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Education

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**Doctor of Philosophy, Chicago Theological Seminary,**

Ph.D. in Bible, Culture & Hermeneutics (New Testament Focus) (2015)

Dissertation Title: Bodies, Violence, and Emotions

A Womanist Reading of σώμα (body) and πτώμα (fallen body) in the Gospel of Mark

Dissertation Adviser: Dr. Seung Ai Yang

**Masters of Theological Studies, Duke University Divinity School, 2010**

**Bachelor of Arts, Shaw University, Religion and Philosophy, 2008**

Academic Appointments and Professional Teaching Experience

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**Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology (2015- )**

**Adjunct Faculty, Seattle University, School of Theology & Ministry (2017, 2018)**

**Adjunct Faculty, Northwest University (2016, 2017, 2018)**

**Adjunct Faculty, Trinity Lutheran College (2016)**

**Teaching Assistant, Chicago Theological Seminary (2014-2015)**

**Course Assistant, Chicago Theological Seminary (2013-2015)**

**Adjunct Faculty, Catholic Theological Union (2013)**

Research and Teaching Interests

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New Testament Texts and Contexts

The Gospel of Mark

Pauline Epistles and Theology

Womanist Biblical Interpretation, Theology and Ethics

Contemporary Hermeneutical Strategies (African-American and other Minority Criticisms of the Bible)

Postcolonial Theory

Monographs and Publications

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*Bodies, Violence, and Emotions: A Womanist Reading of σώμα and πτώμα in the Gospel of Mark* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, Under Contract)

“One Womanist’s View of Racial Reconciliation in Galatians,” in *Journal for the Feminist Studies in Religion*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (Fall 2018), pp. 23-40.

“Challenging the Stories We Tell Ourselves,” <https://syndicate.network/>, August 14, 2017.

“Can’t Stop the Feelings: Anger and Identity in Mark 6:17-29,” *The Other Journal: An Intersection of Theology and Culture*, June 12, 2017, <https://theotherjournal.com/2017/06/12/cant-stop-feelings-anger-identity-mark-617-29/>

### Book Reviews

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Book Review of *Handbook for Higher Education Faculty: A Framework & Principles for Success in Teaching*, David Garrett Way, New Forums Press, 2015, reviewed for *Reflective Teaching*, October, 2017, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/book-reviews/>

Book Review of *Reading Mary Alongside Indian Surrogate Mothers: Violent Love, Oppressive Liberation, and Infancy Narratives*, Sharon Jacob, Palgrave MacMillan, 2015, reviewed for *Review of Biblical Literature*, July, 2017.

Book Review of *Postcolonial Discipleship of Embodiment: An Asian and Asian American Feminist Reading of the Gospel of Mark*, Jin Young Choi, Palgrave MacMillan, 2015, reviewed for *Review of Biblical Literature*, December, 2016.

Book Review of *Christian Practical Wisdom: What It Is, Why It Matters*, Kathleen A. Cahalan, Dorothy Bass, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, James R. Nieman, and Christian Scharen, Eerdmans, 2016, review for *Reflective Teaching*, November 16, 2016.

Book Review of *Discourses of Empire: The Gospel of Mark from a Postcolonial Perspective*, Hans Leander, *Semeia Studies* 71, 2013, reviewed for *Review of Biblical Literature*, January, 2015.

### Grants, Academic Honors, and Awards

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Recipient, 2018 Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award, Second-Place Winner, “One Womanist’s View of Racial Reconciliation in Galatians,” in *Journal for the Feminist Studies in Religion*

Recipient, Wabash Fellowship Program for Early Career Workshop Participants, Fellowship entitled “Are We Living in a Bonhoeffer Moment? Reading Bible while Thinking Theologically and Ethically”

Recipient, *La Danse* Faculty of the Year Award, May, 2017

Recipient, Wabash Center Workshop for Early Career Theological School Faculty 2016-17

Recipient, Duke University Divinity School, Ray C. Petry Full Tuition Award

### Selected Academic Presentations

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“Wrestling with the Spirit of a Nation: A Womanist Contextualized Reading of Ephesians 6:10-12” presented in the Contextual Biblical Interpretation Section of the 2017 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting program in Boston, MA, November, 2017.

“The Importance for Radical Love in the Simultaneous Conflict/Care of Evangelical Students: Developing a Womanist Pedagogy for Teaching Bible in a PWI (Predominantly White Institution)” presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in Nashville, TN, October, 2017.

