

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

<b>DOCTORAL</b>	<b>CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Claremont, CA</b> Ph.D. in Religion, Comparative Theology & Philosophy	Sept 2014-March 2019
<b>GRADUATE</b>	<b>McCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Chicago, IL</b> Master of Divinity	Oct 2002-May 2005
<b>UNDERGRADUATE</b>	<b>JUDSON COLLEGE, Elgin, IL</b> Bachelor of Arts (Communication Arts & Biblical Studies)	Sept 1997-May 2001

### AWARDS & HONORS

<b>HISPANIC THEOLOGICAL INITIATIVE</b>		
Early Career Orientation Program		2019
Doctoral Cohort		2016-2017
<b>FORUM FOR THEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION</b>		
Doctoral Cohort		2016-2017
<b>CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY</b>		
Bishop Golden Award for "outstanding academic achievement and commitment to social justice."		2016-2017
<b>DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION</b>		
Presidential Scholarship		Sept 2014-
<b>McCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY</b>		
Bernadine Orme Smith Fellowship (for Ph.D. studies)		May 2005
Marshall Scott Urban/Labor Ministry Award		
Isabella Blackstone Award in Church History		May 2004
Robert and Jean Boling Memorial Fund for International Travel and Study		

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION</b>		
<b>DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL FORMATION</b> [hereafter, 'DSF']		Sept 2014-present
Develop and provide co-curricular educational opportunities for DSF students		
Develop and provide continuing education offerings for clergy		
Provide mentoring for ministerial students on issues of vocational discernment, pastoral formation, and denominational identity		
Advise ministerial students seeking ordination with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)		
Connect ministerial students with denominational resources from the Regional and General Church		
Lead and supervise DSF's presence at various denominational events		
Assist DSF's partner schools in recruitment of students in denominational contexts		
Advise DSF President and other senior staff regarding the needs and opportunities of our churches.		
Work responsibly with other DSF staff as part of a team in dedication to our mission		
Teach certificate course, "Disciples History and Polity" course for ordination candidates		
<b>AUXILIARY FACULTY FOR PROGRAMA DE CERTIFICADO DE Estudios Ministeriales</b>		2017, 2018
Taught certificate workshop, "Introducción al islam"		
Facilitated student learning of the material		
Developed and execute study plan for workshop		

**LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, PROGRAM: CERTIFICADO EN MINISTERIOS HISPANOS**

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**

Summer 2018

Course: "Historia del Cristianismo e Historia y Gobierno de la Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo)"  
Facilitated student learning of the material  
Developed and execute an interdisciplinary syllabus for certificate course  
Researched and compiled required and suggested reading materials for course  
Lectured on various topics/themes throughout the intensive session  
Graded and commented on all submitted work

**CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**

Spring 2016

Course: "Christ Church (Disciples of Christ): A Study of its History, Worship, Thought, and Witness"  
Co-facilitate (with Belva Brown Jordan) student learning of the material  
Develop and execute an interdisciplinary syllabus for course (both hybrid and online formats)  
Researched and compiled required and suggested reading materials for course  
Lecture on various topics/themes throughout the semester  
Utilize technology to deepen students' participation with course material  
Grade and comment on all submitted work

**MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**

Fall 2006-2009

Course: "Pilgrimage in Faithfulness" (Introductory course for incoming students)  
Worked on course and syllabus development with  
Lectured on baptism, eucharist, worship, and vocation  
Led small group discussion  
Offered learning assistance and commentary on all assigned work  
Graded all written work

**MINISTRY/ECCLESIASTICAL EXPERIENCE**

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**CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

**EXECUTIVE REGIONAL MINISTER**

Mar 2010-Aug 2014

Made visible the unity of the Church  
Proclaimed, taught and passed on the Christian Faith to each new generation  
Taught and modeled the distinctive identity and ethos of the Disciples of Christ tradition  
Served as the Executive of the Regional Church and as Head of Staff of its Office  
Led in the implementation of the Regional Church's vision and mission  
Cared for congregations and their ministers  
Offered pastoral oversight in the Commission on the Order of Ministry  
Provided pastoral guidance and consultation for congregations and ministers in pastoral search process  
Supported and gave counsel to all the ministries of the Regional Church  
Fundraised and taught stewardship for the Regional Church  
Offered pastoral guidance and support during transitions, conflicts and crises  
Represented the Regional Church in denominational and ecumenical matters

**IGLESIA DEL PUEBLO-HOPE CENTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR (YOUTH; ADULT EDUCATION AND FORMATION)**

July 2004-Sept 2009

Preaching and teaching the Faith  
Adult education & curriculum development  
Lay leadership development  
Provide pastoral oversight to various ministries  
Oversee youth and young adult ministries  
Pastoral care

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (of Hope Center of Northwest Indiana, community center of Iglesia del Pueblo)**

July 2004-Dec 2007

Set and implement the vision of the organization

Securing and training Staff  
 Ongoing training and development for Staff and Volunteers  
 Securing funds and managing the Budget  
 Building networks and relationships with other social agencies and government entities

