

**PACIFIC SCHOOL OF**  
**RADICAL INCLUSION**  
**RECONCILIATION**  
**RIGHTS FOR WOMEN**  
**RACIAL JUSTICE**  
**REFLECTION**  
**RESISTANCE**  
**REASON**  
**RENEWAL**  
**REVIVAL**  
**RESTORATION**  
**RESILIENCE**  
**REFRAMING**  
**RELIGION**

# Pacific School of Religion

PSR prepares a diverse cadre of spiritually rooted leaders with the vision, resilience, and skill to create a world where we all thrive.

**We are** a progressive Christian seminary and graduate school.

**We are** committed to serving the church and non-profit organizations.

**We welcome** students from all denominations and religious backgrounds.

**We believe** embracing diversity is integral to social change.

**We strive** to create a culture that encourages, supports and celebrates our unique differences.

**We teach** a radically inclusive Gospel, one that compels us to take courage and press ahead.

**We are PSR: Unafraid Since 1866**

At PSR we're called to stand up. There are churches to reimagine. There are lives to restore. The fight for justice and equality must continue. New demands for climate action must be made.

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# *A history of being on the right side of history*

PSR's legacy was formed in defining moments, and now it is our generation's turn. Today we stand at the beginning of a new era - ready to meet its challenges, as we always have, with everything we are.

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| <b>1866</b> | <b>Enfranchised Chinese Immigrants Ahead of the Exclusion Act</b>  | <b>1997</b> | <b>Protested Nuclear Proliferation at the United Nations</b>  |
| <b>1895</b> | <b>Enrolled Women During the Heart of Suffrage</b>   | <b>2000</b> | <b>Founded the Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS), The First Seminary-Based LGBTQ Center</b>      |
| <b>1942</b> | <b>Opposed Japanese Internment During WWII</b>   | <b>2001</b> | <b>Founded the Institute for Leadership Development and Study of Pacific and Asian North American Religion (PANA)</b> |
| <b>1950</b> | <b>Appointed Georgia Harkness, the First Female Full Professor of Theology at a U.S. Protestant Seminary</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>Protested in Support of Black Lives Matter</b>   |
| <b>1959</b> | <b>Combined Civil Rights Activism and Scholarship</b>  | <b>2016</b> | <b>Stood with Standing Rock</b>   |
| <b>1966</b> | <b>Marched for Farmworkers' Rights</b>   | <b>2017</b> | <b>Protested the Militarization of the Police</b>   |
| <b>1969</b> | <b>Protested the War in Vietnam</b>  | <b>2020</b> | <b>Included Anti-Racism and Queer Theory into Every Aspect of our Curriculum</b>                                      |
| <b>1972</b> | <b>Alumnx Bill Johnson Becomes the First Openly Gay Man Ordained in a Mainline Denomination (UCC)</b>        | <b>2021</b> | <b>Renewed our Commitment to an Emerging Generation of Students of Color</b>  |

# The PSR Difference



We know that the traditional seminary model doesn't fit today's reality. We've lived through a pandemic, church attendance is in a decades long decline, and the barriers to access and affordability are higher than ever.

You're a new breed of student, PSR is a new breed of education.



## Building a Diverse Future

We offer a theological education devoted to the radically inclusive gospel. We welcome students with diverse theological views and cultural backgrounds, new college grads and second-career professionals. PSR has a long history of supporting LGBTQ+

students and is a majority people of color (POC) community– from the board to the student body. Anti-racism and radical inclusion are core to our curriculum and the way we communicate. We exist for underserved people because when we orient ourselves around the needs of the marginalized, the entire community succeeds.

## Flexible, Stackable Curriculum

Our stackable curriculum allows students to attend full-time or part-time, on or off-campus and earn degrees and certificates as you progress through your education.

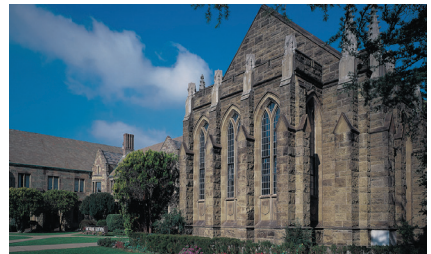
While working towards a Master of Divinity

you'll progressively earn a Graduate Certificate and a Master of Arts in Social

Transformation along the way. A Doctor of Ministry degree can be finished in as

little as two years or be completed over six years. You can even stack select courses

from across vast course offerings through the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) for a tailored education that matches your vocational and financial realities.



