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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Christian Theology, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON, Canada (2016–24)
Supervisors: Stanley E. Porter and Christopher D. Land
Concentration: Book of Acts and Sociolinguistics
Dissertation Title: “Multilingual Peter and Paul in the Book of Acts: Sociolinguistic Approaches to the Prestige Religious Language of First-century Christianity”
Comprehensive Exams: Sociolinguistics; Gospel of John; Luke–Acts

Th.M. New Testament, Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, USA (2014–16)

M.Div., Chongshin Theological Seminary, South Korea (2007–9)

B.A. Control Engineering, Hoseo University, South Korea (1999–2006)

ACADEMIC POSITION

Lecturer, New Testament, Reformed Presbyterian Seminary of East (Korean American Presbyterian Church), Toronto, ON, Canada (2018–2019; 2024–present)

Courses Taught:

The Gospel of John (Spring 2018)
The Book of Revelation (Fall 2018)
Introduction to the New Testament (Spring 2019)
Biblical Interpretation I (Fall 2024)
Biblical Interpretation II (Spring 2025)

Research Fellow, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON, Canada (2024–present)

Education Project:

Planned and Developed Korean Online Courses

Publication Project:

- (1) *Co-authoring with Stanley E. Porter:*
Historical Sociolinguistics for Biblical Studies. LNTG, Edinburgh: T&T Clack, 2026.
- (2) *Co-editing with Stanley E. Porter:*
Sociolinguistics and the New Testament. LBS, Leiden: Brill, 2026.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Society of Biblical Literature (SBL): (2016–present)

Member, Evangelical Theological Society (ETS): (2022–present)

Member, North American Research Network in Historical Sociolinguistics (NARNiHS): (2022–present)

Member, Historical Sociolinguistics Network (HiSoN): (2022–present)

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

With Stanley E. Porter, *Historical Sociolinguistics for Biblical Studies*. LNTG, Edinburgh: T&T Clack, 2026. (in process)

The Prestige Language of Christianity in the Book of Acts: Historical Sociolinguistic Approaches to the Multilingualism in the Greco-Roman World. LBS 29, Leiden: Brill, 2025.

EDITED VOLUME

With Stanley E. Porter, *Sociolinguistics and the New Testament*. LBS, Leiden: Brill, 2026. (in process)

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

“Sacred Language Ideology in the Yahad and Masoretic Texts.” (in process)

“Linguistic Anthropology of Social Identities of Believers and Sinners in John 9:1–41.” (submitted)

“Jesus’ Language Style in Contextualizing the Social Identities of the Judeans, Samaritans, and True Worshiper in John 4:3–30.” (submitted)

“The Indexical Fields of Peter’s Galilean Dialect in the Gospel of Matthew 26:73,” *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism*, 2026. (forthcoming)

“Peter’s Code Choice in Acts 2:14–42: The Role of Greek as the Prestige Religious Language in the Jerusalem Church,” *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism*, 2025. (forthcoming)

“Sacred Language Ideology for Nomina Sacra between the Second and Fifth Centuries CE,” *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics*, 2025.

“Discourse Analysis of the Conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus: Macro and Micro Interpretation (니고데모 담화분석: 마이크로 매크로 해석의 실제),” *Logos* 55 (2010): 57–108.

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Contextualizing Social Identity in Paul’s Speech and Writing: Indexical Cycles in the Corinthian Church,” In *Methods and Approaches*. Edited by David I. Yoon and Chris S. Stevens. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2026. (in process)

With Stanley E. Porter, “Introduction,” In *Sociolinguistics and the New Testament*, Edited by Stanley E. Porter and Sung Min Park. LBS, Leiden: Brill, 2026. (in process)

“Ecology of Language in Corinthian Church: Historical Sociolinguistic Approach to the City of Corinth,” In *Sociolinguistics and the New Testament*, Edited by Stanley E. Porter and Sung Min Park. LBS, Leiden: Brill, 2026. (in process)

“Prestige Language in the New Testament,” In *Handbook of Sociolinguistics for Biblical Studies*, Edited by Jonathan M. Watt and Xue Xiaxia. LNTG, Edinburgh: T&T Clack, 2026. (in process)

“Ethnography and Its role in Communication,” In *Handbook of Sociolinguistics for Biblical Studies*, Edited by Jonathan M. Watt and Xue Xiaxia. LNTG, Edinburgh: T&T Clack, 2026. (in process)

“Rethinking the Language Policy for the Eastern Provinces of the First-century Roman Empire,” In *Language Ideology, Language Policy, and Practices: Focus on Minoritized Languages Past and Present*. Edited by Samantha M. Litty and Nils Langer. Berlin: Peter Lang, 2025.

