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Education

Graduate Theological Union, Ph.D., October 2001
Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Union Theological Seminary, M.A., 1996
Systematic Theology

Georgetown University, B.S., 1994
French Literature

Université de Paris VII: La Nouvelle Sorbonne, Special Student, 1992-1993
French Literature

L'Institut Catholique, Special Student, 1992-1993
Biblical Studies

Administrative Appointments

Provost, University of Scranton, February 2023-July 2024

Interim Provost, University of Scranton, June 2022-February 2023

Areas of Accountability

- Chief academic officer of the University who serves as Senior Vice President
- Supervises the efforts of various units of the University including Office of Student Support and Success, Center for Teaching Excellence, Office of the Registrar, Office of Global Education, International Student and Scholar Services, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Office of Institutional Research, Office of Graduate and Academic and Student Services, Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Office of Community Based Learning
- Approves and supervises budgets for all academic purposes totaling over \$66,000,000

- Oversees the Dean of the Kania School of Management, the Dean of the Leahy College of Health Sciences, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Dean of the Weinberg Memorial Library, the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, The Assistant Provost for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, the Assistant Provost of Operations and Data Analytics Officer, and the Director of Graduate Academic and Student Services
- Coordinates the Strategic Planning Process and implements the University Strategic Plan
- Has ultimate responsibility for curriculum requirements, e.g., the allotment of credits to the major, cognate or general education areas; and the distribution of credits in the general education area of the curriculum
- Convenes and leads the University Planning Committee, the University Governance Committee, Retention Committee, Provost's Committee on Academic Compliance and Policy, Graduate Programs Committee, Program Implementation Committee, the Faculty Handbook Committee, the Faculty Personnel Committee, the Faculty Research Committee, the Provost's Committee, Committee on Gender Equity, the Council on Diversity and Inclusion, and the Faculty Travel Committee.
- Serves as the primary representative for the University's discussions and deliberations with the Faculty Affairs Council (faculty union)

Principal Accomplishments

- Designed the programming for the University of Scranton's Center for Workforce Development and Applied Research. This \$40 million new building is partially funded by a \$16.6 million federal grant through the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The building includes an emphasis on research and workforce development in the areas of the health sciences, cybersecurity, and cybercrime, and will feature an innovation space that incorporates traditional Maker Space elements with artificial intelligence, virtual reality and augmented reality. The programming of the building led to a \$10.5 million naming gift.
- Lead faculty in a year-long environmental scan that focuses on new academic program development and revision. The emphasis was on innovative programs for undergraduates and graduates, both in-person and online. The scanning process has led to the development of online graduate programs in Counseling, Nursing, and Public Health, and an undergraduate major in Public Health.
- Lead the University's transition from an OPM model for online graduate programs to a transparent partnership with an external provider that will allow the university to have autonomy, clarity, and voice on recruitment, retention, and marketing for online graduate programs.
- Conceived and instituted the University's Ethics Across the Curriculum initiative and authored the proposal that led to its funding by a \$2 million

donor gift. This initiative equips faculty from disciplines across the university with the resources and training they need to develop new, meaningful, and effective ways of incorporating careful ethical reflection, reasoning, and application in their courses. It expands students' understanding of the specific kinds of ethical challenges and opportunities that they can expect to encounter in various kinds of professions and to better prepare them to respond effectively to these challenges and opportunities by providing them with chances to develop their knowledge of relevant ethical considerations and to practice deploying that knowledge in realistic scenarios.

- Conceived, developed, and staffed the Office of Student Support and Success and the Center for Teaching Excellence. Created and hired the first Student Support Specialist at the University, whose position emphasizes academic support for first generation and historically underrepresented students.
- Conceived and initiated the charge to rename the College of Professional Studies to the College of Health Sciences which led to \$10 million dollar naming gift
- Initiated and co-chaired (with the Vice President of Student Life) the first faculty-staff committee on the First Year Experience. The committee has concluded its initial year reviewing current university initiatives and will be making recommendations the following academic year.
- Developed and led University retention efforts and the creation of the University Retention Committee
- Initiated and co-chaired (with the Vice President of Mission and Ministry) the University's Laudato Si' (Sustainability and Ecological Justice) Initiative
- Member of the leadership team that led to a signing of a partnership with Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine to open a free clinic for the uninsured on campus.
- Serves on the Executive Committee of the \$135 million Capital Campaign "A Fire that Kindles Other Fires: The Campaign to Advance Mission, Access, and Excellence."

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Scranton, 2020-2022

Areas of Accountability

- Academic Leader of the College of Arts and Sciences, the largest College/School at the University
- Oversight of 15 Academic Departments, the Center for Pre-Health Advising, the First Year Student Advising Center, the Pre-Law Program, the University Honors Program, the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program, and the University Prison Program
- Convened the CAS Dean's Conference (CAS department chairs) and the CAS Curriculum Committee
- Dean's Committee Participation
 - General Education Curriculum Review Committee

- Council for Diversity and Inclusion
- Hiring for Diversity Workgroup
- Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Development Workgroup
- Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Planning Team
- Chair, Associate Provost Search Committee
- Chair, Kania School of Management Dean Search
- Vice President of Mission and Ministry Search Committee
- Participant, Anti-Racism Training Lily Fellows
- Participant, *Me and White Supremacy* Workgroup

Principal Accomplishments

- Developed and implemented the academic vision of the College, including its five-year Strategic Plan in collaboration with CAS faculty, staff, and students
- Launched the University of Scranton's Prison Education Program at Dallas State Correctional Institute
- Managed CAS response to Covid-19 pandemic, including the implementation of online and hybrid course delivery for undergraduate education.
- Initiated multiple Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives within the College, including a Black Studies cluster higher and development of a Black Studies Concentration.
- Established the Center for Ethics and Excellence in Public Service. The Center (CEEPS) focuses on advocating for and promoting the common good of all through programs that support the development of ethical and competent public officials and of civically knowledgeable, responsible, and engaged community members. *It* seeks to support communities in Northeastern Pennsylvania in which local and state public officials and community members are dedicated to governance that is just and effective for all. The Center provides resources for students, governing officials, and community members seeking education, training, or opportunities related to ethics and excellence in public service.
- Launched the University's BS in Mechanical Engineering and the online Master's in Cybercrime Investigation and Cybersecurity
- Conceived and instituted Dean's Ambassadors, an advisory group of undergraduate students that meets regularly with the Dean.
- Worked with Alumni Affairs and Development to form the CAS Pre-Medical Advisory Board which included alumni, faculty, and the Office of Pre-Health advising.
- Collaborated with the Assistant Vice President of Community Engagement & Government Affairs to create the Community Based Learning Faculty Fellows program.

