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EDUCATION

Fuller Theological Seminary - Pasadena, CA

Ph.D., Intercultural Studies, 2010

Dissertation, *Street Signs: Toward a Missional Theology of Urban Cultural Engagement*

Regent College - Vancouver, BC

Master of Christian Studies, Applied Theology, 2005

Thesis, *Church, Culture, and the Kingdom: A Critique of Dispensational Ecclesiology in Consideration of Missional Church Theology*

University of Washington - Seattle, WA

B.A., Business Administration: Information Systems, 2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seattle Pacific University and Seminary - Seattle, WA

Associate Professor of Missiology, School of Theology, 2015-present

Assistant Professor of Missiology, School of Theology, 2011-2015

Assistant Professor of Missional Theology, School of Theology, 2010-2011

Instructor of Missional Theology, School of Theology, 2008-2010

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate

- Global and Urban Ministry Minor: *Intro to Global and Urban Ministry, Holistic Ministry, Living in Another Culture, Interpreting the City, and Cross-Cultural Ministry*
- University Foundations: *Christian Formation: Justice*
- *Christian Theology Capstone*
- *Christ and Culture: Theology and Hip Hop*

Seattle Pacific Seminary

- *Christian Formation in Mission - Acts of Mercy and Justice* (urban immersion intensive in partnership with Union Gospel Mission, Urban Impact, Tierra Nueva, New Horizons, and Rainier Avenue Church)
- *Christian Formation: Discipleship and Mission in Context* (Asian American Christianity intensive in partnership with Japanese Presbyterian Church and the Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience)
- *Theological Explorations: Missional Theologians* (Lesslie Newbigin seminar)
- *Burning Issues: Entrepreneurship and Mission* (SPS and School of Business & Economics collaboration)

Regent College - Vancouver, BC

Graduate Teaching Assistant, *Jesus in Film* (Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies course), 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Street Signs: Toward a Missional Theology of Urban Cultural Engagement. American Society of Missiology Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Pickwick/Wipf & Stock, 2012.

Forthcoming (early 2016): *Race and Place: The Urban Geography of Christian Reconciliation* (under contract with InterVarsity Press)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

“Prophet, Pagan, Prayer: Urban Theology of Reversal in the Story of Jonah.” *Ex Auditu* 29 (2013): 112-136.

“Reading the City: Cultural Texts and Urban Community.” *Missio Dei Journal* 3/2 (2012): 63-74.

“Urban Theological Education at Seattle Pacific University: Encountering Neighbors and Race in Seattle.” *Common Ground Journal* 8/1 (2010): 49-58.

“Urban Exegesis in Seattle’s Rainier Valley.” *Journal of Urban Mission* 1/2 (2010).

Other Writings:

“Selections on New Creation: Socioeconomic Reconciliation; Luke 4:14–21, Isaiah 61:1–4.” *Lectio: Guided Bible Reading*. Spring 2014.

“Understanding Cities in Order to Shape Ministry.” *Response Magazine*, Spring 2011.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences:

“Missional Migration and Displacement: Reflections on Gentrification in Urban Neighborhoods.” Paper presented at Christ & Cascadia Conference, Fuller NW Institute for Theology and Culture, Seattle, WA, September 2014.

“Color Lines: Reconciling Race and Place in Urban Contexts.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, Minneapolis, MN, June 2014.

“Prophet, Pagan, Prayer: Urban Theology of Reversal in the Story of Jonah.” Paper presented at North Park Theological Seminary’s Annual Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, Chicago, IL, September 2013.

“Subverting the Social Logic of Homogeneity.” Keynote address at Humanity through Community: Bridging the Cultural Divide, The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, March 2013.

“Street Prophets: Hip Hop, Urban Missiology, and Community Praxis.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, Chicago, IL, June 2012.

“Urban Exegesis in Seattle’s Rainier Valley.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, Chicago, IL, June 2010.

“Embodied, Prophetic, Subversive: Toward A Missional Theology of Cultural Engagement.” Paper presented at Fuller Theological Seminary’s School of Intercultural Studies Doctoral Seminar, Pasadena, CA, July 2009.

“Immigrants and Hipsters in Transition.” Paper presented at Fuller Theological Seminary’s School of Intercultural Studies Doctoral Seminar, Pasadena, CA, July 2008.

Church/Community-Related Conferences:

“What Ferguson Means to Us: Housing Segregation in Seattle.” Lecture given at University Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA, April 2015.

“Wrestling with Reconciliation: Race and Class.” Lectures given at Seattle First Presbyterian Church and University Presbyterian Church, Seattle, WA, November-December 2014.

