

# Megan Visser, Ph.D.

## EDUCATION

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| <b>Ph.D.</b> | Sociology, University of California, San Francisco<br>Dissertation: “‘How Connected is this Heart’: The Religious and Spiritual Experiences of Women of Color with Heart Disease”                                            | June 2022 |
| <b>M.A.</b>  | Ethics & Social Theory, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA<br>Thesis: “‘The Story Can Be Told Another Way’: The Contributions of Womanist Ethics to the Principle of Respect for Autonomy in Bioethics”                | May 2009  |
| <b>B.A.</b>  | Society & Health (Sociology), Simmons University, Boston, MA<br>Thesis: “Kinship, Faith and Empowerment: The Experiences of Community Organizers Working with Central American and Central American (Im)migrant Communities” | May 2006  |

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| Postdoctoral Fellowship | Children’s Hospital Los Angeles & The Saban Research Institute<br>Mentored Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Integrated Diabetes Management (funded by ADCES Foundation/CBDCE) | 2024 - 2027 |
| Fellowship              | Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles, CA<br>Department of Spiritual Care                                                                                                     | 2023 - 2024 |
| Residency               | Clinical Pastoral Education, Levels I & II<br>Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA<br>Department of Spiritual Care                                               | 2022 - 2023 |
| Internship              | Clinical Pastoral Education, Level I<br>Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA<br>Department of Spiritual Care                                                     | 2017        |
| Certificate             | Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA<br>Women’s Studies in Religion                                                                                                  | 2011        |
| PhD Student             | Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA<br>Ethics and Social Theory                                                                                                     | 2009-2011   |

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### Current

**Grant:** 1R01DK135000-01 NIDDK

**Role:** Qualitative Lead, Facilitator

**Title:** Optimizing diabetes technology use for Latinx youth through DREAM (Device use Reimagined through Education And Mentorship) virtual peer groups

**Goal:** Support healthy coping among adolescents with type 1 diabetes by engaging them and their families in the design, implementation, and evaluation of a virtual peer group intervention.

**Grant:** University of Southern California Seed Grant

**Role:** Qualitative Lead

**Dates:** 5/1/2026-4/30/2027

**Title:** Exploring Cognitive load theories in type 1 diabetes (T1D): Scoping Review and Focus Groups

**Goal:** Understand the conceptualization and measurement of cognitive load, cognitive burden, and treatment burden across disciplines. Identify and map relevant features and consequences of cognitive burden for individuals with type 1 diabetes.

**Grant:** Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Mentored Fellowship in Integrated Diabetes Management

**Role:** Principal Investigator

**Dates:** 7/2024-09/2026

**Title:** Spiritual Care FaCtoReD In: Families Coping to Reduce Diabetes Distress Using Religion/Spirituality

**Goal:** Describe how caregivers of youth of Color with diabetes use religious/spiritual coping to reduce psychological distress and cope with a diabetes diagnosis; and explore the perceptions and preferences for incorporating spiritual care into psychosocial support services for families of youth with diabetes across diabetes treatment settings.

**Grant:** Association of Clinical Pastoral Education Innovation in Spiritual Care Education & Research Grant

**Role:** Co-Principal Investigator

**Dates:** 7/2025-12/2026

**Title:** Health Equity Education, Practice and Research for Chaplains to Serve Youth with Chronic Illness and Their Families

**Goal:** Pilot dedicated outpatient chaplaincy in a pediatric diabetes clinic; assess the religious/spiritual care needs of youth with T1D and their families; and examine the availability of chaplain services across US sociodemographic contexts.

### **Recent**

**Grant:** CHLA New Knowledge and Innovation Grant

**Role:** Principal Investigator

**Dates:** 6/2024-6/2026

**Title:** Spiritual Care FaCtoReD In: Families Coping to Reduce Diabetes Distress Using Religion/Spirituality

**Goal:** Describe how caregivers of youth of Color with diabetes use religious/spiritual coping to reduce psychological distress and cope with a diabetes diagnosis; and explore the perceptions and preferences for incorporating spiritual care into psychosocial support services for families of youth with diabetes across diabetes treatment settings.

