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**EDUCATION**

- Fuller Theological Seminary**, Pasadena, CA Ph.D., June, 2011  
Practical Theology, Emphasis in Pastoral Care and Counseling/ Pastoral Theology
- Fuller Theological Seminary**, Pasadena, CA M.Div., June, 2001  
Master of Divinity
- Biola University**, La Mirada, CA B.A., May, 1990  
Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies  
*Summa Cum Laude*

**ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- Associate Professor, Practical Theology, Azusa Pacific University Pacific University, CA 2014-present  
Department of Practical Theology in the Division of Religion and Philosophy
- Assistant Professor, Practical Theology, Azusa Pacific University Pacific University, CA 2011-2014  
Department of Practical Theology in the Division of Religion and Philosophy
- Associate Dean of Student Life, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA 2008-2011  
Liaison between students and Administration, encourage community life, Educational retention, multicultural education, infrastructural improvements
- Adjunct Faculty, San Francisco Theological Seminary, DMin Course: DMPS 6040 Intercultural Pastoral Counseling 2013-present
- Adjunct Faculty, Fuller Theological Seminary, CN 564: Pastoral Counseling in Asian American Context 2012  
As a specialized course for the Asian American cohort at Fuller Seminary, this course explored the field of pastoral care, preparing persons who plan to do ministry in the Asian American Context – Prepare syllabus, course materials, lecture, and grade
- Adjunct Faculty, Claremont School of Theology, RE 103 Vocational Discernment and Spiritual Formation 2008-2011  
Required course for all incoming M.Div. students – Prepare syllabus, course materials, lecture, consult with small group leaders, and grade
- Coordinator and Professor of Pastoral Counseling, Center College, San Diego Fuller Seminary extension 2006-2007

Coordinate with several professors to teach lay counselors to give pastoral care to marketplace Christians: Teach “*The Art of Listening: Philosophy, Assumptions, and Techniques of Narrative Therapy*” and “*Self-Care in the Ministry of Compassion*”

Adjunct Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary, ST511: Orientation to Theological Education

Winter/2007

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books or Book Sections*

Oh, Kirsten S., and Donald Thorsen. "John Wesley's Holiness Themes." In *The Holy River of God*, edited by Barry L. Callen, 21-28: Aldersgate Press, 2016.

Oh, Kirsten. "Church Segregation and Integration" in *Cultural Psychology and Christian Diversity: Developing Cultural Competence for a Diverse Christian Community*, ed. Kathryn Ecklund. Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press, 2016.

Oh, Kirsten S., "Ecology and Christianity." In *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, edited by David A. Leeming, 1, 561-566. New York: Springer, 2014.

Oh, Kirsten S., "Irit Redeemed: Casting My Lot With Lot's Wife," in *Mirrored Reflections: Reframing Biblical Characters*, ed. Young Lee-Hertig and Chloe Sun. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2010.

Oh, Kirsten S., Benjamin Hartley, Glen Messer, "'Get on the Cart!': Wesleyan Discipleship in an Age of Incarceration that Defies Christian Virtues" in *Thinking Theologically about Mass Incarceration: Biblical Foundations and Justice Imperatives*, Edited by Antonios Kireopoulos, Mitzi J. Budde & Matthew D. Lundberg. National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission Theological Series. Mahwah: Paulist Press, forthcoming 2017.

Oh, Kirsten S., "Womb-Like Mercy: A Theology of Risk through Adoption Experience" in *A Graceful Embrace: Theological Reflections on Adopting Children*. Edited by John Swinton and Brian Brock, forthcoming in 2017.

Oh, Kirsten S. "Made in God's Image: Gender Identity for Asian American College Students," a book chapter for *Generation to Generation Project: Korean American College Students' Identity Process*, forthcoming in 2018.

Oh, Kirsten S., "What's Love Got to Do With It?: Sexuality for Asian American College Students," a book chapter for *Generation to Generation Project: Korean American College Students' Identity Process*, forthcoming in 2018.

Oh, Kirsten S., "Asian/Pacific-Islander American Perspectives": *Reading the Bible from Many Places: A Student's Guide to Global Approaches*, forthcoming in 2018.

### *Articles*

Oh, Kirsten S., "Jesus Strengthens the Faith of Thomas: John 20:24-29" in *Stations of the Resurrection: A Book to Journey with Jesus and His Church at the Border*. California Pacific Annual Conference, 2014.

Lee, Cameron, Candace Shields, and Kirsten S. Oh, "Theological Education in a Multicultural Environment: Empowerment or Disempowerment?," *Theological Education* 43, no. Fall (2008). This project was funded by Wabash to study the pedagogy and campus climate issues related to educating a culturally diverse body of students through both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Oh, Kirsten S., "Bi-Cultural Spirituality" in *Harmonic -A Newsletter of the Allen J. Moore Multicultural Resource and Research Center at Claremont School of Theology* Fall, 2008.

