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## Education

Ph.D., Claremont School of Theology

M.A., Claremont School of Theology

M.Div., Boston University, School of Theology

B.A., California State University, Sacramento

**Dean, Auburn Theological Seminary**

2023-Present

## Senior Director of Learning Design, Forum for Theological Exploration *2019-2023*

* Oversaw strategy and execution for multi-year, multi-million-dollar grants and fellowships (more than $6 m. in the field), research and evaluation. Relationship management, grant writing, and reporting to funders.
* Strategic operations management: oversight of learning personnel (5), consultants (10), budgets, and critical systems, *including* a major database migration upgrade and training, grantmaking systems, and reporting.
* Driver of generative culture and learning: senior leadership lead for strategic reorganization (2019-2020), and responsible for driving a generative, collaborative, compassionate, and impact-oriented culture.
* Design of strategy and launching of innovative and new online theological education and discernment platform with multiple courses and more than a 20 faculty: FTE “Discernment School.”
* Leadership of strategic partnerships with institutions in theological and higher education, including advancing FTE resources, grants, and capacity building for institutions and their leaders.
* Oversight, direction, and execution of new initiatives, including two podcasts, three books and editor of a book series, four strategic reports, and resource development.

## Past Administrative Appointments

*Director of Strategic Partnerships for Doctoral Initiatives*, Forum for Theological Exploration *2016-2019*

* Oversight of FTE’s historical doctoral fellowship for students of color, partnerships in theological education (more than 50 to-date), and grantmaking in higher education ($1 m. currently in the field).
* To date, have worked with more than 250 doctoral students of color, 300 supporting faculty, and institutional partners to create conditions for students and scholars of color to thrive.

*Assistant Academic Dean and Professor of Theology*, Trinity Lutheran College, 2015-2016.

*Program Director of Global Citizen Project and Education Initiatives*, Northeastern University, 2014-2015.

## Board & Committee Membership

Boston University School of Theology, Dean’s Advisory Board Member, 2019-present.

Strategic Plan – DEIA review team

Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary, Board of Trustees Member, 2021-Present.

Education committee.

Pacific School of Religion, Board of Trustees Member, 2021-Present.

Education committee. Chair.

Governance committee.

Ignite Leadership Advisory Council.

## Guild & Theological Education Leadership

[*Religious Education Association*](https://religiouseducation.net/board)

**President**, 2022-2023

Program Chair, 2021-2022

Vice President, 2020-2021

Children’s Defense Fund, Dale Andrews Freedom Seminary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference

Dean, 2023 – present

Contributing faculty member, 2017-present

*Theopoetics: A Journal of Theological Imagination, Literature, Embodiment, and Aesthetics*

2013-2019 Chair of the Journal, *Theopoetics: A Journal of Theological Imagination,*

*Literature, Embodiment, and Aesthetics*, 2014-2018

*Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology,* Lexington Series, an imprint of

Rowman and Littlefield, Advisory member, 2016-present

*Word and World,* Advisory member forquarterly journal, 2018-present

Hispanic Theological Initiative, Advisory member, [*Open Plaza*](https://www.htiopenplaza.org/), 2019-present

## Awards & Achievements

* 2023 Morehouse College, MLK Collegium of Scholars Inductee
* 2023 Westervelt Lectureship, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
* 2022 “Big Read” Council of Independent Christian Colleges & Universities, NetVUE, *The Purpose Gap*
* 2022 Executive Leadership Scholarship, Center for Creative Leadership
* 2020 César Chávez University Lecture, Drew University
* 2020 Barton College Endowed Lectureship
* 2019 Inaugural Children’s Defense Fund Book Club book, *Nobody Cries When We Die*
* 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award, Boston University, School of Theology
* 2019 Hispanic Theological Initiative book prize, *Nobody Cries When We Die*
* 2018 Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy Award for Service to the Latino/a community
* 2018 Scholarship Award Recipient, Business Innovation Factory Summit
* 2018 Lecture Series on Race, University of California at Santa Barbara, “Creating conditions for People of Color to Thrive.”
* 2017-2021 Great Teacher and Preacher, Children’s Defense Fund Proctor Institute
* 2016-2017 Convocation of Leaders, *Leadership Education at Duke University*
* 2016 Hispanic Summer Program Keynote Lecture
* 2015 Academic Excellence by a Doctor of Philosophy Graduate, Claremont School of Theology
* 2014 Willis and Dorothy Fisher Award, Teacher of Theological Studies and Religion
* 2011-2013 Claremont School of Theology Doctoral Scholarship
* 2008-2010 Boston University, Mary McCleod Bethune Scholarship
* 2004, 2005 Fresno Pacific University, Service and Leadership Award
* 2003 Golden Rule Award and Scholarship for Community Engagement

## Manuscripts

[*The Purpose Gap*](https://www.amazon.com/Purpose-Gap-Empowering-Communities-Meaning/dp/0664266703)*: Empowering Communities of Color to Find Meaning and Thrive.* Foreword by Rev. Dr. Starsky D. Wilson. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021.

