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Curriculum Vitae

Education

2006 Harvard University, PhD., Committee on the Study of Religion
1998 Harvard Divinity School, M.T.S.
1996-97 Courses at the Universidad Autónoma Nacional de México, Mexico City
1994 Princeton University, A.B., Religion

Academic Appointments

2021- present Vincent de Paul Professor, DePaul University
2020- present Inaugural Endowed Professor in Diplomacy and Interreligious Engagement, Grace School for Applied Diplomacy, DePaul University
2014-2021 Associate Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University
2009-2014 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University
2007-2008 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, DePaul University
2005-2007 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA
2000-2003 Part-Time Instructor, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Administrative Appointments

2018-present Director, Center for Religion, Culture and Community, DePaul University

Courses Taught

HON 104 Religious Worldviews and Ethical Perspectives
REL 113/LST 113/CTH 183 Latinx Religious Experience in the U.S.

REL 257	Death and Its Beyond: Aztec, Christian, and Islamic Views of Eschatology
REL 290/LST 290/PHL 264	Latinx Liberation Traditions (hybrid course)
HON 301	Multiculturalism Seminar: "America: Visions and Revisions"
REL 305/MLS 403/PHL 376	The American Experience
REL 350/PHL 376/MLS 488	American Pragmatism and Religion
REL 390	Capstone Seminar
HON 395	Independent Study
D4009/D5009	Liberation Theology and Religious Faith (course offered at the Catholic Theological Union, as part of the DePaul-CTU Alliance)
D4003-1/D5003-1	Mestizo/a Theologies Across the Latino/a Americas (at Catholic Theological Union)
D4004-1/D5004-1	U.S. Latina Feminist Theologies (at Catholic Theological Union)
D4020-1/D5020-1	Romero and Ellacuría: Salvation in History (at Catholic Theological Union)
D4021/D5021	Articulating Faith in the US Context (at Catholic Theological Union)

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

2020	LA&S Faculty Summer Research Grant for "Liberating Spiritualities in the Américas," \$4700, awarded
2019	Excellence in Teaching Award, DePaul University
2019	Ozanam Fellow, DePaul University. Selected as one of thirteen faculty during the 2019-2020 school year to address mid-career goals and aspirations.
2019	Center for Latino/a Research Fellowship, DePaul University for "The Human Quest for Meaning and Dignity: Virgilio Elizondo's Spiritual Pedagogy," 2-course teaching reduction and research assistance, awarded.
2019	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Grant for "Religious Studies, Civic Engagement, and Pedagogies of Transformation." This

- grant was submitted for the Wabash Center's 'Pedagogies for Social Justice and Civic Engagement' Initiative, \$30,000, funded.
- 2019 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, 2019-2020 Colloquy on Writing the Scholarship of Teaching in Theology and Religion, \$2500, awarded.
- 2019 University Research Council Research Grant for "The Spirituality of 'Relatedness': Ivone Gebara's Ecofeminist Theology." \$3500, funded.
- 2019 Vincentian Endowment Fund for "Social Justice in Chicago: Interfaith Contributions," \$3600, funded. This grant was submitted on behalf of the Center for Religion, Culture, and Community.
- 2018 Jane Addams Prize, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. This prize is "awarded annually to the author of the paper that best advances the work of Jane Addams." The award was given for my paper, "Spiritual Activism and Praxis: Assessing Gloria Anzaldúa's *Light in the Dark/Luz en lo Oscuro*"
- 2018 Inter-American Philosophy Award, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. This award "goes to the best submitted paper concerning Latin American, Latino/a, or indigenous philosophies across the Americas." The award was given for my paper, "Spiritual Activism and Praxis: Assessing Gloria Anzaldúa's *Light in the Dark/Luz en lo Oscuro*"
- 2018 Undergraduate Research Assistance Program, Winter Quarter, DePaul University. Mentored Karla Velasco, awarded
- 2018 LA&S Faculty Summer Research Grant for "The Critical Spirituality of Paulo Freire," \$4700, awarded
- 2017 Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers for "Mestizo/a Spiritualities Across the Latino/a Americas: Spiritual-Philosophical Profiles," \$40,000, funded
- 2017 University Research Council Paid Research Leave for 2017-2018 for "Mestizo/a Spiritualities Across the Latino/a Americas: Spiritual-Philosophical Profiles," leave granted
- 2017 Scholar-in-Residence for 2017-2018, The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, awarded
- 2016 DePaul Steans Center Community-Based Research Grant for "Stories of Solidarity: Interfaith Engagement with Detained Immigrants," \$3,000, funded

- 2016 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Mid-Career Colloquy Grant for "A Year to Rekindle Vocation: Community Engagement in Chicago," \$1000, funded
- 2016 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, "Pedagogies of Community Engagement" Colloquy for Mid-Career Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities, \$3400, funded
- 2016 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Peer-Mentoring Cluster Grant for "Sustaining a Sense of Vocation through Latino/a Peer Mentoring." Although I am not the principal investigator, I initiated this 5-person project and served as its primary grant writer. \$7500, funded.
- 2015 Center for Latino/a Research Fellowship, DePaul University for "Decolonial Aesthetics as a Source for Decolonial Spirituality?: Expanding Walter's Mignolo's Spiritual-Philosophical Vision." 2-course teaching reduction and research assistance, awarded
- 2015 LA&S Summer Research Grant, DePaul University. \$4700, funded
- 2013 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Small Grant Award for "Latino/a Strategies for Pedagogical Decenterings." Although I am not the principal investigator, I initiated this 5-person project and have served as its primary grant writer. \$2500, awarded.
- 2013 Wabash Center Summer Fellowship, for "Dewey and Mexican Religion, Then and Now: Rethinking the Place of Education and Aesthetics." \$4500, funded.
- 2013 DePaul Humanities Center Fellowship, for "Portraits of Liberation Across the Latino/a Americas." 2-course teaching reduction and research assistance, awarded.
- 2012 University Research Council Research Grant for "The Aesthetics and Ethics of Faith: A Dialogue between Liberationist and Pragmatic Thought." Funding for indexing and the purchase of professional photographs. \$3440, funded.
- 2012 University Research Council Research Leave, Fall 2012, awarded.
- 2012 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, Workshop for Pre-Tenure Latino/a Religion Faculty in Theological Schools, Colleges, and Universities, \$3400, funded.
- 2012 LA&S Summer Research Grant, DePaul University, \$4200, funded
- 2011 Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Travel Grant to attend "Dewey in Mexico" Conference in Mexico City, January 2012, \$680, funded

- 2010 LA&S Summer Research Grant, DePaul University, \$4200, funded
- 2009 Undergraduate Research Assistance Program, Winter Quarter, DePaul University. Mentored Adam Kamin, awarded.
- 2008-2009 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship, \$40,000, funded.

