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**Education**

**Ph.D., Sociology, Georgia State University, 1992.**

**M.A., Theological Studies / Religious Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1985.**

**B.A., Religious Studies, University of California, Davis, 1983.  
University of California, Berkeley, 1981.**

**Areas of Research Interests and Teaching**

**Sociology of Religion, Social Theories, Asian American Experiences, Sociology of Gender, Racial and Ethnic Relations, and Immigration.**

**Awards and Research Grants (selected)**

**2005 Summer: The Internal Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology at GSU**

**2004: The API (Asian Pacific Islander) Pulpit and Pew Traveling funding via Duke University**

**2003 Summer: The Annie E. Casey Foundation Fund via the Gerontology Center at GSU**

**2001 Summer: The Louisville Institute Summer Research Grant**

**2000 Summer : The Coolidge (Summer) Fellowship at Columbia University, the Association for Religion & Intellectual Life;**

**1999-2002: "The Status of Racial-ethnic Minority Clergywomen in the United Methodist Church,"  
a research project commissioned and funded by the United Methodist Church, USA**

**1998-1999 : The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Grant for "Teaching Religion and Gender from  
Asian American Perspectives"**

**1997-1999 : Member of the Lilly Endowment Research Project, "Religion and Community"**

**Teaching Experiences (selected)**

**2005 – present Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University.**

**1996 - 2005 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University.**

**1994 - 1996 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University.**

**Summer 1996 Visiting Professor, Summer Institute of Women's Studies and Theology, the United  
Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN.**

**Summer 1995 Visiting Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.**

**1993 - 1994 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University.**

**Summer 1991 Visiting Professor / Summer Program Director, The Summer Project for Studying  
Asian American Religions, The Christian Academy of N.Y., N.Y.**

**Fall 1989 Lecturer, History of Asian-American Religion, Atlanta School of Theology, GA.**

**Fall 1989 Lecturer, Feminism for Asian American Women, Emory University.**

**Summer 1989 Lecturer, Introduction to Feminist Theology, the Korean-American Bible Academy,  
Atlanta, GA.**

**Summer 1988 Program Coordinator and Instructor, The "Head Start Program for Korean American  
Youth," the Christian Academy of N.Y., N.Y.**

## **Publications: Books and articles (selected)**

“Re-storied Lives: The Everyday Theology of Korean American never-married Women” in *Spiritual Practices: Mapping Korean American Religions*, eds., David Yoo and Ruth Chung, University of Illinois Press, 2008.

*Off the Menu: Asian North American Religion and Theology*, eds., Rita N. Brock, Jung Ha Kim, Kwok Pui Lan, and Seung Ai Yang, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.

“Spiritual Buffet: Changing Diet of America,” in *Off the Menu*, eds., Brock, Kim, Kwok, and Yang, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.

“What’s With the Ghost?: Asian American Literature and Spirituality,” *The Spiritus Journal*, 6(2006): 241-248, Johns Hopkins University Press.

*Singing the Lord’s Song in a New Land: Korean American Practices of Faith*, Su Yon Pak, Unzu Lee, Jung Ha Kim, and Myungji Cho, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.

*Asian American Religious Leadership Today: A Preliminary Inquiry*, Timothy Tseng, Anthony Alumkal, Peter Cha, Tito Cruz, Ruth Doyle, Young Lee Hertig, Russell Jeung, Jung Ha Kim, Sharon Kim, David Yoo, and Fenggang Yang, Durham, NC: Duke Divinity School, 2005.

“Double-Bind: Aging as an Ethnic Minority in the U.S. Chinese and Korean American Elders’ Experience,” *Hallym International Journal of Aging*, 2005, 6(2): 147-165.

“Labor of Compassion,” in *Global Voices for Gender Justice*, eds., Ana Maria Tepedino and Dwight N. Hopkins, Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2004.

*The Status of Racial-ethnic Minority Clergywomen in the United Methodist Church*, Jung Ha Kim and Rosetta Ross, Nashville, TN: the UMC Publisher, 2004.

“Response: At the table of Asian American Banquet” in *The Bible in Asian America*, ed., Tat-Siong Benny Liew, a special edition of *Semeia*, 2003.

“A Witness For/From Life: Writing Feminist Theology,” *Journal of Religion and Abuse*, Vol. 4, no. 2, (2002): 86-92.

“Labor of Compassion: Voices of ‘Churched’ Korean American Women,” *Voices From the Third World: Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians*, Vol. XXIV, no. 1 (2001): 9-24.