* + Council of Independent Colleges 2022 Big Read Winner, NetVUE.
  + Top 10 of Year – Academy of Parish Clergy.
  + Amazon Bestseller in Christian Leadership and Religious Leadership.

[*Nobody Cries When We Die*](https://www.amazon.com/Nobody-Cries-When-Die-Community/dp/0827225318/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1481568079&sr=8-1&keywords=nobody+cries+when+we+die)*: God, Community and Surviving to Adulthood*. Foreword by Jimmy Santiago Baca. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2016.

* Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Prize winner.
* Inaugural Children’s Defense Fund Book Club book.

*Pedagogy of the Ancestors: Educating, Raising, and Forming the Next Generation* (WJK, Forthcoming 2024).

*Campus Ministry: Finding Meaning in College.* Editor and contributor. (Forum for Theological Exploration Books, 2022).

## Refereed Articles

“Can the Ancestors Speak? Religious Education, Who and How,” *Religious Education* (in press). DOI: 10.1080/00344087.2022.2131289.

“Pedagogy of the Ancestors: Religious Education and Tomorrow’s Yesterday,” *Religious Education* 117:2, 95-98.

“Recovering Joy for Young People in the Afterburn of Violence: Liberatory Practices for Re-shaping Community and Culture” with Dori Baker, *Journal of Youth Theology* 20:1. April 2021. 22-45. <https://doi.org/10.1163/24055093-02001001>.

“Religious Educators are the Future,” *Religious Education* 115:1. 2020. 1-9.

  DOI: [10.1080/00344087.2020.1706422](https://doi.org/10.1080/00344087.2020.1706422)

“Love transgresses: Reflections at 25 years,” *Teaching in Theology and Religion*: 2019, 22: 331–333. <https://doi.org/10.1111/teth.12516>. Article on the legacy of bell hooks.

“Religious Education: Race, Dreams, and the Guild.” *Religious Education* 114, no. 3. 2019. DOI: [10.1080/00344087.2019.1610928](https://doi.org/10.1080/00344087.2019.1610928)

“[Practical Theology as Knowledge of Origin and Migration: An Essay](http://practicalmattersjournal.org/2018/05/22/practical-theology-as-knowledge/),” *Practical Matters.* May 2018.

“Theopoetics: Decolonial Justice,” *Theopoetics: Theological Imagination, Literature, Embodiment and Aesthetics* 2, no. 2. November 2018.

“Playing with Alves,” *Theopoetics: Theological Imagination, Literature, Embodiment and Aesthetics* 1, no. 2 (January 2015).

“Relational Bodies: Dancing with Latina, Chicana and Latin American Bodies,” *Journal of Feminist Theology* 22, no. 3 (May 2014): 253-268.

“Blood in the Soil: Liberating Space, Identity and Farm Workers in the United States,” *Claremont Journal of Religion* 2 (July 2012): 68-84.

## Contributed Chapters

“Cyborgs and Future Wars: Ministry of the Future,” in *Theopoetics in Color,* eds. Lakisha Lockhart and Oluwatomisin Oredein. Grand Rapids: WM. B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2024.

“Feminist Ancestral Leadership and Fragile Male Egos,” in *Power, Agency, and Women in the Mission of God.* Edited by Susan Maros, Vince Bantu, and Kirsteen Kim. Wipf and Stock, 2024.

“You Can’t Do This Alone: Leadership in Times of Crisis” with Christina Repoley in *Doing Theology in Pandemics: Viruses, Violence, and Vitriol.* Portland: Pickwick, 2022.

“We Can All Eat at my Grandma’s Table,” in *Crisis and Care: Meditations on Faith and Philanthropy, eds.* Dustin Benac and Erin Weber Johnson*.* Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2021.

“Day 48. Letter 48,” *American Values, American Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters.* Edited by Andrea Weiss. Cincinnati: University of Cincinnati Press, 2018.

“Practical Theology as Knowledge and Origin and Migration,” *Let Your Light Shine: Mobilizing for Justice with Children and Youth*. Eds. Reginald Blount and Virginia Lee. Chester Heights: Friendship Press, 2019.

