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**Present Positions:** Director, Vocational Formation Office  
Associate Professor of Leadership and Formation  
Coordinator, Latinx Studies Certificate, Iliff/DU Joint PhD in Religion

**EDUCATION:**

2011 **Doctor of Philosophy**, Educational Leadership, Research and Policy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO.  
2006 **Master of Divinity (with Distinction)**, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.  
2001 **Bachelor of Arts**, Religious Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

**MINISTERIAL AUTHORIZATION:**

2007–Present **Ordained Minister in Good Standing, United Church of Christ**  
Metropolitan Denver Association, Denver, CO.

**ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP:**

**Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO**

2018–Present Director, Vocational Formation Office  
2018–Present Curriculum Committee  
2020–Present Coordinator, Latinx Studies Certificate, Iliff/DU Joint PhD in Religion  
2021–2024 Co-Director, Doctor of Ministry in Prophetic Leadership  
2023 Faculty Personnel Committee  
2021–2022 Scholarship Committee, Iliff/DU Joint PhD in Religion  
2021–2022 Working Group, Wabash Educating Religious Leaders for Our Multifaith Context Grant  
2021–2022 Faculty Mentor, Wabash International Student Support Grant, Iliff/DU Joint PhD in Religion  
2019–2024 Search Committees (various faculty and staff positions)  
2019–2024 Institutional Review Board (IRB) Liaison to DU  
2019–2020 Launch Committee, Doctor of Ministry in Prophetic Leadership  
2019–2020 Admissions Committee, Iliff/DU Joint PhD in Religion

**Academy of Religious Leadership**

2025–2026 Co-President  
2024–2025 President  
2021–2024 Steering Committee

**Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA**

2024–2030 Board of Commissioners  
2025 Primary Investigator, Non-Congregational/Non-Faith Contexts and Student Data Project  
2022–2024 Chair, Research and Data Advisory Committee  
2020–2022 Research and Data Advisory Committee

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| 2020–2021    | Primary Investigator (Qualitative), CEO/President Leadership Education Study |
| 2018–2020    | Standards Redevelopment Task Force   |
| 2014–Present | Accreditation Visitation Committees (Chair for Two Committees)               |

#### **Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Hartford, CT**

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| 2021–Present | Regional Advisor, Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC) National Research Project                         |
| 2017–2018    | Inaugural Co-Chair, Cooperative Congregational Studies Partnership (CCSP) / Faith Communities Today (FACT) Survey Project |
| 2017–2018    | Chair, Communications Committee, CCSP / FACT  |
| 2014–2018    | Steering Committee, CCSP / FACT   |

#### **American Academy of Religion**

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| 2022–Present | Teaching and Learning Committee |
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#### **Religious Research Association**

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| 2021–2022 | Board of Directors (Chair, Nominating Committee) |
| 2018–2019 | Nominating Committee                             |

#### **National Offices of the United Church of Christ (UCC), Cleveland, OH**

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| 2013–2018 | Director, Center for Analytics, Research, and Data   |
| 2011–2013 | Minister for Christian Faith Formation Research, Congregational Vitality and Discipleship Team |

#### **Office of Minority and International Students, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO**

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| 2009–2011 | Director                         |
| 2006–2009 | Minority Student Life Specialist |

#### **RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

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| 2023      | Led an overview of religious, ecclesial, and theological educational trends during Faculty Retreat.   |
| 2023      | Planned and led strategic conversation with the Board of Trustees on shared governance in partnership with a senior faculty member (an elected role by the faculty).    |
| 2022      | Initiated and formalized a relationship between Iliff and the University of KwaZulu-Natal School of Religion, Philosophy, and Classics, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. |
| 2022      | Created a report on ATS and broader ecclesial data as part of a faculty working group exploring fully online degree programs.   |
| 2021      | Developed a four-week public-facing, online-only course on Vitality and Visioning in Rural Ministry that garnered over seventy participants from across the globe.      |
| 2019–2021 | Initiated and formalized a partnership with Odyssey Impact to support students with funding for justice-rooted internships across the country.                          |
| 2019      | Coordinated Jameson Jones Preacher and Renewal Conference keynote visit of Rev. Traci Blackmon.   |
| 2018–2019 | Initiated and formalized a course partnership between Iliff and Regis University Master of Nonprofit Management Program, Denver, CO.                                    |

