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- **As of 1/12/23: Website correction on page 52 - Requests for official transcripts should be submitted through National Student Clearinghouse website:**
<https://tsorder.studentclearinghouse.org/school/select>.
- **As of 12/12/23: Updated list of Adjunct Faculty on pages 250-257 - ADJUNCT FACULTY (2022-2023)**
 - **Bond Leonard, Toni M.**, BA, DePaul University; MA, Claremont School of Theology; PhD, Claremont School of Theology
 - Dr. Bond is a scholar and social justice activist. As a womanist ethicist, her teaching and research specializations include Christian ethics, womanist ethics, Black feminist and womanist thought, and reproductive health, rights, and justice. With a particular interest in theological approaches to liberating the bodies of people of color from historic and current forms of reproductive and sexual oppression, she utilizes feminist ethnography and womanist sociological analysis in her qualitative research to unearth the reproductive and sexual herstories of Black women.

Dr. Bond has worked in the reproductive health, rights, and justice movements for 30 years. She is one of the twelve Black women who, in 1994, coined the term “Reproductive Justice,” creating a paradigm shift in how women of color add their collective voices to the fight for reproductive autonomy and freedom. She was the inaugural Fellow for the Fellowship for Reproductive Justice Research, a research fellowship sponsored by Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH), a collaborative research group at the University of California, San Francisco Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health. She was named the inaugural Scholar-in-Residence at Interfaith Voices for Reproductive Justice. Dr. Bond also received the Emerging Scholars Award from the Society for Family Planning in support of her dissertation research.
 - **Buhuro, Danielle**, BA, Chicago State University; M.D., Chicago Theological Seminary; PhD, currently at Chicago Theological Seminary
 - Rev. Dr. Danielle J. Buhuro is Director of Movement Chaplaincy for Faith Matters Network. She is passionate about issues of race, gender and sexuality. Dr. Buhuro recently served as the full-time Executive Director and CPE Supervisor of [Sankofa CPE Center, LLC](#) - which offers innovative online Clinical Pastoral Education programming along with unique social justice-oriented clinical work settings and prepares clergy chaplains for board certification. She is author of “Spiritual Care In An Age of #BlackLivesMatter: Examining the Spiritual and Prophetic Needs of African Americans Living In A Violent America.” Rev. Dr. Danielle J. Buhuro has also served as a CPE Supervisor at Advocate Aurora South Suburban, Trinity and Christ Hospitals in Chicago, Illinois.

An ordained clergy person of the United Church of Christ, Dr. Buhuro attended Chicago Theological Seminary, where she earned the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees respectively. She’s currently a PhD student studying in the area of social media identity, violence, and pastoral theology.

Dr. Buhuro has also served on the national board of directors of the [Association of Clinical Pastoral Education](#). She facilitates numerous workshops nation-wide on African American Pastoral Care and African-centered psychology.
 - **Chapman Lape, Jessica**, BA, Johnson C. Smith University; MDiv, Wake Forest University; PhD, Claremont School of Theology
 - Rev. Dr. Jessica Chapman Lape is a womanist pastoral theologian, clinically-trained chaplain, and community-trained doula. Dr. Chapman Lape is an Assistant Professor of Interreligious Chaplaincy and directs the Interreligious Chaplaincy program at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. She is ordained in the United Church of Christ and received her Ph.D. in Practical Theology from Claremont School of Theology.

- **Conklin-Miller, Jeffrey**, BA, University of California Riverside; MDiv, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary; ThD, Duke University

- Jeffrey Conklin-Miller currently serves as the Learning Lead and Tutor in Evangelism and Missiology at Cliff College, in the United Kingdom. An Ordained Elder in the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Conklin-Miller served for eleven years as a youth minister, co-pastor, and senior pastor in congregations in Southern California. More recently, Conklin-Miller served as a member of the faculty and in the administration at the Divinity School of Duke University in the United States as the E. Stanley Jones Assistant Professor of the Practice of Evangelism and Christian Formation. He teaches in the areas of evangelism and missiology, missional (ecclesial) innovation, Christian formation, and Wesleyan/Methodist history and theology.

Jeff completed his doctoral studies at Duke in the areas of theology and ethics, evangelism and mission, and Wesleyan and Methodist studies. His research draws focus to the significance of Christian formation and theological education in the practices of ecclesial innovation and evangelistic witness. His book, *Leaning Both Ways at Once: Methodist Evangelistic Mission Between Church and World* was released in 2020, and previously he published articles and chapters in the *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, *The Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, and in edited collections, including *The Practice of Mission in Global Methodism*, *E. Stanley Jones and Sharing the Good News in a Pluralistic Culture*, and *Generation Rising: A Future with Hope for the United Methodist Church*. He was a Fellow in the Center for Studies in the Wesleyan Tradition, and he currently serves as the Editor of *Witness: The Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*.

