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Personal Information

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Born: October 10, 1973. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

Nationality: United States

Reads and speaks: Spanish and English

Reads Ancient: Koine Greek, Proto/Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic

Academic Preparation

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| 2008 | Ph.D. Old Testament Archaeology/ cognate Leadership and Educational Administration Andrews University, MI. |
| 1999 | Master of Divinity, Emphasis in Youth Ministry Andrews University, MI |
| 1995 | Bachelor of Arts in Theology (Magna cum Laude) Antillean Adventist University, PR. |

Professional Experience

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| 2015- | President, Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary, PR |
| 2008-15 | Academic Vice-President, Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary, FL/PR |
| 2007-09 | Chair, of the Department of Theology and Music at Antillean Adventist University, PR |
| 2006- | Adjunct Professor Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, MI |
| 2004- | Associate Professor Antillean Adventist University, PR |
| 2003- | Adjunct Professor Inter-American Theological Seminary, FL |
| 2001-4 | Teaching/Research Assistant at the Old Testament Department, Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary, MI. |
| 1999-04 | Assistant Curator, Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum, Andrews University, MI. |
| 1995-7 | Associate Pastor Southern Mayagüez SDA Church (Urban), PR/ Youth Pastor Bella Vista SDA Church, PR. |
| 1994 | Church Planter in Barrio Cacao, Orocovis, PR. |
| 1993 | (Summer) Evangelist at Ingenio Azucarero Quisqueña, DR. |
| 1989-93 | Colporteur / Odd jobs in house construction and sales, PR. |

Archaeological Field Work Experience

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| 2007 | Tall Jalul, Jordan |
| 2000 | Tall Jalul, Jordan |
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Professional and Academic Organizations

2000-	Adventist Society of Religious Scholars	member
2010-	Adventist Theological Society (International)	Board member
2000-	Adventist Theological Society (International)	member, speaker
	Referee for their JATS (Journal for the Adventist Theological Society)	
2000-	American Schools of Oriental Research	member
2004-08	Antillean Adventist Theological Society	President
2004-	Antillean Adventist Theological Society	member
2010-	Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana	Secretary
2003-	Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana	member
2008-	Biblical Research Committee IAD (BRCIAD)	Board Member, Secretary
2010-	Biblical Research Administrative Committee (BRAICOM)	member
2011-	Center of Hispanic Adventist Dialogue in Theology	Founding member
2017-	Association of Theological Schools (ATS)	
	Hispanic/Latino/a Presidents' and Deans' Consortium	member
1999-	Institute of Archaeology of Andrews University	Associate
2000-	Evangelical Theological Society	member
2000-	Near Eastern Archaeological Society	member
2010	Near Eastern Archaeological Society	Board member
2000-04	Near Eastern Archaeological Society	Periodical Reviewer
1999-	Phi Delta Kappa	member
2000-	Society of Biblical Literature	member
2015-	Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminaries Consortium	secretary

Awards and Grants

2007	Excellence in Teaching AAU Award
2007	Employee of the Month AAU (May)
2006	Hispanic Theological Initiative Dissertation Grant
2004	DeHaan Work Excellence Scholarship in Andrews University
2003	Dissertation Mentorship Program Hispanic Theological Initiative
2002	Research Grant Hispanic Theological Initiative
2001	Hispanic Theological Initiative Mentorship Grant
1999-01	Graduate Administrative and Research Assistantship, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary
1999-04	Graduate Scholarship Seventh-day Adventist Union (Puerto Rico)
1999	Siegfried Horn Award for Summer Program in Jordan
1991-95	Seventh-day Adventist Union (Puerto Rico) Scholarship
1991-95	Presidential Scholarship Western SDA Conference (Puerto Rico)

