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Current research interests for Dr. Yoo within the history of Christianity in the United States include the expansion of the American foreign missionary enterprise, the formation of immigrant religious communities, the religious cultures of the American South, the Presbyterian experience, and the transnational encounter between American and Korean Protestants across both nations.

Education:

- PhD, Emory University
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- MDiv, Westminster Theological Seminary
- BSE, University of Pennsylvania

Denomination: Presbyterian Church (USA)

Publications

The Presbyterian Experience in the United States: A Sourcebook. In production. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press., 2017, book

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“Collaborative Leadership Patterns: Looking to our Past,” The Presbyterian Outlook., 2014, article
“Embracing the Margins,” The Presbyterian Outlook, November 3, 2014, online

Course offered at Big Tent in St. Louis, MO

Presbyterian History, Racial Reconciliation, and the Most Segregated Day of the Week—Seigle L002 Join two church historians providing relevant primary source materials and sharing insightful lessons from the past that explain who we are as a church in the present and help guide our future steps. They will identify faithful moments of Presbyterian ministry and witness as well as address historical realities and challenges, and invite everyone to collaboratively reflect on past reforms, refine present initiatives, and reimagine future ministries. Setting the context for the contemporary conversation of a predominantly-white (91 percent) PC(USA) seeking to become diverse, this workshop explores how our congregations and denominations understood and interpreted different waves of new immigrants and refugees, the civil rights movement, and ministries on racial ethnic representation throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Led by William Yoo, assistant professor of American Religious and Cultural History, Columbia Theological Seminary, and the Reverend Beth Shalom Hessel, executive director of the Presbyterian Historical Society and Associate Stated Clerk, OGA.