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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: Sociolinguistics and Book of Acts
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

Adjunct Assistant Professor, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON, Canada (2025–present)

Course Taught:

- (1) New Testament Ecclesiology: First-Century Christianity in a Multilingual and Multicultural Environment (Winter 2026)

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

Academic Project:

- (1) Organizing and Coordinating *Historical Sociolinguistic Conference* at McMaster Divinity College (2026)
- (2) Proposing *Historical Sociolinguistic Session* in Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) (2025–26)
- (3) Proposing *Historical Sociolinguistic Session* in Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) (2025–26)

Education Project:

Designed and Launched *Korean Courses* (2024–25)

Publication Project:

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

Lecturer, New Testament, Reformed Presbyterian Seminary of the East (Korean American Presbyterian Church), Toronto, ON, Canada (2018–19; 2024–25)

Courses Taught:

- (1) *Biblical Interpretation II* (Spring 2025)
- (2) *Biblical Interpretation I* (Fall 2024)
- (3) *Introduction to the New Testament* (Spring 2019)
- (4) *The Book of Revelation* (Fall 2018)
- (5) *The Gospel of John* (Spring 2018)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member, SBL: (2015–present)

Member, 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 Clark, 2026. (in progress)

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 progress)

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

- “Linguistic Ecology of the City of Corinth and Acrocorinth: Indexical Field of Greek and Latin Inscriptions.” (in progress)
- “Sacred Language Ideology of God and the Roman Emperor in the Book of Revelation.” (in progress)
- “Sacred Language Ideologies of the Divine Names in the Yahad and Jerusalem Tradition of the Book of Isaiah.” (in progress)
- “Historical Sociolinguistic Approaches to Indexical Cycles in the Corinthian Church,” *Journal of Biblical and Ancient Greek Linguistics* 14 (2026). (forthcoming)
- “The Indexical Fields of Peter’s Galilean Dialect in the Gospel of Matthew 26:73,” *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 23 (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* 21 (2025): 71–103.
- “Sacred Language Ideology for Nomina Sacra between the Second and Fifth Centuries CE,” *Journal of Historical Sociolinguistics* 11 (2025): 131–71.
- “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

- 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 progress)
- “Jesus’ Language Stylization and Identity Contextualization in John 4:3–30,” In *Sociolinguistics and the New Testament*. Edited by Stanley E. Porter and Sung Min Park. LBS, Leiden: Brill, 2026. (forthcoming)
- “Linguistic Anthropology of Social Identities of Believers and Sinners in John 9:1–41,” In *Methods and Approaches to the Greek New Testament*. Edited by David I. Yoon and Chris S. Stevens. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2026. (forthcoming)
- “Prestige Language in the New Testament,” In *Handbook of Sociolinguistics for Biblical Studies*, Edited by Jonathan M. Watt and Xue Xi Xia. LNTG, Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2026. (forthcoming)

“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 Clark, 2026. (forthcoming)

“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, 119–39.

DICTIONARY ARTICLES AND ENTRIES

“Multilingualism,” In *Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics*. Edited by Stanley E. Porter, Christopher D. Land, Jonathan M. Watt, and Dana M. Harris. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2026.

“Social Domain of Language,” In *Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics*. Edited by Stanley E. Porter, Christopher D. Land, Jonathan M. Watt, and Dana M. Harris. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2026.

REVIEW ARTICLE

“Review of Hughson T. Ong, *Sociolinguistic Analysis of the New Testament: Theories and Applications*.” *Review of Biblical Literature*, 2026.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Paul’s Linguistic Stylization in 1–2 Corinthians and Philippians: Urban Contextualization of Pauline Discourse,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of SBL, Denver, CO, USA, November 2026. (forthcoming)

“Recontextualizing the Roman Imperial Cult in the Book of Revelation,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of SBL, Denver, CO, USA, November 2026. (forthcoming)

“Language Policies in Jerusalem during Second Temple Judaism,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of HiSoN, University of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria, September 2026. (forthcoming).

“Linguistic Ecology of Corinth: Latin and Greek in a Rebuilt Roman Colony,” Presentation at the Conference on Sociolinguistic Variation in Ancient Languages (SVAL), University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, March 2026.

“Sacred Language Ideology within the Roman Imperial Cult from the Second Century BCE to the First Century CE,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of Linguistic Society of America (LSA), New Orleans, LA, USA, January 2026.

- “Sacred Language Ideologies in the Scribal Practices of the Yahad Tradition and the Jerusalem Tradition,” Presentation at the McMaster Divinity College (MDC) Linguistics Circle, Hamilton, ON, Canada, December 2025.
- “Sociolinguistics, Historical Sociolinguistics, and New Testament Studies,” Presentation at the New Testament Guild of MDC, Hamilton, ON, Canada, November 2025.
- “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.
- “Sociolinguistic Approaches to the Corinthian Letters: Language Style and Linguistic Ideology,” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of ETS, Boston, MA, USA, November 2025.
- “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, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK, May 2025.
- “Sacred Language Ideology of Tetragrammaton in the Yahad and Masoretic Traditions.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of HiSoN, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK, May 2025.
- “Sacred Language Ideology within Jewish Traditions.” Presentation at Theological Research Seminar (TRS) of 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, University of Geneva, 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

“Ecclesiology for the Transmission of Faith to the Next Generation.” Lecture at Korean Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, Toronto, ON, Canada, November 2025.

“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