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Education

Ph.D. (2000) – Drew University Graduate School, Theological and Religious Studies

M.T.S. (1994) – Harvard University Divinity School, Christianity and Culture

B.A. (1992) – College of New Rochelle, Religious Studies and Philosophy

Teaching Experience

Present	Professor of Theology and Latinx Studies Boston College School of Theology & Ministry (Brighton, MA)
2017-2020	Associate Professor of Latinx Christianity Yale University Divinity School (New Haven, CT)
2016-2017	Presidential Research Scholar and Visiting Professor Yale University Divinity School (New Haven, CT)
2009-2016	Professor of Theology and Culture Andover Newton Theological School (Newton Centre, MA)
2006-2009	Associate Professor of Theology and Culture Andover Newton Theological School (Newton Centre, MA)
2000-2006	Assistant Professor of Theology Andover Newton Theological School (Newton Centre, MA)
1999-2000	Adjunct Professor of Christianity (D.Min. Program) Drew University, Theological School (Madison, NJ)
1999-2000	Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies Iona College, (New Rochelle, NY)
1997-1999	Adjunct Professor of Theology New York Theological Seminary (New York City, NY)

1997-1998 Adjunct Professor of Theology
 Hartford Theological Seminary (Hartford, CT)

Areas of Specialization

Primary: Modern and Contemporary Theology – Latinx Christianity and Theology; Christianity in Latin America; Theologies of Liberation and Justice; Constructive/Systematic Theology; Public and Political Theologies; Christology and Historical Jesus Scholarship.

Secondary: Religion and Modernity/Religion and American Culture – Modern Western Religious Thought; Theories of Religion; Religion and Secularism; Religion and American Public Life.

Courses Taught

U.S. Latinx Theologies – (Yale Divinity School)
 Flesh Made Word: The Making & Remaking of Christology – (Yale Divinity School)
 An Intellectual History of U.S. Liberation Theology – (Yale Divinity School)
 Theology Goes to Hollywood: Theology and Film – (Yale Divinity School)
 Introduction to Theology – (Yale Divinity School)
 Systematic Theology I and II – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 The Historical Jesus and Christology – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Seminar in U.S. Hispanic/Latino(a) Theologies – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 The Vocation of Theological Research and Writing: MA Thesis and DMin Seminar – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Mapping Theology: Ways of Knowing and Doing Theology – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Faith and Justice: Liberation Theologies in the U.S. – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Liberation Theologies in the Americas: Latin American and U.S. Liberation Theologies – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Christianity in Latin America – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Religion, Theology, and American Public Life – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Justice Matters: Theology, Race, Class, and Gender in the U.S. – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 The Greening of Theology: Theology and Eco-Justice – (Andover Newton Theological School)
 Liberation Theologies in the Americas – (Drew University Theological School—D.Min Program, co taught with Otto Maduro)
 Introduction to Religious Studies – (Iona College)
 Introduction to Theology – (New York Theological Seminary)
 Options in Theological Methods – (Hartford Theological Seminary)
 Liberation Theologies in the United States – (The Hispanic Summer Program)

Theology in Black and Brown: Liberation Theologies in Dialogue – (Meadville Lombard Theological School)

Publications

Books:

Touched By This Place (book manuscript, in progress).

Looking Forward with Hope: Reflections on the Present State and Future of Theological Education, editor, (Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2019).

Theological Cartographies: Mapping the Encounter with God, Humanity, and Christ (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015).

In Our Own Voices: Latino/a Renditions of Theology, editor, (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010).

Creating Ourselves: African Americans and Latino/as, Popular Culture, and Religious Expression, co-editor with Anthony B. Pinn, (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2009).

New Horizons in Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology, editor, (Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 2003).

Mapping Public Theology: Beyond Culture, Identity, and Difference (Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2002).

The Ties that Bind: African American and Hispanic/Latino(a) Theologies in Dialogue, co-editor with Anthony B. Pinn (New York: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2001).

Articles & Book Chapters:

Book Chapters:

“Dialogic Mediations: Reflections On The Hopeful Future of U.S. Liberation Theology,” in The Reemergence of Liberation Theologies: Models for the Twenty-first Century, edited by Thia Cooper (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013): 49-56.

