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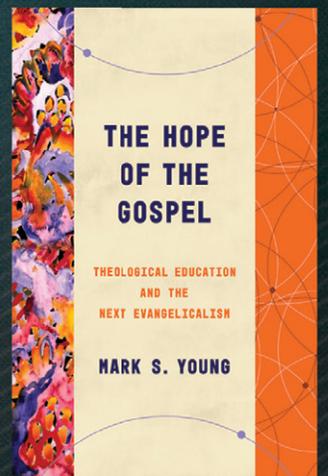
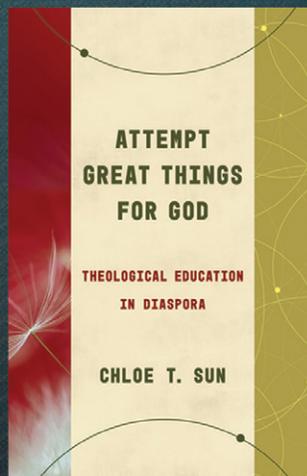
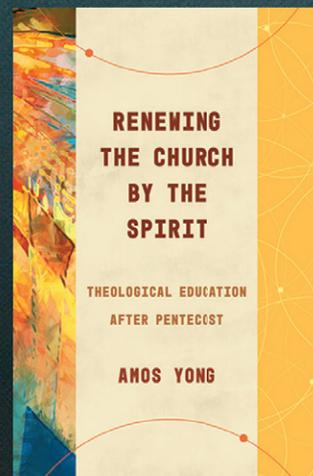
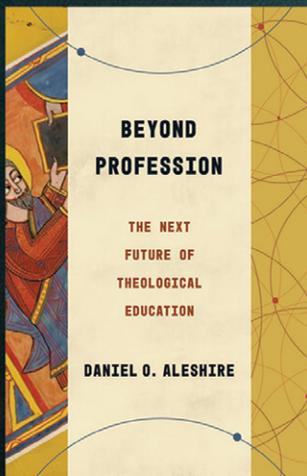
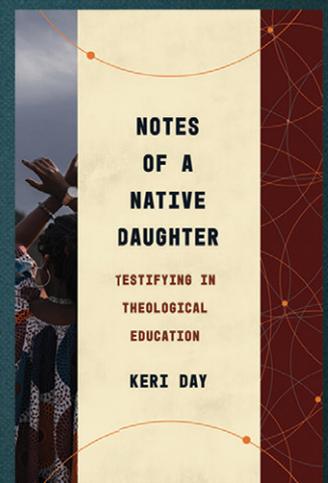
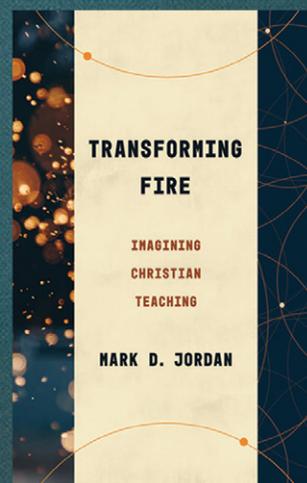
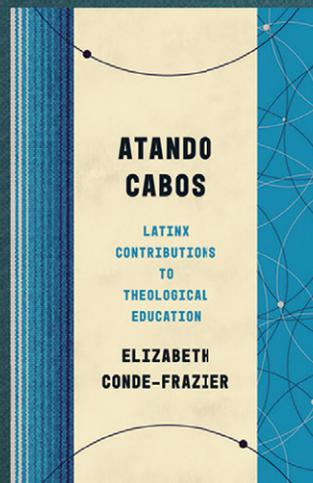
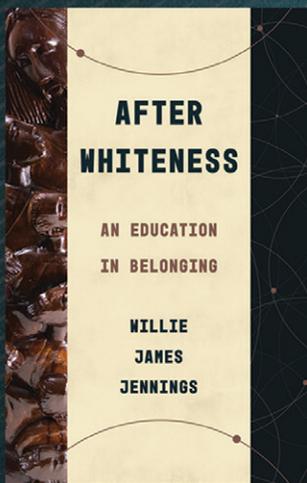
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BETWEEN THE TIMES

THE TEBT PROJECT CELEBRATES HTI FOR 25 YEARS OF WISE, BRAVE, AND JOYFUL LEADERSHIP IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

"I would be hard-pressed to name any other resource that even approaches this series in its visionary outlook and wide perspective on the challenges and opportunities currently facing theological education. The authors represent an unparalleled selection of leaders in theological education whose views and experiences point to different paths into the future, all leading to true excellence and relevance in theological education."