Invited book review for the Society of Biblical Literature Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Unit on *Womanist Interpretations of the Bible*, Annual Meeting, November, 2016.

Invited book review for the American Academy of Religion Postcolonial Theology Network Section on *The Death of Race* by Brian Bantum, Annual Meeting, November, 2016.

“Transforming Our Body Politic: A Feminist-Womanist Dialogue on 1 Corinthians 12:12-26” presented in the Paul and Pauline Literature and Feminist Interpretations Sections of the 2016 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature on July 6, 2016 in Seoul, Korea. This is a paper co-authored and dialogically presented with a colleague from Drew University.

Invited Paper for a panel discussion of the theme “Sacred Scriptures and Violence Against Women” for the Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015. Paper Title: “When Women Get Angry: Re-Reading the Violence Surrounding Herodias (Mark 6:14-29) in the Age of Ferguson, Charleston, and the Black Lives Matter Movement.”

“Disrupting Oneness, Challenging Erasure: A Feminist-Womanist Dialogue on the Body of Christ,” presented in the Paul and Politics Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference on November 21, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. This is a paper co-authored and dialogically presented with a colleague from Drew University.

“Bearing the Marks While Bearing One Another’s Burdens: A Womanist Political Reading of βασιλῆω in Galatians 5 and 6” presented in the African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section of the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference on November 24, 2014 in San Diego, CA.

“Visions of Liberation in the Midst of Domination: A Feminist/Womanist Dialogue on Romans 8:18-24” presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference on November 23, 2013 in Baltimore, MD. This paper was co-authored and dialogically presented in the Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section with a colleague from Drew University.

#### Service to the Church

Invited Speaker – Inhabit Conference, Presentation Title: “Re-Thinking ‘Neighborhood’ in Mark 5:1-20” presented on April 16, 2016 at The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology

Steering Committee Member - Chloe’s Circle/Woman Preach, Inc. Chicago Event held on March 21-22, 2014. Chloe's Circle is a preaching workshop designed to gather women from diverse cultural backgrounds in order to learn how to preach about violence in the city and in the suburbs.

Speaker for Advent Lectionary Workshop hosted by Chicago Theological Seminary on October 30, 2013. Led Workshop Entitled: “Womanist Storytelling as Told through Luke 1:46b-56.”

Invited Lecturer to present “Gathered as Partners: Built to be One: A Study of Ephesians 2:11-22” at the Kentucky/Indiana United Church of Christ Annual Conference on April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### Service to the Academy

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Invited Juror for 2017 Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion. Part of the Jury that selected Gary Dorrien's *The New Abolition: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Black Social Gospel*, for the 2017 Grawemeyer Award in Religion. Said award is given jointly by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and University of Louisville. The award winner receives a \$100,000 award.

Paul and Politics Seminar, Co-Chair and Steering Committee Member, Society of Biblical Literature, 2015 to present

Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Program Unit, Steering Committee Member, Society of Biblical Literature, 2015 to present

Founding Member of the Womanist Group of CTS; the purpose of the Womanist Group is to create covenant community and space for Black women's experiences, stories, issues and scholarship to be exchanged and nurtured. The group endeavors to open the dialogue and break the yoke of silence among Black women in theological education as well as confront intersectional oppression academically, socially and politically, 2013-2015

### Television Appearance

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"Paul vs. Jesus: Whose Words Carry More Weight?" Jude 3 Project's "Courage Conversations" on The Impact Network – The Urban Inspirational Voice aired on October 13, 2018

### Memberships

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Society of Biblical Literature  
 American Academy of Religion  
 Society for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion  
 Society for the Study of Black Religion

### Languages

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Biblical Greek, Biblical Hebrew, German and French (reading knowledge)

### References

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Dr. Seung Ai Yang, Associate Professor of New Testament, Chicago Theological Seminary, [sayang@ctschicago.edu](mailto:sayang@ctschicago.edu), 773.896.2483

Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer, The First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, D. Thomason Professor of New Testament Studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, [maymer@austinseminary.edu](mailto:maymer@austinseminary.edu), 512.404.4843

Rev. Dr. Alice Hunt, Executive Director of the American Academy of Religion and Retired President of Chicago Theological Seminary, [alice.w.hunt@gmail.com](mailto:alice.w.hunt@gmail.com), 404.727.3049