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EDUCATION

- 6/2015 – 7/2020 **Fuller Theological Seminary**, Pasadena, CA
Ph.D. Intercultural Studies
Dissertation: *Misiología Mestiza: Latinx Hybridity, Churches, and Leadership Praxis*
- 9/2007 – 6/2010 **Fuller Theological Seminary**, Pasadena, CA
M.Div. Cross-Cultural Studies Concentration
- 9/1998 – 4/2003 **Pepperdine University**, Malibu, CA
B.A., Religion and International Studies, Magna Cum-Laude
Concentration in Latin American Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 8/2020 – present **Assistant Professor of Practical Theology**
Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA
- 8/2011 – present **Family Life Minister**
Hollywood Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA
- 5/2018 – present **Podcast Producer and Host**
Missiology Podcast, missiology.com
- 5/2017 – present **Journal Editor**
Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis, missiodeijournal.com
- 8/2003 – 6/2007 **Missionary and Church Planter**
Church of Christ, Jingzhou, Beijing, and Shanghai, China

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 8/2020 – present **Assistant Professor of Practical Theology**
Azusa Pacific University.
Classes taught: *Theology and Practice of Ministry; Practical Theology and Vocational Engagement; Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry; Spiritual Transformation*

- 7/2018 **Visiting Instructor, *Cultures and Leadership U.S. Narratives & Intercultural Life***
Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA
- 4/2018 – 6/2018 **Assistant Instructor, *Ethnicities and Ecclesiologies***
Fuller Theological Seminary
- 8/2010 – 6/2011 **Adjunct Faculty, *English Composition and Rhetoric***
Shanghai University of Electric Power, Shanghai, China
- 9/2003 – 1/2005 **Adjunct Faculty, *Advanced English***
Foreign Language Department, Yangtze University, Jingzhou, China

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- 8/2010 – present **Family Life Minister in Hollywood**
Congregation: Hollywood Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA
Responsibilities: Cultivating the ongoing growth and edification of the congregation; fostering dialogical spaces in order to promote discernment of and participation in God's redemptive work in Los Angeles; teaching; planning sermon series; mentoring emergent leaders; worship ministry, which includes leading worship, coordinating Sunday worship services, and training worship participants; facilitating leadership visioning and planning meetings; leading small groups ministry, hospitality ministry, and general family connectedness.
- 8/2003 – 6/2010 **Missionary in China**
Overseeing Congregation: Hollywood Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA
Establishing a campus ministry in Jingzhou (2003–2005), planting two house-churches in Beijing (2005–2007), and coordinating a campus ministry in Shanghai (2010–2011).
Responsibilities: Evangelism, including one-on-one evangelism and group evangelism Bible studies; access ministries, including making contacts, developing relationships, and following up on contacts; discipleship and leadership training ministries, including discipling new Christians and mentoring local church leaders; administrative ministries, which involved fundraising, leading ministry strategy meetings; other pastoral ministries, including preaching, worship leading, coordinating Sunday services, hospital and prison visits, orphanage ministry, pre-marital counseling, and pastoral counseling.

ACADEMIC EXPERTISE

Latinx Studies

with special focus on Hispanic theology and the constructionist cultural theories of Chicana activist, Gloria Anzaldúa (1942–2004)

Missiology

with special focus on missiological ecclesiology

Postcolonial Hybridity Theory

with special focus on the philosophy of dialogue of Russian literary theorist, Mikhail Bakhtin (1895–1975)

Late-Modern Leadership Theory

with special focus on Relational Social Constructionist Leadership (RSCL) theory

PUBLICATIONS IN JURIED JOURNALS

“Hybridity, Borderlands, and Paul Hiebert: A Latinx Missiologist Reexamines Critical Contextualization,” in *Evangelical Missiological Compendium*, Forthcoming 2021.

Review of Craig Hendrickson, *Charismatic Leadership and Missional Change: Mission-Actional Ministry in a Multiethnic Church*, American Society of Missiology Monograph Series (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2020); *EMQ (Evangelical Missions Quarterly)*, Forthcoming 2021.

“Liderazgo Mestizo/Mestizo Leadership: Relational Cross-Cultural Leadership for the Borderlands,” *Journal of Religious Leadership*, Forthcoming 2021.

Review of Jared Looney, “Crossroads of the Nations: Diaspora, Globalization, and Evangelism,” *Urban Ministry in the 21st Century* (Portland, OR: Urban Loft, 2015); *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 7 (Summer-Fall 2016). <https://missiodeijournal.com/issues/md-7/authors/md-7-rodriguez>

PAPERS PRESENTED, PANEL PARTICIPATION, & RESPONSES

Ron Clark and Kairos Church Planting, “Living Missionally Among the ‘Humiliated’ in a Post-#MeToo World: A Missional Reading of Paul’s Challenge to the Roman Christians in Romans 12:1–16,” Christian Scholars’ Conference, David Lipscomb University, June 2021.

Gailyn Van Rheenen and Mission Alive, “How is God Working during the Pandemic to Create Ideal Settings for Church Planting?” Christian Scholars’ Conference, David Lipscomb University, June 2021.