— JUSTO L. GONZÁLEZ

author of *The History of Theological Education*



COMING SOON: BOOKS BY COLLEEN MARY MALLON, OP; HOSFFMAN OSPINO; TED A. SMITH; AND MARIA LIU WONG

Composed for the 20th Anniversary of the Hispanic Theological Initiative

UNA GRAN NUBE DE TESTIGOS

Based on Hebrews 12:1-2

Words and Music by
Tony Alonso

Refrain

For each phrase: solo, then all

Te da-mos gra-cias, te da-mos gra-cias por tan gran
nu - be de tes - ti - gos.
Que en la lu - cha que lu - cha - mos, la ca -
re - ra que co - rre - mos, nos ro - de - an y nos
guí - an. ¡Qué tan gran nu - be de tes - ti - gos!

Verses

(Invocation)

All

¡Pre - sen - te! ¡Pre - sen - te!

English translation:

*We give you thanks for so great a cloud of witnesses.
In the struggle we endure,
In the race we must run,
may they surround and guide us.
What a great cloud of witnesses!*

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Music composed by Dr. Tony Alonso, a Latin Grammy nominated composer of sacred music and a scholar whose work responds to the diverse realities of contemporary culture.

A Cuban-American Roman Catholic, Tony's compositions embrace multicultural musical expressions and reflect a commitment to strong ritual song. His music appears in compilations and hymnals across Christian denominations throughout the world. His "Mass of Joy and Peace" is one of the most widely sung Mass settings in the United States. In 2015, Tony's compositional work was recognized with an invitation to compose the responsorial psalm for the first Mass Pope Francis celebrated in the United States. In 2020, he was nominated for a Latin Grammy for his groundbreaking album "Caminemos con Jesús."

Tony's scholarly work lies at the intersection of liturgical theology, ecclesiology, and cultural studies. He has authored several essays and articles in journals such as *Modern Theology*, *Worship*, and *Liturgy*. In 2019, Tony was awarded the Catherine Mowry LaCugna Award for new scholars for the best academic essay in the field of theology within the Roman Catholic tradition by the Catholic Theological Society of America. He holds a Bachelor of Music in choral conducting from Northwestern University, a Master of Arts in theology from Loyola Marymount University, and a PhD in religion from Emory University.

Tony is Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture at Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he also serves as the inaugural Director of Catholic Studies.

HTI PRAYER

by Dr. Luis Rivera Rodríguez

May God's love empower us with hope and healing
To face the struggles of this day and the hurts from the past.
May the love in our hearts be a light and force
For the healing of creation and the liberation of humanity.
May the bonds of creativity and mentoring that hold us together
Sustain the friendship and solidarity that make us one out of many.
May we receive this blessing, and be a blessing.
Amen

*Que el amor de Dios nos fortalezca con esperanza y sanación
Para enfrentar las luchas de este día y las heridas del pasado.
Que el amor en nuestros corazones sea luz y fuerza
Para la sanación de la creación y la liberación de la humanidad.
Que los lazos de creatividad y mentoría que nos unen
Mantengan la amistad y la solidaridad que nos hacen uno entre muchos.
Que recibamos esta bendición y seamos bendición.
Amén*

*Que o amor de Deus nos dê esperança e cura
Para enfrentar as lutas desse dia e as feridas do passado.
Que o amor em nossos corações seja uma luz e força
Para a cura da criação e a libertação da humanidade.
Que os laços de criatividade e de mentoria que nos mantêm unidos
Sustenham a amizade e a solidariedade que nos fazem, de muitos, um
Que possamos receber essa bênção e ser uma bênção.
Amém*

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**¡Feliz cumpleaños
y nuestros mejores
deseos para los
próximos 25 años!**



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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Over the past year, I have often thought, “*How do we celebrate in the midst of so much grieving?* How do we honor HTI’s special silver anniversary while also allowing our hearts and souls to engage the deep grieving we are currently living? How do we live even more authentically this time, and how do we learn from it, instead of trying to forget what seems too unbearable to face? How do we continue to uplift and remain excited about the achievements this momentous quarter-century milestone represents at a time when the threat of death fills every breath we take?”

