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Associate Professor of Religious Studies  
King's University College at  
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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

**New Testament Studies** (in particular, Synoptic Gospels, Johannine Literature, Historical Jesus, Acts of the Apostles), **Hermeneutics** (Biblical and Theological), **Christology**, **Contextual / Postcolonial / Postmodern Approaches** to Biblical Studies, Theology, and Religious Studies

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Hebrew Bible (in particular, Pentateuch and Historical Books), New Testament Greek, Early Christianity, **Systematic & Philosophical Theology**, particularly, Theology of Religions and Interreligious Dialogue, Liberation Theologies, Religion and Popular Culture, Asian Theologies, Contemporary Christian Theologies

### EDUCATION

2006 Ph.D. in Systematic and Philosophical Theology  
Graduate Theological Union (GTU), Berkeley, California, USA

Dissertation: Diasporic Hybridity, Hermeneutics & Christian Identity: Asian American Theological Voices on Diasporic Hybridity, Its Implications for Hermeneutics and the Question of Christian Identity

Dissertation Committee:

Dr. Kenan Osborne, director (GTU, Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA)

Dr. Fumitaka Matsuoka, co-director (GTU, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA)

Dr. Peter Phan (Georgetown University, Washington, DC)

Comprehensive Examinations Passed with Distinction (Feb. 23, 2005)

1998 S.S.L. (Licentiate in Sacred Scriptures), Cum Laude, major in New Testament Studies, with concentration in the Synoptic Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles  
Pontifical Biblical Institute (PBI), Rome, Italy

Licentiate Thesis: "The Lucan Jesus and the Weaknesses of His Disciples: A Study of a Theological Theme in Luke-Acts"

Participation in Exchange Program for PBI Students with intensive studies in Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek, Biblical Archaeology and Hebrew Bible - Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (October 1995- February 1996)

1993 BA in Theology with Secondary Education Teacher's License (Equivalent to a B. A., B.Ed. - Double Major in Religion and English)  
Dept. of Theology - Depts. of English / Education, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan

#### **Supplementary Education**

- 2006 Certificate of Completion of TESL (Teaching of English as a Second Language) DIPLOMA PROGRAM (recognized by TESL Canada)  
International House Toronto, 469 Jarvis St., Toronto, Ontario
- 1993-1994 Graduate Study in Theology. Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, Italy
- 1982-1986 Studied for 4 Years as an undergraduate student in a Bachelor of Science in Education program (BSE), major in English & English Literature  
Don Bosco College, Laguna, Philippines

#### **Professional Experience**

- 2010-present Associate Professor of Religious Studies at King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada
- 2007 - 2010 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at King's University College at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada
- 2004 Co-Teaching of Christology Course with Prof. Kenan Osborne  
Franciscan School of Theology/Graduate Theological Union  
Berkeley, CA
- 2001-2002 Adjunct Professor of New Testament  
Tokyo Catholic Major Seminary, Tokyo, Japan
- 2001 Adjunct Professor of Hebrew Scriptures

St. Anthony Franciscan Major Seminary, Tokyo, Japan

1999-2003 Assistant Professor of New Testament & New Testament Greek  
Department of Theology-Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan (last year on research leave)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

(2) (forthcoming) Kato, Julius-Kei. *Religious Language and Asian American Hybridity*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan.

(1) Kato, Julius-Kei. *How Immigrant Christians Living in Mixed Cultures Interpret Their Religion: Asian-American Diasporic Hybridity and Its Implications for Hermeneutics*. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 2012.

See < <https://mellenpress.com/mellenpress.cfm?bookid=8466&pc=9> >

### Peer-Reviewed Academic Papers and Publications

(11) "Peter C. Phan: His Life, Work, and Contributions to World Christianity." In *World Christianity and Global Theologizing*, edited by Jonathan Tan and Anh Q. Tran, SJ, chapter nine. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2016.

(10) "Talking Back to our Parents: What Asian-North American Theology Can Theologically Suggest Back to Asia." In *Many Yet One? Multiple Religious Belonging*, eds. Joseph Prabhakar Dayam and Peniel Jesudason Rufufs Rajkumar, chapter 13. Geneva: World Council of Churches Publications, 2016.

