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EDUCATION:

CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY – Claremont, California

Ph.D. in Positive Developmental Psychology (In progress, anticipated Spring 2025)

FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY – Pasadena, California

Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, concentration in Practical Theology (2011)

FULLER GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY – Pasadena, California

Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy (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 Professor of Psychology (2012-2014)

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

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

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

WILLIAM WHITNEY & ASSOCIATES PSYCHOLOGY GROUP – Pasadena, California

Private Practice & Clinical Supervisor – MFT#90691 (2017-present)
Individual, Couples, and Group Therapy

LA VIE COUNSELING CENTER – Pasadena, California

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist – MFT#90691 (2015-2017)

LA VIE COUNSELING CENTER – Pasadena, California

Marriage and Family Therapy Intern – AMFT #70409 (2011-2014)
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., Swanson, Z., Whitney, W.B., Balkaya-Ince, M., Schnitker, S. (under review). Exploring conceptualizations of patience among Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, and Non-Religious young adults. To the *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.

Whitney, W.B., Gilbertson, M.K., Ratchford, J., Shelton, A., Bronk, K.C., Schnitker, S. (forthcoming). A virtue intervention for interracial interactions increases motivation to respond without prejudice. To the *Journal of Positive Psychology*.

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).

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*. 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., 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.
- Whitney, W.B. (2011). ‘Pray more’ is not counseling. *Comment Magazine: Public Theology for the Common Good*. Retrieved from: <https://www.cardus.ca/comment/article/kuyper-for-christians/>

PRESENTATIONS:

- Whitney, W.B., Gilbertson, M.K, Ratchford, J., Shelton, A., Bronk, K.C., Schnitker, S. (2023, July). Improving interracial relationships among White college students: An anti-racist and virtues driven intervention. Presented to the World Congress of Positive Psychology. International Positive Psychology Association: Vancouver, Canada.
- 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. (2017, 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.
- 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 ceation*. Presented to 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).

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 SAMSHA. *Training Initiative among Allied Health Professional Disciplines at Faith-Based Colleges through Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment, (SBIRT)*, Role: Advisor, Instructor, and Curriculum Developer. Dr. Rachel

2013-2016 Castaneda, Dr. Mary Rawlings, Dr. Sheryl Tyson, Principal Investigators (989,000)
John Templeton Foundation/Biologos. *Evolutionary Perspectives on Thriving*, Role:
Consultant. Dr. Pamela Ebstyn King and Dr. Justin Barrett, Principal Investigators
(189,000).

FELLOWSHIPS:

2022-2023 Claremont Graduate University. Department of Behavioral and Organizational
Sciences Fellowship (16,5000)
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.
Review of: Jenell Williams Paris, “*The end of sexuality*” in *Comment Magazine: Public Theology
for the Common Good*, Published Online: August 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

2019-Present Chair, APU Faith Integration Council
2016-Present 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
2016-2019 Program Director, 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