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Education

Doctor of Philosophy August 2017-Present

Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN

Major area: Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel Minor area: Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations

Master of Theology May 2015

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Concentration: Old Testament

Master of Divinity June 2012

Divinity School of Chung Chi College,

Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Bachelor of Arts June 2001

Hong Kong Polytechnic University, 2001

Honors

• Theology and Practice Fellowship 2016-2022
Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN

#### **Conference Presentations**

- Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA

  "Religious Symbolism of Noah's Ark Imagery between Twelfth and Fifteenth Century"
- International Society of Biblical Literature, Rome, Italy
   "From Pious to Profane: Changing Interpretations of The Wife of Noah from Early Judeo Christian to Islamic Literature"
- Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO

  "Psalm 49 Enigma of Life and Death in Poetic Performances"

  November 2018
- International Society of Biblical Literature, Helsinki, Finland July 2018 "Cultural Hybridity Revisited: Genesis in Islamic Religious Art during the Mongols"
- Kristeva Circle Conference, University in Pittsburgh, PA April 2017 "Job 26:5-14 - A Doxology Unveiling Job's Theological Self-Estrangement"

#### Work and Volunteer Experience

- Master Teaching Fellow in Biblical Hebrew Language, Vanderbilt U., Nashville, TN
  - o Prepared and taught weekly lessons.

August 2020-May 2021

- o Graded student tests and exams.
- Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
  - Biblical Hebrew Language

August 2018-May 2019

- Prepare weekly lessons geared toward student involvement.
- Lead sessions of 12-15 students each week.
- Graded student tests and papers.
- o Introduction to Hebrew Bible for Prof. Choon-Leong Seow August-December 2019
  - Directed and graded students weekly assignments, tests and final exams.
  - Organized weekly discussion sections.
  - Taught a class on the reception history of biblical David and his women in Samuel-King.
- Ancient Goddesses

January-April 2018

- Directed students assignments and term paper.
- Graded students term papers.
- Taught a class on the topic—Sheol in Ancient Near East.
- Introduction to Hebrew Bible for Prof. Herbert Marbury
   August-December 2018
  - Directed and graded students weekly assignments, tests and final exams.
  - Organized weekly discussion sections.
  - Taught a class on Genesis 12-50.
- Archaeological Assistant, Jezreel Expedition, Israel

June 2016

- Excavated ancient archaeological site.
- Catalogued findings.
- Periodical Research Assistant, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
   May 2015-June 2021
  - o Managed flow of periodicals and binding of periodical series.
  - Assisted curator for library exhibit.
  - o Researched religious art images for the digital archive of the university.
- Research Assistant, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
   August 2016- May 2017
  - o Compiled materials and editing for future publication for Fernando F. Segovia.

- Bible Teacher, Taiwanese/American Fellowship Presbyterian Church, New Brunswick, NJ
  - o Led Bible classes on a regular basis.

September 2015-May 2016

- o Trained young adult leaders to lead Bible studies.
- Pastor, Wing Kwong Pentecostal Holiness Church, Hong Kong
   2009-2014
  - o Led Bible classes on a regular basis.
  - Organized church activities including training programs, retreats, mission trips to Cambodia, China and tours to Israel.
  - o Taught leadership training courses.

### **Professional Affiliation**

• Society of Biblical Literature

## Languages

- Ancient
  - o Aramaic (Imperial and Biblical)
  - o Arabic (Quranic)
  - Akkadian
  - o Hebrew (Biblical and Rabbinic)
  - Koine Greek
  - o Middle Egyptian
  - o Syriac
  - o Ugaritic
- Modern
  - o Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin)
  - o French
  - o German

References available upon request.