

## Biography for Professor Adam R. Lee

Adam Lee is currently an assistant professor of English at Concordia University. In 1995, after completing his MA in English, he moved to South Korea for nine years where he taught university English, conducted teacher training programs, and held various offices for Korea TESOL. In 2003 he coauthored an EFL conversation textbook for college students called *English Reloaded*. Since coming to CUI in 2004 he has taught courses in



Literary Criticism, World/Postcolonial Literatures, Modern Novel, Creative Nonfiction Writing, Journalism, and Second Language Acquisition. He has also conducted workshops on Models of Instruction to educators from Shenzhen, Shanghai, and Tokyo. In his seven visits to China, Professor Lee lectured on teaching methods, visited more than 50 schools and language institutes, and observed many lessons by Chinese and native-speaker teachers of English. During the past twelve years he has traveled through more than sixty countries on five continents, studying culture, education and visiting many schools across the globe. Most recently he taught an intense MA TESOL course in Second Language Acquisition at a university in Mongolia in January 2008.

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC HISTORY

Master of Arts Degree in English, December 1994

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota

Served as the elected Representative to the Faculty Graduate Committee. Awarded a Teaching Internship for Freshman English 111. Wrote Masters Essay “*Deus Ex Poetica: Toward a Christian Aesthetics*,” a study on the use and manipulation of Biblical archetypes in the stories of James Joyce and Flannery O’Conner.

Other research papers include “Imagery and Revision in Edward Taylor,” “Spiritual Paralysis in Joyce’s ‘Eveline’,” “Christ-figures in the Novels of Charles Dickens,” “A Biblical Archetypal Study in the *Divine Epigrams* of Richard Chashaw,” “The Doctrine of Feigned Humility in *Invisible Man* and *David Copperfield*,” “James Joyce and Blake’s *The*: ‘A Little Cloud’ and ‘Clay’ as Structural Counterparts,” “The Spectrum of Displacement in Flannery O’Conner,” and “Expressive and Academic Discourse: The Dichotomous Illusion and Quest for Definition.”

Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, December 1992

Concordia University, Irvine, California

Served as Editor-in-Chief of Student Newspaper, Student Vice-President (Elect), and Concert Choir Chaplain. Graduated Summa Cum Laude and was awarded a Faculty Merit Scholarship and the Senior Department Award for English Writing. Participated in student senate, student life board, student newspaper, concert choir, outreach mission teams, and acted in the drama *The Actor’s Nightmare*.

Certificate in Biblical Studies, May 1990

Association Free Lutheran Bible School (AFLBS), Plymouth, Minnesota

Served as Student Body Chaplain and president of Concert Choir. Participated in Concert Choir, weekend gospel teams, and the summer music/ministry team Sonlife (1989, 1990).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Concordia University** - Irvine, CA

Assistant Professor of English

Jan 2005 - present

Taught courses including Postcolonial Literature (ENG 383), World Literature (ENG 381), Modern Novel (ENG 385), Literary Criticism (ENG 371), Themes in Literature (ENG 201), Creative Nonfiction Writing (WRT 329), Writing and Research Honors (WRT 102H), Theory and Practice of Journalism (COM 222), Pedagogy of Second Language Acquisition (MAIS 521), English Teaching Practicum (MAIS 591, 592).

- April 2008 – Faculty Mentor for Presidential Academic Showcase Tier II - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner
- May 2007 – visited Urawa Lutheran School in Japan with a Faculty Development Program
- April 28-29, 2007: Performed Brahms' *Ein deutsches requiem* with CUI's Master's Chorale.
- April 25, 2007: Essays by six writing students published in the *Aerie* literary journal.
- Dec 15, 2006 – Jan 13, 2007: Visited Shanghai/Hangzhou to observe and assess 27 English lessons taught by CUI's MAIS grad students (in preschool, kindergarten, primary, secondary, and business colleges). Visited 14 schools in Shenzhen to meet with principals and teachers, observed lessons, Q&A forums with students, held discussions with English teaching faculty. Met and spoke with 190 CUI alumni from the Shenzhen Teacher Exchange Program.

