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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1999
- M.Div., Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, 1988, *cum laude*
- B.A., Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, 1983

**DISSERTATION**

*In Both Worlds: A History of Hispanic Protestantism in the U.S. Southwest*, 1999.  
Committee: Edwin Sylvest, chair, William Babcock, and William Taylor

**TEACHING—M.Div. and Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry Courses**

- "January Encuentro: Mission in Latino Contexts." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. January 2012, 2013, and 2015. This course was previously titled "Mission in a Multicultural Context" from 2001–2008.
- "Introduction to Missiology." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2011-2015. This course was previously titled "Mission in Latino/a Contexts" in 2009, "Mission in a Multicultural Context" from 2007-2008 and "Missiology in a Multicultural Context" from 2001-2005.
- "Theologies of Liberation." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2011, Fall 2014.
- "Formative Traditions in American Christianity." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Co-taught with Alan Gregory in Spring 2003 and Spring 2004. Taught in Fall 2004, Spring 2007, Fall 2010-2012.
- "United Methodist Doctrine and Polity." M.Div. course at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Fall 2010.
- "Latino Religion and Culture in Film." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 2009. Fall 2012.
- "Mission in Latino/a Contexts." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2009.
- "The Making and Remaking of Christianity I." M.Div. introductory church history course at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2009.
- "Our Lady of Guadalupe." M.Div. independent study at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 2008.
- "History of U.S. Hispanic Christianity." M.Div. independent study at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2008.
- "Mission in Multicultural Contexts." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. January and Spring 2007 and 2008.
- "History of the United Methodist Church." M.Div. course at Austin Presbyterian Theological

- Seminary. Fall 2003, 2008, and 2011.
- "History of Latin American and Caribbean Christianity." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 2007.
  - "Missiology in a Multicultural Context." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2001–2005.
  - "Mission in a Multicultural Context." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. January 2001–2007.
  - "Sharing the Faith without Killing the Culture: Evangelism in the Hispanic Tradition." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 2000, 2002, and Spring 2013.
  - "Inclusivity/Exclusivity: Divisions of Race, Gender, and Economics." Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry course at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 2001.
  - "Theologians of Liberation in the USA." M.Div. course co-taught with Professor Javier Alanis at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2001.
  - "Hispanic Worship and Pastoral Care." M.Div. course co-taught with Rev. Efrain Huerta at Seminary of the Southwest. Spring 2000.
  - "Hispanic Popular Religion." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 1999, Spring 2012.
  - "Dimensions of *La Raza*." M.Div. course at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 1999.
  - "Hispanic Church History: Issues and Methods." M.Div. course for the Hispanic Summer Program, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, Summer 1999.
  - "Worship in the United Methodist Church." M.Div. Independent Study course at Seminary of the Southwest. Fall 2004.
  - "Cross-Cultural Mission." M.Div. Independent Study course at Seminary of the Southwest.
  - "History of Christian Thought in America." M.Div. Independent Study course at Seminary of the Southwest, Spring 2013.

#### **TEACHING-Guest Lectures in M.Div. Courses**

- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Capstone Course" at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX. February 27, 2015.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Borderlands Christian Thought" at Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX. October 21 and November 7, 2013.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Borderlands Christianity" at the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, Austin, TX. April 8, 2009.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Borderlands Christianity" at the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, Austin, TX. April 10, 2008.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Anglican Studies" at Seminary of the Southwest. March 4, 2008.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Liturgy for Seniors" at Seminary of the Southwest. November 14, 2006.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Borderlands Christianity" at the Lutheran Theological Program in the Southwest. November 2, 2006.
- "Conversation on Servant Leadership." Co-led with Kathleen Russell at Seminary of the Southwest for M.Div. students. September 29, 2006.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Theology for Seniors" at Seminary of the Southwest. March 3, 2004.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Spirituality for Juniors" at Seminary of the Southwest. February 9, 2004.
- Guest lecturer for the M.Div. course "Global Mission and Evangelism" at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Fall 2004.

