



**Dr. Kara E. Powell**  
**BIO**

Dr. Kara E. Powell serves as an Assistant Professor in Youth and Family Ministry and the Executive Director of the Center for Youth and Family Ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary (see [www.cyfm.net](http://www.cyfm.net)). Prior to that, Kara was an Assistant Professor of Youth Ministry and Practical Theology at Azusa Pacific University. In 1994, Kara graduated Magna Cum Laude and received a Master's of Divinity degree from Bethel Theological Seminary West and her Ph.D. in Practical Theology from Fuller Seminary for her work in Pastoral Role Expectations in 2000. She completed her Bachelor's of Arts degree in the field of Human Biology and graduated with Honors from Stanford University in 1991.

In addition to her roles at Fuller Seminary, Kara currently volunteers in student ministries at Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena. She was also college pastor at Lake Avenue Church from 1995-1998 and was the Associate Youth Minister at San Diego First Assembly of God from 1991-1995. During college, Kara gained an ongoing commitment to church/parachurch partnerships during her time on Young Life Student Staff in the Stanford area.

Kara is the author of [Deep Justice in a Broken World](#) (along with Chap Clark; Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2008), [Deep Ministry in a Shallow World](#) (along with Chap Clark; Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2006), [Help! I'm a Woman in Youth Ministry](#) (Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2004) and [Mirror, Mirror](#) (Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2003). She co-authored the [Good Sex Curriculum Guide](#) (Zondervan/Youth Specialties, 2001), and numerous other titles. Kara is also a regular speaker at Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Conventions, Forest Home Christian Conference Center, as well as retreats and conferences across the country.

Because of Kara Powell's commitment to empowering women, she helps lead [ymwomen.com](http://ymwomen.com), a ministry whose mission is to encourage, equip, and connect women in youth ministry. Kara lives in Pasadena, CA, with her husband, Dave, who is a medical device engineer, and their children, Nathan, Krista, and Jessica.