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Education

Ph.D. (2017) Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA

M.A. (2010) Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, USA

M.Div. (2005) Myanmar Institute of Theology, Insein, Burma

B.Th. (2001) Chin Christian College, Hakha, Chin State, Burma

Ph.D. Dissertation

Ethnic Persecution and Public Vocation of the Church in Burma.

Teachings**Myanmar Theological College (Mandalay)**

Lecturer in Theology 2005-2008

Lecturer in Theology 2017-2019

Myanmar Institute of Theology (Yangon)

Associate Professor of World Christianity 2022-

Lecturer in World Christianity 2019-2022

Courses Taught

Great Christian Thinkers (M.Div.)

Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. (M.Div.)

Christianity, Modernity, and Ethnicity in Burma (M.Div.)

Church and State (M.Div.)
Public Theology (M.Div.)
World Christianity (M.Th.)
Contextual Mission (M.Th.)
Contextual Theology (DMin)
World Christianity (PhD)
History of Christianity (Liberal Arts Program)
Contemporary Christianity (LAP)
Modern Christian Thought (LAP)
Myanmar Political History (LAP)

Publications

Book Chapters

“Counteracting Resurgent Buddhist Nationalism and Fostering Interreligious Collaboration in Contemporary Burma.” In *World Christianity and Interfaith Relations*, edited by Richard F. Young. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2022, pp. 13-36.

“Native Christian Mission in Burma.” In *Theology and Ethics for the Public Church: Mission in the 21st Century World*, edited by Mary S. Dreier and Samuel Y. Deressa. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2023, pp. 55-71.

“Monks, Students, and Resistance in British Burma.” *Resist! Democracy and Youth Activism in Myanmar, Hong Kong, and Singapore*, edited by Joseph Lee and Amy Freedman. New York: Pace University Press, 2024, pp. 23-41.

“Christianity, Modernity, and the Karen in Burma.” In *Highland Christianity: Modern Transformations of the China-Southeast Asia Borderlands* edited by Xi Lian, David Bradley, and Ralph Litzinger. Penn State University Press, 2026, pp. 35-56.

Journal Articles

“Separation of Church and State: A Case Study of Myanmar (Burma).” *Asia Journal of Theology* 25:1 (2011): 42-58.

“Burman, Burmanisation, and Betrayal.” *Studies in World Christianity* 18:2 (2012): 169-188.

“Oscar Romero: Champion of the Oppressed.” *Asia Journal of Theology* 27:2 (2013): 275-298.

- “Martin Luther King and Public Theology.” *Asia Journal of Theology* 29:2 (2015): 227-250.
- “Ethnic Persecution: A Case Study of the Kachin in Burma.” *International Journal of Public Theology* 9:1 (2015): 68-93.
- “The Karen and the Politics of Conversion.” *Church History and Religious Culture* 96:3 (2016): 325-345.
- “Buddhist Nationalism and Burmese Christianity.” *Studies in World Christianity* 22:2 (2016): 148-167.
- “Religion, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in Burma.” *Journal of Church and State* 59:4 (2017): 626-648.
- “The Politics of Religious Conversion among the Ethnic Chin in Burma.” *Studies in World Christianity* 24:3 (2018): 188-211.
- “Christianity and Ethnic Identity in Burma.” *Journal of Church and State* 61: 1 (2019): 78-105.
- “The Public Role of the Churches in Myanmar.” *Reconciliation, Renewal, and Restoration: Divine Indicative and Human Imperative*. Medan: Congress of Asian Theologians (CATS)-IX: 132-137.
- “Ethnicity, War, and Peace in Burma.” *Journal of Church and State* 62: 2 (2020): 269-293.
- “Religious Responses to the Military Coup in Myanmar.” *Review of Faith & International Affairs* 19:3 (2021): 77-88.
- “Religion and Politics in Kachin Conflict.” *Independent Journal of Burmese Scholarship* 1 (2021): 206-231. *
- “Christian Responses to Conflict in Burma.” *Journal of World Christianity* 12:1 (2022): 70-89.
- “Mission Education in Burma, 1600-1948.” *International Review of Mission* 111:1 (2022): 123-137.
- “The Church and the Pandemic in Burma.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 46:3 (2022): 326-338.
- “Christianity, Colonialism, and Burmanization.” *The Expository Times* 134:4 (2023): 153-163.
- “Chin Diaspora Christianity in the United States.” *Theology Today* 80:2 (2023): 173-182.
- “The Role of Ethnic Minorities in the Resistance Movement.” *International Journal of Public Theology* 17:2 (2023): 169-189. *
- “More than Manipur: Tribal Christians Divided by Borders Yet United in Faith.” *Christianity Today* (September 14, 2023).
- “The Church in British Burma.” *The Expository Times* 135: 5 (2024): 181-187.
- “Christianity, Democracy, and Suffering in Burma.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 48:2 (2024): 180-193. *

“Baptist Mission in the Nineteen Century Burma.” *The Expository Times* 136:1 (2024): 11-21.

