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EDUCATION

September 2006–
November 2015

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION, BERKELEY, CA

Doctor of Philosophy

Course of study: Interdisciplinary Studies

Disciplines: Latinx Theology, Media Studies, Sociology of Religion/Culture

Dissertation: “Reel Negotiations: Exploring the Relationship between Film, Religion and Sexuality in the Latino Community.”

This dissertation engages religious studies, media studies and sociology to investigate the root cause of two social issues affecting Latinx youth – teenage pregnancy and mental/sexual health issues among LGBTQ Latinxs. Investigating the role of religion in perpetuating these issues, this dissertation suggests employing alternation as a way for women and LGBTQ Latinxs to retain some of their ethnic identity as they develop their sexual identity. It utilizes the study of media to investigate how gender expectations are reified through stereotyping, but also to showcase how Latinx produced media creates a new social imaginary that counters the gender expectations leading to these issues.

Advisor: Dr. Eduardo C. Fernández, S.J., Graduate Theological Union

Committee Members:

Dr. Bernard Schlager, Graduate Theological Union

Dr. Mary Beltrán, University of Texas, Austin

September 2004–
May 2006

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, CLAREMONT, CA

Master of Arts in Religion

Master Thesis: “Battered Undocumented Latinas: Solutions from a *Mujerista* and Latina Feminist Perspective”

Advisor: Dr. Ellen Ott Marshall;

Second Reader: Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier

September 1999–
May 2003

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES, CA

Major: International Relations; Minor: Religion

Mentor: Dr. Roberto Lint Sagarena

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

- July 2019-Current Academic Affairs – Associate Dean of Student Affairs
- June 2017- July 2019 Academic Affairs – Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
- July 2014- June 2017 Office of Student Affairs – Office Manager and Assistant to the Academic Secretary and Dean of Students/Vice President of Student Affairs.
- Fall 2008- Current Office of Student Affairs – Summer Spanish Instructor
- Summer 2007-2013 Office of Admissions, Admissions Assistant

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- Fall 2005-
Spring 2006 Research Assistant, Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA
- Fall 2004-
Spring 2005 Research Assistant, Dr. Dennis MacDonald, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- Fall 2005-
Summer 2006 Research Assistant, Dr. Catia Confortini, Independent Scholar, Los Angeles, CA
- Summer 2003-04
Summer 2003 Legal Aid of North Carolina, Paralegal for the Farmworker Unit Bresee Center, Reading Tutor, Los Angeles, CA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

- Fall 1999-
Spring 2003 Center for Active Learning in International Studies (CALIS)/Teaching International Relations Program (TIRP), Program Coordinator
- Spring 2002-03 CALIS – TIRP in Spanish Founder and Coordinator, Los Angeles, CA

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

- Fall 2016, Spring 2017 Liberation Theology
- Spring 2018
 - Intermediate undergraduate-level course
 - Theology and Cultural Diversity Requirement
 - 27-33 students
- Fall 2012-Current Religions of U.S. Latinxs
- Intermediate undergraduate-level course
 - Theology and Cultural Diversity Requirement
 - 27-33 students

**ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR
SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY**

- Summer 2012 – 2017 Social Theory and Comparative Religion
- Intermediate undergraduate-level course
 - Intermediate Religion 2 Requirement
 - 14 students
- Winter 2013 Mexican Popular Catholicism and Gender
- Advanced undergraduate-level course
 - Advanced Religion 3 Requirement
 - 30 students
- Spr 2012; Wint 2013 Sociology of Religion
- Intermediate undergraduate-level course
 - Intermediate Religion 2 Requirement
 - Service Learning Component
 - 35 students

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

- Spring 2010 U.S. Latino Film: An Interdisciplinary View
- Newhall Fellowship
 - Graduate-level course
 - Cultural Diversity Requirement
 - 8 students
- Summer 2009-17 Reading Theological Spanish
- Graduate-level course
 - Four-week intensive
 - Preparation for the modern foreign language exam

**JESUIT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY OF SANTA CLARA
UNIVERSITY**

HISPANIC SUMMER INSTITUTE

- Summer 2009 Etica Social/Social Ethics
- Week intensive for Hispanic lay ministers
 - 36 students

GUEST LECTURER

**GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION/JESUIT SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY**

April 2018 Marian Art, taught by Dr. Kathryn Barush
“Chicanx Representations of La Virgen.”

**GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION/CENTER FOR THE ARTS
AND RELIGION**

February 2018 Pop Goes Religion, taught by Dr. Richard Lindsay
“Race in American Mainstream Media.”

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

February 2016 Teología de la Liberación/Liberation Theology, taught by Dr.
Jorge Aquino
“Methods of Liberation Theology: The Media as a Source for Theological
Reflection,” “Metodología y la Teología de la Liberación: Los Medios como
Fuente en la Reflexión Teológica.”

May 2015 Race and Religion in the Americas, taught by Dr. Jorge Aquino
“Latina/os in the Media.”

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

September 2013 Family Ethics, taught by Dr. Elizabeth Lee
“Latina/os, Family and Sex: Religious Assumptions, Cultural Responses.”

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

November 1, 2011 Latino Religious Expressions, taught by Dr. Eduardo Fernández
November 30, 2009 “Latina/os in Film.”

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Latinx Religion and Theology
Latinx Sociology
Latinx Studies
Media Studies
Latinxs in the Media
Sociology of Immigration
Sociology of Ethnicity and Race
Sociology of Religion and Culture
Religious Studies
Social Theory

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

November 18, 2017 “Freedom in an Age of Repression: The Role of Black Theology and Black-
Produced Media in Forging Freedom.” Paper presented to the Annual
Meeting of the American Academic of Religion (AAR), Boston, MA.

