

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

DOCTORAL	CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Claremont, CA Ph.D., Comparative Theology & Philosophy Dissertation: "From the Phenomenon of Wonder to the Praxis of Generosity: Wonder as a Principle for Theological Anthropology, Liturgy, & Liberation"	2014-2019
GRADUATE	MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Chicago, IL Master of Divinity	2002-2005
UNDERGRADUATE	JUDSON COLLEGE, Elgin, IL Bachelor of Arts (Majors: Communication Arts & Biblical Studies)	1997-2001

ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS

HISPANIC THEOLOGICAL INITIATIVE Early Career Orientation Program	2019
Doctoral Cohort	2018-2019
FORUM FOR THEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION Doctoral Cohort	2016-2017
CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY Bishop Golden Award for "outstanding academic achievement and commitment to social justice."	2016-2017
DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION Presidential Scholarship	Sept 2014-2019
MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Bernadine Orme Smith Fellowship (for Ph.D. studies)	May 2005
Marshall Scott Urban/Labor Ministry Award	
Isabella Blackstone Award in Church History	May 2004
Robert and Jean Boling Memorial Fund for International Travel and Study	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, LATINX STUDIES & RELIGION	2020-present
Courses taught/upcoming courses: - Latin American Liberation Theologies: Historical Sources and Contemporary Relevance History of Christian Thought	

- Global Sensitivity in Ministry
- Latinx Studies and Religion: Questions, Methods, and Issues
- Comparative Theology: Questions, Methods and Issues
- Temas en la historia de la iglesia en América Latina y el Caribe

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HISTORICAL & COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY

2019-2020

Courses taught:

- History of World Christianities
- Christ Church (DOC): A Study of its History, Worship, Thought, and Witness

DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION

AUXILIARY FACULTY, PROGRAMA DE CERTIFICADO DE ESTUDIOS MINISTERIALES

2017-2018

Course taught:

- Introducción al islam

ADJUNCT FACULTY

LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Summer 2018, J-Term 2020)

Courses taught:

- Historia del Cristianismo e Historia y Gobierno de la Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo)
- Church History I & II

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (Spring 2016, 2018)

Course taught:

- Christ Church (DOC): A Study of its History, Worship, Thought, and Witness

MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Fall 2006-2009)

Course co-taught:

- Pilgrimage in Faithfulness

MINISTERIAL/ECCLESIASTICAL EXPERIENCE

DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION [hereafter, 'DSF']

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL FORMATION

Sept 2014-present

Develop and provide co-curricular and continuing education for DSF students and clergy

Provide mentoring for ministerial students on issues of vocational discernment, pastoral formation, and denominational identity

Advise ministerial students seeking ordination with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Connect ministerial students with denominational resources

Assist DSF's partner schools in recruitment of students in denominational contexts

Advise DSF President regarding the needs and opportunities of our churches.

Work responsibly with other DSF staff as part of a team in dedication to our mission

CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

EXECUTIVE REGIONAL MINISTER

Mar 2010-Aug 2014

Embodies and carried out the episcopal office, making visible the unity of the Church and passing on the Christian Faith and Disciples of Christ tradition to each new generation

Served as the executive minister of the Regional Church and as Head of Staff of its Office

Led in the implementation of the Regional Church's vision and mission

Cared for congregations and their ministers

Offered pastoral and theological oversight in the Commission on the Order of Ministry
 Provided guidance and consultation for congregations and ministers in pastoral search process
 Supported and gave counsel to all the ministries of the Regional Church
 Fundraised and taught stewardship for the Regional Church
 Offered pastoral guidance and support during transitions, conflicts and crises
 Represented the Regional Church in denominational and ecumenical matters

IGLESIA DEL PUEBLO–HOPE CENTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

July 2004-Sept 2009

Preached and taught the Christian faith
 Developed youth and adult education program, include writing curricula
 Provided education and experiences for lay leadership development
 Provided pastoral oversight to various ministries, as needed
 Offered pastoral care

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (of Hope Center of Northwest Indiana,
 community center of Iglesia del Pueblo)

July 2004-Dec 2007

Set and implemented the vision of the organization
 Secured and trained staff and volunteers
 Provided or delegated ongoing training and development for staff and volunteers
 Securing funds and managing the budget
 Built networks and relationships with other social agencies and government entities

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCES & SKILLS

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) [hereafter, 'CC(DOC)']