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| 2018–2019 | Redesigned the first-year foundational masters course, combining two previous courses into Identity, Power, and Vocation in Community (IPVC).              |
| 2018      | Coordinated a pre-AAR book talk on religion and reproductive health at Iliff in partnership with the National Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. |

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

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| 2023      | Project Grant for Researchers, “Practices of Decoloniality Among Pastoral Leaders of Color in Mainline Protestant Traditions,” Louisville Institute.   |
| 2023      | Workshop Grant, “Assessing the Impacts of Integrative Reflection (Knowing-in-Action) in Contextual Education,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.  |
| 2022–2023 | Research Fellowship, “Latino Congregations: Trends from the Faith Communities Today (FACT) and Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC) Studies,” The Center for Church Management, Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA. |
| 2022–2023 | Case Study Grant (Director), “Building Solidarity Among Early Career Faculty Across Racial and Gender Differences,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.   |
| 2021–2022 | Workshop Grant, “Mitigating White Students’ Practices of Coloniality in the Classroom and in Ministry,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.   |

### **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Leadership theory and practice, organizational formation and change, applied research methods, contextual theology, postcolonial and decolonial theology, Latiné theology, congregational studies, and intersectional pedagogical practices.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO**

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| 2024–Present | Associate Professor of Leadership and Formation |
| 2018–2024    | Assistant Professor of Leadership and Formation |
| 2010–2012    | Adjunct Faculty                                 |

#### **University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO**

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| 2010-2011 | Adjunct Faculty |
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#### *Courses Taught:*

DMin Seminar in Foundations of Prophetic Leadership  
 Leadership and Organizational Development  
 Parish Leadership and Congregational Development  
 Decolonizing Congregational Leadership  
 Research Methods and Ethics in Lived Religion and Practical Theology  
 Community Organizing  
 Inclusive Leadership and Local Politics Immersion  
 Vocation and Orientation  
 First-Year Colloquium

## Role, Function, and Administration of Student Affairs in Higher Education

### **MINISTRY-RELATED TEACHING AND EXPERIENCE:**

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| 2022–2023 | Consultant, Purpose and Vision Discernment Process, First Plymouth Congregational Church, Englewood, CO.  |
| 2020      | Faculty, Local Pastor Licensing School, Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church.   |
| 2019–2020 | Leadership Transition Team, El Colectivo de Latinx Ministries, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH.  |
| 2019      | Toolkit Consultant and National Coordinator Search Committee, Proyecto Encuentros de Gracia y Bienvenida, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH. |
| 2012–2013 | Instructor, Faith Formation for the 21st Century, Center for Progressive Renewal, Atlanta, GA.  |
| 2012–2013 | Instructor and Program Evaluator, Nollau Institute, Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, Cleveland, OH.                               |
| 2011–2012 | Member in Discernment Committee, Metropolitan Denver Association, United Church of Christ, Denver, CO.  |
| 2007–2011 | Board of Directors, Justice and Witness Ministries, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH.   |
| 2007–2011 | Justice and Peace Ministry Team, Rocky Mountain Conference, United Church of Christ, Denver, CO.  |
| 2004–2006 | Program Coordinator, FaithTrek: Theological and Vocational Exploration for High School Youth, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.               |
| 2004–2006 | Chaplain (On-Call), Saint Anthony Central and North Hospitals, Denver, CO.  |
| 2004–2005 | Ministry Intern, Mountain View United Church, Aurora, CO.   |
| 2001–2002 | Associate Pastor, Sun Valley Community Church, Denver, CO.  |

### **BOOKS PUBLISHED:**

*Unraveling Religious Leadership: Power, Authority, and Decoloniality* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2024).

