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Elizabeth (Lisa) Sung, Ph.D., is a **systematic theologian** and a **spiritual director**. She is **Theologian-in-Residence at The InterVarsity Institute**, and teaches theology courses for seminaries and graduate schools in North America and Asia, including **Regent College** (Vancouver, BC, Canada); **Northeastern Seminary** (Rochester, NY); **Nashotah House** (Nashotah, WI); the **Institute of Biblical Studies** (Orlando, FL); **Guangdong Union Theological Seminary** (China); **Fujian Theological Seminary** (China); and **Shandong University** (China). She also is Affiliate Scholar at the **James Houston Centre for Humanity and the Common Good** (Vancouver, Canada); and Visiting Researcher at the **University of Saint Mary of the Lake** (Mundelein, IL). *In both academic and ministry contexts, she teaches theology to foster the lived reality of personal integrity and flourishing in Christ as the catalyst for missional living, in a framework explicitly reconnecting systematic theology to spiritual formation, moral transformation, and world service.*

Her specializations are theological anthropology (especially personhood and identity; and race, ethnicity and culture) and soteriology (sanctification and spiritual formation as related to character development). Currently, she is writing two books: *Race, Racism, and Christian Moral Identity*; and a book on the Christian doctrine of humanity, addressing contemporary issues as well as traditional ones. She teaches classes, speaks, and serves as a consultant on a variety of topics for churches, conferences, and professional development workshops.

She has served as Scholar-in-Residence at Regent College (Vancouver); the first Protestant scholar to hold the Chester & Mary Paluch Chair of Theology at Mundelein Seminary, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at the largest Catholic seminary in the U.S.; and Associate Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, where she taught for nine years, received the “Faculty of the Year” award, and pioneered student covenant groups singularly focused on spiritual formation. Her dissertation (2011) is titled “‘Race’ and Ethnicity Discourse and the Christian Doctrine of Humanity: A Systematic Sociological and Theological Appraisal.”

Drawing on mentoring experience in vocational ministry, and as a spiritual director, she accompanies persons in discernment, teaches at conferences, and leads group retreats. Previously, she served with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship as a theological consultant, and as a campus minister with University of Chicago graduate students and with undergraduate chapters at Michigan State University and Hillsdale College. She also served as the first Director of Contemporary Worship at First Presbyterian Church (River Forest, IL).

Christianity Today profiled her in “Ten New or Lesser Known Female Theologians Worth Knowing”: www.christianitytoday.com/women/2018/june/10-new-or-lesser-known-female-theologians-worth-knowing.html

The Global Church Project named her among “18 Asian Female Theologians You Should Know About”: www.theglobalchurchproject.com/18-asian-female-theologians

Women in the Academy and Professions featured her in an interview: “A Call to Unity in Christ: An Interview with Lisa Sung.” podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-call-to-unity-in-christ-an-interview-with-lisa-sung

MINISTRY SPECIALIZATIONS

THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP for the CHURCH: Addressing Contemporary Societal Issues*

- **Conference Speaker, Workshop Presenter, Teacher, Consultant:** presentations, workshops, teaching series, e.g., “Race, Racism, & Biblical Christianity”; “Personhood, Dignity & Flourishing”; “Culture & Character” (see topics below)
- **Writer:** completing *Race, Racism, and Christian Moral Identity* and a book on the Christian doctrine of humanity

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & SPIRITUAL DIRECTION*

- **Lecturer:** “Rethinking the Kingdom of God, Christ’s Ministry & Christians’ Transformation”: youtu.be/ev-SK1ZdhEk
- **Retreat Speaker:** teaching theology & guiding church, faculty, & graduate student groups in central spiritual practices
- **Spiritual Director:** accompaniment, supporting personal growth & discerning God’s will: www.vimeo.com/454066685

* References available by request

TEACHING THEOLOGY: Cultivating Integrity, Wholeness, & Discernment for Missional Living

