



# COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP

## MEET THE 2024 RECIPIENT: LAURA JEON



Laura is a dual degree student in Columbia's Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Practical Theology programs. "Believing in a divine calling through my musical and theological background, I am enthusiastic about combining the knowledge gained from studying the Bible and my musical expertise," she said."

A native of South Korea, Jeon's family moved to Hawaii when she was 16 after her father received a call from a Korean immigrant church there. Piano was a love of hers as she went on to earn a bachelor's degree in piano performance at the Eastman School of Music in New York, a master's degree at the New England Conservatory of Music, and a doctorate at the University of Washington.

Theology plays an equally significant part of her life as well, just as it does for her husband, Samuel Byun, who is currently in the pastoral education process with PC (USA). Along with her studies, she is the Director of Worship Arts and Choral Music at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.

"Receiving the CFC scholarship was a profound blessing, affirming that God provides assistance for my journey," she said. "I extend heartfelt gratitude to Columbia Friendship Circle for their support, acknowledging their vital role in enabling me to pursue God's call."

## Come See Columbia Day - 75th Anniversary!

Come back to Columbia to meet Laura, take classes from seminary professors, worship with Presbyterian Women and friends from across the Southeast, and reconnect with your regional Presbyterian Seminary! (Men are welcome too!)

We can't wait to welcome you (back) to Columbia, especially as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Presbyterian Women's contributions to the students and mission of Columbia Theological Seminary.

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