*Explore: Vocational Discovery in Ministry*, Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi and Matthew Floding, co-editors (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022).

### **BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLISHED:**

“Rest as Resistance,” *Experience: Spiritual Formation in Theological Field Education*, Matthew Floding and Dawn Davis, co-editors (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2025), 157-9.

“Callings Shaped by Purpose,” *Explore: Vocational Discovery in Ministry*, Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi and Matthew Floding, co-editors (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022), 5-9.

“Environmental Destruction, Forced (Im)migration, and Disaster Capitalism in Puerto Rico: Resisting a Colonialist ‘Puertopia,’” *Shifting Climates, Shifting People*, Miguel A. De La Torre, editor (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2022), 61-72.

“Learning to Live an Undivided Life,” *The Story Mandala: Finding Wholeness in A Divided World*, Sally Z. Hare and Karen L. Jackson, editors (Pawleys Island, SC: Prose Press, 2018), 84-7.

“Mind Fullness and Mindfulness: The Practice of Clergy Mental Wellness,” in *Sacred Habits: The Rise of the Creative Clergy*, ed. Chad R. Abbott (Aurora, CO: Davies Group, 2016), 225-42.

“Kirkwood United Church of Christ,” in *How Religious Congregations Are Engaging Young Adults in America*, Monte Sahlin and David Roozen, co-editors (Hartford, CT: Hartford Institute for Religion Research, 2015), 111-36.

### **JURIED ARTICLES AND REPORTS PUBLISHED:**

[“The Root Work of Formation.”](#) *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, 6(1), 2025, 18-31.

“Pulling the Individualism Thread: Examining Power, Authority and Decoloniality in Religious Leadership,” *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 23(2), Autumn 2024, 8-33.

“Relocating the ‘Field’ in Theological Field Education,” *Religion & Education*, 51(1-2), 2024, 140-55.

[“Latino Congregations: Trends from the Faith Communities Today \(FACT\) and Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations \(EPIC\) Studies”](#) (Hartford, CT: Hartford Institute for Religion Research, December 2023). Spanish version available [here](#).

“Theology and the Vocation of Leadership,” *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 22(2), Autumn 2023, 97-117, co-authored with Susan L. Maros and Mark Lau Branson.

“How Can We Learn Across Difference? A Conversation about Ethical Research and Writing vis-a-vis Identity and Positionality,” *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 21(2), Autumn 2022, 123-42, co-authored with Robert K. Martin, Susan J. Dunlap, Dale L. Lemke, and Jason A. Miller.

[“Theological Field Education as a Bridge Across Disciplines.”](#) *Religions*, 12(1), 2021, 1-10.

[“Excellence in Online Supervision: Listening to Our Students.”](#) *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, 41(1), 2021, 184-201, co-authored with Matthew Floding, Bonnie Abadie, and Jennifer S. Davis.

“Processes toward Post/Decolonial Pastoral Leaderships,” *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 20(1), Spring 2021, 136-67.

“Frameworks toward Post/Decolonial Pastoral Leaderships,” *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 19(2), Autumn 2020, 100-30.

[“Excellence in Supervision: Listening to Our Students.”](#) *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, 40(1), 2020, 194-205, co-authored with Matthew Floding, Bonnie Abadie, and Caroline McCall.

[“Nurturing Leadership Development for the Now and the Next: A Denominational Perspective.”](#) *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, 38(1), 2018, 25-38.

["Engaging Young Adults: American Congregations 2015."](#) *Faith Communities Today* (Hartford, CT: Hartford Institute for Religion Research, 2016).

["Congregational Vitality and Ministerial Excellence: Intersections and Possibilities for Ministry."](#) (Cleveland, OH: United Church of Christ, 2015).

"Interfaith Families: Practicing Radical Inclusion and Hospitality," *Word & World*, 33(1), 2013, 53-61.