“Social Action,” “Justice Seeking,” “Critical Thinking,” “Brothers of the Christian Schools,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2015.

## Reports

*Voices for Vocational Accompaniment: Leading, Mentoring, and Learning from the Next Generation.* Editor. Atlanta: Forum for Theological Exploration Press, 2021.

*Voices of the Mentored: Doctoral Students of Color Speak*. Editor and contributor. Fteleaders.org. 2021. Report on mentoring for students of color.

[*A Theology to End Mass Incarceration*](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5cb8913037304900018a9672/t/5d0baaa51b9e050001448aa9/1561045674542/EMI+Resource+Toolkit.pdf)*.* Editor and contributor. Partnership with Auburn Theological Seminary, Ebenezer Baptist Church (Atlanta), the Temple (Atlanta). Summer 2019.

“[Design for our Future: Creating Conditions for Scholars of Color to Thrive](https://fteleaders.org/pages/create-conditions-for-scholars-of-color-to-thrive),” Forum for Theological Exploration Report from 2018 Theological Education Consultation. Editor and contributor. December 2018. Findings from the gathering of philanthropy, accrediting bodies, presidents, deans, directors of doctoral programs, faculty of color, doctoral students of color, and partners in higher education.

“[Calling for More than 'We have got thus far': Advancing Diversity in a Resistant Enterprise](https://fteleaders.org/index.php?/pages/calling-for-more-than-we-have-got-thus-far),” Forum for Theological Exploration Report to the Field. June 2018.

Author and editor, [*Guide to Doctoral Theological Education for Scholars of Color*](https://fteleaders.org/uploads/files/guidetodoced412018.pdf)*.* Open-source learning from Forum for Theological Exploration. November 2017.

## Innovative Projects & Initiatives

*Discernment School (d. School).* Forum for Theological Exploration’s research & courses to explore vocational discernment. Oversight of strategy and content development. *2020-Present*

**Research**

* Science of Vocational Discernment with Dr. Katherine Lassiter. 2020.
* Science of Vocational Imagination with Dr. Katherine Lassiter. 2022.
* Science of Belonging with the Belonging Project (co-founder). 2022.

**Courses for Young Adults and Doctoral Students** (Launched 2021/22).

* Ph.inishe.D. Forum (for doctoral students, lead instructor), Called to Pastoral Ministry, Social Justice and Service, Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Theological Educators (master’s students pursuing a PhD).

**Executive Leadership Courses**

* Theological Executive (executive leadership program for 2022) – Lead designer and instructor.
* Science of Vocational Discernment (in development for 2023)
* Vocational Discernment Disciplines (in development for 2023)

**Podcasts**

Host. *Sound of the Genuine.*Interviews with leaders in the church and the academy about their vocational journeys. 2021-Present. [Sound of the Genuine on Apple Podcasts](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/sound-of-the-genuine/id1572223219). **More than 12,000 downloads to date.**

Host. *The Scholar’s Guide to Writing.* Writing strategies and practices for researchers and doctoral students. 2022-Present. [Scholar's Guide to Writing on Apple Podcasts](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-scholars-guide-to-writing/id1607164560). **More than 1000 downloads to date.**

## Lectures & Thought Leadership

***Hosted***

***Auburn Theological Seminary, Dean’s Lectures***

* Friends of Roots, February 2024.
* Freddy Mutanguha of Aegis Trust, March 2024.
* Phyllis Webstad of Orange Shirt Society, May 2024.

***Delivered***

“Futuring Youth Ministry,” Keynote for Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, May 2024.

Panel presenter at same conference.

“Leading Change,” Four-day track at *Next Church Annual Gathering,* April 2024.

“Closing the Purpose Gap for Communities of Color,” Ignite Project, February 2024.

February, Children’s Defense Fund, Alex Haley Farm.

“Purpose Gap at Northwestern,” Northwestern University, Big Read, January 2024.

“Becoming Good Ancestors,” Keynote Address for the Center for Excellence in Christian Education, Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary, November 2023.

“Contingent Faculty and Labor,” Conference paper at the American Academy of Religion, November 2023.

“The Purpose Gap,” Lutheran Educators Conference at Grandview University, Keynote address, Des Moines, October 2023.

“Futuring …” Keynote for *Communitas* at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, September 2023.

“Closing the Purpose Gap,” Keynote, Augsburg University, September 2023.

“Becoming a Purpose Gap Institution,” keynote and conference lead, Northwestern University, September 2023.