Lectures

Oct 9, 2016	"You better shut up!" I Faith and Science Conference Dominican Adventist University, Dominican Republic.
Sept 30, 2016	"Faith and Science" Lecture at the Adventist University of La Plata, Entre Ríos, Argentina.
Sept 9, 2016	"You better shut up!" IV Faith and Science Conference Antillean Adventist University, Puerto Rico.
July 6, 2016	"Prophecy after the Exile and in the XXIst Century: Modernism, Postmodernism and Metamodernism (Then and Now)" V Bible Conference on Spirit of Prophecy, Montemorelos University, Mexico.
April 21, 2015	"Exodus: Fact or Fiction?" at Perspectives, Loma Linda Latino University Broadcasts, Loma Linda, CA.
March 18, 2015	"Historical Books" in Lecture Series for the Adventist Theological Academy, organized by the Adventist Theological Society, Montemorelos, Mexico.

- March 3, 2015 "The Hebrew Sanctuary in the ANE Context" at Adventist University of Sao Paolo, Brazil.
- Dec. 13, 2014 "The Origins of Christmas" at Series of Lectures for Federation of Adventist University Students, Levitown, Puerto Rico.
- September, 2014 "The World of Daniel: archaeological context of Danielic prophecies" in II Biblical Symposium in Dominican Adventist University, DR.
- July, 2014 "Strangers, migrants and tribes: a possible model for Adventist Ecclesiology" IV Theological Symposium in Montemorelos University
- October 2013 "Conspiracy Theories and the End" Bible Conference in Universidad de Linda Vista, Mexico.
- May 8-11, 2013 "Messenger or messengers? The messenger that has a message about a messenger that announces the Messenger" at World Jewish Advisory celebrated in Kiev, Ukraine, May 8-11, 2013.
- October 2012 "Cosmogonies in the ANE" Celebration of Creation, Puerto Rico, 2012.
- July 2012 "God as a Father?: The image of Father in the Hebrew Prophets" Symposium on Trinity, Montemorelos Mexico.
- June 2012 "Archaeology and Commentaries" Galilee, Israel.
- February 2012 "Mayan Calendar and celebration of anniversaries at AAU" AAU Alumni 2012. Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
- November, 2011 "Siegfried Horn, a Bridge-builder- Archaeology and Biblical Studies", Near Easter Archaeological Society. San Francisco, CA.
- October, 2011 "My lord delayeth his coming," Symposium on Eschatology, Alajuela, Costa Rica.
- June, 2011 "Archaeology in Palestine," Doctor in Ministry Lecture Series, Amman, Jordan.
- Feb, 2011 "Jewish Roots of Christianity", Inter-faith Symposium of the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Ponce, Puerto Rico
- Dec, 2010 "Issues on Origins", Colombian Association of University Students, Villa Leiva, Colombia.
- Dec, 2010 "Irreducible Complexity and Evolution," CYC Meetings, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
- Feb, 2010 "Prophets, Politics and Eschatology: Oracles against Edom," 2010 IAD International Bible Conference, Jerusalem, Israel.
- Sept, 2009 "The Tomb of Jesus: The Evidence," Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain.
- July, 2009 "The Hebrew Prophets and Politics," Ministerial Council on the Spirit of Prophecy, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.
- July, 2009 "The Hebrew Prophets and Politics," Theological Symposium on the Spirit of Prophecy, Montemorelos, Mexico.
- July, 2009 "Practical Theology vs. Applied Theology," South American Theological Symposium, UNASPE, Bahia, Brazil.
- May, 2009 "Theodicy in Malachi," Inter-American Theological Symposium, UNAD, Dominican Republic.
- Jan, 2009 "Ruins then and Now" Seminario Teológico Adventista Cubano, Havana Cuba.
- Nov, 2008 "The possibility of Intelligent Design" (UPR) Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Rio Piedras, PR.
- Oct, 2008 "Archaeology and the Study of the Hebrew Bible" Universidad Adventista de Linda Vista, Chiapas, Mexico.
- Oct, 2008 "What archaeology is not: Archaeology of the cities of the Plain" Lay Congress, Seattle WA.
- Sept, 2008 "The World of Malachi" Seminario Teológico Adventista Venezolano, Nirgua, Venezuela.
- July, 2008 Lecture for SDATS students at the Harvard Semitic Museum, Boston, MA.
- June, 2008 Lecture to IATS students at the Museo Nacional del Hombre Dominicano, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- Feb, 2008 Lead Educational Tour to Scholars and Administrators (Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Palestine).
- Oct, 2007 "Learning from Islam" Adventist University of Antilles, PR.