["Foundations, Findings, and Futures: Christian Faith Formation and Education in the United Church of Christ,"](#) (Cleveland, OH: United Church of Christ, 2012).

"Access to Higher Education for Undocumented Students: 'Outlaws' of Social Justice, Equity, and Equality," *Journal of Praxis in Multicultural Education*, 5(1), 2010, 67-82, co-authored with Corinne Harmon, Glenda Carne, and Eugene Wilkerson.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

"Embodying *Educare*: In Remembrance of Matthew Floding" [reflection], *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision in Ministry*, 45(1), 2025, 3-5.

"We May End Up at the Gallows" [reflection], *The Bonhoeffer Chrism Mass*, Christopher D. Rodkey (York, PA: Barber's Son Press, 2020), 45.

"*Social Analysis for the 21st Century* by Maria Cimperman (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2015)" [book review], *Journal of Religious Leadership* 18(2), Fall 2019, 142-4.

"Multiply-Affiliated Congregations in the United Church of Christ: Initial Findings" [report summary], *Review of Religious Research*, 57(1), 2015, 159-60, co-authored with Taylor M. Billings.

"United Church of Christ 'National Listening Campaign on Christian Faith Formation and Education'" [report summary], *Review of Religious Research*, 54(4), 2012, 555-6.

"Ally" [poetry], *Chicana/Latina Studies: The Journal of Mujeres Activas En Letras Y Cambio Social*, 7(1), 2007, 150.

### **ONLINE MEDIA PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED):**

["A World in Need of Leaderships: An Anti-Colonial Reflection,"](#) *Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice*, February 3, 2025.

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Blogs:

- ["A Love and Truth Letter to the Multiplicitous Among Us \(or 'What They Don't Tell You'\)."](#) Embodied Teaching Series, January 8, 2024.
- ["Unmasking Colonial Practices in the Classroom While Teaching about Decoloniality: Part 2,"](#) Praxis: The Responsive & Expanding Classroom Series, October 26, 2022.
- ["Unmasking Colonial Practices in the Classroom While Teaching about Decoloniality: Part 1,"](#) Praxis: The Responsive & Expanding Classroom Series, September 19, 2022.
- ["Pedagogies of the Periphery,"](#) Re/Kindling Creativity and Imagination Series, May 19, 2022.

- [“A Pedagogy of Ofrendas in the Time of Pandemic.”](#) Praxis: The Responsive and Expanding Classroom Series, September 20, 2021.
- [“Sharing Power in an Online Community Organizing Course.”](#) Democracy Matters in Teaching Series, March 23, 2021.
- [“Future Promise | New Wineskins: Transforming Purpose in Theological Education.”](#) *In Trust Magazine*, Autumn 2021.

[“Attending Compact24: Civic Learning through a Lens of Racial Equity.”](#) Public Good Impact Blog, Center for Community Engagement to Advance Scholarship and Learning, University of Denver, May 20, 2024.

[“Expanded Perspective: Hispanic Congregations and Finances.”](#) Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, October 10, 2023.

[“Revealing Hope.”](#) Faith+Lead Blog, December 19, 2022.

[“Future Promise | New Wineskins: Transforming Purpose in Theological Education.”](#) *In Trust Magazine*, Autumn 2021.

Contributions to The Association of Theological Schools *Colloquy Online*:

- [“Field Education and the Impact of COVID-19.”](#) *Colloquy Online*, June 2020, 1-4, co-authored with Barbara J. Blodgett and James Barber.
- [“Further Findings on Religious Affiliation Trends in ATS Schools.”](#) *Colloquy Online*, January 2020, 1-3.
- [“Student Religious and Denominational Affiliation Trends in ATS Schools.”](#) *Colloquy Online*, Holiday 2019, 1-4.

[“Resisting, Disrupting, Dismantling: A Reflection for Turning the Tables Monday.”](#) *UCC Reflexiones*, March 27, 2018.

