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Personal

Born March 5, 1963 in Taipei, Taiwan
Married to Betty Shek Tseng; two sons

Education

Union Theological Seminary, NYC (Church History) Ph.D., 1994
Union Theological Seminary, NYC (Theology) M.Div., 1987
New York University, NYC (Major: Psychology; Minor: East Asian Studies) B.A., 1984,

Employment

Executive Director
Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity, 2007-

Associate Professor of American Religious History (Core Doctoral Faculty), 2000-2006
Graduate Theological Union/American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, California

Director of the Asian American Center, 2002-2006
American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, California

Assistant Professor of American Religious History in the Sallie Knowles Crozer Chair, 1997-
2000
Colgate Rochester Divinity School/Crozer Theological Seminary, Rochester, New York

Assistant Professor of Church History, 1994-1996
Denver Seminary, Denver, Colorado

Other Relevant Experiences

Council, 2007-2009
American Society of Church History

Program Policy Committee, 2005-2007
American Society of Church History

Board of Managers, American Baptist Historical Society, 1998-2005
American Baptist Churches in the United States, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

General Board, 1998-2003
American Baptist Churches in the United States, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

President, 1997-2001
Asian American Baptist Caucus, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Honors and Awards

Theological Scholar's Grant, 2006
Association of Theological Schools (Lilly Endowment)
Project: "Persistent Witness: A Documentary History of Asian Protestants in the North American Diaspora"

The Changing Face of American Evangelicalism Research Grant, 2004-2005
Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, Wheaton College (Luce Foundation)
Project: "The Evangelical Reconstruction of Chinese American Protestantism"

Project on Lived Theology, 2003-2004
University of Virginia (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

Faculty Grant, 2001
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

Workshop on Teaching & Learning for Theological School Faculty, 2000-2001
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

Participant in the Project on Theology and Race, 2000-2001
University of Virginia (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

Project on Theology and Community, 1997-1998
Loyola College in Maryland (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

Women and Twentieth-Century Protestantism Project Research Grant, 1996-1997
Andover-Newton Theological School & Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals (Pew Charitable Trusts)
Project: "Unbinding Their Souls: Chinese Protestant Women in Twentieth-Century America"

Summer Faculty Research Stipend, 1996
Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (Lilly Endowment Inc.)
Project: "Generation to Generation: An Oral-Video History Project Documenting Chinese Protestantism the United States Since World War II"

Faculty Grants Seminar for Underrepresented Faculty, February 17-19, 1995.
Association of Theological Schools

Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-1993
Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

Publications

Books

Trans-Pacific Transpositions: Protestantism in Chinese America (tentative title), forthcoming.

Persistent Witness: A Documentary History of Asian American Christianity [co-edited with Hyung Shin Park] forthcoming.

The Changing Face of American Evangelicalism [co-edited with Michael Emerson] forthcoming.

Conversations on Forming Asian American Evangelical Theologies [co-edited with D.J. Chuang] (L2 Foundation, 2006)

Articles, Chapters, Reports, Book Reviews

Asian American Religious Leadership Today: A Preliminary Inquiry (Durham, NC: Duke Divinity School, 2005)

Kenneth J. Guest, *God in Chinatown: Religion and Survival in New York's Evolving Immigrant Community* (New York: New York University Press, 2003) in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 23:4 (Summer 2004): 171-172.

“Beyond Orientalism and Assimilation: The Asian American as Historical Subject” in *Realizing the America of our Hearts: Theological Voices of Asian Americans* edited by Fumitaka Matsuoka and Eleazar S. Fernandez. (Chalice Press, 2003): 55-72.

“Trans-Pacific Transpositions: Continuities and discontinuities in Chinese North American Protestantism,” *Revealing the Sacred in Asian and Pacific America* edited by Jane Naomi Iwamura and Paul Spickard (New York: Routledge, 2003): 241-271.

“Second Generation Chinese North American Evangelical use of the Bible in Identity Discourse” *Semeia* vol. 90-91, edited by Tat-siong Benny Liew (Society of Biblical Literature, 2002): 251-267.

“Unbinding Their Souls: Chinese Protestant Women in Twentieth-Century America,” *Women and Twentieth-Century Protestantism* edited by Margaret Lamberts Bendroth and Virginia Lieson Brereton (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2002): 136-163.

