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EDUCATION:

CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY – Claremont, California
Ph.D. in Positive Developmental Psychology (Anticipated Summer 2025)

CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY – Claremont, California
Master of Arts in Positive Developmental Psychology (2023)

FULLER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY – Pasadena, California
Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy (2011)

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Pasadena, California
Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, concentration in Practical Theology (2011)

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD – Oxford, England
Master of Studies in Theology (2003).

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Fort Worth, Texas
Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages (2002).

OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY – Arkadelphia, Arkansas
Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications (1999).

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Associate Professor of Psychology (2018-Present)

Courses Taught:

PSYC 100: Writing 1: First Year Psychology Seminar

PSYC 110: General Psychology

PSYC 260: Writing 2: Writing in the Discipline of Psychology

PSYC 290: Human Growth and Development

PSYC 385: Health Psychology

PSYC 415: Group Process and Behavior

PSYC 455: Field Experience I

PSYC 460: Field Experience II

PSYC 475: Research Experience

PSYC 496: Writing 3: Psychology and Christianity Integration Seminar

PSYC 521: Psychology of Religion/Spirituality Graduate Research Seminar

PSYC 529: Group Counseling for Children and Adolescents

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Assistant Professor of Psychology (2014-2018)

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
Adjunct Instructor of Psychology (2012-2014)

PSYC 435: Psychology and Christianity Integration Seminar
 PSYC 290: Human Growth and Development

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Pasadena, California
Adjunct Instructor of Theology (2006-2014)

ST501: Systematic Theology 1: Doctrine of God, Creation, Anthropology
 ST503: Systematic Theology 3: Ecclesiology and Eschatology
 ST511: Orientation to Theological Studies

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

WILLIAM WHITNEY, LMFT– Pasadena, California (2017-Present)

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist – MFT#90691
 Private Practice & Clinical Supervisor. Individual, Couples, and Group Therapy.

LA VIE COUNSELING CENTER – Pasadena, California (2015-2017)

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist – MFT#90691

LA VIE COUNSELING CENTER – Pasadena, California (2011-2014)

Marriage and Family Therapy Associate – AMFT #70409
 Supervised by Mark Baker, Ph.D., PSY# 9219

BOOKS

Whitney, W.B. & Dwiwardani, C., (2024). *The Integration journey: A student's guide to faith, culture, and psychology*. InterVarsity Press.

Callaway, K. & Whitney, W.B. (2022). *Theology for psychology and counseling: An invitation to a holistic Christian approach*. Baker Academic.

Whitney, W.B. (2013). *Problem and promise in Colin E. Gunton's doctrine of creation*. Brill Publishers.

JOURNAL ARTICLES and BOOK CHAPTERS:

Bronk, K.B., Whitney, W.B. Bashaw, D., Swanson, Z. (In Preparation). Patience and the search for purpose in Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, and Non-Religious young adults.

Whitney, W.B., Bronk, K.B., Swanson, Z., Bashaw, D., (In Preparation). Diverse paths of purpose: Understanding purpose in life among Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, and Non-Religious young adults.

Bronk, K.B., Swanson, Z., Whitney, W.B. (In press). Patience and purpose. In S. Schnitker & M.

Pianalto (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Patience*. Oxford University Press.

Bronk, K.B., Swanson, Z., Whitney, W.B., Balkaya-Ince, M., Schnitker, S. (2025). Exploring conceptualizations of patience among Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, and Non-Religious young adults. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, 1-12.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/rel0000544>

Whitney, W.B., Gilbertson, M.K., Ratchford, J., Shelton, A., Bronk, K.C., Schnitker, S. (2024). A virtue intervention for interracial interactions increases motivation to respond without prejudice. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, 1–13.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17439760.2024.2394442>

Whitney, W.B., Dwiwardani, C., Gonsalves, O.A. (2023). Why women’s theological perspectives matter for teaching psychology. *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, 42(1), 29-40.

