

Curriculum Vitae
Rev. Aizaiah G. Yong, PhD

EDUCATION

Claremont School of Theology (Claremont, CA)

Ph.D. Practical Theology: Interreligious Education & Spiritual Formation, GPA: 3.95

Dissertation Title: “Living in the Compassionate Presence of Life: Spirituality & Care for Multi/racial Experience(s)”

Areas of comprehensive examinations & expertise:

- *Pastoral Theology & Spiritual Care*
- *Critical Race Studies*
- *Mysticism, Spirituality, & Contemplative Studies*
- *Intercultural/religious Education & Leadership*

Northwest University (Kirkland, WA)

Master of Arts in Theology and Culture, GPA: 3.77

Regent University (Virginia Beach, VA)

Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, GPA: 3.52

LANGUAGES

English: Advanced Knowledge

Spanish: Intermediate Speaker and Reader

Greek: Working knowledge

ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE, & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Claremont School of Theology (Claremont, CA)

Associate Dean of Students | Assistant Professor of Spirituality | Co-Director of Hybrid D.Min. Program In Spiritual Renewal, Contemplative Practice, & Strategic Leadership (SRCPSL) | Title IX Coordinator **2022-present**

- Oversee student affairs for over 250 students at premier interreligious graduate school headquartered in Southern California. As Dean of Students the areas within my portfolio include: spiritual and worship life, new student orientation, Title IX coordination, community engagement and care, academic writing support services, as well as career coaching services.
- As a faculty member, courses I teach are: (Taught via Intensive, Concurrent Hybrid, & Asynchronous Online formats):
 - *TSF 3008 Formation: Spiritual Practices (3 credits)*
 - *TCS 3000 Formation: Cultural Fluency (3 Credits)*
 - *TDP 4060 Research Seminar (4 credits)*
 - *TSF 4000 Contemplative Leadership & Personal Renewal (4 credits)*
 - *TSF 4000 Discernment Based Strategic Leadership (4 credits)*

Pacific School of Religion | Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA)

Assistant Professor of Practical Theology & Pastoral Care

2020-2022

- Featured as Distinguished GTU Faculty in the Areas of *Ethics and Leadership and Spiritual Care, Contemplative Practices, and Ritual.*
- Successfully created and co-facilitated inaugural community symposium called Academic Excellence Day featuring student and faculty presentations on the theme of spiritually rooted social transformation.
- Courses Taught (via in person, Concurrent Hybrid, & Asynchronous Online formats):
 - *SP 1000 An Introduction to Spiritual Formation: Exploring Practices that Awaken us to Life (1 credit)* in the Theological Education for Leadership Program
 - *SPFT 1082 Spiritual Formation Leadership (3 credits)*
 - *PSRS 3100 Who Cares? (Introduction to Spiritual and Pastoral Care-3 credits)*
 - *PS 1463 Empathy (1 credit)*
 - *PS 3377 Soulful Care for Unprecedented Times (Chaplaincy Track-3 Credits)*
 - *PS 3260 Spiritual Care for/with Marginalized Bodies (3 credits)*
 - *PSHM3005 Prophetic Preaching as Pastoral Praxis (1.5 credits)*
 - *SRC 9999 Devotion in Tibetan Buddhism: An exploration of Vajra Songs (3 credits)*
 - *SRC 8888 Trauma Informed Spiritual Leadership (4 credits)*

Academic Director of Ignite Institute

2020-2022

Ignite Institute is a digital convening platform intended to advance the flourishing of emerging QTBIPOC leaders committed to spiritually rooted social transformation. My roles included: serving as academic director, contributing as key member of the core grant writing team member which was successfully awarded \$5,000,000 from the Lilly endowment, being the inaugural podcast host with episodes being played and downloaded in over thirty countries and spanning three continents, digital content creator & curator, and core teaching faculty for newly launched leadership program: "Wisdom Based Leadership for Social Transformation." A few of the classes and workshops I created and taught include: *An Introduction to Contemplative Care, an introduction to Courageous Collaboration, The Practice of Solidarity, The Practice of Simplicity, The Practice of Solitude.*

Newbigin House of Studies (San Francisco, CA)

2020

Lecturer: "*Healing from Legacies of White Supremacy: Critical Race Theory and the Contemplative Mind*"

Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, CA)

Visiting Scholar of Practical Theology

2019-2020

Guest Lectures Invited:

- "Responding to Microaggressions with Presence and Care" at Santa Clara University

- “Strengthening Democracy Through Spirituality and Interculturality” at *Graduate Theological Union*
- “Slowing Down, Settling In, and Spreading Out: A Mystical Approach to Pastoral Theology & Care” at *Pacific School of Religion*

Director of Student Life and Leadership, (Renton, WA)
2015

2011-

As the sole staff member of this new undergraduate internship program, I oversaw the entire admissions process, commencement exercises, academic success, and student life programming including: new student orientation, residence life, spiritual formation retreats, student conduct, and served as overall program academic advisor.