“The Reawakening of Evangelical Social Consciousness” co-authored with Janet Furness (Roberts Wesleyan College) in *The Social Gospel Today*, edited by Christopher Evans (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 2001): 114-125.

“U.S. Immigration Policy and Christian Social Witness” *Chinese Christians For Justice* (Fall 2002).

"Chinese Protestant Nationalism in the United States, 1880-1927," *New Spiritual Homes: Religion and Asian Americans*, edited by David Yoo (University of Hawaii Press, 1999): 19-51 [Originally published in *Amerasia Journal* 22:1 (1996): 31-56.]

Ken Fong, *Pursuing the Pearl: A Comprehensive Resource for Multi-Asian Ministry*. (Valley Forge, Pa.: Judson Press, 1999) in *Missiology: An International Review* XXIX:1 (Jan., 2001): 86.

“The Changing Face of America,” with David Yoo (Claremont-McKenna College). *Sojourners* (March-April, 1997); reprinted as “The Many Faces of America” in *Crossing the Racial Divide: American's Struggle for Justice and Reconciliation* (Washington, D.C.: Sojourners, 1998).

Richard Abanes, *American Militias: Rebellion, Racism, and Religion* in *PRISM Magazine* (May/June, 1997)

“Religious Liberalism, International Politics, and Diasporic Realities: The Chinese Students Christian Association of North America, 1909-1951,” *Journal of American-East Asian Relations* 5:3-4 (Fall-Winter, 1996): 305-330.

“Affirmative Action: Scapegoat or Sacred Cow?” in *PRISM Magazine* (Jan/Feb, 1996).

"The Uncomfortable Middle: Asian Americans and Affirmative Action," *Books and Culture: A Christian Review* (September/October, 1995).

Brian Masaru Hayashi, *'For the Sake of Our Japanese Brethren' Assimilation, Nationalism, and Protestantism Among the Japanese of Los Angeles, 1895-1942*. (Stanford, Ca.: Stanford University Press, 1995) in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 52:1-2 (1998): 150-155.

Encyclopedia Articles and Edited Journals

“Asian American Religions” *Columbia Guide to Religion in American History*, edited by Edward Blum and Paul Harvey (Columbia University Press, 2009).

“Asian American Protestantism,” *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, edited by Hans Hillerbrand (New York: Routledge, 2003).

“Chinese American Religious Communities” *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Culture*, edited by Gary Laderman and Luis León. 3 vols. Santa Barbara, CA.: ABC-CLIO, 2003: 31-34.

Editor: *American Baptist Quarterly* XXI:3 (September, 2002). “Exploring Asian American Christianity: Its Past, Present, and Future.”

Editor: *American Baptist Quarterly* XX:2 (June, 2001). “Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Rochester Theological Seminary.”

Dissertation

Title: "Ministry at Arms' Length: Asian Americans in the Racial Ideology of Mainline American Protestants, 1882-1952." Union Theological Seminary, May 1994.

Academic Papers Presented

“The Evangelical Reconstruction of Chinese American Protestantism” Fourth International Symposium on the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China at Shanghai University, July 13-15, 2007.

“Preoccupation with Family Values: Thomas Wang, Chinese Evangelicals, and the Religious Right,” for Panel entitled *Exorcising Fundamentalist Demons: Asian American Evangelicals Engaging Politics, Social Justice, and the Common Good*. Asian Pacific American Religion Research Initiative conference (Berkeley, CA), August 4, 2006.

