

## TERESA A. YUGAR

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### TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Transnational Feminism, Latin American Feminist Epistemologies & Movements, Ecofeminist Theories & Praxis  
My teaching and research examine transnational ecological movements with a particular focus on issues that relate to border, migration, and climate-justice as well as incoming and outgoing migratory patterns along the Southern United States border including Mexico, Central America, and Latin America.

### ACADEMIC TRAINING

- 2013 Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University, Women's Studies in Religion  
Dissertation: "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Feminist Reconstruction of Biography and Text"  
Expertise: Gender and Colonial Latin American History
- 1997 M.Div., Harvard University, Theology  
Thesis: "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: The Rise of a Latina Feminist Theologian"  
Expertise: Feminist Theology
- 1993-1994 Fulbright Scholar, *El Seminario Bíblico Latinoamericano*, San Jose, Costa Rica
- 1992 B.A., Mount St. Mary's University, Psychology & Minor in Leadership  
Magna Cum Laude

### ACADEMIC HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019 California State University, Los Angeles, College of Natural and Social Sciences Lecturer Annual Periodic Evaluation, "Outstanding"
- 2019 California State University, Los Angeles, College of Arts & Letters Lecturer Evaluation, "Commendable"
- 2018 Nominated to write a Ted Ed Script of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz for their Celebrating Women Series
- 2018 Sr. Madeleva Wolff, CSC, New Voices Seminar Recipient, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
- 2018 Diploma from the Peruvian Consulate of Los Angeles for my service to the community in reviving the 236-year-old, Jesuit devotion to the Christ Child of Cuzco at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral
- 2017-2018 Faculty Advisor, Center for Service and Action AB Peru Trip: "*Sachamama* Center for Biocultural Regeneration, Protecting soil, regenerating culture in the Peruvian Amazon," Loyola Marymount University, CA
- 2016 California State University, Los Angeles, College of Natural and Social Sciences Lecturer Evaluation, "Commendable," Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 California State University, Los Angeles, College of Arts & Letters Lecturer Evaluation, "Commendable"
- 2010-2012 The Chancellor Doctoral Incentive Program Fellow, California State University, CA
- 2011-2012 Hispanic Theological Initiative Dissertation Fellow, Princeton, NJ
- 2009-2010 Hispanic Theological Initiative Comprehensive Exam Fellow, Princeton, NJ
- 2009-2010 Mary's Pence Scholarship: Funding Women, Changing, Lives, St. Paul, MN
- 2007-2009 Hispanic Theological Initiative Doctoral Fellow, Princeton, NJ
- 2007-2009 Margo Goldsmith Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
- 2003-2004 Bearing Witness Recipient, Anti-Defamation League Holocaust Education, Los Angeles, CA
- 2001-2002 The Holy Land Democracy Project Recipient, The Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles
- 1992 United States Congressional Gold Medal, Washington, D.C.
- 1992 Cornaro Scholarship, Kappa Gamma Pi National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society
- 1992 St. Catherine Medal for Student Achievement, Kappa Gamma Pi National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society, Trenton, MI
- 1992 Presidential Award, Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles, CA
- 1991 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans Fellow, Washington D.C.
- 1988 Girl of San Gabriel Mission, San Gabriel Mission High School, San Gabriel, CA