DICTIONARY ARTICLES AND ENTRIES

“Multilingualism,” In *Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics*. Edited by Stanley E. Porter, Jonathan M. Watt, Christopher D. Land, and Dana M. Harris. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker. (contracted)

“Social Domain of Language,” In *Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics*. Edited by Stanley E. Porter, Jonathan M. Watt, Christopher D. Land, and Dana M. Harris. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker. (contracted)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Shaping Christian Identity in Acts 1–6: An Indexical-Cycle Analysis of the Jerusalem Church,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of ETS, Boston, MA, USA, November 2025. (forthcoming)
- “Historical Sociolinguistic Approaches to the Corinthian Letters: The Indexical Cycles of the Corinthian Church,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of ETS, Boston, MA, USA, November 2025. (forthcoming)
- “The Prestige Language of Christianity in the Book of Acts: Historical Sociolinguistic Approaches to the Multilingualism in the Greco-Roman World.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of HiSoN, Bristol, UK, May 2025.
- “Sacred Language Ideology of Tetragrammaton in the Yahad and Masoretic Traditions.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of HiSoN, Bristol, UK, May 2025.
- “Sacred Language Ideology within Jewish Traditions.” Presentation at Theological Research Seminar (TRS) of McMaster Divinity College (MDC), Hamilton, ON, Canada, March 2025.
- “Language Policy of the Roman State for the Eastern Provinces between the Third Century BCE and the First Century CE.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of Linguistic Society of America (LSA), Philadelphia, PA, USA, January 2025.
- “Jesus’ Language Style in Contextualizing the Social Identity of the True Worshiper in John 4:3–30.” Presentation at the MDC Linguistics Circle, Hamilton, ON, Canada, September 2024.
- “Sacred Language Ideology of Tetragrammaton and Nomina Sacra between the Second Century BCE and Fifth Century CE.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of HiSoN, Zurich, Switzerland, June 2024.
- “Indexical Fields for Nomina Sacra.” Presentation at the 2024 NARNiHS Research Incubator, April 2024.
- “Sacred Language Ideology for Nomina Sacra.” Presentation at the MDC Linguistics Circle, Hamilton, ON, Canada, December 2023.
- “Persona of Jesus and Samaritan Woman: Sociolinguistic Approach to the Gospel of John 4:1–30.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of SBL, San Antonio, TX, USA, November 2023.
- “Historical Sociolinguistic Approach to Social Identities of Believers and Sinners in John 9:1–41.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of ETS, San Antonio, TX, USA, November 2023.

“Prestige Religious Language of the Earliest Christianity: Indexical Cycle of the Jerusalem Church in Acts 1:6—6:6.” Presentation at the MDC Linguistics Circle, Hamilton, ON, Canada, January 2023.

“The Patterns of the Variances of Nomina Sacra: Sacred Language Ideology of the Early Church.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of ETS, Denver, CO, USA, November 2022.

“Paul’s Code Choices in Acts 21:37—22:29: Macro and Micro Sociolinguistic Approaches to Multilingual Paul.” Presentation at the MDC Linguistics Circle, Hamilton, ON, Canada, September 2022.

“The Indexical Meaning of the Galilean Dialect in Peter’s Denial of Jesus: A Sociolinguistic Approach to the Galilean Dialect and Social Identity of Jesus and Peter.” Presentation at the MDC Linguistics Circle, Hamilton, ON, Canada, January 2022.

“The Rhetorical Function of ‘Night’ in the Gospel of John 3:2 and 19:39.” Presentation at the International Annual Meeting of SBL, Seoul, South Korea, July 2016.

SERVICE TO CHURCH

LEADERSHIP

Pastor, Sunday School, Eaglesfield Community Church, Burlington, ON, Canada (2019–22)

Pastor and Director, Sunday School, Jamsil-Saenae Church (잠실새내교회), South Korea (2008–13)

Internship, Sunday School, Jamsil-Saenae Church (잠실새내교회), South Korea (2007)

Lecturer, Evangelism Explosion, Jamsil-Saenae Church (잠실새내교회), South Korea (2006–12)

LECTURER

“Sacred and Secular: Understanding Postmodernity through the Reformed Worldview.” Lecture at Eaglesfield Community Church, Burlington, ON, Canada, August 2022.

“Introduction to The Gospel of John.” Lecture at Eaglesfield Community Church, Burlington, ON, Canada, December, 2021.

“Introduction to The Epistle to the Galatians.” Lecture at Eaglesfield Community Church, Burlington, ON, Canada, August, 2021.

“Early Childhood Education–2: Dutch Reformed Church.” Lecture at Jamsil-Saenae Church, South Korea, 2013.

“Early Childhood Education–1: Shema” Lecture at Jamsil-Saenae Church, South Korea, 2012.

VOLUNTEER

Counselor, Calvinist Cadet, Meadowlands Fellowship Christian Reformed Church (2018–19)

WORK EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Director, Eaglesfield Korean School, Burlington, ON, Canada (2019–22)

Member, Diversity Committee, Calvin Christian School, Hamilton, ON (2021–23)

Internship, Production Department, Jungwoo Filter Ltd. Co., Cheonan, South Korea, (December 1999–February 2000)

Internship, Production Department, Hanyang Ltd. Co., Seoul, South Korea (July–August 2000)

CERTIFICATIONS

Master Level in English Second Language Program, Grand Valley State University (2014)

Leadership Training, Evangelism Explosion (2006)

Web Design Training, Gangnam Green Computer Academy (2001)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Windows; Mac OS X; Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint); Final Cut Pro; Adobe Photoshop; Adobe Illustrator; Adobe Flash; Adobe Dreamweaver, Affinity Photo; Affinity Designer; Affinity Publisher

Programming Languages: GW–Basic, C, C++, Visual C

Projects

Website Design: Eaglesfield Korean School (2019)

Video Report from All Source Intelligence Center (ASIC) to the Combined Forces Command in the U.S.A. Military (2003)

Information Program with ASIC in Korean Military (2002)

Video Presentation from ASIC to Corps Commander in Korean Military (2002)

LANGUAGES

Korean – native language

English – advanced

Biblical Greek – research proficiency

Biblical Hebrew – research proficiency

German – research proficiency

Japanese – elementary

Syriac – elementary