
ELENA E. KIM, PHD

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Research, Integration, Spirituality, and Engagement, *Founder*** December 2021 – Current
- Provide leadership to non-profit institute and guide professional scholarship and engagement surrounding the integration of spirituality and psychotherapy
- APA Division 36, *Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer*** August 2022 – August 2024
- Served as the inaugural EDI officer of Division 36
 - Ensured that the guiding principles of the APA DEI framework are reflected and implemented within the Division by working collaboratively with the Executive Committee, Task Forces/Committees, and members to create a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive culture
 - Served as the Division's liaison to the APA office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion by working collaboratively to deconstruct inequalities and inequities in how science is conducted, reported, reviewed, and disseminated within the psychological science of religion and spirituality
 - Ensured that the Division adopted inclusive policies and practices, including the elimination of policies and practices that reinforce structural injustices and amplify socio-cultural and religious inequities
- Fordham University, *Adjunct Professor*** August 2022 – December 2022
- Taught Foundations of Professional Counseling by teaching topics that included ethics, multicultural competencies, psychotherapeutic theories, group therapy, assessments, and career
 - Taught counseling skills by providing supervision for student-counselors
- The City Faculty Roundtable, *Moderator*** December 2021
- Moderated national virtual event for over 200 participants titled, "Longing for Happiness" with two panelists, Dr. Arthur Brooks from Harvard University and Dr. Carl Hart from Columbia University
- APA Division 36 Task Force for Social Justice Issues, *Founding Member*** June 2020 – August 2022
- Inaugurated by President elect as the first official Social Justice Task Force for Division 36
 - Received approval for two-year budget of \$25,000 to fund programing and research goals: National guest speakers' series, research seed grants, and literature reviews for underrepresented and marginalized groups/individuals
 - Crafted goals which entail the promotion of scholarship, research, and practice across diverse cultural groups and identities
- APA Division 49 Diversity Committee Member, *Diversity Committee Member*** September 2019 – Present
- Member of the Diversity Committee, which leads the division in upholding the values of diversity, equity, belonging, and cultural humility
 - Integral part of developing annual agenda, yearly budget, and executing diversity goals
- APA Division 36, *Finance Committee Member*** September 2013 – April 2016
- Created financial statements for Division 36 executives and participate in treasury discussions
 - Provided advice on investment products
 - Provided consultation to Division 36 executives regarding organizational growth strategies

CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

- RISE Center for Integrative Psychotherapy, New York, NY** January 2024 – Current
Clinical Director, Founder
- Guide clinical direction and training for the integration of the Existential-Spiritual Psychotherapy Framework within psychotherapeutic work
 - Founder of private practice with a license to see clients in NY and NJ, along with PSYPACT states
 - Lead spiritual transformation seminar groups for adult clients across the country
- Clinical Mental Health Services in the Bronx Community, Bronx, NY** March 2024 – June 2025
Clinical Psychology Supervisor
- Supervising doctoral counseling students who are providing free telehealth mental health services for BIPOC immigrant children and youth in the Bronx area
- Xavier High School, New York, NY** October 2021 – June 2022
Post-doctoral Fellow, Supervised by Dr. Amelio D'Onofrio
- Psychodynamic post-doctorate fellow providing psychotherapy for students at a private Jesuit, all-boys high school
- Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System, Brooklyn, NY** August 2020 – August 2021
Doctoral Intern, Supervised by Drs. Shalini Sehgal, Alexandra Drake, Paul Rhindress, and Amy Malkin
- APA-accredited psychology internship at a government-operated healthcare facility affiliated with the Veterans Affairs
- Gouverneur Behavioral Health, New York, NY** August 2018 – June 2020
Doctoral Extern, Supervised by Drs. Julie Reinhold, and George Collins
- Clinical psychology externship at a municipally-owned healthcare facility affiliated with the New York University School of Medicine that provides adult outpatient, behavioral health treatment
- John Jay Counseling Services Center, New York, NY** August 2015 – May 2016
Doctoral Extern, Supervised by Drs. Gauri Pradhan, and Elena Beharry
- Clinical psychology externship at the largest public college counseling center in Manhattan
- Redeemer Counseling Services, New York, NY** May 2012 – May 2014
Doctoral Extern, Supervised by Drs. Judy Cha, and Julie Reinhold
- Clinical psychology externship at an outpatient, community, Christian counseling clinic that provides treatment for clients that identify as Christian and state a desire to incorporate their faith beliefs into psychotherapy

EDUCATION

- Fordham University, New York, NY** August 2021
- Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology; GPA: 4.0
 - *Dissertation thesis:* Empirical validation of a spiritually-integrated psychotherapy framework: a task analysis
- Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY** May 2012
- M.A. in Clinical Psychology
 - *Master's Thesis:* Serving the Mental Health Needs of the Poor: A New Social Class Framework
- University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA** May 2003
- B.A. in Psychology with Honors
- The Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA** May 2003
- B.S. in Economics

