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Education

- 2023 – Ph.D. Integrative Studies in Ethics and Theology (Ethics Concentration), Loyola University Chicago
- 2016 – M.A./M.A Theology/Women’s Studies and Gender Studies, Loyola University Chicago
- 2011 – B.A. Global Studies (Comparative Religion Concentration), Global College of Long Island University

Employment Experience

- 2023 – present, Full-Time Instructor, Loyola University Chicago, IL
THEO 100: Introduction to Theology
THEO 185: Introduction to Christian Ethics
THEO 203: Social Justice and Injustice
THEO 278: Religion and Gender
THEO 280/WSGS 201: Queer and Trans Studies in Religion through Film
- 2019 – 2023, Instructor, Loyola University Chicago, IL
- 2019 – Teaching Assistant, Loyola University Chicago, IL
- 2016 – 2019 – Research Assistant, Loyola University Chicago, IL
- 2015 – 2016 – Research Assistant, Center for Human Rights of Children, Chicago, IL
- 2013 – 2014 – Assistant Staff, Winona Area Public Schools, Winona, MN
- 2011 – Social Media Intern, World Faith, New York, NY
- 2010 – Faiths Act Fellowship Intern, Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), Chicago, IL
- 2008 – 2009 – Student Coordinator, Global College India Center, Bangalore, India
- 2007 – 2008 – Community Intern, Fundación Humanitaria, La Carpio, Costa Rica

Publications

Monographs

2019 – *Unaccompanied Migrant Children: Social, Legal, and Ethical Perspectives*. Molly Greening and Hille Haker, editors. Lexington Books, 2019.

In progress – *Belonging in the Borderlands: Questioning Catholic Ethics*

Articles

Forthcoming – “Orgullo/Gringo Go Back to Your Own Country” in *QTR: A Journal of Trans and Queer Studies in Religion*, Spring, 2026.

Forthcoming – “Border Walls and Islamic Borderlands: Transgressing the Shared Ethos of Religious Boundary Making and Geopolitical Border Policing” in *Questioning Borders: Constructive Responses to the Current Challenges of Global Migration from Interfaith Perspectives*.

2025 – Uma carta de amor para teologues queer latino-americanes, *Revista Senso*.

2025 – “Mediatrix Methodologies: Queering Ecclesiology through Spiritual Activism” in *DARE Primer on Global Queer Theologies*, eds. Lisa Isherwood and Hugo Córdova Quero. Council for World Mission.

2025 – “Challenging the Church Industrial Complex: Historical Lessons from Francisco de Vitoria” in *The Business of God: Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Church-Industrial Complex*, eds. Dannis Matteson and Sheryl Johnson. Wipf & Stock.

2025 – “Dignity, Interrupted: Queer Ethics, Christian Social Ethics, and the Ethics of Eternity” with Maren Behrensen in *Gender Studies und christliche Sozialethik: Diskurs und Praxis*, eds. Christian Spieß, Katja Winkler. Campus.

2024 – “Ideologías de género: ¿globales o coloniales? Criticando la comprensión católica romana de la colonización ideológica a través del pensamiento feminista decolonial” in *Mysterium Liberationis Queer: Ensayos sobre teologías queer de la liberación en las Américas*, eds. Hugo Córdova Quero, Miguel H. Díaz, Anderson Fabían Santos Meza, and Cristián Mor.

In Progress – “Autism, Complex Communication, and the Opacity of Other Minds” with Maren Behrensen.

Other

2024 – “You Blows Who You Is/Blow Yourself” *Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Blog*.

2022 – “METHOD AS IDENTITY: MANUFACTURING DISTANCE IN THE ACADEMIC STUDY OF RELIGION, Driscoll, Christopher M. and Miller, Monica R.. Religion and Race Series, 3. New York: Lexington Books, 2019. Pp. xxx + 233. Cloth, \$110.00; paper \$39.99.” *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 48 no. 2. June 2022, p. 259.

2016 – Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago “Crossing the Border Alone: Catholic Responses to Unaccompanied Children Migrating to the United States.”

