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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

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## 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 ŚĀKTA 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

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## 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

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## 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