Pre-DePaul Fellowships and Grants:

- 2004 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for Minorities
- 2004 Louisville Institute Honorary Dissertation Fellow
- 2003 Hispanic Theological Initiative Dissertation Year Award
- 2003 Fund for Theological Education North American Doctoral Fellow Award
- 2003 Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship
- 2003 Distinguished Teaching Award, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University
- 2003 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Term-Time Grant for study of the Good Friday Passion at the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, TX
- 2002 Harvard Graduate Student Council Conference Grant
- 2000 Hispanic Theological Initiative Mentoring Award
- 2000 Tinker Summer Field Research Grant for study at the Departamento Ecu mico de Investigaciones (DEI) in Costa Rica
- 1999 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Grant for research into new evangelical movements in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico
- 1998 Real Colegio Complutense Summer Travel Grant to Spain
- 1998-2000 Hispanic Theological Initiative Doctoral Award
- 1998-2004 Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship

Creative Activities

Books

- Under Contract *Liberating Spiritualities in the Américas*. (Fordham University Press)
This book utilizes a pragmatic hermeneutic to explore the contributions of six twentieth century liberation thinkers: Marxist philosopher José Carlos Mariátegui (b. 1894), educator and philosopher Paulo Freire (b. 1921), constructive theologian Virgilio Elizondo (b. 1935), writer and feminist theorist Gloria Anzaldúa (b.1942), *mujerista* theologian Ada María Isasi-Díaz (b.1943), and ecofeminist theologian Ivone Gebara (b. 1944). Eight chapters.
- Under Contract *Religion in the Américas: Transcultural and Trans-hemispheric Approaches*, co-edited with Dr. Jessica Delgado (University of New Mexico Press.) This anthology features the work of fifteen cutting-edge essays that look at Latin American and Latinx religiosities through a transcultural and inter-American lens. Seventeen chapters.
- 2014 *The Aesthetics and Ethics of Faith: A Dialogue between Liberationist and Pragmatic Thought*. (Oxford University Press) This book is part of the American Academy of Religion series "Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion." 223p.

Articles and Chapters (Peer Reviewed)

- In Press "Exploring the Aesthetics of Mexican-American Popular Ritual." Submitted for a book entitled *Art and Religious Experience*, ed. Jennifer Reid and Randal Cummings (Wipf and Stock). Expected publication is 2021
- 2021 "Popular Ritual as Liberating Pedagogy." *Latino/a Theology and the Bible: Ethnic-Racial Reflections on Interpretation*, ed. Fernando Segovia and Francisco Lozada (Lexington Books, 2021), 189-206.
- 2021 "Faith in Action and Community Engagement: Realizing Mission through Immersion Experiences," co-authored with Melanie C. Schikore. In *Community Engagement in Christian Higher Education: Enacting Institutional Mission for the Public Good* (Routledge, 2021), 140-160.
- 2020 "Faith in Action, Adult Learning, and Immigrant Justice: Bringing Mission to Life," co-authored with Melanie C. Schikore. *Metropolitan Universities: An International Forum*, vol. 31:3 *Journal*, 70-92.
- 2020 "Pedagogy in Process: Engaging Micro-Decisions about Race and Gender." *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09518398.2020.1735568>, 1-15

- 2020 "Faith in Action and Community Engagement: Realizing Mission through Immersion Experiences," co-authored with Melanie C. Schikore. *Christian Higher Education*, vol. 19:1-2 (2020), 91-108
- 2019 "Spiritual Activism and Praxis: Gloria Anzaldúa's Mature Spirituality." *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 10:1 (2019), 1-22.
- 2019 "Spiritual Activism and Praxis: Gloria Anzaldúa's Mature Spirituality." *The Pluralist*, vol 14:1 (2019), 119-140.
- 2018 "Spiritual Realities and Spiritual Activism: Assessing Gloria Anzaldúa's *Light in the Dark/ Luz en lo Oscuro*." *Diálogo: An Interdisciplinary Studies Journal*, vol. 21:2 (2018), 50-64.
- 2017 "At the Crossroads of Liberation Theology and Liberation Philosophy: José Carlos Mariátegui's 'New Sense' of Religion." *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 8:1 (2017), 1-16.
- 2016 "Suffering and Hope in the Enchanting Garb of Poetry." *CrossCurrents*, vol. 66:2, 162-172.
- 2016 "The Aesthetics of Mexican-American Popular Ritual: Intensifying the Senses and Igniting the Moral Imagination." *New Theology Review*, vol. 28: 2, 10-18.
- 2014 "Conscientization from within lo Cotidiano: Expanding the Work of Ada María Isasi-Díaz." *Feminist Theology*, vol. 22:3, 312-323.
- 2013 "Theological Aesthetics and the Many Pragmatisms of Alejandro García-Rivera." *Diálogo: An Interdisciplinary Studies Journal*, vol. 16:2, 59-64.
- 2012 "Decolonizing Religion: Pragmatism and Latina/o Religious Experience" in *Decolonizing Epistemologies: Latina/o Theology and Philosophy*, ed. Ada María Isasi-Díaz and Eduardo Mendieta (New York: Fordham University Press), 226-246, 303-307.
- 2010 Integrating Experience and Epistemology: On Ivone Gebara's Pragmatic Ecofeminism." *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, <http://www.latinoteology.org/2010/Integrating+Experience+and+Epistemology>, 29p.
- 2011 "John Dewey: A Common Faith?" in *Beyond the Pale: Reading Christian Theology from the Margins*, ed. Miguel de la Torre and Stacy Floyd-Thomas (Westminster John Knox Press), 134-141.
- 2003 "'Liberation' in the Latino Context: Retrospect and Prospect" in *New Horizons in Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology*, ed. Benjamin Valentín (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press), 138-162.

- 2001 "Hope in a Globalized World: Response to S. Kendall." *Koinonia*, vol. 13:1, 41-46.
- 2000 "Latino Popular Religion and the Struggle for Justice" in *Religion, Race, and Justice in a Changing America*, ed. Gary Orfield and Holly Lebowitz Rossi, co-authored with Allan Figueroa Deck (New York: The Century Foundation Press), 137-152.

Articles and Chapters (Non-Peer Reviewed)

- 2021 "Witnessing the Seeds of Liberation," *ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America*, Winter 2021, vol xx: 2, <https://revista.drclas.harvard.edu/witnessing-the-seeds-of-liberation/?fbclid=IwAR0bHKpUr9acDgjfim9PrqYfFNKEaAL7ET3Jc3PMFwODXTEAuPZ0ADazziw>
- 2014 "Liberation Theology, Pragmatism, and the Integration of the Aesthetics and Ethics of Faith" (contribution to the "1000 Words on the Future of Liberation Theology" Section), *Newsletter of the Center for Liberation Theologies*, KU Leuven, Ninth Newsletter, October 2014
- 2014 "Do coração e da mente: uma carta aberta a Ivone Gebara" (From the Heart and Mind: An Open Letter to Ivone Gebara) in *Querida Ivone, Amorasas cartas de teologia & amizade (Dear Ivone: Love Letters of Theology and Friendship)*, ed. Cláudio Carvalhaes e Nancy Cardoso. Núcleo de Pesquisa de Gênero/EST. Porto Alegre, Brasil: CEBI & EST, 2014, 83-89.

