

Curriculum Vita

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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CURRENT POSITION

Theologian-in-Residence, *Global Training Network*

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Theologian-in-Residence, *Mission ONE* (2019-2022)

International Mission Board (2007–2019)

ELIC (2003–2006)

EDUCATION

United States Military Academy, West Point, NY (freshman year)

Texas A&M University, B. S., Applied Mathematics (Minor: Economics)

Texas A&M University, M.A., Philosophy

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, MDiv

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, PhD, 2012

Major: Applied Theology

Major Professor: Bruce Riley Ashford

Dissertation: “The Honor of God in the Shame of Christ for Salvation: A Theological Contextualization from Chinese Culture.”

Grade: High Pass

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

High School

Math Teacher (Long Term Substitute): Fort Bend ISD (Texas), Conroe ISD (Texas)

University

Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University: *Introduction to Logic, Ethics*

Teaching-Research Assistant, Todd Johnson, Gordon-College, *Religions Along the Silk Road*

Seminary

Associate Professor, Associate Dean, International Chinese Theological Seminary (ICTS)
Courses Taught or Co-Taught (*Bachelors Level & Masters Level*)

Acts, Apologetics, Systematic Theology I, Systematic Theology II, Romans, Biblical
Theology, Church History I, Christian Ethics, Contextualization (Worldview and Culture),
Narrative Theology, Theology of Atonement, Pastoral Leadership (*Diploma Level*)

Adjunct Professor or Guest Lecturer

Adjunct Professor, Eternity Bible College (Spring 2021-Present)

Adjunct Professor, Columbia International University (Summer 2021-Present)

Adjunct Professor for Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary

Adjunct Professor for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary--Advance International
(for Pastoral Leadership, Diploma Level)

Guest Lecturer, Melbourne Theological Seminary (Jan 2020)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Saving God's Face: A Chinese Contextualization of Salvation Through Honor and Shame (EMS Dissertation Series; WCIUP, 2013).

One Gospel for All Nations: A Practical Approach to Biblical Contextualization (William Carey Library, 2015).

Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes: Honor and Shame in Paul's Message and Mission (IVP, 2019).

Christianity Today's 2020 Award of Merit, Biblical Studies

2019 Finalist for Best Books in New Testament Studies (The Center for Biblical Studies)

Seeking God's Face: Practical Reflections on Honor and Shame in Scripture (Lucid, 2022)

The Cross in Context: Reconsidering Biblical Metaphors for Atonement (IVP, 2022).

Articles & Chapters

"Authority in a Collectivist Church: Identifying Critical Concerns for a Chinese Ecclesiology." *Global Missiology* 1, no. 9 (Oct 2011).

"Biblical Theology for Oral Cultures in World Mission" in *World Mission: Theology, Strategy, and Current Issues* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2019).

"Biblical Theology from a Chinese Perspective: Interpreting Scripture Through the Lens of Honor and Shame," *Global Missiology* 4, no. 10 (Oct 2013).

"Context is King: A New Perspective on Contextualization" in *Anthology*. *MissioNexus* (Fall 2015): 24–25.

"Contextualizing the One Gospel in Any Culture: A Model from the Biblical Text for a Global Context," *Global Missiology* 3, no. 10 (April 2013).

"Does the 'Plan of Salvation' Make Disciples: Why Honor and Shame Are Essential for Christian Ministry" *Asian Missions Advance* (Jan 2016): 11–17.

"From One Honor-Shame Culture to Another: A Proposal for Training Chinese Missionaries to Serve in Muslim Contexts." *Missio Dei*. October 2020.

“Have Theologians No Sense of Shame? How the Bible Reconciles Objective and Subjective Shame.” *Themelios*. August 2018.

“How Would Jesus Tell It?: Crafting Stories for Honor-Shame Cultures.” *EMQ*. Jan 2015.

“How Jesus Saves God’s Face...and Ours: A Soteriology of Honor and Shame.” *Missiology*, Vol 44, no. 4 (Oct 2016).

“If We Say Chinese Have No Sin, We Deceive Ourselves: A Rejoinder to Hsu’s Contextualising ‘Sin’ in Chinese Culture.” *Studies in World Christianity Issue 23:1* (April 2017).

“Paul Writes to the Greek First and also to the Jew--The Missiological Significance of Understanding Paul's Purpose in Romans.” *JETS* 56, 4 (Dec 2013).

“Political Riptides Rip Us Apart.” *Christianity Today*. October 2020. (Co-authored with Jim Mullins)

“Response to Wes Seng’s ‘Has the Use of Orality Been Taken Too Far?’” *EMQ* April 2016.

“Re-writing the Gospel for Oral Cultures: Why Honor-Shame are Essential to the Gospel Story” in *Beyond Literate Western Contexts: Honor & Shame and the Assessment of Orality Preference*. Samuel Chiang and Grant Lovejoy, eds. ION and Capstone Enterprises. Hong Kong. April 2015.