“Hardship, Struggle, and Hope in Burma.” *Word & World: Theology for Christian Ministry* 44:4 (2024): 449-460.

“And Finally ... Love and Grace.” *The Expository Times* 136: 8 (2025): 375-376.

“Ola Hanson and the Kachin Baptist Mission in Burma.” *Journal of Church and State* 67: 2 (2025).

“Christianity in Burma.” *Global South Theological Journal* 4: 2 (2025): 30-37.

“Christianity, Resistance, and the Chin in Burma.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 49: 4 (2025): 319-330.

“Christians in Burma under Military Rule.” *Currents in Theology and Mission* (forthcoming).

“The Other Chin Diaspora Christianity in the West.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* (forthcoming).

Book Reviews:

Review: “Towards A Ludu Theology: A Critical Evaluation of Minjung Theology and Its Implication for a Theological Response to the Dukkha (Suffering) of People in Myanmar (Burma).” *Asia Journal of Theology* 29:1 (2015): 155-157.

Review: “The Good of Politics: A Biblical, Historical, and Contemporary Introduction.” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 54:1 (2015): 108-110.

Review: “The Anglican Church in Burma: From Colonial Past to Global Future.” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 91:2 (2022): 447-449.

Review: “Leadership Formation in the African Context: Missional Leadership Revisited.” *Word & World* 43:4 (2023): 390-392.

Review: “Toward a Public Theology in Myanmar.” *International Journal of Public Theology* 17:4 (2023): 623-624.

Review: “The History of the Karen People of Burma.” *Missiology: An International Review* 52:2 (2024): 245.

Review: “Baptizing Burma: Religious Change in the Last Buddhist Kingdom.” *International Bulletin of Mission Research* 48: 3 (2024): 443-445.

Review: “Martin Luther’s Theology of Two Kingdoms in Buddhist and Christian Communities.” *Word & World* 44: 4 (2024): 515-518.

Review: “General Ne Win’s Legacy of Burmanization in Myanmar: The Challenge to Peace in the Twenty-First Century.” *International Journal of Public Theology* 19: 2 (2025): 288-289.

Review: “Beyond the Academy: Lived Asian Public Theology of Religions.” *Word & World* 45: 3 (2025): 414-416.

Committee Member:

PhD Dissertation Committee, Salai Zaw Lin Tun, 2021 (Yonsei University, South Korea)

PhD Dissertation Committee, Lal Din Thara, 2022 (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands)

PhD Dissertation Committee, Tawk Lian, 2024 (Luther Seminary, the United States)

PhD Dissertation Committee, Aye Aye Win (Graduate Theological Union, the United States)

PhD Dissertation Committee, Swe Maung (Luther Seminary, the United States)

PhD Dissertation Committee, Hone Ling (Luther Seminary, the United States)

PhD Dissertation Committee, La Hkawng (Graduate Theological Union, the United States)

PhD Dissertation Committee, Biak Hlem (Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, the United States)

Other Member:

Current Member of Board of Advisors (Faith, Hope, and Love Global Ministries)

Member of Editorial Board of *Word & World: Theology for Christian Ministry* 2014-2015 (Luther Seminary, St. Paul)

Visiting Scholar:

Visiting Scholar at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN (2022-2023)

Visiting Scholar (OMSC at Princeton Theological Seminary (2023-2024)

Visiting Scholar (Princeton Theological Seminary (2024-2025)

Visiting Scholar (Princeton Theological Seminary (2025-2026)

National Publications:

I have published more than 30 articles in English in theological journals and popular Christian magazines in my native country of Burma. In my native language (Chin), I have published dozens of articles in various popular church magazines. I have additionally published 4 articles in Burmese, the national language of Burma.

Pen Name

*I used the pen name (Elijah Young) when I published “The Role of Ethnic Minorities in the Resistance Movement,” in *International Journal of Public Theology* (2023) and “Christianity, Democracy, and

Suffering in Burma,” in *International Bulletin of Mission Research* (2024). When I published “Religion and Politics in Kachin Conflict,” in *Independent Journal of Burmese Scholarship* (2021), my pen name was Joshua. I used the pen names for the safety of my family back home in Burma. My wife and sons, Elijah and Joshua, recently left Burma and joined me in Princeton.