Vanguard University (Costa Mesa, CA)

Assistant Director of Intercultural Life

2015-2018

Co-lead university wide diversity, equity, and inclusion leadership team. Launched inaugural liberating leadership training events and clubs on campus including: intercultural compassion retreat, peacemakers: a student group dismantling white supremacy, the MIX multiracial student group, and the intercultural leadership summit which became the annual training for all 150 student leaders serving the community.

Apartment Life (Anaheim, CA)

Community Co-Director

2013-2018

As regional leaders in this non-profit organization, we hosted and led weekly community building events focused on developing intercultural community among a predominantly low-income, BIPOC, and immigrant apartment community. We created and offered numerous training sessions to new teams on the topics of: intercultural community development, engaging religious diversity, and best practices on fundraising for social impact.

New Life Church (Renton, WA)

Teaching Pastor | Lead Pastor of Next Generation Ministries

2011-2016

Served on core teaching team rotation and preached sermons to a congregation of 4,000+ members on a bi-monthly basis. Oversaw youth and young adults ministry and launched several new programs focused on youth empowerment in historically marginalized neighborhoods of the city. Recruited and led monthly volunteer ministry training for 100 people. Ministry grew from around 125 students engaged to 300+ during my tenure.

MONOGRAPHS

1. "Trauma: Repairing the World" Co-authored with Amos Yong. Fortress Press, 2025. Under Contract.
2. "Multiracial Cosmotheandrim: A Practical Theology of Multiracial Experiences." Orbis Books, 2023. Received the 2022 International Raimon Panikkar Prize for the English Language. Endorsed by Javier Melloni, Ruben Habito, Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook, Soong-Chan Rah, Teddy Hickman-Maynard, and Robert Chao Romero.

EDITED BOOKS

1. *The Pulse of Life— Exploring the Power of Compassion in Transforming the World: Essays in Honor of Frank Rogers Jr.* Co-edited with Eric Kyle. Claremont Press, 2023.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Compassionate Inquiry and the Transformative Power of Compassion-Based Approaches in Research" in Kerri Clough and Bernadette Flanagan (eds.) *International Handbook of Research Methods in Spirituality and Contemplative Studies*. Routledge. 2024. Forthcoming.
2. "Skillful Means in Interreligious Compassion Education" in Special Issue on Compassion and Skillful Means, *Mindfulness*. 2023. Forthcoming.
3. "Introduction" and "'Everything is an Invitation': How the Compassion Practice Invites a Transformation of Contemporary Christian Spirituality" in *The Pulse of Life- Exploring the Transformative Power of Compassion: Essays in Honor of Frank Rogers Jr.* Claremont Press. 2023.
4. With Amos Yong. "The Inequitable Silencing of Many Tongues: Political, Economic, and Racialized Dimensions of the Pandemic in the Spirit-Empowered Movement in the USA Evangel for the 2020s." in Wonsuk Ma, Opoku Onyinah and Rebekah Bled, (eds). *The Pandemic and the Holy Spirit: From Lament to Hope and Healing*. Tulsa, OK: ORU Press, 2023.
5. With Nereyda Yong, "Parenting at Home: Reimagining Pastoral Theology During a Global Pandemic" in *eFeminist Study of Religion*, January 2022.
6. "Decolonizing Pastoral Care in the Classroom: An Invitation to a Pedagogy of Spirit Experience" in *Teaching Theology and Religion*, Volume 24, Issue 2. June 2021. Received "Top Downloaded Article Award (2021)" from the journal.
7. With Amos Yong, "Seeking Healing in an Age of Partisan Division: Reckoning with Theological Education and Resounding the Evangel for the 2020s" in Miguel De La Torre (Ed.) *Faith and Reckoning After Trump*. Orbis Books, 2021.
8. "Critical Race Theory Meets Internal Family Systems: Toward a Compassion Spirituality for a Multireligious & Multiracial World" in *Journal of Buddhist-Christian Studies*, Volume 40, November 2020.
9. "All Mixed Up: Multi/racial Liberation and Compassion-Based Activism" in *Religions, Special Issue on Racism and Religious Diversity in the United States*. Volume 11, Issue 8. August 2020.