“Confessions of a Gentrifier: the Complex Legacy of Urban Renewal.” Workshop at the Inhabit Conference, The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, April 2013.

“The Multiethnic Church in Mission.” Course taught for Ministering in a Multi-Cultural World, Seattle, WA, November 2011.

“Merciful Justice: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally.” Workshop at the Center for Biblical and Theological Education’s Embracing the Whole Gospel Conference, Seattle, WA, May 2011.

“Interfaith Dialogue in an Asian Pacific American Context.” Panel facilitated for the Wing Luke Asian Museum’ Sacred Seattle Exhibit, Seattle, WA, February 2011.

“Glocalization: Youth, Mission, and Cultural Context,” Workshop at the Center for Biblical and Theological Education’s Passionate Faith Conference, Seattle, WA, May 2010.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

School of Theology Department of Ministry and Practical Theology, Chair, 2015-16
Director of Global and Urban Ministry Minor; advisor and internship supervisor, 2008-present
Asian American Ministry Program faculty advisor, 2009-present
University Faculty Diversity Committee, 2011-2014 (Committee Chair, 2012-2013)
School of Theology Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2009-2012 (Committee Chair, 2013-2014)
Tent City 3 Steering Committee, 2013-2014
Faculty Housing Task Force, 2012-2014
CSFD Faculty Mini-Course: “Multicultural Teaching,” 2012, 2013.
Day of Common Learning Showcase Presenter, 2010, 2013.
ASSP’s “Intercultural Competency in the Classroom” faculty participant, 2011
CBTE’s “Embracing the Whole Gospel” Steering Committee, 2010

RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS/GRANTS

“Practices of Ministry in the City,” Working group at City Seminary of New York, Lilly Endowment, March 2015.

“HANA: Hispanic and Asian North American Ministry Consultation,” Carl F.H. Henry Center at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, IL, May 2013.

“Contextualizing Biblical and Theological Education for Asian American Students,” The Center for Biblical and Theological Education at SPU, May 2011.

CHURCH EXPERIENCE/MEMBERSHIP

Rainier Avenue Church (Free Methodist Church) - Seattle, WA
Active member and ministry volunteer, 2010-present

Quest Church (Evangelical Covenant Church) - Seattle, WA
Ministry Director of Community Groups, 2006-2008
Director of College Ministry, 2005-2006

Chinese Baptist Church (American Baptist Church) - Seattle, WA
Director (interim) of Youth and Young Adult ministries, 2002-2003
Youth Ministry Intern, 1999-2001

URBAN/GLOBAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Urban Impact – Seattle, WA
Board of Directors, 2012 – present (Vice Chair 2015-present)
Providing leadership and governance for Christian Community Development and strategic community transformation to break the cycles of social, material and spiritual poverty in urban neighborhoods.

Wing Luke Asian Museum New Dialogues Initiative: Faith & Spirituality - Seattle, WA
Community Advisory Committee, 2009 - 2011
Collaborated with Wing Luke Asian Museum and leaders in the Asian/Pacific Islander-American community to develop an exhibit program around interfaith dialogue and issues of faith and spirituality in a local APIA context.

Rainier Vista Multicultural Committee - Seattle, WA
Core Subcommittee Member, 2006 - 2013
Community organizing to develop social investment and cooperation between diverse constituencies of homeowners, tenants, immigrants, and resettled refugees in a mixed-used, mixed-income neighborhood redevelopment of the Seattle Housing Authority.

South Seattle Community Group - Seattle, WA
Facilitator/Group Leader, 2005 - 2009
Provided leadership for developing and implementing a local neighborhood ministry of presence through an intentional, holistic Christian community group in the Rainier Valley.

Quest Global Presence Thailand - Thailand/Burma
Team Member, 2006
Researched global partnerships with local and international NGOs and faith-based organizations in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, and in villages and refugee camps along the Thai-Burma border.

Central Asia Mission Team - Xinjiang, China
Team Member, 2001
Developed summer English program in partnership with long-term missionaries in the region; designed and taught conversational English class and information technology elective course for students at Urumqi Vocational College in Northwestern China.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Missiology

ACADEMIC HONORS

Urban Mission Award, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2010
Fuller Theological Seminary Global Studies Scholarship, 2006-2009
Golden W Academic Scholarship, 1998
University of Washington Undergraduate Scholar Award, 1997

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban missiology, racialization and urbanization, construction/development of cultural identities, Asian American Christianity, globalization and mission, theology and hip hop, missiological contextualization in contemporary Western culture, urban anthropology, missional ecclesiology, theology of the built environment, new urbanism and gentrification