(9) "Interpretation." In *Asian American Religious Cultures* [2 Volumes], edited by Jonathan H.X. Lee, Jane Naomi Iwamura, Fumitaka Matsuoka, Edmond Yee and Ronald Nakasone, 63-74. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2015.

(8) "Hans Küng through Asian Eyes" *The Japan Mission Journal*. Autumn 2014, Volume 68, Number 3, pp. 156-166.

(7) "The 'Seed that Has to Die' for Authentic Interreligious Dialogue to Occur: Interreligious Dialogue, Epistemic Confidence and *Kenosis*," in *Paths to Dialogue in our Age: Volume 2 – International Perspectives* (Proceedings of the International Theological Conference on Interfaith Dialogue held in Melbourne, Australia, May 26-29, 2014), edited by Edmund Kee-Fook Chia and Fatih Erol Tuncer. Fitzroy, VIC, Australia: Australian Catholic University, 2014, pp. 232-253.

(6) "The Prophetic Call of Narrative Forms of Theology: Narrative Theology, Asian Tendencies

and Roman Emphases.” *East Asian Pastoral Review* 51 (2014) 1, pp. 1-24.

(5) “‘Yes’ to Peace is ‘No’ to Violence.” *The Japan Mission Journal*. Spring 2004, pp. 43-53.

(4) “In What Way Are We the Chosen People? Rethinking Christian Election in the Aftermath of *Dominus Iesus*.” *The Japan Mission Journal*. Spring 2002, pp. 26-36.

(3) 週末の遅延—ルカ文書に見る [“The Delay in the Parousia, the Historical Jesus and the Lucan Corpus,”] in 想起そして連帯：週末と歴史の神学 [*Memory and Solidarity: Eschatological and Historical Theology*.] Ed. by Tsutomu Sakuma. Tokyo: San Paolo, 2002, pp. 73-107.

(2) ルカ文書と宣教 [“Mission” in the Lucan Corpus,”] in 福音宣教の過去と未来 [*The Past and Future of Evangelization*.] Ed. by Tsutomu Sakuma. Tokyo: San Paolo, 2001, pp. 63-97.

(1) 史的イエスの第三探求、その輪郭と妥当性：史的イエスの探求は不可欠な営み [“Why the Quest for the Historical Jesus is Necessary.”] カトリック研究 [*Catholic Studies*] No. 69. Ed. by the Theological Society of Sophia University. Tokyo, August 2000, pp. 1-27.

#### Presented Papers and Conference Participation

“Interreligious Dialogue, Epistemic Confidence and *Kenosis*.” Presented at the International Theological Conference on Interfaith Dialogue sponsored by the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia, May 26-29, 2014.

*Conversion in the Postmodern World: From Monoreligiosity to Interreligiosity*. Presented at the CTSA (Catholic Theological Society of America) Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida. June 2013.

*Revelation’s Telos Seen through Hybrid Eyes*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. November 17, 2012.

*The Fourth Gospel’s Claims of Superiority Seen through Hybrid Eyes*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. November 18, 2012.

*The Vicissitudes of Apocalyptic Hope*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. November 21, 2011

*The Prophetic Commitments of Theology at Present* at the CTSA (Catholic Theological Society of America) Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio. June 2010

*The What and What-Not of Asian/-North American Hermeneutics: What Mk. 2:23-28 and l'affaire Peter Phan Illustrate* Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. November 24, 2009

*Discovering the Canon as a "Hybrid Persona": Asian-North American Hermeneutical Conversations with Canonicity.* Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. November 23, 2008

*Asian Christianity as Betwixt-and-Between Worlds: Explorations of a Common Conundrum in Asian Christians as They Negotiate Faith betwixt-and-between East and West.* American Academy of Religion. Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, USA. November 19, 2007

*Should There Really be an "End of Faith"? A Response from the Perspective of Hybridity to Sam Harris' Proposal for an "End" to Religion.* American Academy of Religion's Eastern International Region's Annual Conference on May 5, 2007 at Renison College at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

