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EDUCATION

M.A., New Testament, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, 1996

M.Div., Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, 1995

Ph.D., Literary Criticism, University of California, Irvine, 1985

M.A., Spanish Theater, California State University, Long Beach, 1980

Certificate of Latin American Studies, California State University, Long Beach, 1974

B.A., Spanish Literature, California State University, Long Beach, 1974

ORDINATION

Ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of the ELCA on July 26, 1998.

Trained as Mission Developer, ELCA, 1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012-present Academic Dean, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA

2010-present Associate Professor of Multicultural and Contextual Studies, PLTS, Berkeley, CA

2003-2012 Director, Contextual Education, PLTS

1997-2010 Assistant Professor of Multicultural and Contextual Studies, PLTS

1996-2003 Associate Director and Chaplain, Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy of
Santa Clara County (CIC)
Program Director, The John Harris Partnership, CIC's after care program

1998-2003 Associate Pastor, Holy Redeemer/Immanuel Lutheran Churches, San Jose, CA

1995-96 Interim Minister, University Lutheran Church, Milpitas, CA

1992-96 Adjunct Professor, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA

1986-91 Assistant Professor, Hispanic Studies, Vassar College, NY

1985-86 Assistant Professor, Romance Literatures, St. Olaf College, MN

1980-85 Instructor, Spanish and Portuguese Dept., University of California, Irvine

PUBLICATIONS

“No Longer Jew or Greek’: Multiculturalism Has Pauline Roots.” Reprinted in *Together by Grace. Introducing the Lutherans*, edited by Kleinhas, Kathryn, A. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2016.

Biblical Commentaries/English, “Working Preacher.org,” Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN:

Galatians 2:15-21	Time after Pentecost - Proper 6	June 12, 2016
Galatians 3:23-29	Time after Pentecost - Proper 7	June 19, 2016
Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Time after Pentecost - Proper 8	June 26, 2016
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16	Time after Pentecost - Proper 9	July 3, 2016

“The Prayer Jesus Taught Us: A Relational and Communal Life.” *The Lutheran*. Vol, 28:12 (December 2015): pp. 40-41.

Biblical Commentaries/Spanish, “Working Preacher.org,” Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN:

Mark 6:1-13	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	July 5, 2015
Mark 6:14-29	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	July 12, 2015
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	July 19, 2015
John 6:1-21	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	July 26, 2015

“Who Ministers to Whom: Matthew 25:31-46 and Prison Ministry,” *Dialog, A Journal of Theology* 52, no. 2 (June 2013): 128-137.

“Cristología en el contexto de las latinas en E.E.U.U.” *Martin Lutero Descalzo: Meditaciones sobre la identidad luterana desde el contexto latinoamericano*, edited by José D. Rodríguez and Carmen Rodríguez. Santo Domingo, Editora Centenario, 2010.

“Mujerismo and The Two Kin-doms: Distinction and Reconciliation.” *Dialog, A Journal of Theology* 49, no. 3 (Sept. 2010): 231-237.

“Through Mujerista Eyes: Stories of Incarnate Redemption” in *Transforming Lutheran Theologies*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2010.

Como estudiar la Biblia/How to Study the Bible. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2009.

“Mujerista.” Encyclopedia entry in *Hispanic American Religious Cultures*. Vol. 1. ABC/CLIO, LLC, 2009

“No Longer Jew or Greek.” *The Lutheran* 22, no. 7 (July 2009): 21-23.

“The Construction of Latina Theology.” *Currents in Theology and Mission*. Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, August 2007: Vol. 34, #4.

“Reading Ourselves into the Cross Story. Luther and United States Latinos.” In *Cross Examinations. Readings on the Meaning of the Cross Today*, edited by Marit Trelstad. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2006.

“Introducción a La Disputación de Leipzig-Informe de Lutero a Jorge Spalatin.” In *Lutero al habla*, edited by Giacomo Cassese and Eliseo Perez Alvarez, 71-84. Publicaciones El Faro S.A. de C.V., Mexico, D.F., 2005.

“Yerma and the Debate on the Divorce Law in Republican Spain.” *Journal of Interdisciplinary Literary Studies*. Universiteit van Amsterdam, Spring 1990: Vol.2, #1, 67-75.

“El pueblo y Farsa y leyenda de la Reina Castiza.” Gabrielle, John P., Editor, *Genio y virtuosismo de Valle-Inclan: Estudios Conmemorativos*. Madrid: Editorial Orígenes, 1987, pp.41-48.

“La coherencia de ‘Espuma’ de Claudio Rodriguez.” *Explicación de Textos Literarios*. Vol. XIV-2, 25-34.

COMMISSIONED RESOURCES

“Reflecting on Matthew 15:21-28.” Bible study for “*One Body, Many Members*,” www.elca.org/onebody/biblestudies, October, 2007.

“Lutherans Do It Boldly.” Background paper for WELCA’s 2005-8 Trienium, June 2004.

“God Never Fails.” *Lutheran Women Today*. February 1995.

ELCA Outdoor Ministries Curriculum. Summer 1995.

