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## **Educational Background**

### **Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago**

Ph.D., Church History, June 2003

Specialization: U.S. Religious History

Dissertation: "Shifting the Discursive Space: A Postcolonial Approach to U.S. Religious Historiography"

### **Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago**

Th.M., June 2001

### **Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico**

M.A. Religion, Magna Cum Laude, May 1999

### **University of Puerto Rico**

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, May 1997

Major: Social Sciences--Puerto Rican Studies

Minor: Psychology

## **Professional and Academic Positions**

### **Mary Harris Intermediate School**

#### **Crowley Independent School District**

Fifth and Sixth Grade Dual Language Teacher (August 2016 – Present)

### **University of Phoenix**

Associate Online Faculty (June 2010 – Present)

### **Meadowbrook Elementary**

#### **Fort Worth Independent School District**

Third and Fourth Grade Dual Language Enrichment Teacher (August 2012 – June 2016)

### **Azusa Pacific Online University**

Associate Faculty (March 2012 – January 2016)

### **Texas Christian University**

Assistant Professor, Department of Religion (August 2005 – May 2010)

**Hispanic Summer Program**

Faculty, Understanding the Religious History of the U.S Latina/o Community (Summer 2008)

**DePaul University**

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies (July 2004 – June 2005)

**Austin College**

Visiting Lilly Scholar in Religion & Southwestern Mexican Studies (August 2003 – July 2004)

**Hispanic Theological Initiative**

Research Director, Discovering the Silences: The Latin American Religious Bibliographical Project, (April 2003 – July 2004)

**Inter American University of Puerto Rico**

Instructor, Liberal Arts Faculty (August 2002 – May 2003)

**Hispanic Summer Program**

Teaching Assistant, Protestantism and Popular Religion (July 2001)

**Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico**

Research Assistant, Center for the Support of Women's Ministries, (1998 – 1999)

**Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico**

Student Library Assistant (1997-1999)

**Proyecto de Confinados Universitarios**

Volunteer Instructor, University Courses in Prison (1997 – 1999)

**University of Puerto Rico**

Student Assistant, Main Library (1994-1997)

## **Grants and Fellowships**

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Fellowship,

“Storytelling as a Pedagogical Tool within an Introductory Classroom,” 2009-10.

2007 Junior Scholar Grant by the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies

Research and Creative Activities Fund at Texas Christian University for the project

“Latina/o Muslims in the United States” (June 2006 – May 2007)

Hispanic Theological Initiative Scholar (1997-2003)

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar (1998-99 and 2000-2001)

Graduate Full Tuition Scholarship (1997-2003)

## Academic Honors

Independent Scholar Book Lecture – Hispanic Theological Initiative (2015)  
 Teacher Appreciation Award – Texas Christian University Intercultural Banquet (2007)  
 Dean's List (1994-1999)  
 AAR/SBL Minorities Recruitment Conference (1998)

## Publications

*Made in the Margins: Latina/o Constructions in US Religious History* (Waco: Baylor University Press, 2013).

“Religion and Politics,” in *Religion and Ethics: Issues in 21st Century North America*, ed. by Paul O. Myhre (Winona, Minnesota: Anselm Press, 2013).

“The Act of Remembering: The Reconstruction of U.S. Latina/o Identities by U.S. Latina/o Muslims,” in *Decolonizing Epistemologies: Latina/o Theology and Epistemology*, ed. by Ada María Isasi-Díaz and Eduardo Mendieta (New York: Fordham University Press, 2011), 127-150.

“Las Casas, Bartholome,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. by David A. S. Fergusson, Karen Kilby, Ian McFarland and Iain Torrance (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).

“Alianza Islámica,” “PIEDAD,” and “Latino American Dawah Organization,” Entries in *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History* (New York: Facts On File, 2010).

“Conversion and the Re-construction of Identity: The Case of U.S. Latina/o Muslims,” *Apuntes* 29, no. 3 (Fall 2009), 84-102.

*Latina/o y Musulmán: The Construction of Latina/o Identity among Latina/o Muslims in the United States* (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2010).

“Islam,” *Hispanic American Religious Cultures*, ed. Miguel A. De La Torre (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2009), 306-309.

“LADO,” *Hispanic American Religious Cultures*, ed. Miguel A. De La Torre (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2009), 308.

“Mama Leo (1912-2006),” *Hispanic American Religious Cultures*, ed. Miguel A. De La Torre (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2009), 431.