### **TEACHING-MAR**

- Member, MAR Thesis Committee for Rebecca Cox, 2013-2014.
- Member, MAR Thesis Committee for Cody Nygard, 2013-2014.
- Member, MAR Project Paper Committee for Cory Coles, 2011-2012.
- Member, MAR Project Paper Committee for Paul Moore, 2011-2012.
- Member, MAR Project Paper Committee for Beth Gleason, 2007-2008.
- Member, MAR Thesis Committee for Sheala Vast-Binder, 2007-2008.
- Chair, MAR Project Paper Committee for Joy Scott, 2006-2007.
- Member, MAR Project Paper Committee for Sarah Hales, 2006-2007.

### **TEACHING-Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation**

- Member, Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation Project Paper Committee for Marjorie George, 2012-2013.

### **TEACHING-Other**

- "Our Mission from God: Transforming Agent." Courses of Study School. Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas. July 8-18, 2013. July 7-17, 2014.
- "Nuestra Misión: La Iglesia como Agente de Transformación." Courses of Study School. Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas. July 8-18, 2013.
- "Bridge Building: Welcoming Difference in the Church." Diploma in Christian Education course at Seminary of the Southwest. May 23-27, 2011.
- "History of Christianity." Five sessions for the Certificates Course in Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Seminary of the Southwest. June 2008.
- "History of Christianity." Two sessions for the Certificates Course in Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Seminary of the Southwest. June 2007.
- "Missiology." One session for the Certificates Course in Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Seminary of the Southwest. June 2007.
- "Missiology" and "Ministry in Diverse Contexts." Sessions for the Certificates Course in Christian Education and Youth Ministry, Seminary of the Southwest. June 13-14, 2005.
- "Historical and Cultural Contexts of Hispanic Ministry." A six-week online course taught from Seminary of the Southwest. Spring and fall semesters, 2003, spring semester, 2005.
- "Wesleyan History and Theology." A daylong session for Spanish-speaking pastors studying to receive their licensing for ministry. May, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Latino Protestantism." A bibliographic essay for Oxford Online Bibliography for Latino Studies. Posted online on June 26, 2015.
- Theological commentary essays for three bible passages in *Feasting on the Gospels—John, Volume 2: A Feasting on the Word Commentary*. Edited by Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press. June 2015. John 12:12-19; John 12:20-26; John 12:27-36a.
- "Letter to the Editor." *In Trust Magazine*. Fall 2012.
- "Latina Protestants' Participation in Evangelistic Witness: An Alternative Concept of Evangelism." In *Methodist History*. Vol. 50, no. 2 (January 2012), 79-96.
- "Hispanic Ministry Requires Diverse Forms of Ministry." In *Rathervue* (the semi-annual publication of Seminary of the Southwest). December 2011 issue.
- "Latino American Religion: Mainline Protestants." In *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*.

- Edited by Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010.
- Member of the writing team for "Vision Estratégica de la Iglesia Episcopal para Alcanzar a los Latinos/Hispanos" ["Strategic Vision of the Episcopal Church for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics"] Los Angeles, CA: La Iglesia Episcopal, Oficina del Ministerio Latino/Hispano, July 2009.
  - "Literary Resources for 19th and early 20th Century Spanish-speaking Protestant Ministers along the Borderlands: A Review of the Máximo Villarreal Collection." In *Recovering Hispanic Religious Thought and Practice of the United States*. 57-74. New Castle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007.
  - "Alejo Hernandez: A Life of Journeying." In *Celebration of the Ordination of Rev. Alejo Hernandez*. San Antonio, Southwest Texas Annual Conference, 2006.
  - Hispanic Methodists, Presbyterians, and Baptists in Texas*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas Press. May 2006.
  - "History and Theology: The Influence of Liberation Theology on the Historiography of Latino/a Christianity." In *Handbook on Latina/o Theologies*, edited by Edwin David Aponte and Miguel A. De La Torre. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2006.
  - "¡Ya Basta! Latino/a Protestant Activism in the Chicano/a and Farm Workers Movements." In *Latino Religions and Civic Activism in the United States*, edited by Gastón Espinoza, Virgilio Elizondo, and Jesse Miranda. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.
  - "Protestantism" In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in The United States*. Edited by Suzanne Oboler and Deena J. González. Vol. 3. New York: Oxford University Press, 454-58, 2005.
  - "Concilio de Basilea." In *Diccionario Ilustrado de Interpretes de la Fe: Veinte Siglos de Pensamiento Cristiano*. Edited by Justo L. González. Barcelona, Spain: Editorial CLIE, 2004, p. 62.
  - "Bilingual Social Services Directory for the City of Austin." A bilingual social services directory compiled and edited by students and myself. Five hundred copies were distributed to community agencies and Spanish-speaking individuals in September, 2002.
  - "Inter-ethnic Relations between Mexican American and Anglo American Methodists in the U.S. Southwest, 1836-1938." In *Protestantes/Protestants: Hispanic Christianity within Mainline Traditions*. Edited by David Maldonado, Jr. 60-84. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press. 1999.
  - "Missed Understandings in Racial and Ethnic Reconciliation." In *Ratherview: [The Journal of Seminary of the Southwest,]*, fall 1999, 4-5 and 9-10.
  - Hispanic Christianity within Mainline Protestant Traditions: A Bibliography*. Co-edited with Dr. David Maldonado. Decatur, GA: AETH, 1998.
  - "Signs of Promises." In *The Upper Room Disciplines 1997*. Nashville, TN: The Upper Room, 1996, pp. 53-59.
  - "Function and Dysfunction: A Case Study of Mexican American Methodists." *Apuntes: Reflexiones Teológicas desde el Margen Hispano*. 14 (Summer 1994): 35-51.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

