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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION

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- 2006 Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.  
Area: Interdisciplinary Studies. Comprehensives passed with distinction, Oct. 27, 2004  
Field Exams: (1) Poststructuralist Discourse Theory of Jacques Derrida (timed, closed-book exam); (2) “Murmurings of Resistance : A Survey of Perspectives in Postcolonial Criticism ” (54-page paper); (3) “ ‘Option for the Poor’ or ‘Noblesse Oblige?’ A Prophetic Critique of Roberto Goizueta’s Theological Aesthetics ” (40-page synthetic exam).  
Dissertation: “*Ni Blancitos, Ni Negritos: Race, Nation, and Identity in U.S. Latin@ Theology*”
- 1995 M.A., Theology, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA.
- 1987 M.A., Journalism, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- 1982 B.A., Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO.  
Major: Political Science, with Certificate in Political Communication

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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SINCE 2012 Associate Professor of Theology & Religious Studies, and Latin American Studies  
University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.  
Promoted and Tenured, September 2012  
Research Areas: Latin American & U.S. Latino/a Theology & Religious History; Liberation Theologies; Race Theory; Ethnic & Cultural Studies; Sexual Theologies; Cuban History, Culture & Religions; Social Movements; Ideology in Religious Discourse  
Principal Service Commitments Since 2012: Dept. of Theology & Religious Studies; Global Honors Program / Honors College

JUNE - JULY 2011 Instructor, Hispanic Summer Program (held at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL).

Taught two-week graduate seminar on “Race and Religion in the History of the Américas”

2006-2012 Assistant Professor of Theology & Religious Studies, and Latin American Studies  
University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.

2007-2011: Chair, Chican@/Latin@ Studies Minor Program

2007-2010: Faculty Director, Catholic Studies & Social Thought Minor

2006-2008: Faculty advisor, Theta Alpha Kappa, USF campus chapter (theology & religious studies student honorary)

2006-2007: Instructor, Martín-Baró Scholars Program

2005-2006 Dissertation Fellow, Department of Theology & Religious Studies, University of San Francisco  
Courses: ‘Liberation Theology’ and ‘Religion in Latin America’

Service: Theology & Religious Studies faculty; Latin American Studies faculty.

2002-2004 Lecturer, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley

Courses assisted: ES21AC (Survey of U.S. Racial Ethnic Groups, Spring 2002); ES150AC (People of Mixed-Race Descent, Fall 2002 & Fall 2003); ES130AC (The Making of Multicultural America, Fall 2004)

- 2000-2001 Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Ethnic Studies, U.C. Berkeley  
 Courses assisted: ES21AC (History of U.S. Immigration Policy, Spring 2000); ES41 (Protest Movements, Fall 2000); ES141 (Racial Politics in America, Spring 2001)
- FALL 2002 Co-Instructor, "History of Western Social Thought I," Graduate Theological Union  
 With Prof. Clare Fischer, Professor of Religion and Culture (Emerita), Starr King School for the Ministry, GTU.

## RESEARCH | PUBLICATIONS

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- 'Los Engaños de las Razas' / 'Illusions of the Races': Capital, Christendom, and the Ideological Roots of Racism in Latin@América, (forthcoming).
- 'No *Queer Aggiornamento* This Time: Resubscribing to the Philosophy of Natural Law, Pope Francis Forecloses Reforms of Catholic Teaching on Sexuality.' *Politics and Religion* 11#2 (November 2017): 217-233.
- 'Pussy Riot: Indecent Theology in the New Russian Revolution,' in *Indecent Theologians: Marcella Althaus-Reid and the Next Generation of Postcolonial Activism* (Alameda: Borderless Press, 2016).
- 'Mestizaje: The Latina/o Religious Imaginary in the North American Racial Crucible,' in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Latino/a Theology*, edited by Orlando O. Espín (Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015).
- 'Latin American Liberative Theologies,' in *Introducing Liberative Theologies*, edited by Miguel A. de la Torre (Maryknoll: Orbis, 2015).
- 'Historia, Poder e Ideología: La Ideología Racial como Producción del Sistema-Mundo Capitalista Moderno.' *Horizontes Decoloniales* 1#1 (2015): 103-42.
- Theological Commentaries on Luke 1, in *Feasting on the Gospels*, edited by Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson (Westminster John Knox, 2014).
- 'Prosperity and Poverty After the Crash of 2008: Insights from Liberation Theology on Zero-Sum Capitalism at the Twilight of American Exceptionalism,' in *Religion and Ethics: Issues in 21st Century North America*, edited by Paul O. Myhre (Anselm Academic, 2013).
- 'Liberation Theology,' *Sage Encyclopedia of Identity* (Sage Publications, 2010).
- 'The Prophetic Horizon of Latino Theology,' in *Rethinking Latino/a Religions and Identity*, edited by Miguel de la Torre and Gastón Espinosa (Pilgrim Press, 2006).
- 'Revolutionary Ambivalence: A Dialogue between U.S. Third World Feminism and Liberation Theology on the Limits of 'Love' as an Axis of Radical Social Change,' *Critical Sense* 11#1:11-46 (Fall 2002).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & CONSULTANCIES