2010 – *Washington Post* On Faith Blog, Guest Blogger
“Mosque Moves from Center of Division to Healing”

Presentations

2025 – Simpósio Indecências – ReGeSex, Juiz De Fora, Brazil, Presenter
“Radical Theological Creativity through Zine-Making”

2025 – “Does God Exist? A Theological Debate,” Loyola University Chicago, Moderator and Organizer

2024 – American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California
Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Religion and Memory Unit, presenter,
“Constructing Coalitional Memories Where Religion, Race, Gender, and Nation Collide”

2024 – Conferencia de Teologías Queer de las Américas, San Salvador, El Salvador,
Presenter
“Manifestando la Mediadora: La eclesiología queer a través del activismo espiritual”

2023 – 2nd Workshop, “Mental Health and Normativity: Metaphysics and (in)Justice,”
Granada, Spain, Presenter
“Autism, Complex Communication, and the Opacity of Other Minds” with Maren Behrensen

Annual Society of Christian Ethics Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, Presenter
“Challenging Catholic Social Teaching Through Queer and Decolonial Concepts of Belonging”

2022 – II Simposio Internacional de Teorías y Teologías Queer, Departamento Ecu­m­é­nico de Investigaciones (DEI), San José, Costa Rica, Presenter
“‘Gender Ideologies’: Global or Colonial? The Differing Starting Points of Pope Francis and María Lugones”

Societas Ethica Annual Conference, “Vulnerability and Integrity,” Zürich,

- Switzerland, Panelist
 “Vulnerability, Integrity, and Ideologies of Security: Womanist and Feminist Approaches for Liberation Movements in the United States”
- Annual Catholic Theological Society of America Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, Presenter
 “Between Nepantla and Natural Law: How Definitions of Rationality Impact the Ethics of Interreligious Engagement”
- UCR Conference on Queer and Transgender Studies in Religion, University of California, Riverside, Presenter
 “The Ethics of Queering Comparative Theologies”
- 2020 – Annual Society of Christian Ethics Meeting, Washington, D. C., presenter
 “From White Guilt to Intentional Action: Deconstructing Roadblocks to White Allyship”
- 2019 – American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, Religions, Borders and Immigration Seminar, Presenter
 “Border Walls and Islamic Borderlands: Transgressing the Shared Ethos of Religious Boundary Making and Geopolitical Border Policing”
- Theta Alpha Kappa Theology Majors/Minors Lecture, Loyola University Chicago, presenter
 “What is Theology?”
- Societas Ethica Annual Conference, Digital Humanity, Tutzing, Germany, Presenter
 “Surveillance, Belonging, and the (In)Humanity of Asylum Seekers”
- 2018 – Societas Ethica Annual Conference, Feminist Ethics and the Question of Gender, Louvain-la-Nueve, Belgium, Presenter
 “Us, Too? The #MeToo Movement and Epistemic Injustice”
- 2017 – Theta Alpha Kappa, Loyola University Chicago, Organizer
 “Faith That Moves: A Discussion on Religion and Immigration”
- 2016 – THEO 278: Ethics of Migration, Loyola University Chicago, Guest Lecturer
 “Unaccompanied Children and Global Migration Ethics: On the U.S./Mexico Border”
- Theta Alpha Kappa, Theology Department, and Women’s Studies/Gender Studies Department, Loyola University Chicago, Organizer and Moderator
 “Ms. Representation: Media Portrayals of Afghan Women and the Epistemic Violence of International Intervention”

Theta Alpha Kappa, Loyola University Chicago, Organizer and Moderator
“Women, Religion, and Sexuality: Hindu, Jewish, and Catholic Reflections on
Who Makes the Rules and Who Breaks the Rules”

2015 – Loyola University Chicago Theta Alpha Kappa Panel, Chicago, IL, Panelist
“Personal or Political? The Impacts of Studying Religion within a Secular
Society”

Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, Ada, OH, Presenter
“The Curtain No Weaver Has Woven: Exploring the Methodological Limitations
of Religious Studies and Theology Through the Mystical Singing Traditions of
West Bengal, India”