In addition to his teaching and research, Jeff has served in several roles connecting theological education to the mission and ministry of the Church: with young people as the Director of the Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation, with students preparing for ordination as the Director of the Methodist House of Studies, and with licensed local (lay) pastors as the Faculty Advisor to the United Methodist Course of Study Program. He also served in theological educational leadership serving as the Associate Dean for Admissions and the Associate Dean for Academic Programs (Chief Academic Officer) at Duke Divinity School.

- **Conliffe, Mario**, BA, University of the West Indies; STM, Nashotah House Theological Seminary; PhD, Loyola University Maryland

- Dr. Conliffe is a psychotherapist, Episcopal priest, and teacher specializing in counselor education and supervision; integration of religion and spirituality in counseling and psychotherapy; substance abuse and addictive behaviors; attachment theory; fatherlessness; and experiential psychotherapy.

- **Hagiya, Grant**, Resident Bishop of the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; MA, Claremont School of Theology; MDiv, DMin, Claremont School of Theology; EdD, Pepperdine University

- Grant Hagiya graduated with an Educational Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University in 2012. Abingdon published his book, *Leadership Kaizen*, based on his dissertation on the "Traits, Qualities and Characteristics of Highly Effective UMC Clergy" in 2013. He has worked and studied with Ron Heifetz and Marty Linksy at the Harvard Kennedy School and is a member of the newly formed Adaptive Leadership network. A Board member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, he chairs the Endorsing Committee for UMC chaplains. He recently received his Associate Certified Coaching Certificate (ACC) from the International Coach Federation as a professional certified coach. He is also a Gallup Strength Finder Certified Coach. He is a graduate of the Claremont School of Theology, where he received MA, MDiv, and DMin Degrees.

Prior to his election to the episcopacy, he served as the Sr. Pastor at churches in Berkeley, Gardena, and Los Angeles, California as well as the Los Angeles District Superintendent and Dean of the Appointed Cabinet of the California Pacific Annual Conference.

Elected to the Episcopacy in 2008, he served for 8 years in the Greater Northwest Annual Conference, which includes 3 annual conferences: Alaska, Oregon-Idaho, and the Pacific Northwest. He is a member of the newly formed Commission on the Way Forward, tasked with forging a strategy on human sexuality for the United Methodist Church. He chairs the Leadership Focus Area of the 4 Areas of Focus for the United Methodist Church and is a member of the Council of Bishop's Executive Committee. He is the current chair of the Council of Bishop's Task Force that plans the new Learning Retreats for all active Bishops. He is currently serving as President of the College of Bishops for the Western Jurisdiction.

Grant is married to Janet, a retired high school librarian, and they have three children: Lexie, Jamie, and Trent, and three grandchildren.

○ **Belva Brown Jordan**, BS, Texas Christian University; M.Div., Brite Divinity School

- An ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Belva Brown Jordan has focused her twenty-eight years of ministry and professional career on academic administration in higher education, supporting three other theological schools before coming to Claremont School of Theology. From field education to student life to admissions and financial aid, she has accumulated a wealth of administrative knowledge and experience that supports her work as associate dean for Claremont School of Theology. Her research and teaching interests focus on various aspects of organizational dynamics, ministry, collaborative leadership and theomusicology.

Reverend Jordan also serves as the Dean of the Disciples Seminary Foundation (Claremont). In this role she supports Disciples and UCC seminarians and oversees the academic programs of DSF.

Dean Jordan was recently selected as a Fellow of the Christian Leadership Initiative (CLI) program 2014-15. The program is co-sponsored by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the Shalom Hartman Institute (SHI) in Jerusalem. The opportunity to engage this study program will continue to inform her research and teaching interests.

○ **Kang, Namsoon**, PhD, Drew University

- Namsoon Kang, professor of Theology and Religion at Brite Divinity School since 2006, taught previously at the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK. Her most recent books include *Dating Derrida: I Mourn, Therefore I Am*, *What is Cosmopolitanism*, *Diasporic Feminist Theology*, and *Cosmopolitan Theology*. Teaching, researching, and writing from transdisciplinary spaces, her scholarly interests are in discourses of Derridean deconstruction, cosmopolitanism, postmodernism, postcolonialism, and feminism.

