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Seminary appoints Dr. Eugene Park as Dornsife Chair of New Testament

San Anselmo, Calif., Jan. 19 – San Francisco Theological Seminary President Phil Butin appointed Dr. Eugene Eung Chun Park as the first occupant of the Dana and Dave Dornsife Chair of New Testament.

Dana and Dave Dornsife of Pleasanton, Calif., donated \$2 million in December to establish the endowed chair at the historic Presbyterian seminary in Marin County.

Butin recognized Park's dedication to helping students understand the New Testament as they prepare for a lifetime of ministry.

"Dr. Park has an international reputation as a distinguished scholar of the New Testament, together with a profound commitment to prepare students as pastors and teachers for the church," Butin said. "We are thrilled Dr. Park will be the first Dana and Dave Dornsife Professor of New Testament."

Park came to SFTS in 1996 as an assistant professor and was promoted to full professor in 2005.

Prior to joining the SFTS faculty, Park served as an assistant professor of New Testament at Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea. He earned his bachelor's degree from Seoul National University in 1981 and his master's of divinity degree from Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul in 1984.

Park received a Sacred Theology Master's degree from Yale Divinity School in 1986 and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1991.

Dr. Jana Childers, dean and vice president of academic affairs, said Park represents the kind of teacher and scholar that a seminary needs.

"Dr. Park is a scholar who embodies the best of teaching and a teacher who is accomplished at the highest levels of scholarship. We could not be prouder of him," Childers said. "His installation into the Dana and Dave Dornsife Chair in New Testament represents a wonderful moment for the Seminary and an appropriate honor for Dr. Park."

The Dornsife's could not be more pleased with Park's selection for the endowed chair.

"Eung Chun and his wife Young-Hee have become personal friends of ours," Dornsife said. "We can truly say that we have the utmost respect for Eung Chun and are just thrilled he will be the first chair holder."

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