## GRANTS

- 2019 California State University, Los Angeles (\$1500)  
Instructionally Related Activities Lecturer Grant, “Toxic Tours: Communities for a Better Environment,” in collaboration with colleagues, Dr. Nora Cisneros and Chair Dr. Dolores Delgado Bernal in the Chicana/o & Latina/o Studies Department. The grant will sponsor a bus for sixty-five students from two Environmental Justice classes to go on a Toxic Tour trip sponsored by Communities for a Better Environment (CBE). CBE, “strives to build people’s power in California’s communities of color and low-income communities to achieve environmental health and justice by preventing and reducing pollution and building green, healthy and sustainable communities and environments.”
- 2019 California State University, Los Angeles (\$500)  
“Social Justice Is Environmental Justice: A Model of Innovation, Education and Collaboration”  
In keeping with the university’s strategic pillar of ‘Engagement, Service, & the Public Good’ The Educational Opportunity Program collaborates with the Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies Department to provide students in two Environmental Justice classes with Drinking Water Testing Kits so that they can test the levels of lead, copper, bacteria, nitrate, and chlorine in their homes and larger community.
- 2011 American Academy of Religion Collaborative Research Grant with Dr. Rebecca Moore, Emeritas, of San Diego State University (\$1500)  
“Immigration Reform: Linking the Academy to Activism”  
The funding subsidized a one-day conference for activists and scholars in religion to discuss how they can support each other in their work to advocate for a more humane immigration system in the United States.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present California State University, Los Angeles, CA  
*Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies Department*, Environmental Justice (Face-to-Face & Hybrid), U.S. Latina/o Communities, The Americas, Race and Gender; and Introduction to Principles in Research
- 2018-present California State University, Fullerton, CA  
*Women and Gender Studies Department*, Gender and Globalization
- 2018-present California State University, Bakersfield, CA  
*Religious Studies and Philosophy Departments*, Women, Religion and Sexuality (Online)
- 2018-present San Gabriel Mission (Catholic college preparatory school for girls), San Gabriel, CA  
Religion Teacher
- 2017-2018 Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
*Women’s and Gender Studies*, Feminist Theories, Women in Global Communities and Gender, Race and Sexuality
- 2015-2017 California State University, Los Angeles, CA  
*Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies Department*, Environmental Racism and Migration, Identity, and Religion; *Liberal Studies*, Gender in Science and Introduction to Environmental Humanities; *Women’s, Gender & Sexuality Studies*, Introduction to Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- 2014 California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA  
*Religious Studies*, Environmental Ethics

- 2006-2009 Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA  
*Women's Studies in Religion*, Bi-annual Spanish Reading Group focused on Latin American feminism in collaboration with foremost Catholic Ecofeminist Liberation Theologian, Rosemary Radford Ruether.
- 2002-2006 Sacred Heart of Jesus High School (Catholic college preparatory school for girls), Los Angeles, CA  
Religion Department Chair, Teacher and Campus Minister
- 2001-2002 Cerritos College, Cerritos, CA  
*Philosophy*, Philosophy of Religion
- 1998-2001 Sacred Heart of Jesus High School (Catholic college preparatory school for girls), Los Angeles, CA
- 1997-1998 Connelly School of the Holy Child (Catholic college preparatory school for girls), Bethesda, MD

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2007-2008 Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA  
*Women's Studies in Religion*, Feminist Theologies in North America
- 2007-2008 Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA  
*Women's Studies in Religion*, Gender and Mesoamerican Religion

### RESEARCH

#### PUBLICATIONS: BOOK

- 2014 *Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Feminist Reconstruction of Biography and Text* (Seattle: Wipf & Stock)  
It is in seventy libraries in the United States and was a required text for an "Introduction to Hispanic Studies" course at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

#### BOOK PROJECTS

- 2020 *Valuing Lives: Healing Earth*, co-editor with Teresia Hinga and Sarah Robinson of Santa Clara University and Lilian Dube of the University of San Francisco (Peeters: Belgium). This volume presents diverse voices reflecting on human and environmental wellbeing by naming key actions of women on behalf of nature's flourishing and human justice. The collected essays not only envision a renewed future, but report on integrated, intersectional work toward ecological and human community wholeness in specific, local landscapes.

