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BIOGRAPHY

Rev. Dr. Jennie Harrop is Associate Dean of George Fox Digital, an innovative branch of the university that houses accelerated online bachelor degrees, certificates, and industry partnerships. With more than 50 adjunct faculty and an adult degree program that is 35 years old, George Fox Digital provides experiential and transformational online learning experiences for the university's online students. Jennie has three terminal degrees – a PhD in English from the University of Denver, a Doctor of Ministry in Semiotics from Portland Seminary, and an MFA in Creative Writing from Colorado State University – as well as a BA in Journalism from Pacific Lutheran University. Jennie also serves as coordinator of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) for the university, Title IX deputy coordinator, faculty lead for the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) general education offerings, faculty liaison for English dual credit, and project faculty for Portland Seminary's Doctor of Leadership in Global Perspectives (DLGP).

In the 1980s and early 1990s, Jennie was a news and crime reporter for several newspapers, including the Chicago News Tribune, The Oregonian, and The Tacoma News Tribune. After transitioning from the newsroom to academia, she taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses at four universities prior to joining George Fox in early 2013. She has published a variety of essays, book reviews, articles, and short stories over the years, including six books in the past decade: *The Jesus Quotient* (2019); GFU's first free-access open textbook, *The Simple Math of Writing Well: Writing for the 21st Century* (2018); three children's books with Oxford University Press (2013); and *Angling for Repose: Wallace Stegner and the De-Mythologizing of the American West* (2010).

Jennie is an ordained Presbyterian minister serving as lead pastor of Cedar Creek Church in Sherwood, Oregon, a part-time bivocational position that blends well with her work at George Fox. Jennie also serves as a member of the board of directors for the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette, national ambassador for the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), and chaplain of BSA Troop 116. She enjoyed her first visit to Lahore, Pakistan, in 2023, and she looks forward to many more! She and her husband, Karl, are blessed with five teen and adult kids.



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