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- SINCE AUG. 2016 Principal Researcher, Working Group on Theology, Ethics, & Politics, Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO = Latin American Council on Social Sciences).
- 2016-2018 Editorial Director, *Journal of Hispanic / Latino Theology*, the peer-reviewed journal of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS).
- 2016-2017 Leadership Team, Teaching Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Crawfordsville, Indiana.
- I served on the leadership team of a year-long workshop on pedagogical formation and career development, mentoring 14 pre-tenure faculty members who work in theology and religious studies at colleges and universities in the United States.
- Workshop 1: July 18-23, 2016, Wabash College
  - Workshop 2: January 5-8, 2017, Corpus Christi, Texas
  - Workshop 3: June 19-24, 2017, Wabash College

- JUNE 26-29, 2017 Faculty Instructor, Summer Workshop, Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium, Princeton Theological Seminary.  
I co-taught two workshops and held mentoring consultations for a group of Latinx graduate students in theology and religious studies.
- SINCE JUNE 2016 Member of the Advisory Council, Grupo GEMRIP, a scholarly organization based in Buenos Aires advancing teaching, study, and research on religion and theology throughout the Américas.
- SINCE 2015 Editorial Board member, *Horizontes Decoloniales*, a peer-reviewed journal on Latin American decolonial studies.
- 2012-2015 Mentor, Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium. I served as assigned mentor to a doctoral student (Ángel Gallardo, of Southern Methodist University's Graduate Program in Religious Studies). This work involved site visits and substantial regular counseling in support of the student's professional development.
- 2004-2008 Steering Committee Member, La Comunidad, an ecumenical organization representing Latin@ scholars of religion at the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature
- SINCE 2002 Active Member, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS)
- 2014-2015: ACHTUS President; (Past President, 2015-2016)
  - 2013-2014: ACHTUS President-Elect
  - 2012-2013: ACHTUS Vice President
  - 2010-2012: ACHTUS Board Member at-large
- SINCE 2000 Member, American Academy of Religion
- 2007-2011: Co-Chair, Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
  - 2001-2007: Steering Committee Member, Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
  - 2001-2003: Doctoral Student Representative of the Graduate Theological Union to the AAR Student Liaison Group
  - 2000-2003: Steering Committee Member, Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
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## CONFERENCES | COLLOQUIA | SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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- SEPT. 29-30, 2016 Organizational Meeting, Working Group on Theology, Ethics, & Politics, Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO). I was appointed Principal Researcher for this new working group of the prestigious Latin American academic society.
- SEPT. 21-23, 2016 Invited Presenter, "After *Obergefell*: Religious Communities, LGBTQ People, and the Possibilities for Reconciliation," Fordham University, New York City.  
Paper: 'Deconstructive Theology: Natural Law Philosophy, Racism, & Homophobia in the LGBTQ Struggle'
- JUN. 1-4, 2014 "Redressing A Queer Omission: Latin@ / Catholic Perspectives on Sexuality," Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Colloquium, 2014, San Diego, California. As President Elect of ACHTUS, I was the principal organizer of this national scholarly conference. This was the first and only national meeting to date among leading Latinx Catholic theologians to consider perspectives and Church teaching on homosexuality and human sexuality.  
Presidential Address: "Reflections of a Recovering 'Outer Catholic' " (June 3, 2014)
- JULY 10, 2013 "Pressing On: The Legacy of Marcella Althaus-Reid," ISEDET, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Paper: "Pussy Riot: The Indecent Theology behind the New Russian Revolution"
- JUNE 5, 2012 ACHTUS Colloquium 2012, St. Louis, Missouri  
Paper: "Manufacturing the Other of 21st Century White Supremacism: Racism and Xenophobia as Conventional Electoral Politics"