*"Talking Back to Our Parents: How Asian American Theology Can Shed Light on Asian Christianity's Hybrid Identity"* APARRI (Asian Pacific Americans and Religion Research Initiative) Conference, Chicago, IL (August 2005)

*"The Dark Side of Realized Hope: Christian Intolerance & the Judeo-Christian Apocalyptic-Eschatological Worldview"* American Academy of Religion Western Region Conference, Tempe, AZ (March 2005)

### **Invited Papers and Presentations**

Respondent at a book panel to discuss my 2012 monograph (Kato, Julius-Kei. *How Immigrant Christians Living in Mixed Cultures Interpret Their Religion: Asian-American Diasporic Hybridity and Its Implications for Hermeneutics*. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press). Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meeting, San Diego, USA, November 2014.

*"Talking Back to our Parents: What Asian-North American Theology Can Theologically Suggest Back to Asia"* at the International Theological Colloquium on 'Exploring Hybridity and Embracing Hospitality: Towards a Theology of Multiple Religious Belonging' held at the Gurukul Lutheran Theological College and Research Center, Chennai, India. October 3, 2014.

“The Prophetic Commitments of Theology at Present” at the CTSA (Catholic Theological Society of America) Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio. June 2010

“*Let us Tell Our Stories and Listen to God*” Ethnic Community Gathering - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle, WA (October 2004)

“*Scriptural & Cultural Foundations of Simbang Gabi Planning*” Parish Planning Teams of the *Simbang Gabi* (Christmas Novena Masses) Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago, IL (August 2004)

“*Biblical Foundations of Asian Pacific Identity and Belonging*” Asian Pacific Pastoral Institute Sponsored by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, Burlingame, CA (May 28-31, 2004)

“*Jesus as Seen through the Eyes of a Hybrid Person like Me*” Japanese Methodist Bay Area Spring Rally, Oakland, CA (April 2004)

“*Forgiveness, Salvation and Israel’s Stories*” Roman Catholic Diocese of Kyoto, Japan (July 2000)

“*The Delay in the Parousia, the Historical Jesus, and the Lucan Corpus*” Sophia University Annual Summer Theological Lectures Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan (July 2000)

“*‘Mission’ in the Lucan Corpus*” Sophia University Annual Summer Theological Lectures Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan (July 1999)

#### Articles at a Popular Level Published as a Public Intellectual

(19) *A Canadian Lay Theologian’s Perspective on the Synod on the Family*. Online at *Catholica* (Australia):

<[http://www.catholica.com.au/gc4/jkk/008\\_jkk\\_191015.php](http://www.catholica.com.au/gc4/jkk/008_jkk_191015.php)>. October 2015.

(18) *Where We Went from Anonymous Christians: The Theology of Religions as seen through Paul Knitter vis-à-vis Karl Rahner*. Online at *Catholica* (Australia):

<[http://www.catholica.com.au/gc4/jkk/004\\_jkk\\_030215.php](http://www.catholica.com.au/gc4/jkk/004_jkk_030215.php)>. February 2015.

(17) *Joseph Ratzinger’s Temple of Truth: Biblical-Theological Reflections at the End of the Ratzingerian Tenure*. Online at *Catholica* (Australia):

<[http://www.catholica.com.au/gc4/jkk/001\\_jkk\\_270213.php](http://www.catholica.com.au/gc4/jkk/001_jkk_270213.php)>. February 2013.

(16) 神の国「まだ」と「すでに」の緊張関係 [“The Tension Between the ‘Not Yet’ and ‘Already’ of the Kingdom of God,”] in 福音宣教 (*Evangelization*). Tokyo: Oriens Institute for Religious Research, February 2002, pp. 68-71.

(15) 福音書のエニアグラム [‘Enneagram of the Gospels’ Series] ヨハネ：しるしをとおしてイエスの栄光に達した神秘家 [“John: The Mystic Who Reached Jesus’ Glory through Signs,”] *Katorikku Seikatsu (Catholic Life)*. Tokyo: Don Bosco Sha, October 2002. pp. 19-21.