- “Historical Prospects for Transpacific Theological Reflections” Korea Institute for Advanced Theological Studies Conference at the Graduate Theological Union, February 26, 2006.
- “The Evangelical Reconstruction of Chinese American Protestantism” American Society of Church History (Philadelphia, PA), January 7, 2006.
- "Trans-Pacific Transpositions: Continuities and discontinuities in Chinese Protestantism in mid-Twentieth Century America" American Historical Association - Pacific Coast Branch Annual Meeting (San Jose, California), August 6, 2004.
- “The May 4th Movement, Chinese Nationalism, and Christian Social Activism.” Chinese Campus Evangelistic Fellowship, Stanford University, May 4, 2002.
- “Ethnic Studies and the Formation of Social Conscience” Center for Applied Christian Ethics conference on “Exploring Moral Formation: The College Experience” (Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL), Mar. 22, 2002.
- “The Challenge of Church History to Chinese American Spirituality” Symposium on “Chinese American Spirituality” sponsored by the North American Bi-Cultural Chinese Studies program at Alliance Theological Seminary (Nyack, NY) and the Asian American Center at ABSW (Berkeley, CA), Dec. 7-8, 2001 & June 7-8, 2002.
- “Clay Pots: Asian and Pacific American Christian History in Theology.” L2 Asian American Christian Leadership Conference (San Diego, CA), Dec. 2-4, 2001.
- “Stirring Up the Evangelical ‘Melting Pot’: The Impact of Asian Pacific Americans on InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.” Evangelical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Denver, CO), Nov. 19, 2001.
- “Orientalism and Asian American Theology and History.” Lived Theology & Race Workgroup, Project on Lived Theology (University of Virginia), Oct. 28, 2001.
- “Trans-Pacific Transpositions: Continuities and discontinuities in Chinese North American Protestantism since 1965,” Asian and Pacific American Religion Research Initiative (University of California, Santa Barbara), June 23, 2000.
- “The Gospel on Gold Mountain: Protestant Chinese in North American,” American Society of Church History spring meeting, April 29, 2000.
- “Faith Communities of North America,” Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group, American Academy of Religion Annual meeting, 1999
- “Racial Reconciliation in a Post-Ethnic Future: The Fate of Racial Identity in a Changing America.” Roberts Wesleyan College Cultural Life Lectures, Nov. 5, 1999.
- “Asian Pacific American Christianity in a Postethnic Future.” Japanese Baptist Church Centennial, May 22, 1999.
- “Casting Off the Burden of History: Chinese Protestant Journeys in Post-World War II America.” Presented at the Western Historical Association Conference (Sacramento, CA), October 14-17, 1998.

- “Christian Theology and Identity Politics: The Challenge of Post-Modern Racial Discourse.”
Presented at the Wheaton Theology Conference, April 17-20, 1996.
- "The Japanese in Our Midst: The Colorado Council of Churches and the Japanese-American Internment Camps." Presented at the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting, April 26-27, 1996.
- "Globalization, Multiculturalism and Religion: Challenges and Commitments." Presented at the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting (Denver, CO), Apr. 26-27, 1996.
- "Dr. Mabel Lee: The Interstitial Career of a Protestant Chinese-American Woman, 1924-1950." Presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL.) March 28-30, 1996.
- "Religious Pluralism in America: Past and Present." June 3-4, 1995. Center for the Study of American Religion. Princeton University, New Jersey.
- "Keeping the Golden Gate Open: The United Protestant Lobby against Chinese Exclusion, 1892-1893." 1993 American Academy of Religion Convention.
- "Charles R. Shepherd, Christian Americanization, and San Francisco's Chinatown, 1919-1923." Robert T. Handy Seminar (Union Theological Seminary, NY), Nov 10, 1992.
- "American Protestant Churches and the Japanese-American Evacuation Decision." Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 1991.

Academic Activities

- Session Moderator: “Asian American Religious Communities and Politics,” National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy, March 4, 2000. Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- Group Session Moderator: “Southeast Asian America: Religious Communities, Cultures, and Practices,” 1998 Asian American Religion, Culture & Society Group. American Academy of Religion.
- Participant: “The Changing Role of American Religion” Project, 1998. National Humanities Center. Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- Panel Chair: “Redemption from the Margins: Protestant Asian Americans and the Politics of Humanization in the American West.” Joint session for the 1997 American Historical Association and American Society of Church Historians meetings.
- American Academy of Religion Program Unit Steering Committee (1997-1999): Asian American Religion, Culture & Society Group.
- American Academy of Religion Program Unit Co-chair (1994-1996): Consultation on Asian American Religion, Culture & Society

Courses Taught (a select list)

American Religious History

Evangelicalism and Pentecostalism in the Modern World

History of Asian American Christianity (also as a GTU Ph.D. seminar)

History of Christianity: Global and Multicultural Perspectives

History of Christianity in Modern Asia

Race and Religion in U.S. History (also as a GTU Ph.D. seminar)

Religion in 20th Century United States: An Oral History Approach

Religion in the American West (GTU Ph.D. seminar)

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature

American Historical Association

American Society of Church History

Association for Asian American Studies

Chinese American Historical Society

Organization of American Historians