Encyclopedia Articles

- 2009 "Aesthetics." Entry for *Hispanic American Religious Cultures* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO), 6-11.
- 2009 "César Chávez." Entry for *Hispanic American Religious Cultures* (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO), 130-133.
- 2005 "Latino Religion in the Northeast," entry for the *Encyclopedia of New England Culture*, co-authored with Efraín Agosto (New Haven: Yale University Press), 1321-1322.

Book Reviews

- 2020 Review of *The Following of Jesus: A Reply to The Imitation of Christ* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2019) by Leonardo Boff. *Theological Studies* 8(1), 260-261.

- 2016 Review of *Spiritual and Religious: Explorations for Seekers* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2016) by Roger Haight. Invited review for *New Theology Review*, vol. 29:1, 57-58.
- 2016 Review of *Borderlands Saints: Secular Sanctity in Chicano/a and Mexican Culture* by Desirée A. Martín (Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2014). *Latino Studies* 14:2, 283-284.
- 2010 Review of *The Implied Spider: Politics and Theology in Myth* by Wendy Doniger. *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*. <http://www.latinotheology.org/The+Implied+Spider>, 3p.
- 2007 Review of *Guadalupe and Her Faithful: Latino Catholics in San Antonio from Colonial Origins to the Present* by Timothy Matovina. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* vol. 75:1, 227-230

Other Publications

- 2015 "Comforting the Afflicted." Contribution to the "Parish Life" section of the St. Nicholas Parish Weekly Bulletin. 1p.
- 2014 "Teaching Tactic: Using Smart Marks." *Teaching Theology and Religion* (April 2014) 17:2, 1p.
- 2000 "The Soulfulness of Black and Brown Folk." *DRCLAS NEWS*: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Spring, 11-14.
- 1997 "Beyond the Borders." *DRCLAS NEWS*: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Fall, 1-2.

Conference Papers

- 2021 "Conscientization in Lo Cotidiano: Tapping Our Collective Potential," Response to Keynote Speaker Henry Giroux, Cátedra Paulo Freire, Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, IL. Forthcoming, Spring 2021
- 2021 "Ivone Gebara and Integral Ecology." Presentation for the panel "Latinx Approaches to Integral Ecology," sponsored by the Latino/a Working and Interest Groups of the Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, IL. January 2021
- 2020 "Diplomacy and Interreligious Engagement: Some Key Questions" Presentation for the conference Transprofessional Diplomacy: Deepening Collaboration Among Governmental and Non-Governmental Diplomatic Actors. Virtual Conference, Grace School of Applied Diplomacy, DePaul University, Chicago, IL. October 2020

- 2020 Keynote Address: "Liberating Pedagogies in the Americas," Latin American Philosophy of Education Society, 6th Annual Symposium, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. October 2020
- 2020 "A Naughty Bee with a Different Flavor of Honey': Ivone Gebara, Ecofeminism, and Pragmatism." Presentation for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP), San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, March 2020.
- 2019 "Paulo Freire's Spiritual Praxis." Ninth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, The University of Granada, Granada, Spain, April 2019.
- 2019 "Loving Without Limits": Conscientization as a Spiritual Praxis," Presentation for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP), Columbus, OH, March 2019.
- 2018 "'Relatedness' in the Work of Ivone Gebara." Presentation for the Religions in the Latina/o Americas Group, American Academy of Religion National Conference, Denver, CO, November 2018
- 2018 "Spiritual Activism and Praxis." Presentation for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP), Indianapolis, IN, March 2018
- 2017 "Virgilio Elizondo and the Human Quest for Meaning." Presentation for the Religions in the Latina/o Americas Group, American Academy of Religion National Conference, Boston, MA, November 2017
- 2017 "Praxis and Spiritual Activism: Assessing Gloria Anzaldúa's *Light in the Dark/Luz en lo Oscuro*." Presentation for "Philosophy Across the Américas Conference: Thinking La Frontera," McAllen, TX, November 2017
- 2017 "Liberating Theology: Exploring the Intersection of Aesthetics and Ethics." Presentation at the Boston College Conference "Beauty and Knowledge, Love and Justice: A Symposium Celebrating the Theological Contribution of Roberto S. Goizueta," Boston, MA, April 2017
- 2016 "At the Crossroads of Liberation Philosophy and Liberation Theology: José Carlos Mariátegui's 'New Sense' of Religion." Presentation for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP), Portland, OR, March 2016.
- 2016 "Pedagogy and Micro-Decisions in the Classroom." Public presentation at Latino Male Body consultation at the Academy, American Academy of Religion National Conference, San Antonio, TX November 2016

- 2015 "Pedagogy in Process: Engaging Micro-Decisions about Race and Gender." Presentation for a special consultation on The Latino Male Body in the Academy, American Academy of Religion National Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2015
- 2015 "Salvation and the Latino/a 'Nones': Starting with Experience." Presentation at the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the US, Milwaukee, WI, June 2015
- 2015 "The Political-Spiritual Vision of José Mariátegui." Presentation at the Latin American Studies Association International Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015
- 2014 "From the Aesthetics of Sense to an Aesthetics of the Imagination: The Art of Mexican-American Popular Ritual." Presentation to the Art/s of Interpretation Group, American Academy of Religion National Conference, San Diego, CA, November 2014
- 2014 "The Lessons of Multiple Maps." Presentation for a Wildcard Session on Teaching and Learning in the Study of Religion, American Academy of Religion National Conference, San Diego, CA, November 2014
- 2014 "Latino/a 'Religiosity' and Latino/a 'Religion:' Rupture or Continuity?" Presentation for "Imagining Latina/o Studies: Past, Present, and Future," the first international Latino/a Studies Conference. I organized this panel, which included Michelle Gonzalez, Jorge Aquino, Theresa Delgadillo, Luis León, and Laura Pérez. Chicago, IL, July 2014
- 2014 "Subversive Thinking desde *lo Cotidiano*: Assessing and Expanding Ada María Isasi-Díaz's Critical Epistemology." Presentation for the XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Chicago, IL, May 2014
- 2014 "John Dewey and Mexican 'Religion:' Reconstructing an Alternative Path." Presentation for the Fourth International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Heredia, Costa Rica, April 2014
- 2014 "Conscientization from within *lo Cotidiano*: Expanding the Work of Ada María Isasi-Díaz." Presentation for the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP), Denver, CO, March 2014
- 2013 "Using Smart Marks." Presentation to the Teaching Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 2013