July, 2007	"The World of Malachi" Middle East Union, Seventh-day Adventist Headquarters in Israel, Jerusalem.
July, 2007	Lead Scholars on Tour to Israel and Palestine.
April, 2007	"The 'lost' 'gospel' of Jude" TV interview at Univision, PR.
Feb, 2007	"The 'lost' tomb of Christ" ATS Meeting in Mayaguez, PR.
Oct, 2006	"2000 years of Christianity in Asia Minor" ATS Meeting in Mayaguez, PR.
July, 2006	"Unity: Postexilic Proclamation and Early Second Temple Yahwism" Second International Bible Conference for Bible Teachers and Theologians, Biblical Research Institute and Adventist Theological Society, Turkey
July, 2006	Lead Study Tour for Scholars Eastern and Western Turkey, and Greece.
March, 2006	"The Truth Behind the Da Vinci Code" ATS Meeting in Mayaguez, PR.
Jan, 2006	"SDA Pastors and Higher Education" Seminar for continued education of Seventh-day Adventist ministers in northern Puerto Rico
Aug, 2005	"Technology and Teaching" Seminar for continued education of Seventh-day Adventist University professors in Puerto Rico
June 2005	"AVANCE: Implications of the Study among Hispanics in the US" "Archaeology and Evangelism" "Creating Original Training Curriculums for Young People" Professional papers presented at SEEDS International Conference, Andrews University, Michigan.
May, 2005	"A Bridge: From Bayamón to Babylon" paper presented to Puerto Rican archeological community at the Center for Cultural Studies in the Caribbean, San Juan, PR.
April, 2005	"You are a scholar!: The diverse aspects of scholarship" lecture for faculty at the Antillean Adventist University
Feb, 2005	"Back to the Chieftdom!" Paper at the Adventist Theological Society West Regional Meeting, PR.
Nov, 2004	"In Context" Seminar to Religion Students Antillean Adventist University
Oct, 2004	"Israel and the 'World':" Adventist Theological Society National Meeting, PR.
Sept, 2004	"The Weak Link:" Seminar for continued education of Seventh-day Adventist ministers in western Puerto Rico
July, 2004	Study Tour for Scholars and Administrators from the Interamerican Division in Greece and Turkey.
April, 2004	"The Myth of the Empty Land:" Paper at the International Conference on Issues on the Origin, Andrews University, MI.
March, 2003	"The World of Malachi" Princeton University, NJ.
April, 2002	"Contextualized Preaching" Seminar for continued education of Seventh-day Adventist ministers in northern Puerto Rico
Feb, 2002	"Reading the Old Testament to our own tribe?:" Hispanic Theological Initiative Regional Meeting, Concordia Lutheran University, St. Louis MO.
Dec, 2001	"Walk Trough Bethlehem" Archaeological Exhibit at SDA General Conference, Washington D.C.
Aug, 2001	"La Tribu: hacia una eclesiología basada en las Escrituras Hebreas:" International Symposium on Ecelsyology, SDA University, Argentina.
Dec, 1999	"Walk Trough Bethlehem" Archaeological Exhibit at SDA General Conference, Washington D.C.