- Director of the Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program; Director of the Regional Course of Studies School; Professor of Church History and Missiology, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, July 2015-present.
- Associate Professor in the History of American Christianity and Missiology; Director of Hispanic Church Studies, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas. May 2007-May 2015.
- Associate Professor of Hispanic Church Studies, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas. June 2005 – May 2007.

- Assistant Professor of Hispanic Church Studies, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas. July 1999 – May 2005.
- Adjunct Lecturer in United Methodist Studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas. August 2004 – present.
- Pastor, Agape Memorial United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas. July 1998 – June 1999.
- Research Assistant for the Lilly Endowment Project on Hispanic Protestantism, directed by Dr. David Maldonado, Perkins School of Theology. August 1994 -- May, 1998.
- United Methodist Campus Minister, The University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, Texas. June 1991--May 1992.
- Pastor, El Buen Pastor United Methodist Church, Kingsville, and El Redentor United Methodist Church, Bishop, Texas. June 1990 -- May 1991.
- Pastor, La Trinidad United Methodist Church, Pharr, Texas. June 1988 -- June 1990
- Pastor, La Puerta del Cielo United Methodist Church, Garland, Texas. June 1985 -- May 1986; June 1987 -- May 1988.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- "Mission as Crossing Borders: A History of the Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church." Lecture to the Rio Texas Annual Conference. Corpus Christi, Texas, June 13, 2015.
- Presentation on the history of Latino/a clergy who have engaged in civic activism to United Methodist Latino/a university and seminary students. Oblate School of Theology Renewal Center, San Antonio, Texas, Friday, January 16, 2015.
- "Historical Statement on the Rio Grande Conference." Statement during the Service of Celebration and Closure at the Rio Grande Annual Conference. Kelsey Memorial UMC. Corpus Christi, TX. June 13, 2014.
- "History of the Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church." Lecture to United Methodist Church Clergy and Lay Professionals. First UMC. Martindale, TX. April 30, 2014.
- Presider of a session of The Evangelical Studies Group at the annual meeting of The American Academy of Religion. Theme of session: "A Discussion on the Fragmentation of Evangelicalism: Reviewing Ken Collins' "Power, Politics, and the Fragmentation of Evangelicalism: From the Scopes Trial to the Obama Administration." Chicago, IL. November 25, 2013.
- "History of the Rio Grande Conference of The United Methodist Church." Lecture to United Methodist Church leaders and Latino/a community leaders of Austin. Emmanuel UMC. Austin, TX. September 24, 2013.
- Presentation on intercultural communication for Intercultural Mission Institute. San Antonio, Texas. May 4, 2013.
- Presider of the joint session of The Wesleyan Studies Group and The Evangelical Studies Group at the annual meeting of The American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL. November 19, 2012.
- "Foundations of Latin American Liberation Theology." Presentation given at the "Crossing Borders: Liberation from Oppression" conference, co-sponsored by Seminary of the Southwest, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest. Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX. November 10, 2012.
- Moderator for the session on Hispanic Religion. Research Conference of the Central Texas Colloquium on Religion. Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX. February 18, 2012.
- "Thoughts on the Unification of the Rio Grande Conference and the Southwest Texas Conference" Presentation for the Austin area Methodists Federated for Social Action.

