

The Reverend Gregory W. Kimura, Ph.D. (*Cantab.*)

Education:

Ph.D. (2005), Philosophy of Religion, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K.
(College: Peterhouse), thesis: *Neopragmatism and Theological Reason*

M.Div. (1993), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA,
thesis: *God and Mu (Nothingness): A Prolegomenon to Zen-Christian Thought*

B.A. (1990), Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
with honors, double major: philosophy and theology

Employment history:

Rector, St. James' Episcopal Church, South Pasadena, CA Rector of historic multicultural church in the San Gabriel Valley. ASA 175. Includes managing of St. James' Day School (founded 1968), St. James' Community Food Locker (founded 1977). Co-chair of EDLA Sanctuary Task Force.

Canon Vice Dean, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA (2022-24) Executive pastor and head of: operations, finance, administration, buildings and grounds, HR, community preschool, marketing and communications, music department (organ and choirs), social justice and social action ministries. 10/22 Board of Trustees assigned management of all Cathedral employee roles and operations, except development and dean pastoral.

Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ojai, CA. (2017-2022) Priest at suburban/rural parish. Created Laundry Love Ojai (award from Ojai Rotary, 2019) and Spanish-language service (now largest weekly service). Board member of Ojai Valley Family Shelter and HELP of Ojai (social service agency).

President and C.E.O., Japanese American National Museum (2012 to 2016). Head of the Smithsonian Affiliate institution of historical and cultural record for Japanese Americans. \$6m budget and 55 FTE employees, with three buildings (Pavilion, National Center for the Preservation of Democracy, and Tateuchi Democracy Forum). Reorganized staff and brought operating expenses into the black. Secured numerous foundation, corporate, and major donor gifts. Programmed largest exhibits and secured largest operating budget funding in museum's history.

President and C.E.O., Alaska Humanities Forum (2006-2012). Head of National Endowment for the Humanities statewide non-profit with mission to enrich the civic and cultural life of all Alaskans, operating: NEH grants, Rose Urban Rural Cultural Exchange, Leadership Anchorage, Alaska History and Culture Curriculum, amongst

numerous other programs. \$3.2 million annual budget and 15 FTE employees (fourth largest of state/territorial humanities councils). Doubled budget, secured funding, and increased programming during national economic downturn.

Adjunct Professor of Humanities, Alaska Pacific University and lecturer, University of Alaska, Anchorage (2006-2012). Humanities and ethics courses.

Supply Clergy to Episcopal Diocese of Alaska and Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Alaska. Homilist for ecumenical and special services, including Catholic Archdiocese of Anchorage, United Methodist, and Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Chair, Department of Liberal Studies, Assistant Professor of Religion and Humanities, and University Chaplain (2004-06), Alaska Pacific University
Instructor in Religion and the Humanities, Alaska Pacific University (2003-05).
Visiting Instructor in Religion and Ethics then Instructor in Religion and the Humanities, Alaska Pacific University, Alaska (2002-03). Chaired largest MAU and department and taught in the areas of humanities, religion, philosophy and applied ethics. Responsible for hiring and oversight of core faculty for traditional undergraduate, Early Honors, and Masters of Arts programs. Managed institutional transition of department to hybrid distance delivery models and University accreditation renewal.

University Community Ministry Chaplain to APU and University of Alaska, Anchorage (2002-2006). Ecumenical chaplain to Anchorage's 20,000+ university students, staff and employees (staff position at APU).

Interim Pastor, Alaska Native Lutheran Church and Lutheran Church of Hope, (2002-03). Interim at the largest American Indian/Alaska Native congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Undergraduate supervisor and invigilator, Faculty of Divinity, Peterhouse and Queens' College, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K. (2000-02). Oxbridge-style tutorial instructor (teaching assistant) in philosophy of religion, theology, and religion and ethics.

University Chaplain, Alaska Pacific University and University Community Ministry Chaplain to UAA (1995-99).

Vicar, then Rector, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, Eagle River, AK (1994-99). Head priest at fastest-growing Episcopal church in Alaska. Led congregation through church fire, rebuild, and successful transition from mission status to financially self-supporting, corporate-sized parish (first mission in 45 years to become a parish).

Selected academic writing, literary fiction and non-fiction:

Neopragmatism and Theological Method, currently writing.

Living Sanctuary, currently writing one of the first books on the New Sanctuary Movement.

Review of *Anglican Moral Theology* by Peter H. Sedgwick (Brill) in *Anglican and Episcopal History*, 2021.

Perseverance: Japanese Tattoo in a Modern World (JANM, 2016) with Takahiro Kitamura. Produced, edited, and with an introduction. Scholarly catalog of first major museum exhibit to portray Japanese Tattoo as a fine art.

Hello! The Supercute World of Hello Kitty! Produced, edited, and introduction (JANM, 2015). Sold c. 8,000 copies.