For HTI, it is through this very breath—*¡aliento!*—that we affirm life, including the lives of those who may no longer be among us. The HTI community continues to stand strong in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. *En conjunto*, we honor our ancestors. *En conjunto*, we offer remembrance and testimony. And that is why, today, with a grateful heart and a joyful spirit, I share HTI’s 25th Anniversary commemorative brochure. We pay homage and tribute to those who shaped and formed us to be the amazing people of God we are today. Gracing the brochure cover are the faces of **ancestors** who formed HTI scholars—the faces of the parents, siblings, uncles, aunts, pastors, and church leaders who encouraged and also made sacrifices so that today we are able to celebrate their efforts through our leadership in communities and institutions across the country. Additionally, the brochure lists the more than **85** committed partnering institutions and individuals that said, “*¡Presente!*” when asked to join us in celebrating HTI’s mission of recruiting, retaining, and graduating the **150 PhD graduates** now reaping the many rewards of HTI in the larger landscape of theological and religious education.

While the journey has certainly not been easy, the varied partners who have joined in HTI’s testifying are paving the way for the present and future. Despite all of the uncertainties of our new way of living, we trust that your HTI Scholars have developed into leaders equipped to address the most pressing issues affecting the church, the academy, and the world. Done *en conjunto*, their life-transformative work edifies all of God’s creation.

Join us in celebrating our collective accomplishments of the past 25 years! Support HTI by giving your time, talent, testimony, and treasure to strengthen our shared journeys. For the sake of the future dreamed by our ancestors, we have a sacred duty to continue paving the path for the generations of tomorrow.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Rodríguez".

The Rev. Joanne Rodríguez

HTI invites you to invest in our shared visions. Scan the QR Code below for more:



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CONGRATULATIONS to the
Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI)
for 25 years of outstanding work
in support of Latine faith leaders in
the academy and the church.

Thank you for all that you do. Trinity Church Wall Street
is proud to partner with HTI in this worthy and faithful
endeavor. Blessings on the years to come.



Photo: Colin Winterbottom

OVERVIEW OF BROCHURE

This brochure will give you a sense of the robust network of connections that HTI has been able to build over the past twenty-five years. The potential for continued growth is significant.

HTI's exceptional work and lasting impact stems directly from partnerships with a broad spectrum of institutions and individuals like YOU!

The variegated representation of HTI graduates—ethnicity, denominational affiliation, and field of study—is similarly reflected by the variety of institutions represented in this brochure. In addition to HTI's 24 PhD member institutions, included here are departments of religion at universities, seminaries, and schools of theology where HTI scholars teach as well as major funding agencies, publishing houses that publish HTI scholars' work, and the nonprofit educational institutions they serve.

Also represented is The Association of Theological Schools, an organization that counts as members more than 270 graduate schools that conduct postbaccalaureate professional and academic degree programs to educate persons for the practice of ministry and for teaching and research in the theological disciplines. This tremendous blend of talent, drive, and resources, is precisely what has helped and will continue to enlarge the scope of HTI's programming and impact in the broader landscape of theological and religious education.

Thank you!

TESTIMONIAL

“When Justo González asked Edwin Hernández to write a grant proposal to be made to The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew) for the establishment of HTI, Edwin discussed with me the drafting of the grant application outlining the structure, methods, purpose, and goals of HTI. Then, when the organizational meeting was planned, I was invited to be part of the team. It was a privilege to meet and work with the other members of the committee that designed the role and responsibilities of those who would be mentors of the program. It was also a privilege for me to have been a mentor to two of the successful candidates who earned PhD with the help of HTI. The mentors are the ones who distinguished this program from the previous efforts by Pew to help in the developing and growth of the Hispanic Church in the United States.

I trust that my two cents worth contribution to the program made a difference to the many who benefitted from the mentoring received from HTI. I know that I benefitted a great deal from having been involved in such a successful and pioneering program. I hope that the brilliant display left in the sky by the achievements of HTI in its first twenty five years are only the down payment on a much larger cohort of Hispanics who contribute significantly to the betterment of our society. ”

Herold Weiss

Professor of Religious Studies, emeritus, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame IN
1996 Santa Fe, NM, Retreat to organize HTI

HISTORY OF HTI

Two decades prior to HTI's inception, the Fund for Theological Education (FTE), now the Forum for Theological Exploration, implemented two programs that supported 198 Hispanic students both at the master's and doctorate levels. In 1986, The Pew Charitable Trusts (Pew) provided FTE with a planning grant for Dr. Justo L. González along with an advisory team to conduct a study titled, "The Theological Education of Hispanics," which was published in 1988. The study was pivotal for Pew's philanthropic strategy in supporting Hispanics in religious and theological education.

