

2012 – 2014 **Adjunct Instructor**, School of Religion, Loma Linda University. Team taught course in the area of theology to health clinicians in professional disciplines outside of the religion department titled: “Jesus the Revealer (the Gospel of John),” “Orientation to Religion and Medicine,” and “Loma Linda Perspectives.”

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

Fall 2020 **Guest Lecture**, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Presented a lecture in Spanish for the DMin Spanish-speaking cohort. Lecture title, “Feminist Ethnographic Research and Methods for Practical Theology” for the course: Practical Theology and Latinx Ministries.

Spring 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, Claremont School of Theology. Taught three class sessions and graded final papers as an assistant to Professor Kathleen J. Greider in the course “Seminar in Practical Theology” which is required for all students in the Practical Theology PhD program.

2014 – 2016 **Marriage and Family Therapy Resident**, The Clinebell Institute, Claremont School of Theology. Spiritually integrative psychotherapy for families, couples and individuals. Psychoeducation and group counseling for Crossroads Inc. an organization that assists formally incarcerated women who were serving life sentences re-enter society

2014 – 2015 **Graduate Research Assistant** to Professor K. Samuel Lee, Chair of the Practical Theology, Spiritual Care, and Counseling Program and Director of The Clinebell Institute.

2013 – 2014 **Pastor for Pastoral Care**, Southeastern California Conference: Azure Hills Church, Grand Terrace, CA. Quarter-time pastoral ministry while completing coursework in PhD program at Claremont School of Theology. Responsibilities: Visitation, Acute Crisis Care, and Preaching.

2009 – 2013 **Pastor for Children and Family Ministry**, Southeastern California Conference: Azure Hills Church, Grand Terrace, CA. Provided pastoral leadership for several hundred children and families from birth to twelve years of age at Azure Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church (2,300 member congregation) and the largest Adventure Club in the Seventh-day Adventist Church North American Division.

2009 – 2011 **Marriage and Family Therapy Trainee**, Behavioral Health Institute, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA. Counseling for individuals, couples, and families. Taught co-parenting classes at the Riverside YMCA. Provided counseling at Option House, a domestic violence shelter in San Bernardino County.

- Fall 2009 **Associate Pastor**, Southeastern California Conference: Loma Linda Spanish Church, Loma Linda, CA. Assisted the Senior Pastor with youth ministry and preaching.
- 2001 – 2008 **Pastor for Youth Ministry**, Southeastern California Conference: Campus Hill Church, Loma Linda, CA. Provided pastoral leadership for the high school youth department, planned and led worship services for congregation of 1500, developed a summer day camp for children that integrated faith and community service work. Collaborated with local youth workers to mentor teenagers in three group homes located in San Bernardino County.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Publications

- Ferreras, Marlene M. “Women’s Agency in the Context of Neoliberal Capitalism.” In *What’s with Free Will? Religion and Ethics after Neuroscience*, edited by Philip Clayton and James W. Walters, 106-121. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2020.
- Ferreras, Marlene M., Duane R. Bidwell, and Thomas Pernecky. “The University as a Maquila: Whose Voice, Whose Ideas, Whose Knowledge?” In *Postdisciplinary Knowledge*, edited by Thomas Pernecky, 200-214. New York: Routledge, 2019.
- Ferreras, Marlene M. “Sabidurías Insurgentes: Toward a North American Indigenized Pastoral Theology.” PhD diss., Claremont School of Theology, 2019. Accessed August 30, 2020. <https://archive.org/details/FerrerasDissertation>.

Publication In-Progress

- Ferreras, Marlene M. *Insurrectionist Wisdoms: Toward a North American Indigenous Pastoral Theology*, Environment and Religion in Feminist-Womanist, Queer, and Indigenous Perspectives. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books. Forthcoming, April 2022.
- Ferreras, Marlene M. “Caregiving in the Context of a Maya Mexican Pueblo.” In *Care, Healing and Human Wellbeing within the Interreligious Discourse* ed. Karl Federschmidt, Daniel Louw and Linda Bredvik. Forthcoming, 2021.
- Ferreras, Marlene M. “Living on the Hyphen.” In *Seeking Cuban Reconciliation*, edited by Miguel De La Torre. Abstract accepted August 5, 2020.
- Ferreras, Marlene M. Review of *Women Leaving Prison: Justice-Seeking Support for Female Returning Citizens*, Emerging Perspectives in Pastoral Theology and Care. By Jill L. Snodgrass. Anglican Theological Review. Forthcoming, Fall 2020.

PRESENTATIONS

Society for Intercultural Care and Counseling. “Lxs Hijxs de Maíz: An Image for Pastoral Care.” Academic Network Presentation. Düsseldorf, Germany. September 2019.