**Grant:** Aramont Charitable Foundation

**Role:** Leadership Team

**Dates:** 7/2024-8/2025

**Title:** The Pediatric Interprofessional Education Program for Relational and Communication Skills

**Goal:** Develop and implement a program for the institution-wide approach to interprofessional relational and communication education; enhance the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed for culturally humble, family-centered care for children with medical complexity.

**Grant:** CHLA Institute for Nursing and Interprofessional Research (INIR) Research Grant

**Role:** Principal Investigator

**Title:** The Equity and Pediatric Chaplaincy (EquiP-C) Project

**Goal:** Understand staff and chaplain experiences with interdisciplinary care near the end of a patient's life in the interdisciplinary team in the pediatric intensive care unit.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Visser, M**, Flores-Garcia J, Barber R, Reid MW, Crossen SS, Wong JC, Torres Sanchez A, Gonzalez F, Lopez SA, Gonzalez Granados M, Raymond JK (2026). Spiritual Care for Latinx Youth with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) and their Caregivers: Qualitative Analysis of Focus Groups. *Diabetology & Metabolic Syndrome*. <https://doi-org.libproxy2.usc.edu/10.1186/s13098-026-02204-1>

**Visser, M**, Leturia, SN, Flores-Garcia J, Sayegh C, Barber R, and Raymond J. (2026). 1601-P: Religious and Spiritual Coping among Latinx Parents of Youth with New-Onset Diabetes. *Diabetes* 1 June 2026; 75 (Supplement\_1): 1601–P. <https://doi.org/10.2337/db26-1601-P>

Flores Garcia, J, **Visser, M**, Torres Sanchez, A, Manzanarez, B, Reid, MW, Salvy, SJ, Ruelas, VF, and Raymond, JK. 2943-LB: “The Shock of the Year” and Missed Opportunities: Youth and Family Perspectives on the Team Clinic Study and Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Care. *Diabetes* 1 June 2026; 75 (Supplement\_1): 2943–LB. <https://doi.org/10.2337/db26-2943-LB>

de Lucca M, **Visser M**, Andre T, Leturia SN, Nascimento LC, Barber, ROLB. (2025). Mapping Barriers and Interventions to Diabetes Self-Management in Latino Youth: A Scoping Review. *Children*.

**Visser, M**; Rosselli J Letourneau-Friberg L; Magee M; Rieke J; Allen N; Nassa C; Barber ROLB. (2025). From Educators to Innovators: Part 3: Advancing Diabetes Care Through Research. *ADCES in Practice*.

Rieke J, **Visser M**, Barber R, Rosselli JL, Letourneau-Friberg L, Magee M, Allen N. (2025). From Educators to Innovators: The Case for Diabetes Care and Education Specialists in Clinical Inquiry. *ADCES in Practice*.

de Lucca M, Leturia SN, Andre T, **Visser M**, Nascimento LC, Barber, ROLB. (2025). Mapping Barriers and Interventions to Diabetes Self-Management in Latino Youth: A Scoping Review (Abstract). *Diabetes*.

Figueiredo LL, Alvarenga CS, de Lucca M, **Visser M**, Nascimento LC, Borba RIH, Barber ROLB. (2025). Health Literacy for blood glucose self-monitoring in children with diabetes. *Jornal da Sociedade Brasileira de Enfermeiros Pediatras*.

McCune E, **Visser M**, Bamberger, J. (2022). “Nobody Wants to Talk About It, Especially in This Building”: A Qualitative Study of How People Living in Permanent Supportive Housing Approach End-Of-Life Care. *Journal of Death and Dying*.

McCune E, **Visser M**, Bamberger, J. (2022). “End of Life Care in Permanent Supportive Housing.” Abstracts from the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine. (2022). *Journal of General Internal Medicine*, 37(Suppl 2), 129–664.