Yu, C.H., Cole, J., Whitney, W.B. (2023). Is fear of supernatural punishment the foundation of religion? An examination of Bering’s theory of dead agents. *Journal of Social and Political Sciences*, 6(2), 230-246. doi: 10.31014/aior.1991.06.02.422

Dwiwardani, C., & Whitney, W.B. (2022). The cycle of cultural integration: Toward hermeneutical justice in the integration of psychology and theology. *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 52(2), 238-251. doi: 10.1177/00916471221130333

Lehmann, C.S., Whitney, W.B., Un, J., Payne, J. S., Simanjuntak, M., Hamilton, S., Worku, T. & Fernandez, N. A. (2021). Hospitality towards people with mental illness in the church: A cross-cultural qualitative study. *Pastoral Psychology*, 71(1), 1–27. doi: 10.1007/s11089-021-00982-1.

Whitney, W.B. (2019). Beginnings: Why the doctrine of creation matters for the integration of Psychology and Christianity. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 48 (1). doi: 10.1177/0091647119837024

Yu, C.H., Whitney, W.B., Brown, E., Gan, S., Lee, H.S. (2018). Scripture and science: A triangulated study of the relationship between views of scripture and attitudes towards science. *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation: Perspectives of Science and the Christian Faith*, 70 (1).

King, P.E., Whitney, W.B. (2015). What’s the ‘positive’ in positive psychology? Teleological considerations of the doctrine of creation and the imago Dei. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 43, 47-59.

Whitney, W.B., King, P.E. (2014). Religious congregations and communities. In C.M. Barry & M. Abo-Zena (Eds.), *Emerging adults' religiousness and spirituality: Meaning-making in an age of transition* (pp. 133-151). New York: Oxford University Press.

Whitney, W.B. (2013). Abraham Kuyper and Colin E. Gunton on creation and culture. *The Kuyper Center Review of Reformed Theology and Public Life*, 3 (1), 135-152. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishers.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Whitney, W.B. (2025, March). *Cultivating love and justice in Christian integration* [Keynote Address - Invited]. Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS) Annual Conference: Denver, Colorado.
- Whitney, W.B. & Dwiwardani, C. (2025, March). *The integration journey: Developing one's integrative identity within Christian faith, culture, and psychology*. Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS) Annual Conference: Denver, Colorado.
- Dwiwardani, C. & Whitney, W.B., Baldelomar, O., Page, C., ChenFeng, J. (2025, March). *Engaging cultural diversity in the integration of psychology and theology: Pedagogical strategies and implications*. Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS) Annual Conference: Denver, Colorado.
- Whitney, W.B. (2024, March). *Reducing racism in college students through the development of virtue*. Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS) Annual Conference: Atlanta, Georgia.
- Whitney, W.B., Gilbertson, M.K, Ratchford, J., Shelton, A., Bronk, K.C., Schnitker, S. (2023, July). *Improving interracial relationships among White college students: A virtue-driven intervention improves motivation to respond without prejudice*. Presented to the World Congress of Positive Psychology. International Positive Psychology Association: Vancouver, Canada.
- Whitney, W.B. Lehmann, C.S., Un, J., Payne, J. S., Simanjuntak, M., Hamilton, S., Worku, T. & Fernandez, N. A. (2023, April). *Hospitality towards people with mental illness in the Christian Church*. Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS) Annual Conference: Louisville, Kentucky.
- Whitney, W.B. & Brown, E. (2019, March). *Group psychotherapy and small group learning in higher education*. Presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA): Los Angeles, California.
- Isaak, D. & Whitney, W.B. (2019, April). *Big data and individual decision making*. Presented to the Big Data Discovery Summit: Azusa, California.
- Whitney, W.B. & Kim, K. (2018, November). *Suffering and mental illness: The work of the Spirit and psychological perspectives on social suffering*. Presented to the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Conference: Denver, Colorado.
- Whitney, W.B., Soon, R. Sandoval, S. (2018, March). *Substance use and Christian perspectives: A bio-psychosocial approach*. Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS) Annual Conference: Norfolk, Virginia.