*Religions in Asian America: Building Faith Communities*, June Ha Kim and Pyong Gap Min, eds., N.Y.: the Alta Mira Press, 2002.

“The Improvised Lives: Emerging Stories of Home in the Asian America,” *The Journal of American Studies* (Vol. 32, No. 2), Seoul. Korea: The American Studies Association of Korea 2002.

“Women Doing Theology: Asian North American,” in *Dictionary of Third World Theologies*, Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Publication, 2000.

“Asian American Spirituality” in *Encyclopedia of Women and Religions*, Macmillan Publishing, 2000.

*Developing Teaching Materials and Instructional Strategies for Teaching Asian and Asian American/Canadian Women’s Theologies in North America*,” Brock, Kim, Kwok, Lewis, Ng, Yang and Yee, Cambridge, MA, 1999.

“The Cult of Autonomous Self: Self-reflections and Doing Theology,” in *Journey at the Margin: Toward an Autobiographical Theology in Asian American Perspective*, Peter Phan, ed., Minnesota, MN.: The Liturgical Press, 1999.

“Labor of Compassion: Stories of Churched Korean American Women,” in *New Spiritual Homes: Religion and Asian Americans*, David K. Yoo, ed., Honolulu, HI.: University of Hawaii Press, 1999.

“Review of Ai Ra Kim’s *Struggling for a New Life*,” in *The Journal of Asian American Studies*, 1:2, Winter 1998:79-81.

"The Impact of National Histories on the Politics of Identity," *Journal of Asian American Theology*, 1:2, Winter, 1998.

*Bridge-makers and Cross-bearers: Korean-American Women and the Church*, Academy Series of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA.: Scholar's Press, 1997.

"Ancient Sources Outside the West: 'Accidental Tourists' and Matchmakers of Spiritual Marriage," in *Spirituality and the Secular Quest*, (World Spirituality: An Encyclopedic History of the Religious Quest Series) ed., Peter Van Ness, N.Y.: Crossroad Publishing Company, 1996.

"Labor of Compassion: Voices of 'Churched' Korean American Women," *Amerasia Journal*, vol. 22, no. 1, 1996.

"A Voice from 'the Borderland': Asian-American Women and Their Families," in *Religion, Feminism and the Family*, eds., Anne Carr and Mary Stewart Van Leuwen, Louisville, KY.: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1995.

## **Publications: Essays, Articles, and Newspaper Series (selected)**

“Let There be Access’: Using Results of Need Assessment Studies to Develop Capacity of Community Based Organizations in Georgia to Address Health Disparities,” at the National Institute of Health Summit, “The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities,” forthcoming.

“Scholar Activists,” *Religious Studies News*, the American Academy of Religion, Vol. 23, No. 2, 2008.

“A Story of Boiled Eggs: An Unexpected Solidarity,” *The Min-jok News*, January, 2007.

“API Communities in the American South,” *The Southeast News*, May 21, 2006.

“When ‘Korean’ is No Longer an Ethnic Identity,” *The Southeast news*, November 22, 1999.

“The Contested friendship: Vietnamese and Korean Communities in the greater Atlanta,” *The Southeast news*, November 15, 1999.

"Between the 'Word' and the 'World': Toward a multicultural city," *The Atlanta Journal*, September 20, 1996.

"'Do You Know Where Your Children Are?': The Community's Response to 'Korean-American Gangs'," *The People News*, October 22, 1995.

"Another Attack on Affirmative Action: A case of UC System," *The Southeast News*, August 21, 1995.

"Ancient Tradition Divide Modern Young People: An Interview with Dr. June Ha Kim," *The Creative Loafing*,

August 14, 1995.

"A Report on the SAPS (Substance Abuse Prevention Services): A Research Project of the Department of Human Resource," (4 articles as a special series), *The Southeast News*, June 17, 28, July 2, 23, 1995.

"Roots and Wings: A Woman's Voice," in *Roots and Wings: A Symposium on the Future of Ministry for the Korean-American Community*, Nashville, TN.: The United Methodist Publication, 1994.

"The Dialogue Between Asian and Asian American Women: An Asian American Feminist's Perspective," in *AAAWTM (Asian and Asian American Women in Theology and Ministry) Project: An Anthology*, Stony Point, N.Y.: The Stony Point Center Publisher, 1993.

"The Process of Peacemaking: An Asian American Woman's Perspective," in *Feminist Theology: A Reader*, Louisville, KY.: the publication of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., 1992.