- 2013 "Re-imagining Dewey's 'Religion:' Some Lessons from Mexico." Presentation for the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Indianapolis, IN, November 2013
- 2013 "Lo Cotidiano Conscientizado: Reflections on the Methodological Contributions of Ada María Isasi-Díaz." Presentation for the Annual Conference of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the U.S. (ACHTUS), Miami, FL, June 2013
- 2013 "Latino/a Liberation Thought in the Americas." Presentation for the 18th Annual Philosophy Conference, "Revolution and Liberation in Latin American Thought". Lewis University, April 2013
- 2012 "Bridging Religion and the Religious: The Pedagogy of Mexican-American Popular Ritual." Presentation for a 3-paper panel I organized, entitled "Liberation Faith: Popular Ritual, *Zapatismo*, and Prophetic Pragmatism." Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy National Conference, New York, NY, March 2012
- 2012 "Dewey and Mexican Religion, Then and Now: Rethinking the Place of Education and Aesthetics." Presentation for the International Conference "Dewey in Mexico," Mexico City, Mexico, January 2012
- 2011 "Popular Religion and Pedagogy: Bridging Context and Liberation" Presentation for The Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Consultation, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 2011
- 2011 "Theological Aesthetics and the Many Pragmatisms of Alejandro García-Rivera." Presentation for the Colloquium on the Life and Thought of Alejandro García-Rivera, Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University, October 2011
- 2010 "La Experiencia Religiosa Latina y el Pragmatismo." Presentation at the XVI Congreso Interamericano de Filosofía, "Diálogo de Lenguas y Culturas," Mazatlán, Sinaloa, México, November 2010
- 2010 "Latinizing American Philosophical Thought." Presentation for the Midwest Pragmatist Study Group, St. Louis, MO, September 2010
- 2010 "Liberation, Pragmatism, and the Dynamics of Moral Faith." Presentation at the Summer Institute in American Philosophy, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, July 2010
- 2010 "Latino Religious Experience: Broadening American Philosophical Thought." Presentation for the John Courtney Murray Group in American Philosophy and Theology, St. Louis University, MO, July 2010

- 2008 "Strange or Familiar Bedfellows?: Liberation Theology and Pragmatism." Invited panelist for "Decolonizing Epistemology: New Knowing in Latina/o Philosophy and Theology," sponsored by the Transdisciplinary Colloquium, Drew University Divinity School, NJ, November 2008
- 2008 "The Aesthetics of Moral Faith." Presentation for the Conference of Ford Foundation Diversity Fellows, Washington, D.C., September 2008
- 2008 "Ivone Gebara's Pragmatic Ecofeminism." Presentation for the John Courtney Murray Group, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, July 2008
- 2008 "Integrating Experience and Epistemology: A Pragmatic-Liberationist Approach." Presentation for the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS), Miami, FL, June 2008
- 2007 "Pragmatism and Experience." Presentation for the John Courtney Murray Group, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, July 2007
- 2007 "From Individual Psychology to Social Psychology: Reconstructing a Richer Deweyan Account of Faith." Presentation for the Psychology of Religion Group at the Western Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Berkeley, CA, March 2007
- 2006 "John Dewey, Religious Faith, and *Mestizo* Liturgy." Presentation for the Conference of Ford Foundation Diversity Fellows, Washington, D.C., October 2006
- 2005 "A Pragmatic Bridge Between Cultural and Political Action." Presentation for the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005
- 2005 "Re-thinking Dewey's Critique of Institutional Religion." Louisville Institute Winter Seminar, Louisville, KY, January 2005
- 2003 "Christian Action and the New Evangelization." Presentation for *Raíces y Alas* National Catholic Conference, a gathering sponsored by the National Catholic Council of Hispanic Ministry, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, May 2003
- 2002 "'Liberation' in the Latina/o Context: Reassessing Guerrero's *A Chicano Theology*." Presentation for the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2002

- 2002 Response to "Decolonizing Spiritualities" Panel, Religion in Latin America and Caribbean Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2002
- 2000 "Hope in a Globalized World." Response to S. Kendall's "Accounting for Globalization: The Theologian's Tasks," Princeton Theological Seminary *Koinonia* Journal, Fall Forum, Princeton, NJ, Fall 2000
- 2000 Response to Fernando F. Segovia's "Melting and Dreaming in America: Visions and Revisions," Hispanic Theological Initiative Northeast Conference, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., Spring 2000

Other Scholarly Presentations, Lectures, and Panel Discussions

- 2021 "Virgilio Elizondo and Evolutionary Cosmology," a presentation for the "Tertulia Series" of the Center for Latino Research, DePaul University, January 2021.
- 2020 "Pedagogies for Social Justice and Civic Engagement," a podcast for the series *Dialogue on Teaching*, the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning. Featured panelists include Steed Davidson, Teresa Delgado, Christopher Tirres, and moderator Nancy Lynne Westfield. <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/videos/>
- 2019 *Brightness of Noon: The Intersect of Faith, Immigration, and Refugees, Part 2*, documentary film-screening, a project funded by the Julian Grace Foundation. Invited panelist. DePaul University, October 2018.
- 2018 "The Spirituality of Solidarity." Keynote address to the board of directors of Solidarity Bridge, a non-profit health organization that provides high-quality surgical assistance and training for doctors in Bolivia and Paraguay in order to serve those most in need. Chicago, IL, December 2018.
- 2018 *Brightness of Noon: The Intersect of Faith, Immigration, and Refugees, Part 1*, documentary film-screening, a project funded by the Julian Grace Foundation. Invited panelist. DePaul University, October 2018.
- 2018 "The Importance of Archbishop Óscar Romero for Today." Presentation to St. Nicholas Parish Youth Group, Evanston, IL, October 2018.
- 2018 "Interfaith Outreach with Detained Immigrants." Presentation for a university-wide panel, organized by the Steans Center, on community based research, DePaul University, May 2018.
- 2018 "Stories of Solidarity." Co-presentation (with Ellen Underwood) at the Global Service Learning 5 conference, "Dignity and Justice in Global Service Learning," University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 2018.
- 2018 "Liberating Spiritualities Across the Americas." Louisville Institute Winter Seminar, Louisville, KY, January 2018
- 2017 "Ritual as Reconstructive Education." Presentation for the Theology and Religious Ethics Workshop at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, May 2017

