YALE KOREAN PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY GRADUATE CONFERENCE

February 28, 2025





The Inaugural Yale Korean Philosophy of Religion and Theology Graduate Conference



10:00 AM - 10:15 AM Welcoming Remarks

<u> 10:15 AM - 11:45 PM</u>	"Identity Formation among Korean and Korean American Youth and the Role of Korean Immigrant Chunch"
Panel 1:	Korean Immigrant Church"
Race, Migration,	Hangyoon Cho, Yale University
and Religion in the	
Korean Context	"Praying in Polyphony: Postcolonial Sacramental Theology of Tongsung Kido"
	Hanna Rhee, Boston University
Moderator:	"Mariidin Darmandela Granter (DladaNar Driver Allandala marf
Karis Ryu	"Masjid in Daegu and the Specters of Black Non-Being: A Hauntology of
	Antiblackness in Postcolonial Korea" Teacha An Vala University
	Taeha An, Yale University
<u> 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM</u>	Lunch Break
<u>1:30 PM - 3:00 PM</u>	"Flowing Faith: Kim T'aeh ŭ p's Dynamic Buddhist Practice at the Crossroads of
Panel 2:	Tradition and Modernity during the Japanese Occupation (1910–1945)"
Tradition,	Jusung Lee, Yale University
Modernity, and	
Korean Religious	"Theodicy of Yong-Mo Yu: The Problem of Evil in the Context of Korean
Thought	Theology"
mought	Donghyung Lee, Yale University
Moderator:	"The 'K-' in 'K-Buddhism': The Reception of Religion as Culture in Modern
John Grisafi	Korean Buddhism"
	Yeonwoo Joh, Yale University
<u>3:45 PM - 5:15 PM</u>	"Voice of the Voiceless: A Comparative Reading of Judges 19 and Korean "Comfort Women""
Panel 3:	Rachel Yejee Park, Emory University
Gender, Sexuality,	
and Korean	"Threads of Liberation: Weaving Minjung, Black Liberation, and Womanist
Theology	Theologies into a Tapestry of Justice"
	Arthur Maxwell Powell II, Morgan State University
Moderator:	
Prof. Dr. Blenda Bo	"Reclaiming Femininity: A Comparative Studies of Salim Toward a Korean
Kyung Im	Feminist Discourse Beyond Masculine Constructs"
	Eunchul Jung, Drew University

The Inaugural Yale Korean Philosophy of Religion and Theology Graduate Conference



Taeha An | 안태하 (Yale University)

Taeha is the Chair of the Inaugural Yale KPRT Graduate Conference and an MAR student in Ethics at Yale Divinity School. He received a BA in Theology and Religious Studies from Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. His academic work centers on theological and philosophical anthropology, discourses on progress and secularization, and postcolonial theological ethics and politics.

Hangyoon Cho | 조항윤 (Yale University)

Hangyoon Cho is a second-year Master of Arts in Religion student at Yale Divinity School, concentrating in Theology. He holds a Master of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University and a Master and Bachelor of Theology from Hyupsung University in South Korea. His research focuses on the intersections of immigrant churches, race, and politics.





Yeonwoo Joh | 조연우 (Yale University)

Yeonwoo Joh is a second-year M.A. student in the Master of Arts in Religion program at Yale Divinity School. Having graduated summa cum laude from Seoul National University with a B.A. in Aesthetics and Religious Studies, she is continuing her studies in Asian religion with an emphasis on modern Korean Buddhism. She has long been fascinated by the public, communal dimensions of religion and hopes to better understand the role religion plays in modern society, particularly in the East Asian context. Her research interests include religion and modernity, Buddhist materiality, and lay religiosity in East Asian Buddhism.

Donghyung Lee | 이동형 (Yale University)

Donghyung (he/him) is a Master of Divinity candidate at Yale Divinity School. He is interested in systematic theology and the philosophy of religion, particularly in theodicy, hermeneutics, and Korean theology. Donghyung received his bachelor's degree in theology and English literature, as well as a Master of Theology from Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea.







The Inaugural Yale Korean Philosophy of Religion and Theology Graduate Conference



Eunchul Jung | 정은철 (Drew University)

Eunchul Jung is a Ph.D. candidate at Drew University who specializes in feminism and philosophical and comparative studies of religion. His recent presentations at AAR focused on feminism, Confucianism, and Daoism. His recent publication with Fordham critically addresses capitalism and democracy from multiple perspectives: theological, philosophical, feminist, and psychoanalytic.

Jusung Lee | 이주성 (Yale University)

Jusung Lee is a Ph.D. student in Religious Studies at Yale University. His research focuses on the intersections of colonialism, modernity, and religious practice, with particular attention to the transformations of colonial Korean Buddhism. He holds a summa cum laude BA from Dongguk University and an MTS from Harvard.





Rachel Yejee Park | 박예지 (Emory University)

Rachel Yejee Park is a scholar of New Testament studies and early Christianity, focusing on the social histories and material culture of the Roman Empire. A Yale Divinity School graduate and Emory University doctoral student, her research examines layered violence and marginalized voices, providing fresh insights into ancient texts and contemporary issues.

Arthur Maxwell Powell II | 아서 맥스웰 파월 2세 (Morgan State University)

Arthur Maxwell Powell II is an interdisciplinary and intersectional researcher and theologue. He is a first-year Ph.D. student at Morgan State University. Last year, Arthur earned a M.Div. from Duke University Divinity School. He aspires to engage in applied sociological research and Christian education.





Hanna Rhee | 이한나 (Boston University)

Hanna Rhee is a 3rd year doctoral student at Boston University School of Theology. She earned a MAR degree from Yale Divinity School with the concentration of Liturgical Studies. Her current research focus is the formation process of liturgical traditions in Korean Protestant churches from a postcolonial perspective.





Special Thanks to...

Prof. Dr. Blenda Bo Kyung Im Prof. Dr. Hwansoo Ilmee Kim Kit Jon Heeley Hyomin Kim John Grisafi Karis Ryu Taeha An Hangyoon Cho Yeonwoo Joh