"Telling and Retelling of Korean Immigrants' Stories," in *From the Pulpit of Boston: A Collection of Best Sermons*, Vol. 3, Boston, MA.: the United Korean Presbyterian Church Association of Boston, Inc., 1991.

"Victims of Misogyny: A Critique of 'the Last Temptation of Christ'," *The Sae-Gae Ilbo (The World News)*, September 1, 1988.

## Selected Paper Presentations

"'Let There be Access': Using Results of Need Assessment Studies to Develop Capacity of Community Based Organizations in Georgia to Address Health Disparities," at the National Institute of Health Summit, "The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities," December, 2008.

"Multi-culturalism: A Comparison Between Korean and United States of America" at the Ewha Women's University in Seoul, Korea, June, 2008.

"Multiculturalism: A Pan-Asian Case in the U.S." at Pyongtaek University, S. Korea, June 2008.

"A Close Look at 'Culture' in South Korea from a Korean American Perspective" at Ajou University, S. Korea, June 2008.

"*Off the Menu*": Intersecting Religion, Gender, Asian American Studies," at the State University of California, San Francisco, the annual meeting of the Pacific Asian and Asian North American Women in Theology and Ministry, April, 2008.

"What is 'Woman' about Feminist Methodologies in the Field of Religious Studies?" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nov., 2007.

"The Intersectionality of Racism and Sexism in the Racial-ethnic Clergywomen's Experience of the Church," at the annual meeting of the Committee on Race and Religion of the United Methodist Church, Cambridge, MA, Sept., 2007.

"A Story of Boiled Eggs," at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Korean American National Coordinating Council, New Jersey, January 13, 2007.

"Where Are API Men?" a response to the session, Asian American Women's Religious Leadership, at the annual

meetings of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 20, 2006.

“Looking Back: Reflecting the Past Five Years of the U.S. Minorities EATWOT,” at the annual conference of the U.S. Minorities, the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago, October 13, 2006.

“API Communities in the American South,” a panel co-sponsored by the Asian American Justice Center and the Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc., May 20, 2006.

“Mentoring Racial-ethnic Minority Students,” a panel sponsored by the Commission on the Racial-ethnic Minority Scholars in the Professions at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, November, 21, 2005.

“Cases of Racial-ethnic Minority Clergywomen in the United Methodist Denomination,” at the annual meeting of the United Methodist Women’s Commission, Cambridge, MA, September 5, 2005.

“Bridging the Academy and the community,” at the annual conference of Pacific and Asian North American Religions, Chicago, IL, August 4, 2005.

“(W)Righting Asian American Women,” a panel sponsored by the Pacific Asian and Asian North American Women and Theology at Emory University, April 7, 2005.

“Responding to the *Da Vinci Code* panel,” at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November, 2004.

“Inter-faith Dialogue after 9-11,” at the Executive Board meeting of the Ecumenical Association of the Third World Theologians, Maryknoll, NY, July 27, 2004.

“Gender and Religion: A Korean American case,” at the Annual Conference of the Asian North American Studies Center, New York Theological Seminary, June 12, 2004.

“Asian American Women in Ministry,” at the API Pulpit and Pew Symposium, Berkeley, CA, April 23, 2004.

“Women’s Leadership Roles in API Protestant Churches in the United States,” at the Asian American Studies Center, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, CA, February, 27, 2004.

“The Status of Racial-ethnic Minority Clergywomen in the United Methodist Church,” the final report of the three-year long research project, Atlanta, GA, November 21, 2003.

“The Status of Asian American Clergywomen in Protestant Churches, USA” a paper presentation at the “The Pulpit and Pews” research project meeting, funded by the Lilly Endowment, March 2, 2003.

A Special Forum on the Committee on the Racial Minority in Profession, at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion, November, 22-26, 2002

“The Cartography of Korean American Protestant Communities in the United States,” at the annual conference of the Women’s leadership, University of Pennsylvania, November 8-9, 2002.

“The Beloved Community: The Lived Religion of Korean Americans,” an invited paper at the Conference of Korean Americans and Religion, Asian American Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, April 26-27, 2002.

“The Improvised Lives: Emerging Stories of Home in the Asian America” at the annual conference of the American Studies Association of Korea, Seoul, Korea, October 15, 2000.

“The Restoried Lives: A Study of Korean American Never-married Women’s Experiences of the Sacred” at the conference of Korean American Religions, Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary, September 22, 2000.