#### ARTICLES

- 2019 "Eva," *Voices From the Ancestors and Beyond: Chicana/Latina Decolonized Spiritual Expressions* (Tucson, AZ: The University of Arizona Press)
- 2017 "Virgins: Resources for an Eco-Theological Praxis" (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, *Planetary Solidarity: Women's Voices on Christian Doctrine and Global Climate Justice*)
- 2017 "The Enlightened West: The Origins of Climate Change" (Cambridge, MA: *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*)
- 2013 "U.S. Latina Feminist Paradigm: Model of an Inclusive Twenty-First Century Ecclesiology" (New York: Palgrave, *Reimagining With Christian Doctrines: Responding to Global Gender Injustices*)

## IN-PROCESS

- 2020 “Sor Juana, Border-crosser, and Immigration Reform” (UK: Equinox, *Retrieving Subjugated Voices of the Marginalized, Colonized and Displaced*)
- 2020 “*Con-spirando y Circulando Juntas: Weaving and Circling Together: Eco-feminist Contributions from the Global South*” (Belgium: Peeters: *Valuing Lives, Healing Earth*)
- 2019 With LMU student, Jackie Findlay, “Rosemary Radford Ruether: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology” The Netherlands: Brill, *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*)

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 Brett Hendrickson, *The Healing Power of the Santuario de Chimayo: America's Miraculous Church* (Nova Religio Reviews, UC Press)
- 2016 Grace Ji-Sun Kim, *Embracing the Other: The Transformative Spirit of Love* (Atlanta, GA: Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion)

## MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

- 2018 *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*, Villanova, PA
- 2017 *Perspectivas*, Princeton, NJ
- 2016 *Catholic University of America Press*, Washington, D.C.  
Denise DuPont, *St. Francis, Flesh, and the Feminine: The Catholic Ideal of Emilia Pardo Bazán*
- 2016 *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Cambridge, MA
- 2016 *The Hispanic Bulletin*, Liverpool, UK

## BLOGS

- 2019 “Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: #metoo, Ecology, and Immigration” (*Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Bloomington, IN)
- 2017 “Remembering Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz’s Life and Legacy: Champion of Universal and Non-Human Rights” (Ohio: *Feminism and Religion*)
- 2014 “Technology for Enhancing Pedagogy, Engagement and Empowerment in Education: Creating Learning-Friendly Environments” (Indianapolis: *Teaching Theology & Religion*)
- 2013 “Ecofeminism, Technology and Earth Healing” (Cambridge, MA: *Feminism and Religion Forum*)
- 2012 “Social Engagement as Feminist Praxis in the Lives of Patricia A. Reif & Rita Nakashima Brock” (Ohio: *Feminism and Religion*)
- 2011 “Theological Perspectives: Intergenerational Wisdom and Possibilities” (Washington, DC: *New Women/New Church*)

## **STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

- 2019 Jocelyn Vargas, "Life Embracing Death," *Voices from the Ancestors: Xicanx and Latinx Spiritual Expressions and Healing Practices*, edited by Lara Medina and Martha R. Gonzales (Chicago, IL: The University of Arizona Press)
- 2019 Danae Dominguez, "Earth Day 2019: I am Inspired" (*Circulando Juntas: Circling Together*)
- 2019 Lizeth Casillas, "Anne E. Patrick," 1000 Women in Religion Project: Parliament of World Religions
- 2017 Alan Barrera, "The Enlightened West: The Origins of Climate Change" (Cambridge, MA: *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*)

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

- 2019 "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: #metoo, Ecology, and Immigration," History Department, California State University, Los Angeles
- 2019 Earth Day Organizer with Associated Student's Inc., California State University, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 Earth Day Organizer with Associated Student's Inc., California State University, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 "Ecology, Indigenous Goddesses and the Virgin Mary," California State University, Los Angeles, Women's History Month, Liberal Studies Department
- 2014 "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Crosses the Border," California State University, Dominguez Hills, Modern Languages Department, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA
- 2014 "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Feminist Reconstruction of Biography and Text," California State University, Chicano Studies Department, Fullerton, CA

