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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- **Academic & Administrative Leader** with documented success in institutional governance, international partnership development, and strategic academic initiatives across independent higher education.
- **Proven Track Record in Institutional Advancement**, making substantial conceptual and proposal contributions to a $10 million Lilly Endowment initiative and securing institutional funding for innovative vocational formation programs.
- **Experienced in Governance & Accreditation**, bringing comprehensive oversight in Board of Trustees leadership, regional/theological institutional accreditation review, and high-level academic administration (Harvard MDP graduate).
- **Active Faculty Scholar & Published Researcher** in process thought and postdigital ethics, including sole-authored research in *Postdigital Science and Education* (Springer Nature, Q1), bridging rigorous scholarship with curricular innovation.

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

EXECUTIVE & ADVANCED EDUCATION

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA June 2026
Management Development Program (An intensive executive program focused on higher education governance, institutional finance, and strategic leadership.)

University of San Diego, San Diego, CA Oct 2026

Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Education (A credit-bearing graduate program 5 courses, focused on the strategic integration of AI technologies and institutional innovation in higher education.)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Schreiner University, Texas Jul 2024–Present
University Minister, Faculty Member and Director of International Relations

- Spearheaded international engagement by establishing five new university partnerships in South Korea and renewing an existing framework, expanding pipelines for student and faculty exchange.
- Served as a major conceptual and proposal contributor to a multi-institutional $10 million Lilly Endowment initiative (Arc of Ministry Center) linking secondary, undergraduate, and graduate pipelines.
- Secured and administered grant funding for Schreiner University Ministry in partnership with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary's Lilly Endowment-funded initiative, directing program design, budget execution, and campus vocational formation.
- Instructed undergraduate courses in religion and philosophy and served as Inaugural Director of the Pre-Seminary Leadership Program, architecting its curriculum in alignment with the Arc of Ministry initiative.

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

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 Next is Now initiative, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
Secured and directed an institutional grant for Schreiner University Ministry as part of Austin Seminary's Lilly Endowment-funded initiative, supporting collaborative young adult ministry and congregational partnership development. Served as Project Lead and grant recipient, holding primary institutional responsibility for program design, campus implementation, and evaluation in coordination with Austin Seminary. 2025–2027

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE

Member, Board of Trustees Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville, TX
Jan 2026 - Present
Exercise fiduciary responsibility and strategic oversight, guiding high-level governance decisions to ensure institutional policy alignment, financial health, and long-term educational excellence.

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)

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
Supported a graduate Systematic Theology course (30 students) by developing assessments, covering foundational doctrines, and aligning the syllabus with strict accreditation standards.

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 Gwajeongcheolhakgwa 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

Lee, Dongwoo. 2026. "Artificial Intelligence as a Structured Field of Becoming: A Whiteheadian Ontology for the Technological World." *Postdigital Science and Education*. DOI: 10.1007/s42438-026-00715-8 (Publisher: Springer Nature).

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.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Presenter: "Forming Vocation and Ethical Leadership Through Integrated PCUSA Education." Best Practices in Christian Higher Education Conference, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX, September 29, 2026.

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.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Various Congregations (Presbyterian Church U.S.A.), California 2022–2024
Position: Pulpit Supply (Palm Springs, Eagle Rock, and Occidental Presbyterian Churches)

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, California 2014–2015
Position: Chair of Administrative Commission and Pulpit Supply

Various Congregations, California 2011–2014
Position: Associate Pastor (New Hope and Light of Grace Presbyterian Churches)

US Army, 2nd ID, 8th US Army 2004–2006
Position: Chaplain's Assistant (KATUSA), Honorably Discharged as Sergeant (E-5)

PRESBYTERY AND DENOMINATION SERVICE

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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