“The Gendered Lives: Asian American Women’s Experiences in the United States” at the Theological Commission conference of the Ecumenical Association of the Third World Theologians, Johannesburg, South Africa, August 2, 2000.

“Cartography of Faith Communities in Korean America” at the annual meetings of the American Academy of religion, Boston, November 22, 1999.

“The State of Korean American Christianity in the U.S.: Community, Identity, and Culture,” a response paper for the joint session of the Asian North American religions, Culture and Society and the Korean Religion group at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 22, 1999,

“Practicing Christianity in Confucian Communities in the U.S.” invited by the Lilly Endowment Project Team at the Harvard University Club, September 26, 1998.

“Claims of the Paradigm Shifts in the Asian American Religions from 1992-1998,” invited by the Asian North American Culture, Religions, and Society Group of the American Academy of Religion, November 21, 1998.

"Closing the Gap: the Political Economy of the 'Recent' Immigrants" at the annual student conference sponsored by the Multicultural Resource Center, Oberlin College, Feb. 18 - March 1, 1997.

"The Politics of Identity and the Pan-Asian Movement in the United States" at the annual meeting of the Asian American Presbyterian Women, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 21-22, 1996.

"Marginality in the Multicultural Society: A Critique on *Marginality: The Key to Multicultural Theology* (1995), at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 20, 1995.

## **Professional Experience**

Member of the Editorial Board of the Society of Asian North American Christian Studies (SANACS), 2008-Present.

Co-chair of the Women and Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion, 2006-2007.

Chair of the Policy and Volunteering at the Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc., 2005-present.

Member of the Board of Directors at the Rainbow Heights, 2005-present.

Chair of the Women and Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion, 2005.

Co-chair of the Women and Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion, 2002-2004.

Coordinator of the U.S. Minorities of the Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, 2002-2006.

Vice-chair of the Board of Directors, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc, 2002-2005.

Advisory Board member of the National Organization of Korean American Coalition, 2003-2004.

Steering Committee member, Women and Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion, 2001-2002

Co-founder of RICE (Research and Information Center for Empowerment), 2000.

**Chair of the Community Outreach and Service Committee, Department of Sociology at Georgia State University, 1999- 2005.**

**Mentor for the Women of Color in Higher Education Committee, The United Methodist Church, 1997-present.**

**Faculty Advisory member of the Pacific Asian and North American Asian Women in Ministry, 1997-present.**

**Member of the Steering Committee for the Asian American Culture, Religions and Society, the American Academy of Religion, 1977-2000.**

**Member of the Lilly Endowment's Theology and Community Project, 1997-1999.**

**Member of the Board of Directors, the Pan Asian Community Center in the Greater Atlanta, Inc., 1992-present.**

**Member of the Board of Directors, the Atlanta Prevention Connection, 1995-1997.**

**Program Coordinator of the Asian Pacific Islander American Network for Community Empowerment, 1995-1997.**

**Chair of the Atlanta Korean-American Alliance for Peace and Justice, 1994-1999.**

**Member of the Editorial Board, *The Korea News*, Washington, D.C., 1994-1999.**

**Member of the Roundtable: Minority Theologians in the United Methodist Church, 1994-1996.**

**Member of the Board of Directors, The Friendship Council of African-Americans and Korean-Americans, 1994-1996.**

**Vice-president of the National Association of Korean-Americans, 1994-1996.**

**Consultant for the project "Religious Diversity" sponsored by the Carter Center, 1994-1995.**

**Member of the Board of Directors, the Korean American Community Center, 1993-1996.**

**Co-chair of the Asian American Consultation on Religions, Culture and Society at the American Academy of Religion, 1993-1996.**

**Consultant for the project, "the Study of Congregation of New Immigrant Groups" through the Office of Social Science Research, funded by the Lilly Endowment, 1993-1994.**

**Assistant Director of the Korean-American Community Service Center, 1992-1994.**

**Advisory Committee member of 'North American Coalition for Human Rights in Korea,' 1989-1992.**

**Advisory Committee Member of Asian and Asian American Women in Theology and Ministry, sponsored by PACTS (the Pacific and Asian American Center for Theology and Strategies), 1992.**

**Co-chair of KAWDT (Korean-American Women Theologians Association), 1991-1993.**

**Member of the Editorial Board, *Korean Diaspora* (quarterly periodical), 1988-1991**

**Volunteer of the 'Council of Battered Women' in Atlanta, Georgia, 1988-1990.**

**Treasure of International Sociology Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta charter in Georgia State University, 1990-1991.**