Assistant Provost of Undergraduate Education, University of Miami, 2014-2019

Areas of Accountability

- Served as Academic Ombudsperson for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Collaborated with the nine Academic Deans of the Undergraduate Schools and Colleges on undergraduate initiatives in academic affairs
- Managed the UM in Rome Study Abroad program
- Implemented the First-Year Fellows Program, upper-class undergraduate fellows who live and serve as mentors in first-year residential colleges.
- Supervised the Residential Faculty Program in close collaboration with the Vice President of Student Affairs. Residential Faculty work with Housing & Residential Life to increase faculty and student engagement and contribute to the development of an intellectual community in the Residential Colleges.
- Collaborated with Enrollment Management on recruitment, particularly of historically underrepresented and first-generation students.
- Assisted with the implementation and promotion of substantial revisions to the University General Education requirements.
- Collaborated regularly with Student Government on academic initiatives.
- Provost's Cabinet Member.
- Provost's Advisory Council Member, working on the creation and implementation of strategic plan initiatives.

Principal Accomplishments

- Conceived, initiated, and managed the Undergraduate Advisor Consortium, the first consortium of all professional academic advisors at the University in the nine undergraduate-serving schools and colleges and supplemental advisors
- Collaborated with the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and the Vice president for Student Affairs to initiate and develop *FirstYear U: Learning, Leadership, and Community*, a program that helps first-year students to integrate their curricular and co-curricular learning. This program allows student to explore how their classroom learning enhances their capacities for leadership and responsible community membership.
- Collaborated with the design and implementation, and managed the Plus One Scholarship program, offering student a tuition free semester or year for academic enrichment.
- Conceived and instituted the Residential Faculty Fellows Program. Faculty Fellows are full-time faculty who serve as an academic advocate and mentor for undergraduate students in an assigned Residential College. Faculty Fellows work closely with Residential Faculty and Housing and Residential Life staff to increase faculty-student engagement in the Residential College and contribute to developing an intentional intellectual community.
- Collaborated with the Office of Civic and Community Engagement to create the office, community-based learning courses, and Faculty Fellows Program

Executive Director, Office of Academic Enhancement, University of Miami, 2016-2019

Areas of Accountability

- Directed the office, which supports historically underrepresented, first generation, high achieving and/or first year residential students in pursuit of academic excellence, campus engagement and professional development. The office equips and empowers diverse students with the knowledge, skills and resources to successfully navigate their undergraduate education and beyond
- Direct reports include Prestigious Awards and Fellowships division (Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, etc.), The Foote Fellow University Honor's Program, The Programs of Academic Excellence (approx. 150 scholarship students), and Residential College Advising (with a staff of 2 advisors and 30 peer mentors in-residence)

Principal Accomplishments

- Conceived, initiated, and instituted the division for First Generation Students, Empower Me First, offering academic support, mentoring, programming and advocacy for this student population. This was the first program at the University that offered academic support and mentoring for first-generation students.
- Collaborated with the Miller School of Medicine to establish pipeline programs for historically underrepresented students at the high school and college levels.

Professorial Appointments

Professor of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Scranton, 2020-

Professor of Religious Studies, University of Miami, Miami, 2015-2020

Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Miami, Miami, 2010-2015

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Miami, Miami, 2006-2010

Marie V. Gendron Endowed Visiting Professorship for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry, Barry University, Miami, 2007-2009

Part-Time Faculty, Loyola Marymount University Study Abroad, San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala, 2006

Theologian-in-Residence, San Lucas Tolimán Mission, Guatemala, 2004-2006

Assistant Professor of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, 2001- 2005

Assistant Director, University Honors Program, Loyola Marymount University, 2003-2004

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Professorship in Feminist/*Mujerista* Theology, Hispanic Summer Program, Mundelein, IL, June 2003

Associate Professor, Starr King School for the Ministry, Course Title: “Voices of the Other: Transforming Theology”, 2000-2001

Teaching Assistant, Dr. Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Hispanic Summer Program 1999, Course Title: “Ética Cristiana desde la Perspectiva Hispana / Latina”

Research Assistant, Dr. Alejandro García-Rivera, Graduate Theological Union 1997-1999, Course Title: “Theological Aesthetics”

Academic Specialization

Latino/a and Latin American Theology

Roman Catholic Theology

Afro-Caribbean and Latino/a Studies

Constructive, Cultural, and Feminist Theologies

Publications

Books

Oxford Handbook of Caribbean Religion, editor (Oxford University Press, 2024).

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: An Introduction to Monotheism, co-authored with Amanullah De Soudy and William S. Green (Bloomsbury, 2021).

A Critical Introduction to Religion in the Americas: Bridging the Liberation Theology and Religious Studies Divide (New York University Press, 2014).

Caribbean Religious History, co-authored with Ennis Edmonds (New York University Press, 2010).

Shopping: Christian Explorations of Daily Living (Fortress Press, 2010).

This book has been translated and printed in China, Korea, and India

Embracing Latina Spirituality: A Woman's Perspective. (Cincinnati, OH: St. Anthony's Messengers Press, 2009).

Creada A Imagen de Dios. Antropología teológica femenina. (Bilboa, Spain: Ediciones Mensajero, 2008). Translation of ***Created in God's Image: An Introduction to Feminist Theological Anthropology.*** (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007).

Created in God's Image: An Introduction to Feminist Theological Anthropology. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007).

Afro-Cuban Theology: Race, Religion, and Identity. (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2006)

Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2003).

Articles and Book Chapters

"Our Ladies of the 305," in *Religion in the Américas: Transcultural and Trans-hemispheric Approaches*, ed. Chris Tirres and Jessica Delgado (forthcoming 2024)

"Latina Women's Theology" in *Emerging Theologies of the Global South*, ed. Mark Lamport and Mitri Raheb (Rowman & Littlefield, 2023).

