



## Church Divinity School of the Pacific

Friends of CDSP,

The CDSP community has much to celebrate as the 2019-2020 school year comes to a close. In particular I draw your attention to the **news of our calling two new faculty members**: Peace Pyunghwa Lee and the Rev. Alison Lutz.

This edition of our newsletter also includes a wrap-up of last Saturday's **Online Celebration of Graduates**, which was a moving tribute to our faithful and resilient students.

Watch for word in the days to come of a third faculty hire in contextual education as well as decisions about our modes of teaching, learning, and living together this fall.

May your Pentecost observances this weekend be filled with the presence and inspiration of the Spirit who draws us all together in Love.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark".

The Very Rev. W. Mark Richardson, PhD  
President & Dean



*Peace Pyunghwa Lee*



*The Rev. Alison Lutz*

## CDSP Announces Faculty Appointments

**Lee, Lutz hired; González Holguín, MacDougall promoted**

CDSP has made two new faculty appointments and approved the promotion of two other professors.

Peace Pyunghwa Lee and the Rev. Alison Lutz have been hired as instructors in homiletics and pastoral theology (Lee) and ministerial leadership (Lutz). Dr. **Julián Andrés González Holguín** and Dr. **Scott MacDougall** assistant professors of Old Testament and theology, respectively, have been promoted to the rank of associate professor.

Currently a ThD candidate in homiletics with a minor in Black theology at Duke Divinity School, Lee studies the politics and embodiment of preaching. Her dissertation, *Unsettling Preaching: Toward an Unthought Homiletic*, which recently won the Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, explores not just the form and content of sermons but also “who is allowed to preach and how preaching is performed.”

“I hope to recover a vision of preaching that has been rendered illegible,” Lee writes. Her work is especially inspired by “the unnamed woman who anoints Jesus’ feet and whose loving act Jesus proclaims will be told in memory of her ‘wherever the gospel is preached.’”

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Lutz is an Episcopal priest and a PhD candidate in religion, ethics, and society at Vanderbilt University. She studies how the cultural assumptions that organizations bring to humanitarian aid initiatives shape resulting power imbalances.

“Unfortunately, it often boils down to the belief that the people with the most money have the best ideas, as if the money were a sign that their ideas will be successful everywhere,” she said. “All kinds of expertise are necessary if we’re going to build a world where everyone can flourish and have what they need.”

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## Graduates, award winners celebrated online

"There's no way to replace in the short term the experience of Baccalaureate and Commencement," said the Very Rev. W. Mark Richardson, PhD, president and dean.

"But the occasion nevertheless demands that we gather to celebrate. The story of the CDSP Class of 2020 is about so much more than the fact that a pandemic happened in their final semester."

At the **Online Celebration of Graduates** on May 23, Richardson addressed students and announced the recipients of annual awards. The Rev. Phillip A. Jackson '94, priest-in-charge and vicar of Trinity Church Wall Street, also gave remarks.

The Rev. Susanna Singer '89, PhD, associate professor of ministry development, opened the gathering in prayer and concluded it with a blessing. Professor Caroline McCall '15, director of field education and assistant professor of congregational studies, introduced the graduates for brief reflections from each.

"We're celebrating years of prayer and study in the vocational journeys of these faithful, creative leaders. We want them to know that they are loved as siblings in Christ, and admired as colleagues in ministry," said Richardson.

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## Alumni Advisory Council Convening Soon

The CDSP Alumni Advisory Council is being reformed. Convened by the Rev. John Dwyer, vice president and chief operating officer, and the Rev. Kyle Oliver, communications and marketing manager, the nine-member council will have its first meeting online on June 18.

The purpose of the council is bring the voices of CDSP alums to the seminary, and to help the school better communicate with alums. CDSP graduates **should ensure they are subscribed** to "Updates for Alums" to receive information about the council's work.

Many thanks to those who have agreed to serve in this capacity:

The Rev. Ricardo Avila '10  
The Rev. Brendan J. Barnicle '17  
The Rev. Canon Elizabeth L. Easton '09  
The Rev. Margaret L. F. Foote '16  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Brian J. Grieves '04  
The Rev. Norman S. Hull '95  
The Rev. Edwin D. Johnson '10  
The Rev. Canon Britt E. Olson '96  
The Rev. Lynn C. Sanders '04

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## News Briefs from the CDSP Community

### Students

**Renato Paolo Villareal Aguila** graduated from the GTU with an MA (thesis: "Paschal Mystery, Communion, and Ecology: Towards a Deep Eucharistic Theology").

**Edward J. Stewart** graduated from the GTU with an MA (thesis: "One Body, Many Members: A Case for Greater Diversity within the Body of Christ").

### Faculty

Dr. **Scott MacDougall** published *Digital Pedagogy: Allowing Theology Students to Become Theological Educators* in the Wabash Center's *Teaching with Digital Media* blog.

Dr. **Marilyn McEntyre** published *Speaking Peace in a Climate of Conflict* (Eerdmans), a companion to her previous book *Caring for Words in a Culture of Lies* (revised edition coming soon, also from Eerdmans).

The Rev. **Ruth Meyers**, PhD, was copanelist on *Canon Conversations, Episode 5: Liturgy and Worship during COVID-19* for the Episcopal Church in Colorado.

Dr. **Jennifer Snow** published *The Troubled Knot: Tying Church Discipline to 'Christian Marriage' in African Contexts* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* and *The Christian Home in Missional Transition* in *Studies in World Christianity*.

### Alums

The Rev. **Jana Branson '18** is rector of [Saint David's Episcopal Church](#) in Gales Ferry, CT.

The Rev. Dr. **Lisa K. Cressman '92** was copanelist for [Preaching in a Time of Pandemic](#) co-sponsored by Bexley-Seabury Seminary, The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, and the Anglican Theological Review.

The Rev. **Aaron E. Klinefelter '19** has been called as rector of [St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church](#) in Cupertino, CA.

**Lauren Lukason '14** will be ordained to the transitional diaconate June 5–6 in the Diocese of Massachusetts ([more info here](#)).

The Rev. **Stacy Williams-Duncan '01** published [Digital Literacies for Ministry: A qualitative study of theological educators preparing students for new media engagement](#) in the journal *Ecclesial Practices* and presented [Managing Mindsets: How to Approach the Varying Opinions on Virtual Instruction](#) for Blackbaud.

## Staff

The Rev. **Kyle Oliver** published [Digital Literacies for Ministry: A qualitative study of theological educators preparing students for new media engagement](#) in the journal *Ecclesial Practices* and coproduced [Podfest 2020](#) for the Media and Social Change Lab.

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## In Memoriam

We have received word of the death of the following member of the CDSP community.

Capt. Clyde W. Jones, MD – [Obituary](#)

*Grant to him eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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