## Leadership Development

Effective, spiritually rooted leadership is harder than ever. That's why we fuse theological study with spiritual formation and leadership development, equipping students with effective social change strategies for leadership in churches and non-profits.

PSR offers multiple flexible opportunities for leadership development in addition to our graduate programs and certificates. The Ignite Institute, The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS), and the Theological Education for Leadership (TEL) program offer accessible options from podcasts and lecture series to online courses.

# Graduate Programs & Degrees

*Online or On-Campus, Full or Part-time*



CSSC

## CERTIFICATE OF SPIRITUALITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE

Specialized training for the work of social change-making. Learn leadership skills for ethical decision-making, design thinking for social change, spiritual formation and theological reflection, along with community organizing and activism principles. The CSSC can be completed as a stand-alone program or become the foundation for MAST or MDiv programs. **21 units**



CSR

## CERTIFICATE OF SEXUALITY AND RELIGION

Whether you are a religious professional, work in a secular field that addresses issues of sexuality, or an LGBTQ+ activist, the CSR will enable you to speak with authority and expertise on the issues of religion and sexuality, within faith traditions and the broader society. The CSR can be added to an MDiv, MTS or DMin for broader understanding. **22.5 units**



CTS

## CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The CTS offers a broad foundation of theological knowledge. Perfect for adding to a previous master's degree to reach the required preparation and academic units for chaplaincy candidates or for any church or community leader seeking a broader understanding of theology. **24 units**



## MAST

### MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Innovative and rigorous curriculum that fuses leading-edge practices in organizational leadership and design thinking with spiritual formation. You'll work closely with a faculty advisor and a social innovation fieldwork supervisor to devise a course of study leading to a meaningful, applied project in social transformation. MAST students earn a CSSC after the first year of study. **39 units**



## MTS

### MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

An advanced degree where students will cover a broad survey of theological topics in addition to a focused area of study you'll build with a faculty mentor. This degree is perfect for students preparing for a career as an academic, or in non-profit leadership or a ministry position that doesn't require an MDiv. **48 units**



## MDiv

### MASTER OF DIVINITY

A practical and comprehensive theological training for today's spiritually rooted leader. Students will advance their knowledge across multiple categories: religion in society, preaching in homiletics, worship and worship practice, community and organizational design, and more. Students will participate in internships and fieldwork opportunities. Students will pick between a concentration in chaplaincy and congregational ministry. **72 units**



## DMin

### DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

An advanced professional degree for experienced professional leaders interested in evolving their practice in progressive social change, disciplines of performative practice, and chaplaincy paths. This distance learning program allows you to remain in your home community while also becoming part of a multicultural cohort that includes academic colleagues and faculty mentors. Culminating with a final project, the degree can be finished in 18 months if pursued full time and is typically completed in fewer than three years part-time. **30 units**



# Ignite Institute

*Discover wisdom.*

*Find purpose.*

*Create change.*

The Ignite Institute brings together personal, communal, and spiritual work from wisdom traditions to provide established and emerging leaders with the vision, resilience, and skills to create a world where we can all thrive.

## **Change Happens Now Podcast**

Change Happens Now features voices and stories from business professionals, spiritual leaders, inspired artists, and future-forward thinkers affecting social transformation across various sectors, traditions, and backgrounds. In each episode, guests share stories, insights, practices, and tools to empower emerging leaders to enact social change in their personal lives, communities, and the organizations they serve.

## **Leadership Courses**

Ignite's 5 on-demand video courses consist of the Discover Series Suite of 4 leadership Workshops and the hallmark of our offerings, Wisdom-Based Leadership. In the Discover Series, participants are guided to discover a key component of their identity, uniqueness, and best contribution as a leader. The workshops in the series are: Discover Your Leadership Voice, Discover Your Inner Drive, Discover Your Sacred Pathways, and Discover Your Purposeful Change. These workshops lay the foundation for our Wisdom-Based Leadership for Social Transformation course that anchors key leadership competencies in deep personal formation and is designed to draw you to the resources available in your own cultural and spiritual traditions as you create purposeful change in your context.

## **Ignite Collective**

Become a member of our online community to access courses, toolkits, events, spiritually sustaining practices and exclusive conversations with innovative leaders. See your personal leadership transformed and sustained for the long haul through connection and education.