"¡Presente!: The Latinx Future of Catholic Higher Education," in *Catholic Higher Education in Light of Catholic Social Thought: Critical-Constructive Essays*, ed. (Paulist press, 2022)

"Inter-cultural Friendship and the Argument for an Ethos of Difference," *Concilium* 5:2022.

"Catholicism and/in Latin America," in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Catholicism,* ed. Frederick C. Bauerschmidt et al. (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming 2022).

"Cuban Descent Catholics," in *The Oxford Handbook of Latinx Christianity*, ed. Kristy Nabhan-Warren (Oxford University Press, 2022).

"How We Became a Race? The Racialization of Asian Americans and Latino/as within Theological Studies," in *Theology of the Multitude for Multitudes: The Legacy of Kwok Pui-Lan*, ed. Rita Nakashima Brock and Tat-siong Benny Liew (Claremont Press, forthcoming 2022)

"More than Christian and Latino: Race, Culture, and Identity within Latino/a Theology and Religious Studies," in *Critical Dialogues in Latinx Studies: A Reader*, ed. Ana Y. Ramos-Zayas and Mérida M. Rúa (NYU Press, 2021), 94-103.

“Deans New to Jesuit Education Find Their Way Together,” co-author, *Conversations* (September 2021)

“Created for God and for Each Other: Our *Imago Dei*,” in *T&T Clark Handbook of Theological Anthropology*, Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M and Stephen Okey (T&T Clark, 2021), 61-70.

“Biblical Silence: Where is the Bible in Latino/a Theology,” in *Latino/a Theology and the Bible: Ethnic-Racial reflections*, ed. Fernando Segovia and Francisco Lozada (William de Gruyter, 2021), 73-88.

“Dissent and Hope: The Church in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala,” *Horizons* 45:1 (June 2018): 137-141.

“New Developments in the Study of Cuban Religions: Gender, Race, and Material Religion,” *Religious Studies Review* 44:1 (March 2018) 65-69.

“Liberation Ecclesiologies with Special Reference to Latin America,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Ecclesiology*, ed. Paul Avis (Oxford University Press, 2018), 573-594.

“*Mujerista Theology: A Theology for the Twenty-First Century* (Orbis Books, 1996) by Ada María Isasi-Díaz: Bringing the Struggle of Latinas to the Table,” in *Take and Read: Christian Writers Reflect on Life’s Most Influential Books*, ed. Michael Daley and Dianne Bergant (Berkeley, CAL Apocryphile Press, 2017), 211-215.

“Is Pope Francis the First Latin American Pope? The Politics of Identity in *América*,” *Pope Francis*, ed. Nicolas Panotto and Emilie Smith (Palgrave, 2015)

“Difference, Body, and Race,” in *Image of God, Image of Humanity? Theological anthropology for the 21st Century*, eds. Lieven Boeve, Yves De Maeseneer and Ellen Van Stichel (Fordham University Press, 2014), 131-147.

“Breaking the Habits of Machismo,” *Sojourners* (cover story, December 2013).

“Lydia Cabrera: Translator of the Afro-Cuban World,” *Crossing Postcolonial Borders: Latin Perspectives in the Americas Reshaping Religion, Theology, and Life*, ed Joerg Rieger (Rowman and Littlefield, 2013), 55-74.

“The Jennifer Effect: Race, Religion, and the Body” in *She Who Imagines: Feminist Theological Aesthetics*, ed. Laurie Cassidy and Maureen O’Connell (Liturgical Press, 2013), 87-102.

"Alejandro Garcia-Rivera: A Legacy in Theological Aesthetics," *Dialogo* 16:2 (Fall 2013): 33-36.

Guest Editor, *Political Theology*, Issue 13.5.

"Editorial: Faith Matters: Religion in the 2012 Presidential Election," *Political Theology* 13.5 (2012): 529-535.

"Religion and the U.S. Presidency: Politics, the Media, and Religious Identity," *Political Theology* 13.5 (2012): 568-585.

"When We Don't Chose Our Friends: Friendship as a Theological Category," *Theology Today* 69:2 (July 2012): 189-196.

"Is Shopping Sinful?" *Faith and Leadership* (Duke University, March 27, 2012).

"The Power of Words, the Power of the Classroom," *Postcolonial Networks*, December 29, 2011.

"If It is not Christian, Is it Theology? Espiritismo, Evil Eye, and Santería: A Dialogue with Latino/a Theology" in *Decolonizing Epistemology: New Knowing in Latino/a Philosophy and Theology*, eds. Ada María Isasi-Díaz and Eduardo Mendieta (Fordham University Press, 2011), 151-168.

"Keeping It Real: The Theological Contribution of Ada María Isasi-Díaz" *Feminist Theology* 20:1 (Sept 2011): 28-32.

"Ecclesial and Theological Humility: A Response to Paul Lakeland" Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America (2011)

"Expanding Our Academic Publics: Latino/a Theology, Religious Studies, and Latin American Studies" *Wading in Many Voices: Toward a Theology of Public Conversation*, ed. Harold Recinos (Westminster John Know Press, 2011), 17-32.

"Theological Anthropology," in *In Our Own Voices: Latino/a Renditions of Theology*, ed. Benjamin Valentin (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010), 64-84.

"Christology, Latino Views of," "God, Latino Views of," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

"Liberation Theology," "Religious Thought: Latino," in *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, eds. Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams (CQ Press, 2010).

“Latina Theology: Past, Present, and Future Theology” *The Ecumenist: A Journal of Theology, Culture, and Society* Vol. 47:2 (Spring 2010): 1-7.

“I Confess ...” *Insights* 125:2 (Spring 2010): 23-25.

“Latina Feminist Theology: The Past, Present, and Future,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 25:1 (Spring 2009): 150-155.

“Womanist and Latina/Mujerista Theology in Dialogue” *New Theology Review* 21:1 (Feb 2008): 57-63.

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“The Virgen and the Scholar: Afro-Cuban Contributions to Latino/a and Latin American Theologies,” in *Feminist Intercultural Theology: Religion, Culture, Feminism, and Power* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007), 125-144.

“Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Latin American Church Mother.” in *Theological Canon and Empire*, eds. Joerg Rieger, Kwok Pui-lan, and Don Compier (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2007), 229-242

“Greg Boyle,” in *The Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Press, 2007), 264-265.

“One is Not Born a Latina One Becomes One: The Construction of the Latina/Feminist Theologian in Latino/a Theology.” Reprint in *Rethinking Latino/a Religions and Identity*, eds. Miguel de la Torre and Gastón Espinosa (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2006).

“Native/First Nation Theology Roundtable: Response.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 22:1 (2006): 109-114.

“What About Mulatez? An Afro-Cuban Contribution.” in *Futuring the Past: Explorations in the Theology of Tradition*, eds. Orlando O. Espín and Gary Macy (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006), 180-203.

“Christology.” in *Handbook of Latino/a Theologies*, Miguel de la Torre and Edwin David Aponte, eds. (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2006), 17-24.

“Theology,” in *Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2005), vol. 4, 231.

“Jesus Christ,” in *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes*, eds. Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2005), 161-200.

“Juana Inés de la Cruz de Asbaje y Ramirez,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2nd ed. (New York, NY: Macmillan Reference, 2005), 4967-4968.

“Hans Urs von Balthasar and Contemporary Feminist Theology.” *Theological Studies*, Vol.65, No. 3 (September 2004): 566-596.

“Who is americano/a? Theological Anthropology, Post-Coloniality, and the Spanish-Speaking Americas.” in *Postcolonial Theologies: Divinity and Empire*, Catherine Keller, Michael Nausner, Mayra Rivera, eds. (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2004), 58-79.

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“Seeing Beauty Within Torment: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the Baroque in New Spain.” in *Religion, Feminism, and Justice: An Introduction to Latina Feminist Theologies*. María Pilar Aquino, Daisy Machado, and Jeanette Rodriguez, eds. (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2002), 3-22.

“Latino/a Theology: Doing Theology *Latinamente*.” *Dialog*, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Spring 2002), 63-72.

“Nuestra Humanidad: Toward A Latina Theological Anthropology.” *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (February 2001), 49-72.

Web publications for *Religion Dispatches*

“Pope Francis Brokers End to Cuba Embargo,” December 17, 2014

“Mourning Jenni Rivera: ‘When a Lady Dies’,” December 13, 2012.

“Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Mother of Mujerista Theology” May 14, 2012.

“Why Did the Pope Choose Cuba?” March 7, 2012.

“Obama at Romero’s Tomb” May 23, 2011

“A Meditation on Shopping and Desire” December 15, 2010

"Cuba Opens its Doors to the Catholic Church," November 5, 2010
"God, The 34th Miner in Chilean Ordeal," October 14, 2010
"Eat, Pray, Double-Standard," August 17, 2010
"A State Without A Mexican," August 1, 2010
"New Report Breaks Silence on Faith-Based Orgs," July 16, 2010
"Furious, Shaking, and Nauseated," May 2, 2010
**"Christian Imperialism in Haiti? Missionaries, Theo-tourism,
 and the Invasion of the Global South,"** February 8, 2010
**"Biblical' Disaster in Haiti: Pat Robertson and the Curse of
 Unyielding Ignorance,"** January 15, 2010
"Biblical" Disaster: Understanding Religion in Haiti," January
 13, 2010
"Bad Magic: Voodoo According to Disney," December 4, 2009
"Latina in America: What CNN Got Wrong," November 11, 2009
"Rum and Gunpowder: How to Take Out a Vodou Doll," September 22, 2009
"Sotomayor is Sworn in: Latina Wisdom Personified," September
 8, 2009

Publications in the *National Catholic Reporter*

"The Pope and Machismo," (September 2013)
**"Building Bridges and Fostering Dialogue: Revisiting Lisa Sowle
 Cahill,"** (October 2013)
"We Lost a Brilliant Scholar and Our Tía," (December 21, 2012), 8.
"Liberation Gift is Vatican II's Legacy," (October 11, 2012): 44
"Reclaiming a Space for Legitimate Anger," *National Catholic
 Reporter*, online, September 12, 2012.
"The Color of God: Diversity as the Doorway to the Divine,"
 (December 26, 2003)

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Review of *Riding With Death: Vodou Art and Urban Ecology* by Jana Evans Braziel, *Spiritual Citizenship: Transnational Pathways from Black Power to Ifá in Trinidad* by N. Fadeke Castor, and *Migration and Vodou* by Karen E. Richman, *Caribbean Studies* 48:1 (June 2020): 175-179.

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Review of Review of *Cuéntame: Narrative in the Ecclesial Present*, *American Catholic Studies* 130:1 (Spring 2019): 82-84.

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Review of Seth Holmes, *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States*, *The National Catholic Reporter* online 2013.

Review of Susan A. Ross, *Anthropology: Seeking Light and Beauty*, *Horizons* 40:1 (June 2013): 117-118.

Review of Kwok Pui-Lan, ed., *Hope Abundant: Third World and Indigenous Women's Theology*, *Theological Studies*, Sep 2011, Vol. 72 Issue 3, 688

Review of Bryan N. Massingale, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, online 2011.

Review of Michele Saracino, *Being About Borders: A Christian Anthropology of Difference*, *The National Catholic Reporter* online 2011.

Review of Anthony Pinn and Benjamin Valentin, eds., *Creating Ourselves: African Americans and Hispanic Americans on Popular Culture and Religious Expression*, *Theological Studies*, Sep2010, Vol. 71 Issue 3, 737-739

Review of Ondina E. González and Justo L. González, *Christianity in Latin America: A History*, in *Theological Studies* Vol. 70 (2009): 211-212.

Review of Margaret D. Kamitsuka, *Feminist Theology and the Challenge of Difference* in *Modern Theology* 25:1 (Jan 2009): 137-139.

Review of Dolores R. Leckey and Kathleen Dolphin, eds., *Monica K. Hellwig, The People's Theologian*, in *The National Catholic Reporter* available online.

Review of Jennifer Heath, ed., *The Veil: Women's Writer on Its History, Lore, and Politics* in *The National Catholic Reporter* available online.

Review of J. Kameron Carter, *Race: A Theological Account*, in *The National Catholic Reporter* (April 29, 2009) available online.