BOOK REVIEWS

Levad, Amy. *Redeeming a Prison Society: A Liturgical and Sacramental Response to Mass Incarceration*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014. In *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol. 43, No.1 (January 2016), p. 31.

Echols, James, editor. *I Have a Dream: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Future of Multicultural America*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004. In *Currents in Theology and Mission*, August 2007, Vol. 34, No. 4.

Barndt, Joseph. *Dismantling Racism*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1981, 179 pp. In *Lutheran Women Today*, September, 1994.

Dougherty, Dru. *Valle Inclan y la Segunda Republica*. Valencia: Pre-Textos, 1986, 185 pp. In *Gestos*, Año 5, No. 3.

Soria Olmedo, Andres. *Lecciones sobre Federico Garcia Lorca*. Granada: Comision Nacional del Cincuentenario, 1986, 315 pp. In *Revista de estudios hispanicos*. Tomo XX, No. 3.

Cao, Antonio. *Federico Garcia Lorca y las vanguardias: hacia el teatro*. London: Tamesis Books Limited, 1984, 106 pp. In *Gestos*. Ano 3, #5.

CONFERENCE ADDRESSES

“Multicultural Theological Education.” 2015 Women in Leadership Deans’ Consultation, ATS, Chicago, IL, March 2015.

“La vida de justicia: a Latina’s experience of biblical justice.” **Tri-Synodical Theological Conference**, San Antonio, TX, Jan. 2010.

“The Gospel, Our Narrative, A Lutheran Mujerista Perspective.” **GTU Faculty Colloquia: Public Voice of Theology**, GTU, Berkeley, April, 2009.

Keynote, “At the Sound of our Names,” **ELCA’s Rostered Women of Color Gathering**, Chicago, April 2009

“A Mujerista Theological Perspective.” **Transformative Lutheran Theologies Conference, Justice for Women Program, ELCA**, Chicago, Jan. 2009

“The Wholeness of the Parts.” *New Day Begun: Engaging our Wholeness*, **Multicultural Seminar for ELCA’s Teaching Theologians of Color conference**, Mystic Lake, MN, July 2008

“In Christ: pluralism and oneness” .PLTS **respondent, Hein Fry Lectures**, Feb., 2008.

“Mujeristas’ Cross and Resurrection.” **Wisdom’s Urgent Cry. A Faith and Feminism/Womanism/Mujerista Conference**. San Francisco, November 2007.

“Reflexion del tema de la vocacion y su enlace con el contrato congregacional.” **Latino Leaders Gathering, ELCA**. Chicago, March, 2007.

“Cross and Resurrection for Luther and U.S. Latinos.” **ELCA’s Cabinet of Executives**, Chicago, September, 2006.

“The Construction of Latina Christology: An Invitation to Dialogue.” **Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies**, Philadelphia, November, 2005.

Keynote address for **Second Latino Symposium**. Grand Canyon Synod and Division for Outreach, Regions 1 and 2, ELCA. Carefree, Arizona, October, 2005.

“Theological Education and the Spiritual Longing in Popular Culture.” **PLTS Founders Day 2004’s panel: Theological Education Today for Tomorrow**.

- “Trauma and Religion.” **Forensic Mental Health Conference**, Asilomar, CA March ‘03
- “The accent in my ears: Lutheranism and Multiculturalism.” **PLTS 50th Anniversary**, Sept. 2002.
- “Urban Ministry and Seminary Training.” **ELCA’s Urban Summit**, Miami, Feb. 2003.
- “The Gospel According to Luther and U.S. Latinos.” **Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies**, AAR/SBL, Denver, Nov. 2001.
- “La Centralidad del Evangelio para Lutero y para los Latinos.” **Latino Lutheran Identity Consultation, ELCA**, Chicago, October 1999 and Los Angeles, Jan.01.
- “Ideología y teatro: el caso de la pre-guerra española.” The Mid-America Conference on Hispanic Literature. **Washington University, St. Louis**, Oct. 1988.
- “Anti-idealismo en Así que pasen cinco años.” Hispanic Literatures Conference: El Teatro Hispanico, Texto y Representacion. **Indiana State University of Pennsylvania**, Oct. 1988.
- “Maria Teresa Leon, dramaturga española durante la segunda Republica.” Hispanic Literatures Conference: La Escritora Hispanica. **Indiana State University of Pennsylvania**, Oct. 1987.
- “Yerma: a product of Republican Spain.” International Interdisciplinary Conference: A Semicentennial Tribute to Miguel de Unamuno, Ramon del Valle Inclan y Federico Garcia Lorca. **Hofstra University**, Nov. 1986.
- “El pueblo y Farsa y licencia de la Reina Castiza.” Symposium on the semi-centennial of the death of Don Ramon del Valle Inclan. **Purdue University**, April 1986.
- “La crítica latinoamericana entre dos estéticas.” XXIV Congreso del Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana. **Stanford University**, July 1985.
- “Gabriel Garcia Marquez y la tradición caballeresca española.” XXIII Congreso del Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana. **Universidad Complutense, Madrid**, July 1994.
- “La función del correlato objetivo en Los fantoches de Carlos Solorzano.” Symposium on the Spanish and Mexican Theatre. **San Diego State University**, April 1994.
- “El estilo humorístico y la intención subversiva en ‘Los funerales de la Mama Grande’.” Symposium in honor of Gabriel Garcia Marquez. **University of California, Riverside**, April 1983

OTHER SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Elected member, ATS Research Advisory Committee, 2016-present

Member, GTU Common M.A. Admissions Subcommittee, 2015-present

Member, Steering Committee, Women of Color in Ministry Conference, National Ecumenical Conference, Emeryville, CA, October 2016. (in cooperation with Union Theological Seminary, N.Y.)

Co-Chair, Christian Ethics Search Committee, PLTS of CLU, 2014-15.

Chair, Lutheran History and Theology Search Committee, PLTS of CLU, 2013-15.

Referee, Conference Papers for Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies, 2013.
Member, Chief Administrative Officer/Dean Search Committee, PLTS of CLU, 2013.

Member, D.Min. Committee for Sam Dessordi Leite, "Issues of Latino Ministries in the Episcopal Church in the United States." CDSP, 2012-13.

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, ELCA, 2012-13.

Lecturer, "Biblical Interpretation," lectures for Academia Luterana, ELCA's Online Lay Leadership Academy, October 2011.

Member, Editorial Board, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Willey-Blackwell, 2011-present

Presenter, "Adaptive Leadership" and "Ministry with Latinos," Missional Academy, Grand Canyon Synod, ELCA, Phoenix and Las Vegas, Apr. 2-3, 2011.

Preacher/Forum leader, at numerous ELCA congregations in the Bay Area, 2002-present.

Instructor, Theology and Worship: A Cross Cultural Approach, Lutheran Seminary Program of the Southwest, Austin, Texas, Jan. 2010.

Lecturer, Liberation Theology series and preacher, Summer in the City, Augustana Lutheran, Portland, OR, Aug. 09.

Instructor, Ministry with our Latino Neighbors, Summer Session class PSR/PLTS, Jul. 09.

Preacher/Presider at ELCA's Assistants to the Bishop Gathering, Burlingame, CA, Mar 09.

Speaker, PLTS Second Mile Giving event, St. Mark's Lutheran, Fairfield, CA, Dec. 08.

Instructor, Cuidado Pastoral en Contexto, LSTC D.Min. program, June 2008.

Instructor, "Ética y la comunidad hispana en E.E.U.U.," CDSP, June 2008.

Instructor, Summer Session course: "Ministry with Our Latino Neighbors,"
CDSP/PLTS. August, 2007.

Consultant (with Kelly Fryer, formerly of Luther Seminary, and Craig Nesson,
WarburgSeminary), ELCA's Evangelism Team. Chicago, November 2006.

Participant, Urban Summit II, Division for Outreach, ELCA, Fortworth, TX, Feb. 06.

Member, Advisory Board on Leadership Development for the Division for Ministry,
ELCA, 2002-present.

Participant, Roundtable for Public Ministry of the ELCA, Presiding Bishop Mark
Hanson, convener, Sept. and Oct. 2003.

Member, Board of Directors, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, 2003-05.

Member, Planning Committee for the International Latino/a Lutheran Event,
Mexico City, August 2003.

Participant, Teaching Theologians of Color Convocation, ELCA, Las Vegas, May 2003.

Member, Steering Committee, Teaching Theologians of Color, ELCA, 2003-04.

Member, Lexington Seminar on Seminary Teaching, Lilly Foundation, 2000-03.

Faculty panelist, Latino Seminarians Conference, Lutheran School of Theology at
Chicago, 2000.

Workshop Presenter, "Christ, Convicts and the Church," Earl Lectures, Pacific School of
Religion, 2000.

Presenter, "Multicultural Ministry," Global Mission Event, Pacific Lutheran Univ., 2000.

Elected member, Word and Sacrament Discipling Team, Sierra Pacific Synod, 1997-99.

Member, Task Force for the Multicultural Ministry Strategy, Sierra Pacific Synod, 96-98.

Co-leader, Monterey Bay Conference Assembly, 1995.

Participant, Multicultural Writers Workshops, ELCA, 1993-94.

Chair, Commission for Multicultural Ministries, Sierra Pacific Synod, 1993-97.

Member, Taskforce on Building a Multicultural Curriculum, Vassar College, 1990-91.

Director, Vassar-Wesleyan-Colgate Junior Year Abroad, Madrid, Spain, 1989-90.

Associate Editor, *Revista de estudios hispanicos*, Vassar College, 1988-90.

Member, Editorial Board, *Revista de estudios hispanicos*, Vassar College, 1986-88.

Participant, Summer Faculty Seminar on International Studies: Liberation *Theology*, Vassar College, 1988.

Member, Advisory Board to the Director of Religious Activities and Chaplaincy, Vassar College, 1987-89.

Member, Editorial Board, *Gestos: Revista de teoría y práctica del teatro hispánico*, 1986-91.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Hispanic/Latin@ Presidents and Deans of ATS Schools.

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Lutheran Latino Scholars, ELCA

Racial Ethnic Faculty Association, GTU

Rostered Women of Color, ELCA (RWOC)

Teaching Theologians of Color, ELCA