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EDUCATION

- PhD** Claremont School of Theology, California Dec 2022
PhD in Religious Studies (Comparative Theology and Philosophy)
Dissertation: Organic Panentheism in Northeast Asian Views
Committee: Dr. Philip Clayton (chair), Dr. John B. Cobb Jr., Dr. Andrew Schwartz
- MDiv** San Francisco Theological Seminary, California May 2013
- BA** Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Seoul, South Korea Mar 2008
Major: Theology
- BA** Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea Mar 2003
Major: Economics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Dissertation**, Claremont School of Theology, California 2020-2022
Academic Advisor: Philip Clayton
- Conducted original research in comparative theology and philosophy
 - Focused on process theology and Northeast Asian religious traditions
- Claremont School of Theology**, California Sep 2014–Jan 2015
Position: Research Assistant
- Conducted research for Dr. Philip Clayton’s projects and writings
 - Assisted in writing the paper “Randomness and Agency: An Analysis of Knowledge and Foreknowledge from an Agent-Centered Perspective” by Philip Clayton

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Schreiner University**, Texas Aug 2024–Present
Teaching Faculty Member, Department of Religion
- Claremont School of Theology**, California Jul 2024–Present
Adjunct Professor, Department of Process Studies
- Claremont School of Theology**, California Jan 17–28, 2022

Guest Instructor for Intensive Doctor of Ministry Course, Spring, 2022

Director of the program: Rev. Dr. Namjoong Kim

- Teaching a special class in “Post-pandemic Meta Church” based on the author’s published monograph (Bookk, 2021).

Claremont School of Theology, California

Jan 2014–Jun 2014

Teaching Assistant, Dr. Roland Faber

- Systematic Theology, a graduate course averaging 30 students per semester, covering the following topics: Theism, Revelation, Creation, Anthropology, Christology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, Hermeneutics and sacrament, etc.
- Developed readings, quizzes, exams, and assignments.
- Revised the syllabus to meet accreditation standards
- Coordinated grading with the professor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Schreiner University, Texas

Jul 2024–Present

University Minister and Faculty Member

Institute for Ecological Civilization

2016–Present

Executive Director, Ecological Civilization Korea

Center for Process Studies at Claremont School of Theology

2015–Present

Director, Korea Project

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Philip Clayton and Wm. Andrew Schwartz. *What is Ecological Civilization?* Translated into Korean by Dongwoo Lee, *Saengtaemunmyeongiran Mueosinga?* (생태문명이란 무엇인가?). Seoul: House of Wisdom under Shelter, 2023.

Lee, Dongwoo, *Poseuteupaendemik Metagyohoega Onda*. 포스트팬데믹 메타교회가 온다. [Imagining a post-pandemic meta-church]. Seoul: Bookk, 2021. (Bestseller #1 in the first week of October 2021, Ridibooks, South Korea.)

Cobb, John B., Jr. *Whitehead Word Book: A Glossary with Alphabetical Index to Technical Terms in Process and Reality*. Translated into Korean by Dongwoo Lee, *Haiteuhedeuui Gwajeongcheolhagwa Gwajeongsinhak Yongeojip* (화이트헤드의 과정철학과 과정신학 용어집). Seoul: Bookk, 2020.

Lee, Dongwoo. *Gidokgyo Jeontongui Jaebalgyeon: Seongseojeonggwa Seolgyo* 기독교 전통의 재발견:성서정과 [Rediscovery of Christian traditions: Revised common lectionary]. Seoul: Bookk, 2020.

Book Chapters

Lee, Dongwoo. “Renewing God: When God Meets Artificial Intelligence in the Open Process of Becoming.” In *Renewing Faith: Reigniting Faith and Ministry through Process and Open and Relational Theologies*, edited by Sheri D. Kling, SacraSage Press, 2025.

Journal Articles

The Age of Artificial Intelligence: Is Artificial Intelligence a blessing or a curse for churches?, *Leadership Is Discipleship (Journal of United Methodist Church)*, Issue 10, 2024

Ahn Byungmoo’s Minjung Theology and Ecological Civilization, *ChristianityNext*, Issue 7, Jan 23, 2023 (Peer-Reviewed)

Forthcoming Publication

Contributed chapter (under review), based on paper presented at ‘The 50th Anniversary Conference of the Center for Process Studies’, *Cascade Perspectives in Process Studies Series*.

MAJOR GRANTS AND INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES

Lilly Endowment Inc., Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative (\$10 million).

Arc of Ministry Center at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with Schreiner University as a partner institution. Served as a major contributor to both the conceptual development and the proposal writing for this multi institutional collaborative grant. Provided early theological and educational vision through PCUSA networks. Played a substantive role in shaping an integrated framework linking secondary education, undergraduate formation, and seminary preparation. 2025.

The 787 Collective, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Grant awarded to Schreiner University Ministry to support collaborative young adult ministry and congregational partnership development. Principal investigator and grant recipient. Responsible for program design, implementation, and evaluation in coordination with Austin Seminary. September 2025–June 2026. Total award \$4,500.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Keynote Speaker: “When God meets AI” Presented at the Annual Conference of Korean Presbyterian Men in PC(USA), October 4, 2025.