- Emmanuel UMC, Austin, Texas. May 10, 2012.
- "Latino Pentecostalism." A presentation at the annual meeting of CEHILA, USA, an organization dedicated to the historical study of Latino/a Christianity in the United States, University of Notre Dame. April 27-29, 2012.
  - "The Methodist Tradition in England and the U.S." Day-long presentation for lay missionaries' formation. Parker Lane UMC. Austin, TX October 15, 2011.
  - "History of the Rio Grande Conference" Presentation for the Rio Grande Conference Clergy Retreat. Kerrville, Texas, August 30, 2011.
  - "An Alternative Concept of Evangelism: Latina Protestants' Participation in the Evangelistic Witness." Plenary address at the Seventh Historical Convocation of the United Methodist Church. June 22, 2011. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
  - "The Contribution of Hispanic Methodist Women to the Evangelistic Ministry of the Church." Rio Grande Annual Conference. June 16, 2011. San Antonio, Texas.
  - "Response to Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Álvarez' book *A Vexing Gadfly: Late Kierkegaard on Economic Matters*. Central Texas Colloquium on Religion. Seminary of the Southwest. November 18, 2009.
  - "Biblical Hermeneutics" and "Formation of the New Testament Canon." Presentations for Presbyterian clergy in Matamoros, Mexico and Latino Presbyterian clergy in Weslaco, TX, February 8-9, 2008.
  - Panelist in the session titled "De-centering American Religious History from the Latino/Latina American Periphery" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, Washington, DC, January 4, 2008.
  - "Choosing Texts and Voices." A presentation in the Teaching Church History Panel at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church History, Washington, DC, January 5, 2008.
  - "Latino/a Pentecostalism: A Historical Survey." A presentation at the annual meeting of CEHILA, USA, an organization dedicated to the historical study of Latino/a Christianity in the United States, at University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, April 21, 2007.
  - "The Changing Relationship between Anglo-Protestants and Tejanos in the Nineteenth Century." A presentation for the session "Religion in Texas during the Republic Years," at the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, San Antonio, TX, March 9, 2007.
  - Coordinated the co-sponsorship of ETSS for a lecture on Central American Religion and Politics with The University of Texas' Department of Religious Studies, November 1, 2006
  - "Literary, Intellectual, and Spiritual Resources for 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Spanish-speaking Protestant Ministers along the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: A Review of The Máximo Villarreal Collection." A presentation at the Recovering U.S. Hispanic Religious Thought and Practice in the United States Conference, sponsored by the Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Project, University of Houston, November 13, 2006.
  - "History of the Rio Grande Conference." Presentation for United Methodist laity, Aldersgate UMC, San Antonio, TX, February 4, 2006
  - Response to three presenters on the subject of migration, Conference on Transnational Religion in Contemporary Latin American and the United States, Theresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, January 27, 2006.
  - "A Hispanic Protestant Response to *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*." A presentation for the session "The Virgin of Guadalupe in Theology and Culture," Annual Conference of the American Theological Library Association, Austin, TX, June 18, 2005.
  - "Evangelism/Evangelization and Women / Evangelismo/ la Evangelización y las Mujeres." A presentation at "Fiesta 2005: Celebrating the Gospel / Celebrando el Evangelio: National Convocation on Evangelism within the Latino Community," Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, April 3, 2005.