(14) 福音書のエニアグラム [‘Enneagram of the Gospels’ Series] ルカ：イエスのコンパシヨンの鏡 [“Luke: Mirror of Jesus’ Compassion,”] *Katorikku Seikatsu (Catholic Life)*. Tokyo: Don Bosco Sha, September 2002, pp. 19-21.

(13) 福音書のエニアグラム [‘Enneagram of the Gospels’ Series] マタイ：過去と現在を貫く神の業を慎重に解明する先生 [“Matthew: Teacher of God’s Work in Israel’s History,”] *Katorikku Seikatsu (Catholic Life)*. Tokyo: Don Bosco Sha, August 2002, pp. 19-21.

(11) 福音書のエニアグラム [‘Enneagram of the Gospels’ Series] マルコ福音書のイエス [“The Jesus of Mark’s Gospel,”] *Katorikku Seikatsu (Catholic Life)*. Tokyo: Don Bosco Sha, July 2002, pp. 19-21.

(10) 福音書のエニアグラム [‘Enneagram of the Gospels’ Series] 福音書の多様性 [“The Diversity of the Gospels,”] *Katorikku Seikatsu (Catholic Life)*. Tokyo: Don Bosco Sha, June 2002, pp. 19-21.

(9) 福音書のエニアグラム [‘Enneagram of the Gospels’ Series] 多様性は美なり [“Diversity is Beautiful,”] *Katorikku Seikatsu (Catholic Life)*. Tokyo: Don Bosco Sha, May 2002, pp. 19-21.

(8) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] 過ぎ越しの神秘、死をとおして新しい命へ [“The Paschal Mystery: Through Death to New Life,”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Summer 2002, pp. 8-13.

(7) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] 挫折を味わい、エルサレムに向かうイエス [“Jesus’ Experience of Failure and the Trip to Jerusalem,”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Spring 2002, pp. 8-13.

(6) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] 愛の実践—友情開かれた食卓と癒し [“The Praxis of Love: Friendship, the Open Table, and Healing,”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Winter 2001, pp. 8-13.

(5) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] 愛の実践—様々な「境界線」を越える [“The Praxis of Love: Crossing Boundaries”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Fall 2001, pp. 8-13.

(4) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] 神の心と国の真髄は愛 [“Love, the Heart of God’s Person and Kingdom,”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Summer 2001, pp. 13-18.

(3) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] 神の国を实践しようとするイエス [“Realizing the Kingdom of God,”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Spring 2001, pp. 8-14.

(2) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] ナザレで神の「時」を待つイエス [“Waiting for ‘God’s Time’ in Nazareth,”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Winter 2000, pp. 8-13.

(1) 歴史的イエスの再発見と信仰の活性化 [‘The Historical Jesus and Faith’ Series] 再び、イエスと初対面をする [“Encountering Jesus as if for the First Time,”] *Carmel: Spirituality for Today*. Tokyo: Fall 2000, pp. 8-13.

#### Book Reviews & Conference Proceedings

(3) Book Review of *Story and Song: A Postcolonial Interplay between Christian Education and Worship*. Hyeran Kim-Cragg. Published in *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*, Volume 42 Number 4 / 2013, pp. 542-544

(2) Book Review of *Harvesting from the Asian Soil: Towards an Asian Theology*. Vimal Tirimanna, C.Ss.R. ed. Bangalore: ATC, 2011. Published in *Theological Studies*, December 2012.

(1) Summary of the Session of the Asian Theology Consultation. *Catholic Theological Society of America: Proceedings 67/2012*. pp. 115-16.

