Kyong-Jin Lee, PhD

[kyongjin@fuller.edu](mailto:kyongjin@fuller.edu)

+1 (203) 919-6860

# EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of International Relations, International Political Theory, expected graduation 2024. University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland.

MLitt., Department of International Relations, International Political Theory, 2021. University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland.

M.Sc. Department of International History, Theory and History of International Relations, 2014.

London School of Economics, London, United Kingdom.

Ph.D. Department of Religious Studies, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, 2010. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

M.Phil. Department of Religious Studies, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, 2006. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

M.A. Department of Religious Studies, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, 2005. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

M.T.S. Harvard Divinity School, Scripture and Interpretation, 2003. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

B.A. Department of Religion, 2000. Duke University, Durham, NC.

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 2001-2002.

Harvard-Hebrew University Fellowship.

Ben-Gurion University, Beer-Sheba, Israel, 1999. Summer Ulpan (Intensive Modern Hebrew) and fall semester abroad.

Friedrichs-Alexander Universitat, Erlangen, Germany, 1997. Duke in Erlangen.

EMPLOYMENT

US Army Chaplain, Reserve Officer

Captain (2023- )

Fuller Theological Seminary

Assistant Professor of Old Testament Studies (2011-2015)

Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies (2015-present)

* OT500: Old Testament Introduction (also in Spanish)
* OT517: Deuteronomy (also in Spanish)
* OT517: Reading the Megilloth: The Five Festival Scrolls (also in Spanish)
* OT517: Hebrew Exegesis: Esther
* OT517: Hebrew Exegesis: Ezra
* OT501: Human Rights and the Old Testament
* BI502: Women, Bible. And Church
* OT745: Biblical Theology of the Old Testament for Pastors (in Korean)
* OT850/550: Human Rights and the Old Testament

Spring Arbor University

Assistant Professor of Old Testament Studies (2010-2011)

Yale University

Course Instructor (2006)

Teaching Fellow (2005-2010)

Harvard University

Teaching Fellow (2003)

PUBLICATIONS

* *Esther: Interpretation Bible Commentary*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2027.
* *Ontology and Epistemology of Climate Securitization: Katechontic Technocracy and Administration*. Forthcoming.
* *Rehabilitating Nehemiah: Modern Political Perspectives on a Patriotic Statesman*. Forthcoming.
* “Human Nature and Politics: A Modern Political-Theoretical Reading of Esther.” *Reading Esther Intertextually*. New York: T&T Clark, 2021.
* “Nehemiah’s Socio-economic Reform: Principles and Accomplishments.” *Imagined Worlds and Constructed Differences.* Ed. Jeremiah Cataldo.New York: T&T Clark, 2019. 43-58.
* “Grassroots Exegesis: Women’s Ownership of the Scripture in Bolivia.” *Fuller Magazine* 8, 2017.
* “‘Ask What You Wish’: The Intersection between Economic Freedom and Cosmopolitanism in 1 Esdras.” *Sibyls, Scriptures, and Scrolls:* *John J. Collins at Seventy*. Leiden: Brill, 2016. 747-764.
* “Ezra.” *Common English Bible: Study Edition.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013.
* “Nehemiah.” *Common English Bible: Study Edition.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013.
* *Authority and Authorization of the Torah in the Persian Period*. Louvain: Peeters, 2011.
* “Almsgiving.” *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.
* “Righteousness/Justice.” *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.
* “*Hapax legomena* and the Development of Proto-Onqelos.” *Aramaic in Post-Biblical*

*Judaism and Early Christianity*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2010.

* Review of *The Dynamics of Biblical Parallelism: Revised and Expanded Edition* by Adele Berlin. *Horizons in Biblical Theology,* 30 (2), 2008.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