Her writing on cosmopolitan discourse and practice engages recent theories of cosmopolitan rights, justice, and hospitality, especially those of Immanuel Kant, Hannah Arendt, and Jacques Derrida. An active professor, lecturer, writer, humanist, and acclaimed speaker actively involved in various international organizations and programs, she has given lectures and speeches throughout the world, in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Fiji, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, South Korea, Philippines, South Africa, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, and the USA, including the keynote speech at the 9th Assembly of the WCC (World Council of Churches) in Porto Alegre, Brazil in 2006.

She received the *Louise Clark Britten Endowed Faculty Excellence Award* twice by vote of the Class of 2009 and of 2012, *Catherine Saylor Hill Award of Faculty Excellence* by vote of faculty in 2013, and *Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar* in 2014, 2016, and 2019 at Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University.

○ **Kim-Cragg, HyeRan**, BSC, Dong Duck Women's University; MDiv, Hanshin Graduate School of Theology, Hanshin University; ThD, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto

- Dr. Kim-Cragg is committed to an interdisciplinary approach to homiletics in practical theology, her teaching and research address a range of topics related to biblical interpretation, postcolonial theories, feminist homiletics and liturgy, migration, and decolonizing practices. Her current research is involved in the intercultural preaching, as this intersects with race, gender, and multiple identities of the preacher and the congregations. She is particularly interested in language (verbal and non-verbal) issues for preaching as a communicative event. As a recipient of The Rowntree Scholarship at The United Church of Canada Foundation (2019), she will undertake her research project on Preaching and Intercultural Ministry in the United Church of Canada for the next 3 years.

Dr. Kim-Cragg's recent publications include, *Postcolonial Preaching* (Lexington/Fortress, forthcoming), *Interdependence: A Postcolonial Feminist Practical Theology* (Pickwick 2018), and "Preaching in a Post-Truth Era: Its Critical Task." *International Journal for Homiletics*. 4 (2020). She is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) and has served in pastoral, teaching, and intercultural leadership capacities with the United Church of Canada for the past twenty years.

○ **Kim, Mark**, BA, Cornell University; MDiv, Yale Divinity School, PhD, Claremont School of Theology

- Mark Kim is a PhD student in New Testament & Christian Origins and an ordained United Methodist minister with 21 years of ministry experience serving children, youth, and adults. He is married with two children. In addition to teaching Koine Greek, he has served as a teaching assistant for courses in New Testament and History of Christianity at CST. He also teaches New Testament classes for the United Methodist Church's Western Jurisdiction Course of Study.
- **Lear, Heather**, *BS, Boston University; MDiv, Duke Divinity School; DMin, Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary*
 - Heather Lear is the Vice President for Grant Administration at The Foundation for Evangelism, a pan-Wesleyan foundation focusing on raising up Gospel leaders, engaging the laity, and equipping the local church. Prior to joining the FFE staff, Heather served for 6 years as the Director of Evangelism at the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, where she spent her time training leaders, creating resources, teaching at seminaries, and building ecumenical partnerships. Her work on the intersection of evangelism, discipleship, and mission was featured at several World Council of Churches gatherings across the globe, including the 2018 Conference on World Mission and Evangelism. She is an ordained elder in the North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church and pastored three congregations over 12 years. Heather holds degrees from Boston University, Duke Divinity School, and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.
- **Oh, Hyun Sun**, *BA, Presbyterian University & Theological Seminary; MDiv, Presbyterian University & Theological Seminary; MA, Presbyterian University & Theological Seminary; PhD, Claremont Theological Seminary*
 - Rev. Dr. Hyun Sun Oh completed her PhD in the area of Theology and Personality at the Claremont School of Theology. She completed her ordination process in the PCUSA while she studied at the Claremont School of Theology.

Coming back to Korea, she served as the senior pastor of the Multicultural Church in Ansan, South Korea, for three years. She taught Christian Education at the Honam Theological University and Seminary in Gwangju, South Korea, for more than 10 years. Interested in movements and education focused on feminism, gender equality, and anti-racism, she wrote the book *Difference, Diversity, and Tolerance* (Korean Book) and published *Parenting Education with Migrant Women* (translated into 5 languages).

Experiencing infringement of her teaching rights and discriminatory church doctrines, Hyun Sun left her professorship and church membership to practice theological reformation and feminist peace spirituality. She established an independent theological institute named Space Elizabeth. At the same time, she started a new church movement, 'Korean Yesu Church in Solidarity,' affirming gender diversity and church for all.