Served on faculty committees and other positions:

- China Initiatives Committee (February 2008 – present)
- Writing Assessment Committee (Spring 2008)

- Faculty Advisor for *Concordia Courier* (January 2008 – present)
- Academic Advisor for ELS Students (Spring 2007)
- Taskforce on Lutheran Higher Education in Asia (April - November 2007):  
Visit to China in Oct 2007 to visit potential institutional models and partners.
- Faculty judge for Presidential Academic Showcase, Tier One (April 2007).
- Faculty Supervisor for mission trip to Guatemala with 14 students (Mar 2–12, 2007)
- Reading/Discussion Group on Arthur Holmes' *Idea of a Christian University* (Faculty Rep in Spring 2007, Group Organizer and Leader in Fall 2007)
- Program and Policy Review Board (Spring 2005 – Spring 2008)

Instructor, Shenzhen Teacher Exchange Program July 2004 – Dec 2005

Taught Western Models of Instruction (AEDU 302 & 402) for six cohorts of teachers from China (247 teachers). Introduced learner portfolios, self and peer-assessments, CALL, webquests, and learner-centered PowerPoint activities. Supervised local school observations (visited and observed lessons at 40+ elementary, middle and high schools), educational resource trips, cooperative-learning study groups, and intercultural events. Organized extra-curricular experiential-learning activities and events. Developed final assessments involving cooperatively prepared and taught lessons according to California Standards. Organized events and presentations in conjunction with other campus international and ministry groups.

Jan – Feb 2005: Visited Shenzhen, China for two weeks as a representative of Concordia University. Observed 18 lessons in 23 Shenzhen secondary and primary schools. Participated in eleven Q&A forums with Chinese teachers, participated in Q&A forums with Chinese primary and secondary students, and gave special seminars on instructional models to district groups of Chinese teachers of English. Conducted follow-up and gathered feedback from CUI program alumni.

**Kunsan National University** - Gunsan, Republic of Korea

Mar 2002 – June 2004

Visiting Professor, English Language and Literature Department

Directed two sophomore teams which won prizes at the Jeolla English Drama Festival (2002, 2003). Participated in annual weekend retreats with English Department students. Traveled to Guam with senior students for their graduation trip (2003). Taught courses including English Conversation 1 (General Education), Life English (General Education), English Listening (Freshmen), English Conversation 2 (Sophomores), Studies in Spoken English (Graduate School of English Education), Elementary School Teachers Training Program (August 2002 & 2003). Taught supplementary classes in the university's Language Education Center using authentic English materials/videos, current events articles and learner-centered PowerPoint activities.

**Sohae College** - Gunsan, Republic of Korea

Mar 1998 - Feb 2002

Visiting Professor, English Communication Department

Served as supervising editor for the student English newspaper. Organized and led an English Bible Study club which met twice a week and went on weekend retreats twice a semester. Directed two English Clubs which won prizes at the Jeolla English Drama Festival (1999, 2000). Participated in annual weekend retreats with English Department students. Organized and held annual English Story Telling contests for provincial high school students. Taught courses including English Composition 1 and 2, English Debate, English Conversation 1 and 2, Public Speaking in English, Current English, Elementary English Teaching Methods, English for Tourism Purposes, and a Kindergarten Teachers Training Program.

**Chonbuk National University** - Jeonju, Republic of Korea

Nov 1995 - Nov 1997

Full-time Instructor, English Literature Department & Language Education Center

Volunteered as a teacher for an English Bible Study club in the English Education Department. Founding member of the Antioch English Worship Ministry for foreign teachers and South-East Asian laborers near the campus. Taught courses including English Practice 1: American Short Story, English Practice 2: Understanding American Literature, English Conversation 1, 2 and 3, High School Teacher Training Programs and Middle School Teachers Training Programs.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*English Reloaded*, Compass Publishing, 2003 (co-written with Phil Owen).

