

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Religious Studies (Asian Religious Traditions), Brown University, RI, USA, 2024
Dissertation Title: “From Learning of the Sage to Learning of the Exemplary Person in a Constant State of Self-Examination: Tasan Chǒng Yakyong’s Restructuring of Confucian Learning”
Advisor: Harold Roth, Professor of Brown University
- Ph.D. Student (ABD), Asian Philosophy, Korea University, Seoul, Korea, 2011-2014
- M.A., Asian Philosophy, Korea University, 2011
Thesis Title: “Paek'o Yun Hyu ũi *Taehak* haesǒk ũi silch'ǒn chihyang chǒk sǒnggyǒk yǒn'gu: Kyǒk mul ch'i chi sǒl ũl chungsim ũro” 백호 윤희의 『대학』 해석의 실천지향적 성격 연구: 격물치지설을 중심으로 [Paek'o Yun Hyu’s Reinterpretation of the *Great Learning*: On His Practice-Oriented Interpretation of the Notion of “Investigating Things and Extending Knowledge”]
Advisor: Hyǒngch'an Kim, Professor of Korean University
- B.A., Philosophy, with honors, Korea University, 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND TEACHING/RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Research Interests:

Intellectual and Religious Traditions in East Asia in the Premodern Era, (Neo-)Confucianism, Moral Psychology, Moral Philosophy, Ethics, AI Ethics, Ontology, Philosophy of Mind, Comparative Philosophy

Teaching/Research Experiences

- Adjunct Faculty, Department of Philosophy, Korea University, Fall 2024-present
- Adjunct Faculty, Department of Moral and Ethics Education, Cheongju National University of Education, Spring 2025-Fall 2025
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, Fall 2021-Spring 2023
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
- Proctorship, Religious Studies, Brown University, Fall 2017-Spring 2018
Title of Proctorship: *Neo-Confucian Studies*

Responsibility: Composing a bibliography in the Neo-Confucian field of study, reviewing articles, and assessing digital sources

Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, Fall 2015

Research Assistant, RIKS (Research Institute of Korean Studies), Korea University, Spring 2011-Spring 2012

Research Agenda: *Studying the System of Reproducing Knowledge and Intellectuals in the Chosŏn Dynasty during the Seventeenth to Eighteenth Centuries*

Responsibility: Participating in discussions, taking the minutes of monthly forums and annual conferences, and administrative assistance

Research Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Korea University, Spring 2011

Responsibility: Arranging research materials related to Korean Neo-Confucian tradition and administrative assistance

Research Assistant, ARI (Asiatic Research Institute), Korea University, Spring 2010

Research Agenda: *Transnational Space of Northeast Asia*

Responsibility: Participating in discussions, taking the minutes of monthly forums and annual conferences, and administrative assistance

Editorial Assistant, RIKS, Korea University, Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Responsibility: Participating in discussions, proofreading, and editorial help in publications

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

You, Soyoung. *Dasan Jeong Yagyong's Korean Restructuring of Confucian Learning: Toward the Exemplary Person of Self-Vigilance*. A work-in-progress book project.

You So-young 유소영, “Tasan ūi 『Chungyong』 haesŏk e issŏsŏ ‘yong’ ūi suyangnon jŏk ūimi jaego” 다산의 『중용』 해석에 있어서 ‘용庸’ 의 수양론적 의미 재고 [Reconsidering the Meaning of “Consistency” in Tasan’s Reading of the *Zhongyong* regarding the Self-Cultivation Theory]. *Tasanhak* 45 (December 2024), 173-220.

You, Soyoung, and Jaehoon Han. “The Neo-Confucian Concept of Ritual Propriety, Learning by Familiarization, and Genuine Knowledge.” *Review of Korean Studies* 25, no.1 (June 2022), 167-188.