Currently, Hyun Sun lives as a praxis theologian spreading diverse perceptions of theology outside of institutionalized Christian places. She offers safe monthly worship services called Elizabeth and Mary's Gathering, practicing feminist and queer theology with Christian feminist lesbians.
- **Porter, Julie**, *BA University of Oregon, MDiv Lexington Theological Seminary, MSW, University of Kentucky*
 - Julie has served for over 20 years as a clinical social worker and with San Bernadino County, Department of Behavioral Health. Some of her responsibilities included supervising a Full-Service Partnership Program, serving the needs of chronically homeless mentally ill consumers. She also provided supervision for clinicians working toward licensure. She was trained by the Trauma Resource Institute and became a master trainer of the Trauma Resiliency Model (TRM®) for SB County DBH. She also has assisted with trainings for TRI around the country. She was ordained in the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) in Eugene, Oregon in January 1997. Julie majored in Asian Studies with a focus on Japan.
- **Reyes, Patrick**, *MDiv, Boston University, School of Theology; MA, Claremont School of Theology; PhD, Claremont School of Theology*
 - Dr. Patrick Reyes is a Latinx practical theologian, educator, administrator, and institutional strategist. He is the author of the book, *Nobody Cries When We Die: God, Community, and Surviving to Adulthood* (Chalice Press, 2016). The work explores the role of stories and violence in vocational discernment. Patrick is the Director of Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives at the Forum for Theological Exploration, formerly the Fund for Theological Education (fteleaders.org). He is the first Latinx director of the doctoral initiatives, which celebrated 50 years of supporting scholars of color through fellowships in 2018. His portfolio includes oversight of annual grant funding to create conditions for scholars and students of color to thrive in theological education through fellowships, partnerships, and grants to theological institutions. He collaborates and works with leaders of institutions, foundations, and other para-

academic organizations in theological and higher education to build their capacity and transform theological schools and programs for the 21st century. In 2017 and 2018, he was recognized as a "Great Teacher and Preacher," by the Children's Defense Fund.

- **Sweeney, Soo J. Kim**, *MDiv, Evangelia University; MTS, Calvin Theological Seminary; PhD, Claremont School of Theology*

- Dr. Soo Kim Sweeney specializes in Hebrew Bible studies with a particular focus on text-reader interactions in the Former and Latter Prophets. Her academic interests include biblical theology, literary-critical methodologies, intertextuality, spatiality, conceptual blending theories, and ethical readings in memory making. In addition, she teaches courses in Literature and the Bible in various contexts.

- **Thompson, Karuna**, *BS Candidate, Northeastern University; BA, MA, Naropa University; PhD, University of the West*

- Chaplain Thompson is the first minority faith chaplain hired by the Oregon Department of Corrections in 2001. Her work as a chaplain has focused on developing a diverse program of faith-based services at Oregon State Penitentiary, a 2200 bed maximum security facility. Dr. Thompson was raised in the Shambhala Buddhist community in Boulder, Colorado which inspired her interest and her work in the field of social justice, in particular, Restorative Justice. As a prison chaplain, she works with the community to develop and promote spiritual care of incarcerated people, she is part of the interdisciplinary team managing the hospice program and promotes peacemaking projects in the prison community. She is a founding member and facilitator for the victim-offender dialog program offered by the ODOC. She is also a founding committee member of the Northwest Justice forum which promotes Restorative Justice practices in Oregon and Washington. She began her undergraduate studies in Criminal Justice at Northeastern University and completed her undergraduate studies in Religious Studies at Naropa University. This was followed by the completion of her MA in Engaged Buddhism, also at Naropa University, where she traveled in Nepal and India studying Tibetan Buddhism and Tibetan language. She completed her doctorate in Buddhology at the University of the West with a dissertation focusing on a Shambhala Buddhist approach to crime, justice, and society. She continues to work full time at the prison and teaches as adjunct faculty at Western Oregon University. In 2016 her work in the prison was featured in the movie *Chaplains*, directed by Martin Doblmeier.

- **Tirrell, Jeff**, *PhD, Claremont School of Theology*

- Jeff Tirrell is the Associate Director of the Office of Curricular Support at Azusa Pacific University. He oversees all curricular change at the University, as well as the academic Catalog. Dr. Tirrell also regularly teaches courses in Christianity and the arts, the integration of faith and learning, and thesis development and writing. He is a lay leader at Foothill Church in Glendora, CA.

- **Valdez Barker, Amy**, *B.A., University of Iowa; MTS, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary; Ph.D. Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary*

- The Rev. Dr. Amy Valdez Barker is the former Executive Director of Global Mission Connections at The General Board of Global Ministries where she was responsible for leading five regional offices and two global offices in leadership development and scholarships, as well as overseeing the placements and supervision of 200+ missionaries. Prior to that, Valdez Barker served as the Chief Connectional Ministries Officer for the Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church, responsible for coordinating the mission, ministries, and programs of The United Methodist Church.

