Between Critical Visions of International, Intercultural, and Interreligious Studies”*
- MD-DC CAMPUS COMPACT: SERVICE LEARNING & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE** **APR 2014**
 BALTIMORE, MD
- *“Crossing Neighborhoods, Crossing Cultures: The Role of Service Learning in Education for Intercultural Competency”*
- SOCIETY OF INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION, TRAINING, & RESEARCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **NOV 2013**
 WASHINGTON, DC
- *“Exploring Self, Other, and Place: A Contextual Curriculum for the Integration of Intercultural Competency & Social Justice”*
- INTERCULTURAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **MAR 2013**
 WASHINGTON, DC
- *“Neighborhood for All?: Forming Shared Vision Among Diverse Organizations in Columbia Heights, Washington, DC”*
- INTERCULTURAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **MAR 2012**
 WASHINGTON, DC
- *“Navigating Intercultural Non-Profit Partnerships in Post-Sichuan Quake China”*

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION EXPO **APR 2011**
CATONSVILLE, MD

- *“Good news and China’s harmonious society: an ethnographic study of a Christian NGO in Sichuan, China as a model for indigenous, faith-based, civil society”*

SELECT PUBLIC LECTURES:

CENTER FOR ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY AT PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **APR 2023**
PRINCETON, NJ

- *Framing Asian American Discipleship Across Generations: Displacement, Migration, and Belonging in China and America* (lecture accessible at <https://youtu.be/Jnc16RcVSzs>)

CHINASOURCE **FEB 2022**

- *Chinese Christianity in the Modern Era: Making Sense of the Present in Light of the Past* (lecture accessible at <https://youtu.be/34T50e6NZpY>)

CENTER FOR ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY AT PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **APR 2021**
PRINCETON, NJ

- *Living Faith between Kingdoms and Empires: Pondering the Trans-Pacific Politics of Chinese/ American Theologizing* (lecture accessible at <https://youtu.be/3d0IR16TAi8>)

OVERSEAS MINISTRIES STUDY CENTER AT PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY **FEB 2021**
PRINCETON, NJ

- *Lived Theology and Methodology in World Christianity* (lecture accessible at <https://vimeo.com/572300248>)

UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY **DEC 2020**
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

- *Christianity in Contemporary China* (lecture accessible at <https://www.unige.ch/theologie/lirse/actualites/christianity-in-contemporary-china/>)

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH CENTRE FOR STUDY OF WORLD CHRISTIANITY **NOV 2020**
EDINBURGH, UK

- *Panel Discussion on “Lived Theology in World Christianity”* (panel discussion accessible at <https://www.cswc.div.ed.ac.uk/2020/11/lived-theology-qualitative-data-and-theology-in-world-christianity/>)

GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **FEB 2018**
WASHINGTON, DC

- *“Contemporary Christianities in Chinese Society Today”*
- *“The Historical Ebbs and Flows of the Christian Movement in China”*

1882 FOUNDATION **JUN 2013**
WASHINGTON, DC

- *“Place, Identity, & The Making of Culture in D.C. Chinatown”*

CHINA BIBLE EXHIBITION OF THE CHINA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL **OCT 2011**
WASHINGTON, DC

- *Panel Discussion on “Dynamics of Church Life in China Today”*

UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL: CULTURE LECTURES **APR - JUL 2009**
CHENGDU, CHINA

- *“Fundamentals of Cross-Cultural Communication”*
- *“The Chinese American Experience”*
- *“Improving Public Speaking Skills”*

GUIZHOU UNIVERSITY: INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CONFERENCE **JUN 2009**

GUIYANG, CHINA

- *“Fundamentals of Cross-Cultural Communication”*
- *“Public Speaking in Western Contexts”*

SICHUAN ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (SICHUAN, CHINA)

SEP 2008

CHENGDU, CHINA

- *“Public Speaking and Cross-Cultural Communication.”*

SELECT WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS:

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ANN FERRAN CONFERENCE ON TEACHING, LEARNING, & RESEARCH **JAN 2014**

WASHINGTON, DC

- *“Bridging Classroom and Community through Community-Based Learning”*

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY ANN FERRAN CONFERENCE ON TEACHING, LEARNING, & RESEARCH **JAN 2013**

WASHINGTON, DC

- *“New Initiatives in Community Based Learning at American University”*

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: INTERCULTURAL IMMERSION TRAINING

OCT 2010

WASHINGTON, DC

- *“Concepts and Communication for Intercultural Immersion”*

GRACE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

OCT 2009

BALTIMORE, MD

- *“Foundations for Cross-Cultural Communication and Understanding in Ministry”*
- *“Discovering Values in Time and Space: Tools for Cross-Cultural Ministry”*

ELIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

JAN 2007

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND

- *“Working with Asian Americans to Advance Ministry in East Asia.”*

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PUBLIC WRITING & ENGAGEMENT

BYLINES:

- Regular contributor to *ChinaSource*, a digital hub and resource for news and analysis on Chinese Christianity (Published articles accessible at: https://www.chinasource.org/multi_author/easten-law/)
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