- “Embodying Doctrine in Seminary Curricula: What Two Schools Have Learned Together in the Southwest.” A presentation at the annual meeting of The Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2004.
- “Thoughts on Historical Literature Regarding Latino/a Protestantism.” A presentation at the annual meeting of CEHILA, USA, an organization dedicated to the historical study of Latino/a Christianity in the United States, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX, April 5, 2003.
- “Evangelismo en la Comunidad Latina: Empezando la Conversación [Evangelism in the Latino/a Community: Beginning the Conversation].” A presentation in Spanish at the Hispanic Pastors’ Conference sponsored by the Hispanic Theological Union, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX, March 14, 2003.
- “*Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe* [Our Lady of Guadalupe].” Participant in a Panel Discussion on Religion around the World for graduate students of the McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin, March 6, 2003.
- “A History of Hispanic Theological Education in Texas.” Hispanic Baptist Theological School, San Antonio, Texas. July 27, 2001.
- Presentation of a Paper: “¡Ya Basta! Protestant Participation in the Chicano/a and Farm Worker Movements.” *Hispanic Churches in American Public Life Conference*. University of California, Santa Barbara. September 1-2, 2000.
- ”Hispanic Worship and Pastoral Care.” Lectures for a retreat of Hispanic Episcopal clergy. May 20-22, 2000. Camp Allen, Texas.
- ”Luchando con Nuestros Raices: The Legacies of Anglo-American Protestant Missionaries for Latino/a Protestants” Panelist in the joint session of the Hispanic Culture, Religion, and Society Group with the Wesleyan Studies Group at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, CA. November 1997.
- Respondent to Dr. Robert Wuthnow, Graduate Program in Religious Studies colloquy, Southern Methodist University. April 1995.

### **CONSULTATION**

- Consultant to Rev. Tom Callard of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. Reviewed and evaluated the curriculum for theological education of Spanish-speaking pastors in The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. February 26, 2012.
- Consultant to Dr. Bob Prichard of Virginia Theological Seminary on the planning of the 2013 meeting of The Historical Society of The Episcopal Church, the National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, and the Episcopal Women’s History Project, scheduled to meet in San Antonio, TX, June 2013. February 27, 2012.
- Consultant to Rev. John Feagins on the possible establishment of a Missiology Institute in San Antonio, Texas, which will serve as a center for the advancement of Hispanic ministry. Spring 2012.

### **MANUSCRIPT EVALUATIONS**

- Evaluation of article titled “Immigration and the Episcopal Church: An Ever-changing Face” for *Anglican Theological Review*. February 7, 2013.
- Evaluation of book manuscript for Felipe Hinojosa titled *Latino Mennonites: Civil Rights, Faith, and Evangelical Culture*, June 2012.
- Evaluation of article titled “Poly-Border Crossing: Marginalized Challenges to Hegemonic Narratives and Violence of Contact Zones” for *The Journal of Religion and Ethnicity*. September 19, 2010.
- Evaluation of a revised and updated edition of David Abalos’ *Latinos in the United States: The*

- Sacred and the Political* for the University of Notre Dame Press, September, 2005.
- Evaluation of Roberto Treviño's *From Pariahs to Participants: Mexican-American Ethno-Catholicism in Houston, 1911-1972* for Oxford University Press, March 2002.