### CHURCH AND MINISTERIAL POSITIONS

<u>Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, Interim Pastor</u>	Summer, 2015
<u>United Methodist church Women of Scholars Mentor</u> Selector of Scholars annually and mentor to these selected scholars at the annual AAR pre-session meetings	2015-onward
<u>Christians on Diversity in the Academy</u> Faith Integration selection committee chair, presenter, moderator	2014-2015
<u>National Council of Churches of Christ, Faith and Order Table Contributing Member</u> Representing the United Methodist Church as a member of the Convening Table on Theological Dialogue and Matters of Faith and Order	2014-present
<u>Commissioned/Ordained Elder, United Methodist Church</u> California-Pacific Conference	2008/2011
<u>National Council of Churches of Christ, Faith and Order Commissioner</u> Representing the United Methodist Church in two quadrennia (Justification and Salvation Group, and Ecumenism from the Margins Group)	2008-2013
<u>Student Chaplain (School of Theology) Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA</u> Spiritual, emotional, and academic support for students; liaison to the Dean of Students and the Dean of Theology	2005-2008
<u>English Language Pastor and Christian Education Director</u> East-Light United Methodist church, Glendale, CA Ministry to college age and beyond in English within a Multi-cultural church context – teaching, leadership training and development, worship planning, retreats, counseling, pastoral presence, preaching, in a relational ministry context	2000-2002
<u>English Language Pastor, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Glendale, CA</u> College through career congregation - worship planning, retreats, counseling, pastoral visitation, preaching, teaching in an incarnational ministry context for multi-cultural members of the congregation	1998-2000
<u>Glendale Multicultural Youth Ministry, Herbert Hoover High School, Glendale, CA</u>	1996-2000

Gathered with multi-ethnic, multi-cultural pastors in the city of Glendale to discuss race, ethnicity and culture in ministry – planned and held multicultural events with leaders of different ethnicities

Youth Pastor, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Glendale, CA 1990-1998  
Responsible for youth, young adult programs - worship planning, retreats, counseling, pastoral visitation, preaching, teaching and befriending in an incarnational ministry context

Children's Pastor, Full Gospel Los Angeles Church, Los Angeles, CA 1988-1990  
Teaching, teachers-training, preaching weekly to children 6 to 12 years old, and developing programs

### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

"Wesleyan Response to 'Christian Witness in Multicultural World'" November, 2016  
Study Group Presentation at the Faith and Order Table at the National Council of Churches, Chicago, IL

"This Little Light of Mine" (Matt 5) June, 2016  
Service at San Diego First United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA

"Woman in Leadership: My Journey" March, 2016  
Women's Forum, Azusa Pacific University and Seminary

"What Does Cultural Competency Look Like in Christian University" January, 2016  
Presented with Kathryn Ecklund and Kay Higuera Smith as one of the Diversity Workshop Series at Azusa Pacific University

"Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the Age of Mass Incarceration" December, 2015  
Study Group Presentation at the Faith and Order Table at the National Council of Churches, Chicago, IL

"Asian/Asian American Issues and Perspectives in Pastoral Theology: The Intersections of Culture and Care" November, 2015  
Round Table Presentation at Psychology, Culture, and Religion in American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA

"Sexuality among Christian Asian American College Students" March, 2015  
Special Session Presentation at the Christians on Diversity in the Academy, Claremont, CA

"Biblical Women: Irit and Her Sisters" March, 2015  
Women's Forum, Azusa Pacific University and Seminary

"Intercultural Church: Toward God's Eschatological Vision" March, 2015  
Christians on Diversity in the Academy, Claremont, CA

"Contemplative Spirituality and Intercultural Pastoral Counseling" April, 2014  
Annual Conference of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, St. Louis, MO

<u>Building the Old Time Religion Book Panelist</u> Wesleyan Theological Society, Nampa, ID	March, 2014
<u>"Consider the Lilies of the Field" (Matt 6)</u> Chapel at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA	February, 2014
<u>"Stories We Live By: Catching Fire" with Joy Moore</u> Chapel at Azusa Pacific University	November, 2013
<u>"Global Christianity" and "Redemption"</u> Invited Lecture presentation for Introduction to Ministry at Azusa Pacific University	October, 2013
<u>"Who is My Neighbor? Pastoral Response to Homosexuality"</u> Invited Lecture at Azusa Pacific University GST Course Panel	April, 2013
<u>"Intercultural Counseling: A Narrative Therapy Approach"</u> Invited Lecture at Carlos Albizu Univeristy, San Juan, Puerto Rico	March, 2013
<u>"Margins and Centers"</u> National Counseling of Churches, Faith and Order Commission, San Juan, Puerto Rico	March, 2013
<u>"The Well-Dressed Christian" (Col 3)</u> Invited Lecture series "Voice of Christian Thought," Hope International College, Fullerton, CA	February, 2013
<u>"The Matrix of Web and Ecological Networks"</u> National Council of Churches, Faith and Order Commission, Seattle, WA	October, 2012
<u>"The Concept of Microaggression and Pastoral Care and Counseling"</u> Association of American Pastoral Counselors Pacific Regional Conference, Berkeley, CA	October 13, 2012
<u>"Vocational Discernment: Ignatian Spirituality and Awareness Examen"</u> Why We Work Conference, sponsored by the Kern Foundation, Monrovia, CA	September 21, 2012
<u>"Understanding Christian Vocation"</u> Theology, Work, and Economics Colloquium, sponsored by the Kern Foundation, Temecula, CA	Spring/2012
<u>"Practical Theology: Towards Clergy Wholeness and Self Care"</u> "Ministry in Context" for D.Min. Introductory Course at Claremont School of Theology	Summer/2010
<u>Technology and Ministry" – Learning Circles</u> California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Redland, CA	Spring/2010 -2011
<u>"Tong Song Kiddo" (Korean Style Prayer)</u> California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Redland, CA	Spring/2010
<u>"The Korean Methodist Church: From Mission to Missionary Church"</u> Methodist History Project with Wesley Ministry Network Education Video	Spring/2009

- “Cognitive Therapy and Interpersonal Relationship” Spring/2009  
Sunday school (Christian Companions) Courses for First United Methodist Church, Glendale, CA
- “Multicultural Education: Empowerment or Disempowerment?” Spring/2009  
Theological Education in a Secular Age Conference, Claremont School of Theology
- “Renewing of Your Minds: Thinking it Twice (Cognitive Therapy)” Fall/2008  
Retreat Workshop for Korean Clergywomen of the California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Ventura, CA
- “Liminal Spirituality: When Times are Dark” Summer/2008  
Sunday school Courses for First United Methodist Church, Glendale, CA
- “Wintry Spirituality: When God Seems Absent” Winter/2008  
Retreat Workshop for First United Methodist Church, West Los Angeles, CA
- PBS “I believe” series “On United Methodism” Fall/2007  
Represented the First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, CA
- “Korean Spirituality: The Small Group Model” Fall/2006  
Lecture during *Spirituality of Everyday Life* Course at Fuller Theological Seminary
- “The Emerging Church and the United Methodist Church” Fall /2006  
Discussion facilitator at the “Umerging” Colloquy – *Table Discussions* about the Emerging church movement at United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Kansas
- “Practicing the Spirituality of the Mundane” Fall /2006  
Welcome address for the students/faculty - Center for Advanced Theological Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Tempering Clergy Power through Narrative Therapy” Fall/2006  
Women of Color Celebration Symposium Lecture, Chicago, IL
- “Korean Spirituality: My Personal Odyssey” Fall/ 2005  
Lecture during *Spirituality of Everyday Life* Course at Fuller Theological Seminary
- “Bridging the Power differential between Pastor - Laity through Narrative Therapy” Summer /2005  
Lecture during *Ethics of Pastoral Care and Counseling* Course at Fuller Theological Seminary
- “Sibling Order and Personality” Winter /2004  
Lecture during *Family Therapy and Pastoral Counseling* Course at Fuller Theological Seminary
- “John Wesley and Small Groups” Spring/ 2003  
Presentation at *John Wesley: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow*, A California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist celebration of John Wesley's 300th Birthday Anniversary, Whittier, CA

#### **ACADEMIC HONORS**

Wabash Asian American Mid-Career Consultation	2016-2017
Scholar-Teacher Award at Azusa Pacific University	2014-2017
Leadership Education Fellow at Duke Divinity School	2014-2015
Emerging Scholar Fellow in Faculty Development at Azusa Pacific University	2013-2014
Wabash Research Grant	Summer 2013
Wabash Pre-Tenure Workshop	2012-2013
Women of Color Scholar	2005-2009
John Wesley Fellow	2005-2009
Center for Advanced Theological Studies Partial Fellowship	2006-2007
Center for Advanced Theological Studies Full Fellowship	2005-2006
Center for Advanced Theological Studies Half Fellowship	2004-2005
Gift of Hope: 21st Century Scholars Program	2002-2004
Botkin Theological Student Scholarship	1999-2002
Fuller Seminary Merit Scholarship - full tuition	1990-1991
Who's Who among Students in American University and Colleges	1980-1990
National Dean's List	1987-1990
Dean's List, Washington University in St. Louis, MO	1986-1987

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

<u>Fuller Theological seminary</u>	2003-2004
Teaching Methodology	
<u>Arcadia Lay Counseling Center</u>	2002-2004
Counseling	