I Am Alaskan: Photographs by Brian Adams (University of Alaska Press), edited with an introduction, 2013. Commissioned first multicultural portrait book of Alaskans.

Apologia Pro Vita Scholastica in *Anglican Theological Review* (Northwestern University Press), Fall 2011.

Alaska: History and Culture (Two Volumes), executive editor with introduction by G. W. Kimura. Currently online: <https://akhistorycourse.org>. Official text for Alaska state high school graduation requirement.

Alaska at 50: The Past, Present, and next Fifty Years of Statehood, edited and with introduction and chapter by G. W. Kimura (10/09, University of Alaska Press, lead publication in UA Fall 2009 catalogue, cross-published by University of Chicago Press), nominated for 2009 American Book Award.

Neopragmatism and Theological Reason [ISBN 0 7546 5868] (Ashgate Publishing, Heythrop College, University of London, Studies in Contemporary Philosophy, Religion, and Theology, 2007)

‘Analytic Thought and the Myth of Anglo-American Philosophy’ in *Faith and Philosophical Analysis*, ed. by Harriet A. Harris and Christopher Insole (Ashgate, 2005) Numerous book reviews and short articles in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (Blackwell, Oxford). UK’s largest scholarly religion and theology review.

‘Church as Community of Dialogue’ chapter in *Spiritual Manifestos* ed. by Rabbi Niles Goldstein with preface by Prof. Martin E. Marty (Skylight Paths Press, 1999)

Over 40 pieces, including the ‘Neighbor to Neighbor’ features project 1993-94 in *The Anchorage Daily News*, twice Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper (1993-2005)

‘Permit’ (short story) in *Ducky Magazine* (Univ. of Penn.), Spring-Summer 2003

‘Interview’ and ‘KY’ (short stories) in *The Best of the May Anthologies 2002: The First Ten Years (The Best New Fiction from Oxford and Cambridge)*, selected and edited by Nick Cave and U.K. Poet Laureate Andrew Motion (Varsity/Cherwell, Cambridge)

‘Prom’ (short story) in *Carve Magazine*, July 2001 (Seattle, Univ. of Washington) ‘Prom’ also a semi-finalist for 2001 Raymond Carver Short Story Contest, ed. by Tess Gallagher.

‘Moving Company’ (short story) in *The May Anthologies 2001: The Best New Writing from Oxford and Cambridge*, selected and edited by Zadie Smith

Other:

Married to Joy Atrops-Kimura, former Director of External Relations, Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center; son Julian William (23) and daughter Lily Noelle (16)
Chaplain, LA County Sheriff's Department, ministering to Altadena Station after fire
Member, Upper Ojai Search and Rescue Team (first aid, swiftwater, and alpine-qualified)
Founder and member, Ojai Alliance for Educational Equity
Chaplain, Ventura County Sheriff's Department, Ojai Station
Adjunct clergy, St. Cross Episcopal Church, Hermosa Beach, CA (2012-17)
Co-Chair, Sanctuary Task Force, Diocese of Los Angeles
Chair, Jubilee Consortium, EDLA-affiliated social service organisation
Chaplain, American Guild of Organists, Santa Barbara and Ventura County Chapters
Member, Commission on Ministry, Diocese of Los Angeles
Trustee, Bloy House, the Episcopal Seminary in Los Angeles
Member, Advisory Council, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA (2014-17)
Director, Board of Directors, Smithsonian Affiliates (2014-16)
Member, Pacific Council on International Policy (elected 2014)
Member, Anchorage Downtown Rotary
Former Member, College of Fellows, University of Alaska, Anchorage
Former Member, Chancellor's Advisory Board, University of Alaska, Anchorage
Former Member, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, UAA
Founding Member, Honors College Advisory Board, University of Alaska, Anchorage
President and Founding Member, Japanese American Citizens League, Alaska Chapter
Former Chairman, Municipality of Anchorage Board of Ethics
Former Member, Brother Francis Shelter Advisory Council
Former Member, Oversight Board, Anchorage Mayor's 10-Year Plan on Homelessness
Former Co-chair, Brother Francis Shelter Communities of Faith Rebuild Committee
Former Member, Board of Directors, Pratt Museum, Homer, Alaska
Fellow, Episcopal Church Foundation (national think-tank for the Episcopal Church, USA; elected 2001)
Member, Royal Institute of Philosophy, U.K. (elected 2000)
Member, Society for the Study of Theology, U.K. (elected 2001)
2006 'Top 40 Under 40' Alaskans, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce/Alaska Journal of Commerce
Williams Fellow, Harvard Divinity School (awarded to top six entering MDiv. students)
Hopkins Shareholder, Harvard University (oldest merit scholarship at Harvard)
Marquette University four year Academic Scholarship
Alaska Boys State
Boys Nation (1985)