“On U.S. Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology,” in Liberation Theologies in the United States, edited by Stacey Floyd-Thomas and Anthony B. Pinn (New York University Press, 2010): 86-114.

“On Mestizaje,” in Hispanic American Religious Cultures, edited by Miguel De La Torre (ABC-CLIO, 2009): 351-362.

Journal Articles and Book Reviews:

“What’s ‘Liberation’ Got To Do With It?” *Reflections* (Spring 2017): 36-38.

“Idol & Grace: On Traditioning and Subversive Hope,” Book Review for the Journal of the American Academy of Religion (October, 2014): 1163-1166.

“Going Public: Latino/a Theology as Public Discourse,” in *Perspectivas* 8 (Spring 2004): 9-26.

“The Bridge Over the Difference Divide: African American/Black and Hispanic/Latino(a) Theologies in the Service of a Coalitional Public,” in *Theological Education* 38, no.2 (2003): 96-109.

“Nuevos Odres Para el Vino/New Wineskins for the Wine: A Critical Contribution to Latino/a Theological Construction,” in *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 5, no.4 (1998): 30-47.

Professional Activities

Taught a two-week intensive summer graduate course for the Hispanic Summer Program at Emory University, June 15-26, 2020, Atlanta, GA: “Liberation Theologies in the United States.”

“Ain’t I a Context: Theology and Place,” Lecture presentation prepared for The American Theological Society Annual Meeting, March 6, 2020 at Princeton Theological Seminary.

“Finding a Place for Place: Place-Writing and Theology,” Lecture presented at Yale Divinity School, February 12, 2020.

Taught a one-week intensive summer course at Meadville Lombard Theological School, July 17-21, 2017, Chicago, IL: “Theology in Black and Brown: Liberation Theologies in Dialogue.”

Taught a two-week intensive summer graduate course for the Hispanic Summer Program at Northpark University, June 19-30, 2017, Chicago, IL: “Liberation Theologies in the United States.”

Delivered a Lecture, titled “As We Wonder What Lies Beyond Suffering: Exploring the Intersections of Beauty and Justice with Roberto Goizueta,” at a Boston College

Symposium Celebrating the Theological Contribution of Roberto S. Goizueta April 28, 2017.

Delivered the Michael W. Walker Lecture at Messiah Baptist Church of Brockton, September 11, 2016, “No Salvation Without the Body.”

Delivered the Howard Hayward Lecture at The Myrtle Baptist Church of West Newton, May, 25, 2016, “The Challenge and Promise of Studying the Jesus of History.”

Lecture presented at Yale University Divinity School, March 31, 2016, New Haven, CT: “Mestizaje and The Jesus of History: Virgilio Elizondo’s Christology.”

Lecture presented at Claremont School of Theology, February 24, 2016, Claremont, CA: “Our Mestizo/a Savior: On the Christology of Virgilio Elizondo.”

Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 20, 2015, Atlanta, GA: “On Elaine Padilla’s Divine Enjoyment.”

Offered a three-part lecture series at Messiah Baptist Church of Brockton, September 10, 17, and 24, Brockton, MA: “Towards a Fuller, Deeper Christianity: The Roles of Study, Advocacy, and Spirituality in the Christian Tradition.”

Served as reviewer of the Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group for the American Academy of Religion’s Board of Directors, November 2014, San Diego, CA.

Lecture presented at Hebrew College, November 4, 2014, Newton, MA: “Liberation Theology: Historical Achievements, Contemporary Challenges, and Future Possibilities.”

Paper presented at the University of Munster, April 2, 2014, Munster, Germany: “Mapping Orlando Espin’s *Idol and Grace* in the Currents of U.S. Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology.”

Lecture presented at The Messiah Baptist Church of Brockton, December 8, 2013, Brockton, MA: “Waiting on Hope, Living in Hope: Reflections on the Religious Possibility of Hope in the Twenty-First Century.”

Paper presented at *La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars* at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 23, 2013, Baltimore, MD: “A Life Worth Celebrating: Remembering and Honoring the Life and Work of Otto Maduro.”

Presided over a session presented by the Theology and Religious Reflection Section, titled “Theorizing Affect for Theology and Religion,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 25, 2013, Baltimore, MD.

Address delivered to Trustees Board at Andover Newton Theological School, March 15, 2013, Newton Centre, MA: "Putting Vision to the Mission: Reflections on the Possible Future of Theological Education."