“Saving Us from Me: Cultivating Honor and Shame in a Collectivistic Church” in *Honor, Shame, and the Gospel*. Edited by Chris Flanders and Werner Mischke. Pasadena, Calif.; WCL, 2020.

“The Church Has Lost ‘Face’: Examining Our Blind Spot about Honor and Shame.” *Mission Frontiers*. Jan-Feb 2015.

“The Doctrine of Scripture and Biblical Contextualization: Inspiration, Authority, Inerrancy and the Canon.” *Themelios*. August 2019.

“The Gospel with Chinese Characteristics: A Concrete Example of Cultural Contextualization.” *Global Missiology* 1, no. 11 (Oct 2013).

“The Influence of Culture on the Evolution of Mission Methods: Using CPMs as a Case Study.” *Global Missiology* 1, No. 12 (Oct 2014).

“Theological Education in Honor-Shame Cultures: Why Worldview Matters for Oral Learners.” *Orality Magazine*. September 2014.

“There are No ‘Church Planting Movements’ in the Bible.” *Global Missiology* 1, No. 12 (Oct 2014).

“We Compromise the Gospel When We Settle for Truth: How ‘Right’ Interpretations Lead to ‘Wrong’ Contextualization,” *Global Missiology* 2, no. 10 (Jan 2013).

“What is ‘Chinese’ Theology: Honor and Shame in Chinese Spirituality” in *Bamboo in Mist: An Exploratory Understanding of Chinese Spirituality*. August 2020.

“Why is God Justified in Romans?: Vindicating Paul’s Use of Psalm 51:4 in Romans 3:4” *Neotestamentica*. January 2018.

Dictionary Entries

“Honor and Shame” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*. Edited by Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2018).

“Fear and Power” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*. Edited by Mark Lamport. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2018).

“罪疚和羞耻” in *The Chinese Bible Commentary* (CBC). Langham Foundation, Forthcoming in 2025.

Book Reviews

“Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible” by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O’Brien. *EMQ*, Vol 29, no. 2 (July 2013), 372–76.

“First the Kingdom of God: Global Voices on Global Mission.” Edited by Daniel K. Darko and Beth Snodderly. *Themelios*, Vol 39, no. 2 (July 2014), 394–95.

“Grassroots Asian Theology: Thinking the Faith from the Ground Up” by Simon Chan. *Themelios*, Vol. 39, no. 3 (Dec 2014), 613–15.

Review of BibleWorks 9. *Global Missiology*. July 2015.

“The Lost World of Adam and Eve” by John Walton. *Missiology*. 2015.

“Becoming Native to Win the Natives: Cross-Culturally Becoming All Things to All Men” by Tabor Laughlin. *Journal of Global Christianity* 3:1. Feb 2017.

“Glory in Romans and the Unified Purpose of God in Redemptive History” by Donald Berry. *Themelios*, Vol. 41, no. 3 (Dec 2016).

“Ministering in Honor-Shame Cultures: Biblical Foundations and Practical Essentials” by Jayson Georges and Mark Baker. *Themelios*, Vol. 41, no. 3 (Dec 2016).

“The Endangered Gospel” by John Nugent. *Themelios*. August 2017.

“Issues in Contextualization” (2nd edition) by Charles Kraft. *Themelios*. April 2018.

“Outsider Designations.” Paul Treblicot. *Themelios*. December 2018.

“Defending Shame.” Te-Li Lau. *Themelios*. Vol. 45, no. 2. August 2020.

“Good White Racist” Kerry Connelly. *Themelios*. December 2020.

“Defending Shame.” Te-Li Lau. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*. April 2021.

“Defending Shame.” Te-Li Lau. *Review of Biblical Literature*. March 2021.

“Paul and the Ancient Celebrity Circuit: The Cross and Moral Transformation.” James Harrison. *Themelios*. August 2021.

“Women in the Mission of the Church” Leanne Dzubinski and Anneke Stasson. *JETS*. Forthcoming.

“Family Relations in the Gospel of Mark.” Narry Santos. *JETS*. December 2021.

“No Shortcut to Success.” Matt Rhodes. *Global Missiology*. April 2022.

Academic Presentations

“Preaching the Gospel When Context is King.” Presented at the ICTS Faculty Meeting. Taiwan, Feb 26, 2014.

“How Christ Saves God’s Face . . . and Ours.” Presented for the Asian/Asian-American Theology Consultation at the Annual Conference for The Evangelical Theological Society. November 20, 2014.

Participated in a panel discussion regarding honor and shame at an invite-only consultation organized by the International Orality Network. Houston Baptist University, July 8–9, 2014.

“Does the ‘Plan of Salvation’ Make Disciples: Why Honor and Shame Are Essential for Christian Ministry” Asian Missiological Society, Bangkok, Thailand. July 2015.

