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CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

- Fuller Theological Seminary**, Pasadena, CAPH.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**

- Professor, Practical Theology, Azusa Pacific University Pacific University, CA 2018-present  
Department of Practical Theology in the Division of Religion and Philosophy
- Ecclesiastical Associate Professor of United Methodist Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, CA 2016-present
- Associate Professor, Practical Theology, Azusa Pacific University Pacific University, CA 2014-2018  
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
- 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 2006-2007  
Fuller Seminary extension

Coordinate several professors to teach lay counselors to give pastoral care to marketplace Christians and taught two seminars: “*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 Winter/2007  
Theological Education

Prepare course materials, assignments, exams; lecture; consult with students; and grade term papers

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books or Book Sections*

Oh, Kirsten S. “January 24,” “April 25,” and “October 3” in *The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2021*, edited by Tanya Bennett. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020.

Oh, Kirsten S. “Sex.” In *Intersecting Realities: Race, Identity, and Pop-Culture in the Life of Young Asian Americans*, edited by Hak-Joon Lee. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2018.

Oh, Kirsten S. “Gender.” In *Intersecting Realities: Race, Identity, and Pop-Culture in the Life of Young Asian Americans*, edited by Hak-Joon Lee. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2018.

Oh, Kirsten S., “Embraced in God’s Trembling-Womb Love: A Theology of Adoption,” in *A Graceful Embrace: Theological Reflections on Adopting Children*. Edited by John Swinton and Brian Brock, Netherlands: Brill, 2018.

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, 2017.

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: An Intercultural Alternative for the American Church Towards God's Eschatological Vision,” in *Cultural Psychology and Christian Diversity: Developing Cultural Competence for a Diverse Christian Community*, ed. Kathryn Ecklund. Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press, 2017.

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., "Asian/Pacific-Islander American Perspectives": *Reading the Bible from Many Places: A Student's Guide to Global Approaches*, forthcoming in 2019.

#### 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.

National Council of Churches of Christ Faith and Order Commission. "A Journey to Open Up Other Journeys: Justice and Salvation." Part I: *Ecumenical Trends* 41:9 (October 2012): 132-141; Part II: *Ecumenical Trends* 41:10 (November 2012): 148-159; Part III: *Ecumenical Trends* 41:11 (December 2012): 166-175. One of the contributing authors of this ecumenical, conciliar document.

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.

Oh, Kirsten S., "American Academy of Religion: Vacation with a Purpose," published in *The Semi: Fuller Theological Seminary Newsletter*. As a student liaison for AAR, this article informed the Fuller community about the annual conference as well as the membership advantages. Fall, 2007.

Oh, Kirsten S., "Pastoral Care: Sharing the Journey," published in *The Semi: Fuller Theological Seminary Newsletter*. This article discussed the journey metaphor as a "Paracletic ministry" Fall, 2006.

#### CHURCH AND MINISTERIAL POSITIONS

<u>Sierra Madre United Methodist Church, Interim Pastor</u>	Summer, 2015
<u>United Methodist Church Women of Scholars Chair</u>	2020-present
<u>United Methodist Church Women of Scholars Mentor</u> Annual selector of Scholars and mentor to these selected scholars	2015-2020
<u>National Council of Churches of Christ, Faith and Order Table Co-Chair</u>	2018-present
<u>National Council of Churches of Christ, Faith and Order Table Co-Convener</u>	2014-2018

Representing the United Methodist Church as a member of the Convening Table on Theological Dialogue and Matters of Faith and Order

- Commissioned/Ordained Elder, United Methodist Church 2008/2011  
California-Pacific Conference
- National Council of Churches of Christ, Faith and Order Commissioner 2008-2013  
Representing the United Methodist Church in two quadrennia (Justification and Salvation Group, and Ecumenism from the Margins Group)
- Student Chaplain (School of Theology) Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA 2005-2008  
Spiritual, emotional, and academic support for students; liaison to the Dean of Students and the Dean of Theology
- English Language Pastor and Christian Education Director 2000-2002  
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
- English Language Pastor, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Glendale, CA 1998-2000  
College through career congregation - worship planning, retreats, counseling, pastoral visitation, preaching, teaching in an incarnational ministry context for multi-cultural members of the congregation
- Glendale Multicultural Youth Ministry, Herbert Hoover High School, Glendale, CA 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**

- Sex and Gender in Asian American Youth February, 2019  
Co-Presented with the co-authors of *Intersecting Realities* at Azusa Pacific University
- Interreligious Engagement and Dialogue January, 2019  
Co-Presented with Paul Klaak, Ph.D. for Diversity Workshop Series at Azusa Pacific University
- Women's Forum: Response to "Policing and Pursuing Women's Bodies" March, 2018  
Azusa Pacific University and Seminary  
The unwanted male gaze and attempts to avoid it and the violent interactions in

Cameroon and also across the globe.

