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### Educational Background

- Ph.D., **Princeton Theological Seminary**, September 2012 - May 2017  
*Area:* Pastoral Theology  
*Dissertation:* “The Minister as Curator of Desire: A Model of Pastoral Accompaniment with Young Mexican Men”
- Master of Theology, **Princeton Theological Seminary**, September 2011 - May 2012  
*Concentration:* Pastoral Care
- Master of Arts in Theological Studies, **Princeton Theological Seminary**, September 2009 - May 2011  
*Concentration:* Pastoral Care
- Bachelor of Theology, **Seminario Teológico Presbiteriano de México**, September 1993 - June 1997
- Teaching Certificate (English as a Foreign Language)  
**Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México** 1996

### Professional Experience

- Illif School of Theology**, Denver, CO June 2017 - Present  
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care  
*Courses:*
- Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Care
  - Erik H. Erikson: Resource for Pastoral Care
  - Ministry and Human Sexuality
  - Why the Church?
  - Pastoral Care *Latinamente*
  - Practical Theology
  - Pastoral Care of Couples and Families
- Illif School of Theology**, Denver, CO July 2016 - May 2017  
Instructor in Pastoral Theology and Care
- Princeton Theological Seminary**, Princeton, NJ February 2013 - May 2015  
Teaching Assistant:

- Sexuality and the Christian Body, Robert C. Dykstra
- Pastoral Care in Congregation and Context, Sonia Waters
- Parish Leadership and the Practice of Ministry, M. Craig Barnes
- Pastoral Care of Men, Robert C. Dykstra
- Pastor as Person, Robert C. Dykstra

<b>Comunidad Teológica de México, Mexico City</b> Instructor:	2005 - 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homiletics</li> <li>• Theological English</li> </ul>	
<b>Seminario Teológico Presbiteriano de México, Mexico City</b> Instructor:	2001 - 2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calvinist Thought</li> <li>• Reformed Confessions</li> <li>• Homiletics</li> <li>• New Testament Survey</li> <li>• Presbyterianism in Mexico</li> </ul>	
<b>Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City</b> Instructor:	1996 - 1999
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English levels 3, 5 and 7</li> </ul>	
<b>Basilea Center for Support and Research, Mexico City</b> Assistant Director	1999 - Present
<b>National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, Office of the General Assembly</b> Board of Education Executive Secretary	2009
<b>“Puerta de Salvación” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City</b> Associate Pastor	2008 - 2009
<b>“Ammi Shadday” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City</b> Pastor	1999 - 2006
<b>Berea Presbytery, Mexico City</b> Moderator	2004 - 2006
<b>First Synod of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico</b> Board of Education Director	2003 - 2006
<b>“El Divino Redentor” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City</b> Intern	1995-1998

## Awards and Fellowships

- Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, 2012-2016
- Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium/Luce Fellowship, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
- Hispanic Theological Initiative Fellowship 2014-2017
- Trustees Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2009-2016
- Presidential Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2009-2012
- Henry James Sr. Award, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2012
- Robert P. Goodlin Award, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2011
- Goizueta Foundation Award for Academic Merit and Ministerial Excellence, Hispanic Summer Program, Princeton, NJ, 2010
- Valedictorian, Presbyterian Pan American School, 1992

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

“Erik H. Erikson’s *Young Man Luther*: A Classic Revisited, Again.” (Forthcoming in *Pastoral Psychology*).

“You Are My Friends: Pastoral Care with Young Mexican Men.” *Pastoral Psychology*. Published online (2018). <https://doi-org.du.idm.oclc.org/10.1007/s11089-018-0823-3>

“John Calvin on the Lord’s Supper: Food, Rest, and Healing for Shivering Souls,” *Pastoral Psychology*, 66, no. 2 (April 2017): 177-190.

“The Librarian as an Image of Pastoral Care,” *Pastoral Psychology*, 65, no. 6 (December 2016): 743-757.

“William James and the Varieties of Religious and Drinking Experience: The Case of Pablo Ávila,” *Pastoral Psychology*, 64, no. 5 (October 2015): 553-566.

“Hoagies and Tacos: Food and Men’s Unquenchable Hunger,” *Pastoral Psychology*, 64, no. 3 (June 2015): 297-310.

“A Time to Sing and a Time to Dance: Activating Hope and Wisdom,” *Pastoral Psychology*, 62, no. 6 (December 2013): 781-790.