Classes Taught

Graduate Level:	New Testament Archaeology
Archaeology and the Bible	
Archaeology of Palestine	
Bible Lands and its Exploration	
Development of Cross-cultural Leadership	
Hebrew Prophets	Undergraduate Level:
Introduction to Biblical Hebrew	Biblical Archaeology

Christian Beliefs
 Christian Home
 Doctrine of Sanctuary
 Gift of Prophecy
 Hebrew Prophets I

Hebrew Prophets I
 Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
 Life and Teachings of Jesus

Dissertations Supervised

2009-12 David Sebastian
 2008-10 Pedro Canales
 2010-16 Mario Nino
 2010- L Nocadi
 2010-12 Vanston Archbold

Committee Work:

2017- Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Hispanic/Latino/a Presidents' and Deans' Consortium (member)
 2015- Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminaries Consortium (secretary)
 2015-16 GC Taskforce for the Revision of the IBMTE Handbook (member)
 2015- International Board of Ministerial and Theological Education
 2011-15 IAD Ministerial Education Committee
 2010-13 Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana (executive secretary)
 2010- IAD Board of Education
 2010- Biblical Research Administrative Committee (BRAICOM)
 2011- Near Eastern Archaeological Society (Board Member)
 2010- Adventist Theological Society (Board Member)
 2009- Antillean Adventist University Board
 2007- AAA (Adventist Accreditation Association) has served with accreditation teams for AAA in South, Central, and North America
 2007-10 Velazquez led the Self-Study efforts before the Association of Theological Schools that received the accreditation of the programs for the Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary
 2007-12 Puerto Rican Union of SDA Ministerial Council
 2007- ADCOM and the main committees of IATS
 2007- Biblical Research Committee of the Inter-American Division
 2006- Seminary Council IATS
 2005-06 Committee of Finances Antillean Adventist University
 2005-09 Religious Activities Committee Antillean Adventist University
 2004-06 Distance Education and Technology Committee Antillean Adventist University
 1998-04 Lawrence SDA Church Board, MI. Treasurer and elder.
 2003-04 Coordinator for Hispanic Youth Ministries, Berrien Springs, MI.
 2002-03 SDA Seminary Spiritual Life Committee, MI.
 2001-02 SDA Seminary Doctoral Association, MI.
 2001 Student Life Ad Hoc Committee, MI.
 1998-99 SDA Seminary MDiv Forum, MI.
 1995-97 Bella Vista Church Board, PR. Member.
 1996-97 Medical Cadets Corps Chaplain Coordinator for Western Puerto Rico.
 1994-95 Class 1995 Universidad Adventista de las Antillas, PR. President.
 1994-95 Student Ministerial Association UAA, PR. President.
 1993-94 Student Ministerial Association UAA, PR. Publications Editor.
 1988-90 Student Council at Northwest SDA Academy. President/Publications Editor.
 1985-1993 Arenales SDA Church Board. Member.

Ministerial Experience

2006	Ordained to ministry by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church
1997-04	Ministerial Involvement in Church Plant at Lawrence MI.
1995-97	Associate Pastor at Mayaguez Sur and Bella Vista, P.R.
1994	Church Planter at Orocovis, P.R.
1993	Evangelist at Ingenio Azucarero Quisqueña, DR.
1993	Internship at UAA
1989-93	First Elder Arenales, Isabela PR.
1987-93	Director of Lay Activities Arenales, Isabela PR.
1985-90	Youth Activities Director Arenales, Isabela PR.

Ministerial and Community Involvement

- Main speaker and host in television program for Nuevo Tiempo: *Evidencias*
- Anchorman at the television program for 3ABN Latino *Ciencia 360*
- Weekly counseling to couples and at-risk youth
- Bible studies (individual/small group)
- Coordination of Children's Ministries and Family Life at the local church
- Leader at Eager beavers, Adventurers, and Pathfinders clubs
- Preaching in area churches and local church
- Evangelistic Meetings series every six months
- During the year: lectures, sermons, evangelistic meetings, youth rallies, AY meetings, campmeetings, prayer conferences, marriage retreats, spiritual retreats and seminars internationally.