- Response to “Wonder, Love, and Praise” November, 2017  
Panelist for Wesley Studies Group: Wesleyan Ecclesiologies Session in response to a draft document on ecclesiology entitled, “Wonder, Love, and Praise” offered by the Faith and Order Committee of the United Methodist Church and commended for study by the denomination’s 2016 General at American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA
- Casting All Your Cares October, 2017  
Service at Life Bible College, San Dimas, CA
- Wesleyan Response to the WCC t. “Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World” May, 2017  
Study Group Presentation at the Faith and Order Table at the National Council of Churches, Ontario, CA
- Woman in Leadership: Compassion and the Womb” March, 2017  
Women’s Forum, Azusa Pacific University and Seminary
- “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 Session at 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
- Building the Old Time Religion Book Panelist March, 2014  
Wesleyan Theological Society, Nampa, ID
- "Consider the Lilies of the Field" (Matt 6) February, 2014  
Chapel at Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA
- "Stories We Live By: Catching Fire" with Joy Moore November, 2013  
Chapel at Azusa Pacific University
- "Global Christianity" and "Redemption" October, 2013  
Invited Lecture presentation for Introduction to Ministry at Azusa Pacific University
- "Who is My Neighbor? Pastoral Response to Homosexuality" April, 2013  
Invited Lecture at Azusa Pacific University GST Course Panel
- "Intercultural Counseling: A Narrative Therapy Approach" March, 2013  
Invited Lecture at Carlos Albizu Univeristy, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- "Margins and Centers" March, 2013  
National Counseling of Churches, Faith and Order Commission, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- "The Well-Dressed Christian" (Col 3) February, 2013  
Invited Lecture series "Voice of Christian Thought," Hope International College, Fullerton, CA
- "The Matrix of Web and Ecological Networks" October, 2012  
National Council of Churches, Faith and Order Commission, Seattle, WA
- "The Concept of Microaggression and Pastoral Care and Counseling" October 13, 2012  
Association of American Pastoral Counselors Pacific Regional Conference, Berkeley, CA
- "Vocational Discernment: Ignatian Spirituality and Awareness Examen" September 21, 2012  
Why We Work Conference, sponsored by the Kern Foundation, Monrovia, CA
- "Understanding Christian Vocation" Spring/2012  
Theology, Work, and Economics Colloquium, sponsored by the Kern Foundation, Temecula, CA
- "Practical Theology: Towards Clergy Wholeness and Self Care" Summer/2010  
"Ministry in Context" for D.Min. Introductory Course at Claremont School of Theology
- Technology and Ministry" – Learning Circles Spring/2010 -2011  
California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Redland, CA

- “Tong Song Kiddo” (Korean Style Prayer) Spring/2010  
California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Redland, CA
- “The Korean Methodist Church: From Mission to Missionary Church” Spring/2009  
Methodist History Project with Wesley Ministry Network Education Video
- “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

Scholar-Teacher Tier 2 at Azusa Pacific University	2018-2019
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>Diversity Ambassador</u>	2015-2017
Azusa Pacific University	
<u>Teaching Methodology</u>	2003-2004
Fuller Theological seminary	
<u>Arcadia Lay Counseling Center</u>	2002-2004
Counseling	

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Wesleyan Study Group (American Academy of Religion)	2011-present
Member, Steering Committee (2013-2019)	
Wesleyan Theological Society	2008-present
Chair of Practical Theology (2010-2011)	
Psychology, Culture, and Religion (American Academy of Religion)	2008-present
Member, Steering Committee (2015-2021)	