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

1. With Yohana Junker, "To Bless the Space Between Us" in Wabash Center Teaching Blog, 2022.

2. “Experiencing Care Within: Introducing a Pedagogy of Sacred Connection for Teaching Pastoral Theology & Care” *Practical Matters*, Issue 14, 2021.
3. “Reading Scripture Together: A Spirit Led Guide into Ignatian Contemplation” in *PAX StoryArc Motion*. Issue 3. April 2021.
4. “Overcoming Social Demoralization Together: A Call for Communal Spiritual Care” in *Sharing the Practice; The Journal of the Academy of Parish Clergy*, December 2020.
5. “Multi/racial Experiences and the Many Tongues Within” in *PAX*. Issue 2. December 2020.
6. “Who Is My Neighbor?” in *Inheritance Magazine*, November 2020.
7. “Waiting for Salvation” in *Journey Through Advent Disciples Seminary Foundation Devotional*, November 2019.
8. “I am More than Half” in *Inheritance Magazine: Same, But Different*, Issue 65, November 2019.
9. “A Starter Guide to Student Activism” in *The Practicing Democracy Project*, 2019.
10. “A Facilitator’s Guide to Practicing Democracy in Community Contexts” in *The Practicing Democracy Project*, 2019.
11. “Challenges in Democracy: Centering Asian & Asian American Experiences” in *The Practicing Democracy Project*, 2019
12. “The Role of Compassion in Building Intercultural Relationships in a Multicultural Apartment Community” in *The Practicing Democracy Project*, 2019.
13. “Three Reflective Questions to Ask Before Posting on Social Media” in *The Practicing Democracy Project*, 2019.
14. “The Art of Practicing Democracy within Student Affairs” in *The Practicing Democracy Project*, 2019
15. “A Prayer for Comfort After Disasters” in *The Practicing Democracy Project*, 2019.

ENDORSEMENTS REQUESTED

1. Pocta, David, Ed. *The Future of Christian Spirituality—In Our Lives, In Our Churches, and In the Academy: Essays in Honor of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI*. Crossroad Publishing. 2022.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Finley, James. *The Healing Path: A Memoir and an Invitation*. (Orbis Books, 2023), *Religious Studies Review*, 2023.
2. Lizardy-Hajbi, Kristina and Floding, Matthew (eds.) *Explore: Vocational Discovery in Ministry*. (Rowman and Littlefield, 2022), *Journal of Anglican Studies*, 2023.
3. Ellison II, Gregory C., *Anchored in the Current: Discovering Howard Thurman as an Educator, Activist, Guide, and Prophet*. (Westminster John Knox, 2020), *Spiritus*, Volume 22, May 2022.
4. Phan, Peter and Young-chan, Ro, Eds. *Raimon Panikkar: A Companion to His Life and Thought*. (James Clarke & Co., 2018), *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 45, Issue 3, September 2019.

5. Rah, Soong Chan and Vanderpol, Gary, *Return to Justice: Six Movements That Reignited Our Evangelical Conscience*. (Brazos, 2016), *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 45, Issue 2, June 2019.
6. Lee, Barbara, *Tension in the Tank: Embracing Interfaith Mysticism without Leaving the Church*. (Resource Publications, 2014) *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 42, Issue 3, September 2016.