Review of Reinaldo L. Roman, *Governing Spirits: Religion, Miracles, and Spectacles in Cuba and Puerto Rico, 1898-1956*, in *The Journal of Law and Religion* Vol. 24, No. 2 (Spring 2009)

Review of Gerald E. Poyo, *Cuban Catholics in the United States, 1960-1980: Exile and Integration* in *The Journal of American History* (June 2008): 277-278.

Review of Brown, *Santería Enthroned: Art, Ritual, and Innovation in Afro-Cuban Religion*, in *The Journal of Religion* Vol. 85, No.1 (January 2005): 177-178.

Review of Marcella Althaus-Reid, *Indecent Theology: Theological Perversions in Sex, Gender, and Politics*, in *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, Vol. 9, No.4 (May 2002), 70-72.

Review of Ivone Gebara, *Longing for Running Water: Ecofeminism and Liberation*, in *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 10:3 (Feb 2003):78-80.

Academic Presentations

“Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz: Latin American Church Mother,” Loyola University Maryland (October 2022).

“A Conversation on *Afro-Cuban Theology*,” AfroLatine Theology Project (September 2022)

“Why Do Pope Francis and Catholic Social Thought Matter Now?” Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life, Georgetown University (August 2022).

“Interrogating Identity: White-skin and Christian Privilege within Latino/a Theology?” Catholic Theological Society of America, Atlanta, GA (June 2022).

“A Core for the Future: Models and Perspectives from across U.S. Jesuit Higher Education,” *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education* (May 2022)

“Latina Leadership in Higher Education,” Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton University (March 2022).

“Cross-Racial Solidarity at Times Like These,” Pacific Asian and North American Asian Women in Theology and Ministry (March 2022).

“Future Directions of Hispanic Theology,” Lumen Christi Institute, The University of Chicago (June 2021).

“Beauty and Justice in the City,” Lumen Christi Institute, The University of Chicago (May 2021).

“The Francis Factor at Eight Years: Global Impacts, U.S. Challenges” Dahlgren Dialogue, Georgetown University (March 2021).

“Inside Out: The Latinx Future of Catholic Higher Education,” University of San Francisco (February 2021)

“Race and Church in the Americas,” Hispanic Innovators of the Faith, Catholic University of America (January 2021)

“Judaism, Christianity and Islam: An Introduction to Monotheism,” panelist. Chester Beatty Library (December 2016).

“The Legacy of Jim Cone: Latinx and Black Theologies in Dialogue” Northwestern University (November 2019)

“Conversion to Justice: A Catholic Response to the Sin of Racism” University of Saint Mary (September 2019).

“Assessing the Strategic Context” Reinvention Collaborative National Meeting, Arlington, VA (November 2018).

“Lydia Cabrera” Emory University (October 2018).

“So Now We Are Latinx? Reflections on Race, Culture, and Identity Within Latino/a Theology and Religious Studies” Hispanic Summer Program Keynote Speaker, Southern Methodist University (June 2018).

“Varieties of Protest in the Age of Trump: Religious Studies and Direct Action in Charlottesville, St. Louis, and the NFL” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 2017).

Presider, “The Legacy of Virgilio Elizondo,” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 2017).

“Borderland Spirituality: Aesthetics and Accompaniment in the Theology of Roberto S. Goizueta” Boston College (April 2017).

“Latina Intellectuals” TedX Talk, University of Miami (April 2017)

“Masking the Virgin Mary: La Caridad del Cobre and Religion’s Resiliency in Cuba” Cane Talk, University of Miami (April 2017)

“Africa in the Americas: Religion in the Caribbean and Its Diaspora Communities”

University of Notre Dame (March 2017).

“Dissent and Protest in the Catholic Church” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2016).

“From Trent to Francis: Understanding Reform in Catholicism” Princeton Seminary, Princeton University (October 2016).

“Promoting Resident Engagement to Promote a Community of Academic Support”

Third Annual Residential College Symposium, Vanderbilt University (October 2016).

“Redeeming Race: A Theological Construction of Racialized Humanity” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Theology, Durham University (June 2016).

“Whiteness, Race, and Theology” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Theology, Durham University (June 2016).

“Al Raboteau’s *Slave Religion*” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA, Nov 2015)

“Religion in the Americas” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA, Nov 2015)

“Politics, Culture, Gender—Successes, Disappointments, Opportunities” Our Inheritance: Vatican II at 50 The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century (Fordham University, March 2015).

“Shopping, Consumerism, and Christianity” *Creating Common Good: Academic Symposium* (Trinity Institute, January 2015)

“The Dead, the Spirits, and Saints: Latino/a Eschatology Grounded in Everyday Religion” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (San Diego, CA, Nov 2014)

“Response to *When God Talks Back*,” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (San Diego, CA, Nov 2014)

“The Study of Latino/a Theology and the Imperative for Interdisciplinarity” Latino/a Studies Conference (Chicago, IL, July 2014)

“From Africa to the Americas: Religion in the Diaspora,” Zerby Lecture, Bates College (November 2013).

Response to Miguel de la Torre's *Latino/a Social Ethics*, Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Baltimore, MD, November 2013)

"Latino/a Theology and the Bible," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Chicago, IL, November 2012)

"Innovative Job-Hunting Strategies in the Academy and Beyond," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Chicago, IL, November 2012)

"What is Latina About Latina Spirituality," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Chicago, IL, November 2012)

"Lydia Cabrera: Translator of the Afro-Cuban World," Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (San Francisco, CA, May 2012).

"Translator of the Afro-Cuban Religious World: Lydia Cabrera" and "The Quinceañera and the Traje Tipico: Religion, Ritual, and the Mercado" annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA (November 2011).

