

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Heewon Yang**

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## **Education**

**Baylor University, Waco, TX**

PhD in Sociology – Expected May 2026

M.A. in Sociology – May 2023

Thesis: Private Religiosity and Mental Health: The Buffering Role of Prayer and Scriptures among Lonely Americans during COVID-19

**Trinity College, Hartford, CT**

Bachelor of Arts in Religion – May 2016

## **Research Interests**

Sociology of Religion, Religion and Health, Race and Ethnicity, Technology and Culture, Asian-Americans, New Religious Movements, Mixed Methods

## **Publications**

**Yang, Heewon** and Jerry Z. Park. (Under Review) “Private Religiosity and Mental Health: The Buffering Role of Prayer and Scriptures among Lonely Americans during COVID-19.” *Sociology of Religion*

## **Conference Presentations**

“Private Religiosity and Mental Health: The Buffering Role of Prayer and Scriptures among Lonely Americans during COVID-19” presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, Fort Worth, TX

“The New Wave: Korean American Protestant Churches’ Assistance on New Korean Immigrants Moving to America,” Midwest American Academy of Religion Regional Conference, Ball State University, Muncie, IN, March 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19)

## **Honors and Awards**

Travel Grant, 2023, Baylor University

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant, **Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC)**, January – March 2023, Hartford Institute for Religion Research

## **Teaching Experience**

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2021 – Introduction to Sociology (68 students)  
Spring 2022 – Introduction to Sociology (68 students)  
Fall 2022 – Social Theory (16 students)  
Spring 2023 – Sociology of Race & Ethnicity (34 students)

## **Professional Membership**

Association of Korean Sociologists in America

## **Language Competencies and Skills**

Languages: Korean (Native), English (Near-native), Middle English (Advanced), Latin (Advanced), Chinese (Intermediate), Classical Chinese (Intermediate), Japanese (Intermediate)  
Program: STATA (Proficient)