SELECTED PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, GUEST LECTURES, PODCAST APPEARANCES, & CONFERENCES

1. "Navigating Transitions in Cosmotheandric Wisdom" Invited Presenter at the 2023 International Raimon Panikkar Conference, Seoul, South Korea (2023)
2. "Inviting the Unfamiliar: Exploring Intersections between Practical Theology and Open/Relational Theology" at the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, (2023)
3. "The Unsung Radicality of Martin Luther King Jr." Invited respondent to Obery Hendricks at the 45th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture, Claremont, CA. (2023)
4. "From Certainty to Mystery" Invited Keynote at The Future of Faith Conference, San Francisco, CA. (2023).
5. "Guided by Surprise: Proposing a Contemplacostal Vision of Tending to Despair" at The Study of Christian Spirituality International Conference, Adelaide, Australia. (2023).
6. "Cosmotheandric spirituality, interculturality, and Raimon Panikkar" Invited Speaker for the Association for Practical Theology in Oceania, Brisbane, Australia. (2023).
7. "Skillful Means and Interreligious Compassion Training" Invited panelist on Compassion and Skillful Means, at The International Society of Contemplative Research, San Diego, CA. (2023).
8. "Inner & Outward Spirituality" Invited Keynote, Faith and Justice Network, San Francisco, CA (2022).
9. "On a Pedagogy of Contemplative Solidarity: Lessons in Navigating Collective Trauma in the Classroom" at The International Society of Contemplative Research, San Diego, CA. (2023).
10. "Finding Hope and Healing in the Unpredictable." Invited Keynote, Kansas and Oklahoma United Church of Christ Annual Conference, Wichita, KS, USA (2022).
11. "Multiracial Cosmotheandricism: A Practical Theology of Multiraciality Inspired by the Life, Philosophy, and Mysticism of Raimon Panikkar." Invited as Award Winner, International Raimon Panikkar Prize Celebration at the University of Girona, Girona, Spain. (2022).
12. "Where Can Water Be Found? A Call to Cultivating Tempiternal Communities." 10th Annual Raimon Panikkar Symposium at the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. (2022).
13. "Can We Be What We Are Looking For? A Call to Embracing and Recreating Multiple Worlds through the Practice of Radical Inter-in-dependence" Christian Spirituality Unit, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. (2022).
14. "After Awareness: Spiritual Perspectives on Healing Racialized Trauma," at Rosemead School of Psychology, La Mirada, CA. (2022).

15. "Leading From the Edge: An Introduction to Wisdom Based Leadership" at Inaugural Social Entrepreneurship Summit, Berkeley, CA. (2022).
16. "Paradigm Shift: Intercultural Communication for Equity, Justice, and Belonging," at Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University, CA. (2022).
17. "A Time for Passion, Presence, and Peace" at Pacific School of Religion Commencement, Berkeley, CA. (2021).
18. "Healing Oppression Through Contemplation" at Ignite Institute, Berkeley, CA. (2021).
19. "All of Us or None Of Us" A two-part series on the Intersections of Religion & Race in the USA on *Real Talk with Dumas* Podcast, Los Angeles, CA. (2021)
20. "Wisdom Based Leadership for Social Transformation: Contemplating Multiracial Leadership and the Need for Many Wisdoms," Association of Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, Boston, MA. (2021)
21. "Spiritualities for Our Time and the Emergence of Interspiritual Contemplative Traditions," Religion and Practice Seminar, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. (2021)
22. "Healing from Legacies of White Supremacy: Critical Race Theory and the Contemplative Mind," Newbiggin House of Studies, San Francisco, CA. (2021)
23. "Wisdom Based Leadership for Social Transformation," Ashoka Idea Exchange Conference, Durham, NC. (2021)
24. "Business that Cares: Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace" Santa Clara University, Levey School of Business, Santa Clara, CA. (2021).
25. "Wisdom Wednesdays" A 12 Part Digital Series for Ignite Institute, Berkeley, CA. (2020).
26. Featured Host of the first two seasons (16 episodes) of "Change Happens Now" Podcast, Ignite Institute, Berkeley, CA. (2020).
27. "Compassionately Present Leadership" Professional Development Webinar on the FLDWRK Professional Development Series, Fullerton, CA. (2020)
28. "Radical Presence to Racialized Suffering: Internal Family Systems and Critical Race Theory," Contemporary Expressions of Spirituality, Seattle University, Seattle, WA. (2020).
29. "Exploring Self-Compassion in Multiracial Identity Development" American Academy of Religion Western Region, Claremont, CA. (2020).
- 30.** "Contemplative Liberation & the Limits of Race," Annual Conference for the Association of Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, Amherst, MA. (2019).
31. "Contemplation, Nonviolence, & the Multi/racial Body (CNAM): A Radical Compassion Practice Toward Healing Race Relations," Christian Spirituality Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. (2019).
32. "Contemplative Liberation for the Multiracial Body," American Academy of Religion Western Region Conference, Phoenix, AZ. (2019).
33. "Disarming Defensiveness: How to Recognize, Relax & Resist Being Oppressive in Social Justice Education," NASPA: Spiritual, Secular, and Religious Identities. New Orleans, LA. (2018)
34. "Interreligious Approaches and Psycho-spiritual Practices Toward Racial Justice," Parliament of World Religions. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (2018).