American Academy of Religion. “From Milpa to Maquila, Mamá to Machine: Maya Women, Theology and Transnational Corporations.” Denver, Colorado. November 2018.

Loma Linda University School of Religion’s Humanities Program. “Evolutionary Creation—An Oxymoron?” Panel member and respondent to presentation by April Maskiewicz, PhD, of Point Loma Nazarene University. Damazo Amphitheater, Loma Linda, California. November 11, 2017.

Loma Linda University School of Religion Free Will Conference. “Women’s Agency in the Context of Neoliberalism.” Loma Linda, California. May 2017.

Adventist Society of Religious Studies. “Does Adventism Inspire Young Adventist?” Panel member. San Antonio, Texas. November 19, 2016.

Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling. “Caring for Latinas Along the U.S.-México Border: Globalization, Spirituality and Politics.” Poster presentation. Conference theme: Care and Counseling as Social Action. Ghent, Belgium. September 11-16, 2016. Accessed August 30, 2020. <https://mujerista.weebly.com/>

Adventist Society of Religious Studies. “How does our reading of Judges 1:14-15 influence the ‘practice’ of ecclesiology in Ciudad Juárez?” San Diego, California. November 2014.

TEACHING RECORD

La Sierra University

School year 2019-2020

Graduate

Research and Writing in Religion
Congregational Life and Leadership
Models of Religious Education
Fieldwork in Pastoral Ministry
Pastoral Counseling
Building Family Ministry
Small Group Ministry

Undergraduate

Externship
Changing Communities
First Year Seminar
Religion and Gender

School year 2018-2019

Graduate

Research and Writing in Religion
Crisis Counseling/Intervention
Pastoral Theology
Fostering Faith Across the Life Cycle
Ministry Practice and Project
Fieldwork in Pastoral Ministry

Undergraduate

Externship
First Year Seminar
Religion and Gender

School year 2017-2018

Graduate

Fieldwork in Pastoral Ministry
Pastoral Counseling
Directed Study
Practical Theology

Undergraduate

Externship
Pastoral Counseling
Religion and Gender

Doctor of Ministry Project in Process

Salgado Torres, Ivette. "Creación de recursos homiléticos para atender un proyecto de inclusión y diversidad en la Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Bethel." (Evanston, IL: Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary). Graduation expected May 2021.

SERVICE RECORD

University Service

Committees

Member, La Sierra University Diversity and Inclusion Council	2020 – Present
Member, La Sierra University Institutional Review Board	2017 – Present
Member, La Sierra University Title IX Panel Member	2017 – Present
Member, La Sierra University Academic Integrity Committee	2017 – 2020
Member, La Sierra University Chaplain Search Committee	Fall 2019
Leader, La Sierra University Spiritual Care Team	Fall 2019
Member, HMS Richards Divinity School Search Committee	2017 – 2018
Member, La Sierra University Faculty Senate Alternate	2017

Presenter, Campus Programs

Chapel Service, “¡Hierba mala nunca muere! (Weeds never die).” Columbia Theological Seminary, Hispanic Heritage Month by invitation of Hispanic and Latinx Association. September 28, 2020.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/ridvsavJ59oyr/?fbclid=IwAR2JNohmxzmdRXly5XlStJPS-kz-p95MQNowETmNcG5C2qyIxXl5e3y9Pss>

Interview, Loma Linda University Chapel

“Story Matters”

Loma Linda University Church—April 22, 2020

Faculty Panelist, First Service and Prism (LGBTQ+ Student Club) Collaboration

La Sierra University Hamilton Terrace, Riverside, California—February 28, 2020

Speaker, University at Worship

“Grow Nerve”

La Sierra University Church—October 10, 2017

Speaker, La Sierra University 2015 Baccalaureate Service

“The Sabbath, the Subjugated, and the Sword”

La Sierra University Church Riverside, California—June 13, 2015

<https://vimeo.com/131007192> (beginning at 37:27)

Professional Service

Co-chair, American Academy of Religion Western Region. Latin American Religions and Spiritualities Unit. 2019 – Present.

Society of Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling Academic Network Committee Member, 2019-Present. [International and interreligious group of scholars collaboratively publishing and presenting. Invitation only membership.]

Peer-review, “Historical Narratives of Environmental Resisters in the U.S. and Latin America.” *Perspectivas*, August 2020. [Perspectivas is the online peer-reviewed bilingual subscription journal of the Hispanic Theological Initiative. This was a commissioned blind peer-review.]

