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EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D., Practical Theology, Boston University School of Theology
2007 M.Div., Boston University School of Theology, *summa cum laude*
2001 B.A., Religion, University of Southern California, East Asian Studies minor

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Teaching

2015-present Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, California State University, Northridge
2013 Instructor, Boston University School of Theology

Research Assistant

2013, 2014 Research Assistant, Finding Faith Today Research Project, Boston University
2011–2012 Research Assistant, Center for Practical Theology, Boston University
2008–2010 Research Assistant to Mary Daly, radical feminist philosopher, Boston, MA

WORK AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

2008–present Feminism and Religion (feminismandreligion.com), Co-founder, Co-director, international online project
2008–2015 The Pub Church, Co-founder and Lead Facilitator, Boston, MA
2007–2009 Congregational Research and Development, Program Coordinator, Center for Practical Theology, Boston University
2004–2007 Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence (SUPE), Intern, Center for Practical Theology, Boston University
2003–2004 Hope Street Family Center, Education Coordinator, California Hospital Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
1996–2003 P.F. Bresee Foundation, Education Coordinator, Los Angeles, CA

PUBLICATIONS

In process “The Emerging Church Movement from a Feminist Practical Theological Perspective,” co-authored with Gerardo Martí, and “Race and Gender: Troubling the Category of Inclusion in the Emerging Church” in *The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion*, eds. Randall Reed and Michael Zbaraschuk (Cascade Books), under contract.

- In press "I Dream Myself a Revolutionary," essay in co-edited manuscript, with Gina Messina-Dysert, *Women, Religion, Revolution* (Feminist Studies in Religion Press), forthcoming.
- 2017 "To Be Comrades *en La Lucha*," *Insights: the Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary*, Volume 132 Number 2 Spring 2017.
- 2016 "Pyrotheology and Evangelical Theology" in *Modern Believing – A Journal of Theological Liberalism*, special issue on Pyrotheology (Liverpool University Press), Volume 57 Issue 4.
- 2016 "A Feminist Analysis of the Emerging Church" in *The Emerging Church: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, eds. Mike Clawson and April Stace Vega (Pickwick Publications).
- 2016 "The Listening Guide: A Practical Tool for Listening Deeply to the Body of Christ" in *Perspectivas*, Thirteenth Issue, spring.
- 2015 "Participating for Transformation in Online Space" published as part of "Roundtable: Feminism, Religion, and the Internet," *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Vol. 31, No. 2, Fall 2015, pp. 163-167.
- 2014 "Being Undone by the Other: Feminisms, Blogs, and Critique" in *Feminism and Religion in the 21st Century: Utilizing Technology to Expand Borders* ed. Rosemary Radford Ruether and Gina Messina-Dysert (Routledge).

Book Reviews

- 2016 Review of *Wiley Companion to Latino/a Theology*, ed. Orlando Espin. Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion (online).
- 2012 Review of *Feminist Christian Encounters: The Methods and Strategies of Feminist Informed Christian Theologies* by Angela Pears. *Theology & Sexuality*
- 2009 Review of *Jesus in the Hispanic Community: Images of Christ from Theology to Popular Religion*, ed. Harold J. Recinos and Hugo Magallanes. *Practical Matters*

SCHOLARLY PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

- 2016 "Race and Gender: Troubling the Category of Inclusion in the Emerging Church" Paper presentation for The Emerging Church, Millennials and Religion research seminar, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2016.
- 2015 Respondent to panel "What Is the Emerging Church? Definitions and Constructions?" American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2015
- 2014 "Is the Emerging Church Important from a Feminist Practical Theological Perspective?" Paper presentation for the Critical Research on Religion Group American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2014
- 2014 "From Student, to Hedge Hag, to Friend: Life on the Boundary with Mary Daly." Paper presentation for the Women's Caucus American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 2014
- 2014 "Latino/a Issues, Approaches, and Contributions in Practical Theology." Invited panelist, Center for Practical Theology Boston University, October 2014
- 2014 Response to Ignacio Castuera, "Queering the Latino Family." *Raíces Latinas* Week, Boston University School of Theology, March 2014