June 6, 2017 “Birth of a Nation, Birth of a Culture: Black Bodies in Mainstream Media
and Mainstream Culture.” Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the
Association of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States
(ACHTUS), Albuquerque, NM.

- July 8, 2016 “Reel Negotiations: Shifting the Role of the Media's Relationship with Latinxs Using (Un)Disciplinarity.” Paper presented to the Biannual Meeting of the Latino Studies Association (LSA), Pasadena, CA.
- June 6, 2016 “Reel Representations: Exploring a Link between Latinxs in the Media and Latinx Christologies.” Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Association of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS), San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- November 23, 2014 “*Curanderas, Hechiceras* and Paranormal Activities: A Comparison of the Cultural and Religious Portrayals of Latina/os in *Bless Me, Ultima* and *Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones*.” Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego, CA.
- November 23, 2014, “Fierceness and Four-Inch Heels: Exploring the Experiences of Young Women of Color Professors in the Undergraduate College Classroom.” Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego, CA.
- June 1, 2014 “Latina Sexuality, Religion and Films: Old Gender Roles and New Possibilities.” Paper presented to the Annual Meeting of the Association of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS), San Diego, CA.
- August 17, 2012 “Latina/os, Sex and the Movies: How Film, Religion and Culture Can Combat Sexual Dichotomies and Homonegativity.” Paper Proposal Accepted to the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (AAR), Denver, CO.
- November 22, 2011 “‘*De la Espina y el Dolor Crece la Flor*’ From Thorns and Pain, the Flower Emerges: Gentrification, Religious Imagery and Sexuality in *La Mission* and *Quinceañera*.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Francisco, CA.
- November 7, 2009 “The Resexualization of Latinas in Film: Subverting Sexual Dichotomies in Latina/o Culture.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Montreal, Canada.

PUBLICATIONS

- October 16, 2013 Book Review, *Suffering and Salvation in Ciudad Juárez* by Nancy Pineda-Madrid. *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* [<http://latinotheology.org/>], <http://latinotheology.org/node/131>.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- April 28-30, 2021 WASC Senior College and University Commission
ARC 2021 – Accreditation Resource Community
- July 27, 2020 HTI – Latinas in Leadership
2020 HTI Latinas in Leadership Conference - Online

March 4-6, 2016 HTIC/WABASH CENTER, WABASH, IN
2016 HTIC/Wabash Teaching and Learning Workshop, Wabash, IN.

November 20, 2015 WABASH CENTER MEETING, ATLANTA, GA
First annual Wabash Teaching and Learning Workshop for HTIC and FTE scholars at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

March 1-3, 2013 HTIC/WABASH CENTER, WABASH, IN
2013 HTIC/Wabash Teaching and Learning Workshop, Wabash, IN.

January 9-15, 2012 THE HISPANIC THEOLOGICAL INITIATIVE, PRINCETON, NJ
2012 HTI Writer's Week, Princeton, NJ
July 31-Aug 4, 2008 2008 HTI Summer Workshop, Princeton, NJ
June 29-July 3, 2007 2007 HTI Summer Workshop, Princeton, NJ
July 28-Aug 1, 2006 2006 HTI Summer Workshop, Princeton, NJ

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION
Fall 2008-Spr 2011 Women's Studies in Religion Steering Committee Student Representative
Spring 2008 Editor in Chief, *New Wineskins* Jesuit School of Theology Student Publication
2007-2008 Editorial Board, *New Wineskins* Jesuit School of Theology Student Publication

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
Fall 2004-Spr 2006 Co-Chair, Seminarians for Social Justice

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Latinx Studies Association
Society for Cinema and Media Studies
American Academy of Religion
American Sociological Association
American Studies Association
Association of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States

HONORS AND AWARDS

HISPANIC THEOLOGICAL INITIATIVE
2011-2012 Dissertation Fellowship
2008-2009 Comprehensive Exams Year Fellowship
2007-2008 Doctoral Renewal Fellowship
2006-2007 Doctoral Fellowship

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION
Fall 2010-Spring 2011 Newhall Research Fellowship
Fall 2009-Spring 2010 Newhall Teaching Fellowship
Fall 2006-Spring 2008 Graduate Theological Union Dean's Award

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Fall 2005-Spring 2006	Bishop Frank Murphy Scholarship
Fall 2005-Spring 2006	Bishop Charles Murphy Scholarship
Fall 2005-Spring 2006	Women's Ordination Conference Scholarship
Fall 2005-Spring 2006	Hispanic Scholarship Fund Graduate Scholarship
Fall 2004-Spring 2006	Richard Cain Presidential Scholarship
Fall 2004-Spring 2005	Michael Sullivan Award

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Fall 2002-Spring 2003	Martin Millstone Scholarship
Fall 2001-Spring 2003	Laura Platt Scholarship
Fall 2001-Spring 2003	Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship
Fall 2001-Spring 2003	Haynes Foundation Scholar
Fall 2000-Spring 2003	Mexican American Alumni Association
Fall 2000-Spring 2003	Mabel Wilson Richards Scholarship
Fall 2000-Spring 2003	Gates Millennium Scholarship
Spring 2000	HSF Toyota Motors Scholarship

LANGUAGES

Reading Proficiency	Advanced: Spanish, English Beginner: French, Portuguese
Writing Proficiency	Advanced: Spanish, English Beginner: French, Portuguese
Speaking Proficiency	Advanced: Spanish, English