- FEB. 24, 2012 Conference on Xenophobia & Racism, University of San Francisco  
Presentation: "Manufacturing the Other of 21st Century White Supremacism: Xenophobia as Conventional Electoral Politics"
- 2002-2010 Presenter/Panelist, American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings
- Nov. 1, 2010: "Hagio-Politics: Leadership, Charisma, and the Performance of the Beautiful in Faith-based Social Justice Movements," Theology and Religious Reflection Section, panel on "Aesthetics and the Political" (Atlanta)
- Presenter/Panelist, American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings (cont'd.)
- Oct. 30, 2010: "Gestures Toward a Decolonial Guadalupan Theology," Religion in Latin America & the Caribbean Group, panel on "Critical Feminist and Decolonial Readings of Mary" (Atlanta)
  - Oct. 30, 2010: Panelist, "Latino/a Theology and the Bible," Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group, and the Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group (Atlanta)
  - Nov. 3, 2008: "Charisma and Eschatology: Liberationist Theology of History and the Social Construction of Popular Saints," Religion in Latin America & the Caribbean Group (Chicago)
  - Nov. 19, 2007: Panelist, Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group session, "Teologías en Conjunto: A Fiestaschrift Celebrating the Work of Orlando Espín"
  - Nov. 21, 2005: "‘Ni Blanquitos, Ni Negritos?’ On the Interpretation of Racial Formations as a Fundamental Challenge for Latino/a Theologies," Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group panel, "Where Do We Go from Here? Assessing the Fundamental Commitments of Latino/a Theologies" (Philadelphia, Pa.)
  - Nov. 20, 2005: Respondent, Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group panel on "Sexuality, Religion, and Health" (Philadelphia, Pa.)
  - Nov. 24, 2002: Respondent, Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group panel on "Charismatic and Pentecostal Movements in the Americas" (Toronto, Ontario)
- 2008-2011 Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion
- Mar. 10-11, 2011: Teaching Preparation Assessment Project for the Graduate Theological Union
  - 2008-2009: "Colloquy on Teaching and Learning for Latino/a Faculty at Colleges, Universities, and Theological Schools." Three sessions: July 22-28, 2008, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, In.; Jan. 29-Feb. 1, 2009, San Diego, Ca.; June 17-22, 2009, Wabash College.
- JUNE 2006 Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Annual Colloquium  
"History, Power, Ideology: Three Tropes on the Deconstruction of Race as a Task for Latin@ Religious Reflection"
- FEB. 28, 2004 Coordinator, West Region Conference of the Hispanic Theological Initiative  
"Saliendo del Pueblo, Cambiando al Mundo: Challenge and Promise of Transnational Christian Movements for the North American Churches," Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Ca.
- NOV. 8-10, 2002 Co-Organizer, Hispanic Theological Initiative West Region Conference  
"Hispano-Jews of the American Southwest: A Face Obscured," Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth
- APRIL 3-6, 2002 Co-Organizer, Conference on "Coloniality of Power, Transmodernity, and the Geopolitics of Knowledge in the Modern World-System"  
Co-sponsored by the University of California, Berkeley, and the Graduate Theological Union
- MARCH 26, 2002 American Academy of Religion / Western Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting  
"‘In the Beginning was the Trace ...’: Negative Theology, Deconstruction, and the Politics of the Theological Secret," Moraga, Ca.
- NOV. 2, 2001 Pacific Coast Theological Society  
"Theological Dimensions of the Philosophy of Emmanuel Lévinas: A Response to Prof. Clare Fischer," Berkeley, Ca.

SEPT. 23, 2000 Panelist, American Academy of Religion, Minority Recruitment Conference 2000, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Ca.

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## SELECTED RECENT USF SERVICE ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, & TALKS

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- SINCE 2013 Global Honors Program Steering Committee. I have participated in the initial formation of the Global Honors Program, a university initiative to create a global alternative core curriculum. The GHP is now merged into the project to launch USF's Honors College. I taught the Gateway Requirement twice (Fall 2015, Spring 2018) in the context of the GHP and Honors College launch. I have reviewed curriculum for the GHP and participated in the GHP / Honors College Self-Study and Program Review processes.
- SINCE 2010 Theology & Religious Studies Dept.
- Curriculum Development. I have regularly participated in new curriculum reviews, and mentored colleagues (including many adjuncts) on new courses.
  - Program Review Duties. I have played multiple roles in the development of materials and interviews connected with two departmental program reviews — one in 2011, the latest ongoing (since 2017). Those have included: researching and mapping crossovers in faculty profiles (commitments in teaching, research and service), editing penultimate drafts of departmental self-studies, and participating in interviews with external reviewers.
- NOV. 2, 2018 Organizer, “Whose Streets? Race & Religion in America,” a film screening and panel discussion around the film “Whose Streets?” (on the uprising in Ferguson, Mo., after the 2014 police killing of Michael Brown). I participated in an hour-long panel discussion, before an audience of 100, with USF colleagues, Profs. James Taylor and Evelyn Rodriguez. Prof. Aysha Hidayatullah served as moderator.
- APR. 10, 2015 Host Faculty, Conference on “Islam at U.S. Jesuit Colleges & Universities,” a major national conference to discern curriculum and cultural options to support Islamic Studies, Inter-religious dialog, and Muslim student life at Jesuit institutions in the United States.
- SEPT. 20, 2012 Chisme y Comida, Chican@/Latin@ Studies Social

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## SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

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- 2002-2006 Hispanic Theological Initiative  
Dissertation-year Fellowship (2005-2006), Mentoring Fellow (2003-2004), Doctoral Fellow (2002-2003)
- 2005-2006 University of San Francisco  
Dissertation-year Fellowship, USF Department of Theology and Religious Studies.
- 2003-2004 Newhall Fellow, Graduate Theological Union  
Research fellowship, with Prof. Clare Fischer, on theories of ideological formation (2003-2004)  
Teaching fellowship for course, “History of Western Social Thought,” with Prof. Clare Fischer (2002-2003)
- 1999-2001 Presidential Scholar, Graduate Theological Union (This was a two-year, full-tuition, merit scholarship)