**Christopher Choi**

2021 W. Grace St.

Richmond, VA 23220

(201) 615-8041

cc5sf@virginia.edu

**EDUCATION**

2017-present Ph.D. Candidate in Religious Studies

*The University of Virginia* (*Charlottesville, VA*)

**Committee:** Paul Dafydd Jones (advisor); Kai Parker; Jennifer Geddes; Asher Biemann

2016 Master of Divinity

*Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ)*

2013 Bachelor of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies, Summa Cum Laude

*Nyack College (Nyack, NY)*

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Modern Christian and Jewish Thought; Philosophy of Religion; Black Studies; Apocalypticism; Carceral Studies

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Union Presbyterian Seminary (*Charlotte, NC*)

Instructor of Record – History of Christianity from Reformation to Present (Spring

2024)

The University of Virginia *(Charlottesville, VA)*

Teaching Assistant – Religion, Ethics, & Environment (Spring 2023); Early

Christianity & the New Testament (Fall 2022); Jerusalem (Spring 2019); Elements

of Christian Thought (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

Kachin Theological Seminary *(Myitkyina, Myanmar)*

Visiting Lecturer – Systematic Theology (Summer 2015); English Writing (Summer 2015)

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

2023 “‘The Microscope of Friendship’: Schleiermacher’s Political Theology of Jewish

Emancipation” (forthcoming). Annual American Academy of Religion Conference (San Antonio, TX)

2023 “’The Microscope of Friendship’: Schleiermacher’s Political Theology of Jewish Emancipation.” Page-Barbour Workshop: Myth Modernity and the Sacred, Questions of Power and Authority (Charlottesville, VA)

2023 “‘The Beast from the Abyss’: Karl Barth, State Violence, and Abolition.” Annual

Karl Barth Conference: Karl Barth & The Political at Princeton Theological

Seminary (Princeton, NJ)

2022 “Sounding the Alarm: Karl Barth and the Task of Critique.” Conference co-organized by the Catholic Academy of Berlin and the Virginia Center for the Study of Religion: “Figures of Authority” (Berlin, Germany)

2021 Respondent to paper presented at the Political Theology Network’s Winter Virtual Workshop Series: “The Politics of Death and Life” (Virtual)

2018 “The Grounds for Thinking Otherwise: A Rhetorical Reading of Critique in ‘The Concept of Enlightenment.” Conference organized by Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

2018 “Out of Dissonance: Theological Reflections on the Rhetoric of Karl Barth and James Cone.” Annual Karl Barth Conference: Karl Barth & The Future of Liberation Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ)

**FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

2021-2022 Fellow for Religion and Culture of Democracy Workshop. Co-sponsored by the Catholic Academy of Berlin and the Virginia Center for the Study of Religion (Berlin, Germany and Charlottesville, VA)

2020 Teaching Relief Fellowship. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The University

of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

2018-2022 Rachel Winer Manin Fellowship of Jewish Studies, The University of Virginia

(Charlottesville, VA)

2017 Page-Barbour Workshop Grant ($15,000) for Virginia Graduate Conference, “An

Age of Extremism?” (Charlottesville, VA)

2017 AAR Regional Development Grant ($2000) for Virginia Graduate Conference

“An Age of Extremism?” (Charlottesville, VA)

**ORGANIZING**

2023 Organizer for bi-monthly dissertation writing workshop for the Department of Religious Studies at University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

2019 Co-organizer for Virginia Graduate Conference, “An Age of Extremism?” at the University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

2018 Organizer for Manuscript Workshop for Andrew Dole’s *On Religion: Speeches for the “Nones.*” The University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

**OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

2019-present Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Benjamin Bennett, The Department of

Germanic Languages & Literature, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

2019 Graduate Research Assistant for the Religion and its Publics Project, sponsored

by the Henry Luce Foundation, University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA)

2014-2016 Editorial Assistant for the Journal of Scottish Philosophy (Princeton, NJ)

**PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

2020 “Release the Captives: A Perspective on Christian Faith and Grassroots Organizing.” Public virtual event hosting a conversation with Yohance Whitaker, Richmond-based organizer with the Legal Aid Justice Center’s Civil Rights & Racial Justice Program (Virtual)

2020 “Christian Faith and Prison Industries.” Public virtual event hosting a conversation with Ashley Diaz-Mejias, co-founder of the Richmond Community Bail Fund. (Virtual)

2020 “Can Water Spring from Dry Land?.” Blog post for the Political Theology Network’s series “The Politics of Scripture.” Available at: <https://politicaltheology.com/can-water-spring-from-dry-land>

2019 “*Kritik* and Religion in German Intellectual History.” Annotated bibliography for public access on the Luce Religion and Its Publics website. Available at: <https://relpubs.as.virginia.edu/bibliographies/>

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

2019 Youth Education Director at Lord Jesus Korean Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) (Richmond, VA)

2016-2017 ESL and Orientation Volunteer at the Interfaith Refugee Ministries (New

Bern, NC)

2015-2016 Advocacy Liaison for the Asian American Association at Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ)

2014-2015 Co-Moderator of the International Students and Friends Network at Princeton Theological Seminary (Princeton, NJ)

2012 -2013 Writing Consultant at the Nyack College Writing Center (Nyack, NY)

**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Korean (fluent); German (proficient); French (reading knowledge); Biblical Hebrew (reading knowledge); Koine Greek (reading knowledge)