**Visser M** (2022). “How Connected is this Heart?”: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Women of Color with Heart Disease. *ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global, ProQuest One Academic* (2678729694).

## PRESENTATIONS

### Scientific Presentations

Flores Garcia, J, Reid, MW, Wong, JC, Manzanarez, B, Torres Sanchez, A, Garban, N, Lopez, SA, Acosta Navarro, C, **Visser, M**, Crossen, SS, and Raymond, JK. (2026). Latinx Youth with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) and their Caregivers - Engagement and Satisfaction with Virtual Peer Groups (VPG) and In-Person Community-Building Events. International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2026 (Accepted).

**Visser, M,** Leturia, SN, Flores-Garcia J, Sayegh C, Barber R, and Raymond J. (2026). Religious and Spiritual Coping Among Black, Indigenous and People of Color and Latinx Families of Youth With New Onset Diabetes. Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Conference, Columbus, Ohio, August 2026.

**Visser, M,** Brewington-Mathis, T, Li, Tiffany, Sato, Hui-Wen, Greife, D, and Zeier, T. Pediatric chaplain involvement near the end of life in a pediatric intensive care unit, New Knowledge and Innovation Council Research Day, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, California, April 16, 2025.

de Lucca M, Leturia SN, Andre T, **Visser M,** Nascimento LC, Barber, ROLB (2025). Mapping Barriers and Interventions to Diabetes Self-Management in Latino Youth: A Scoping Review. Abstracts of the 2025 American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions.

**Visser, M,** Barber, R, Wong, J, Crossen, S, Garcia, J, Weissberg-Benchell, J, Arellano, D, Torres Sanchez, A, Gonzalez, F, Lopez, SA, Gonzales Granados, M, and Raymond, J. Use of Religious/Spiritual Coping for Youth with Diabetes and their Families, Oral Abstract Presentation, Southern California Organization of Pediatric Endocrinologists Annual Meeting, September 28, 2024.

**Visser, M.** "Holding it together": how the 2021 COVID-19 pandemic changed religious and spiritual coping resources for Women of Color with heart disease. Presentation, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022.

**Visser, M.** Religious and spiritual coping resources for Women of Color with heart disease. Accepted Roundtable Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022.

**Visser, M** and McCune, E. Expanding knowledge of end-of-life care in permanent supportive housing, Workshop, Housing First Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, April 14-16, 2022.

McCune, E, **Visser, M,** Kinderman, A, and Bamberger, J. Expectations and Desires for End-of-Life Care in Permanent Supportive Housing: A Qualitative Analysis, Poster Presentation, Summer Explore Symposium, School of Medicine, University of California San Francisco, November 2020.

**Dowdell\*, M.** 'Flesh-and-Blood' in New Bioethics: Moral Experience, Risk, and Case 162: The Threat of Hemophilia (1974), Presentation. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2014.

**Dowdell, M.** Adverse Birth Outcomes, 'Bad Fathers,' and Disciplining Risk: A Place for a Feminist Voice in Bioethics, Plenary Finalist, Thinking Gender Conference, UCLA Center for the Study of Women, University of California Los Angeles, CA, 2013.

**Dowdell, M.** Playing with Cells in the Dark: Writing/Reading The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks as a Site of Memory, Presentation, Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA, 2012. Presented in Absentia.

**Dowdell, M.** And What About the Doctors?: The Search for Human Dignity in the Clinical Encounter with Black Pregnant Women, Presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, 2011.

**Dowdell, M.** Respect for the Human Dignity of Black Motherhood, Presentation, Eastern Society for Women in Philosophy, American Philosophical Association, Washington, D.C., 2011.

**Dowdell, M.** "The Story Can Be Told Another Way": The Contributions of Womanist Ethics to the Principle of Respect for Autonomy in Bioethics, Presentation, American Academy of Religion – Western Region, Whittier College, Whittier, CA, March 2011.

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\* Name changed to Visser from Dowdell in 2019.

**Dowdell, M.** How Doctors View Women of Color as Patients: Missing Histories and a Feminist Approach to Bioethics, Presentation, Women's Studies in Religion Conference, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, March 2010.

#### Posters

Wong, J, Flores Garcia, J, Reid, M, Torres Sanchez, A, Garban, N, Lopez, SA, Acosta Navarro, C, **Visser, M**, Crossen, SS, and Raymond, JK. Bilingual, Community-Building, and Supportive Virtual Peer Group (VPG) Model for Latinx Youth with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Increases Diabetes Technology Use and Improves T1D-Distress. International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2026 (Accepted).

Manzanarez, B, Flores Garcia, J, Reid, MW, Torres Sanchez, A, Craft, K, Altuve, L, Arellano, C, **Visser, M**, Garban, N, Barber, R, Benavides, ME, Lopez, SA, Acosta Navarro, C, Raymond, JK, Wong, JC, and Crossen, SS. (2026). Building a DREAM Team: The importance of stakeholders in developing a virtual peer group curriculum for Latinx youth with T1D and their caregivers. International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes Annual Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2026 (Accepted).

Flores Garcia, J, **Visser, M**, Torres Sanchez, A, Manzanarez, B, Reid, MW, Salvy, SJ, Ruelas, VF, and Raymond, JK. "The Shock of the Year" and Missed Opportunities: Youth and Family Perspectives on the Team Clinic Study and Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Care. Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Conference, Columbus, Ohio, August 2026.

**Visser, M**, Leturia, SN, Flores-Garcia J, Sayegh C, Barber R, and Raymond J. (2026). Religious and Spiritual Coping Among Black, Indigenous and People of Color and Latinx Families of Youth With New Onset Diabetes. The Saban Research Institute Science Day, Los Angeles, California, June 2026.

**Visser, M**, Leturia, SN, Flores-Garcia J, Sayegh C, Barber R, and Raymond J. (2026). Religious and Spiritual Coping Among Black, Indigenous and People of Color and Latinx Families of Youth With New Onset Diabetes. American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2026.

Flores Garcia, J, **Visser, M**, Torres Sanchez, A, Manzanarez, B, Reid, MW, Salvy, SJ, Ruelas, VF, and Raymond, JK. 2943-LB: "The Shock of the Year" and Missed Opportunities: Youth and Family Perspectives on the Team Clinic Study and Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) Care. American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2026.

**Visser, M**, Flores-Garcia, J, Barber, R, Wong, J, Crossen, S, Weissberg-Benchell, J, Arellano, D, Torres Sanchez, A, Gonzalez, F, Lopez, SA, Gonzales Granados, M, Raymond, J. Spiritual Resources and Needs of Youth with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) and their Families (Abstract). International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, October 2025.

**Visser M**, Greife D, Ju SJ, Brewington-Mathis T, Li T, Sato HW, Zeier T. (2025). Describing PICU Chaplaincy Care: Spiritual Care of Children Near the End of Life Across Sociodemographic Categories. Association of Clinical Pastoral Education Annual Meeting, May 2025.

Lee M, **Visser M**, Li T, Baird J, Lotstein D. (2025). Developing a Pediatric Interprofessional Education Program for Relational and Communicational Skills. Poster Presentation, New Knowledge and Innovation Research and Innovation Day Conference, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, California, April 16, 2025.

**Visser, M**, Barber, R, Wong, J, Crossen, S, Garcia, J, Weissberg-Benchell, J, Arellano, D, Torres Sanchez, A, Gonzalez, F, Lopez, SA, Gonzales Granados, M, and Raymond, J. Use of Religious/Spiritual Coping for

Youth with Diabetes and their Families, Poster Presentation, Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists Annual Meeting, 2024.

McCune, E and **Visser**, M. Goals and expectations for end-of-life care for people living in permanent supportive housing: a qualitative study, Poster Presentation, Society of General Internal Medicine Annual Meeting, 2022.

#### Clinical and Community Presentations

**Visser, M** and Lopez, G. Upstream from the ICU, PCS Grand Rounds Presentation, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, September 30, 2024.

**Visser, M.** Religious/Spiritual Coping and Health Equity (Guest Lecture). GRAD 219: Research on Racism in Science Mini-Course. University of California San Francisco, May 28, 2024.

**Visser, M.** Spiritual Tools for Coping. (Keynote). Community Symposium on Stroke, Depression and Mental Health. California Rehabilitation Institute, September 2022.

**Visser, M.** Ethics in Pastoral Ministry. Ministerial Leadership Course. Starr King School for the Ministry, September 2022.

Takahashi, L., **Visser, M.**, Carvill-Ziemer, E., Wolfe, S.J., and Stevens, E. Trauma and the Spirit Workshop. General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, 2021.

**Dowdell, M\***. Understanding and Reading Research 101, Clinical Pastoral Education Program Didactic Presentation, Department of Spiritual Care Services, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, November 2018.

**Dowdell, M.** Research Literacy for Chaplains, Clinical Pastoral Education Program Didactic Presentation, Department of Spiritual Care Services, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, October 2017.

**Dowdell, M.** A Christian Ethical Perspective on Federal Hate Crime Statistics (2011), Invited Lecture, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Ministry, Berkeley, CA. (Declined).

**Dowdell, M.** Keynote Lecture, Allies for Racial Equity, Unitarian Universalist Conference, Fort Worth, TX, 2012.

**Dowdell, M.** A Commissioner's Reflections on Evil, Conscience, War and Freedom, Presentation, Bay Area Truth Commission on Conscience in War, May 3, 2010.

*\* Name changed to Visser in December 2019.*

#### **RESEARCH TEACHING AT CHLA**

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| Qualitative research lead and analysis trainer | Optimizing diabetes technology use for Latinx youth through DREAM (Device use Reimagined through Education And Mentorship) virtual peer groups," Dr. Jennifer Raymond (CHLA co-PI) and Dr. Jenise Wong (UCSF co-PI), Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism | 2025-Present |
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| Qualitative research design and analysis training (Grounded theory)             | “Health beliefs of Hispanic/Latino Caregivers of Newly Diagnosed Youth with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus,” Dr. Sisi Namoc Leturia (PI), Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism                                                            | 2025-Present  |
| Qualitative research design and analysis training (Grounded theory and Rap-GAP) | “Exploring Language Differences in the PICU,” Dr. Tracy Ono (PI), Institute for Nursing and Interprofessional Research (INIR)                                                                                                                    | 2025-Present  |
| Qualitative analysis training (Rap-GAP)                                         | “CHLA Team Clinic,” Dr. Jennifer Raymond (PI), Center for Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism                                                                                                                                                 | 2025- Present |
| Instructor                                                                      | Clinical Inquiry and Research Methods, Clinical Pastoral Education Program, CHLA                                                                                                                                                                 | 2026          |
| Co-Instructor                                                                   | INIR Qualitative Analysis Retreat                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2026          |
| Co-Instructor                                                                   | INIR Qualitative Research Extravaganza II: Analysis Workshop                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2026          |
| Co-Instructor                                                                   | Clinical Inquiry and Research Methods, Clinical Pastoral Education Program, CHLA                                                                                                                                                                 | 2025          |
| Instructor                                                                      | I Think We have a Situation Here: Using Situational Analysis to Explore the Social Worlds of Our Nursing and Interprofessional Care, New Knowledge and Innovation Council Research Day, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, California, April 2025. | 2025          |

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Chaplain (per diem) | St. Joseph’s Medical Center (Providence), Burbank, CA                              | 2023-Present |
| Chaplain Fellow     | Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA                                   | 2023-2024    |
| Chaplain Resident   | California Rehabilitation Institute & Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA | 2022-2023    |
| Faculty             | Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA       | 2010-2020    |