[ignite.psr.edu](https://ignite.psr.edu)



# Theological Education for Leadership

*Accessible theological education for diverse communities*



TEL's online certificate program of special courses and seminars is multicultural in design and focus. Whether you are clergy, laity, or a spiritual seeker you can engage at the level that works for you - personal spiritual formation, lay leadership training, professional growth, or continuing education.

## **Certificate in Congregational Leadership for Emerging Leaders of Color (CL)**

The CL is designed for congregational leaders of color who are looking to deepen their theological understanding, strengthen leadership and expand their ministries. Students will engage in online, graduate-level seminary instruction alongside PSR graduate students with assignments catered to the certificate program.

## **Certificate of Theological Education for Leadership (CTEL)**

Learning Theology and Congregational Leadership in Community: CTEL provides strong theological leadership training for lay and clergy leaders, equipping you to strengthen your congregation or create new ministries. This one-year program includes highly engaging, sensitive, and community-minded courses and seminars that bring participants into direct conversation with seminary faculty, faith leaders and each other. For those who desire further training, this program is a good fit for future studies at PSR.

[tel.psr.edu](http://tel.psr.edu)



# Center for LGBTQ & Gender Studies in Religion

*Shaping a new public discourse  
on religion, gender and sexuality*

CLGS' mission is to advance the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transgender people and to transform faith communities and the wider society through education, research, community building, and advocacy.

## Roundtables

The CLGS Roundtables seek to create conversation across and within religious affiliation, ethnicity, gender, race, and class. Current projects include: The African American Roundtable, The Asian & Pacific Islander Roundtable, The Jewish Roundtable, The Latinx Roundtable, The Transgender Religious Roundtable, and The Catholic Roundtable.

## Events

CLGS offers a variety of programs including our CLGS Lavender Lunches, CLGS Queer and Latinx Faith Conversations, the CLGS Jewish Queeries Series, the CLGS Catholic Oral History Project, the Transgender Religious Leadership Cohort, and two annual academic lectures: the Georgia Harkness Lecture in the fall and the John E. Boswell Lecture in the spring.

## Research

The CLGS Archives Project is the leading online resource for materials on LGBTQ+ religious movements and figures. CLGS' book series has published volumes in areas of concern to LGBTQ+ people of faith including Trans-Gendered: Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith and Ministry Among God's Queer Folk.

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# Badè Museum of Biblical Archaeology

*A window into the ancient  
past of Israelite society*



The core of the Badè's collection consists of materials from the site of Tell en-Nasbeh, excavated under the direction of William F. Badè. Dr. Badè's work at Tell en-Nasbeh between 1926 to 1935 represents one of the earliest scientific excavations in Palestine. He was able to excavate two-thirds of the eight-acre tell, or mound, exposing a small town that had been occupied at the time of the Hebrew monarchy.

Ongoing research of specific artifacts and object types from the collection is done by museum staff and visiting scholars. This work has led to numerous publications, exhibits, lectures on the collection.

[bademuseum.psr.edu](http://bademuseum.psr.edu)

## Graduate Theological Union

*The most comprehensive center for the  
graduate study of religion in North America*

PSR is an early member of the GTU. PSR students can take classes across GTU schools and use their library and other resources. With a focus on interdisciplinary perspectives, GTU faculty and students engage the world's great religions and wisdom traditions in contemporary contexts. The GTU educates innovative leaders for the academy, religious organizations, and the non-profit sector, equipping scholars to embody the critical thinking, ethical frameworks, compassionate values, and spiritual foundations essential to building a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

[gtu.edu](http://gtu.edu)

Founded in 1866, Pacific School of Religion (PSR) is a progressive Christian seminary and graduate school committed to a radically inclusive Gospel. While the dominant culture defines itself by who belongs and who doesn't, PSR is committed to welcoming people for who they are - as they are.

PSR offers multiple flexible options for anyone looking to build spiritually grounded leadership skills, or learn from wisdom-based traditions. In addition to PSR's Master of Divinity (MDiv), Master of Theological Studies (MTS), and Doctor of Ministry (DMin) programs, we also offer Graduate Certificates including Certificate of Sexuality and Religion and Certificate of Spirituality and Social Change.

Courses can also be completed through the Ignite Institute and our Theological Education for Leadership programs. PSR is also home to the Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion (CLGS), the first seminary-based LGBTQ+ Center, and the Badé Museum of Biblical Archeology.




*PSR is accredited by both Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and Association of Theological Schools (ATS).*



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