“The De-construction of Latino Maleness: Postcolonizing Machismo,” *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*. May 2009. <http://www.latinotheology.org/>

“Finding Enlightenment: U.S. Latina/o's Journey to Islam,” *Journal of Latino-Latin American Studies* 3, no. 2 (Winter 2008), 57-71.

“Pain and Tears: Moving Beyond the Politics of Education, A Brief Response to Jack Hill,” *Teaching Theology & Religion* 12, no. 1 (January 2009), 16-18.

“The Postcolonizing Project: Constructing a Decolonial Imaginary from the Borderlands,” *Journal of World Christianity* 1, no. 2 (January 2009), 1-28.

- “Bartolomé de las Casas,” *Empire & the Christian Tradition: New Readings of Classical Theologians*, eds. Don H. Compier, Kwok Pui Lan and Joerg Rieger (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007), 201-214.
- Review of *King Tiger: The Religious Vision of Reies López Tijerina*, by Rudy V. Busto, *Pneuma* 29, no. 1 (June 2007), 150-151.
- “The Latin American Religious Studies Bibliographical Project: Final Report,” *Perspectivas: Hispanic Theological Initiative Occasional Paper Series* (Fall 2005), 39-53.
- “Breaking the Established Scaffold: Imagination as a Resource in the Development of Biblical Interpretation,” *Her Master’s Tools? Feminist and Post-Colonial Engagements of Historical-Critical Discourse*, ed. Todd Penner and Caroline Vander Stichele (SBL Global Perspectives on the Bible 9; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature and Leiden: Brill, 2005), 71-91.
- “Dis-covering the Silences: A Postcolonial Critique to U.S. Religious Historiography,” *New Horizons in Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology*, ed. Benjamín Valentín (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2003), 50-78.
- “Postcolonial Criticism in Biblical Interpretation: A Response to Efraín Agosto,” *Perspectivas: Hispanic Theological Initiative Occasional Paper Series* (Fall 2002), 57-63.
- “Dancing on the Edge,” *Brand new dance, 2001 playbook: Resources for youth ministry* (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2000).
- “El enemigo de la falsificación: Comentario a la obra *Yo soy el enemigo* de Juan Ángel Silén,” *El escritor censurado*, ed. Juan Ángel Silén (San Juan: Impresos Emmanuelli, 1998).

### **Presentations & Papers**

- “Where Do We Fit? A Critical Assessment on the Status of U.S. Latina/o Religious Historiography,” Paper presented as part of the Annual Meeting of CEHILA USA (May 22, 2009)
- “Re-Reading and Re-Writing: History as Text,” Paper presented as part of the conference Texts and Otherness: Politics, Empire, and Post-Secularism in Religious Studies” sponsored by the Center of Jewish Studies at Baylor University (May 2, 2009)
- “Dis-covering a Historical Consciousness: U.S. Latina/o Muslims Re-construct Latina/o Identity,” Address to the faculty of Perkins School of Theology, sponsored by The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions (April 6, 2009)
- “Dis-covering Memory, Re-constructing Historical Consciousness: Reconfiguring U.S. Latino/a Identity,” Paper presented as part of the Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium VIII, “Decolonizing Epistemology: New Knowing in Latino/a Philosophy and Theology,” sponsored by Drew University (November 21, 2008)