- 2017 "The Embodied Spirituality of Gloria Anzaldúa." Annual Faculty Fellowship Research Presentation, Center for Latino Research, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, May 2017
- 2017 "Ivone Gebara and the Web of Relatedness." Presentation to the Lake Shore Unitarian Society, Winnetka, IL, January 2017
- 2016 "Suffering and Hope: Good Friday in the Latino/a World." Presentation for 'Sundays at CTU: An Experience of Liturgy and Learning.' Catholic Theological Union, September 2016
- 2016 "The Religious Artistry of Mexican-American Popular Ritual." Lecture for "Latino/as Remaking America," Harvard University, April 2016
- 2016 "The Senior Capstone: Making it HIP." Presentation on High Impact Practices for the 2016 Teaching and Learning Conference at DePaul University, May 2016
- 2016 "Religion: Sacred Canopy or Prophetic Critique?" Presentation to the Lake Shore Unitarian Society, Winnetka, IL, January 2016
- 2015 "Authors Meet Readers" session. Discussion of my book, *The Aesthetics and Ethics of Faith*. Respondents include Dr. Timothy Matovina (University of Notre Dame) and Dr. David Carrasco (Harvard University). American Academy of Religion National Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2015
- 2015 "The Poetics of Suffering." Presentation to the Lake Shore Unitarian Society, Winnetka, IL, March 2015
- 2015 "Good Friday among Latino/a Catholics." Invited by the Adult Faith Enrichment Committee to present at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Evanston, IL, March 2015
- 2015 "Suffering and Hope in the Enchanting Garb of Poetry." Invited as one of three speakers for the event, "The Trials of Job," sponsored by the DePaul Humanities Center. St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Chicago, IL, January, 2015
- 2015 Invited Respondent for Desirée A. Martín's *Borderland Saints: Secular Sanctity in Chicano/a and Mexican Culture* (Rutgers University Press, 2014), Newberry Library Seminar for Borderlands and Latino Studies, January 2015
- 2014 "Liberation Theology through the Lens of Latino/a Popular Ritual." Guest lecture, San Diego State University, November 2014
- 2014 "John Dewey and Religion." Presentation to the Lake Shore Unitarian Society, Winnetka, IL, November 2014

- 2014 "Latino/a Strategies for Pedagogical Decenterings." Presenter and moderator, Austin Theological Seminary, Austin, TX, February 2014
- 2014 "Life After Death/Life Before Death: Christian Perspectives." Presentation to the Lake Shore Unitarian Society, Winnetka, IL February 2014
- 2014 "Life After Death/Life Before Death: Aztec Perspectives." Presentation to the Lake Shore Unitarian Society, Winnetka, IL January 2014
- 2012 "Feminism and the Aesthetics of Work." Invited to preside and respond to the panel, "Disrupting Complementarity: Women's Work," sponsored by the Roman Catholic Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 2012
- 2012 "Religious Ritual as Reconstructive Education." Delivered the Wayne Leys Memorial Lectureship, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, November 2012
- 2011 "Comparison and Reconstructing the Study of Religion." With Professors Kay Read and Yuki Miyamoto, helped to lead a departmental-wide conversation around issues of comparison. Winter Convivium, March 2011
- 2010 "U.S. Latino/a Religious Experience and Pragmatism," Presentation at the Spring Convivium, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University, May 2010
- 2009 "Navigating the Ph.D. Experience." Presentation for a national gathering of Catholic Latino/a Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, September 2009
- 2006 "Where Popular Religion Meets the Prophetic: Holy Week in San Antonio." Presentation for the Chicano/Latino Student Affairs Center at the Claremont Colleges, October 2006
- 2006 "Teilhard de Chardin and *The Phenomenon of Man*." Guest lecture for Prof. Richard Olson's course, "Science and Religion," Harvey Mudd College, April 2006
- 2005 Keynote Speaker: "Remembering Suffering, Imagining Life: U.S. Latino Faith Expression." A conference on "Building Inclusive Communities" sponsored by the Los Angeles Archdiocese, University of the West, Los Angeles, CA, August 2005
- 2005 "The Psychology of *A Common Faith*." Presentation to the Doctoral Theology Colloquium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 2005

- 2004 "John Dewey's Theory of Religious Experience." Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA, February 2004
- 2003 "From Seinfeld to San Fernando: Transculturation in the Contact Zone" Guest lecture for David Carrasco's course, "Religion and Latin American Imaginations." Cambridge, MA, October 2003
- 2002 "Latin American Liberation Theology and Cultural Dexterity." Radio interview with Betto Arcos on *The Cosmic Barrio*, in conjunction with David Carrasco's course, "Religion and Latin American Imaginations." Cambridge, MA, November, 2002
- 2000 "Critical Theory, Pragmatism, and Liberation." Panel presentation on 'Emerging Latino/a Theologians,' Academy of Catholic/Hispanic Theologians of the U.S., Los Altos, CA, June 2000

Other Professional Activities

- 2020 Invited Participant, "Three's a Crowd?," Catholic Intellectual Tradition Salon, sponsored by the DePaul Humanities Center and the Office of Mission and Ministry. This intimate gathering brings together roughly twenty faculty, staff, and administrators from across the university to reflect on the meaning of community within a Vincentian and interdisciplinary context. (Cancelled because of COVID-19)
- 2020 Reflection on Fatherhood, Masculinity, and Love. Father's Day Sunday, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, June 2020.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IldBlnL4ieY&feature=emb_logo
(at the 24 min, 10 sec mark)
- 2020 "Jazz and Spirituality." Invited commentator on Live at Studio5 Online. Invited by host and jazz impresario Steve Rashid to help facilitate a conversation around jazz and spirituality with two Chicago jazz greats, John Moulder (guitar) and Orbert Davis (trumpet). April, 2020.
- 2019 Completion of a 5-session training on Community-engaged Teaching and Learning, Steans Center for Community-Based Service Learning, DePaul University, Fall-Winter 2019
- 2019 Scholarship on Teaching and Learning Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning. This workshop, which meets three times over the course of two years, focuses on best practices for producing scholarship connected to community engagement projects.
- 2019 Project Director's Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, for "Religious Studies, Community Engagement, and Pedagogies of Transformation." This workshop aided Project Directors to carry out their funded initiatives in a way that makes greatest and best use of the resources they have to commit to their projects.