"The Spirituality of Shopping" Wilson Lecture, Wimberly School of Religion at Oklahoma City University (November 2011)

"'Pied Beauty': Implications for Art, Aesthetics, and Systematic Theology" De Paul University, Chicago, IL (October 2011)

"Global Catholicism: The Church in the Americas" The Most Reverend John McCarthy Lectures Series on the Catholic Church in the 21st Century, St. Edward's University (October 2011)

"When We Don't Choose Our Friends: Friendship as a Theological Category" Women, Theology and Ministry Forum at Candler School of Theology, Emory University (October 2011)

"Retablos" Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami (October 2011)

"Who is More Popular? Unofficial and Official Saints in Latino/a Catholicism" Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA (June 2011)

"Ecclesial and Theological Humility: A Response to Paul Lakeland" Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA (June 2011)

"The Spiritual Within the Material: Daily Life, Culture, and the Human" expert seminar at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium: Anthropos: Exploring Theology, Exploring Humanity (April 2011)

"Is Shopping A Sin?" Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York (March 2011)

"Hispanic Women in the Media" National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Miami, FL (March 2011)

"Nuestra Iglesia" Chicago Catechetical Conference, Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry, Chicago, IL (November 2010)

"Communion and Cultural Integrity in U.S. Catholicism" The U.S. Catholic Church: The Challenge of Communion, DePaul University (November 2010).

"The Multi-Racial and Multi-Ethnic Caribbean: Microcosm of the World" Survive and Thrive Conference, Mast Academy (November 2010).

"Presidential Address," The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (June 2010).

"Web-bing Theology" Constructive Theology Workgroup, Union Theological Seminary (May 2010).

"Saints, Spirits, and Madonnas: The Everyday Religion of Latina Culture" Fairfield University (April 2010).

"Ecclesial Catholics, Orishas, and La Virgen: Theological Developments in Cuban-American Religions" annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada (November 2009).

"They Were All Together in One Place? Toward Minority Biblical Criticism" annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada (November 2009).

"Orisha Aesthetics," Cuban Heritage Collection, University of Miami (September 2009)

"Are Afro-Cubans Black?" Union Theological Seminary (October 2009).

"Evil Eye, Séances, Folk Christianity, and the Orishas: The Study of Bad Religion in Latin American and the Caribbean" Distinguished Speaker Series, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Miami (April 2009).

"If It is not Christian, Is it Theology? Espiritismo, Evil Eye, and Santería: A Dialogue with Latino/a Theology" Drew University (November 2008).

“Afro-Catholicism in the Americas,” *Transformed by Hope: Building a Catholic Social Theology for the Americas*, De Paul University and the Catholic Theological Union (October 2008).

“Nuestra Cristianidad: Liberation Theology, Evangélicos, and the Future of American Christianity” Andover Theological Seminary (October 2008).

“Are Afro-Latino/as Black? Solidarity and Dialogue Among African-American and Latino/a Theologians” McCormick Theological Seminary (September 2008).

Panelist, “Scratching Beyond the Surface: Liberation Theology and Its Appeal to Black Americans” Miami Dade College (September 2008).

“Are Cuban-Americans Latino/a? A Caribbean Theological Contribution” annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami, FL (June 2008).

“The Jennifer Effect: Race, Religion, and the Booty” Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Miami, FL, (June 2008).

“The Future of Latino/a Theology: New Directions” Barry University (June 2008).

Commencement Speaker, Graduate Commencement, the University of Miami (May 2008).

“Afro-Latin Religion.” University of Rochester (April 2008).

“Immigrant Christianity: Solidarity and Communion Across the Americas.” Saint Paul School of Theology (September 2007)

“Evil Eye, Séances, and Maximón: Mayan Catholicism and Solidarity with the Poor in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.” University of the Incarnate Word (March 2007)

“Cuban-American Religious Identity.” Barry University (March 2007)

“Religion and Race: Blacks and Latino/as in Dialogue.” Catholic Theological Union annual Tolton Lecture (February 2007)

“Race, Religion, and Identity: The Afro-Cuban Contribution.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC (November 2006)

Panelist, “Legacies of Colonization: Comparative Religious and Theological Perspectives on ‘America’ from the Margins.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC (November 2006)

“Reading the Nican Mopohua Through Guatemalan Eyes: Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.” *Guadalupe Madre de América: Narrative, Image, and Devotion*. Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame (November 2006)

“On Becoming the Other.” Fairfield University (October 2006)

Panelist, **“Mujerista Theology: A Theology of Struggle and Liberation: The Work of Ada María Isasi-Díaz.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

Panelist, **“Latinas' Experiences and Lives in Literature and Theology: A Reading by Sandra Cisneros.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

Moderator, **“Ekklesia and/as Koinonia: The Ecclesiological Influence of Latin American Theologies in North America.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

“Friend of Foes? Hans Urs von Balthasar and Contemporary Feminist Theology: A Conversation.” *“Beauty of All Things Beautiful”: Theology and the Arts*. International Conference on Theological Aesthetics, St. Bonaventure University (May 2004)

“Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Latin American Church Mother.” Hispanic Theological Initiative Summer Program, Princeton theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ (July 2004)

“Standing at the Well: An Encounter and a Call.” Loyola University Chicago (February 2004)

“Daily Life is Not Abstract: The Theoretical Turn in Contemporary Latina Theologies,” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 2003)

Panelist, **“The Ties That Bind: African American and Hispanic American / Latino/a Theologies in Dialogue.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 2003)

“Diversity and Excellence: Interculturalism in Honors,” 2003 Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council, Chicago, IL (November 2003)

Panelist, **“Teaching Undergraduates: What is the Theologian Doing?”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH (June 2003)

Panelist, **“Delores Williams: The Womanist Who Went before Us in the Wilderness.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto (November 2002)

Moderator, **“Race and Liberation: Commentaries on Andrés G. Guerrero’s *A Chicano Theology*.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto (November 2002)

Panelist, **“There are many rooms: Recent Developments in Under-represented Theologies and Their Relationship to the CTSA.”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, New Orleans, LA (June 2002)

Moderator, **“Feminism and Catholicism: Reading the Signs of the Times.”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, New Orleans, LA (June 2002)

“One is Not Born a Latina, One Becomes One: The Construction of The Latina/Feminist/Theologian in Latino/a Theology.” Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Washington, D.C. (June 2002)

Moderator, **“Revisiting the Reformation: A Latino Perspective.”** annual colloquium of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Chicago, IL (June 2001)

Moderator, **“Teaching Latina/o Religious Studies and/or Theology: Sharing our Sources.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN (November 2000)

Panelist, **“Learning to Transgress: Asian/North American/Feminist/Latina/ Womanist Theories and Pedagogies that Subvert.”** Graduate Theological Union Faculty-Student Colloquia (November 2000)

“Transcending the Convent: The Theological Contribution of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.” presentation at the annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA (June 2000)

“Nuestra Humanidad: Toward A Latina Theological Anthropology.” presentation at the annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 1999)

Instructional Activities

After Eden: This course explores the human person in relation to God considering gender. Beginning with the Genesis account, the course examines Christian interpretations of humanity throughout history.