- “Deconstructing the Boundaries of Knowledge: Moving Beyond Museum Education,” Paper presented as part of the conference “On the Boundary” sponsored by the Center of Jewish Studies at Baylor University (October 27, 2008)
- “U.S. Latina/o Muslims,” Presentation as part of the Interdisciplinary Dialogues at Perkins School of Theology (October 14, 2008)
- “Empire and Race: Perspective from a Puerto Rican in the U.S.,” Paper presented in the Ethics, Society, & Cultural Analysis Section of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies as part of the panel "Empire, Race and Gender" (March 15, 2008)
- “Beyond the Storyline,” Respondent as part of the panel "Decentering American Religious Historiography from the Latino/Latin American Periphery" at the American Society of Church History 2008 Winter Meeting (January 4, 2008)
- “Reversion as a Process for the Re-Construction Latina/o Identity: The Story of Latina/o Muslims in the United States,” Paper presented in the Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 18, 2007)
- “Postcolonizing Empire: Response to Ulrich Duchrow,” Paper presented at the Postcolonial Theology Symposium at Southern Methodist University (October 4, 2007)
- “Challenging and Re-Constructing U.S. Latina/o Identity: Talking About Latina/o Muslims in the United States,” Paper presented at the 2007 Latin American Studies Association Congress (September 5, 2007)
- "We Are Also Here: Latina/o Muslims responses to the War," Paper at the 2007 Annual Lecture of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Theological Seminary (June 30, 2007)
- "Being in the Middle: Justice Across Borders," Keynote address at the 2006-2007 Annual Lecture in Hispanic/Latino Theology and Missions, Concordia Seminary (March 14, 2007)
- “Uncovering Blackness in Puerto Rican Pentecostalism: Review of *Masked Africanism*,” at the Diversity Symposium - Two Studies of Pentecostalism in the African Diaspora: Sociological and Theological Considerations, 2007 Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Lee University (March 8, 2007)
- "Retelling, New Directions or New Perspectives? Writing the Other as a Historical Subject" Paper at the AAR: History of Christianity Section of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (March 4, 2007)
- “Encountering Oneself in the Classroom: Beyond the Politics of Education,” Response paper at the AAR: Ethics, Society, & Cultural Analysis Section of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies as part of the panel "Borderlands as Transformative Pedagogical Resource: Re-Envisioning the Teaching of Social Ethics” (March 3, 2007)
- “The De-Construction of Latino Maleness: Postcolonizing *Machismo*,” Paper in the Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group at the AAR Annual Meeting (November 20, 2005)

- “Building a Borderland in the Classroom: Pedagogy for the Analysis of Religion in the Borderlands,” Paper in the Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section at the AAR Annual Meeting (November 22, 2004)
- “Borderlands: Beyond the Geographical Space,” Paper at *Whose Border is It and Why Should I Care* Panel, Austin College (November 3, 2003)
- “The Imagination of an Imaginary: Theory and Method from/for the Borderlands,” Paper Presented at the History of World Christian Movement Meeting, Fuller Theological Seminary (October 16-18, 2003)
- “El Establecimiento del Reino: Camino del Presente,” Presentation of the book *La Iglesia, Signo y Primicia del Reino*, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (May 2003)
- “Caminando hacia la Justicia: Conversando con José David Rodríguez Hernández,” Presentation of the book *Justicia en Nombre de Dios: Confesando la fe desde la Perspectiva Hispano/Latina*, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR (March 2003)
- “Postcolonial Criticism in Biblical Interpretation: A Response to Efraín Agosto,” Hispanic Theological Initiative West Regional Meeting, Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO (February 2002)
- “Recursos técnicos útiles en la educación teológica,” Conferencia de Seminaristas Latinos(as) Luteranos(as); Event sponsored by the Hispanic/Latino Program of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (August 2000)
- “Dejando que Dios Hable a través de las Generaciones Desconocidas,” Sembrando la Semilla del Evangelio en Nuestra Juventud y Niñez; Event sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Division for Congregational Ministries and the Christian Education and Evangelism Team (November 1999)

### **Professional/Academic Activities**

- Editorial Advisory Board, *The Journal of World Christianity* (2006 – Present)
- Steering Committee, AAR Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group (2006 – 2011)
- Convener, Hispanic Theological Initiative’s Latina/o Pre-Doctoral Conference (2006 – 2010)
- Consultant, American Pentecostalism’s Engagement with Race and Ethnicity: Historical Realities & Theological Perspectives – Arlene Sánchez Walsh, Project Manager (2008 – 2010)
- Member, Leave/Load Committee, Department of Religion, Texas Christian University (2006 – 2010)
- Founder and Member, Latina/o Studies Minor Advisory Committee (2008 – 2010)
- Advisory Member, History of the World Christian Movement Consultation (2002 – 2008)
- Participant, 2008-2009 Colloquy on Teaching and Learning for Latino/a Faculty at Colleges, Universities, and Theological Schools; sponsored by the Wabash Center.
- Main Researcher in Puerto Rico, Santidad, Sanación, y Salvación: Reimagining Latino Evangelicalism – Arlene Sánchez Walsh, Project Manager (2006 – 2008)

Workshop co-leader with Dr. Sharon Ringe, Mentors Training, at the Hispanic Theological Initiative 2007 Summer Workshop, Princeton Theological Seminary.  
 Project Advisory Group, Borderlands Research Project – Jack Hill, Project Manager (2006 – 2007)  
 Member, Curriculum and Assessment Committee, DePaul University (September 2004 – May 2005)

## References

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