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SFTS hires new professor at Pasadena campus

San Anselmo, Calif., Dec. 15 – San Francisco Theological Seminary has hired Dr. Charlene Jin as its new director of student formation and assistant professor of Christian education at the Southern California campus.

Jin has most recently been serving as the director of Christian education at San Marino (Calif.) Community Church. She has previously served in various education and leadership capacities at churches in Richmond, Va., Anaheim, Calif., and Los Angeles.

She earned her Ph.D. in Christian education from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Va., where she won the Sara Little and Will Kennedy Dissertation Award for her research on reconceptualizing Christian education through autobiography.

Jin also earned a master's degree in education from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree in political science from University of California Irvine.

Fluent in Korean, Spanish and French, Jin's research interests include feminist pedagogy, curriculum theory, culture and education, narrative studies and models of teaching and learning.

Dr. Judy Yates Siker, vice president of SFTS at the Southern California campus, said the Seminary is delighted to have Jin join the faculty.

"Dr. Jin brings a variety of gifts of talents and will be an invaluable part of our community," Siker said.

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