In addition to her executive leadership roles, she has been a practitioner in the area of youth ministry education, strategic visioning, and leadership development through church and conference positions. She has taught courses at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Drew Theological School, Candler School of Theology, Course of Study and through BeADisciple, an online learning community.

Her academic interests include understanding how churches cope with trust issues both internally and with their communities and she wrote a book on the subject, *Trust by Design: The Beautiful Behaviors of an Effective Church Culture* (Abingdon Press, 2017). Her PhD concentration focused on the cross sections of psychology, sociology, and theology where she explored "Spiritual Generativity," the organizational work of passing on the faith from generation to generation. She spent time working with experts in the field of adaptive leadership and has a passion for research in religious education, evangelism, and the innovations in mission for the future church.

- **Wilson, Cynthia**, PhD, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary; MSM, Perkins School of Theology/Southern Methodist University; BA, Dillard University

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia A. Wilson is an ordained deacon serving as the founder and Director of the Junius B. Dotson Institute for Music and Worship in the Black Church and Beyond, a one-of-a-kind global Institute that provides training in the sacred music of Africana church traditions and beyond for musicians and worship leaders.

Most recently, she served as Executive Director of Worship Resources and Director of Liturgical Resources at Discipleship Ministries, an agency of The United Methodist Church. Prior to her work at Discipleship Ministries, Dr. Wilson served as Assistant Vice-President of Student Life and Dean of Students at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

A talented vocalist, Dr. Wilson has participated as a solo artist, choral conductor, academician, preacher, and clinician across 6 continents. She is a Grammy nominee and was noted the “Best Female Vocalist” at the Gospel Choice Awards. Her recording credits have been nominated for several awards and she has been a featured soloist on a *multitude of recording projects and shared the stage with* noted music legends such as Richard Smallwood, Edwin Hawkins (“Oh Happy Day”), Ken Medema, Nancy Wilson, Patti LaBelle, Shirley Caesar, Cissy Houston, the late Lionel Hampton, and Rev. James Cleveland. One of the true highlights of her ministry included a benefit concert for Africa University at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Dr. Wilson was invited to join the National Task Force (1979) that produced the *Songs of Zion* and Co-Chaired the task force that produced its sequel (2007), *Zion Still Sings! For Every Generation* with the late Dr. William B. McClain.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from Dillard University, a Master of Sacred Music degree from Perkins School of Theology/ SMU, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Liturgical Studies from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

- **Wiltse, Vicki**, BS in Ed., Central Michigan University; MDiv and PhD, Claremont School of Theology

- Dr. Wiltse has been a freelance copyeditor and tutor since 2005, working mainly with students for whom English is not their first language. Through her copyediting work, she has become very familiar with the standards of *The Chicago Manual of Style*. In addition, Vicki currently teaches at Mid-Michigan College, seeking to expand the perspectives of rural Michiganders through a course in world religions and a course on the intersections between religion, race, and class in US history. Vicki has previously served as an ordained priest in the Community of Christ and as the director of religious education for a Unitarian Universalist congregation. She now lives on the small farm near Coleman, Michigan, where she grew up, and she enjoys being able to look out her office window at trees, fields, and whatever animals happen to be about.

- **Woo, Jinseong**, B.T. Hanshin University, M.Div. Hanshin Graduate School of Theology, M.A.T.S. McCormick Theological Seminary, and Ph.D. Claremont School of Theology

- Rev. Dr. Jin Seong Woo serves as senior pastor for a local church in a suburban area of Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Woo strives to *oikodomeo*, which means rebuilding a local church that not only survives in times of crisis but also provides various alternatives in terms of what a local church would be like, based on his various ecclesiastical experiences in South Korea and the United States. While serving as senior pastor, Dr. Woo identifies himself as a pastor-theologian within the church, focusing on biblical interpretations that nourish and transform pastors and congregations. To overcome the gap between *academia* and *ecclesia*, Dr. Woo established the academic institute, the Institute for Biblical Preaching, for local pastors in 2015. IBP's purpose and mission are to provide post-seminary pastors with ongoing education by developing, lecturing on, and publishing biblical and homiletical theologies required by local pastors. As a biblical scholar, Dr. Woo's primary research interest is the reconstruction of the historical and social backgrounds of the early church, especially based on Greco-Roman cultural elements and ideas. After teaching as an adjunct professor at Hanshin University for almost 10 years, Dr. Woo now serves as one of the board members of the university as well as of the Healing and Counseling Graduate University.