An English conversation textbook for Korean university freshmen, constructed around task-based activities and self-assessment, 155 pages.

“Freudian Entrepreneur” and “(a round of golf).” 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award for poetry. *Under Construction*. Winter/Spring 1993.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Jeolla Korea TESOL Regional Conference, Chosun University, Gwangju City, April 17, 2004

Conference Presentation: Modeling EFL Activities with Power Point

North Jeolla Korea TESOL Chapter Conference, Jeonju University, Jeonju City, December 13, 2003

Conference Presentation: Board Free: Using Power Point to Model EFL Activities

Jeolla Korea TESOL Regional Conference, Chosun University, Gwangju City, April 19, 2003

Conference Presentation: Expressing Preferences with 'Thumbs Up' Conversation Cards

Jeolla Korea TESOL Chapter Conference, Jeonju University, Jeonju City, May 11, 2002

Conference Presentation: What's Cooking?: Task-based Activities Using Recipes

Jeolla Korea TESOL Chapter Conference, Jeonju University, Jeonju City, May 2000

Conference Presentation: Scatological Pedagogy in the EFL Classroom

## **SPECIAL LECTURES, SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS**

Mongolia International University (Ulaanbaatar):

Theory of Second Language Instruction - MA TESOL intensive class (Jan 2008)

Shanghai Normal University (China):

Models of Instruction to graduate students (Dec 2006)

Tianhua College (Shanghai, China):

Models of Instruction to English faculty (Dec 2006)

American Culture of Education to English Department students (Dec 2006)

Concordia University Irvine:

Models of Instruction to teachers from Xiangshan Arts School, Shanghai (Aug 2006)

Models of Instruction to teachers from Urawa Lutheran School, Tokyo (Aug 2007)

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## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

California TESOL (2004 – present)

Attended CATESOL Orange County Chapter Conference (Oct 2004, Nov 2005).

Korea TESOL (1998 – 2004)

Held the offices of Treasurer (2004), Secretary (2000, 2001, 2002), and created the Jeolla KOTESOL website as Webmaster (2000, 2001). Served on the planning committee for the Jeolla Korea TESOL Regional Conference (2000, 2001, 2002, 2004). Served on the planning committee for the Jeolla English Drama Festival (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003). Attended Korea TESOL National Conferences (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003). Attended and helped organize 18 monthly chapter conferences.

Conference of Christianity and Literature (1994 – present)

Attended Western Regional Conference – Pepperdine University (March 2006)

Comparative Literature (2006 – present)

Modern Language Association (2007 - present)

Creative Nonfiction Writing (2007 – present)

James Joyce Society (1994 – 1998)

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

Operation Mobilization (OM) Korea, 2002. Taught “English for Missions Purposes” and led an English Bible study for Koreans requiring English training before going abroad as missionaries with OM.

World Cup 2002 Korea/Japan. Taught a 10-week Saturday class for citizen volunteers working with Jeonju city tourism during the World Cup games.

*DULOUS* Missionary Ship (OM), Gunsan City Port 2001. Taught Korean volunteers “English for Ministry Purposes” for two months to prepare them for their liaison work between the ship and the local community.

Jeonju International Film Festival, May 2001. Volunteered as the official English Advisor for the program booklet, press releases, and website.

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Traveled by backpack through 63 countries on six continents. Studied Korean and Spanish languages, currently studying Chinese. Literary interests in contemporary Asian and Middle-Eastern literatures, and areas where Christianity and literature intersect. Studied green tea production and various tea ceremonies. Designed and maintained websites for personal, class and organizational use. Participated in a variety of choirs (baritone) and bands (cornet). Appeared in dozens of programs for Korean Broadcasting Systems (KBS) as an actor and reporter.

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