General Board of the CC(DOC) **Mar 2010-Aug 2014**
 College of Regional Ministers **Mar 2010-Aug 2014**
 General Minister & President's Theological Task Force **Jan 2007-Jan 2008**
 Task: "Revisiting the process of discernment with regards to the role of gays
 and lesbians in the life and ministry of the church"

HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES [CC(DOC)]

Board of Directors **Jan 2009- Dec 2011**
 Disciples Leadership Institute **Oct 2005-Oct 2008**

PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (TULSA, OK)

Board of Trustees **July 2012-July 2014**

INTERFAITH FEDERATION OF NORTHWEST INDIANA (COMMUNITY ORGANIZING NETWORK)

Clergy Caucus Chair **Jan 2008-Aug 2009**

THE COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE PROJECT

Readability Editor for the Gospel of Mark **Jan 2008-July 2009**

THE NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE

Planning Committee, Black and Latino Regional Summit on Youth and Sexuality **Mar-Sept 2007**

MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES **Oct 2008-2011**
 ALUMNI COUNCIL, CLASS OF 2005 **Oct 2007-2009**
 STUDENT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE, ACCREDITATION REVIEW WITH ATS **Sept 2000-May 2001**

OTHER

Frequent Speaking Engagements (Conferences, Lectures, Sermons, Panel Discussions)

LANGUAGES

Native fluency in English, Spanish (reading, writing and conversational)

Languages studied: Ancient Hebrew, Koine Greek, French

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

2017. "Singing Jesus: From Canticles to Creeds and Back." For "TTH 3069/4069 Who was Jesus? Christological Reflections" course. At Claremont School of Theology. Claremont, California (October 3).
2015. "One in the Spirit: Pneumatological Ground and Goal of Christian Unity." 13th Joe A. and Nancy Vaughn Stalcup Lecture on Christian Unity. Sponsored by the Council of Christian Unity, the Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, and Brite Divinity School. At East Dallas Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Dallas, Texas (June 14).
2015. "U.S. Hispanic and Latin American Pentecostal/Charismatic Movements." For "THC 3007/4007 History of World Christianity" course, At Claremont School of Theology. Claremont, California (April 7).
2014. Keynoter/preacher at Festival of Preaching Northwest. Sponsored by the Congregational Leadership Northwest. At First United Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington (April).
2012. Keynoter/preacher at Festival of Preaching Northwest. Sponsored by the Congregational Leadership Northwest. At Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Seattle, Washington (April).

SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

- Forthcoming: 2022 [projected date]. *Toward a New Theological Anthropology: Wonder and Generosity. Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology*. [Under contract with Lexington Books]
2019. "The Presence and Absence of Faith: Being Faithful to Christian Particularity and Committed to Interreligious Engagement." *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary* (Spring): 16–22.
2018. BOOK REVIEW: Justo L. González: *The Mestizo Augustine: A Theologian between Two Cultures*. Downers Grove: Ivp Academic, 2016; Pp. 175. *Journal of Religious History* 42 (1): 136–37. doi:10.1111/1467-9809.12495.
2015. BOOK REVIEW: Paul C. H. Lim, *Mystery Unveiled: The Crisis of the Trinity in Early Modern England*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012; pp. xvi + 488. *Journal of Religious History* 39 (4): 625–26.
2014. "Hurricanes and Lilies: Glimpses of God When Disaster Strikes." In *Help and Hope: Disaster Preparedness and Response Tools for Congregations*. St. Louis: Chalice Press.
2007. Fear, Cultural Idolatry and the Liberating Power of Faith: On Immigration in the U.S. In *For You Were Once a Stranger: Immigration in the U.S. Through the Lens of Faith*. Edited by Interfaith Worker Justice. Chicago: Interfaith Worker Justice.
2007. We Speak Latino. In *La Obra Hispana, Una Publicación de la Oficina Pastoral Central para Ministerios Hispano* 5 no. 1 (January/February 2007): 9.

Contributor in:

Piatt, Christian, ed. 2011. *Banned Questions About Jesus*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press.

Piatt, Christian, ed. 2011. *Banned Questions About the Bible*. Saint Louis, MO: Chalice Press.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion	2014- present
American Society of Church History	2017-present
Medieval Academy of America	2018-present
North American Patristics Society	2016-present

REFERENCES

Available upon request.