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JOÃO PAULO BEZERRA CHAVES

EDUCATION

2017 Baylor University, Department of Religion
 PhD in Religion, History of Christianity
 -Inside Minor: Theology and Ethics (12 Hours)
 -Outside Minor: Sociology (18 Hours)

Dissertation: “Disrespecting Borders for Jesus, Power, and Cash: Southern Baptist Missions, the New Immigration, and the Churches of the Brazilian Diaspora.”

Committee: C. Douglas Weaver (Chair), William L. Pitts, Philip Jenkins, David Whitford, and Beverly R. Gaventa.

Additional Outside Readers: Bill J. Leonard and Raimundo Barreto.

2012 George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University
M.T.S.; Final Project: *Evangelicals and Liberation Revisited*
 Additional coursework: Ph.D. Seminar in Contemporary Systematic Theologies, Baylor University, Department of Religion (Spring 2012)

2010 Baptist University of the Americas (San Antonio, TX)
B.A., Biblical and Theological Studies – Summa Cum Laude
A.A., Cross-Cultural Studies

2009 Baptist Center for Education, Service, and Research (São Paulo, Brazil)
Bachelor’s Degree in Theology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| - Latin American Religious History | - History of Latino Religions in the U.S. |
| - Latin American Liberation Theology | - Race and Religion in the U.S. |
| - History of Pentecostalism | - History of Modern Theology and Ethics |
| - Latina/o Education and Memory | - Sociology of Religion |
| - Religion and the New Immigration | -Postcolonial/Decolonial Thought |
| - Social Theory | -Racism and Christian Missions |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2012 – Present Baptist University of the Americas (San Antonio, TX)
Lecturer

Courses Taught:

BIBL 1300—Introduction to the Bible
 THEO 1300—Christian Ethics

FOUN 2101—A.A. Capstone
 THEO 3301—Intro to Theology
 BIBL 3302—Biblical Interpretation
 BIBL 3304—Historical Books
 LEAD 4312—Servant Leadership
 BIBL 2302—Intro to the New Testament
 SOCI 3301—Classical Social Theory
 SOCI 3342—Race and Ethnic Relations
 SOCI 3321—Contemporary Sociological Theory
 THEO IND—Abrahamic Liberation Theologies

2012-2013

Portuguese Teacher, SEFLA Language Institute (San Antonio, TX)

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

1. Chaves, Joao. *Evangelicals and Liberation Revisited: An Inquiry into the Possibility of an Evangelical- Liberationist Theology*. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2013.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters:

1. Chaves, Joao. “Migrating Theopolitics: The Effect of Undocumented Parishioners on the Pastoral Theology of Latin American Evangelicals in the United States” in *Migration and Public Discourse: Migrant Discourses and Narratives in World Christianity and World Religions*, edited by Afe Adogame, Raimundo Barreto, and Wanderley Rosa (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, forthcoming)

2. Chaves, Joao. “On Being Baptist Beyond Cultural Captivity: Latina/o-Immigrant Baptists and Elements of Transnational (non)Baptist Identity” in *Disruptions: Intersectional Approaches to Reframing Baptist Identity and Experience*, edited by Eileen Campbell-Reed, Susan Shaw, and Lisa Thompson (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, forthcoming).

3. Hunt, Emily, and **João Chaves**. “Imagining Structural Stewardship: Lessons in Resistance and Cultural Change from the Highlander Folk School.” In *Christian Faith and University Life*, edited by Laine Scales and Jennifer Holwell (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018): 205-220.

4. Chaves, Joao. “A Importância do Contexto em Qualquer Contexto: O que Calvino, Serveto, e a Igreja Evangélica do Brasil tem em Comum (infelizmente)” in *Reimaginar a Igreja no Brasil: 40 Vozes Evangélicas*, edited by Clemir Fernandes and Flávio Conrado (Rio de Janeiro: Novos Diálogos, 2017): 165-172.

5. Chaves, Joao. “Religion in the Latina/o Community: History, Identity, and Conscientization Through Religious Education,” in *Does Religious Education Matter?*, edited by Mary Shannahan (New York: Routledge, 2016): 235-246.

6. Chaves, Joao. “The Servetus Challenge: *Eisegesis* and the Problematic of Differing Chronologies of Ecclesiastical Corruption,” in *Journal of Reformed Theology X* (Fall 2016): 195-214.

7. Chaves, Joao. "Latin American Liberation Theology: The Creation, Development, and Contemporary Situation of an On-Going Movement," in *The Brill Handbook of Global Contemporary Christianity*, edited by Stephen J. Hunt (Leiden: Brill, 2015): 113-128.

