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**ILIFF WELCOMES DR. GIRIM JUNG AS VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF  
COMPARATIVE RELIGION AND CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGIES AND LOUISVILLE  
INSTITUTE POST-DOCTORAL FELLOW**

DENVER, CO. – The Iliff School of Theology ([www.iliff.edu](http://www.iliff.edu)) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Girim Jung as Visiting Assistant Professor of Comparative Religion and Contextual Theologies and Louisville Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow, effective October 1.

Dr. Jung, whose appointment is for two academic years, received his doctorate in Comparative Theology/Philosophy from the Claremont School of Theology, California, in 2019. He is also a graduate of Rutgers University (Bachelor of Arts) and Yale Divinity School (Master of Divinity).

A second-generation Korean American born in Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Jung was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Felician University in New Jersey. At Iliff, he will be teaching courses in the areas of comparative religion and contextual/constructive theologies.

“Dr. Jung’s appointment further expands our already strong comparative religion course offerings, and his transoceanic approaches to religious and theological studies with deep commitment to social and racial justice will be immensely helpful in the leadership formation of our students,” said Iliff Faculty Dean Rev. Dr. Boyung Lee.

As an academic, Dr. Jung specializes in Comparative Religion and Comparative Philosophy with a particular focus on East Asian Buddhism, Black Atlantic traditions, and Decolonial Thought. His Ph.D. research and dissertation focused on the archipelagic thinking to decolonize comparative religious and cultural studies by taking a transoceanic approach linking the Black Atlantic to the Asia Pacific. It also looked at Black and Asian political solidarities and the resonances between Black Atlantic thought and Huayan Buddhist philosophy.

“I am excited to join Iliff as it works towards reframing theological education and realizing a more diverse community through its 50in5 initiative,” said Dr. Jung.

Dr. Jung has been involved with the NYC DSA’s Afrosocialist & Socialists of Color Caucus and Religion and Socialism Working Group.

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