- 2014 “Radical Feminist Theologies and the Emerging Church.” Panelist presentation for *A Revolutionary Moment: Women’s Liberation in the Late 1960s and early 1970s* conference, Boston University, March 2014
- 2011 “Goddess Studies II: Goddess Theology and Feminist Embodiments.” Panelist, Western Region American Academy of Religion, March 2011
- 2011 “Mary Daly Study Day.” Invited panelist, Boston College Theology Department, March 2011
- 2010 “Con-Questioning Mary Daly: Building on the Wisdom of our Foresisters.” Guest speaker, Anna Howard Shaw Center Boston University, November 2010
- 2010 “Celebrating and Cerebrating Mary Daly (1928–2010).” Invited panelist, Women and Religion Section American Academy of Religion, November 2010
- 2010 “Scripture in the Public Life: Reading/Performing the Text as Engagement.” Panelist, Wesleyan Theological Society, March 2010

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2016, 2017 Workshop instructor for Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) Summer Institute: “Commanding the Classroom,” “Teaching Assistantship Preparation,” “Living Document,” and “You Can’t Spell Teaching without TA.” Princeton, NJ.
- 2016 “Re-Imagining Communion: Radical Listening and Making the Body Whole” in *Bearings: blog of the Bangor Theological Seminary*, posted March 4, 2016
- 2015 “Rethinking Church, Communally and Creatively” in *Bearings: blog of the Bangor Theological Seminary*, posted October 7, 2015
- 2015 Invited conference speaker, “Integrating Sexuality and Spirituality as a Paradigm for Wholeness/Wellness/Authenticity,” in Sexuality and Spirituality Conference, Metropolitan Community Church, upcoming, October 16, 2015
- 2015 Invited guest, Women’s Alliance of Theology, Ethics & Ritual teleconference, to discuss upcoming book, *Feminism and Religion in the 21st Century: Utilizing Technology to Expand Borders*, May 6, 2015
- 2014 Workshop Leader, “Embodying the Good News for a New Generation,” in the Midst of New Dimensions Conference, October 4, 2014
- 2014 Conference Speaker, “Queering Youth Ministry,” Progressive Youth Ministry Conference, March 19-21, 2014
- 2013 Respondent to Carolyn Browning Helsel, Emory University and Boston College, “Queering ‘Straight’ Preaching: Between a Why and a How Through the Hermeneutic of (Mis)Recognition,” Boston Queer Theology Forum, November 2013.
- 2012 Invited Participant, Boston College Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue, “Women and Interreligious Dialogue” September 20-22, 2012

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY AND THE COMMUNITY

- 2016-present Faculty Mentor, Pathways to the Professoriate Program, Mellon-funded research project at California State University, Northridge.
- 2016 Advisory member, Visioning Conference Committee, *Feminist Studies in Religion Forum*, scheduled for June 2017.

- 2015–present Advisory Board Member, Theology for the People series, Fortress Press
- 2014–present Steering Committee Member, Emerging Church, Millennials and Religion Research Seminar, American Academy of Religion
- 2013–present Steering Committee Member, Practical Theology group, American Academy of Religion
- 2013–present Board Member, Disciples Home Missions, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- 2013–2015 Steering Committee Member, Lesbian Feminist Issues in Religion group, American Academy of Religion
- 2013–2014 Conference Planning and Program Committee Member, A Revolutionary Moment: Women’s Liberation in the Late 1960s and Early 1970s, Boston University, March 2014

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 2014 Reverend Dr. Allen J. Moore School of the Prophets Scholarship, Boston University School of Theology
- 2014 Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium/Luce Dissertation Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2014 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2014 Visiting Scholar, Wesleyan Center, Point Loma Nazarene University, June 2014
- 2013 Springboard Dissertation Research Funding for the study of U.S. Emerging Churches, Boston University School of Theology
- 2013 Reverend Earle R. and Dr. Millie Beane Scholarship, Boston University School of Theology
- 2009 Hester Ann Beebe Fellowship, Boston University School of Theology
- 2009 Center for Practical Theology Congregational Research Travel Grant for study of Pub Churches in England and Wales, U.K.
- 2007–2010 Center for Practical Theology Academic Fellowship, Boston University
- 2008 Faith Trust Institute Sermon Contest Finalist, “Addressing Sexual and Domestic Violence in a Religious Context,” Honorable Mention
- 2008 Mary McLeod Bethune Ethnic Scholarship, Boston University
- 2008 Frank D. and Bertha Howard Fellowship, Boston University
- 2007 The Jacob Sleeper and David H. Tribou Fellowship, Boston University
- 2007 Student Leadership Society, Boston University School of Theology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2005–present American Academy of Religion
- 2006–present Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), candidate for ordination
- 2009–2011 International Association of Practical Theology

LANGUAGES

Spanish fluency
Qualitative Research Methods