35. "Critical Race Theory Meets Internal Family Systems: Toward a Compassion Spirituality for a Multireligious & Multiracial World," Society of Christian-Buddhist Studies at American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. (2018).
36. "An Intersectional Dialogue on Race: Overcoming Fear with the Truth," Seminar at Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA. (2018).
37. "Racial Consciousness & Radical Compassion," Race on Campus Conference, University of Redlands, Redlands, CA. (2018).
38. "Radical Consciousness Through Radical Compassion: How to Lead Ministries in Anti-Racism" Legacy Leadership Conference, Los Angeles, CA. (2018).
39. "The White Evangelical Church & Missio Dei: Intercultural Dialogue, Friendship, & the Possibility of Reconciliation," International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Berkeley, CA. (2018).
40. "Building Interreligious Relationships through Intra-religious Dialogue: Toward Partnerships in Community Engagement," International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, London, United Kingdom. (2017).
41. "An Intersession of Peace: A Multi-religious Invitation to Reconciliation & Restorative Justice," American Academy of Religion Western Region Conference, Rosemead, CA. (2017).
42. "Intercultural Compassion & Keys to Student Success," Academic Success Center, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA. (2017).

CONSULTATION + SERVICE

Forum for Theological Exploration

- Consultant for the Institutional Doctoral Network Project, 2023

American Academy of Religion,

- Christian Spirituality Unit, Invited member of the Steering Committee, 2022-2027

Religions

- Invited Peer Referee for Special Issue on Interreligious Dialogue, 2022
- Invited Guest Editor for Special Issue on Embodied & Relational Interreligious Spiritualities (declined), 2022

at Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA,

- Equity, Diversity, Justice, and Inclusion Committee, 2022-Present
- Community Life Committee, 2022-Present
- Activating Change Task Force, 2022-Present
- Executive Leadership Team, 2022-Present

at Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA

- Search Committee for Faculty in Black Church Studies & Director of Worship Life, 2021-2022
- Academic Curriculum Committee, 2021-2022
- Academic Excellence Day Planning Committee, 2021-2022

- Pathways to Tomorrow Strategic Team, 2021-2022
- Enrollment & Admissions Committee, 2021-2022
- Development Committee, 2020-2021
- Ignite Leadership Council, 2020-2022

Primary Advisor – Masters Theses, D.Min. Thesis Projects, and PhD Dissertations

- “Integrating Spirituality in Healthcare and Medicine” by Gary Ruelas, DMin, 2024
- “Staying at the Table: Assessing Moral Injury in Anti-racist Work” by Peter TeWinkle, DMin, 2023
- “Interreligious and Intersectional Organizing” by Patty Williams, DMin, 2024
- “A Practical Model of Disability Ministry; Developing a spiritual framework informed by the use of Adapted Ritual from other Faith Traditions.” by Stacia Duncan, MA, 2023
- “Womanist Social Change Through Art & Community” by Rise’ Jones, MA, 2022
- “Re/reading Worship, Power, and Genealogies in Acts 2” by Jacob Perez, MTS, 2021

Committee Member – Masters Theses, D.Min. Thesis Projects, and PhD Dissertations

- “Moral Injury, the Pandemic, and Reformed Liturgical Care” by Jordan Tarwater, DMin, 2023
- “Family Spiritual Formation in the Adventist Church” by Jon Clark, DMin, 2023
- “Mental Health and Christian Congregational Leadership” by Megan Snell, DMin, 2021

ACADEMIC AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- Travel Grant, Pacific Network for Mission Education (2023), \$750
- First Book Grant for Scholars of Color, Louisville Institute (2024), \$40,000
- Early Career Scholar Award, International Society for Contemplative Research Conference (2023), \$500
- Christian Parenting & Caregiving Initiative, The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries and Lilly Endowment (2023), \$930,000
- Early Career Faculty of Asian Descent Cohort, Wabash Center (2023), \$3,500
- Pedagogical Innovations Digital Fellowship Grant, Wabash Center (2023), \$2,500
- Scholarship, Intimacy from the Inside Out (2023), \$900
- Pathways to Tomorrow Phase 3, Lilly Endowment (2022), \$5,000,000
- Internal Family Systems Leadership Fellow, Foundation IFS (2022), \$8,000
- Engage Fellow, Spiritual Directors International (2022), \$300
- International Raimon Panikkar Prize 2022, Vivarium Foundation (2022), \$4,000
- Early Career Theological Faculty Hybrid Cohort, Wabash Center (2022), \$3,500
- Innovations in Chaplaincy Education Grant, Boston University, Chaplaincy Innovation Lab, + Wabash Institute (2021), \$1,875
- Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute Student Scholar (2019), \$1,250

- Contemplative Social Justice Scholar Award, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education (2019) \$1,250
- William and Dorothy Fisher Teaching Award, Claremont School of Theology (2019) \$1,000
- Hispanic Theological Initiative Dissertation Award, Princeton Theological Seminary (2019), \$25,000
- Practicing Democracy Project Fellow, Fetzer Institute + Spirituality & Practice (2019), \$13,000
- Scholarship, Mindfulness Leadership Summer Institute, New York University (2019), \$2,500
- William Gilbert & Florence Leonard Jones PhD Award, Higher Education & Leadership in The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (2019), \$1,000
- Religious Scholar Award, Church Mutual Insurance (2018), \$5,000
- Student Scholarship, Parliament of World Religions (2018), \$500
- Emerging Scholar Award, Interfaith Youth Core (2018), \$250
- Bishop Golden Social Justice Award, Claremont School of Theology (2018), \$1,000
- Graduate Student Paper Award, American Academy of Religion Western Regional Conference (2017), \$100
- Hershey Scholar, International Society of Contemplative Scholars (2016), \$250
- Hispanics & Theological Education Student Scholar, SMU Perkins School of Theology (2016), \$1,000
- Presidential Tuition Scholarship: Claremont School of Theology, Northwest University, & Regent University (2010-2020), \$125,000

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member, Association for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Life in Higher Education, 2022-Present
- Member, International Association of Management, Spirituality, and Religion, 2022-Present
- Member, International Society for Contemplative Research, 2022-Present
- Member, Association of Practical Theology, 2021-Present
- Member, Society of the Study of Christian Spirituality, 2020-Present
- Member, International Network of the Study of Spirituality, 2020-Present
- Member, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, 2019-Present
- Member, American Academy of Religion, 2017 – Present
- Member, Society of Pastoral Theology, 2021-2022
- Member, Spiritual Care Association, 2020-2022
- Member, Society of Asian & Comparative Philosophy, 2020-2023
- Member, Society of Buddhist Christian Studies, 2019-2023
- Member, Religion in Society, 2015 – 2017

CERTIFICATIONS:

- Internal Family Systems (IFS) Practitioner (Level II), 2023-Present
- Intimacy from the Inside Out (IFIO) Practitioner, 2023-Present
- Certificate in Trauma Informed Leadership, 2021

- Mental Health First Aid, 2020
- Early Career Scholar & Dissertation Fellow, Hispanic Theological Initiative 2019-2021
- Certificate of Emotionally Intelligent Leadership, Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute, 2019
- Certified Facilitator of the Compassion Practice, Center for Engaged Compassion, 2018
- Certificate of Anti-racist Mindfulness Facilitation, Stirfry Seminars & Consulting, 2016
- Diversity Ambassador, Azusa Pacific University, 2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Council, International Society of Contemplative Research, 2022-Present
- Member, Hispanic Theological Initiative Member Council, 2022–Present
- Board Member, BELOVED Compassion Network, 2021-Present
- Ordained Minister, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2021-Present
- Scholar, Association of Asian/North American Theological Educators, 2020-Present
- Advisor, Common Culture Coaching + Consulting, 2020-Present
- Pastoral Mentor, Disciples Seminary Foundation, 2020-Present
- Contributor, Spirituality and Practice, 2019-2020
- Dissertation + Early Career Scholar, Hispanic Theological Initiative, 2019-2021
- Licensed Minister, Assemblies of God USA, 2011- 2020

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- Served as an undergraduate mentor for first generation students in multiple liberal arts universities
- Facilitated training(s) for community development initiatives in local congregational and parachurch settings
- Knowledge of multiple theories pertaining to student development including: ethnic/racial identity, internal family systems, faith development
- Facilitator and retreat leader of compassion-based spirituality and leadership