“Publishing and Writing” & “Grant Writing in the Academy,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Professional Development Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary. Summer 2023.

“Ancestor Theology,” Commencement Address, Boston University, School of Theology, May 20, 2023.

“Inviting the Ancestors to the Table to Close the Purpose Gap,” Keynote Address St.

Norbert College, March 2023.

“Futuring Theological Education,” Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, presentation for board, faculty, and stakeholders.

“The Purpose Gap,” Keynote Address at University of La Verne Conference for *Creating the Conditions for Vocational Exploration: Dismantling Obstacles, Engaging Communities, and Empowering Students*. February 2023.

“Pedagogy of the Ancestors,” 2023 Westervelt Lecturer, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, in January 2023.

“Empowering Communities of Color: The Role of Faculty in Religious and Biblical Studies,” Society of Biblical Literature. Panelists will review *The Purpose Gap*. November 2022.

“Who Does the Future Belong to?” Forum for Theological Exploration annual Doctoral Gathering, to be delivered November 2022.

“Indigenous Practices to Close the Purpose Gap,” Heritage University*,* to be delivered November 2022.

“Closing the Purpose Gap,” Roanoke College, to be delivered, November 2022.

“Connecting with Our Ancestors,” Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, in November 2022.

“DEIA and the Purpose Gap,” St. Ambrose University, October 2022.

“Arise, Good Ancestors,” Keynote Address Disciples Annual Gathering, October 2022.

“Belonging Project: Connecting Ancestors,” Belonging Project, September 2022.

“Presidential Address: Becoming Good Ancestors,” Religious Education Association, July 2022.

“The Purpose Gap: Vocation on College Campuses,” College of Independent Colleges, NetVUE Gathering, March 2022.

“The Purpose Gap and Higher Education,” NetVUE Webinar for Presidents and Deans, February 2022.

“Freedom Seminary,” Bartimaeus Institute Annual Conference, February 2022.

“Closing the Purpose Gap,” Boston Theological Institute, February 2022.

“The Purpose Gap and Community,” Chicago Theological Seminary, February 2022.

“Connecting with the Ancestors,” Interdenominational Theological Seminary Doctor of Ministry Lecture, February 2022.

“Hero’s Journey So White,” Rustin Fellowship Workshop, First United Methodist Church, Tacoma Washington, January 2022.

“The Purpose Gap,” President’s Lecture Series, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, November 2021.

“Latino Futurism,” Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, November 2021.

“From Stars to Constellations,” Keynote Dominican University Founder’s Day and Mazzuchelli Lecture, November 2021.

“The Purpose Gap,” Keynote Association of Youth Ministry Annual Meeting, October 2021.

Convocation address, “Closing the Story Gap,” Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology, November 2021.

“Closing the Purpose Gap,” Collegeville Institute *Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose Series*, October 2021.

“The Purpose Myth,” Timothy Circle, October 2021.

“Futuring Theological Education,” Claremont School of Theology, Convocation Address. September 2021. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QifZR8Xu5Rg

“Listen to the Children,” Plenary address with Rabbi Lydia Medwin, Children’s Defense Fund Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference for Child Advocacy Ministry, July 2021.

“Grantmaking in the Academy,” Hispanic Theological Initiative Professional Development Conference, June 2021.

“BIPOC Vocation in Primarily White Institutions,”Asociación para la Educación Teológica

Hispana (AETH), June 2021.

“Discernment as the Call to Life,” Washington DC Synod, April 2021.

“Called to Live: Rethinking Vocational Discernment for Young People in the Midst of Suffering.” *Project Transformation*. February 2021.

Moderator. “A Conversation with NYTimes Bestselling Author Resmaa Menakem, author of *My Grandmother’s Hands.” Libraries for Liberation*. February 2021.

“Washing Our Hands as an Act of Freedom.” Plenary address. Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. *Children’s Defense Fund, Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry,* July 2020.

“Finding your Place in the Movement,” César Chávez Lecture, Drew University. March 2020.

“From Stars to Constellations: Creating conditions for the Next Gen to Thrive.” Barton College Endowed Lectureship, March 2020.

“Vocation as the Call to Life.” Trinity Christian College. Provost Lecture, January 2020.

“Creating Conditions for Children to Thrive in the Age Incarceration.” Plenary address. Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. *Children’s Defense Fund, Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry*. July 2019.

Faculty Facilitator, Graduate Intensive: Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. *Children’s Defense Fund, Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry*. July 2019

“Telling our Stories” with Slam and Cruz Trujillo. Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. *Children’s Defense Fund, Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry*. July 2019.