## **OTHER MEDIA:**

Podcast Interviews:

- [“Decolonizing Religious Leadership.”](#) *A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast*, January 23, 2025.
- [“Breaking Eurocentric Norms: Rethinking Religious Leadership.”](#) *Future Christian*, September 24, 2024.
- [“Trends in Latino Congregations.”](#) *Leading Ideas Talks*, Lewis Center for Church Leadership, April 2, 2024.
- [“Political Paradox and Prerequisites of the American Dream.”](#) *Complexified*, Institute for Religion, Politics and Culture, Iliff School of Theology, December 21, 2023.
- [“Aim of Teaching?”](#) *Dialogue on Teaching*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, December 19, 2023.
- [“Explore.”](#) *Open Plaza*, Hispanic Theological Initiative, December 5, 2022.
- [“Working within the Fragments.”](#) *Jesus Has Left the Building*, October 22, 2022.
- [“Comunidad Is What Sustains Us.”](#) *Encuentros Latinx Podcast*, July 3, 2021.
- [“Go with Your Gut: Interrogating Intuition.”](#) *The Faith Space Podcast*, August 2019.

["Latino Majority Congregations See Growth, Financial Struggles, Report Finds"](#) [article interview], *Religion News Service*, December 13, 2023.

"Churches Closing Their Doors in Record Numbers," [television news interview], *Scripps National News*, June 21, 2022.

"Congregations Connecting with Young Adults" [on-demand course], Engaging Young Adults Initiative, Indiana Center for Congregations, 2017.

### **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED):**

"Decolonizing Methodology in a Study on Decolonial Practices: Member Checking as Co-Constructed Knowledge Creation," American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2024.

"Who(se) Are Our Seminarians? A 25-Year Retrospective on Religious Affiliation Trends in ATS Schools," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association (SSSR/RRA) Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2024.

"Unraveling the Leader as an Individual (and Authentic) Self," Academy of Religious Leadership (ARL) Annual Meeting, St. Paul, MN, April 2024.

"Faith, Finances, and Flourishing in U.S. Latinx Congregations: Analyses from EPIC and FACT," SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, October 2023.

"Theology and the Vocation of Leadership," ARL Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, April 2023.

"Remembering Jurakán: Resilience and Reclamation in the Wake of Colonially Induced Environmental Destruction," AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2022.

"Race, Resources, and Restructuring in Denver Area Congregations," AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2022, co-authored with Isabela Rosales and Grego Peña-Camprubí.

"Vocational Formation in Theological Field Education," SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2022.

"Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations: Innovation Amidst and Beyond COVID-19," Association of Practical Theology Biennial Meeting, online, April 2022, co-presented with Allison Norton.

"Environmental Destruction, Forced (Im)migration, and Disaster Capitalism in Puerto Rico: Resisting a Colonialist 'Puertopia,'" Ecojustice Conference, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, October 2021.

"Religious (Dis)Affiliation Trends in Theological Education: Student and Faculty Comparisons," SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, October 2021.

"Personal/Professional/Political: Positionality and Reflexivity in Applied Religious Research," panel session organizer/convenor at the SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, October 2021.



“Cultivating Connection,” paper session respondent at the ARL Annual Meeting, online, April 2021.

“Religious (Dis)affiliation Trends in Theological Education,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 2019.

“College and University Academics in Applied Religious Research,” panelist at the SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, October 2019.

“New Metrics for Denominational Data Collection: Congregational Participation and Engagement in the United Church of Christ,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, October 2018.

“Congregations and Change: Findings from the FACT 2015 Survey,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, October 2018.

“Flourishing in Ministry in the United Church of Christ,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, October 2017.

“Changing U.S. Demographics and Impacts on Mainline Protestantism: The Case of the United Church of Christ,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 2016.

“Young Adults and Spirituality: What Does a Transformative Church Look Like?” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 2016.

“Young Adult Ministries in American Congregations,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, CA, October 2015.