8. Chaves, Joao. "Where Should We Go Next?: A Call for the Critical Investigation of Possible Racial Encounters Between Anglo-American and Mexican-American Baptists in Texas During the Pioneer Period" in *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* XLIX/3 (Fall 2014): 23-38.

Book Reviews:

1. Chaves, Joao. Review of *The Politics of Jesús: A Hispanic Political Theology* by Miguel de la Torre. *Perspectivas* 13 (Spring 2017).

2. Chaves, Joao. Review of *The Politics of Jesús: A Hispanic Political Theology* by Miguel de la Torre. *Christian Scholar's Review* XLV/3 (Winter 2016).

3. Chaves, Joao. Review of *Made in the Margins: Latina/o Constructions of US Religious History*. *Perspectivas* 13 (Spring 2016).

4. Chaves, Joao. Review of *Latina/o Mennonites: Civil Rights, Faith & Evangelical Culture* by Felipe Hinojosa. *The Conrad Grebel Review* (Fall 2015): 396-398.

5. Chaves, Joao. Review of *Primitive Revolution: Restorationism and the Idea of the Mexican Revolution, 1940-1968* by Jason H. Dormandy. *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 44 (September 2015): 391-393.

6. Chaves, Joao. Review of *Vocation and the Politics of Work: Popular Theology in a Consumer Culture* by Jeffrey Scholes. *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 26/3 (2014): 365-366.

7. Chaves, Joao. Review of *Heaven's Soldiers: Free People of Color and the Spanish Legacy in Antebellum Florida* by Frank Marotti. *Southern Historian* XXXV (Spring 2014): 105-106.

Other:

-Chaves, João. "Evangélicos na Direita e a História se Repete: Pensando Sobre o Lugar da Religião no Novo Brasil." *Novos Diálogos*.

-Chaves, João. "Lessons from Hispanic Baptists in Texas." *The Baptist Standard*. June 22, 2015.

-Chaves, Joao. "Theology without Cynicism." *Didaskalos* ½ (Fall 2013): 1-2

On Going Projects:

-"The Global Mission of the Jim Crow Gospel: Southern Baptist Missions, Racism, and the Shape of Baptist Identities in Latin America" (book manuscript proposal with academic press).

-"The Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus: Syncretism, Hierarchy, and Identity Maintenance in God's Most Successful Multinational" (Under Review in specialized academic journal).

-“From Brazil to the World: Classical Weberian Concepts as Tools for Understanding the Transnational Success of Brazilian Pentecostals” (editing for submission in specialized academic journal).

-“The God of the Oppressor: A Portrait of the Rightwing Jesus.” (book proposal commissioned by publisher—title is tentative).

PRESENTATIONS

1. “The Ambiguity of Southern Baptist Teachers in Latin America: The Dissemination of Foreign White Supremacy, Native Resistance, and Missionary Whitelash (1882-1946).” Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion at Belmont University in Nashville, TN—May 22, 2017.
2. “How the Baptist Learned to Dance: Migration, Transnationality, and the Pentecostalization of Latina/o Baptists in America.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies in St. Louis, MO—March 10, 2017.
3. “Brazilian Baptists in the Land of Uncle Sam: Migration, Religiosity, and Reverse Mission Among Foreign Baptists in the U.S.” Annual meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society at Baylor University. Waco, TX—May 24, 2016.
4. “Brazilian Baptists in the U.S.: Towards a Transnational History.” Colloquy Meeting of the Commission for Historical Studies of the Church in Latin America (CEHILA) in Chicago, IL—April 3, 2016.
5. “Worship, Ritual, and Violence in Brazil: Neo-Pentecostal Gatherings and the Mystical Legitimation of Religious Intolerance.” *Society for Pentecostal Studies* in San Dimas, CA—March 11, 2016.
6. “The Walking-Talking-Smiling-Writing Dead: Questions About Zombies, Competition, and the Academic Measurement of Excellence.” *American Academy of Religion* in Atlanta, GA—November 21, 2015.
7. “Brazilian Pentecostals and Global Typologies: A Dialogue with James Hunter’s Paradigms of Engagement.” *Association for the Sociology of Religion* in Chicago, IL—August 22, 2015.
8. “Religion in the Latina/o Community: History, Identity, and Conscientization Through Religious Education.” *The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion* in Raleigh, NC—May 20, 2015.
9. “Satan the Polemicist: The Performative Use of ‘Evil’ Afro-Brazilian Entities in the Demonization of Competitors in the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God.” *Graduate Committee for the Study of Religion, UT Austin*, Austin, TX—April 11, 2015.