Matthew Nance and Christian Holy Land Foundation, “The Paradox of Missional Calling” Christian Scholars’ Conference, David Lipscomb University, June 2021.

Alexia Salvatierra, Elizabeth Rios, and Martin Rodriguez, “Mestiza Leadership: How Latinx Hybridity Is (Re-)Shaping Missiological Conceptions of Leadership,” Panelist and session organizer and moderator, American Society of Missiology Annual Conference, Emory University, May 2021.

“Liderazgo Mestizo: Bicultural Latinx Pastors Cultivating Community in Divided Neighborhoods of Los Angeles,” Academy of Religious Leadership Annual Meeting, April 2021.

“The Borderlander Spirit: Toward A Dialogical Pneumatology,” Evangelical Missiological Society, Southwest Regional Meeting, Santa Ana, March 2021.

“Is Hiebert Holding Us Back? A Latinx Critique of Critical Contextualization,” Evangelical Missiological Society Southwest Regional Meeting, Fuller Theological Seminary, April 2020.

“A Latinx Missiologist Reexamines Paul Hiebert’s Critical Contextualization in Light of Mestizaje, Mikhail Bakhtin, and Gloria Anzaldúa,” Evangelical Missiological Society National Conference, October 2020.

“Iglesia Mestiza: Latinx Hybridity and Missional Ecclesiology,” Fuller Missiology Lectures, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, October 2020.

“Evangelism 101,” Young Adult Real Talk, Normandie Church of Christ, May 2021.

“Leadership and Cultures: Reexamining Myths of X-Men and Minions,” Pepperdine University Religion and Philosophy Department Guest Lecture, Pepperdine University, April 2020.

“Costas Colloquium: Response to Oscar Garcia-Johnson’s *Spirit Outside the Gate*,” Panelist, Missiology Colloquium, Fuller Theological Seminary, May 2017.

Marcos Canales, “Liderazgo Latino/a Intergeracional en USA por Pr. Marcos Canales,” Panelist respondent, Conferencia Magistral del Centro Latino del Seminario Teológico Fuller, Fuller Theological Seminary, April 2017.

“Toward a Mestiza Missiology: What the U.S-Latino/a Experience Can Teach Us about Being God’s Missionary People,” Center for Missiological Research Colloquium, Fuller Theological Seminary, February 2018.

“A Mestiza Missiology?” Transnationalism Colloquium, Fuller Theological Seminary, February 2018.

Martin Rodriguez and Daniel Rodriguez, “Pedro for President: Multicultural Leadership,” Pepperdine Bible Lectures, May 2016.

Daniel Rodriguez and Martin Rodriguez, “Should Undocumented Immigrants Be Leaders in Our Churches,” Pepperdine Bible Lectures, May 2016.

Daniel Rodriguez and Martin Rodriguez, “Gifts of the Undocumented Immigrant,” Pepperdine Bible Lectures, May 2016.

Marcus Rodriguez and Martin Rodriguez, “China for Christ,” Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Pepperdine University, May 2009.

“God’s Mission in China.” Urban Mission and Ministry Guest Lecture Pepperdine University, Pepperdine University, February, 2009.

Marcus Rodriguez and Martin Rodriguez, “Reaching Students in China,” Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Pepperdine University, May 2007.

ACADEMIC AUDIO & VIDEO PUBLICATIONS

Mark Lau Branson, Alan Roxburgh, and Martin Rodriguez, “Review of *Leadership, God’s Agency, and Disruptions: Confronting Modernity’s Wager* by Mark Branson and Alan Roxburgh,” Appreciative Reviews of Missiological Publications Series, *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast (in production).

Jinna Jin, Mark Lau Branson, Alan Roxburgh, and Martin Rodriguez, “Teaching with ‘Leadership, God’s Agency, and Disruptions,’” academic webinar (in production).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Wilbert Shenk,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 2, Episode 2.2 (July 2021).

Wilbert Shenk and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry with Wilbert Shenk,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 2, Episode 2.1 (July 2021).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Charles and Marguerite Kraft,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 2, Episode 1.2 (June 2021).

Mark Lau Branson, Alan Roxburgh, and Martin Rodriguez, “Book Interview with Mark Branson and Alan Roxburgh,” The Missional Network, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOyGY3XbLPI> (May 2021).

Charles Kraft, Marguerite Kraft, and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry with Charles and Marguerite Kraft,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 2, Episode 1.1 (May 2021).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on Appreciative Inquiry with Mark Branson,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 7.2 (June 2020).

Mark Lau Branson and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry on Appreciative Inquiry with Mark Lau Branson,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 7.1 (May 2020).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Scott Sunquist,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 6.2 (May 2020).

Scott Sunquist and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry with Scott Sunquist,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 6.1 (January 2020).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Timothy Park,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 5.2 (January 2020).

Timothy Park and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry with Timothy Park,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 5.1 (July 2019).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Paul Hertig,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 4.2 (July 2019).

Paul Hertig and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry on Appreciative Inquiry with Paul Hertig,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 4.1 (April 2019).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Amos Yong,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 3.2 (March 2019).