## SERVICE

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| Member | Research Committee, Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES)              | 2024-Present |
| Member | Research Committee, Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)                          | 2023-2026    |
| Member | New Knowledge and Innovation Council, Collaborative Governance, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles | 2024-2025    |

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| Member      | Outstanding Scholarship Award Committee, Division of Health, Health Policy, and Health Services, Society for the Study of Social Problems         | 2023      |
| Officer     | Sociology Student Organization<br>University of California San Francisco, CA                                                                      | 2019-2020 |
| Coordinator | Student Colloquium Series<br>Department of Social/Behavioral Sciences & Institute on Health and Aging, University of California San Francisco, CA | 2012-2013 |

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| Research Career Development Fellowship (postdoctoral), The Saban Research Institute at Children's Hospital Los Angeles                                                                              | 2026 |
| Research Career Development Fellowship (postdoctoral), The Saban Research Institute at Children's Hospital Los Angeles                                                                              | 2025 |
| Mentored Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Integrated Diabetes Management, Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES) and Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE) | 2024 |
| New Knowledge and Innovation Council Research Grant, Children's Hospital Los Angeles                                                                                                                | 2024 |
| Institute for Nursing and Interprofessional Research Grant, Children's Hospital Los Angeles                                                                                                         | 2024 |
| Clinical Services Dissemination Scholarship, Institute for Nursing and Interprofessional Research, Children's Hospital Los Angeles                                                                  | 2024 |
| The Saban Research Institute's Training and Travel Award, Children's Hospital Los Angeles                                                                                                           | 2024 |
| Patricia Benner Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, CA                                                                  | 2021 |
| Fund for Nurturing Scholarship Research Award, Unitarian Universalist Association, Boston, MA                                                                                                       | 2021 |
| Fund for Nurturing Scholarship Research Award, Unitarian Universalist Association, Boston, MA                                                                                                       | 2017 |
| Joseph Gittler Fund for Religious and Ethics Grant Award, Unitarian Universalist Association, Boston, MA                                                                                            | 2016 |
| C. Harrington Health Policy Fellowship, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, CA                                                                   | 2014 |

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| American Diabetes Association Scholars Program | 2026 |
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| Women's Interprofessional Network of the American Diabetes Association Professional Development Course                                                                                    | 2026      |
| Science School for Healthcare Professional (Delegate)<br>International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD)<br>Lisbon, Portugal                                          | 2024      |
| Oral Abstract Contest Winner<br>Southern California Organization of Pediatric Endocrinologists<br>Los Angeles, CA                                                                         | 2024      |
| Science for Seminars Faculty Enrichment<br>American Academy for the Advancement of Science, Dialogue on Science, Ethics & Religion, Retreat, Midway, UT (Declined due to family illness). | 2019      |
| Dean's Health Sciences Fellowship Award<br>University of California, San Francisco, CA.                                                                                                   | 2013-2015 |
| Newhall Teaching Fellowship<br>Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA (Declined)                                                                                                        | 2011      |
| Dean's Merit Scholarship<br>Pacific School of Religion, Graduate Theological Union                                                                                                        | 2006-2008 |
| Patricia Rieker Award for Most Distinguished Academic Record in Society & Health<br>Department of Sociology, Simmons University                                                           | 2006      |
| Barbara Lee Legislative Fellowship, Simmons University                                                                                                                                    | 2006      |
| Honors Program, Simmons University                                                                                                                                                        | 2002-2006 |

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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| International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes | 2024-Present |
| Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists      | 2024-Present |
| American Diabetes Association                               | 2024-Present |
| American Sociological Association                           | 2011-Present |
| Association for Clinical Pastoral Education                 | 2022-Present |
| Society for the Study of Social Problems                    | 2021-2024    |
| American Academy of Religion                                | 2016-2022    |