## **GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- Research grant from the General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church for the book *A Journey of Hispanic Methodists*. September 14, 2014. Amount of grant: \$10,000.00.
- Planning for the establishment of a certificate-level program in theological education for Spanish-speaking Episcopalians, called Education for Emerging Ministries (ETEEM). 2011-2012.
- Representing Seminary of the Southwest, co-sponsored with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest the conference "Crossing the Border with the Bible and Theology." Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Austin, TX. March 24, 2012.
- Research grant from the Conant Fund. In the amount of \$13,000.00 Fall 2010. This is for a research project titled "Seven Effective Hispanic Faith Communities."
- Advisor in the Oral History Project: The Hispanic Heritage of United Methodism, 2010-2011.
- "A Study of the Experiences of Students of Color at ETSS: Exploring Ways to Foster Racial and Ethnic Diversity." Diversity Grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2008-2009.
- "Enhancing Theological Education for Ministry in Hispanic, Latino/a, Immigrant, and Multicultural Settings." A Grant from the Center for Hispanic Ministries, Province VII of The Episcopal Church to Seminary of the Southwest to strengthen learning opportunities for ministry in Hispanic, Latino/a, immigrant, and multicultural settings, fall, 2007 and spring, 2008.
- Coordinator of the Spanish Language Initiative, designed to enhance Spanish language and cultural learning for ministry in Hispanic contexts. Seminary of the Southwest, August 2006 – 2010.
- Director of the Hispanic Church Studies Concentration, a series of courses and other learning opportunities that enables seminarians to prepare for ministry in Hispanic contexts. Seminary of the Southwest. 2006 - present.
- Served on the planning committee for the commemoration of the ordination of the Reverend Alejo Hernández, the first Hispanic to be ordained into the Methodist Church in 1872. Served as the preacher for the event, December 16, 2006.
- "Seminary Consultation on Mission (SCOM) Grant." SCOM, a funding agency of The Episcopal Church, provided funding for continued Spanish-language learning and for a two-week study in Mexico City to investigate issues facing the Anglican Church of Mexico and the Methodist Church of Mexico. January 2006.
- Research Grant for "Recovering Hispanic Religious Thought in the United States," awarded by the University of Houston's Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage, May 2005.
- "Hispanic Church Studies at Seminary of the Southwest Web Site." Located at [www.latinoreligions.com](http://www.latinoreligions.com). Through a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, I developed a web site to serve as an electronic resource for persons involved in Hispanic theological education, Hispanic ministry, and the study of Latino/a religion. Summer, 2004.
- "The Máximo Villarreal Collection." Having inherited over 75 books from the mid-nineteenth century to the early twentieth century from the first generation of Spanish-speaking Protestant pastors in northern Mexico and the U.S. Southwest, I worked with the



Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage project at the University of Houston to have the materials microfilmed. 2003-2004.

- "Teología en Conjunto: The Hispanic Scholars Consultants Project." Co-director of a faculty development project that paired each faculty member with a Latino/a scholar in his or her discipline to facilitate greater inclusion of Latino/a perspectives and texts in M.Div. courses at ETSS. The project was funded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2000-2001.

#### **AWARDS, HONORS AND OFFICES**

- Chairperson of the Leadership Vitality Team, member of the Uniting Table, the Rio Texas Annual Conference, 2015-present.
- Vice-president, Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana (Association for Hispanic Theological Education), October 2014-present.
- Co-chair of The Evangelical Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion. November 2012-November 2014.
- Chairperson of the Commission on Archives and History, the Rio Grande Annual Conference, 2004-2014.
- Official historian of the Rio Grande Annual Conference, 2004-2014.
- United Methodist Church Delegate to the National Council of Churches USA. 2008-2012
- Participant in Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion "2006-07 Colloquy on Fostering Effective Teaching and Learning in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms," July 18-24, 2006, February 8-11, 2007, and July 9-14, 2007
- Participant in The Association of Theological Schools' consultation, "Black and Hispanic Dialogue. Examining Institutional Cultures: The School and the Classroom," October 13-15, 2006
- First Alternate/Delegate in the United Methodist Church's delegation to the Ninth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 19-23 February 2006
- Awarded Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor by the Board of Trustees, Seminary of the Southwest, May 2005
- Participant in Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty, 2003-2004
- Hispanic Theological Initiative Fellowship Recipient, Post-Doctoral Award, 2000-2001
- Hispanic Theological Initiative Fellowship Recipient, Dissertation Award, 1997-1998
- Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship Recipient, 1996-1997
- Fund for Theological Education Hispanic Doctoral Fellow. 1993-1996
- United Methodist Crusade Scholar. 1984-1987, 1994-1996

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Mentor for Joao Chavez, Ph.D. student in religion (History of American Christianity) at Baylor University, sponsored by the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium. August 2014-July 2015.
- As Director of Hispanic Church Studies at Seminary of the Southwest, co-sponsor of a semi-annual conference for Latino/a clergy and laity called Cruzando la Frontera (Crossing the Border), with Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest, Austin, Texas. November 2012-present.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Society of Church History

- American Academy of Religion
- American Historical Association
- American Society of Missiology
- Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana (Association for Hispanic Theological Education)
- Board of Directors (Representing Seminary of the Southwest), The Hispanic Summer Program, October 1998 – present.
- CEHILA, USA (The U.S. branch of the Ecumenical Commission on the Historical Study of the Church in Latin America)
- Ordained elder in the Rio Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish