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**Professor of Theology**

**Education:**

PhD, Boston University, 2014  
Concentrations: Constructive Theology, Philosophical Theology  
Dissertation: Reconstructing Natural Theology with the aid of Confucian Axiology and American Pragmatism

S.T.M. Boston University, 2003  
Concentrations: Social Ethics  
Thesis: Boston Personalism and Nuclear Pacifism

M.Div., Westminster Theological Seminary, 2001  
Concentrations: Pastoral Theology  
Thesis: An Apology for the Born-Again Movement in China

M.A., Law School, Peking University, Beijing, China, 1996  
Concentrations: Western Legal Thought, Jurisprudence  
Thesis: Cicero's Legal Thought in the Late Roman Republic

B.A., History, Renmin University, Beijing, China, 1993

**Teaching/Working Experience:**

2018-now Professor of Theology  
Columbia International University

2014-2018 Associate Professor of Theology  
Columbia International University

2012-2014, Senior Pastor  
Christian Gospel Church in Worcester

2001-2012, Pastor  
Chinese Gospel Church of Massachusetts (Worcester Branch)  
Exegetical Themes: Doctrine of God, Doctrine of Church, Christology  
Sunday School Courses: Apologetics, Discipleship, Western Church History, Chinese Church History

1999-2001, Assistant Pastor  
Chelton Baptist Church in Dresher, Pennsylvania

**Research Skills:**

Extensive knowledge of classical Chinese language and culture;  
Fluent in modern Chinese language, substantial knowledge on contemporary Chinese worldviews;  
Capable of using Classic Hebrew and Greek for research purpose;

## Books and Chapters

- “Does Denominationalism Have Root in Reformation?” in *Christian Theology, Evangelical Faith and the Church in China, Commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*, Zhiqiu Xu, Chief Editor (TianEn Publication Company, Taiwan, 2018), pp.281-288
- Chief Editor, *Christian Theology, Evangelical Faith and the Church in China, Commemorating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*, (TianEn Publication Company, Taiwan, 2018)
- *Natural Theology Reconfigured: Confucian Axiology and American Pragmatism* (Ashgate Publishing Company: Farnham, UK) 2016
- *The Doctrine of Trinity and Its Implication in Chinese Church Context* in Chinese Intellectual Faith Forum (Runup America Inc.: Los Alamos, NM 2015)

## Book Reviews

- J. Chao. *A History of Christianity in Socialist China, 1949–1997*. In *China and Gospel* (1999).

## Articles and Essays:

- *Inerrancy in the Context of Chinese Evangelical Churches*, (a series of four articles) Journal of Christian Faith and Cultural Transformation, issues 72, 73, 74, 75 <http://theblessingsfoundation.org/>
- *Biblical Anthropology and Sanctification I: What Bible and Tradition Say about Human Composition, Trichotomy, Dichotomy or Monism?* Journal of Christian Faith and Cultural Transformation, October, 2018
- *Biblical Anthropology and Sanctification II: Reevaluating Watchman Nee’s Trichotomy*, Journal of Christian Faith and Cultural Transformation, January, 2019
- *Biblical Anthropology and Sanctification III: Viable Path of Spiritual Transformation among Evangelicals*, Journal of Christian Faith and Cultural Transformation, April, 2019
- *The Catholic Nature of Local Churches*, Behold Magazine, July, 2019 <https://behold.oc.org/?p=42067>
- *Reviving the Household Tradition in Light of the Early Churches*, Behold Magazine, April, 2019 <https://behold.oc.org/?p=38836>
- *A Reformed Scholar’s Reflection on Predestination*, Behold Magazine, December, 2018 <https://behold.oc.org/?p=37568>
- *Two Types of By-Laws, A Structural Analysis of Chinese Churches in North America*, Behold Magazine, December, 2017.
- *Thus Saith the Lord, Discerning the Voice of Truth in the midst of Postmodern Context*, Behold Magazine, October, 2017 <https://weiwenu.net/d/102932988>
- *Easy-Believism among Contemporary Evangelical Churches*, Behold Magazines, September, 2017 <http://behold.oc.org/?p=34040>
- Zhiqiu Xu and Christopher Little, “A Tale of Three Urban Churches, The Local Churches’ Role of Mission in Contemporary China”, In *Churches on Mission: God’s Grace Abounding to the Nations*. EMS Series 25. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2017, 115-136.
- *The Divine Truthfulness and the Integrity of His People*, Behold Magazines 77 (2016)
- *The Spectrum of Truth*, Behold Magazines, 72 (2015).
- *Learning from Wesleyan Theology, a Chinese Perspective*, Behold Magazines 68 (2014).
- *The Concept of Magisterium and Its Pertinence to the Church in China*, Behold Magazines 67 (2014)
- *Did Jesus Truly Resurrect from the Dead?* Behold Magazines, Issue 66, March, 2014
- *Control vs. Submission, Some Insights on the Kenotic Obedience of Jesus*, Behold Magazines, Issue 57, Sept. 2012 (Available online) (<http://www.oc.org/web/modules/smartsection/category.php?categoryid=241&lang=english>)
- *Divine Beauty and Human Koinonia, A Study on John 14-17*, Christianity Today International, May, 2011 (Available online: <http://www.bcl-chinese.net/node/250>)

- *A Trans-placed Encounter Between the East and the West, A Journey in Kingston*, Behold Magazines, Issue 44, July, 2010  
(Available online: <http://www.oc.org/web/modules/smartsection/item.php?itemid=4027>)

### **Presentations:**

- *Reactivating the Power of the Holy Spirit among Household Churches in China*, Evangelical Theological Society, Denver, Nov. 2018
- *The Contribution of Axiology to Contemporary Chinese Society*, Joint Symposium of QingHua University and Hawaii University, Aug. 2018, Beijing
- *A Naturalistic Interpretation on Doctrine of the Mean*. Paper presented at the Chinese Christian Scholars Association in North America, 2008
- *Iron Cage and Ironic Smile*. Paper presented at the Chinese Christian Scholars Association in North America, 2006

### **Professional Membership:**

- American Academy of Religion (Member)
- Evangelical Theological Society (Member)
- North America Mainland Chinese Mission (Executive Director)
- International Fellowship of Chinese Pastors (Executive Director)
- Blessings Cultural Mission Fellowship (Member)

### **References:**

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