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OBJECTIVE	<i>Integrate spiritual care approaches in psychedelic care and education.</i>	
SKILLS	· Curriculum development, program coordination, and interdisciplinary teams; · Chaplaincy and psychedelic facilitation instruction, evaluation, mentoring and supervision; · Spiritual direction and counseling, health care delivery, spiritual assessment and care plans; · Event planning and production, ritual facilitation, indigenous traditions; · Ethical considerations, community collaboration, group process facilitation.	
EXPERIENCE	<u>UC Berkeley Psychedelic Facilitation Certificate Program</u> <i>Program Staff Director</i> Provide curriculum development and program implementation, including iterative adaptations based on instructor and student feedback. Recruit, select, and onboard 110 alumni over the past three years. Oversee staff recruitment and hiring, manage interdisciplinary instructional team. Maintain Oregon state regulatory approval. Coordinate with Principal Investigator, Project Manager, and undergraduate interns. Execute pilgrimage to Oaxaca, Mexico, coordinate psychedelic facilitation program leadership summit in Denver, CO, present at conferences in MA and CA. Manage budget of \$1 million annually. Complete funder reports, update website annually.	<i>September 2022-present</i>
	<u>UC Berkeley Center for the Science of Psychedelics</u> <i>Curriculum Development Contractor</i> Independent Contractor providing curriculum and program development to the BCSP. Designed and implemented Psychedelic Facilitation Certificate Program to begin September 2022. Assisted staff recruitment and hiring, as well as Oregon state regulatory approval process. Designed and implemented successful recruitment and admissions process. Coordinated with Principal Investigator, Project Manager, and Medical Director. Arranged pre-pilgrimage planning trip to Oaxaca, Mexico. Contributed to fundraising efforts, including calls with donors and development of proposal materials. Contributed to website copy and editing.	<i>September 2021-August 2022</i>
	<u>Medicine Earth, Sebastopol, CA</u> <i>Executive Director</i> Founded Earth based church and completed state and federal filings for 501(c)(3) recognition. Consulted with legal team, hired financial advisors and administrative support, recruited board members, and involved community members in programming, infrastructure, and development. Produced monthly services and seasonal fellowship groups for members. Provided individual and group spiritual direction and spiritual counseling. Oversaw construction of Covid-safe outdoor worship space, successful fundraising toward completion of that project, and annual fire mitigation process.	<i>January 2020-June 2022</i>
	<u>Sacred Plant Alliance</u> <i>Membership Coordinator</i> Designed and implemented membership program for national organization, including guidelines for member qualification and annual renewal process. Coordinated monthly Membership Team meetings, participated in Membership Taskforce and interfaced with Steering Committee.	<i>April 2021-April 2022</i>
	<u>Psychedelic Facilitation, Bay Area, CA</u> Provided psychedelic facilitation services to individuals and groups in and around the Bay Area, including prescription ketamine in both oral and intramuscular form. Provided health screening, assessments, care plans, and education to clients, care providers, and family members.	<i>May 2018-present</i>
	<u>Entrepreneurs Awakening, Pisac, Peru</u> <i>Pilgrimage Support Staff</i> Supported a team of professionals making a pilgrimage to the Ayaruna Retreat Center to work with ayahuasca and huachuma for healing purposes. Provided Spanish translation, preparation and integration support, and emotional support to female participants.	<i>April 2015</i>

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Hope Hospice, Dublin, CA

August 2013-May 2014

Spiritual Care Provider

Tracked admissions, performed assessments, created care plans, and managed ongoing support. Attended interdisciplinary team meetings, managed notifications on clinical care line, provided volunteer training, organized annual memorial service, provided celebrations for staff, and coordinated with community clergy.