2014 – Medical Ethics in Healthcare Chaplaincy, Chicago, IL, Presenter
“The Work of a Hospitality House: Historical and Personal Reflections on the
Catholic Worker Movement”

Theta Alpha Kappa, Loyola University Chicago, Presenter
“Seeing Double? Visions of Religion through the Eyes of Religious Studies and
Theology”

Invited Presentations

2025 – Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL, Panelist
Author Meets Critics: *Choosing Love: What LGBTQ+ Christians Can Teach Us
All about Relationships, Inclusion, and Justice*

2025 – “Careers with Queers,” Q-Initiatives, Loyola University Chicago, Panelist

2024 – “Know Your Rights: Student Activism Panel”, Ramblers Analyzing Ideas (RAI)
Panelist

2024 – Transdisciplinary Colloquium of Gender and Queer Studies, Loyola University
Chicago, Presenter
“The Merits of Fucking Shit Up: Transdisciplinary Activism, Failure, and Queer
Theology”

2024 – Minorities and Philosophy Inaugural Chapter Meeting, University of Twente,
Enschede, Netherlands, Presenter
“A Multi-Empathy Problem: María Lugones, World Traveling, and the Double
Empathy Problem”

2024 – “Disability in the Workplace,” Students with Disabilities Coalition, Loyola
University Chicago, Panelist

2023 – Love’s Living Flame: A Panel Discussion on Miguel Díaz’s *Queer God De Amor*,
Loyola University Chicago, Panelist

- 2021 – Welcoming Immigrants: Prayer and Conversation Reflecting Angels Unawares, Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, Loyola University Chicago, Musical Reflection
- Sign of the Times: Context, Contingency, and Crisis, Loyola University Chicago, panelist
 “Putting the Status Quo into Question: Gender, Colonization, and the Search for a Globalization without Marginalization”
- Theta Alpha Kappa Dismantling White Supremacy Series, Loyola University Chicago, panelist
- 2017 – Dorothy Day: Revolution of the Heart, Loyola University Chicago, Panelist
 “The Catholic Worker since Dorothy Day: Doing the Work in the Midwest”
- 2016 – Social Justice Dinner Dialogue, Loyola University Chicago, Panelist
 “Building Understanding: The Facts and Faces of Immigration”
- Joan and Bill Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage: Catholicism in Dialogue Series, Loyola University Chicago, Moderator
 “A Year of Mercy: The Abrahamic Faiths in the Year of Jubilee”
- 4th International Richard A. McCormick Ethics Colloquium: Healing the Wounds of Violence, Loyola University Chicago, Panelist
 “State Violence and Violence Against Vulnerable Groups: Unaccompanied Children’s Rights and Catholic Responses”
- John Courtney Murray Forum, Loyola University Chicago, Panelist
 “Being Millennial: A Conversation about Faith and Identity”
- 2012 – St. Mary’s University, Winona, MN, Guest Lecturer
 “Concepts of the Good Life and the Winona Catholic Worker”
- 2009 – Globalization for the Common Good Conference, Chicago, IL, Panelist
 “Learning about Globalization through Experiential Education”
- 2008 – PBS Celebration of Teaching and Learning, New York, NY, Presenter
 “A Day in the Life: Experiential Education at the Global College Costa Rica Center”

Field Research

- 2019 – Archival Research, Gloria Evangelina Anzaldúa Papers, Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas at Austin

- 2011 – “The Chosen Women: A Comparative Analysis of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Catholicism and Hazreti Maryam in Sufism”
- 2009 – 2010 – Comparative Religion and Culture Program (CRC), Global College, Taiwan, Thailand, India, and Turkey
- 2009 – Southeast Asia Law Enforcement Training and Consulting Associates (SEALETA), Sex Work, Sex Trafficking, and Political Rights, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- “The Way of the Beloved: Audio Recordings from a Sufi and Vaishnavite Sahaja Mela” Hatgovindapur, West Bengal, India
- 2007 – “Por Nuestro Futuro, Por Nuestros Niños: Photos and Poetry by the Women of La Carpío” Fundación Humanitaria, La Carpío, San José, Costa Rica