Conferences and Presentations

- You, Soyoung. "Identity of Late Joseon Confucian Intellectuals and the Transformation of Knowledge: A Study on the Diversification of 'Su gi chi in' (Self-Cultivation and Governing Others) Paths and Yi Ik's Concept of 'Mul' (Things) from the Perspective of the History of Knowledge." *The Korean Philosophy Session (NAKPA) of the American Philosophical Association (APA) Eastern Division, Baltimore, January 2026*. Conference Presentation.
- You Soyoung 유소영. "Kaekkwon gwa tangwi e taehan yuhakchök kwannyöm üi chaep'yön: Söngho Yi Ik üi mul kwannyöm, küriigo chishig e taehan insik pyönhwa" 객관과 당위에 대한 유학적 관념의 재편: 성호 이익의 物 관념, 그리고 지식에 대한 인식 변화 [The Reconfiguration of Objectivity and Normativity in Confucian Thought: Söngho Yi Ik's Concept of *Mul* (Things) and Shifts in Epistemological Perspectives]. *Annual Summer Conference of the Korean Silhak Society, Seoul, August 2025*. Unpublished conference proceedings. Seoul, 2025. Print.
- You, Soyoung. "The Notions of Teachings and Learning in the Confucian Tradition and the Modern Concept of Religion." *The Annual NAKPA (North American Korean Philosophy Association) Conference; SNU (Seoul National University) Center for Religious Studies 2024 International Conference, Seoul, October 2024*. Conference Presentation.
- You Soyoung 유소영. "Yuhak chönt'ong esö söngin üi munje: Söngin i toel su innün pop'yön chögin kanüngsöng kwa kü sirhyön kanüngsöng" 유학 전통에서 성인의 문제: 성인이 될 수 있는 보편적인 가능성과 그 실현 가능성 [On the Sage: Between the Universality of Sagehood and the Feasibility of Being a Sage in the Confucian Tradition]. *The Second Annual International Forum on Korean Studies, Seoul, January 2023*. Unpublished conference proceedings. Seoul, 2023. Print.
- You, Soyoung. "Tasan's Theistic Confucian Turning in His Interpretation of Heaven: Comparing with the Thomistic Notion of God and Heaven in the (Neo-)Confucian Tradition." *Korean Studies Festival Conference, Seoul, January 2022*. Unpublished conference proceedings. Seoul, 2022. Print.
- You Soyoung 유소영. "Suballon üil t'onghae pon T'oegye üi i-ki söil chaego" 수반론을 통해 본 퇴계의 이기설 재고 [Rethinking Toe'gye's Theory of *Li-Qi* (理氣) Based on Supervenience Theory]. *Twentieth Annual Chinese Philosophy Association Conference, Seoul, February 2012*. Unpublished conference proceedings. Seoul, 2012. Print.
- _____. "T'oegye üi suyangnon esö mibal üi üimi" 퇴계의 수양론에서 미발(未發)의 의미 [The Meaning of *Weifa* in Toe'gye's Theory of Self-Cultivation]. *Reevaluation of Traditional Thoughts and Their Values in East-Asian Philosophy, Seoul, February 2009*. Unpublished conference proceedings. Seoul, 2009. Print.

Anderson Karlsson. "Jeong Yakyong's discussion on local clerks and the relevant legislation in the dynastic code: A comparison." *The 38th International Conference of Tasan Studies, Seoul, May 2024*. Unpublished conference proceedings. Seoul, 2024. Print.

Han, Jaehoon. "The Confucian Concept of *Li* 禮: The Transition from 'Worship Rituals' to 'Governance Norms.'" *The Review of Korean Studies* 23, no. 2 (December 2020), 63-83.

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Best Dissertation Award, Tasan Cultural Foundation, 2024

PEC (Program in Early Cultures) Top-Up Grant, Brown University, 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022

Graduate School Humanities and Social Sciences Advanced Student Fellowship, Brown University, 2020

Graduate School 2020 Summer Fellowship, Brown University, 2020

Doctoral Research Travel Award, Brown University, 2019

Manning Graduate Fellowship I, Brown University, 2014

Huayu Enrichment Scholarship, ROC (Taiwan) Ministry of Education, 2013

LG Yeonam Scholarships, LG Yeonam Cultural Foundation, 2011 and 2012

Korea Research Foundation Scholarships for Humanities, Korea Research Foundation, 2008 and 2009

Taedong Classic Research Center Scholarship, Hallim University, 2007

Best Honors Scholarship, Korea University, 2006

Honors Scholarship, Korea University, 2005

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATES

Language Training

Reading French in the Arts and Sciences, Brown University, Summer 2017

Modern Chinese language training, Brown University, Fall 2014-Spring 2015 and Spring 2017

Advanced Japanese reading for research, Brown University, Fall 2014

Modern Chinese language training, Mandarin Training Center, National Taiwan Normal University, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Classical Chinese reading seminars, Taedong Classic Research Center, Spring 2007-Spring 2008

Seminars and Workshops

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Soyoung You

RIKS-Young Scholars' Workshop on the Circulation of Knowledge in the Late Chosŏn Period,
Korea University, Fall 2022

RIKS-Young Scholars' Workshop on Tasan Studies, Korea University, Fall 2021

Mellon Interdisciplinary Workshop on "Compassion," Brown University, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Japanese Reading Seminar Series for Maruyama Masao (丸山眞男), RIKS, Korea University,
Fall 2009-Spring 2010

Chinese Classics Reading Seminar Series for *Reflections on Things at Hand* (*Jin si lu* 近思錄)
and *The Classic of the Heart-and-Mind* (*Xin jing* 心經), Department of Philosophy,
Korea University, Fall 2005-Fall 2007

Certificate

Sheridan Teaching Seminar, Certificate I, Brown University, Fall 2018

LANGUAGES

Native Korean speaker

Foreign Languages

Fluent in both Chinese and Japanese

Superb in reading classical Chinese

REFERENCES

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