- 2019 Interviewed by the National Catholic Reporter for the story "Via Crucis on US streets: Faithful accompany Jesus in his Suffering." April 18, 2019. Weblink: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/spirituality/crucis-us-streets-faithful-accompany-jesus-his-suffering>
- 2018 Invited Participant, DePaul Steans Center first "Community Immersion Faculty Institute," Back of the Yards Neighborhood, Chicago, IL. This institute worked with faculty to reinforce their community-based service learning practices with a special emphasis on course design and the asset-based community development approach. June, 2018.
- 2015 Interviewed by Life Matters Media for the story "Día de los Muertos: A Celebration of Life and Death" by Daniel Gaitan, October 27, 2015. Weblink: <http://www.lifemattersmedia.org/2015/10/dia-de-los-muertos-a-celebration-of-life-and-death/>
- 2014 Interviewed by FoxNews Latino for the story "Pope John Paul II Canonization: Mixed Legacy for Charismatic Leader". Weblink: <http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/lifestyle/2014/04/25/pope-john-paul-ii-legacy-is-mixed-among-latinos-experts-say/>
- 2013 Interviewed for a WGN-TV cover story on "Latino Catholics." October 2013. Weblink: <http://wgntv.com/2013/10/07/latinos-opening-doors-to-new-ministries-more-than-ever-before/>
- 2011 Interviewed for a WGN-TV cover story on "Our Lady of the Underpass," a watermark stain under the Fullerton Underpass in Chicago, which many believe to be an image of the Virgin Mary/Our Lady of Guadalupe. Originally broadcast on Dec 19, 2011. Weblink: <http://www.wgntv.com/entertainment/viral/wgntv-kennedy-expressway-apparition-shrine-made-in-chicago-underpass-20111219,0,6677317.story>
- 2008 Invited Participant, "*Mestizaje* - Galilee Project," Paris, France, October, 2008
- 2007 Conference of Ford Foundation Diversity Fellows, moderator, Irvine, CA, October 2007
- 2006 "The Religious Dimension of Human Experience." Presentation for the Monte Vista Universalist Unitarian Congregation, Montclair, CA, August, 2006
- 2006 Invited Rally Speaker, "A Day Without Immigrants," North Lawn, Honnold Library, Claremont Colleges, May 2006
- 2006 Introduction for David Carrasco, 2006 Cesar Chavez Keynote Speaker, Claremont Colleges, April 2006

- 2006 Participant: Science, Technology, and Society Inter-departmental Reading Group, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, CA, Spring 2006
- 2004 Invited Participant, ERANOS Conference, "Religions-Religious Experience," Ascona, Switzerland, August 2004
- 2004 Invited Participant: "The Color of God: Religion, Race and Justice" Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, February 2004
- 2002 Introduction for Cornel West. Ball State University, Muncie, ID, September, 2002
- 1998 Introduction for Discussion between David Carrasco and Cornel West, entitled "Whose Eyes on What Prize?: A Black-Brown Discussion on Shades of Invisibility," Harvard University, Spring 1998

Membership in Professional Organizations and Official Positions

- 2014-Present Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- 2012- Present The Society for Religion, Race, and Ethnicity (SRER). I am a founding member of this organization.
- 2011-Present The John Dewey Society
- 2010-Present The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)
- 2006-Present The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS). I have served one term as secretary and three terms as a board-member-at large.
- 2001-Present American Academy of Religion (AAR). I served a total of six years as co-chair of two units: the Latino/a Critical and Comparative Group (2014-2017) and the Religions in Latin America and the Caribbean Unit (2017-2019). Previous to that, I served on the steering committee of the Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group (2001-2007) and on the steering committee for the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group (2005-2010).

Service to DePaul

Service to the University

- 2020-present Working Group to craft a university-wide Land Acknowledgement Statement. Includes close collaboration with individuals from the Office of Institutional Diversity.
- 2020-present Division of Mission and Ministry Vice President's Advisory Council. Invited as one of six individuals from across the university to provide

- ideas and feedback to help revise DePaul's mission statement and assist in the essential and ongoing work of mission integration.
- 2020-present University-wide Immigration Task Force. Appointed by the Dean of the College to serve as a representative from LAS.
- 2020 Invited to participate in a "DePaul University Message to Students" in light of the challenges of COVID-19, April 2020.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P44LuzfPJ_4&utm_campaign=Daily_04072020&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EOACLK
- 2019 Invited by the President's Office to facilitate a conversation with Jose Antonio Vargas, author of *Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen*, as part of the President's Lecture Series. November 2019.
- 2019 Faculty Mentor Program, Teaching and Learning Certificate Program. As a recipient of a DePaul Excellence in Teaching Award, I was invited to participate in this program.
- 2018-present Committee Member, Program Portfolio Review. Selected as one of six faculty members from across the University to help oversee the university's program portfolio review process, which involves developing criteria to be used in evaluating academic programs, determining the weights assigned to these criteria, and determining the data that will be used in evaluating programs per these criteria. Estimated effort is 8 hours per month.
- 2016-present Committee Member, Council on Community Engagement. From 2018-2019, I took an active role working on subcommittee that established a set of six guiding principles for doing community engagement work. I also contribute to the Council's Public Relations Subcommittee.
- 2016-present Committee Member, Center for Latino Research. Contribute ideas to the future of the CLR and a member of its Fundraising Subcommittee
- 2014-2016 Committee Member, Teaching, Learning, and Technology Committee
- 2012- 2013 Academic Advisor, *Ritmo Dembow*, DePaul's modern Latin dance group
- 2010 "Affirming Our Culture." Keynote Speaker, 5th Annual *Nuestra Gente: A Celebration of Latinidad*, DePaul Student Center, April 2010. *Nuestra Gente* is the largest student-run celebration of Latino/a culture at DePaul
- 2009 Introduction for David Carrasco's lecture on "Narrating Desire and Destruction: Bernal Diaz del Castillo's 'True' History of Conquest and Conversion in Mexico." DePaul University, April 2009

2008 "Saints and the Movement of Everyday Life: From Spanish Liturgical Processions to Urban Life in the U.S." Presentation on a panel (alongside Peter Casarella and Naomi DeAnda) for the inauguration of the *Santos* exhibit, DePaul University, April 2008

Service to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2021 Invited (along with three other faculty from the College) to participate on a Faculty Panel for LAS Admitted Students Day. January and March, 2021

2020 LAS Honors Convocation Address. Invited by the Dean's Office to address those students in LAS (and their families), who received academic honors over the past year.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61eCXyKxTsM&feature=emb_logo, starting at the 9 min, 22 sec. mark. May 2020

2020 LAS Awards Committee. Reviewer for the Cortelyou Lowery, Excellence in Teaching, and Dammrich Awards. April 2020

2019 Invited Panelist for the grand unveiling of DePaul's Grace School of Applied Diplomacy. Other panelists included Noé Cornago (University of Basque Country), Rami Nashashibi (Inner-City Muslim Action Network), Caroline Savage (U.S. Department of State), and Kasia Batorski (NAFSA: Association of International Educators). September 2019

2019 Team Member (one of five) who successfully lobbied an anonymous donor to contribute \$20 million to help establish DePaul's Grace School of Applied Diplomacy, April 2019.

2018-present Director, Center for Religion, Culture and Community, DePaul University. Organizes lectures, panel discussions, and movie screenings for the DePaul community and beyond. Also serve as the primary grant writer for the CRCC. Grants include awards from the Vincentian Endowment Fund and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.

2015-2019 Committee Member, Religious Dimensions Domain Committee. Contribute ideas to annual assessment project and review various course proposals.

2014-2018 Committee Member, Center for Religion, Culture, and Community (formerly, the Center for Interreligious Engagement)

2011-present Committee Member and Affiliated Faculty, Latin American and Latino Studies Program, DePaul University. Regularly attend meetings and assist with the program planning.