Society of Pastoral Theology	2011-Present
President (2019-20120)	
Vice President (2018-2019)	
Steering Committee Member (2016-Present)	
Association of American Pastoral Counselors	2007-2019
Board of Directors	2017-present
Association Steering Team Member	2011-2013
Student Coalition Advisor (Pacific Region)	2011-2012
Regional Restructuring Committee	2010-2011
Pacific, Asian, and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry (PANAAWTM)	
Member, Board of Advisors (2010-2013), Local Committee (2017-2018)	2009-present
NCC Faith and Order Commission/Table	2008-present
Chair of study group (2016-2017) and Co-Convener (2018-present)	
<i>Christians on Diversity in the Academy</i>	2014-2015
Faith Integration selection committee chair, presenter, moderator	
Association of Theological Schools - Women in Leadership	2008, 2018
Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity	2006-present
Asian American Women on Leadership (core member)	2005-2011
American Academy of Religion student liaison to Fuller Seminary	2005-2008
American Academy of Religion	2003-present
John Wesley Fellow	2003-present
United Methodist GBHEM Women of Color Scholar	2003-2009

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

<u>Society of Pastoral Theology</u>	2016-2020
Steering Committee Member, Recording Secretary, Vice President, President	
<u>Wesleyan Study Group</u> - American Academy of Religion	2013-2019
Steering Committee Member	
<u>Psychology, Cultural and Religion</u> - American Academy of Religion	2015-2019
Steering Committee Member	
<u>Association of American Pastoral Counselors</u>	
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Conference Steering Committee Member,	2011-2019
Board Member	
<u>Center for Pacific Asian American Ministries</u>	2015-2017
Board of Directors	
<u>California Pacific Annual Conference of the UMC Young Clergy Initiative</u>	2015-2016
Advisory Board Member	
<u>Dean Search Committee</u>	2015-2016
School of Theology	
<u>Higher Education Council Member</u>	2014-2016
California Pacific Annual Conference	
<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
<u>California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Design Team</u>	
<u>for Annual Conference</u>	2010-2011
<u>California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Learning Circles Chair</u>	
<u>for Annual Conference</u>	2009-2011

<u>InterSem</u>	2008-2011
Claremont School of Theology Faculty Representative to a Jewish-Christian dialogue among five other seminaries in Southern California	
<u>Vision and Call Intern Panel – M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Portland, OR</u>	October, 2009
Panel Member to discern grant possibilities for 36 organizations	
<u>First United Methodist Church, Pasadena, CA</u>	2003-present
Pulpit Supply, 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	
<u>Oberlin Faith and Order Conference (National Council Christian Churches, USA)</u>	Summer, 2007
Student representative	
<u>Christian Churches Together Conference</u>	Spring, 2007
Student representative	
<u>Retreat Speaker for Korean American Women</u>	Spring, 2007
Canaan Presbyterian Church, Torrance, CA	
<u>Spiritual Formation/Retreat Planner and Facilitator for CATS Students</u>	Spring, 2007 and 2008
Fuller Theological Seminary	
<u>Fuller Prospective Student Small Group</u>	Fall- Spring, 2007, 2006
Led students in small groups through the Discernment Exercise for Seminary Education	
<u>Fuller Chapel Worship Team</u>	2006-2007
A part of a worship team, led congregation in praise and worship	
<u>Food for Body and Soul, Glendale, CA</u>	2000-2002
Prepared and served food to the homeless, prayed and encouraged those who are struggling	

### **CONSULTING**

<u>United Methodist Women of Color Scholars, General Board of Higher Education</u>	2015-present
Mentor/Chair	
<u>Asian American Center Visioning Meeting Facilitator</u>	Spring 2015
Claremont School of Theology	
<u>Lecturer, School of Christian Missions</u>	Summer sessions, 2011 and 2012
United Methodist Women, Pacific Region School in the Haiti and Poverty section (Korean) and Immigration section (English)	
<u>Growing in Grace: Spiritual Practices and Spiritual Gifts</u>	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	
<u>The Prayer &amp; Walking Retreat</u>	Spring/2009
Spiritual Formation and Practice Retreat for California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Bishop's Cabinet	
<u>"Korean American Family Stories and Systems"</u>	Winter/2012
Los Angeles Police Department sponsored by The Los Angeles Korean Cultural Center of the Republic of Korea	