* “Decolonizing Global Climate Change: An Existential Phenomenological Understanding.” European Workshops in International Studies, 2023.
* “Ontology and Epistemology of Climate Securitization: Katechontic Technocracy and Administration.” Environmental Politics and Governance, Glasgow, 2023.
* “Political Theology on Global Climate Change: A Positive and Negative Function of the Katechon.” Society of Biblical Literature, Denver CO, 2022.
* “The Katechontic Logic and Governance of Climate Change.” International Studies Association, Baltimore MD, 2022.
* “Rehabilitating Nehemiah: Modern Political Perspectives on a Patriotic Statesman.” Hebrew Bible Research Seminar, University of St. Andrews, 2021.
* “Human Nature and Politics: A Modern Political-Theoretical Reading of Esther.” Society for Old Testament Study, 2021.
* “Response to Carol Newsom’s ‘The Self and Spirituality in Second Temple Judaism.’” Payton Lecture. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA, 2019.
* “Ethics of Immigration Hermeneutics.” Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville KY, 2019.
* “Nehemiah’s Socio-economic Reform: Principles and Accomplishments.” Society of Biblical Literature, Boston MA, 2017.
* “‘Our Flesh is the same as that of our Kindred’: Political-Economic Perspectives on Equality and Property.” Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta GA, 2015.
* “For a Time Such as This: International Relations Theory and the Globalizing Church.” Fuller Forum: “Justice, Grace, and Law in the Mission of God” Featuring Walter Brueggemann. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA, 2015.
* “*Pax Persica* appraised by Esther: Dialectical Reflection on Diaspora and Politics.” Paper presented at the Bible and Empire Section, International Society of Biblical Literature, St Andrews Scotland, 2013.
* “The Achaemenid Royal Titulature and the Implementation of Heavenly Order on Earth.” Paper presented at the Prophecy and Politics in Ancient Near Eastern Cultures 2012 International Meeting, University of Haifa, Israel, 2012.
* “Biblical Perspective on Immigration” Panel Response to Daniel Carroll. Missiology Lectures 2012, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA, 2011.
* “‘The Law of your God and the Law of the King’ in the Political Structure of the Achaemenid Empire.” Paper presented at the Hebrew Bible and Political Theory Section, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta GA, 2010.
* “Visionaries, Patriots, and Traitors: Local Leadership at the Service of the Achaemenid Imperial Administration.” Paper presented at the Archaeology of the Biblical World Section, New England Regional Society of Biblical Literature, Newton MA, 2010.
* “The Wise Courtier and God’s Protective Wall: Finding the Textual Relationship between 1 Esdras and Ezra-Nehemiah.” Paper presented at 1 Esdras Section, Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans LA, 2009.
* “To be Righteous in the End of Days: Sectarian Views in the Second Temple Period.” Paper presented at the Early Christianity and Judaism Section, Society of Biblical Literature, Washington DC, 2006.
* “Survey of the Exegetical Relationship amongst the Aramaic Variants of the Pentateuch.” Paper presented at the Judaica Section, Society of Biblical Literature International, Singapore, 2005.

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AWARDS, HONORS

* Wabash Peer Mentoring. Being a *Paracletos* to One Another: Peer Mentoring Cluster for Four West-Coast Korean-American Biblical Scholars. 2018.
* Christian Leadership Initiative Fellowship. American Jewish Committee and the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, 2016-2018.
* ECF (Evangelize China Fellowship) Endowment. Global Studies and Research, 2015.
* Institute of Ideas Academy Student Scholarship, 2014.
* Yale University Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2008-2009.
* Rothschild Scholarship for Interdisciplinary Jewish Studies Congress, Institute for Advanced Studies at the Hebrew University: Jerusalem, 2005.
* National Endowment for the Humanities Aramaic Seminar, 2004.
* Harvard-Hebrew University Fellowship, 2001-2002.
* Delta Phi Alpha German Honor Society, 1998-1999.
* Hart Fellowship, 1998.
* Helga Wilde Bessent Scholarship, 1997.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

* Catholic Biblical Association
* National Association of Professors of Hebrew
* Society of Biblical Literature
* Society of Christian Ethics

### [Society for Old Testament Study](http://www.sots.ac.uk/)

* Societas Ethica
* Association for Political Theory
* International Studies Association
* European International Studies Association

EDITORIAL TEAM

* Theology advisor and editor, *Christianity Today* (2020-2021)
* Peer Review Team, *Priscilla Papers* (2019-present)

MINISTRY PRESENTATIONS

* Guest speaker. Los Fundamentos exegéticos de la Misión integral desde el Antiguo Testamento. Grupo de Estudiantes Misión en Contexto. November 2022.
* Guest preacher. Boston Central Korean Evangelical Church. October 2022.
* Guest speaker. Compañerismo Estudiantil Movimiento Estudiantil: COMPA/IFES EFL. Valle, México. July 2021.
* Guest speaker. Radically Normal. Podcast. May 2021.
* Panelist. Evangelical Theological Society Women’s Fellowship. November 2020.
* Guest speaker. International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. September 2020.
* Guest speaker. San Francisco Lighthouse Church. San Francisco, CA. June 2019.
* Guest speaker. San Francisco GrX Church. San Francisco, CA. November 2017.
* Guest speaker. San Francisco Lighthouse Church. San Francisco, CA. March 2017.
* Guest speaker. Bethel Korean Church. Irvine, CA. March 2016.
* Guest speaker. [Igreja Evangélica de Língua Portuguesa de Zurique](http://www.migrationskirchen.ch/Unsere-Kirchen/IELPZ.8.html). Zurich, Switzerland. August 2015.
* Guest speaker. Iglesia Bautista Shalom. Highland Park, CA. June 2015.
* Guest speaker. Conference for Pastors Continuing Education. Latino Ministries American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles and Congregations of the Southwest and Hawaii. Lake Hughes, CA. April 2013.
* Instructor. Workshop: “Prophecy in Ancient Israel.” Internado Bíblico Casa de Oración Cristiana. Panama City, Panama. January 2013.
* Guest speaker. American Baptists Continuing Education: “Discipulado Transformador.” Latino Ministries American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles and Congregations of the Southwest and Hawaii. Lake Hughes, CA. May 2012.
* Guest speaker. Conference for Women Pastors: “Mujer, que tu trabajo en el Señor no sea en vano.” Alhambra, CA. April 2012.
* Instructor. Adult Bible Studies: Book of Hosea. Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles. Rosemead, CA. Spring 2012.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

* Hebrew
* Greek
* Aramaic
* Syriac
* Spanish
* French
* German

LANGUAGES FOR INSTRUCTION

* Spanish
* Korean
* English