

LABS Coaches Biographies



Caleb Roose

Project Manager, Fuller Youth Institute

Caleb Roose is a Project Manager for the Youth Ministry Innovations (YMI), Ministry Innovations with Young Adults (MIYA), and Living a Better Story (LABS) research projects. Prior to joining the Fuller Youth Institute (FYI) team, Caleb served as the Associate Pastor of Administration and Discipleship at a local church, managed an after-school program start-up company, and traveled to and served in over ten countries as a missionary intern with his wife. Caleb studied biblical studies and theology at Biola University and the Torrey Honors Institute and is currently a master of divinity student at Fuller Theological Seminary. When he is not working or studying, Caleb enjoys spending time with his wife and two girls, writing, playing board games, and rock climbing.



Jennifer A. Guerra Aldana

Manager of Multicultural Initiatives, Fuller Youth Institute

Jennifer A. Guerra Aldana, originally from Guatemala, grew up in Southern California as the daughter of church planters. Jennifer received her B.A in Social Work from Point Loma Nazarene University and served as a youth pastor and social worker in San Diego county. She serves as a pastor of La Fuente Ministries- a bilingual, intercultural ministry of Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene and graduated with her Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. She can often be found singing her sentences or jamming to a good song.



Meredith Miller

Lead Pastor, Valley Church Pomona, California

Meredith Miller just returned home to Southern California in June to start Pomona Valley Church. From 2014-2018 she served on staff at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois. As Curriculum Director for the children's ministry, she created the framework for lessons that responds to the latest research on kids and faith formation, as well as wrote all the small group materials for kids Age 2 to Grade 5. Prior to that she was on Student Affairs staff at Pepperdine University overseeing service and justice opportunities for the undergrads; a Family Pastor at Hillside Community Church in Alta Loma, CA; and a Youth Ministries Pastor at Calvary Community Church in Westlake Village, CA. Meredith holds a Master of Divinity from Fuller Seminary, as well as a B.A. in Religious Studies and Spanish Language & Literature from Westmont College.



Brad Griffin

Senior Director of Content, Fuller Youth Institute

Brad Griffin serves as the senior director of content at FYI and on volunteer pastoral staff at Mountainside Communion in Monrovia, CA, working with a small youth group. Brad has served in youth ministry for more than two decades, is ordained in the Church of the Nazarene, and has coached hundreds of churches through FYI's cohorts.



Jane Hong-Guzman de Leon

Project Coordinator of Living a Better Story (LABS),
Fuller Youth Institute

Jane Hong-Guzman de Leon (MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary) is a licensed pastor. She has pastored for over a decade, from youth to adults, in two church plants that have large thriving ministries. Prior to becoming a pastor, she worked as a deputy probation counselor, junior high English teacher, and a professor at the International University in Mexico. Currently, she is the Project Coordinator for the Living a Better Story (LABS) research project. In her free time she guest preaches, officiates weddings, serves at ISAAC (Innovative Space for Asian American Christianity) a non-profit organization, cares for her family, and gathers with people around food and deep conversations. Jane is passionate about seeing diversity, justice, healing, and transformation in and out of the church.