GRANTS & AWARDS

- Kim, E. E.,** Chen, E. C., Cha J., Keller T. (2021). "Empirical validation of a spiritually-integrated psychotherapy framework: A task analysis." John Templeton Foundation and Brigham Young University. Funded \$15,000.
- Kim, E. E.,** Chen, E. C., Brachfeld, C. (2018). "Patients' experience of spirituality and change in individual psychotherapy at a Christian counseling clinic: A grounded theory analysis." Student Research Award, Division 36, Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality of the American Psychological Association. Funded \$500.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Winkeljohn-Black S. & **Kim, E. E.** (in press). Existential-Spiritual Psychotherapy. In Jong, J. (Ed.) *Cambridge Elements in Psychology of Religion*. Cambridge University Press.
- Abo-Zena, M. M., **Kim, E. E.,** & Winkeljohn Black, S. (in press). Towards socially just approaches to incorporating spirituality and religion in mental health care. In Currier, J. M., Fox J., & Vieten, C. (Eds.) *Handbook of training in spiritual and religious competencies in mental health professions*. Oxford University Press
- Cho, I., **Kim, E. E.,** Lee, D. H., Chuang, D. (2025). Community Case Study for Enhancing Integrated Mental Health Treatment for Asian Americans: A Collaborative Practice Model. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 53, 141-156.
- Kim, E. E.** (August 2023). *Reproductive Justice: The Lived Experiences and Impact of Religious Identities and Policies*. Lead a Critical Conversation event to discuss the intersectionality of multicultural identities and reproductive justice for pregnant persons at the American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, D.C.
- Kim, E. E.,** Cha, J., & Keller, T. (2023). Gospel-centered integrated framework for therapy: Foundation, description, research findings, and application. In P. S. Richards, G. E. K. Allen, & D. K. Judd (Eds.), *Handbook of spiritually integrated psychotherapies* (pp. 213–230). American Psychological Association. <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000338-011>
- Kim, E. E.,** & Chen, E. C. (2022). Task analysis of a Christian-integrated psychotherapy framework. *Psychotherapy*, 59, 363–373. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pst0000406>
- Prout, T. A., Magaldi, D., **Kim, E. E.,** & Cha, J. (2020). Christian therapists and their clients. *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*, 8, 1.
- Kim, E. E.,** Chen, E. C., Cha, J. (2019, August). *Spiritual Mechanisms of Change within the context of a Christian-Integrated Psychotherapy Framework: Preliminary Findings*. Research presentation at the American Psychological Association Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Kim, E. E.,** Chen, E. C., & Brachfeld, C. (2018). Patients' Experience of Spirituality and Change in Individual Psychotherapy at a Christian Counseling Clinic: A Grounded Theory Analysis. *Spirituality in Clinical Practice*, 6, 110-123.
- Kim, E. E.,** Chen, E. C., & Brachfeld, C. (2016, August). *Patients' experiences of spirituality in psychotherapy: A grounded theory analysis*. In P. S. Richards & J. N. Nelson (Co-Chairs), Spiritually oriented psychotherapy: Processes, outcomes, and research challenges. Symposium presentation at the American Psychological Association Convention, Denver, CO.
- Chen, E. C., Pratt, A. S., & **Kim, E. E.** (2016, August). *Organizational culture change: Group therapists as social justice advocates*. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association Convention, Denver, CO.
- Kim, E.E.,** Rowe, Kali, & Chen, E.C., (2015, August). *Facilitating Group Therapy Trainees Multicultural Competencies Development through Clinical Supervision*. Symposium at the American Psychological Association Convention, Toronto, Canada.

- Ting, L.A., **Kim, E.E.**, & Chen, E.C., (2015, August). *Building Group Therapy Trainees' Multicultural Competencies through Difficult Dialogues*. Symposium at the American Psychological Association Convention, Toronto, Canada.
- Prout, T.A., & **Kim, E.E.**, (2015, August). *Christian Counseling: Initial Report on A Large-Scale Study*. Presentation at the American Psychological Association Convention, Toronto, Canada.
- Kim, E.E.**, Ting, L.A., & Chen, E.C., (2014, August). *Bridging the Gap between Evidence-Based Practice and Multicultural Competencies Research*. Symposium at the American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, D.C.
- Prout, T.A., & **Kim, E.E.**, (2014, August). *Therapeutic Alliance, Client-Therapist Match, and Outcomes in Christian Counseling*. Paper presentation at the American Psychological Association Convention, Washington, D.C.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- UBS Securities**, New York, NY June 2009 – March 2011
Regional Bank Equity Research Analyst
- Accountable for mid-size bank stocks; responsible for designing studies, engineering analyses, interviewing C-suite executives, creating opinions on price targets, predicting earnings, and publishing reports
 - Presented research conclusions in one-on-one meetings with mutual- and hedge-fund managers overseeing billions of dollars in assets under management
- Merrill Lynch & Co.**, New York, NY March 2007 – May 2009
Financial Equity Research Analyst
- Designed research studies and ran quantitative analyses to accurately predict 2008 downfall in banking sector
 - Assisted the Federal Reserve in creation of 2009 SCAP test to bring stability to equity markets
 - Served as project manager by monitoring day-to-day analyses, reports, and data collection
- Deloitte Consulting LLP**, New York, NY August 2004 – March 2007
Strategy & Management Consultant
- Designed and implemented market research studies which included qualitative interviews and monitoring and coding customer interactions to understand how to increase customer satisfaction
 - Generated \$1mn in revenues by creating a department-wide dashboard that assessed for legal and financial risk; monetarily quantified process-related problems, and highlighted regulatory issues
 - Streamlined workflow for 15 teammates, increased efficiency and decreased errors by developing a new process, creating a manual, and training new hires
 - Led project in Hyderabad, India by interviewing and training eight associates
- The New York Times**, Philadelphia, PA February 2002 – May 2003
Marketing Research Intern
- Designed and administered a research study to understand students' needs and preferences
 - Developed and implemented business plan based on results of study and increased sales by 330%

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Forbes Magazine, America's Top Analyst** 2008
 Ranked #1 research team due to accurately predicting national credit crisis in the U.S. banking sector
- Institutional Investor, All-America Research Team** 2008
 Ranked #1 research team due to accurate price and company earnings projections