Caribbean Religion: This course examines Caribbean Religion with an emphasis on African Diaspora and Creole religions. The religious traditions covered include Rastafarianism, Regla de Ocha (Santería), Voodoo, Espiritismo, Regla de Palo, and Obeah

Catholic Life and Thought: This course introduces central elements of the Catholic intellectual tradition. Our emphasis is on the way Catholic intellectual life feeds, reflects, and shapes Catholic practice and social activism. Among the topics examined are globalization, poverty, spirituality, and culture.

Color of God: Race and Religion: An examination of the role of race and ethnicity within the discipline of religious studies. The course emphasizes the way racial and ethnic identity have contributed to religious identity, and the way in which religion has functioned within the struggles of racially and ethnically marginalized peoples. This course focuses on the Americas and draws from diverse racial, ethnic, and religious traditions.

Current Issues in Religion: This course examines the relevance of religion to contemporary issues such as racial conflict, women's rights, immigration, violence, globalization, and social justice. The emphasis is on the way religious worldviews and values have shaped broader cultural attitudes. The four major sections of the course are feminism, religion and violence, justice and peace, and racism.

Exploring Christian Faith: This course examines the faith and beliefs of historical and contemporary Christians, examining first-hand accounts of Christian faith and its expression through texts from different historical eras and cultural contexts.

Global Cultures, Religion and Communication: The course provides an overview of world religions and cultures as a backdrop of effective communication for international professionals. Since religion is an integral part of many cultures, understanding the religious implications of certain activities is important in navigating certain societies and facilitating the work of professionals, especially in regions where religion and political violence dominate foreign relations and foreign policy.

Guatemala: Its Land, Culture, and Religion: This course introduces the contemporary context of Guatemalan culture and identity through the lens of Religious Studies. The course has a study abroad component to the Mayan town of San Lucas Tolimán on Lake Atitlán and travel to the colonial city of Antigua and the Mayan ruins in Tikal. This is a service-learning course that integrates course material with student service placements. Special attention is given to the role of culture, class, social location, and historical context in Christianity and Mayan religion in Guatemala.

Gustavo Gutiérrez: This course examines the life and work of Gustavo Gutiérrez, the father of Latin American liberation theology. Through a study of his writings, the class explores the groundbreaking contribution of liberation theology to twentieth century

academic theology, pastoral life, and grassroots Christian movements. Gutiérrez's contributions are contextualized considering the political context and historical currents that gave rise to liberationist movements in Latin America.

Introduction to Christian Theology: A survey of key Christian themes: creation, Christ's incarnation and redemption, the Church and sacraments, Christian personhood, and the practice of prayer, virtue, and hope for the future.

Introduction to Latin American Liberation Theology: This course introduces Latin American liberation theologies, with an emphasis on grass roots social movements and the Church's social outreach to the marginalized. Special attention is given to the role of culture, class, social location, and historical context in Christian faith.

Introduction to Religion: This course gives students an introductory exposure to various religions of the world as seen from the perspective of the academic study of religion. It takes an objective and non-sectarian approach and is intended to inform rather than to persuade. The course assumes that students are capable of understanding worldviews and value systems different from their own and that sympathetic exposure to such alternatives is both an integral part of a university education and an essential component of functioning as a responsible citizen of the 21st century.

Latin American and Latino/a Religion: This course explores Latin American and U.S. Latino/a religion through an exploration of Indigenous, African, and Spanish culture and religiosity. Beginning with pre-Columbian Indigenous religion, the course examines the particular Catholicism that accompanied the Spanish conquest of the Americas. The following section focuses on the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the flourishing of Afro-Latin religiosity in the Caribbean. It concludes with contemporary Latin American and Latino/a religion, examining the transculturation that has shaped contemporary religiosity in the Spanish-speaking Americas.

Latino/a Experience in the U.S. Church: This course examines Latino/a religious experiences and expressions with an emphasis on socio-cultural context, popular religion, and current issues in theology and ministry. The class examines devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, among other Mexican-American devotions, as well as religious practices within other U.S. Latino/a communities.

One God: Monotheism is one of the most important ideas in human history. This course examines how Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have lived it, understood it, and interpreted it. We study the basic structures of all three religions and explore their similarities, differences, and interactions on a set of critical issues, both contemporary and classical. The course encourages students' conversation and active participation.

Problem of Evil: This course focuses on the question of evil and human suffering within Christianity and to a certain extent Judaism. Focusing on the issues of innocent

suffering, the existence of evil, the devil, original sin, and free will, we examine historical and contemporary responses to the problem of evil.

Problem of God: The course introduces students to contemporary religious issues related to the concept of God. Foundational to this course is an examination of the religious dimension of human experience and consciousness in relation to a number of historical and contemporary problems and challenges. This course approaches “the problem of God” from the angle of human experience, focusing the various historical, social, and existential determinants of belief. Our discussions cover a variety of topics, including, but not limited to evil and suffering, the challenge of atheism and humanism, the impact of secularization on religion, and an exploration of the historical, social, and theological images of creation and the divine.

Religion and Civic Engagement: This course introduces the role of religion within civic engagement. We explore the way religion is a driving force behind civic engagement in the United States. Issues that are covered include: immigration, gender, law, youth, religious pluralism, and racism. An emphasis is placed on the relationship between critical thinking and concrete action, as well as the intersection of belief and social transformation. This is a service-learning course that integrates course material with student service placements.

Religion and Gender: This course explores religious constructions of gender identity within Christianity, with some attention to Judaism and Islam. The second Genesis creation account, which focuses on the figures of Adam and Eve, will be the focal point of our studies. An emphasis is placed on the way sexism functions within historical and present-day religious thought and practice, as well as alternative understandings of male and female identity.