Lecture presented at Trinity Church Wall Street, February 24, 2013, New York City, NY: "Economic Repentance and Liberation: A Critical, Theological Assessment of Economic Practices We Need to Repent of."

Session/Workshop presentation at the Hispanic Theological Initiative's 2012 Summer Workshop, June 23, 2012, Princeton, NJ: "Publishing Trends in the Fields of Theology and Religious Studies."

Paper presented at Rice University, February 7, 2012, Houston, TX: "Saving Mestizaje?: A Latino/a Portrait of Jesus."

Paper presented at Hartford Theological Seminary, April 16, 2009, Hartford, CT: "Tracings: A Summary and Interpretation of the History of Latino/a Theology."

Taught a two-week intensive course for the Hispanic Summer Program of 2008, held at University of St. Mary of the Lake, June 23-July 7, 2008, Chicago, IL: "Liberation Theologies in the United States."

Paper presented at the First *Liberation Theology Consultation* at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 9, 2008, Chicago, IL: "Dialogic Mediations: Re-Envisioning the Future of Liberation Theology."

Presided over a session presented by the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, titled "Latino/a Religion and Modes of Activism," at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2, 2008, Chicago, IL.

Keynote Address delivered at the Third Annual Convention of the New England Institute for Pastoral Excellence, April 21, 2007, Boston, MA: "Jesus Then, Latino/a Religious Vocation Now."

Lecture presented at First Congregational Church of Holliston, March 30, 2007, Sudbury, MA: "The Necessity of the Quest: Jesus Historiography and Contemporary Christian Theology."

Presided over a session presented by the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, titled "Latino/a Theology and Popular Literature," at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 19, 2006, Washington D.C.

Andover Newton Theological School Baccalaureate Service Address delivered at the Second Church in Newton (United Church of Christ), May 19, 2006: "Let Anyone with Ears Listen: The Challenge and Promise of Christian Ministry Today."

Paper presented at the Association of Theological Schools Second Conference on African American and Hispanic Dialogue in Our Schools, October 28, 2006, Pittsburgh, PA: "Latino/a Theology and the Study and Theorizing of Culture."

Panel Presenter at and Moderator of a Public Lecture Event offered at Harvard Divinity School, October 20, 2006, Cambridge, MA: "Latino/a Theologians and The Academy."

Presided over session presented by the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, titled "New Directions in Latino/a Theology," at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 20, 2005, Philadelphia, PA.

Paper presented at an American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting Pre-Conference session sponsored by the Fund for Theological Education and the Hispanic Theological Initiative, November 18, 2005, Philadelphia, PA: "When Worlds Unite: African American and Latino/a Religious Scholars as Allied Partners in Dialogue."

Lecture presented at McCormick Theological Seminary, October 15, 2005, Chicago, IL: "Redistribution or Recognition, Must We Choose?: Live Options in Liberation Theology."

Session/Workshop presentation at the Hispanic Theological Initiative's Annual Scholarship Selection Meeting held at Princeton Theological Seminary, April 23, 2005, Princeton, NJ: "So You Want to Be an Academic?"

Session/Workshop presentation at the Hispanic Theological Initiative's Annual Scholarship Selection Meeting held at Princeton Theological Seminary, April 24, 2004, Princeton, NJ: "So, You Want to Be an Academic?"

Respondent at a panel session jointly planned by the Black Theology Group and the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, titled "Editors Meet Critics: On 'The Ties That Bind: African American and Hispanic American/Latino(a) Theologies in Dialogue,'" at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 21, 2004, Atlanta, GA.

Convocation Address delivered at Andover Newton Theological School, September 17, 2003, Newton, MA: "Sweet as Honey, Yet Also Bitter: A Public Theology for the Twenty First Century."

Keynote Address delivered at the Hispanic Theological Initiative's Seventh Annual Summer Conference at Princeton Theological Seminary, July 19, 2003, Princeton, NJ: "Going Public: Latino/a Theology as Public Discourse."

Seminar/Workshop presentation at the Hispanic Theological Initiative's Annual Scholarship Selection Meeting held at Princeton Theological Seminary, April 26, 2003, Princeton, NJ: "So You Want to Be an Academic?"