Organizer and Panelist: “The 16th International EcoForum” Organized the forum under the focus on ‘Deep transformation for Ecological Civilization’ and Presented at the session of Transforming Self with Fr. Dr. Joshtrom Kureethadam from Vatican, Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker from Yale University, and Dr. Wm. Andrew Schwartz from Claremont School of Theology, May 25-27, 2023. <https://claremontecoforum.org/plenary-panelists/>

Presenter: “The 50th Anniversary Conference of the Center for Process Studies” Presented at the session of Rethinking Economies & Communities for the Common Good in the section of Process in Practice: Society, Sustainability, and Ecological Civilization, Claremont California, Feb 15-17, 2023. <https://ctr4process.org/50years/>

Special Guest: “Post Pandemic Church and Ecological Theology” Presented at the Live Radio Show at Gospel Broadcasting Company (GBC), Anaheim California, Nov 16, 2022. <https://youtu.be/6FfY3ZpeE-w>

Keynote Speaker: “Post Pandemic Meta-Church and New Leadership” Presented at the Leadership Conference of Bell Memorial United Methodist Church, California, Nov 5, 2022.

Keynote Speaker: “Korean American Church in the time of Metaverse” Presented at National Network of Korean American United Methodist Women, Online, Oct 30, 2022.

Keynote Speaker: “Post Pandemic Church Leadership” Presented at the Mid-Year Conference, San Gabriel Presbytery, Presbyterian Church USA, Oct 29, 2022.

Keynote Speaker: “Post Pandemic Church and Ecological Civilization” Presented at the Leadership Conference of Korean Presbyterian Church of Fresno, California, Oct 19 and 22, 2022.

Special Speaker: “New Voices of Korean Minjung Theologies” Presented at the 100th anniversary commemorative conference of Minjung theologian Byeongmu Ahn, Korea Association of Minjung Theologians, Oct 17, 2022. (KST)

Keynote Speaker: “Post Pandemic Korean American Church in USA” Presented at the PCUSA Korean American 3040 Church Leadership Conference, Torrance California, Presbyterian Church USA, Sep 26-28, 2022.

Special Presenter: “Organic Panentheism and Ecological Civilization” Presented at the Colloquium of Ecological Civilization Korea, June 29, 2022.

Special Speaker: “Organic Panentheism: A Northeast Asian Lens on the Christian God.” Presented at the webinar of Cobb Institute, June 7, 2022.

Organizer and Moderator of International Conference: “15th International Forum on Ecological Civilization” Organizing the conference and moderating Day 3 section, “Eco Digital Communities” at 15th International Forum on Ecological Civilization (<https://claremontecoforum.org>), May 26-28, 2022.

Special Speaker: “The Post-Pandemic Meta-Church.” Presented at the Annual Conference of Council on Overseas Korean churches for Education and Ministry, April 20, 2022.

Special Address: “The Post-Pandemic Church.” Presented at the Annual Conference of Korean Presbyterian Men in PC(USA), September 23, 2021.

Webinar: “The Process-Relational Worldview.” Presented at the quarterly meeting of Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea, February 23, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
Invited and participated in 2022/2023 School for Peer Reviewers, Jan 12-13, 2023.

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
Served as a member of comprehensive visit for initial accreditation for Henry Appenzeller University, Nov 7-10, 2022. Director of Accreditation, Valerie Rempel, MA, PhD.

The Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
Served as a member of comprehensive visit for initial accreditation for America Evangelical University, Sep 19-22, 2022. Director of Accreditation, Valerie Rempel, MA, PhD.

International Conference Organizer
Annual International Conference of Ecological Civilization Korea, 2017–2022 (Six consecutive years)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Palm Springs Presbyterian Church, Cathedral City, California Dec 2023–Jun 2024
Position: Pulpit Supply

Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California Jun 2022–Aug 2023
Position: Pulpit Supply

Occidental United Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, California Jul 2022–Sep 2022
Position: Pulpit Supply

Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California 2017–2020

Position: Head Associate Pastor/Senior Pastor for Korean Language Ministry

Claremont Presbyterian Church, Claremont, California 2016–2017
Position: Associate Pastor (Adult Education and Ministry Relations)

Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Rowland Heights, Calif. 2014–2015
Position: Pulpit Supply and Chair of Administrative Commission

New Hope Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, California 2013–2014
Position: Associate Pastor

Light of Grace Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill, California 2011–2013
Position: Associate Pastor (Youth and Administrative Associate Pastor)

US Army, 2nd ID, 8th US Army 2004–2006
Position: Chaplain's Assistant (KATUSA)

PRESBYTERY AND DENOMINATION EXPERIENCE

Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates at Presbyterian Church U.S.A., 2023–Present
Position: Committee Member

Commission on Preparation for Ministry at San Gabriel Presbytery, California 2022–Jun 2024
Position: Commission Member

Presbyterian Peace Network for Korea (PPNK) in PC(USA) 2019–Present
Position: Co-Moderator

Interreligious Committee at Claremont School of Theology, California 2019–2020
Position, Committee Member

Administrative Commission at San Gabriel Presbytery, California 2017–2021
Position: Chair of Administrative Commission

Commission on Ministry at San Gabriel Presbytery, California 2015–2021
Position: Commission Member

Vision and Strategy Team at San Gabriel Presbytery, California 2015–2016
Position: Team Member

Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, California May 2015–Dec 2015
Position: Chair of Administrative Commission and Moderator of Session

LANGUAGES

Bilingual: English, Korean

Advanced reading proficiency: Biblical Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French, German

AWARDS

The Bishop Charles Golden Award

Claremont School of Theology awarded for outstanding academic achievements and commitment to social justice. Sep 13, 2022.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

License

Industrial Engineer Information Processing, Human Resources Development Service of Korea

Certification

Google AI Essentials Certificate, Google Career Certificates, 2026

REFERENCES

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