AseraCare Hospice, Concord

January 2011-June 2012

Spiritual Care Coordinator

Solo chaplain serving hospice patients in three counties. Coordinated spiritual care with interdisciplinary team, patients, families, and faith communities; recruited, hired, and trained chaplains in sister offices; carried after-hours call schedule; performed funerals and memorials for patients and families; provided bereavement services as needed for families and staff; provided in-services for local organizations; provided informational visits to individuals considering hospice care; assessed and responded to spiritual needs of a diverse population; collaborated in creation of individualized, interdisciplinary plans of care for patients and families.

Birth Advocate

April 2006-June 2009

Birth Doula

Worked as a birth doula across the Bay Area. Counseled families on the process of childbirth, concerns about medical intervention, and spiritual implications of birth and parenthood. Supported women through the challenges of pregnancy, labor, and early motherhood. Traveled to family homes as well as hospitals and birth centers as on-call attendant. Wrote birth stories for families and organized gatherings for recent parents.

INSTRUCTION

Ketamine Study Group, Sonoma County, CA

July 2020-Oct 2020

Instructor and Supervisor

Co-taught a four-month experiential training for health care providers in the application of therapeutic ketamine. Included various dosing strategies, routes of administration, logistics and dynamics of psychedelic facilitation, ritual design and use of music.

Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, CA

Spring 2018

Course Instructor: End of Life Spirituality

Taught 1-credit (15-hour) short course covering spiritual assessment, prayers and blessings, bathing and other rituals, and burials/memorials. Explored human needs, available tools, and coping strategies using role plays, personal experiences, and group process.

Chaplaincy Institute, Berkeley, CA

June 2012-March 2018

Guest Faculty, Academic Advisor

Taught three-hour courses in Interfaith and Spiritual Direction programs: Plant Medicine Traditions; Caring for the Ill and Dying; End of Life Care; Spiritual Direction with the Ill and Dying; Lakota Sweat Lodge; Developing an Interfaith Creed; Sermon Writing Workshop. Assisted students in development as interfaith clergy. Reviewed student papers, consulted on secondary faith exploration and practicum fulfillment, assessed readiness for ordination.

CPE

John Muir Medical Center, Concord Campus

Sept 2009-May 2010

ACPE Resident (3 units)

Served as a full-time interfaith chaplain at a community hospital. Rotations in Emergency Department, Critical Care, Radiation Oncology, Renal and general nursing. Worked with individuals and groups in the Behavioral Health Center. Performed spiritual assessments, offered prayers and blessings, attended funerals, answered grief support line, and coordinated family meetings with medical staff. Promoted palliative care approach and covered evening and weekend call shifts.

Pacific Health Ministry

June 2008-August 2008

ACPE Intern (1 unit)

Served as a chaplain at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. Provided spiritual care to patients, families, and staff, with a focus on Pediatric Oncology and Neonatal Intensive Care. Experience with pediatric life-limiting illness and fetal demise. Covered on-call shifts at two hospitals.

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Pathways Hospice

June 2007-May 2008

Spiritual Care Intern

Provided spiritual care to the dying and recently bereaved through personal visits to homes, care facilities and hospice residences. Coordinated with social work and nursing staff in both Oakland and San Francisco to determine and provide for spiritual needs of patients and families.

EDUCATION

Advanced Ketamine Training—KRIYA Institute

May 2018-Aug 2018

Experiential training for health care providers in the application of therapeutic ketamine. Included various dosing strategies, routes of administration, logistics and dynamics of psychedelic facilitation, ritual design and use of music.

Mazatec Initiation—Huautla, Mexico

July 2014

10-day pilgrimage to the home of the late Julieta Casimiro, one of the indigenous 13 grandmothers. Three ceremonies with the sacred mushrooms and salvia divinorum, pilgrimages to make offerings at mountain shrines, visits to churches, corn readings and other traditional healing and cleansing practices.

Hakomi Comprehensive Training—Hakomi Institute of California

March 2013-Dec 2015

Training in mindfulness-based, body-oriented psychotherapy, including work with trauma, character strategies, and child states.

Spiritual Direction Certificate—Chaplaincy Institute

June 2012-April 2013

Training in spiritual guidance for individuals and groups.