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE FIELD OF WOMEN STUDIES**

- 2016-present Network Advisory Committee, Association of Women's Studies in Religion, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
- 2016-present Board Member, Women's Caucus, American Academy of Religion National, Atlanta, GA
- 2015-present Founding Member, Feminist Studies in Religion Forum, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Cambridge, MA
- 2015-present Steering Committee, Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching and Activism, American Academy of Religion National, Atlanta, GA
- 2014-2016 Dissertation Committee, Marcelle Grano-Williams of the California Institute of Integral Studies, Oakland, CA (Thesis Title: Women's Ordination in the United States: A Comparative Study of Women's Struggle in the Roman Catholic Church, Episcopal Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- 2013-2015 Chair, Women's Caucus, American Academy of Religion National, Atlanta, GA
- 2010-2013 Board Member, The American Academy of Religion Western Region, Santa Clara, CA

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- 2006-2012 Board Member, Dr. Patricia A. Reif Lectureship Committee, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006-2012 Logistics Coordinator, Dr. Patricia A. Reif Lectureship Committee, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 Logistics Coordinator, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Women Studies in Religion, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
- 2006-2009 Board Member, The Women's Ordination Conference, Washington, DC

#### INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Panelist, "U.S. Latinx Environmental Grassroots Movements," National American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
- 2018 Panelist, "Searching the Scriptures – Scrutinizing the Racist Heritage of the Woman's Bible," National American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO
- 2018 "*Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Reconstrucción feminista de la biografía y del texto*," The Grail, Quito, Ecuador
- 2017 Respondent, "The Rapid Erosion of Tenure: 2008-2018," National American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA
- 2017 "*Con-spirando y Circulando Juntas (Weaving and Circling Together): Eco-feminist Contributions from the Global South*, Catholic Theological Society of America, Albuquerque, NM
- 2016 "New Worlds Religious Influence: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz's *Sueño* (Dream) of a More Just World for All," California State University, Los Angeles, Women's History Month, History Department
- 2016 "Mesoamerican Influences in Sor Juana's Life and Texts," California State University, Los Angeles, History Department, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Independent Scholar Book Lecture, "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Feminist Reconstruction of Biography and Text," Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- 2015 "U.S. Latina Feminist Paradigm: Model of an Inclusive Twenty-first Century Ecclesiology," University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX
- 2011 "*La Iglesia: Body of Christ in Today's World and Ivone Gebara: Multiple Bodies, Multiple Crosses, and Multiple Resurrections as a Feminist Paradigm for a U.S. Hispanic Latina/o Ecclesiology*," Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS), San Jose, CA
- 2009 "*Teología en Conjunto: Christian Religious Education, Liberation Theologies and Prophecy*," Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- 2008 "Exploring Leadership in New Communities of Faith: Shifting Paradigms," Call To Action, Chicago, IL
- 2007 "Celebrating Catholic Feminist Ministries: Feminist Theological Education," Women Church Convergence, Chicago, IL
- 1997 "Exploring a Latina Feminist Perspective: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz," Andover Newton Seminary, Newton, MA
- 1994 "The God of Life in Latin America," Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles, CA

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 “Celebrating Rosemary Radford Ruether’s Life and Texts,” American Academy of Religion Western Region, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 “Rosemary Radford Ruether: Her-story and My Quest for Hope and Meaning,” National American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
- 2014 “Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Feminist Reconstruction of Biography and Text,” National American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
- 2014 “The Past, Present, and Future State of the Academic Study of Latino Religion,” American Academy of Religion Western Region, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
- 2013 “*Recuperar el sueño Americano* (Reclaiming the American Dream),” American Academy of Religion Western Region, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 Presider, “Comprehensive Exams: Graduate Student Round-Table,” National American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL
- 2012 “In Memory of Her: Wangari Maathai, Ecofeminist Principles and the World as Sacred Text,” WR, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
- 2010 “Breaking the Border: Creating Inclusive Spaces in Religious Education,” American Academy of Religion Western Region, Arizona State University, Arizona, NV
- 2008 “Scripting Hispanic Women’s Lives,” National American Academy of Religion Western Region, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

