

# Jee Hyun Baek

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## EDUCATION

<b>Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA</b> Ph.D. in Theology, Ethics, and Philosophy Concentration: Constructive Theology First Reader: Dr. Shelly Rambo, Second Reader: Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore Dissertation Title: "Attending to the Sound of Han Across Generations: A Theological Response to Intergenerational Trauma in the Korean Diaspora"	2017-2024
<b>Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC</b> Th.M. in Theological Studies	2014-2016
<b>Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC</b> M.Div. in Hebrew Bible	2011-2014
<b>Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea</b> M.A. in Hebrew Bible Honors: Graduated <i>Summa cum laude</i>	2008-2010
<b>Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea</b> B.A. in Christian Studies Honors: Graduated <i>Summa cum laude</i>	2005-2008

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Constructive Theology, Feminist and Womanist Theologies, Trauma Theory, Resilience and Post Traumatic Growth, Asian American Studies/Theologies, Post/decolonial Studies, Cold War Studies, Contemporary Korean and Korean American Literary Studies

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, Louisville Institute	2024-2026
Perspectives on Contemporary Korea Summer Institute, University of Michigan Grantee and participant	2023
Asian Theological Institute, Luther Seminary/Luce Grantee and participant	2023
Louisville Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute	2022-2023
Reverend Dr. Youngshik Kim Graduate Scholarship, Boston University	2021-2022
Norman E. (Ned) and Shirley W. Dewire Prize, Boston University	2020-2021
Doctoral Fellowship, Louisville Institute	2019-2021
Doctoral Student Fellowship, Boston University	2017-2022
Doctoral Students of Color Scholarship, Boston University	2017
Merit Scholarship, Duke Divinity School	2011-2014

Ewha Womans University Scholarship, Ewha Womans University	2008–2010
Ewha Womans University Academic Scholarship, Ewha Womans University	2005–2008
The College of Liberal Arts Scholarship, Ewha Womans University	2006–2007

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA**

Teaching Fellow – to Dr. Shelly Rambo in “Constructive Theology”	Spring 2024
Teaching Fellow – to Dr. Nimi Wariboko in “Spirit and Ethics”	Fall 2023
Teaching Fellow – to Dr. Nimi Wariboko in “Christian Social Ethics”	Spring 2021
Teaching Fellow – to Dr. Shelly Rambo in “Theology and Trauma”	Fall 2020
Teaching Fellow – to Dr. Luis Menéndez-Antuña in “Introduction to the New Testament”	Spring 2020
Teaching Fellow – to Dr. Judith Oleson in “The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation: Creating a Culture of Justpeace”	Fall 2019
Facilitator – in “Spiritual Companionship Group”	Fall 2019, Spring 2021
Teaching Fellow – to Drs. Rady Roldan-Figueroa and Wesley Wildman in “Christianity Engaging Modernity”	Spring 2019
Teaching Fellow – to Drs. Christopher Brown and Rebecca Copeland in “Introduction to Christian Tradition”	Fall 2018

**RESEARCH & PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE**

**Project Advisor, Trauma-Responsive Congregations Project** Jan. 2023 – Apr. 2024  
A grant funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. to help urban congregations respond to trauma from theologically informed and spiritually integrative perspectives

**Research Assistant, Boston University, for Rev. Dr. Shively T. J. Smith** May 2020 – Aug. 2020  
Our work engages the question— “who is a biblical interpreter,” looking at writings from 19<sup>th</sup> century African American women and Howard Thurman

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS**

Panelist, Trauma and Migration: What Should the Church Know?, Trauma-Responsive Congregations Grant Panel Event, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA (April 11, 2024)

Presenter, “Haunting Secrets: Intergenerational Trauma in Korean American Diaspora Communities and its Challenge on Theological Understanding of Human Suffering,” Theology and Religious Reflection Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas (November 21, 2023)

Guest Speaker, “Theological Witnessing to Intergenerational Trauma,” Dr. Shelly Rambo’s Theology and Trauma Class, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA (April 18, 2023)

Presenter, “Rethinking the Theological Task of Grieving and Resistance from Korean *Yanggongju*’s Experience of Wartime Sexual Violence,” Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Boston, MA (2020)

Presenter, “Re-reading of Daniel as the Scribal “Double Telling” of Trauma,” Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Unit, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Conference, Boston, MA (co-presented with Hyun Woo Kim) (2020).

Panelist, Doctoral Colloquium Teaching Fellow Panel, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA (March 6, 2019)

### **SERVICE EXPERIENCE**

#### *Steering Committee*

AAR Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit Jan. 2024-Present

#### *Steering Committee*

AAR Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit 2021

#### *Search Committee Student Liaison*

The Faculty Omnibus Search Committee, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA Fall 2020-Spring 2021

#### *Co-Chair*

The Trauma and Theology Session, MAR-AAR/SBL, Princeton, NJ 2020

#### *Th.M. Representative*

The Curriculum Committee of the Divinity Council, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC Fall 2015-Spring 2016

The Curriculum Committee of the Divinity Council, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

### **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

Center United Methodist Church, Snow Camp, NC

#### *Ministerial Intern*

Summer 2012, Summer 2016

Abernethy Memorial United Methodist Church, Rutherford College, NC

#### *Ministerial Intern*

Summer 2013

The Church of Ewha Womans University, Seoul, Korea

#### *Youth Minister*

Jan.2010–Jul. 2011

### **DENOMINATIONAL & MINISTERIAL AFFILIATION**

*Certified Candidate*, The United Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference

### **LANGUAGES**

Korean – native language

French – Intermediate

Classic Chinese – Intermediate  
Biblical Hebrew – Advanced  
Biblical Greek – Intermediate

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

AAR (American Academy of Religion)  
SBL (Society of Biblical Literature)  
APARRI (Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative)  
PANAAWTM (Pacific, Asian, North American, Asian Women in Theology and Ministry)