- 2014-2019 Committee Member, Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology. Regularly attended meetings and assisted with program planning.
- 2015-2016 Committee Member for 4th-Year Review of Carolina Sternberg, Latin American and Latino Studies Department, DePaul University
- 2015-2016 Committee Member for Tenure Review of Sheryl Overmyer, Catholic Studies Department, DePaul University
- 2014 Introduction for Dr. María Pilar Aquino as part of the conference "The Sources and Future of Liberation Theology: The Legacy of Dom Hélder Câmara," sponsored by The Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology, October 2014
- 2014 Introduction for Sr. Simone Campbell, author of *A Nun on the Bus*, Center for Interreligious Engagement, DePaul University, October 2014
- 2014 Moderator for "Understanding Francis: Latin American Roots & Horizons of Church Reform," featuring Allan Figueroa Deck, SJ. This session is part of the conference "New World Pope: Pope Francis & the Future of the Church," sponsored by The Center for World Catholicism & Intercultural Theology, February 2014
- 2013 Organizer and Moderator of "The Spirituality of the Young Lords," featuring Dr. Elías Ortega-Aponte of Drew University. This event is the part of the "Latino/as and Religion" Series, sponsored by DePaul's Center for Interreligious Engagement, May 2013
- 2012 "Latino/a Studies and Pragmatism." Guest presenter for LST 390, Latin American and Latino Studies Senior Capstone Course, May 2012
- 2012 Moderated a discussion on "Inculturation" featuring Daniel Pilario, CM, and A. Maria Arul Raja, SJ as part of DePaul's World Catholicism Week Conference, April 2012
- 2011 "Pragmatic Aesthetics: The Contribution of Alejandro Garcia-Rivera" Presentation for the DePaul Conference on "Cosmic Liturgy: The Vision of Alejandro García-Rivera," DePaul University, October 2011
- 2011 Organizer and Moderator of "Resurrecting Pilsen: Where Faith and Activism Meet. A Conversation with Fr. Charles Dahm." This event is the part of the "Latino/as and Religion" Series, sponsored by DePaul's Center for Interreligious Engagement, October 2011
- 2011 Organizer and Moderator of "Complex Identities: Latina Narratives at the Crossroads of Scholarship and Faith" a panel discussion between

Ana Bedard (Loyola University Chicago), Nancy Bedford (Garrett-Evangelical Seminary), and Frida Kerner Furman (DePaul).

- 2011 Organizer and Introduction for Michael Lee's Lecture on "Raised in Jerusalem: Latino Spirituality in the Next Generation," a part of DePaul's World Catholicism Week Conference, April 2011
- 2010 Mentored senior Adam Kamin in a LA&S Summer Research Grant. Adam published his article in the 2011 volume of *Creating Knowledge*.
- 2009-2010 Over the course of the academic year, I attended the monthly New Faculty Seminars.
- 2009 "Religion and Race." Presentation for a panel discussion, which also featured Kay Read and Chernoh Sesay, Jr. of the Department of Religious Studies, Center for Interreligious Engagement, DePaul University, November 2009
- 2009 "Beyond Vasconcelos? 'Mestizaje' in Contemporary U.S. Latino/a Theology." Presentation for a college-wide seminar on José Vasconcelos, Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University, October 2009

Service to the Department of Religious Studies

- 2020-present Committee Member, Events, Marketing and Website Committee
- 2014-2017 Committee Member, Curriculum, Teaching and Assessment Committee.
- 2017 Ad hoc committee, lead author of a letter to Dean Vásquez de Velasco explaining what our department does and how it contributes significantly to the University.
- 2014 "Liberation Theology." Guest lecture for Prof. David Wellman's Methods Class, Rel 298, DePaul University, November 2014
- 2009-2014 Co-Chair - Student Affairs Committee. Tasks include: recruiting department majors and minors, staffing the Religious Studies table at Admissions Office Fairs, planning and leading the Theta Alpha Kappa (Honors) induction ceremony, and serving as a sounding board for students who submit proposals for scholarly conferences.
- I also organized several student-faculty events over the course of the year (to see movies like *Avatar*, *Hereafter*, and *Tree of Life* as well as plays like *Our Lady of the Underpass* and *Unveiled*), and I designed and ordered t-shirts for the Religious Studies Department ("Got Soul?")

- 2013 Guest Lecture on Pragmatist Ethics for Prof. Kay Read's "Ethical Worlds: Moral Issues Across Cultures" Class, Rel 202, DePaul University May 2013
- 2012 "Religion and Liberation." Guest lecture for Prof. Kay Read's Methods Class, Rel 298, DePaul University, May 2012
- 2012 Peer Review of Dr. Charles Strain, May 2012
- 2011-2012 Member - Curriculum, Teaching, and Assessment Committee. Among other things, this committee reviews and recommends new courses, undertakes annual assessment projects, and works with CTH and IWS to recommend the number of sections for each unit.
- 2011 "Theologies of Liberation." Guest lecture for Prof. Kay Read's Methods Class, Rel 298, DePaul University, April 2011
- 2010 "Liberating Theology." Guest lecture for Professor David Wellman Methods Class, Rel 298, DePaul University, November 2010
- 2010 "Theology in a New Key: The Methodology of Liberation Theologies." Guest lecture for Professor Kay Read's Methods Class, Rel 298, DePaul University, May 2010
- 2008 "Liberation Theologies in Comparative Perspective." Guest lecture for Professors Kay Read and David Wellman's Methods Class, Rel 298, DePaul University, May 2008.

Service to the Professional Community

- 2021 Instructor, Hispanic Summer Program (HSP) in the area of Theology. This graduate-level online course, entitled "Liberating Spiritualities in the Américas," was offered to twelve graduate-level students from across the country and was accredited through Union Theological Seminary.
- 2020-2021 Co-Facilitator, Digital Salon: "Re-imagining Teaching in the Time of COVID-19." Co-facilitating a faculty cohort that meets over the academic year to grapple with the changes in teaching practices and vocation sparked by the COVID-19 crisis. Each online group is organized for monthly dialogues to consider creative ideas for the habits, practices, and approaches to teaching while in the midst of a pandemic. Offered through the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology.
- 2020-2021 Team Leader, Teaching and Learning Workshop for Early Career Latinx Religion Faculty in Universities, Colleges and Theological Schools. One of four team leaders entrusted to initiate a two-year workshop process -- consisting of two successive summers and winter weekend retreat -- for fourteen early career Latinx educators

from around the country. Offered through the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion and Theology.