• Seminary Courses*

- Race, Ethnicity, and the Doctrine of Humanity – *Nashotah House (Nashotah, WI)*
- The Christian Doctrine of Humanity - *Regent College (Canada); Shandong University & Hunan University (China)*
- Race, Racism, and Christian Identity - *Regent College (Canada)*
- Theological Anthropology: Reality, “The Good Life,” & the Good Person – *Regent College (Canada); Guangdong Union Theological Seminary (China); Fujian Theological Seminary (China)*
- Theology and Spiritual Formation (DMin course) – *Northeastern Seminary (Rochester, NY)*
- “Race,” Racism, & Christian Identity & Ministry – *Mundelein Seminary*
- Theology & Social Science (DMin Seminar) – *Mundelein Seminary*
- History of Christian Thought, 1500-1900 (STL seminar) – *Mundelein Seminary (Mundelein, IL)*
- Theological Anthropology (PhD Seminar) – *Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Deerfield, IL)*
- Global Theologies (PhD and DMin Seminar) - *TEDS*
- Theology I: Introduction to Theology - *TEDS*
- Theology II: Christ, Humanity, Sin, Salvation - *TEDS*
- The Uses of Scripture in Theology - *TEDS*
- Cultural Hermeneutics: Exegeting Word & World - *TEDS*
- Personhood in Philosophy, the Sciences, & Theology - *TEDS*
- Models of Sanctification & Spiritual Formation: Personal Transformation in Union with Christ - *TEDS*
- Biblical & Theological Anthropology: “Race,” Ethnicity, Nationality - *TEDS*

• Parachurch Ministries – Staff Training Courses*

- Humanity, Christ, & Salvation – *Cru Institute of Biblical Studies (seminary course: national staff training)*
- Christian Worldview – *Cru Institute of Biblical Studies (seminary course: national staff training)*
 - I: Major Worldviews Compared II: Understanding Race & Ethnicity for Life & Ministry
- Scripture, Hermeneutics, & Biblical Theology - *InterVarsity Staff (Area Teams; Regional Teams)*
- Women in Ministry: A Case Study in Hermeneutics – *InterVarsity Staff (Regional Teams; National Conferences)*
- Culture, “Race,” & Ethnicity & the Kingdom of God – *InterVarsity Staff (Regional Teams; National Conferences)*
 - I: Ethnic and Cultural Diversity & Unity in Theological Perspective
 - II: Implications for Identity Formation, Discipleship, Ministry, & Mission

• Churches, Conferences, Professional Development Workshops – Presentations and Series*

- Human Dignity: Ethical Issues Confronting Christians in the Next Ten Years – *ApologeticsCanada 2020*
- Right of Conscience – *Dallas Theological Seminary and Christian Medical & Dental Association Conference, Dallas*
- Culture & Character Formation: A Theological Framework – *Faculty Workshop, Trinity Western Univ., Canada*
- Cultural Diversity & Spiritual Formation – *Staff Workshop: Student Life Division, Trinity Western Univ., Canada*
- What Do Race and Ethnicity Have to Do with Being a Christian? – *ApologeticsCanada 2020*
- Race and Personhood – *Regent College Symposium, “Theology of the Person,” Vancouver, BC, Canada*
- Race & Ethnicity in Light of the Biblical Vision of Humanity – *Faculty Workshop, Mundelein Seminary*
- Beyond “Colorblindness”? Race-Cognizance & Intercultural Intelligence – *Masterclass, Mundelein Seminary*
- Race, Racism, Racialized Society: Updating Our Analytical Framework – *Christian Legal Society, Chicago*
- Faculty Course: Thinking Theologically about Racism – *The Veritas Forum & InterVarsity Faculty Ministry*
- Race, Racism, & Biblical Christianity (6-week Adult Education course) – *First Presbyterian Church, River Forest*
- Race & Racism: A Biblical & Theological Perspective – *Chinese Christian Union Church, Chicago*
- Nurturing Pursuit of Racial Justice & Equity in Congregational Life – *Christ Church Presbyterian, Chicago*
- Understanding Racism-Related Challenges Asian Americans Face – *The National Presbyterian Church, D.C.*
- Rethinking the Kingdom of God, Christ’s Ministry, & Christians’ Transformation – *Regent College, Canada*
- Christian “Love” in Theological Perspective – *The STEAM Lecture Series, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio*
- Christ, Spiritual Disciplines & Personal Transformation -2020 Symposium for Christian Worship: The Calvin Center
- Spiritual Formation: Pursuing Transformative Friendship with God – *Grace Anglican Fellowship, Lake Forest*
- Jesus Christ, Divine & Human? Why Christian Doctrine Matters – *Zion Harvest Church, Woodstock*
- Women in Ministry – *First Presbyterian Church, River Forest; Chinese Christian Union Church, Chicago*
 - I: Biblical & Theological Perspectives II: Diverse Positions & Their Practical Implications
- “One Holy Catholic & Apostolic Church”? Doctrinal Unity & Diversity - *Grace Anglican Fellowship, Lake Forest*
 - I: The Early Church - Middle Ages II: Distinctive Doctrines of the Reformation & Post-Vatican II Relations
- Catholics & Evangelicals Today – *Chinese Christian Union Church, Chicago; 2020 Symposium for Christian Worship*

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