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## **Education**

*Graduate Theological Union- Berkeley, California*

Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Allied Field: Art and Religion, Theological Aesthetics

Dissertation Title: "*Beautified by the Spirit: Community Murals as a Liberative Source for Constructive Pneumatology*"

Degree: PhD, May 2016

*Saint Louis University - Madrid, Spain*

Major: Spanish Literature

Degree: MA, May 2008

*Graduate Theological Union- Berkeley, California*

Major: Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Degree: MA, May 2007

*Loyola Marymount University- Los Angeles, California*

Majors: Theological Studies and Spanish

Minor: Philosophy

Dual Degree: BA, Cum Laude May 2004

## **Research Interests**

U.S. Latino/a Theology and Religion, Chicano/a studies, Latino/a Literature

## **Professional Employment**

*Visiting Scholar, Southern Methodist University- Dallas, Texas*

Post-doctoral research and teaching fellow 2016-2017. Duties: Focus on scholarly research and publication through the support of the Louisville Institute. Various tasks associated with co-teaching a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts level seminar.

Supervisor: Edwin Aponte, PhD- Executive Director of the Louisville Institute

*Teacher in Religious Studies Department, Mercy High School- San Francisco, California*

Full-time teaching position 2008-2011. Duties: Teaching first and third year students, various tasks associated with teaching including counseling and advising students.

Supervisor: Principal Dorothy McCrea, Ed.D.

*Research Assistant, Graduate Theological Union- Berkeley, California*

Part-time position 2004-2006. Duties: Indexed various articles and documents, compiled reading packets, transcribed interviews for research projects.

Supervisor: Eduardo Fernandez, S.J., S.T.D. - Professor of Pastoral Theology

*Resident Minister, University of San Francisco- San Francisco, California*

Part-time position 2004-2006. Duties: providing counseling to undergraduate students, planning of events and retreats, engaged the students in community service opportunities; provide a pastoral presence in the residence halls.

Supervisor: Mrs. Danielle Trimiew

*Research Assistant, Loyola Marymount University- Los Angeles, California*

Part-time position 2002-2003. Duties: Indexed various articles and documents, edited and corrected undergraduate student essays and exams, compiled reading packets.

Supervisor: Jennifer Eich, Ph.D. – Professor in the Department of Modern Languages

### **Awards and Fellowships**

University of Notre Dame- ILS Young Scholars Symposium	April 2017
Latin American Studies Association, Travel Grant	April 2017
Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship	2016-2017
Graduate Theological Union Travel Award	2015-2016
Forum for Theological Exploration Doctoral Fellow	2015-2016
Hispanic Theological Initiative/Luce Dissertation Scholar	2015-2016
Graduate Theological Union Travel Award	2014-2015
Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellow	2012-2014
Graduate Theological Union Newhall Fellowship Award	2012-2014
Hispanic Theological Initiative Doctoral Fellow	2011-2014

### **Certificates**

Graduate Theological Union Women's Studies in Religion	Apr 2012
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### **Academic Presentations**

University of Notre Dame- ILS Young Scholars Symposium "Beautified by the Spirit: Towards a Latino/a Constructive Pneumatology"	April 2017
SMU Perkins School of Theology, Faculty Colloquium "Beauty in the Barrio: Community Murals as Popular Religion"	Nov 2016
SMU Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions "Hispanics and Theological Education"	Nov 2016
Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Colloquia "Reimagining the <i>Imago Dei</i> : Insights of Sandra Cisneros"	Jun 2016

University of San Francisco, Guest Lecturer "Religión Popular y la Estética Teológica como fuente de liberación"	Mar 2016
Santa Clara University, Guest Lecturer "Popular Religion"	May 2015
Las Hermanas: An Interdisciplinary Symposium "Black Madonnas: Mary as Mediatrix and the Role of Inculturation"	Mar 2015
Loyola Marymount University, Guest Lecturer "The Future is Mestizo"	Feb 2015
AAR Latino Religion, Culture, & Society Group; Session Moderator "Decolonizing Pedagogies Project: Senses, Bodies, and Education"	Nov 2014
American Academy of Religion Conference, Western Region "The <i>Cuy</i> of Christ: Visual Culture & the Articulation of Andean-Christian Religious Identity in the New World"	Mar 2014
University of San Francisco, Guest Lecturer "Ideología, conocimiento, y la mediación socioanalítica"	Mar 2014
AAR Latino Religion, Culture, & Society Group; Session Moderator "The Shifting Lens of Gendering"	Nov 2013
University of San Francisco, Guest Lecturer "Liberation Theology: The Role of Gender"	Nov 2013
Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians Colloquium Panel "ACHTUS Through the Generations" with Allan Figueroa Deck, S.J. and Miguel Diaz, PhD	June 2013
Women's Studies in Religion Conference Presentation "A Womanist Contribution to Cosmic Hope"	Mar 2013
<b>Professional Affiliations</b>	
GEMRIP Argentina, International Member	2016- current
Latina/o Studies Association, Member	2016- current
Catholic Theological Society of America, Associate Member	2015- current
Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Member	2012- current
American Academy of Religion, Member	2011- current
La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion, Member	2011- current

## **Service to the Academy**

ACHTUS Board, Member-at-Large	2016-current
ACHTUS Communications Committee, Member	2015- current
La Comunidad Scholars of Religion, Committee Member-at-Large	2015-current
AAR Latino Religion, Culture, & Society Group Steering Committee Member	2013- current

## **Service to the University**

GTU Women's Studies in Religion Steering Committee Member	2012- 2014
GTU Student Advisory Committee Member	2012- 2014
GTU Latino Doctoral Group, Member & Coordinator	2011- 2014

## **Service to the Church**

University of Dallas, Neuhoff School of Ministry	
Day of Reflection: Encountering God & Ignatian Spirituality	March 2017
Diocese of Orange Diocesan Ministries Celebration	Oct 2015
English workshop: "Encountering God in Daily Life"	
Spanish workshop: "La Experiencia de Dios en lo cotidiano"	

## **Service to Community Organizations**

LAM Los Angeles Chapter, Ambassador	2015-current
LAM Latino Professionals Network, Member	2011-current
Loyola Marymount University Alumni Reunion Committee Member	2014-2015
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Bay Area Volunteer	2011-2014
Hispanic Scholarship Fund Alumni Volunteer	2010-2012

## **Media Presence**

<i>Hispanic News Online- Interviewed by Jose David Cantu</i>	Oct 2015
Hispanic Heritage Month #30430 Series	
<i>Forum for Theological Exploration</i>	June 2015
Blog post: "Racism: The Most Sinful of Legacies"	
<i>Currents Graduate Theological Union's Magazine</i>	Fall 2015
Article written on my work: "Beauty That Empowers"	

## **Languages**

Bilingual: Spanish and English  
Reading Knowledge: French and Italian