#### Recognitions and Honors

2008-2015	Dean’s Honor Roll of Teaching Excellence, King’s University College, UWO
2006	Ph.D. Graduation. Recognized by Ph.D. director as <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>
2005	Ph.D. Comprehensive Examinations passed with Distinction
2001	Selected as one of the “new leaders” in the new millennium by <i>Kristo Shimbun</i> (Ecumenical Newspaper), 1 <sup>st</sup> week of Jan. issue, Tokyo, Japan
1998	SSL (Licentiate in Sacred Scriptures), <i>Cum Laude</i> Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy



## Teaching Record

### **Courses Taught at King's University College (2007-present)**

- The Hebrew Bible as Christian Scripture
- Prophecy in Israel
- The New Testament
- The Synoptic Gospels
- The Johannine Literature
- The Emergence of the Christian Tradition (first five centuries)
- Introduction to Christianity (general survey course)
- The Letters of Paul
- Advanced Seminar in Biblical Studies
- Censored Scriptures: The Non-Canonical Books
- The Bible and Popular Culture: Jesus from Nazareth to Hollywood
- Spiritual Quests and Popular Culture (Spirituality)
- Spiritual but not Religious? (Spirituality)
- Empire, Violence and Peace in the Bible
- General Ethics: Contemporary Moral Problems

### **Courses Taught at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan (1999-2002)**

- The Jewish and Hellenistic Backgrounds of Early Christianity
- Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures
- Introduction to the New Testament
- The Historical Jesus
- The Gospel according to Matthew
- The Gospel according to Luke
- Acts of the Apostles
- Paul and His Theology
- Non-Pauline Epistles in the New Testament
- Intermediate New Testament Greek (Gospel of Mark)
- Intermediate New Testament Greek (Gospel of John)

### **Courses Taught at the Catholic Major Seminary, Tokyo, Japan (2001-2002)**

- The Gospel according to Matthew
- The Gospel according to Luke

### **Course Taught at St. Anthony Franciscan Seminary, Tokyo, Japan (2001)**

- Introduction to the Book of Psalms

## Community Service at King's

- Member of Budget Committee (2010-2011)

- Member of Research Ethics Review Committee (2008-2011; 2014-15)
- Member of Research Grants Committee (2009)
- Invited speaker at the annual debate hosted by the Religious Studies Club at King's University College. Debate Topic: C.S. Lewis' famous "trilemma" regarding whether Jesus was "Lord, Liar or Lunatic." Held at King's University College on March 6, 2008.
- Active participation in departmental hiring processes (2007-2012)

#### Community Service to the Academy

- Convener of the Asian Theology Consultation. *Catholic Theological Society of America*. 2011-12.
- Steering Committee Member of the Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics Group. *Society of Biblical Literature*. 2013-present.

#### Service to the Community at Large

- Sept 2011 Lecture at the London Public Library (Central Branch)  
'The Buddhist Notion of "Compassion" and the Figure of the Bodhisattva'
- 2011-2012 Catholic Theological Society of America  
Convener of the Asian/Asian-American Theology Consultation
- 2006-2007 Teaching Assistance / Co-teaching of English as a Second Language  
Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) Program  
Mennonite New Life Centre Immigrant Settlement Agency  
Toronto, Ontario

#### Membership in Academic Associations

- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
- Catholic Biblical Association of America (Active Member)
- Catholic Theological Society of America
- TESL Ontario & TESL Canada (for teachers of English as a Second Language)

### Knowledge of Languages

Mother Languages: English, Filipino (Tagalog), Japanese  
 Speak Fluently: Italian, Filipino (Ilongo)  
 Good Working Knowledge: French, Spanish, German  
 Reading Knowledge: Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Greek, Latin, Aramaic

### Language Study and Cultural Exposure

2003 (summer) Spanish Language Study (reached advanced level)  
 Mexican-American Cultural Center, San Antonio, Texas

2002 (summer) French Language Study  
 Montreal, QC, Canada

2002 (summer) German Language Study  
 Passed *Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung* (ZMP) (July)  
 Goethe Institut, Bonn, Germany

1998 (summer) French Language Study  
 Paris, France

1997 (summer) French Language Study (reached advanced level)  
 Institut Catholique & Alliance Française, Paris, France

1996 (summer) German Language Study (reached advanced level)  
 University of Vienna, Austria  
 University of Munich, Germany

1994 (summer) German Language Study  
 University of Klagenfurt, Austria

1993 (Apr-Sept) Italian Language Study (reached advanced level)  
 Università per Stranieri, Perugia, Italy  
 Istituto Dante Alighieri, Rome, Italy