### *Other Publications*

“Calvino, el placer y ‘la buena vida.’” In *Calvino y la teología reformada en América Latina: Un panorama*, edited by German Zijlstra, et al., pp. 169-171. Barranquilla, Colombia: AIPRAL/CUR, 2010.

*Carismatismo y espiritualidad reformada*. (Editor). Mexico City, MX: El Faro, 2009.

*Volver a la mesa: siete estudios en torno a la Cena del Señor.* México: Primer Sínodo de la Iglesia Nacional Presbiteriana de México, 2006.

“El desafío del discernimiento: La fe ante la coyuntura social y política en México.” In *Vida plena para toda la creación: Iglesia, globalización liberal y justicia económica*, edited by René Krüger, et al., pp. 157-161. Buenos Aires: AIPRAL/ISEDET, 2006.

*De la sumisión a la revolución: La influencia de Calvino en el desarrollo del protestantismo francés.* Mexico City, MX: Centro Basilea de Investigación y Apoyo, 2001.

“Breaking the Chains of Injustice: Mexico,” *Reformed World*, 46, no. 2 (June 1996): 78-85.

### **Papers Presented at Professional Meetings**

“George F. Handel’s ‘How Beautiful Are the Feet’ as Transformational Object: An Autobiographical Account.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Conference. Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2018.

“Erik H. Erikson’s *Young Man Luther*: A Classic Revisited, Again.” Paper presented to the Group on Pastoral Theology with Men and Boys. Philadelphia, Presbyterian Historical Society, May 23 - 25, 2018.

“You Are My Friends: Pastoral Care with Young Mexican Men.” Paper presented to the Group on Pastoral Theology with Men and Boys. Philadelphia, Presbyterian Historical Society, May 31 - June 2, 2017.

“Being a Mexican Man: Stereotypes and Perspectives.” Paper presented to the Group on Pastoral Theology with Men and Boys. Philadelphia, Presbyterian Historical Society, June 1- 3, 2016.

“The Librarian as Image of Pastoral Care.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Conference. Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2015.

“William James and the Varieties of Religious and Drinking Experience: The Case of Pablo Ávila.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Conference. Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2014.

“Volver a la mesa: Contra la marginación, privatización y reducción de la Cena del Señor.” Paper presented at the Reformed Theology Colloquium, Seminario Teológico Presbiteriano de México. Mexico City, November 2003.

### **Other Recent Presentations**

“Beautiful Feet: From Aesthetics to the Embodiment of Justice.” A sermon preached at the Iliff School of Theology, Renewal Conference, February 6, 2018.

“Bread: Symbol and Embodiment of Resistance.” A sermon preached at the Iliff School of Theology, May 17, 2017.

“Mirando a la distancia: la vocación protectora de una hermana.” A sermon preached at the “Príncipe de Paz” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, November 7, 2015.

“La singularidad del ser, clave para el amor.” A sermon preached at the “Puerta de Salvación” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, October 31, 2015.

“Non-Violent Communication.” Workshop, “El Shaddai” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, May 2015.

“Una iglesia con sentido de misión en un mundo conflictivo.” A sermon preached at the “Ammi Shadday” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, April 2015.

“Resources for Pastoral Counseling in the Parish Context.” Workshops for the Ministerial Certificate Program, Presbiterio del Estado de México, Toluca, México, August 3 & 10, 2013.

“Biblia, tiempo y eternidad.” A sermon preached at the “Puerta de Salvación” Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, August 2012.

“Finding Christ in the Stranger.” A sermon preached at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church, Ringoes, NJ, May 2011.

“A Panorama of Christianity in Mexico.” A presentation given at Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, October 2010.

### **Institutional Service**

Iliff School of Theology, Faculty Personnel Committee, September 2018

Iliff School of Theology, Curriculum Committee, September 2016 - May 2018

Iliff School of Theology, Search Committee, September 2017 - February 2018

Princeton Theological Seminary, International Student Orientation Program Coordinator, August 2015.

Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2014.

Mec por la Equidad México, World Student Christian Federation, Coordinator, 2003.

Kleberg County Prison Ministry, Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville, TX, 1989-1990.

## **Professional Development**

Pre-Tenure Faculty and PhD Candidate Seminar, Center for the Study of Latino Christianity and Religion, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, March 9, 2018.

Teaching Workshop for HTI, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Crawfordsville, IN, March 4-6, 2016.

Hispanic Theological Initiative Summer Workshop, July 2015.

Hispanic Theological Initiative Summer Workshop, July 2014.

Foundations for Teaching, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2012 - 2014.

## **Languages**

Spanish, English

French, Portuguese (reading knowledge)