10. “A Case for An Unlikely Mestizaje: Social Activism and the Possibility of an Evangelical-Liberationist Disposition.” *Las Hermanas Conference at the University of the Incarnate Word* in San Antonio, TX—March 20th 2015.
11. “Exporting the Neo-Pentecostal Experience: The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God in Africa and America.” *Southwest Commission on Rel. Studies*. Dallas, TX—March 14, 2015.
12. “The Influence of Pentecostal Leaders in Brazilian Legislation: Pentecostalism and the Shaping of Brazilian Political Imagination.” *Society for Pentecostal Studies*. Lakeland, FL—March 12, 2015.
13. “Questioning the Early History of Mexican-American Baptists in Texas: The Racial Fluidity Difference.” *Baptists History and Heritage Society Conference*. Sioux Falls, SD—June 4, 2014
14. “On Paying Attention: Vocation, Love, and Teaching.” *International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting*. Charleston, SC—June 2, 2014.
15. “Evangelical Criticisms and Liberationist Responses: An Assessment of the Conservative-Evangelical Reaction to the Use of Marxism, Socialism, and Violence in Latin American Liberation Theology.” *Southwest Commission on Rel. Studies*. Dallas, TX—March 10, 2014.
16. “Redeemed and Fallen Cultures as Mediators of Natural Impulses in the Ethics of James McClendon Jr.: Church and World as Bridges to Potential Sinlessness or Sin.” *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies*, Dallas, TX—March 9, 2014.
17. “For and Evangelical-Liberationist Faith: The Partnership Between Postconservative Evangelicalism and Liberation Theology.” *Re-Imagining Faith Conference at Georgetown College*. Georgetown, KY—January 10, 2014.
18. “Getting Closer to the Beast: The Approximation of Latin American Liberation Theology to Western Political Convictions.” *Ways of Knowing Conference at Harvard Divinity School*. Cambridge, MA—October 26, 2013.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

1. “Baptists and Intersectionality.” Panel participation in the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion at Belmont University in Nashville, TN—May 24, 2017.
2. “‘Young Historians’ View of the Future of Baptist Studies.” Panel participation in the annual meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society in Waco, TX—May 23, 2016.
3. Response to *Sociology of Religions: National Traditions* in “authors-meet-critics” panel at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL—August 21, 2015.

4. “Latina/o Education Prospectively and Retrospectively: Memory and Purpose in Identifying Place.” *Latino Graduate Education Panel of the Baptist University of the Americas* in San Antonio, TX—April 21, 2015.
5. “Looking Back and Looking Forward: Legacy, Encouragement, and Anticipation.” *Baylor University’s Board of Regents Meeting*, Waco, TX—July 16, 2014.
6. “Pressed but Not Crushed: Liberation Theology Today.” Open lecture at George W. Truett Seminary of Baylor University. Waco, TX—March 22, 2013.
7. “Past and Present Significance of Latin American Liberation Theology: An Evangelical-Liberationist Perspective.” Invited lecture to the students of the Social Justice Capstone course at George W. Truett Seminary of Baylor University. Waco, Texas—October 12, 2012.
8. “Challenges in Latino Graduate Education.” *BUA’s Challenges in Latino Graduate Education Seminar*. San Antonio, TX—October 9, 2012.
9. “Martyrdom and Suffering in the History of the Church.” Guest Lecture to the students of the CHIS 4301 course at the Baptist University of the Americas. San Antonio, TX—August 27, 2012.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2015-Present Journal of Cultural and Religious Studies Referee

HONORS AND AWARDS

- HTI/Lilly Dissertation Fellowship (2017-2018)
- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Dissertation Fellowship (2017-2018)
- Hilburn Endowed Graduate Research Scholarship (2016-2017)
- Graduate Fellowship Stipend Enhancement—Baylor University (2016-2018)
- Hispanic Theological Initiative Doctoral Fellowship (2014-2017)
- Baylor University BCU Scholar (2013-2018)
- University Ministerial Scholar—Truett Seminary (2010-2012)
- Zondervan Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Study of Biblical Languages (2009)
- CBF Leadership Scholar—Baptist University of the Americas (2009-2010)

LANGUAGES

Portuguese:	Native Language
English:	Fluent
Spanish:	Fluent
German:	Reading Proficiency (6 credit hours of graduate coursework)
French:	Reading Proficiency (6 credit hours of graduate coursework)
Koine Greek:	Reading Proficiency (12 credit hours of graduate coursework)
Biblical Hebrew:	Reading Proficiency (6 credit hours of coursework)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion
- Association for the Sociology of Religion
- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
- Society for Pentecostal Studies
- Commission for Historical Studies of the Church in Latin America (CEHILA)
- Hispanic Theological Initiative

REFERENCES

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