

**First Unitarian Universalist Society of San Francisco
Biographical Sketch and Personal Statement
(Board of Trustees)**

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Date you joined UUSF: 2003

Church activities, committees, or group involvement: Board of Trustees (Treasurer), Finance Committee, Investment Committee, BIPOC group, Women's Right's Group, UUSF COVID Advisory Committee.

Profession/career: Biotech Product Management (Sr. Manager at an international pharmaceutical discovery products testing company). MBA in Finance and Doctorate in Global Health. My career accomplishments include commercializing diagnostic and life science products and training laboratory professionals, in the US and Southeast Asia.

Other community, volunteer, or personal/professional experience you'd like to share: I served as the editor of Phoenix Rising, an early SF Bay Area Asian lesbian newsletter as well as one of the founders of Queer Sisters, a Hong Kong based organization that secured the first government grant to a LGBTQ organization in the 1990s for a suicide prevention hotline serving LBTQ women. Once a homeless orphan infant girl abandoned on the streets of Hong Kong, I immigrated to the U.S. and grew up in a family of modest means, yet became the first person in my immediate adoptive family to earn a college degree.

Why would you like to serve on the Board of Trustees, and how will it benefit our church community and/or the denomination? I want to strengthen the spiritual and financial health of our church community through activities which support racial diversity and inclusion. I believe that building a supportive religious community environment for People of Color enhances the long-term viability of UUSF.