Amos Yong and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry on Appreciative Inquiry with Amos Yong,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 3.1 (March 2019).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Allen Yeh,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 2.2 (February 2019).

Allen Yeh and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry on Appreciative Inquiry with Allen Yeh,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 2.1 (February 2019).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Postgame: Reflections on the Missiology of Kirsteen Kim,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 1.2 (February 2019).

Kirsteen Kim and Martin Rodriguez, “An Appreciative Inquiry on Appreciative Inquiry with Kirsteen Kim,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 1.1 (February 2019).

Greg McKinzie and Martin Rodriguez, “Introduction to Missiology Podcast,” *Missiology Podcast*, missiology.com/podcast, Season 1, Episode 0 (January 2019).

CONSULTATION, SERVICE, & REVIEW

External Consultant, Common Life: Co-Creating a Tool for Discerning Communal Vocation, Serve Midtown Church; Duke Divinity School’s Leadership Education Innovation Grant (2021–)

External Consultant, Seeds Project Fellowship with Dwight Zscheile and Michael Binder; Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN (2020–2021)

Mentor, Multi-Ethnic Leadership Program (MEL), Student Center for Reconciliation and Diversity (SCRD), Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA. <https://www.apu.edu/scrdscholarship/multiethnic/> (2020)

Doctoral Student Representative, Center for Missiological Research Administrative Committee, Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Intercultural Studies, Pasadena, CA (2017–2019).

Mentor, Harambee Youth Mentoring (formerly Harambee Christian Family Center), Harambee Ministries, Pasadena, CA (2007–2008).

CULTURAL COMPETENCIES

Languages: fluency in Spanish and literacy in Chinese (Mandarin).

Global Study and Exploration: international travel to more than 50 countries.

Mexican Cultures: intimate familiarity with cultures of Mexico; grew up on the mission field in Puebla, Mexico, 1985–1994, and primary and junior high school at *Colegio Ameriano de Puebla*, 1985–1993.

Latinx (Hispanic) Cultures: intimate familiarity with Latinx cultures; Mexican-American extended family has lived in East Los Angeles since great-grandparents immigrated from Chihuahua, Mexico in 1910.

Chinese Cultures: intimate familiarity with Chinese cultures and customs of Central and Eastern China; served as a full-time missionary and college campus minister in China for five years in the cities of JingZhou (Hubei Province), Beijing; and Shanghai, 2003–2007 and 2010–2011.

Advanced Language Education: upper-division German language courses at Pepperdine University; advanced Mandarin-Chinese courses at 清华大学 (Tsinghua University) and 北京语言大学 (Beijing Language and Culture University), 2005–2007.

Study in Germany: completed two semesters of full-time study in Heidelberg, Germany, International Studies Program, Pepperdine University (1999–2000).

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY

Multicultural Urban Ministry Experience: ten years of multicultural urban ministry in Los Angeles, Houston, and Memphis.

Family Life Minister, Hollywood Church of Christ, Los Angeles, CA (2011–2021)

Youth Minister, Impact Houston, Impact Church of Christ, Houston, TX (2000)

Youth Minister, Memphis Urban Ministry Association, Memphis, TN (2001)

International Ministry Experience:

Assistant Organizer and Translator, San Felipe Mission, Conejo Valley Church of Christ; San Felipe, Mexico (1998)

Mission Co-Director, Honduras Recovery Mission, Pepperdine University Project Serve, Pepperdine University; Cholulteca, Honduras (1999)

Assistant Director and Translator, Puebla Youth Mission; Conejo Valley Church of Christ; Puebla, Mexico (1999)

Mission Co-Director, Project Serve Panama, Pepperdine University Project Serve, Panama City, Panama (2002)

Other Ministry Experience:

Founder and Organizer, Groovy Guys Bible Fellowship, Pepperdine University (1999–2003)

Spiritual Life Advisor, Pepperdine University Residential Advising, Malibu, CA (2001–2002)

HONORS

- 2015–2017 *Hispanic Theological Initiative*, Fuller Theological Seminary Representative
2003 Center for International Studies & Languages Outstanding Graduate, Pepperdine University
2003 Religion Division Top Graduate Award, Pepperdine University
2003 Who's Who Among American College Students, Pepperdine University
1998–2003 *Dean's List*, Pepperdine University
1999–2003 *Golden Key Award*, Pepperdine University

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019–2020 *Lilly Dissertation Fellowship*, Hispanic Theological Initiative (\$25,000)
Merit-based grant awarded to Latinx PhD candidates whose theological research demonstrates potential for significant contribution within their field.
- 2015–2017 *Crowell Trust Fellowship*, Fuller Theological Seminary (\$45,000)
Merit-based scholarship awarded by the Center for Missiological Research to top PhD students.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Leadership development and opportunities for underrepresented minorities
Adaptive and praxis approaches to missional leadership in multicultural contexts
Leadership that honors both the agency of God and the agency of marginalized voices
Postcolonial hybridity theory

REFERENCES

Mark Lau Branson
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