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Association of American Pastoral Counselors	2007-present
Board of Directors	2017-present
Student Coalition Advisor (Pacific Region)	2011-2012
Psychology, Culture, and Religion (American Academy of Religion)	2008-present
Member, Steering Committee (2015- )	
Wesleyan Study Group (American Academy of Religion)	2011-present
Member, Steering Committee (2013-present)	
Society of Pastoral Theology	2011-Present
Member, Steering Committee Member (2016-Present)	
Pacific, Asian, and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAAWTM)	
Member, Board of Advisors (2010-2013)	2009-present
NCC Faith and Order Commission/Table	2008-present
Wesleyan Theological Society	2008-present
Chair of Practical Theology (2010-2011)	
Association of American Pastoral Counselors	2007-present
Board of Directors	2017-present
Student Coalition Advisor (Pacific Region)	2011-2012
Association Steering Team Member	2011-2013
Regional Restructuring Committee	2010-2011
Association of Theological Schools - Women in Leadership	2008
Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity	2006-present

American Academy of Religion student liaison to Fuller Seminary	2005-present
Asian American Women on Leadership (core member)	2005-2011
Center for Advanced Theological Studies	2004-2005
American Academy of Religion	2003-present
John Wesley Fellow	2003-present
Women of Color Scholar	2003-2009

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

<u>American Pastoral Counselors Steering Committee Member</u> Board Member	2017 –
<u>Society of Pastoral Theology</u> Steering Committee Member	2016-present
<u>Women of Color Scholars, General Board of Higher Education, United Methodist</u> Mentor	2015-present
<u>Center for Pacific Asian American Ministries</u> Board of Directors	2015-2016
<u>Young Clergy Initiative</u> Advisory Board Member	2015-2016
<u>Dean Search Committee</u> School of Theology	2015-2016
<u>Asian American Center Visioning Meeting Facilitator</u> Claremont School of Theology	Spring 2015
<u>Psychology, Cultural and Religion - American Academy of Religion</u> Steering Committee Member	2015-present
<u>Higher Education Council Member</u> California Pacific Annual Conference	2014-2015
<u>Wesleyan Study Group - American Academy of Religion</u> Steering Committee Member	2013-present
<u>American Pastoral Counselors Steering Committee Member</u> 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Conference	2011-2012
<u>Pacific Region Association of American Pastoral Counselors</u> Leadership Development Chair	2011-current
<u>Pacific Region Association of American Pastoral Counselors (Restructuring Committee)</u>	2010-2012
<u>Wesleyan Theological Society Practical Theology Co-Chair</u>	2010-2011



California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Design Team  
for Annual Conference 2010-2011

California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Learning Circles Chair  
for Annual Conference 2009-2011

InterSem 2008-2011  
Claremont School of Theology Faculty Representative to a Jewish-Christian dialogue among  
five other seminaries in Southern California

Vision and Call Intern Panel – M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Portland, OR October, 2009  
Panel Member to discern grant possibilities for 36 organizations

First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, CA 2003-present  
Lay Liturgist, Youth group volunteer, Evangelism & Hospitality committee member, teacher  
weekly adult Sunday school that focused on Christian involvement in issues of social justice  
and multi-cultural concerns, Youth small group discussion leader on relationships

Oberlin Faith and Order Conference (National Council Christian Churches, USA) Summer, 2007  
Student representative

Christian Churches Together Conference Spring, 2007  
Student representative

Retreat Speaker for Korean American Women Spring, 2007  
Canaan Presbyterian Church, Torrance, CA

Spiritual Formation/Retreat Planner and Facilitator for CATS Students Spring, 2007 and 2008  
Fuller Theological Seminary

Fuller Prospective Student Small Group Fall- Spring, 2007, 2006  
Led students in small groups through the Discernment Exercise for Seminary Education

Fuller Chapel Worship Team 2006-2007  
A part of a worship team, led congregation in praise and worship

Food for Body and Soul, Glendale, CA 2000-2002  
Prepared and served food to the homeless, prayed and encouraged those who are struggling

### **CONSULTING**

Lecturer, School of Christian Missions Summer sessions, 2011 and 2012  
United Methodist Women, Pacific Region School in the Haiti and Poverty section (Korean)  
and Immigration section (English)

Growing in Grace: Spiritual Practices and Spiritual Gifts Spring/2009, 2011  
“3-D Spirituality” and “Spirituality of Pastoral Care and Self Care” in Lay Ministry Academy  
two-day session offered through Claremont School of Theology to California Pacific Annual  
Conference of the United Methodist Church Lay Leaders

*The Prayer & Walking Retreat*

Spring/2009

Spiritual Formation and Practice Retreat for California Pacific Annual Conference of the  
United Methodist Church Bishop's Cabinet

"Korean American Family Stories and Systems"

Winter/2012

Los Angeles Police Department sponsored by The Los Angeles Korean Cultural Center of the  
Republic of Korea

References available upon request