Interfaith Ordination—Chaplaincy Institute

Sept 2008-Sept 2010

Education and experience in many major faith traditions, including visits to local and international houses of worship. Personal concentration in Earth-based traditions.

Master of Divinity—Pacific School of Religion

June 2006-June 2009

Training in progressive spiritual leadership, with a focus on the Christian tradition.

Master of Arts—Boston University

Sept 2003-Sept 2004

MA, Creative Writing; focus on translation.

Bachelor of Science—Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Sept 1997-June 2002

BS, Creative Writing; Minors in Spanish and Literature.

PUBLICATIONS

“Relationality in Psychedelic Facilitation Training Programs,” Harvard Divinity School, Center for the Study of World Religions “Psychedelic Intersections” Conference Anthology published in December 2024.

“Pilgrims on the Path of Birth and Death,” Elephant Journal, August 28, 2015.

“Why I don’t write: A minister’s confession,” Elephant Journal, March 13, 2015.

“Pinsky and Boston University Provide Model Secondary School Outreach Program,” *ALSC Newsletter: Association of Literary Scholars and Critics*, Spring 2004, Vol.10.1/2.

“To Write and Eye Words,” Jose Oliver (co-translator), LIVES IN TRANSLATION: Bilingual Writers on Identity and Creativity, ed. Isabelle de Courtivron, Palgrave/McMillan 2003.

“The clock,” and “The long nap,” *Beloit Poetry Journal*, Chapbook #23: *Poets Under 25*, Spring 2002, Vol.52 No.3.

“Artichoke,” *Radcliffe Culinary Times*, Autumn 2001, Vol. XI, No.2.

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PRESENTATIONS	Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Science “UC Berkeley Psychedelic Facilitation Certificate Program: Ethics, Challenges and Responsibilities,” with Tina Trujillo, Marlena Robbins, and Claudia Cuentas. Focus on impacts within Indigenous communities as part of Plant Medicine Track.	<i>June 2025</i>
	DoSER (Dialogues on Science, Ethics and Religion) Dialogues event: “Perspectives on Psychedelics: Past, Present and Future,” hosted by AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science), with Ariel Clark and Jamila Hokanson. Spiritual features of psychedelic experience; the formation of psychedelic churches; the psychedelic legal landscape; challenges to diversity in psychedelic research and access to psychedelic care; Indigenous perspectives on sacred medicines; and impacts of the increase in psychedelic use on Indigenous communities. View the recording here .	<i>December 2024</i>
	Keynote: “Establishing Training Standards for Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies,” The Emerald Conference. Explored the need for policies, regulations, and guiding standards for psychedelic assisted therapies, including cannabis. Addressed basic qualifications for trainees, concepts related to training delivery, and considerations related to a future accreditation process.	<i>April 2024</i>
	“Psychedelic Spirituality and Medicine“ panel: Harvard Divinity School, Center for the Study of World Religions <i>Psychedelic Intersections Conference</i> , with Dr. Sharday Moserinjohn, Victoria Litman, and Dr. Franklin King. Adverse psychedelic experiences, legal and ethical considerations related to spiritual experiences in psychedelic care, requirements for psychedelic education, and specific implications for psychedelics in psychiatry. Watch the full panel recording here.	<i>February 2024</i>
	Healing Hearts, Changing Minds conference for grantees increasing access to psychedelic treatment for LGBTQIA+ communities. learnings. Meadow’s interview with HHCM describes the early stages of development for the program and some of the outcomes of the first two years.	<i>May 2024</i>
VOLUNTEER	PBS ViewFinder overview of the psychedelic field, “ Psychedelics and Healing .”	<i>September 2023</i>
	KJZZ Phoenix interview on The Show: “ Legalized psychedelic therapy will require safe, culturally sensitive spaces .”	<i>June 2023</i>
	Sacred Plant Alliance Advisory Board	2024-present
LANGUAGES	Medicine Earth Board of Directors	2022-present
	Spanish proficiency French basic	