## PANEL ORGANIZER

- 2017 “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on *Novohispana* Feminist Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz in the Twenty-first Century,” California State University, Los Angeles, CA  
English, Liberal Studies, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Departments
- 2014 “Roman Catholic Women in North America: A New Model of Ordained Ministry,” Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, San Diego, CA
- 2013 “Translating Theory into Praxis: Strategies for Grassroots Movements and Collaboration Among Allied Communities,” American Academy of Religion Western Region, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2012 “Living Texts: Celebrating Feminist Perspectives on Thea/logy, Authority and the Sacred in the Academy,” American Academy of Religion Western Region, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

## PANEL PRESIDER

- 2019 “Emerging Scholars - Redefining Fields: Considering New Resources,” American Academy of Religion, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
- 2018 “Response-Ability an Emerging Scholars’ Reflections on Keri Day’s Monograph on Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL
- 2017 “Emerging Scholars: Resilience Amidst Vulnerability,” American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA

## CREATIVE WORK

- 2019 Ted Ed Celebrating Women Series, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz
- 2019 “Breaking Free Show/Religious Feminism Podcast,” with Theresa A. Yugar
- 2019 “Latina Feminist Theology” with Theresa A. Yugar, Religious Feminism Podcast, *Exponent 11*

## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

- 2019-2020 Center for Effective Teaching and Learning, California State University, CA  
Association of Colleges and University Educators Recipient: Course in Effective Teaching Practices  
**Badges:** "Teaching Powerful Note-Taking Skills," 10/9/2019; "Delivering an Effective Lecture," 10/6/2019; "Planning an Effective Class Session," 9/10/2019; "Motivating Your Students," 9/8/2019; "Aligning Activities and Assignments with Course Outcomes," 9/1/2019; "Aligning Assessments With Course Outcomes," 8/15/2019; "Checking for Student Understanding," 8/13/2019; "Leading the First Day of Class," 8/6/2019; "Preparing an Effective Syllabus," 8/6/2019; "Connecting With Your Students," 7/24/2019; "Establishing Powerful Learning Outcomes," 5/14/2019.
- 2017-2018 Center for Teaching Excellence, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
**Badges:** “Bridges: Building a Supportive Community,” 5/30/18; “Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Hands-On Technology Workshop,” 2/28/18; “The Who, What, When of Fostering Student Success,” 10/16/17; “Teaching Challenges and Teaching Strategies,” 9/25/17; “I Taught It, but Did They Learn It,” 9/11/17; “Brightspace 101 Fundamentals,” 8/29/17
- 2015-2017 Center for Effective Teaching and Learning, California State University, 2015-2017  
**Badges:** "Writing Smarter Test Questions," Summer 2017; "Active Learning or Mindful Teaching and Learning," Summer 2016; "Countdown to Fall Semester 2016," Summer 2016; "Fall Semester 2016: What to Expect," 7/15/2016; "Adjusting to Semesters," Spring 2016; "T-FleC Space Training," Fall 2016; "Academic Integrity," 4/2/2016; "Online Quizzes and Exams," Summer 2015; "Leveraging Multimedia," 6/10/2015; "Flipped Lecture," 5/5/2015; "Moodle Gradebook," 4/14/2015; "Online Activities and Assignments," 4/14/2015; "Getting Started With Moodle," 4/2/2015
- 2013 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology & Religion, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN  
**Badge:** "Tools for Teaching: Effective Practices for Student Learning"

## COMPETENCY

Canvas, Moodle, Blackboard, Bright Space

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2014-present Catholic Theological Society of America
- 2006-present American Academy of Religion, Regional & National
- 2007-present Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States
- 1995-present Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
- 1995-present Women’s Ordination Conference



## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish: Competency in Speaking, Reading and Writing

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**