

AUSTIN CHOI-FITZPATRICK, PhD

Award-winning Author, Educator, and Non-Profit Leader

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KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

- Communication
- Conflict mitigation
- Convening / coordinating
- Convening / listening learning
- Corporate culture
- Corporate social responsibility
- Ethics
- International Politics
- Media engagement
- Public speaking
- Social science / research
- Stakeholder management
- Strategy

EDUCATION

- **PhD and MA, Sociology**, University of Notre Dame
- **MS, International Administration**, University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies
- **BS, Photography**, Middle Tenn State Univ

VISITING POSITIONS

- **Yale** (2022-2025)
- **Aspen Institute** (2022-Present)
- **Harvard** (2020)
- **UCSD** (2021)
- **Oxford** (2017)

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- **Co-Founder and Board Member**, *ArtBuilds Collective*, a registered 501(c)3 focused on building large-scale public art.

Over two decades of experience in the nonprofit sector, especially higher education. International-standard scholarly portfolio and professional network. Team-focused and goal-oriented leadership style, with expertise in (1) executive education and executive-level convening; (2) program design, delivery, and assessment; (3) organizational strategy and stakeholder management; (4) strategic communication; and (5) research and analysis.

CURRENT POSITIONS

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE AND CONSULTANT

Aspen Institute | 2022 – Present

- Created and co-created programs worth \$10m (and growing) for the Aspen Global Leadership Network, a global hub for high-integrity and high-performing leaders.

FACULTY DIRECTOR

Social Innovation Institute (University of San Diego) | 2023 – Present

- Direct all academic programs underwritten by Institute's \$6.5m (and growing) endowment.
- Ensure all programming is aligned with broader organizational strategy.
- Cultivate relationships with key stakeholders (faculty, students, staff, and donors), and strategically balance competing interests.
- Directed transition of Teaching Case Series from a pilot project to a permanent holding in the Harvard Business Publishing portfolio, in collaboration with Institute's Exec Dir.
- Operate within a matrixed organizational ecosystem, especially in coordination with the Institute's Executive Director, the University's Chief Academic Officer (Provost), and the Kroc School's Executive (Dean).

DIRECTOR

MA in Social Innovation (Kroc School, USD) | 2023 – Present

- Direct Master's degree program with a \$1m+ annual budget.
- Oversaw 3x expansion of marketing budget, right-sizing of programming, and stabilization of enrollment numbers.
- Manage teaching staff comprised of former for-profit and nonprofit executives.
- Lead monthly meetings with admissions, finance, and marketing teams.
- Lead annual experiential learning trips to Rwanda, focused on post-conflict innovation and entrepreneurship.

DIRECTOR

Future of Slavery and Emancipation Working Group (Yale University) | 2022 – Present

- Designed, proposed, and now lead a two-year convening of experts focused on future of radical exploitation, following a year-long fellowship at Harvard's Kennedy School on the future of human rights, and an Oxford University Press book on ethical dilemmas.
- Selected, recruited, and convened a wide range of world-leading (e.g., Pulitzer Prize, Ambassador, etc) experts.
- Leading publication of policy brief and publication of edited volume.

PROFESSOR

Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego | 2015 – Present

- Full Professor, with teaching and publishing portfolio across social innovation, technology, social movements, human rights, and art.
- Author or editor of 6 books from leading publishers, including Cambridge, Oxford, MIT, Pennsylvania, and Columbia.
- Author of 50+ articles, chapters, and essays.
- Fellowships at Harvard, Yale, UCSD, Oxford and Aspen Institute.
- Television and radio appearances in the American, Canadian, and British markets.