Religion and Its Interpreters: This course explores nineteenth and twentieth century Western interpretations of religion including anthropological, sociological psychological, theological, literary, and feminist approaches.

Salvation and Liberation: Liberation is a central concern for contemporary theologies that emphasize the context, marginalization, and struggles of oppressed peoples. Through a study of the dynamics of race, class, gender, and ethnicity, liberation theologies locate God’s salvific presence in the histories and current contexts of the oppressed. This course examines the themes of salvation and liberation in Christian theology through the lens of liberation theologies.

Spiritual Healing in the Americas: Miraculous and nonmedical healing is often accused of being superstitious and bogus, particularly when it comes in conflict with scientific knowledge, biomedical practices, and government regulation. In spite of this religious healing today has garnered increasing visibility and legitimacy. This course explores an inter-disciplinary discussion of religious healing in the Americas with an emphasis on

healing practices in numerous religious traditions and controversies surrounding faith healing.

Systematic Theology: This course provides an introduction to Systematic Theology in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. It begins by looking at the theological method that shapes this discipline. The class then examine several significant loci within systematics, including Concept of God, Christology, Theological Anthropology, Ecclesiology, and Mariology.

Honors and Awards

Alumni of the Year, Graduate Theological Union, 2015

Selection Committee, Grawemeyer Award in Religion, University of Louisville, 2013

Gabelli Scholar, University of Miami, 2012-2014

Civic Engagement Fellow, Office of Civic Engagement, University of Miami, 2012-2013

Catholic Press Association Book Award for *Created in God's Image*, 2nd Place Gender Issues, 2008

Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, The Virgilio Elizondo Award, 2007

Catholic Press Association Book Award for *Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas*, 2004

Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Prize *Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas*, 2004

Loyola Marymount University, Herstory Award, 2004

Loyola Marymount University, Greek Council Professor of the Year, 2004

Loyola Marymount University, Greek Council Professor of the Year, 2003

Fund for Theological Education, North American Doctoral Fellowship, 1999-2001

Hispanic Theological Initiative, Special Mentoring Award, 1999-2000

Hispanic Theological Initiative, Doctoral Level Grant, 1998-1999

Graduate Theological Union, Newhall Fellowship, 1998-1999

Graduate Theological Union, Presidential Scholarship, 1997-1999

Graduate Theological Union, Faculty Research Fellowship, 1997-1998

Graduate Theological Union, Center for Women and Religion Fellowship, 1997-1998

Program for the Analysis of Religion Among Latinos, Conference Scholarship, 1996

Union Theological Seminary Scholarship, 1994-1996

Professional Association Memberships

American Academy of Religion, 1997-

Program Committee, 2015-2020

Co-Chair, Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group, 2011-2017

Steering Committee, Theology and Religious Reflection, the American Academy of Religion, 2004-2007

Co-Chair, Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, the American Academy of Religion, 2001-2004

Steering Committee, Women and Religion Section, the American Academy of Religion, 2002-2003

Vice-President, La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Theology and Religion, 2002-2004

Steering Committee, Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, the American Academy of Religion, 2000-2001

Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, 1998-

President, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS), 2010-2011

President-Elect, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS), 2009-2010

Board Member, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS), 2002-2004

Catholic Theological Society of America, 2000-

College Theology Society, 2001-2005

University of Miami Service

University Committee and Administrative Responsibilities:

Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2011-

Curriculum Committee, University of Miami, 2012-

Atheism Chair Search Committee, University of Miami, 2017

Dean of Student's Search Committee, University of Miami, 2017

International Student Task Force, Co-Chair, 2015-2016

Black Student Concerns Committee, University of Miami, 2014-2015

New Testament Search Committee, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2013-2014

Islam Search Committee, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2011-2012

Civic Engagement Task Force, University of Miami, 2011-

Search Committee, Director of Housing and Residential Life, University of Miami, 2010

Senior Residential Faculty, Hecht Residential College, 2009-2018

Search Committee, Director of Latin American Studies, University of Miami 2009-2010

Director of Housing and Residential Life Search Committee, University of Miami, 2010

Director, Latin American Studies Search Committee, University of Miami 2009-2010

Senior Residential Faculty, Pearson Residential College, 2008

College Council, University of Miami, 2007-2012

Curriculum Committee, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2007-Spring 2008

Islam Search Committee, Chair: University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2006-2007

Model Class, Parent's Weekend, October 2009-2016

Model Class, Orientation, August 2008-2016

Model Class, Singer Scholar Weekends, University of Miami, Spring 2007-2013

Selection Committee, Commencement Student Speaker, University of Miami, April 2008

Faculty Advisor, SACS Humanities Rubrics, University of Miami, March 2008

CAS Committee on Latin American Studies, University of Miami, 2007-2008

Selection Committee, Special Interest Housing, University of Miami, 2008-2009

Steering Committee, Africana Studies, University of Miami, 2007-2012

Steering Committee, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Miami, 2007-2011

Steering Committee, Latin American Studies Degree Program, University of Miami, 2007-

Student Advisory Appointments:

Faculty Advisor, Black Female Development Circle. 2012-

Faculty Advisor, CANES International Outreach, 2009-2017

Faculty Advisor, Society for the Study of Religion and Culture, University of Miami, 2009-2012

Faculty Advisor, Jews and Muslims in Dialogue, 2012-2014

LANGUAGES

Spanish, French, German

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Panel Participant and Keynote Speaker, USCCB's V Encuentro Ministry Series Project (Fall 2022)

Catechist, St. Augustine Catholic Church, Coral Gables, FL, 2012-2015

Instructor, Christ the King Lutheran Parish, Miami, FL (2009-2011)

Instructor, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (February 2010)

Reporter Theologian, "**Raíces y Alas 2003: Hispanic Catholics: Emerging Voices, Urgent Choices.**" National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana (May 2003)

Instructor, "**La Teología Moral.**" Certificate Program in Pastoral Studies in Spanish, Center for Religion and Spirituality, Loyola Marymount University (April 2003)

Instructor, "**La Fé y La Inculturación.**" Continuing Education Program for Clergy, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA (June 2002)

Instructor In-Service, "**La Trinidad.**" Ministry Formation Institute, Diocese of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA (May 2002)

Editorial Council, *The Tidings: Southern California's Catholic Weekly*, 2002-2004