



Call of North Park Theological Seminary Faculty Members



REV. DR. DAVID BJORLIN

Assistant Professor of Worship

**Pastor of Worship and Creative Arts at Resurrection
Covenant Church**

David Bjorlin was born in Duluth, Minnesota, and grew up in neighboring Hermantown until graduating from high school. After completing a one-year discipleship certificate at Covenant Bible College in La Merced, Ecuador, he attended North Park University in Chicago where he graduated with a BA in history and secondary education. He went on to earn a master of divinity at North Park Theological Seminary in 2011 and a PhD in history and hermeneutics with a concentration in liturgical studies from Boston University School of Theology in 2018.

David currently is the assistant professor of worship at North Park Theological Seminary and the pastor of worship and creative arts at Resurrection Covenant Church in Chicago. He published a book of hymns, *Protest of Praise*, in 2020 with GIA. Several of his hymns have also appeared in various denominational publications. He also co-authored *Incorporating Children in Worship: Mark of the Kingdom* and has written journal articles on the history and practice of congregational song. He has served on the board of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada and is currently secretary of the Liturgical Conference executive board. His next book of hymns, *Hope Will Not Fail*, will be published later this year.

When not writing or teaching, David enjoys attending concerts, perusing the Art Institute of Chicago, and reading fiction and poetry. He lives in Chicago's North Center neighborhood surrounded by a close community of friends.

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DR. SOPHIA MAGALLANES-TSANG
Assistant Professor of Old Testament

Dr. Sophia Magallanes-Tsang is a Latina Pentecostal Bible scholar who specializes in Hebrew wisdom literature and Old Testament studies. She graduated in 2011 from New College School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh.

She has taught college and seminary courses in both Old and New Testaments since 2007. She has held two full-time teaching positions at Life Pacific University (2014-2020) and Fresno Pacific University (2022-2024). She also has taught for Fuller Theological Seminary in both English and Spanish.

Though she is a teacher first, she has presented and contributed several papers and chapters in books over the past decade. Current book projects include a commentary on the Book of Job through Wipf and Stock as well as a co-authored book called *Reading the Word Interculturally* and a textbook titled *Biblical Interpretation as Scriptural Accompaniment*, both through Baker Academic.

Sophia has a passion for reading the Bible together in our diverse communities and making biblical studies an accessible skill to everyone in the pew. She is married to Sam Tsang, her loving husband of four years. Both native Californians, Sam and Sophia have answered the call serve the North Park Theological Seminary community in Chicago.