“Congregational Vitality and Clergy Excellence,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN, October 2014.

“Young Adults and Worship: Digging Deeper,” SSSR/RRA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2013.

“Policy Effects and Strategies for Institutional Change in Supporting Undocumented College Students,” Association for the Study of Higher Education Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC, October 2011.

“Student Affairs Professionals in A Social Justice Education Course: Effects of Narrative on Transformative Learning,” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 2011.

“Access to Higher Education for Undocumented Students: Ethical Considerations of Social Justice, Equity, and Equality,” Culturally Responsive Teaching, Leadership, and Counseling Symposium, Colorado Springs, CO, January 2010.

“Engaging the ‘Other(s)’: Religious Dialogue on Campus,” panel convenor at the Summit on Social Justice and Diversity, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO, April 2008.

“Spirituality and Leadership,” Latino Leadership Summit, Denver, CO, March 2006.

### **INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, & LEADERSHIP ROLES (SELECTED):**

Research Advisor, The BTS Center: Spiritual Leadership for a Climate-Changed World, Bangor, ME, 2025–Present.

Leader, Doctoral Fellows Cohort, Vocation of the Theological Educator Program, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, 2024–Present.

Guest Lecturer, DMin Social Change Leadership course, Meadville Lombard Theological School, March 2025.

Guest Lecturer, Interfaith Leadership and Religious Diversity in the U.S. course, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2025.

Facilitator, “Cultivating Agency as Full-Time Contingent Faculty,” AAR Roundtable, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, November 2024.

Panelist and Presenter, “Sorting Out the Administrative Mysteries of Academia” and “Leadership and Changemaking,” Vocation of the Theological Educator Gathering, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, February 2024.

Presenter, “Finances in U.S. Latino Congregations: Trends from the Faith Communities Today (FACT) and Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC) Surveys,” The Center for Church Management, Villanova University, February 2024.

Panelist, “Infusing Authentic Humanity into Your Growing Organization,” Iliff Innovation Lab Panel, Denver Startup Week, Denver, CO, September 2022.

Panelist, “Leading with Resilience,” Presidents Leadership Class Alumni Mentor Collective, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, October 2021.

Guest Lecturer, “Value Tensions in Leadership,” Leadership Ethics course, Women’s College, University of Denver, May 2021.

Guest Lecturer, “Intentional Adaptation and Process-Oriented Leadership,” Community Leadership course, Women’s College, University of Denver, October 2020.

Presenter, “Field Education and the Impact of COVID-19,” Association of Theological Schools webinar, June 2020.

Lecturer, “Young Adult Spirituality,” Board of Trustees, New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY, December 2014.

### **INVITED CHURCH-RELATED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, & LEADERSHIP ROLES (SELECTED):**

Respondent, [“Weaving Threads in a Time of Unraveling” with Sherri Mitchell](#), The BTS Center, online, April 2025.

Co-presenter, “Envisioning the Church of the Future,” MacKenzie Lectureship Workshop, First Congregational UCC, Boulder, CO, February 2025, co-presented with Nancy T. Ammerman.

Keynote Speaker, “Unraveling Religious Leadership,” Authorizing Ministry in the 21st Century: UCC National Biennial Gathering, Tempe, AZ, December 2024.

Keynote Speaker, “Decolonial Religious Leadership: Unraveling and Reweaving the Garment of Destiny,” Post-Imperial Futures Teach-In, Unitarian Universalist Association Global Connections & Emerging Communities Office and LIGHT at Meadville Lombard, online, November 2024.

Keynote Speaker, “Vitality and Visioning in Small Rural Churches,” Trinity District of the Mountain Sky Conference UMC Annual Gathering, Wiley, CO, April 2023.

Presenter, “Paths to Ministry” and “Vocational Discernment Beyond the Parish,” UCC Clergywomen’s National Leadership Event, online, September 2022.

Presenter, “Statistics and Trends on Growth and Vitality,” Adult Forum, First Plymouth Congregational Church UCC, Englewood, CO, November 2021.