- 2019 Fellowship Reviewer (and Chair) for the Ford Foundation Fellowship Program, Religious Studies and Philosophy Panel. Involves reading applications and traveling to the National Academies offices in Irvine, CA for a 2-day review of fellowship applications. March, 2019.
- 2017-2020 Doctoral Student Mentor, Hispanic Theological Initiative. Mentoring a student at Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX to help ensure his success through his first two years of coursework. This relationship involves a yearly visit to his campus as well as regular check-ins via e-mail and phone.
- 2017-2019 Co-chair, Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit, American Academy of Religion. I helped to oversee the consolidation of two previous units -- Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Unit and the Latina/o Critical and Comparative Study of Religion Group -- to forge a larger unit with a trans-hemispheric focus that reflects diverse methodologies in the study of religion.
- 2018-2019 Chair, Coss Dialogue Committee 2018-2019, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. This three-person committee utilizes endowed resources to bring speakers from outside philosophy to talk about issues related to philosophical questions and the American philosophical tradition. Speakers have included novelist and literary critic Charles Johnson, economist Daniel Bromley, religious studies scholar Eddie Glaude, Jr. and sociologist Patricia Hill Collins.
- 2018-2019 Jane Addams Prize Committee, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. This three-person committee awards an annual prize "to the author of the paper that best advances the work of Jane Addams."
- 2018 Newberry Library Awards Selection Committee. Chicago, IL, March 2018.
- 2018 Blind Reviewer for an essay in *New Theology Review*
- 2017 Blind Reviewer for a book manuscript sent to Fordham University Press
- 2017 Blind Reviewer for essays in *Theological Studies*, *Inter-American Journal of Philosophy*, *Political Theology*, and *Perspectivas*
- 2016-2019 Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP) Coss Dialogue Committee for 2016-2019. This three-person committee utilizes endowed resources to bring speakers from outside philosophy

to talk about issues related to philosophical questions and the American philosophical tradition. Speakers have included novelist and literary critic Charles Johnson, economist Daniel Bromley, sociologist Saskia Sassen, and religious studies scholar Eddie Glaude.

- 2016-2017 Fellowship Reviewer for the Ford Foundation Fellowship Program, Religious Studies and Philosophy Panel. Involves reading applications and traveling to the National Academies offices in Irvine, CA for a 2-day review of fellowship applications in March.
- 2016 Program Committee, 2016 Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP). I served as one of four individuals to serve on this committee, which reviews and evaluates all proposals for the annual conference.
- 2015-2017 Doctoral Student Mentor, Hispanic Theological Initiative. Mentoring a student at Duke University to help ensure his success through his first two years of coursework. This relationship involves a yearly visit to his campus as well as regular check-ins via e-mail and phone.
- 2015 Program Committee Member for the 2015 Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP). I served as one of four individuals to serve on this committee, which reviews and evaluates all proposals for the annual conference.
- 2014-2017 Co-Chair, Latino/a Critical and Comparative Group, American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- 2014-2016 Board-Member-at-Large, Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the US (ACHTUS)
- 2010-present Committee Member, Latin American and Latino/a Outreach Committee, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP)
- 2014-2016 Subcommittee Member, New Affiliate School Membership Committee, Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI). This sub-committee is responsible for supporting the Executive Director in identifying and attracting new non-PhD granting institutions to join the consortium and sharing the benefits and value of membership to potential member schools.
- 2013-2015 Mentor for a pilot program through the American Academy of Religion (AAR). This program, which is sponsored by three AAR committees charged with concern for racial/ethnic, gender, and sexual minorities, is designed to support junior faculty members who are facing challenges of marginality. I served as a sounding board for a more junior faculty member, at another institution, who was having difficulty obtaining a permanent job placement.

- 2012 Program Committee, 2013 Annual Conference of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP). I served as one of four individuals to serve on this committee, which reviews and evaluates all proposals for the annual conference.
- 2011-2012 Teaching mentor for Ph.D. candidate student Myung-Sahm Suh, as part of the University of Chicago Martin Marty Fellowship Program.
- 2010 Invited by The Society for the Advancement in American Philosophy (SAAP) as one of three delegates from the United States to attend the XVI Congreso Interamericano de Filosofía in Mazatlán, Mexico and to serve on SAAP's Latin American Outreach Standing Committee
- 2008-Present Editorial Board, *Perspectivas*, the Journal of the Hispanic Theological Initiative
- 2008-2010 Board Member-at-Large, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS)
- 2005-2010 Steering Committee - Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, American Academy of Religion
- 2006-2008 Secretary, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS)
- 2006 Consultant for "Scriptural Fundamentalisms" Project, Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University
- 2001-2007 Steering Committee - Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group, American Academy of Religion,
- 1998 Lead organizer for Harvard's first conference on Latino/a theology, "Tides of Change/*A Traves del Atlántico y del Río Grande: Doing U.S. Latino/a Theology in the Post-Colonial Now,*" Spring 1998.

Service to the Community

- 2015-Present Member, Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, Pastoral Outreach Program. Visit detained undocumented immigrants at a detention center in Kenosha, WI once a month to actively listen to their stories as a sign of pastoral accompaniment.
- 2017-Present Board Member, Evanston Dance Ensemble (EDE). Within the board, I served as the chairperson of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee from 2017-2020. This includes involvement with several initiatives that attempt to make high-quality dance accessible to underserved communities.

- 2020-Present Board Member, Solidarity Bridge. Solidarity Bridge partners with communities in Bolivia and Paraguay to increase access to safe, affordable surgery and other essential health care. I am working with the organization's Organization and Identity arm to create an interfaith formation process to help doctors and other volunteers both prepare for their service trips and thoughtfully reflect upon them, so as to deepen their own sense of solidarity, whether this entails specific religious commitments or not.
- 2017-2019 Summer Camp Volunteer and Leader, Mariposa Foundation, Cabarete, Dominican Republic. For three summers, my family and I volunteered for a period of one to two months at the Mariposa Foundation, which seeks to end generational poverty by educating and empowering girls, both in the Dominican Republic and beyond. Over the various summers, we worked with girls on reading, sports, and environmental awareness.
- 2014-2015 Member, Adult Faith Enrichment Committee, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Evanston, IL. This committee is responsible for generating programming for adult parishioners.
- 2012-2014 Member, Evanston Neighbors United (ENU). The mission of this organization is the following: "We believe that all Evanston residents should live in safe, healthy, and thriving neighborhoods. Toward this end, ENU will educate and organize residents around issues of social justice and economic equity." Through ENU, I helped to advocate for the removal of a waste transfer station on the west side of Evanston, which is a working-class area of the city comprised mostly of African-American and Latinx families.
- 2009-2010 Co-Chair for Hispanic Heritage Month, Willard Elementary School. Responsibilities include finding performers for an all-school assembly, overseeing the decorations for a *Día de los Muertos* altar, and working with teachers to support their cultural-awareness efforts.
- 2008 Community Organizer for Willard Elementary School Two-Way Immersion (Spanish-English) Program. Initiated and led an effort to bring Spanish- and English-speaking families together to mobilize against a possible school redistricting, which would adversely affect Spanish-speaking families.
- 2008 Bilingual Reading and Writing Volunteer, Willard Elementary School