- Lehmann, C. S., & Whitney, W.B. (2018, March). *Addiction: A biopsychosocial-spiritual approach*. Presented at American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC), Western Regional Conference, Riverside, California.
- Whitney, W.B. (2018, March) *Sex and the city: An introduction to Freud's Civilization and Its Discontents*. Presented to the Azusa Pacific Honors College Lecture Series: Azusa, California.
- Lehmann, C. S., Whitney, W.B. (2018, February). *Free will and mental illness: A Diathesis-Stress-Agency Approach*. Presented to the Common Day of Learning Conference (CDL): Azusa, California.
- Whitney, W.B., Lehmann, C. S., Brown, E., Serna, T., Kim, K. (2018, February). *Stigmatization, mental illness, and systemic evil*. Presented to the Common Day of Learning Conference (CDL): Azusa, California.
- Lehmann, C. S., Whitney, W.B. (2017, January). *Screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT): Faith integration considerations*. Presented to Graduate Psychology Field Supervisor Training: Azusa, California.
- Chong, H.Y., Whitney, W.B., Brown, E., Gan, S., Lee, H. (2017, April). *Are Christians anti-science? An investigation of the relationship between attitudes towards Scripture and science*. Presented to the Southern California Christians in Science Conference (SCCIS): Riverside, California.
- Lehmann, C., Whitney, W.B., (2017, March). *How to effectively work with clients' spiritual beliefs in psychotherapy*. Presented to the faith integrated SBIRT Webinar Series: Azusa, California.
- Whitney, W.B., Abernethy, A.A. (2017, March). *Education and group psychotherapy: How group therapy can inform teaching and learning*. Presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA): New York.
- Lehmann, C., Whitney, W.B., Aldana, E., Soon, R., Sandoval, S. (2017, March). *A multidisciplinary approach to substance use*. Presented to the Common Day of Learning Conference (CDL): Azusa, California.
- Lehmann, C. S., & Whitney, W.B. (2017, January). *Integrating faith and spirituality to the practice of screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) for Substance Use*. Presented to the Department of Psychology Research Forum: Azusa, California.
- Whitney, W.B. (2016, November). *Colin Gunton's trinitarian doctrine of creation*. Presented to the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) Annual Conference: San Antonio, Texas.
- Whitney, W.B. (2015, November). *Clinical and integrative reflections on the relationship between shame, self and God*. Presented to the Fuller Graduate School of Psychology's Faith Integration Symposium (Invited address): Pasadena, California.

- Yu, C. H., Cole, J., Whitney, W. B., Kim, G. (2016, January). *Are we predisposed to believe in the afterlife? Re-examining evolutionary psychology of religion*. Presented to the Southern California Christians in Science Conference: Pasadena, California.
- King, P. E., Schnitker, S. and Whitney, W.B. (2015, April). *How should we think about positive psychology and thriving?* Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS) Annual Conference: Denver, Colorado.
- King, P. E., Barrett, J., Whitney, W.B., Furrow, J. L., & Crisp, O. (2013, May). *Towards a theology of thriving: Considering human teloi*. Presented to the Thrive Theology Forum, Fuller Theological Seminar: Pasadena, California.
- Whitney, W.B. (2012, April). *What the doctrine of creation can teach us about integration*. Presented to the Christian Association of Psychological Studies (CAPS), Annual Conference: Washington, D.C.
- Whitney, W.B. (2011, February). *Creation and culture in the theology of Abraham Kuyper and Colin E. Gunton*. Presented to The Abraham Kuyper Center for Public Theology, Annual Conference: Princeton Theological Seminary. Princeton, New Jersey.

GRANT ACTIVITY:

- 2024-2026 Lilly Endowment. Thriving Sustainability Grant. *Mental Health and Flourishing among Diverse Urban Pastors*. Role: Qualitative Researcher. Dr. Jennifer Graffius, PI (\$499,581).
- 2024-2025 Azusa Pacific University. Faculty Research Grant. *Purpose Development in Muslim, Christian, Buddhist and Non-Religious Young Adults*. Role: PI (\$8,000).
- 2020-2023 John Templeton Foundation. Academic Cross Training Fellowship. *Understanding the Virtues of Purpose, Patience, and Hope in the Midst of Suffering or Significant Stress*. Role: PI (\$219,915).
- 2018-2022 Louisville Institute/Lilly Endowment. *Developing a Christian Response to Mental Illness in North American Churches*. Role: PI (\$45,000)
- 2019-2021 Azusa Pacific University. Faculty Research Grant. *Mental Health Resources for Pastors*. Role: PI (\$4,500).
- 2016-2017 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). *Training Initiative among Allied Health Professional Disciplines at Faith-Based Colleges through Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment, (SBIRT)*, Role: Researcher and Curriculum Development. Dr. Rachel Castaneda, Dr. Mary Rawlings, Dr. Sheryl Tyson, PI's (\$989,000)
- 2013-2016 John Templeton Foundation/Biologos. *Evolutionary Perspectives on Thriving*, Role: Researcher and Consultant. Dr. Pamela Ebstyne King and Dr. Justin Barrett, Principal Investigators (\$189,000).

FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2022-2023 Claremont Graduate University. Department of Behavioral and Organizational Sciences Fellowship (\$16,500)

- 2021-2022 Claremont Graduate University. Department of Behavioral and Organizational Sciences Fellowship (\$13,000)
- 2020-2021 Claremont Graduate University. Department of Behavioral and Organizational Sciences Fellowship (\$20,000)
- 2018-2019 Azusa Pacific University. Center for Research in Values and Ethics (CREV) Faculty Fellowship.
- 2017-2019 Azusa Pacific University. Office of Research and Grants, Jr. Faculty Grant Mentoring Fellowship.
- 2017-2018 Azusa Pacific University. Provost Faculty Research Fellowship.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Review of: Gerald McDermott, “*Can evangelicals learn from world religions?*” in *The Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, CAPS International Publishers, 2016.
- Review of: Lincoln Harvey (ed.), “*The theology of Colin Gunton*” in *The International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, 2014.
- Review of: Joel B. Green, “*Body, soul and human life*” in *The International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, Volume 13, Issue 3, 2011.

EDITORIAL PEER REVIEWER:

- Journal of Psychology and Christianity
 Journal of Moral Education
 Journal of Psychology and Theology
 Journal of Science and Christian Belief

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

- 2024-2025 Faith Integration Fellow/Mentor, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- 2023-2024 Search Committee, Dean for College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
- 2019-Present Chair, APU Faith Integration Council
- 2016-2019 Department of Psychology Faith Integration Committee Curriculum Development
- 2019-2020 Search Committee, PsyD. program
- 2019-2020 Search Committee, Program Director, LPCC/Child and Adolescent Counseling
- 2018-2019 APU Faith Integration Council Committee
- 2016-2019 Director of Programs, Department of Psychology Spain Study Abroad
- 2016-2018 General Education Curriculum Committee
- 2016-2018 Department of Psychology Newsletter Committee, Co-Editor
- 2015-2018 Department of Psychology BA/BS Curriculum Development Committee
- 2015-2018 Department of Psychology Student Concerns and Engagement Committee
- 2016-2017 Search Committee, Writing Center Director
- 2015-2016 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2022-2023 Past President, Group Psychotherapy Association of Los Angeles (GPALA)
- 2020-2022 President, Group Psychotherapy Association of Los Angeles (GPALA)

- 2019-2020 President Elect, Group Psychotherapy Association of Los Angeles (GPALA)
 2014-2019 Board Member, Group Psychotherapy Association of Los Angeles (GPALA)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- 2022 Promising Professional Award, Claremont Graduate University
 2011-2015 Early Career Scholarship, American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA)
 2011-2012 Charles E. Fuller Scholarship, Fuller Theological Seminary
 2011 Abraham Kuyper Graduate Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
 2010 Annual Conference Scholarship, Group Psychotherapy Association of Los Angeles (GPALA)
 2010-2011 Alumni Merit Scholarship, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology
 2007-2008 Full Fellowship, Center for Advanced Theological Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary
 2006-2007 Partial Fellowship, Center for Advanced Theological Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Psychological Association
 International Positive Psychology Association
 California Association of Marriage and Family Therapy
 Christian Association of Psychological Studies
 American Group Psychotherapy Association
 Group Psychotherapy Association of Los Angeles