Presenter, “Reimagining Our Collective Missional Call,” UCC Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting, online, October 2021.

Presenter, “Self-Care During A Pandemic,” United Church of Christ Thursdays for the Soul, online, April 2020.

Presenter, “Conflict Transformation,” Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church, online, May 2019.

Keynote Speaker, Still (Re)Forming Conference, Center for Progressive Renewal, Atlanta, GA, November 2017.

Chaplain of the Week, UCC Chautauqua Society, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY, July 2017.

Keynote Speaker, UCC Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting, St. Joseph, MN, June 2017.

### **AWARDS/HONORS:**

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| 2025      | Faculty Award, Excellence in Scholarship, Iliff School of Theology.   |
| 2015      | Alumni Award, Outstanding Contribution to the Academy, Iliff School of Theology.  |
| 2011      | Outstanding Poster Award: Division J (Postsecondary Education), “Standing in the Gap: Higher Education Professionals Providing Support for Undocumented Students,” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. |
| 2005      | Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars Conference Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education, Atlanta, GA.   |
| 2005      | Barnard Bible Land Travel Award, Iliff School of Theology.  |
| 2004–2006 | Urban Ministry Fellowship Award, Iliff School of Theology.  |
| 2003      | TRIO Achiever Award, TRIO Western Regional Conference, Rapid City, SD.  |

- 1999-2001      Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology Students,  
University of Colorado.
- 1997-1999      Presidents Leadership Class, University of Colorado.
- 1997-1999      Honors Program, University of Colorado.

## **AFFILIATIONS:**

### **Professional:**

- Academy of Religious Leadership
- American Academy of Religion
- La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion
- Association for Theological Field Education
- Religious Research Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

### **Church:**

- Mountain View United Church, Aurora, CO
- El Colectivo de Latinx Ministries, United Church of Christ

### **Editorial and Community Boards:**

- 2024-Present      Editorial Board, *Review of Religious Research*.
- 2019-Present      Editorial Board, *Journal of Religious Leadership*.
- 2023-2024      City-Wide Commissioner, Immigrant and Refugee Commission, Aurora, CO.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CERTIFICATIONS:**

- 2025-2026      Women in Leadership Program, The Association of Theological Schools.
- 2025      Blog Writers Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.
- 2024-2025      Latinas in Leadership Program, Hispanic Theological Initiative.
- 2024, 2018      School for Peer Reviewers, The Association of Theological Schools.
- 2024      Latinx Faculty Roundtable, "The Future of Latinx Placemaking in the Academy,"  
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.
- 2024      *Journal on Teaching* Writing Colloquy, Wabash Center for Teaching and  
Learning.
- 2023      TheoEd Executive Leadership Program, Forum for Theological Exploration.
- 2023      Writing Workshop, "Breaking the Academic Mold: Liberating the Powerful,  
Personal Voice Inside You," Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning/  
Collegeville Institute.
- 2023      Certificate in Inclusive Pedagogy, American Academy of Religion.
- 2022      Hybrid Workshop for Early Career Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center  
for Teaching and Learning.
- 2020-2021      Digital Salon, "Tending to the Body and Soul of Early Career Theological School  
Educators," Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.
- 2020-2021      Workshop for Early Career Latinx Religion Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching  
and Learning.
- 2020      New Faculty Roundtable, The Association of Theological Schools.
- 2020      CITI Program Training Completion for IRB Research, University of Denver.
- 2015      Denominational Leadership Program, Duke Divinity School.

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| 2020–2011 | Academic Management Institute, Colorado Network of Women Leaders.  |
| 2009–2010 | Leadership Academy, Colorado College.  |
| 2008      | Facilitator Training, Center for Renewal and Wholeness in Higher Education.                              |
| 2004      | Clinical Pastoral Education (Level I Unit), Saint Anthony Central and North Hospitals, Denver, CO, 2004. |