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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Villanova University, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, 2024
Dissertation: "Stories and Silence: Issues and Methods Supporting the Decolonization of the Catholic Church"
- M.TS Villanova University, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, 2018
- B.A. Seattle University, Liberal Studies, 2010 (*Cum Laude*)
- A.A. North Seattle Community College, 2008 (President's List; Vice President List)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article

- Elisha Chi, "Ethno-Apophysis: An Ethnographic Theology of Thinness and Refusal," *Ecclesial Practices* 10, no. 2 (December 28, 2023): 202–27, <https://doi.org/10.1163/22144471-bja10050>.
- Tamara Ho, Himanee Gupta, Eleanor Craig, SueJeanne Koh, Dana Lloyd, Elisha Chi, "Mycorrhizal Networks: Meditations on Land, Spirituality, and Food," Submitted to *Amerasia Journal* on April 1, 2024 (under review as of 10/25/24)

Other Publications

- 2024 "It's time for the Catholic Church to return Indigenous land," *National Catholic Reporter* <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/viewpoints/its-time-catholic-church-return-indigenous-land>
- 2024 "Indigenous reactions mixed after US bishops' apology: 'They won't ever forget,'" *National Catholic Reporter*: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/indigenous-reactions-mixed-after-us-bishops-apology-they-wont-ever-forget>
- 2024 "An Ethics of Accountability," *A Matter of Spirit*, Summer 2024. https://issuu.com/ipjc/docs/an_ethics_of_accountability_by_elisha_chi?fr=sMDMxMTcwOTE5NzU
- 2023 "A Love Letter to My Aunties," *Political Theology Network* <https://politicaltheology.com/educating-family-indigenous-and-catholic-political-formations/>
- 2023 "Decolonizing the Tabernacle" *Contending Modernities* <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/theorizing-modernities/decolonizing-the-tabernacle/>

- 2023 "In repudiation of its devastating doctrine of discovery, Vatican masks the history and responsibility of the Catholic church," *Religion Dispatches*
<https://religiondispatches.org/in-repudiation-of-its-devastating-doctrine-of-discovery-vatican-masks-the-history-and-responsibility-of-catholic-church/>
- 2023 "Refusal" *Political Theology Network*
<https://politicaltheology.com/refusal/>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

- 2024-2025 University of California Santa Barbara: President's Postdoctoral Fellowship
 Religious Studies
- 2024-2025 Louisville Institute: Postdoctoral Fellow Semi-Finalist
- 2023-2024 Forum for Theological Exploration: Dissertation Fellowship for Students of Latino/a, Asian, and First Nations Descent
- 2023 Villanova Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship
- 2023-2024 Louisville Institute: Honorary Dissertation Fellow
- 2023-2024 APARRI, "Asia Pacific American Religions and Native North American Religions: A Dialogue on Spirituality, Land, and Food," Co-PI
- 2022-2023 Beringia Settlement Trust: Descendent Scholarship for registered descendants of the Bering Straits Native Corporation (also awarded in 2007 and 2009–2010)
- 2018 Rania and Nadim Muasher Endowed Fund Travel Grant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Haverford College, Department of Peace, Justice, and Human Rights

- Spring 2023 Indigenous Sovereignty, Refusal, and Land/#landback (instructor)

Villanova University, Department of Theology and Religious Studies

- Spring 2022 Faith, Reason, and Culture (instructor)
- Spring 2016 Faith, Reason, and Culture (teaching assistant)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "Teaching with Native American Religions for Social Justice: Indigenous Story" Forthcoming, *American Academy of Religion* annual conference, San Diego, CA
- 2023 Roundtable discussion of Dana Lloyd's *Land Is Kin: Sovereignty, Religious Freedom, and Indigenous Sacred Sites*, Falvey Library, Villanova University
- 2023 "White Christian Desire for the Indigenous: Catholic Political Theology and Kateri Tekakwitha," *The Religious Origins of White Supremacy*, Syracuse University
- 2023 "Catholic Anthropologies and the Doctrine of Discovery: Gender and Land Dispossession," *American Academy of Religion* annual conference, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 "Indigenous Storytelling," Center for Political Theology, Villanova University
- 2023 "Indigenous Lands and Indigenous Bodies: A Catholic Political Theology of the Anthropocene," *Political Theology Network* annual conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2022 "Decolonizing the Tabernacle: A Prescription for the Propagation of the Doctrine of #landback for the Catholic Church," *Defending the Land*, Villanova University
- 2019 "What is the Difference Between a Peacemaker and a Prophet," *American Academy of Religion* Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Princeton, NJ
- 2017 "Poetry and Paradox," *Graduate Student Conference*, Villanova University

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2023 "Dwelling with Pedagogy: Religion, Ecology, and the Craft of Teaching," *American Academy of Religion* (panel presider)
- 2021-2023 Assessment Committee, Villanova University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Graduate Student Representative
- 2022 Freedom School, Villanova University Center for Peace and Justice Education, co-presenter on Native American Boarding Schools
- 2022 Villanova University, co-organizer of campus-wide reading group on Native American Boarding Schools
- 2021 Political Theology Network Mentoring Initiative Webinar, moderator of panel on "Developing Inter- and Anti- Disciplinary Research Methods"
- 2015-2017 Women's Group, Villanova University Department of Theology and Religious Studies, co-founder and Coordinator

2016 *CONCEPT: Villanova University Interdisciplinary Journal of Graduate Studies,*
 Peer Reviewer

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023-2024 “Teaching Native American Religions for Social Justice,” Wabash Center, working group member

2023 Digital Scholarship Research Institute, TriCo Digital Scholarship Group, workshop participant

2022-2023 “Theories of Land,” Social Science Research Council, working group member

2019 Association for Clinical Pastoral Education: Level I, Lankenau Medical Center, Wynnewood, PA

2019 Eastern Mennonite University: Summer Peacebuilding Institute, Harrisonburg, VA

2017 “Indigenous Ways of Teaching and Learning,” Villanova University and Wabash Center, pedagogical workshop participant