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Private Practice and Personal Agency

* Lavender Spirit Creations ** Spring 2022 – currently *

Humanist Chaplain and Creative Producer

- Circulating a ministry service and production company, with a focus on cultural geography and ecological studies
- Grant writing, networking, and outreach toward locals, musicians, intellectuals, scholars, ministers and creatives

Education and Research

* Graduate Theological Union ** Fall 2021 – Spring 2026 *

** Master's of Arts, Sacred Texts and Interpretation **

- **Center for Dharma Studies**

(Hindu) Yoga Studies; Department of Religion and Practice; GTU 360 Sustainability Initiative
Master's Capstone Project – "SACRED SOUND CIRCULATING CHAPLAINCY: ECO-MINISTRY WITH AND
THROUGH ACOUSTEMOLOGY AND A ŠĀKTA PERSPECTIVE"

- **Paul Podvin Award Recipient**

Endowed for Fieldwork and Research Practicum From Summer 2020; Youth-Based Spirituality
Counseling Practice and Conceptual Framing; Seeds of Awareness, San Francisco Bay Area

* University of California, Berkeley ** Fall 2017 – Fall 2020 *

** Bachelor's of Arts, Anthropology and Education **

- **Honors Thesis Program**

Studied ground-level ethnography and oral history about "free speech" and the structure-agency debate
Researched soundscapes and vocal expression with homeless in People's Park as a place-based history
Supervised by anthropology faculty members, directed on critical thinking and analytical writing skills

- **Practicum in Education**

Studied empowering education and ecopsychology with children at a day-long summer camp
Researched social emotional skills from an organization dedicated to neurodivergent learning styles
Supervised by a clinical psychologist, directed on innovative curriculum and problem-solving skills

Training and Experience

* Graduate Theological Union ** Fall 2023 – Spring 2026 *

Interreligious Chaplaincy Program

- Program offers a certificate in Interreligious Chaplaincy, focusing on spiritual care among diverse populations
- Coursework covers practical spiritual care and counseling, preparing students for board certification as chaplains

* San Francisco Film School ** Spring 2021 – currently *

Professional Certificate in Digital Filmmaking

- Completed course work has consisted of the craft of editing, audio for film, directing and producing
- Favoring foci include acting for directors, creative writing and screenwriting

* Parks and Recreation, Sedona, USA ** Winter 2021 – Spring 2022 *

Youth Basketball Coach

- Prepared for weekly games and organized practices for a 5th-6th grade league team
- Modeled good sportsmanship and taught endurance through self-ownership

* ACES ABA (online training) ** Summer 2021 *

Behavioral Intervention

- Completed 40-hour training on applied behavior analysis for children and youth
- Learned sensory-integration assessments, evaluations and analytic interventions

* Helpsy Health Inc. (online internship) ** Summer 2019 *

Clinical Information Intern

- Wrote grants and informed health professionals about the primary company objectives
- Researched and organized projects for advisors and investors during the internship

Relevant Paid Experience

* Alma Somas Farm, Sedona, USA ** Winter 2021 – Spring 2022 *

Office Assistant and Project Videographer

- Biodynamic agriculture project organized to replenish the soil and enliven the community,
- Performed roles in filmmaking projects are currently in post production operation

* Seeds of Awareness, San Francisco, USA ** Summer 2020 *

Ecopsychology Counselor

- Mentored and supported the ongoing learning process of emotional health and social skills
- Worked with children (K-6) during day-long nature hikes five days a week