“Have Theologians No Sense of Shame: How the Bible Reconciles Objective and Subjective Shame.” Evangelical Theological Society. Nov 2015.

“Seeking God’s Face: Honor and Shame in the Sacrificial System.” Evangelical Theological Society. Nov 2015.

“God is Not Justified in Wrath: Vindicating Paul’s Use of Psalm 51:4 in Romans 3:4.” International SBL. Paul and Pauline Literature Section. Seoul, South Korea, July 2016.

“Saving Us from Me: Cultivating Honor and Shame in a Collectivist Church.” Honor-Shame Conference, Wheaton College. June 2017.

“God’s Face Alone: Toward a Reformation with Chinese Characteristics.” The Chinese Church and the Reformation, Bangkok, Oct–Nov 2017.

“Reading Scripture with ‘Eastern’ Eyes: How Honor and Shame Make Us More Asian and Biblical.” Evangelical Theological Society. Boston 2017.

“Have Theologians No Sense of Shame: How the Bible Reconciles Objective and Subjective Shame.” Society of Biblical Literature. Boston 2017.

“God is Not Justified by Wrath: Vindicating Paul’s Use of Psalm 51.4 in Romans 3.4.” Intertextuality in the New Testament Program Unity. Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego 2019.

“What is an ‘East Asian’ Interpretation of the Bible?” Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Program Unit. Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego 2019.

“An ‘East Asian’ Response to Shame-full (Mis)Interpretations of Romans 7.” Evangelical Theological Society. San Diego, 2019.

“Biblically Faithful *and* Culturally Meaningful Contextualization? Moving Beyond the Ethnohermeneutics Debate.” Evangelical Missiological Society, September 2020.

“Reciprocity, Collectivism, and the Church.” Evangelical Theological Society, 2020.

“Diverse Approaches to Contextualizing Chinese Theology.” Chinese Evangelical Theological Fellowship. Evangelical Theological Society, 2020.

“How the Righteous Seek Honor: An Application of Romans 2:7.” Society of Biblical Literature. San Antonio, 2021.

CONFERENCES AND CONSULTATIONS

Previous (Select Sample)

OMF—Taiwan (Oct 2015) -- Annual Conference

Jian Hua Foundation (Jan 2016) -- Annual Conference

Houston's First Baptist Church (Nov 2015) -- Missions Conference

Singapore Bible College, Annual Theology Conference, 2016.

Singapore Baptist Theological Seminary, Guest Speaker, 2016.

Christar, 2017 Annual Conference.

Honor, Shame, and the Gospel Conference, Wheaton, Ill. June 2017.

The Chinese Church and the Reformation, Bangkok, Oct–Nov 2017.

Patronage Symposium, Beirut, Lebanon, October 2018.

Led and participated in various other trainings throughout East Asia related to contextualization, evangelism, theology, and church planting.

World Outreach Conference (Toccoa Falls College, Georgia), 2020

Summer Under the Son Conference (Melbourne, Australia), 2020

Global Training Network (Arizona), 2020

Beeson Divinity School and Samford College (Alabama), 2020

Peninsula Bible Church (Cupertino, California), 2020

Noteworthy

Host of *Doing Theology. Thinking Mission*. (Podcast started in 2021)

Book Reviews Editor, Themelios, Mission and Culture Section (2016-2021)

Steering Committee, Asian/Asian-American Theology Consultation, The Evangelical Theological Society. 2014–Present

Founding team member and faculty for International Chinese Theological Seminary (ICTS)

Founding Organizer of the Honor-Shame Network

Associate, ChinaSource

Guest Editor for *Global Missiology*, July 2015

Guest Editor for *ChinaSource*, Spring 2018

Featured in *Christianity Today*

“The Return of Shame” cover article by Andy Crouch. March 2015.

Interview concerning *Reading Romans with Eastern Eyes*. Aug 2019.

Interviewed on New Books in Biblical Studies Podcast (2019), OnScript Podcast (2020), The Shepherd’s Staff Podcast (2020), OneVision Podcast (2020), Undiscussed Podcast (2020), Everything Just Changed (2021), and others

Supervising several doctoral students

Organization Membership

Evangelical Theological Society

Evangelical Missiological Society

Society of Biblical Literature

American Missiological Society

Institute of Biblical Research

Social Media

Blog: www.jacksonwu.org (English)

www.wu-rong.org (Chinese)

* English site belongs to the Patheos blog network (evangelical channel)

Posts regularly discussing the intersection of contextualization, theology and mission, particularly from the perspective of honor-shame cultures like China.

Twitter: [jacksonwu4china](https://twitter.com/jacksonwu4china)

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/savinggodsface

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/savinggodsface/

Guest Blog Posts

Scot McKnight's "Jesus Creed" blog, Ed Stetzer's blog "The Exchange", Training Leaders International, HonorShame.com, ChinaSource, Missio blog (The Washington Institute for Faith, Vocation, and Culture)