### **OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCES & SKILLS**

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) [hereafter, 'CC(DOC)']	
HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES - BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Jan 2009- Dec 2011
DISCIPLES JUSTICE ACTION NETWORK - REVISIONING TEAM	Nov 2007-Nov 2008
THE GENERAL MINISTER & PRESIDENT'S THEOLOGICAL FOCUS GROUP, CC(DOC) in the US and Canada	Jan 2007-Jan 2008
"The Process of the Discernment with regards to the Role of Gays and Lesbians in the Life and Ministry of the Church"	
DISCIPLES LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE	
of HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES OF CC(DOC)	
MEMBER	Oct 2005-Oct 2008
STEERING COMMITTEE	Oct 2005-Nov 2007
REGIONAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING TEAM, CC(DOC) in Indiana	Aug 2005-Nov 2006
PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	July 2012-July 2014
DISCIPLESWORLD MAGAZINE	
REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR FOR THE "BACK TALK" COLUMN	April 2009-Jan 2010
INTERFAITH FEDERATION OF NORTHWEST INDIANA	
CLERGY CAUCUS CHAIR	Jan 2008-Aug 2009
THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE PROJECT	
READABILITY EDITOR FOR THE GOSPEL OF MARK	Jan 2008-July 2009
THE NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE	
BLACK AND LATINO REGIONAL SUMMIT ON YOUTH AND SEXUALITY, Serve of Planning Committee	Mar 2007-Sept 2007
McCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	Oct 2008-2011
ALUMNI COUNCIL, CLASS OF 2005	Oct 2007-2009
STUDENT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE, ACCREDITATION REVIEW, WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF THEOLOGICAL SCHOOLS	Sept 2000-May 2001
OTHER	
Frequent Speaking Engagements (Conferences, Lectures, Sermons, Panel Discussions)	
LANGUAGES	
Reading, Writing and Conversational: Native Fluency in English, Spanish	
Research Languages: Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, French	

### **LECTURES & CONFERENCES**

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- 2017. "Singing Jesus: From Canticles to Creeds and Back." For "TTH 3069/4069 Who was Jesus? Christological Reflections" course. At Claremont School of Theology. Claremont, California (October 3).
  - 2015. "One in the Spirit: Pneumatological Ground and Goal of Christian Unity." 13th Joe A. and Nancy Vaughn Stalcup Lecture on Christian Unity. Sponsored by the Council of Christian Unity, the Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, and Brite Divinity School. At East Dallas Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Dallas, Texas (June 14).
  - 2015. "U.S. Hispanic and Latin American Pentecostal/Charismatic Movements." For "THC 3007/4007 History of World Christianities" course, At Claremont School of Theology. Claremont, California (April 7).
  - 2014. Keynoter/preacher at Festival of Preaching Northwest. Sponsored by the Congregational Leadership Northwest. At First United Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington (April).
  - 2012. Keynoter/preacher at Festival of Preaching Northwest. Sponsored by the Congregational Leadership Northwest. At Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Seattle, Washington (April).

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## PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

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2018. BOOK REVIEW: Justo L. González: *The Mestizo Augustine: A Theologian between Two Cultures*. Downers Grove: Ivp Academic, 2016; Pp. 175. *Journal of Religious History* 42 (1): 136–37. doi:10.1111/1467-9809.12495.
2015. BOOK REVIEW: Paul C. H. Lim, *Mystery Unveiled: The Crisis of the Trinity in Early Modern England*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012; pp. xvi + 488. *Journal of Religious History* 39 (4): 625–26.
2014. “Hurricanes and Lilies: Glimpses of God When Disaster Strikes.” In *Help and Hope: Disaster Preparedness and Response Tools for Congregations*. St. Louis: Chalice Press.
2009. Absentee Advocacy? In *DisciplesWorld* vol. 8, issue 8 (November/December).
2009. Of Mice and Oranges. In *DisciplesWorld* vol. 8, issue 7 (September).
2009. The Nose, or the Hands? In *DisciplesWorld* vol. 8, issue 5 (June).
2008. Thank God for Our Covenantal Messiness. In *DisciplesWorld* vol. 7, issue 1 (January/February).
2007. Fear, Cultural Idolatry and the Liberating Power of Faith: On Immigration in the U.S. In *For You Were Once a Stranger: Immigration in the U.S. Through the Lens of Faith*. Edited by Interfaith Worker Justice. Chicago: Interfaith Worker Justice.
2007. We Speak Latino. In *La Obra Hispana, Una Publicación de la Oficina Pastoral Central para Ministerios Hispano* 5 no. 1 (January/February 2007): 9.

Contributor in:

- Piatt, Christian, ed. 2011. *Banned Questions About Jesus*. Banned Questions Series. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press.
- Piatt, Christian, ed. 2011. *Banned Questions About the Bible*. Saint Louis, MO: Chalice Press.

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## MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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American Academy of Religion	2014- present
American Philosophical Association	2019-present
American Society of Church History	2017-present
Medieval Academy of America	2018-present
North American Patristics Society	2016-present

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## REFERENCES

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Available upon request