Seminar presentation offered at The Second Worship and the Arts Conference and Exhibit, The Christian Center for the Arts in Boston, April 5, 2003, Boston, MA: “Faith In and Through Film.”

Panel Presenter at a session planned by the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group dedicated to the review of “A Reader in Latina Feminist Theology: Religion and Justice,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 24, 2002, Toronto, Canada.

Paper presented at a conference sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools and titled “African American and Hispanic/Latino(a) Dialogue in Our Schools,” October 20, 2002, Pittsburgh, PA: “Building Bridges Between the African American and Latino/a Communities: The Work Ahead.”

Paper presented at Union Theological Seminary, October 25, 2001, New York City, NY: “Where Do We Go From Here?: Liberation Theologies and the Post-Socialist Condition.”

Lecture presented at Andover Newton Theological School, October 10, 2001, Newton, MA: “On The Road to Emmaus: Discovering U.S. Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology.”

Paper presented at Middlebury College, September 24, 2001, Middlebury, VT: “The Religious Geographies of U.S. Hispanic/Latino(a) Life.”

Professional Organizations, Affiliations, and Service

- 2017-Present: Serve on the Executive Board of The American Theological Society
- 2012-Present: Member of The American Theological Society
- 2016-Present: Serve on the Steering Committee of The Constructive Theology Workgroup
- 2016-Present: Member of The Constructive Theology Workgroup
- 2015-2018: Served as a Ph.D. Student Mentor for the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium
- 2011-2017: Steering Committee Member of the Theology and Religious Reflection Section, for the American Academy of Religion
- 2010-2016: Steering Committee Member of the Liberation Theology Group, for the American Academy of Religion
- 2008-2014: Co-Chair of the Latino Religion, Culture, and Society Group, for the American Academy of Religion
- 2002-2009: Member of AETH (The Association of Hispanic Theological Education)
- 2001-2008: Member of the Boston Theological Society
- 1999-Present: Frequent contributor to the Hispanic Theological Initiative’s Programming
- 1998-Present: Member of the American Academy of Religion

Seminary Committee Service and Leadership Experience

2020-2021: Serving in Boston College School of Theology & Ministry's first Committee of Race and Ethnicity

2016-2017: Helped design a Latinx and Latin American Christianity MA Studies Program Concentration at Yale University Divinity School

2017-2020: Served in the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee at Yale University Divinity School

2017-2018: Served in the Admissions Committee at Yale University Divinity School

2013: Member of the Andover Newton Theological School Presidential Search Committee

2012-2014: Faculty Development Committee Co-Chairperson (Andover Newton Theological School)

2012-2013: Serve as Mentor of Vanderbilt University Divinity School Ph.D. Candidate and Andover Newton Theological School Intern, Gerald Liu, as Part of Vanderbilt Divinity School's Extern Program at Andover Newton Theological School

2012-2013: Faculty Marshall (ANTS)

2009-2011: Theology Department Chairperson (ANTS)

2009-2010: Faculty Association Co-Chairperson (ANTS)

2008-2009: Worship and Preaching Faculty Search Committee Member (ANTS)

2007-2008: Faculty Representative on Board of Trustees (ANTS)

2006-2007: Christian Social Ethics Faculty Search Committee Member (ANTS)

2005-2006: Academic Policy Committee Chairperson (ANTS)

2005-2006: Academic Dean's Search Committee Member (ANTS)

2004-2005: Faculty Association Co-Chairperson (ANTS)

2003-2004: New Testament & Christian Origins Faculty Search Committee Member (ANTS)

2002-2004: Served on Admissions Committee (ANTS)

2002-2015: Founding Director of the Orlando E. Costas Lectureship in Latino/a Religion and Theology (ANTS)

Honors and Distinctions

First Latino elected into membership of the American Theological Society

First Latino to be part of the full-time faculty at Yale Divinity School

Latino Book of the Year Award, for *Mapping Public Theology: Beyond Culture, Identity, and Difference*, granted by the Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2003

Dissertation Scholarship Award, Hispanic Theological Initiative, 1998

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1997-1998

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Outstanding Young American, 1996-1997

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Honors Graduate (M.T.S.), Harvard Divinity School, 1994

Honors Graduate (B.A.), College of New Rochelle, 1992