Publications

- “Malachi” in the *International Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary* (forthcoming 2018)
- “Haggai” in *The Andrews Bible Commentary* (forthcoming 2017)
- Editorial in *TeoBiblica* (Spring 2016)
- “Excellence in Ministerial and Theological Education in *TeoBiblica* (Spring 2015)
- Editorial in *TeoBiblica* (Spring 2015)
- “En una cumbre que no es solitaria: en el Seminario Teológico de la División Interamericana” at *Ministerio*, 2015.
- “Los Reyes de Oriente” *Prioridades* Diciembre 2015.
- “A story of migrants and God's grace” *Adventist World* (July 2015).
- “Messenger or Messengers” The Messenger that Has a Message about a Messenger that Announces the Messenger,” in *The End from the Beginning*: Festschrift honoring Merling Alomía, eds. Benjamín Rojas, Teófilo Correa, Leal Caesar y Joel Turpo (Lima, Peru: Fondo Editorial Universidad Peruana Unión, 2015), 159-175.
- Editor of *Teobiblica*, editorial work and two articles in the Festschrift issue dedicated to Angel M. Rodriguez (Spring 2015).
- “Reading Malachi with a Queen: The other side of Hadassah's story” Festschrift Angel M. Rodriguez (Biblical Research Committee, 2015)
- “One Building, Many Stories” *Encounter Magazine*, Vol 11, Issue 3, July 2015.
- Contributions at *Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* Ed. Denis Fortin and Jerry Moon (Hagerstown, MD: Review & Herald, 2013).
- Buscadme y Vivireis* (Miami, FL: APIA, 2013).
- “Reyes y recuerdos” in *Al aire del Espíritu* Ed. Ramón Gelabert y Víctor Armenteros (Libertador San Martín: Universidad Adventista del Plata, 2013).
- “Reyes y recuerdos” in Festschrift Roberto Badenas (Madrid: AEGUAE, 2012).
- “The Persian Period and the Origins of Israel: Beyond the "Myths" in *Critical Issues in Early Israelite History* (ed. Richard Hess, Gerald Klingbeil, and Paul Ray Jr.; BBRSup 3; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2008).
- An Archaeological Reading of Malachi*. Ph.D. Dissertation, Andrews University, (2008).

- “Murder or deserved death? Ministry under fire,” Ministry, International Journal for Pastors, October 2008.
- “Doctrine, Importance of” in *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia*. Denis Fortin and Jerry Moon, editors. Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald, (2008).
- “¿Está vacía la tumba de Jesús?” in *El Centinela*, year 111, No. 5 (May 2007), pp.8-10.
- “Judas: ¿Un nuevo evangelio?” *Ministerio Adventista*, year 63, No. 4 (July-August, 2006), pp. 23-24.
- “Cuando sube el nivel de las aguas” *Prioridades para Hoy*, año 2, No. 9 (septiembre, 2006), pp. 18-19.
- *Material Culture of the Bible* Book review *Near Eastern Archaeological Society Bulletin* 2003.
- “2003 Periodical Review” *Near Eastern Archaeological Society Bulletin* 2003.
- “La tribu: hacia una eclesiología basada en las Escrituras Hebreas” *Pensar La Iglesia Hoy* Festschrift in Honor of Raoul Federen. Edited by G. A. Klingbeil, M.G. Klingbeil and M.A. Nuñez. Editorial Universidad Adventista de la Plata: Argentina, 2002.
- “Sumu-Ebuh, the Great King of Halab (Aleppo)” *Near Eastern Archaeological Society Bulletin* 2002.
- “2002 Periodical Review” *Near Eastern Archaeological Society Bulletin* 2002.
- “Por Todo Lo Alto” *Cumbres*, 1996.

Publications in Progress:

- “Malachi” in the *International Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*
- Interviews on newspapers and popular magazines
- Occasional Papers: Antillean Adventist Theological Society
- Journal articles and book reviews

Areas of Academic Competence

- Near Eastern Archaeology (emphasis on Syria Palestine)
- Ancient Near Eastern History (emphasis on Persian Period in the Levant)
- Studies on the Hebrew Bible and Exegesis
- Social/Anthropological Studies and the Hebrew Bible
- Leadership and Administration
- Youth Counseling/Contemporary Culture
- Homiletics

References:

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