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**EDUCATION**

**Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago**

**Ph.D. (Religion and Science)**

**May 2010**

Dissertation Title: *Symptoms of God's Spirit? A Dialog Between Pneumatology and the Cognitive Sciences*

Dissertation Advisor: The Most Rev. Dr. Antje Jackelén, Archbishop of the Church of Sweden, and past President of the European Society for the Study of Science and Theology

**Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago**

**Th.M. (Constructive Theology)**

**May 2004**

Qualifying examinations: "Theology and Culture"

"Latin American and Caribbean Theologies"

**Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago**

**M.Div.**

**June 2002**

**University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, P.R.**

**B.S. (Chemistry)**

**May 1998**

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Religion and Science**

- Theological Implications of cognitive, affective and decision making neuroscience
- Theological Anthropology
- Process thought
- Philosophy of Science (especially in feminist and postcolonial perspectives)

**Theology**

- The concept of Spirit in Theology, Philosophy and Science
- Liberation and Postcolonial Theologies
- Theology and Culture (especially intercultural, interreligious dialogue)
- Hispanic/Latin@ Theologies

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

Spanish and English fluency, spoken and written  
Basic German, Greek and Hebrew as research tools with Lexicon

## **CHURCH AFFILIATION**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,**  
Ordained minister of Word and Sacraments, Metro Washington DC Synod

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

### **Professorial Lecturer**

Georgetown University, Department of Theology  
Washington, D.C. 2011-Present  
Designed and taught: *God & the Brain: An Introduction to Neurotheology and the Cognitive Science of Religion*

### **Lecturer (in Spanish)**

Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico (the ecumenical seminary in Puerto Rico)  
Río Piedras, Puerto Rico July 2013  
Designed and taught the following advance master's level course in Spanish:  
*Espiritu divino y cerebro humano (The Human Brain and the divine Spirit)*

### **Lecturer (in Spanish)**

Online Program of Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (a collaboration of the SEPR and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America),  
Online Spring 2010  
Designed and taught masters' level online course on: *Lutheran Theology from a Hispanic and Latin American Perspective*

### **Lecturer**

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), School of Global Studies  
Richmond, VA Fall 2007  
Designed and taught: *Global Ethics and World Religions: Genetics and Faith*

### **Instructor**

University of Richmond, School of Continued Studies, Osher Institute  
Richmond, VA July 2007  
Designed and taught: *God in the Brain: Conversations between Religion and the Cognitive Sciences*

**Instructor**

*Union Theological Seminary-Presbyterian School of Christian Education,  
Hispanic/Latino Center for Pastoral Ministries,  
Richmond, VA.*

2006-2007

Responsibilities included designing and teaching a variety of theology courses, workshops and online synchronous virtual conferences for church lay leaders.

**Instructor (in Spanish)**

*Pastors' School of Continued Education, Caribbean Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in America,  
Dorado, Puerto Rico*

Designed and taught bilingual course entitled: "The Biology and Theology of  
Religious Experiences." February 2006

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Lutheran School of Theology,  
Chicago, IL*

T-305 Systematic Theology I

Responsibilities included assisting in the design of the syllabus, lecturing on the following topics: history of theology, theological methodologies, science-and-theology, assist in evaluation of midterm papers, and assist in final oral examination.

Fall 2004

**Instructor (in Spanish)**

*Latin School of Theology, Metropolitan Chicago Synod,  
Chicago, IL*

Designed and taught the following Spanish courses:

"Biblical Images of Christian Service"	Spring 2004
"Church History I: From the Apostles to the Apologists"	Spring 2004
"Christian Doctrine: Moral and Ethical Values"	Fall 2003
"Church History II: From the Roman Church to the Reformation"	Fall 2003

**PUBLICATIONS**

"Eutonia: The Cross (In) Between Science and Theology." In *Embracing the Ivory Tower and Stained Glass Windows*, pp. 131-146. Springer International Publishing, 2016.

"Monologues to Conversations: Reflections on the Future of the Journal of Lutheran Ethics." *Currents in Theology and Mission* 43, no. 1 (2016).

"Exploring the Role of Unconscious Bias in the Immigration Debate and the Transformative Power of the Church" *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (December 13, 2013). Available online at: <http://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/27>

Symptoms of God's Spirit: A Dialogue between Pneumatology and the Cognitive Sciences. Ph.D. Dissertation. Chicago, IL.: Lutheran School of Theology/Zygon Center for Religion and Science, 2010.

Contributor: *Draft Social Statement on Genetics*. Chicago, IL: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Department of Studies, 2010.

Contributor: *Genetics and faith: Power, Choice, and responsibility*. Chicago, IL: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Department of Studies, 2008.

Contributing Author: *Diccionario ilustrado de intérpretes de la fe: veinte siglos de pensamiento cristiano*. Justo L. González, editor general. Barcelona, España: Editorial CLIE, 2004.

Book Review, Nancey Murphy, *Bodies and Souls, or Spirited Bodies?* New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006, in *News and Views: The Newsletter of the Zygon Center for Religion and Science*, vol. 6, no. 1 (Fall 2006):19-20.

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

**Accompaniment: Remembering Hope Together**, keynote speech to the annual assembly of the Caribbean synod, ELCA, St Thomas, The Virgin Islands

June 2015

**God & the Brain: The Neuroscience of Religious Experience**, an adult education series presented at Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD

November 2014

**God & the Brain: The Neuroscience of Religious Experience**, a presentation to the Calumet Camp Rostered Leaders Retreat

February 2015

**The Neuroscience of Memory, Narratives of Origin and the Accompaniment Model of Missiology**

Global Mission Personnel Annual Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Kenosha, WI

August 2013

**Entre la libertad del espíritu y la tiranía de la carne: Reflexiones teológicas y neurocientíficas en torno al comportamiento in/moral**

(Translation: "In Between the Freedom of the Spirit and the Tyranny of the Flesh: Theological Reflections on the Neuroscience of Im/moral Behavior")

A magisterial lecture at the Lutheran Center of Theological Studies at the Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico

(the ecumenical Seminary in Puerto Rico)

Rio Piedras, PR

July 2013

- God in the Brain? Reflections on the Neuroscience of Religious Experience**  
Templeton Foundation, Faith and Science Forum  
Hope Lutheran Church,  
College Park, MD June 2013
- God and the Brain from a Lutheran Perspective**  
Lutheran Lay Fellowship  
Silver Spring, MD May 2013
- Hispanic/Latin@ Theologies, Affective Neuroscience and the Decolonization of the Imaginary**  
A paper read at the American Academy of Religion, Panel on New Directions in Hispanic/Latin@ Theology  
Chicago, IL Nov 2012
- The Embodied Mind/Brain as Locus for Interreligious Dialogue**  
International Conference on Understanding Religious Pluralism  
Georgetown University  
Washington, D.C. May 2012
- Teaching at the Intersection Between Neuroscience and Theology**  
*Panel discussion on Teaching Neuroethics*, at the annual meeting of the International Neuroethics Society  
Carnegie Institution for Science  
Washington, D.C. November 2011
- Genetics and Faith: An Introduction to the ELCA's Social Statement on Genetics**  
Bishop's convocation of ordained and rostered leaders  
Ocean City, MD April 2010
- Genetics and Faith: Power, Choice and Responsibility**  
Assembly of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod at the National Conference Center, Lansdowne, VA May 2010
- Vocation and Spirituality in the Lutheran Tradition**  
*Project Connect* Discernment retreat for Young Adults, *Vocation and Spirituality in the Lutheran Tradition*  
Bayamón, PR April 2010
- Genetics and Faith: Power, Choice and Responsibility**  
St Mark's Lutheran Church, Adult forum  
Springfield, VA Fall 2009
- Letting the Spirit Heal the Mind through the Brain and the Body: Applying Neurotheology to the Spiritual Practices of Youth**

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Mental Wellness Conference  
Fairfax, VA

May 2009

**Implications of the Cognitive (Neuro)science of Religious Experience for  
Hispanic/Latino Theology**

Meeting of ELCA Hispanic Theologians  
Chicago, IL

January 2007

**Symptoms of God? Towards a fruitful dialogue between theology and cognitive  
neuroscience**

Hyde Park Religion and Science Society  
Chicago, IL

October 2006

**Reflections on the Hispanic Experience in the U.S.**

Union Theological Seminary, Panel presentation  
Richmond, VA

September 2006

**MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE**

**Senior Pastor**

Hope Lutheran Church  
Annandale, VA

October 2015 - present

**Consultant for Hispanic Ministries**

ELCA Metro D.C. Synod

January 2008 – 2011

**Associate Pastor**

St Mark's Lutheran Church,  
Springfield, VA

January 2008 - present

**Interim Associate Chaplain**

University of Richmond,  
Richmond VA

October 2005 – May 2006

**Interim Co-Pastor**

Trinidad Lutheran Church,  
Humboldt Park, Chicago, IL

February – September 2004

**Vicar**

*Angélica Lutheran Church and Community Center,*  
Pico-Union, Los Angeles, CA

August 2001 – June 2002

**Clinical Pastoral Education**

University of Chicago Hospitals, Dept. of Religion and Health Summer 1998

**Co- Director**

Triennial Multicultural Youth Leadership Event,  
ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries,  
Office for Youth Ministries  
Chicago, IL 1997-2000

## **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Editor of the Journal of Lutheran Ethics** Feb 2016 - present

**Director of ELCA Theological Roundtable** Feb 2016 - present

**Interim Editor of the Journal of Lutheran Ethics** 2015-2016

**Interim Director ELCA Theological Roundtable** 2015-2016

**Member**  
ELCA Taskforce on Genetics 2006 - 2011

**Member**  
Metro D.C. Synod, *New and Renewing Mission Roundtable*  
Washington, DC 2008 - present

**Vice-chair**  
Program Committee, Unit for Global Mission (formerly: Board of the Division for  
Global Mission), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Chicago, IL 2005 - 2007

**Conference Co-organizer**  
Conference on Religion and Violence,  
University of Chicago, Divinity School  
Sponsored by the Hispanic Theological Initiative  
Chicago, IL Winter 2003

**Conference Co-organizer**  
Conference on Theology and Literature from a Latin American and U.S. Hispanic  
Perspective,  
Lutheran School of Theology and McCormick Theological Seminary  
Chicago, IL Spring 2004

**Search Committee Member**  
Search for Executive Director of the Division for Global Mission  
Chicago, IL March - May 2003

**Executive Committee Member**  
Board of the Division for Global Mission,  
Chicago, IL 2001 - 2007

## CONTINUED EDUCATION

- Neuroscience Summer Institute (“Neuroscience Bootcamp”)**  
University of Pennsylvania, Center for Neuroscience and Society  
Philadelphia, PA August 2011
- Affect Theory in Cultural Studies and the Media Workshop**  
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting  
Chicago, IL. November 2012
- Online Course Preparation**  
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago /  
Seminario Evangélico de P.R.  
Rio Piedras, P.R. July 2010

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- Quoted in the Washington Post October 8, 2013  
[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/marchers-urge-congress-to-pass-immigration-reform/2013/10/08/9714e5c0-2f8f-11e3-9ccc-2252bdb14df5\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/marchers-urge-congress-to-pass-immigration-reform/2013/10/08/9714e5c0-2f8f-11e3-9ccc-2252bdb14df5_story.html)
- Featured on the cover of *The Lutheran Magazine*: February 2013  
“New Thinkers in the ELCA”
- Hispanic Theological Initiative\* PhD Dissertation Fellow 2005-2006  
Hispanic Theological Initiative Mentoring Award 2004-2005  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Educational Grant Program 2003-2005  
Hispanic Theological Initiative Doctoral Student Fellow 2002-2004  
Goizueta Foundation Scholarship Award July 2001  
Hispanic Theological Initiative Masters’ Award 1998 - 2000

\* The *Hispanic theological Initiative*, formerly endowed by Lilly and Pew grants, is a national fellowship program based on merit and on promise of future research in theological topics of concern to Latino/Hispanic community and religious life; only six dissertation fellowships were awarded each year to applicants from the U.S., Puerto Rico and Canada.