Service

University Service

- 2025 – 2026 – Faculty Mentor, Bridge USA
- 2024 – 2025 – Committee on Recruitment of Majors and Minors, Loyola University Chicago
- 2023 – 2024 – Promotion Committee, Theology Department, Loyola University Chicago
- 2022 – Building Bridges North-South: A Synodal Encounter between Pope Francis and University Students, Participant
- 2020 – 2021 – Theology Graduate Student Caucus President
- 2019 – 2020 – Theology Graduate Student Caucus, Orientation Organizer and Retreat Leader
- 2015 – 2017 – Theta Alpha Kappa Honors Society for Theology and Religious Studies, Leadership Team, Vice President
- 2014 – 2017 – Sexual Assault Crisis Line Advocate, Loyola University Chicago, IL
- 2014 – 2015 – Loyola 2020: Carbon Neutrality on Campus, Loyola University Chicago, Leadership Team/Found Materials Artist

Community Service

- 2025 – present – Mutual Aid Leadership Team, Sanctuary Niles Township
- 2020 – Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, Spiritual Care Advisory Committee

2020 – 2021 Co-founder, Suburban Solidarity Network

2011 – 2013 – Full-Time Live-In Volunteer, Winona Catholic Worker, Winona, MN

Training/Certification

2021 – CACIQUE Inc. Restorative Justice Circle Practitioner Training

2018 – UN Certified Online Facilitator Training, Soliya

2017 – Chicago Regional Organizing Against Racism (CROAR), Understanding and Analyzing Systemic Racism training, Chicago, IL

2014 – Rape Crisis Counselor Certification, Rape Victim Advocates, Chicago, IL

2013 – 2014 – Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Certification, Crisis Prevention Intervention, Winona Area Public Schools, Winona, MN

2011 – Online Cross-Cultural Mediation, Facilitation, and Media Training, Soliya Network Fellowship

2010 – 2011 – Interfaith Leadership Training, Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), Chicago, IL

Grants, Honors, and Awards

2026 – Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) Neighborhood Access Program, *Neighborhood Melodies: A Celebration of Cultures in Rogers Park*, planning committee member

2025 – Roundtable on Storytelling-based Pedagogy, Atlanta, Georgia, Wabash Center

2025 – Q Initiatives, Faculty Allyship Award, Loyola University Chicago

2023 – present – Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Racial Justice, Loyola University Chicago

2024 – Gratiis Award, Delta Alpha Pi Honors Society for Students with Disabilities, Loyola University Chicago

2024 – Creative Writing Roundtable, Atlanta, Georgia, Wabash Center

2023 – Building Bridges Award, Loyola University Chicago

2021 – 2022 – Holstein Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Riverside
Crown Fellowship, Loyola University Chicago

2021 – Certificate of Appreciation, Rhythmic Kashi

2019 – Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Facilitator Badge

Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Individual Artist’s Program
Grant (Chicago Folklore Ensemble), City of Chicago

2015 – 2016 – Faculty Fellowship (research assistant), Center for the Human
Rights of Children, with Dr. Hille Haker, Loyola University Chicago

2011 – 2012 – Soliya Network Fellowship, Soliya

2011 – Global Citizenship Award, Global College of Long Island University

Senior Thesis Overseer’s Award, Global College of Long Island University
“The Chosen Woman: A Comparative Analysis of the Blessed Virgin Mary in
Catholicism and Hazreti Maryam in Sufism”

2008 – 2011 – Dean’s Scholarship, Global College of Long Island University

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Religion

Society of Christian Ethics

Theta Alpha Kappa National Honors Society for Religious Studies and Theology

Languages

English - native speaker

Spanish – seven years, B2 proficiency

Bengali – one year, beginner

Portuguese – one year, beginner

Other Interests

Cellist, Chicago Folklore Ensemble, Ochin Pakhi

Facilitator, Soliya, Sharing Perspectives Foundation