

Cecilia González-Andrieu

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Biography

Theologian Cecilia González-Andrieu returned to Loyola Marymount University after completing the doctorate at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. She was first to combine systematic theology with religion and the arts under the late Alex García-Rivera. González -Andrieu is a leading scholar of theological aesthetics, which she proposes as a way to bring communities together, respect and celebrate otherness, and lift the theological insights of those who know and express themselves from the peripheries. As a budding scholar González-Andrieu was named one of the most promising theologians of the next generation by "America Magazine." "Today, she is one of "America"'s contributing writers, penning a number of significant essays on political theology, Latinx theologies, women's issues and theological aesthetics. Her book "Bridge to Wonder: Art as a Gospel of Beauty" received international acclaim for its ability "to link art's power to move beyond the discursive, cognitive and propositional to a theology grounded in an experience that opens the imagination and moves one to encounter 'God in all things'?" (The Pneuma Review). Other publications include co-editor of "Teaching Global Theologies: Power and Praxis", and contributor to "Go Into the Streets: The Welcoming Church of Pope Francis," along with key articles for "The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and the Arts" and "The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States." Other contributions include the "Journal of Catholic Education" issue on "Latinos/as, education and the Church." Her address for the Catholic Theological Society of America "Wounded Grace and the Disquieting Invitation of the Real," represents her emphasis on God's vision revealed in the most vulnerable. Her current work investigates the theological aesthetics of artist John August Swanson, with a first contribution in "Religion and Contemporary Art: A Curious Accord" from Routledge. González -Andrieu teaches in LMU's Department of Theological Studies, co-chairs the LMU Latino Theology and Ministry Initiative, is an active supporter of the Ignatian Solidarity Network, an advisor for the Discerning Deacons Project. An alumna of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, serves on the board of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the US, and co-founder of LMU's initiatives with undocumented students. Awards include GTU Alumna of the Year and the O'Hara Graff Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Areas of Expertise

Women in the Church, Immigrant Rights, Christian Theology, Political Theology, Theological Aesthetics, Latina/o/x theologies, Equity in Education, Artist John August Swanson, Playwright/poet Federico García Lorca, Art & Religion, Ecology and Laudato Si

Affiliations

Catholic Theological Society of America, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Hispanic Theological Initiative, Ignatian Solidarity Network, Discerning Deacons

Sample Talks

#MIneToo: Why Robust Women's Voices are Indispensable to the Church
https://youtu.be/uPeKEZ_n3-4?si=LW96jbsTTJo81CKQ

Event Appearances

I'm Done Being Polite! Truth Telling In Education
2022 Zahm Lecture

How to Engage with a World that Needs You
The 41st Annual Summer Conference

Education

Graduate Theological Union, Art & Religion & Systematic Theology
Ph.D. Post-Graduate Studies

Loyola Marymount University
M.A. Graduate Studies, Theology

Loyola Marymount University
B.A. Undergraduate Studies, Double Major: Film and Spanish

Accomplishments

Virgilio Elizondo Award 2024

The Virgilio Elizondo Award is awarded to an individual for distinguished achievement in theology, in keeping with the mission of the Academy.

Ann O'Hara Graff Memorial Award 2023

Awarded by the Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology of the Catholic Theological Society of America. Each year the Women's Consultation in Constructive Theology awards a member of the CTSA whose accomplishments include the various types of woman-defined scholarship, and liberating action on behalf of women in the church and/or the broader community.

Alumna of the Year 2020, Graduate Theological Union

I am proud to honor Dr. González-Andrieu as Alumna of the Year, said Dr. Uriah Kim, President of the GTU. As a leader in her field, a rigorous thinker, and a tireless activist and advocate, she truly embodies the best of the GTU community.

Selected as a "Visionary" by the Foundation for Spirituality and the Arts

<https://fsa.art/visionaries/> "Visionaries are innovative figures representing a diverse range of perspectives whose work has been instrumental in generating insights and fostering dialogue in the arena of spirituality and the arts. Through these exchanges and networks, FSA aspires to nurture a growing community of artists, scholars and others who are pathfinders in the field."

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