Co-pressed as session moderator with Kathleen J. Greider in the Interreligious Forum at the Society of Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, September 6, 2019.

Düsseldorf, Germany. Conference Title: Conflict-transformation and Interfaith Peacebuilding.

Loma Linda University School of Religion and Humanities Program, Religion and the Law Forum. “Borders and Sanctuaries: A Conversation about Immigration.” Loma Linda University Wong Kerlee International Conference Center, January 17, 2019. Presented a Latinx practical theological response to the crisis at the US-México border alongside the

presentation of Nathaniel B. Walker, JD, MA, a representative of the National Association of Immigration Judges.

Co-chair, American Academy of Religion Western Region. Latina, Latino, and Latin American Religion Unit. 2018-2019.

Community and Church Service

Member, SDA Kinship International Advisory Board, 2018—Present [A Seventh-day Adventist organization that provides support and safe community for current and former Adventists who identify as LGBTIQ+]

Presentation, “Clergy Mandated Reporting.” Southeastern California Conference New Clergy Employee Orientation at SECC Headquarters in Riverside, California. 2014—Present. [This is an ongoing monthly commitment.]

Keynote Address, “A Confessing Church.” Southeastern California Conference, Youth and Young Adult Leadership Conference. September 19, 2020.

Keynote Address, “Jesus and El Proyecto Vital (Project of Life).” Southeastern California Conference, Youth and Young Adult Leadership Conference. September 19, 2020.

Seminar, “Intersectionality and Mestizaje.” Southeastern California Conference, Youth and Young Adult Leadership Conference. September 19, 2020.

Interview, “God is On.” Northern California Conference, Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church. May 9, 2020. Accessed August 30, 2020.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XufxjyqUq5s&feature=emb_title

Social Action, Women’s March Riverside, California. January 18, 2020.

Respondent, “Christ Challenges Culture.” Adventist Today Conference. Embassy Suites Washington Square in Portland, Oregon, October 4-6, 2019. [Responded to eleven sermons by clergy persons in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.]

Social Action, March for Our Lives Riverside, California. March 24, 2018.

Social Action, Protest of presidential announcement to rescind the DACA program. Placita Olvera in Los Angeles, California. September 5, 2017.

Workshop, “Listening and Attending Skills in Pastoral Care and Counseling.” Cuba Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Workers Meeting at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in Havana, Cuba, August 6-11, 2017.

Social Action, Water Drop at desert migrant route along US-Mexico border with nonprofit organization Border Angels. April 15, 2017. [Reported in Spectrum Magazine, April 16, 2017. Accessed October 9, 2020. <https://spectrummagazine.org/article/2017/04/16/border-angels-celebrate-easter-hiding-water-migrants>]

Social Action, Travel Ban Protest at LAX Tom Bradley Terminal, Los Angeles, California. January 29, 2017.

Social Action, Women's March Los Angeles, California. January 21, 2017.

Consultant, New Reality International Project 7 Children's Village. Met with caregivers and orphanage administrators to consult on care provided to children and organizational structure. [New Reality International's goal is to provide a safe house for children who are: orphaned, abandoned, severely abused, and/or rescued 'restavek' (child slaves).] Trou du Nord, Haiti, December 21, 2016—January 6, 2017.

Workshop, "Healthy Couple Relationship Building and Parenting." Local churches within the province of Habana. Cuba Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Havana, Cuba. October 14-22, 2016.

Homily, "The Baby that Changed Everything." Prayer Vigil for San Bernardino Mass Shooting. Azure Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church. Grand Terrace, California. December 4, 2015. [Reported in the Los Angeles Times, December 5, 2015. Accessed August 30, 2020. <https://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-ca-grieving-politicians-san-bernardino-shootings-20151206-story.html>]

Presentation, "Becoming Midwives." Adventist Forum 2014 Conference. Theme: Is There Hope for the Advent Hope? San Diego, California. October 3-5, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Current

Since 2020	Hispanic Theological Initiative en Conjunto Association
2016, 2020	Society of Pastoral Theology,
2014-2016, 2020	California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
2016, 2019	Society of Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling
Since 2014	American Academy of Religion

Past

2014-2016	Adventist Society for Religious Studies
2013-2014	Society of Biblical Literature
2017-2018	Taos Institute

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

September 2018 Wills and Dorothy Fisher Award, Claremont School of Theology
March 2017 Dissertation Fellow, Hispanic Theological Initiative (\$20,000)
March 2015, 2017 Dissertation Fellow, Forum for Theological Exploration (\$40,000)
April 2013 Alumni Rising Star, HMS Richards Divinity School, La Sierra University
June 2003 Dean's Award, School of Religion, La Sierra University