“What is a good day?” Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Prize Lecture. June 2019.

“Grant writing,” Hispanic Theological Initiative Professional Development Conference. June 2019.

“Theology to End Mass Incarceration,” with Rabbi Lydia Medwin. [Ending Mass Incarceration](https://www.endingmassincarceration.com/) at Ebenezer Baptist Church in partnership with the Temple, and Auburn Theological Seminary. June 2019.

“Wanted: Dead or Alive.” [Theo-ed Talks](https://theoed.com/). February 10, 2019.

“50 Years of Supporting Scholars of Color,” Forum for Theological Educators. Design and Facilitation. November 14, 2018.

“The Future of Practical Theology. Emerging Scholars and Themes.” *AAR-SBL* Annual Meeting, November 17, 2018.

“Si Se Puede: Intersecting Justice Movements,” with Dolores Huerta, President and Founder of the Dolores Huerta Foundation and UFW co-founder; Saira Soto, Deputy Executive Director for the Children's Defense Fund-California, and dreamer. Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. July 2018.

“Telling Our Stories of Communities in Crisis,” with [Dr. Brian Barnes, TandemEd](https://www.presidentialleadershipscholars.org/scholar/brian-barnes) in Memphis. Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. *Children’s Defense Fund, Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry*. July 2018.

Doctoral students of color, and partners in higher education. Denver, CO. June 18-19, 2018.

“Embodied Practice and Biblical Scholarship,” Christian Leadership Forum, Atlanta, GA. May 31, 2018.

“Creating Conditions for People of Color to Thrive,” Lecture at University of California at Santa Barbara. Part of the lecture series on Race. April 17, 2018.

Graduation Commencement Address for *The Certificate in Theological Studies and the Advanced Certificate in Theological Studies* at Lee Arrendale State Prison. April 13, 2018.

“Dismantling White Supremacy in Theological Education,” Principal organizer and facilitator. Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA. March 12-14, 2018.

Thriving Stories, Promote Thriving,” Broadway United Methodist Church, Indianapolis. Presentation of Theater of the Oppressed. March 7, 2018

“Dudes are the Worst: Misogyny and Colonialism Biblical and Contemporary Bedfellows,” Women's History Month presentation at Christian Theological Seminary. March 7, 2018.

“Creating Conditions for the Next Generation to Thrive,” Landa Lecture, HMS Richards Divinity School at La Sierra University, Redlands, CA, February 24, 2018.

“Creative Conversations: Art as Spiritual Awakening,” Lecture at Park Avenue Baptist Church with Fearless Dialogues founder Rev. Dr. Gregory Ellison II.

“Creating Conditions for People to Thrive in the Ministry," The Colloquy at General, February 7, 2018.

“Communities of Color and Liberative Spiritual Practice,” Keynote. [Mystic Soul Conference](https://www.mysticsoulproject.com/conference), January 11-13, 2018.

Lead Faculty, Graduate Intensive: Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. *Children’s Defense Fund, Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry*. July 17-21, 2017.

“Who Are We? Race, Class, and Power,” with Dr. Mark Taylor, Professor of Theology and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary, and Brittany Packnett, Teach for America Vice-President of National Community Alliances and member of the Ferguson Commission. Plenary Presentation at *Children’s Defense Fund, Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry.* Nashville, July 19, 2017.

“Redefining Prison Ministry from the Inside Out,” with Rahim Buford and Ndume Olatushani, Children’s Defense Fund, *Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry*. Nashville, July 2017.

“Nobody Cries When We Die: Embodied Ministry in Communities of Color,” *Wild Goose Festival,* Hot Springs, NC, July 15, 2017.

“Breathe on These Slain: Vocation as a Call to Life,” [Keynote at Hispanic Summer Program](https://hispanicsummerprogram.org/), July 2017.

“Joy in the Aftermath of Violence,” Keynote. Yale University, *Yale Youth Ministry Symposium*, June 9, 2017.

“These Tired Bones: Releasing the Healing Stories in our Bodies.” Facilitation with Kimberly Daniel, *CenterForm,* December 2016.

“Hearts and Minds: Conversations about Race,” Three facilitations over 6 months, The Temple, Atlanta, GA. July – October 2016.

“Higher Education and Scholars of Color,” *Open Network: A Convergence Initiative.* October 2016.

“Doctoral Lab.” *Raices Latinas*. Boston University, School of Theology. August 2016.

“Race and Mentoring,” with Matthew Wesley Williams, *Forum for Theological Exploration* for *Wake Forest Divinity School in Fulfillment of Their Institutional Doctoral Network Grant.* March 2016.

“Through the Mirror: Theopoetics and the Imagination,” *Religious Education Association Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, November 2015.

“Education Playback,” *Convergence: Reimagining Theological Education*. October 2015.

“Embodying What Matters,” *Christian Leadership Forum, Forum for Theological Exploration*. June 2015.

“Act Justly: Planting Your Feet,” *Baccalaureate Service* co-keynote speaker. Claremont School of Theology. May 2015.

“Intercultural Competency for Social and Communal Transformation,” *Forum for Theological Exploration*. February and March 2015.

“Gender and Sexuality: Practical Theology Questions,” Respondent and Moderator, *AAR-SBL* New England Maritime Regional Conference. March 2015.

“Global Citizenship: A Spirituality Worth Having,” *ReNEW Spirituality and Leadership Retreat* for College students. New England. March 2015.

“Interfaith and Interreligious Competency: From France to Campus,” *Empower Conference*: A conference for higher education staff and students of color. New England. January 2015.

“Decolonizing Critical Pedagogies in Theological Education: The Power of the Body that Questions,” *AAR-SBL* Annual Meeting, November 2014.

“Harrowing of Hell: A Decolonial Interreligious Pedagogy in Response to Gang Violence,” *Religious Education Association Annual Meeting*. November 2014. Website only.

“Interfaith Work in a Postcolonial Latino/a Experience within a Pluralistic Context,” *Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy* (for college students). Boston, August 2014.

“Decolonial Research Methods: Latin@ Religiosity,” *Raices Latina*. Boston, August 2014.

“Alisal: Theopoetics and Emancipatory Politics,” *AAR-SBL* Annual Meeting. November 2013.

“Religious Education and Coloniality: Arizona HB 2281,” *AAR-SBL Western Region, Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group*. March 2013.

“Liberative Education for Farmworkers: Assessing Transformative Potential of Social Media/Networking,” *Religious Education Association Annual Meeting*, November 2012.

“Blood in the Soil: Space, Identity and Migrant Workers in the United States,” *Claremont Lincoln University*, National Student Conference, 2012.

“Tracking the Spirit in the Aftermath of Trauma,” *AAR-SBL* Annual Meeting, November 2011.

“Theopoetics of Our Blessed Mother(s): Meditations on Mothers of God and Humanity,” *Boston University School of Theology* at *Theopoetics: Parting Words*, May 2011.

## Popular Posts & Contributions (Selected)

“Belonging to the Cathedral of the Future,” Presbyterian Outlook, *Special Issue*, 2023.

“[My Grandma’s Table](https://faithlead.org/blog/my-grandmas-table/),” Faith+Lead, November 2022.

“[Advent of the Ministry of the Future](https://pres-outlook.org/2022/11/advent-of-the-ministry-of-the-future/),” *Presbyterian Outlook*, November 2022.

“[Changing Lives, Changing How We Live](https://faithandleadership.com/changing-lives-changing-how-we-live),” *Faith and Leadership*, June 2021.

“[Remember the Child](http://www.valuesandvoices.com/).” *American Values, Religious Voices,* February 2021.

“[Following God’s Call to Survive](https://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/following-gods-call-to-survive/),” written interview with Dori Baker. *Collegeville Institute*, June 2020.

“[Exorcism at the Polls](https://faithandleadership.com/patrick-b-reyes-exorcism-polls.%20June%202020),” *Faith and Leadership*, June 2020.

“The Invitation: 50 Years of Scholars of Color,”Script for production of 50 years of fellowships for doctoral students of color video. Fteleaders.org. November 2018.

“[Poetics of Survival](https://artsreligionculture.org/episodes/2018/6/21/a-poetics-of-survival-theopoetics-podcast-ep-03),” *Theopoetics Podcast.* June 21, 2018.

“[Art as Spiritual Awakening,](https://www.aijcast.com/episodes/2018/12/31/special-creative?rq=reyes)” *AIJ Cast.* Podcast.

“[Sic et…](https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/theopoetics/)” *Syndicate Theology*. February 2016.

*“*[Why Christian Education Must Learn Adaptive Leadership](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/faithforward/2017/08/christian-education-must-learn-adaptive-leadership/),” *Patheos.* August 2017.

*“S*cholarship in a Time of Fear*,” Patheos.* June 2017.

“[Excellence in Our Fields: The System of Theological Education](http://fteleaders.org/blog/excellence-in-our-fields),” *Duke Leadership: Convocation of Christian Leaders*, appeared on Forum for Theological Exploration Blog, April 2017.

“[The Greatest Generation](http://www.valuesandvoices.com/letter48/),” *American Values, Religious Voices.* February 2017. [American Values Religious Voices](http://www.valuesandvoices.com/)

“[Nobody Cries When We Die](https://www.spreaker.com/user/dougpagitt/patrick-reyes-author-of-nobody-cries-whe?utm_medium=widget&utm_source=user%3A4793366&utm_term=episode_title),” *Dougcast*, Minneapolis, January 2017.

“[Nobody Cries When We Die](http://irenicast.com/2017/01/17/dr-patrick-b-reyes-conversations-on-faith-and-culture-irenicon-098/),” *Irenicast: Podcast on Faith and Culture*, Boston, January 2017.

“God of the Oppressed,” *Partners in Prayer:* Lenten Reader*.* St. Louis:Chalice Press, 2016.

“[Behind the Doctorate](http://fteleaders.org/blog/behind-the-doctorate),” Forum for Theological Exploration Blog. April 2016.

“[Sacred Work](http://fteleaders.org/blog/sacred-work),” Forum for Theological Exploration Blog. February 2016.

“[Kings Commentary](http://thirtysecondsorless.net/30secondbible/),” 30 Seconds or Less online Bible Series. February 2016.

“[This is Good News](http://thirtysecondsorless.net/30secondbible/),” 30 Seconds or Less online Bible Series. February 2016.

## Professional Certifications

Center for Creative Leadership, 2022.   
Through the Looking Glass, Executive Leadership Program

Leadership 360 certification and partner

IDEO U. Certificates, 2021.

Foundations in Design Thinking

Ideas to Action

Designing Strategy

Insights for Innovation

Institute for the Future, 2022.

Future Thinking

Forecasting Skills

Simulation Skills

Collaborative Foresight: How to Game the Future

Urgent Optimism

Harvard Business Online, 2019.

Disruptive Innovation

Acumen, 2018.

Storytelling for Change  
 Network Systems Practice

National Coalition Building Institute, 2001-2004.   
 Diversity Awareness  
 Train the Trainer

## Conference/Event Organizer

Dean - Children’s Defense Fund Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry. July 2023.

*Who does the Future Belong to?* Forum for Theological Educators, Forum for Theological Exploration Doctoral Conference. Denver. November 2022.

*Workshop on Writing and Publishing*, Forum for Theological Exploration. Ghost Ranch. August 2022.

[*Becoming a Good Ancestor*](https://religiouseducation.net/rea2022/), Program Chair, Religious Education Association Annual Meeting 2022.

*Institutional Doctoral Network*, Forum for Theological Exploration, Santa Fe, July 2022.

Children’s Defense Fund Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry (online). July 2021.

*Forum for Theological Educators,* Doctoral Conference for Students of Color. *Online.* 2021.

Children’s Defense Fund Samuel Dewitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry (online). July 2020.

*Forum for Theological Educators,* Doctoral Conference for Students of Color. San Diego, CA. November 2019.

*Reflect: Creating Conditions for Scholars of Color to Thrive*. Yosemite, CA. October 2019.

*Workshop on Writing and Publishing* for Students of Color, Zephyr Point, NV. August 2019.

*Forum for Theological Educators, Doctoral Conference for Students of Color*. Denver, CO. November 2018.

*Workshop on Writing and Publishing* for Doctoral Students of Color, Alex Haley Farm, TN. September 2018.

*Design Conditions for Scholars of Color to Thrive*. Consultation with philanthropy, accreditation, presidents, deans, directors of doctoral programs, faculty of color, students of color, and diversity and inclusion professionals. Denver, June 2018.

*Dismantling White Supremacy in Theological Education.* Decatur, March 2018.

*Deepening Circles: Re-Imagining How We Relate to Each Other and God*, Holy Cross Monastery, New York, September 2017.

*Workshop on Writing and Publishing* for Doctoral Students of Color, Atlanta, GA, September 2017.

*Christian Leadership Forum*, Doctoral Students of Color Track. Atlanta, GA, June 2017.

*Workshop on Writing and Publishing* for Doctoral Students of Color, Atlanta, GA, September 2016.

*Christian Leadership Forum*, Doctoral Students of Color Track. Atlanta, GA, June 2016.

*Theopoetics*: A Transdisciplinary Conference with Workshops and Dialogue, 2014-2019.

*ReNEW*: Spirituality and Leadership Retreat, Massachusetts, March 2015.

## Courses

Designed, Directed and Built Forum for Theological Exploration’s Educational Platform   
*Courses include*:

Theological Executive. Course for emerging executives

Theological Educators. Course for emerging scholars of color

Ph.inishe.D. Course for doctoral students of color

Social Justice and Service. Course for students interested in social justice ministry

Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Course for students interested in Christian Innovation

Called to Pastoral Ministry. Course for students interested in serving as pastor

Claremont School of Theology

Research for Impact. J-Term (To be taught 2023)

Spiritual Formation for Leadership, Spring 2021.

Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

*Latino/a Practical Theology,* Spring 2020.

Iliff School of Theology   
 Ministry for the Future. (To be taught Summer 2023)

Interdenominational Theological Center

Thought Leader. Public Theology and Public Leadership. DMin. Cohort Course, Summer 2022.

Thought Leaders. Public Theological and Child Advocacy. DMin Cohort Course, Spring 2021.

Northeastern University (Leadership Development Courses)

Non-violence, Spring 2014.

Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry Dale Andrews Freedom Seminary.

Faculty facilitator and instructor of record, 2017-2021

Trinity Lutheran College

Servant Leadership, Fall 2015.

## Dissertation

The River Beneath: A Decolonial Latin@ Practical Theology

## Fields of Expertise

Vocation, Meaning, and Purpose

Religious and Theological Education

Practical and Pastoral Theology

Pedagogy

Leadership and Formation

## Professional Organizations

Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States: 2012-present.

American Academy of Religion: 2009-present.

Association for Theopoetics Research and Exploration: 2013-present.

Association of Practical Theology: 2011-present.

Council of Graduate Schools: 2016-2023.

Fellowship Roundtable: 2016-2023.

Religious Education Association: 2012-present.

## Non-profit and Education Board Membership

[*Art, Religion and Culture*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_for_the_Arts,_Religion_and_Contemporary_Culture)*.*

Vice President,2017-2019.

Interim President, 2018-2019.

American Academy of Religion.

Board Member 2024-present.

Association for Theopoetics Research and Exploration, 2013-2017, prior to merger with

ARC.

Boston University, School of Theology, Dean’s Advisory Council, 2019-Present.

Claremont Elementary Senior Leadership Team, 2019-Present. Includes accreditation, faculty/staff

hiring, and governance. Chair 2020-2021.

Board Chair, Decatur, Georgia. 2020-2021.

Board member, 2019-2020.

Haitian Christian Development Fund, 2017-2024.

Chair, 2020-2024.

Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy, Advisory Board Member, 2019-Present

Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary

Board member, 2020-2021.

Pacific School of Religion

Board member, 2022-present.

Academic Chair, 2024-present.

Integration and Governance Committees, 2023-present

Raices Latinas Program on Theology, Leadership and Research,   
Advisory Board Member, 2021-present.

Religious Education Association, elected to executive office 2021.

Vice President, 2020

Vice President and Program Chair, 2021

President, 2022

## Social Justice Organizations

CAUSE–Christian Activists United for Social and Environmental Justice, 2009-2011.

Interfaith Worker Justice, 2009-2019.

JustFaith—National Lay Catholic Social Justice Program, 2011-2016.

Seminarians for Social Justice: 2009-2013.

## Experience (non-theological education)

Director of Communications, TFD Group, 2011-2014.

Oversight of marketing, communication, sales, and business development for an international performance-based logistics firm.

Organizer, Massachusetts Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (affiliate of Interfaith Worker Justice), Boston, MA. 2009-2011.

## Community and Consultancy Work

Founder and Principal, *Center for Meaning and Purpose, LLC*, 2020-Present.

Fear+Less Dialogues Animator, 2020-2021. [Our Team - Fearless Dialogues](https://www.fearlessdialogues.com/see/our-team).

Theology to End Mass Incarceration writer and editor. Partnership between the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation (the Temple), Ebenezer Baptist Church, and Auburn Theological Seminary.

Dialogue and Design Facilitator for Jewish Program on Race. *Hearts and Minds: Dialogues and Actions about Race in Society.* The Temple, Atlanta, GA. 2016 - 2017.

Director and Adjudicator, Carmen Reyes Memorial Scholarship, Bakersfield, CA 2015-present. For all Latinx graduating high school students regardless of documentation status with G.P.A. 2.0-2.5 and committed to Community College.

Consultant, Reimagining Theological Education a *Convergence Initiative*. Chicago Gathering of Theological Educators in Chicago, 2015.