After a Pew study conducted by Dr. Luis Rivera-Pagán and Dr. Rosendo Urrabazo in 1994, Pew decided to withdraw its funding for Hispanic students, yet Dr. Joel Carpenter and the Rev. Danny Cortes, then Pew director and program officer of religion programs, were committed to establishing a new program to develop leaders for the church and the academic community.

Using a planning grant to conduct a new needs assessment study and design process, they hired Dr. Edwin Hernández to lay the groundwork for the Pew Hispanic Scholarship Study. With the support of an advisory team, including Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Dr. Justo L. González, Dr. Allan Figueroa-Deck, Dr. David Maldonado, Dr. Olga Villaparra, Dr. Ana María Pineda, and Ms. Sarita Brown, they wrote the study titled, "The Future of Hispanics Graduate Theological Education." In 1995, Hernández submitted to Pew a grant proposal for the HTI. HTI was launched at Emory University under the directorship of Dr. Justo L. González and Dr. Daisy Machado with a \$3.5 million grant, which was renewed in 2001, and a final grant in 2005 for \$1.8 million. In the fall of 1996, HTI awarded its first fellowships.

In 1999, HTI was relocated to Princeton Theological Seminary and Dr. Zaida Maldonado Pérez became its new director. During Pérez's tenure, she introduced the HTI Book Prize and Latinas in Theology. From 2002 to present, the Rev. Joanne Rodríguez, executive director, has worked collaboratively with a variety of advisors, mentors, and editors to develop and maintain the unprecedented completion rate of 93% with an average time to degree of 5.5 years.

In 2003, HTI received an \$888,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., and in 2007, 17 PhD-granting institutions launched the HTI Consortium to expand the recruitment, retention, and graduation rates of Latinx PhD students. Today the Consortium stands at 24 members. In 2010, HTI was awarded the Examples of *Excelencia* award at the graduate-level from ¡*Excelencia* in Education!, catapulting the HTI vision and model into the larger landscape of education in the United States. Since then, HTI is known as the "411 Hub" for Latinx theological and religious resources, and is relied upon by presidents, deans, faculty, and students for resources and networks. In 2011, HTI received a \$400,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to provide fellowships to post-comprehensive examination/dissertation HTI scholars.

HTI celebrated its 20th Anniversary in 2016 with a corporate gift of \$100,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and a \$1.5 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., which provided ten \$25,000 dissertation fellowships to students yearly for five years.

In November 2017, HTI received \$475,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation to widen and enhance the audience of HTI's peer-reviewed trilingual journal, *Perspectivas*, by building Open Plaza, a platform that addresses key Latinx social issues.

Also in 2017, HTI received a planning grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. titled, "Synergies to Nurture, Improve, and Advance Hispanic Religious and Theological Leaders/Scholars." This grant supported three new initiatives: First, a gathering of Higher Education Denominational Leaders to discuss opportunities and challenges in serving Hispanic leaders' educational goals; second, a Mentoring Pilot Program for First Call to nurture and address the needs of HTI graduates who are in their first position; and third, a Mentoring Internship Program for current HTI Scholars to explore diverse ways in which they can utilize their doctoral degrees to serve in diverse contexts. Each of the new initiatives were carried out in 2018, and their success led to HTI receiving a \$1.4 million grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc., in March 2019. This grant allows HTI to continue the Mentoring Program for First Call and the Mentoring Internship Program. With this grant, HTI will also develop a Latinas in Theology Leadership Program to create opportunities for Latina scholars to apply for leadership positions in theological and religious education institutions and will strengthen HTI's evaluation capacity allowing it to measure its more than 20 years of Mentoring and Professional Development Curriculum.

During the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature annual meetings in November 2019, HTI launched Open Plaza (htiopenplaza.org), a virtual gathering space to amplify Latinx voices in the global public space through blogs, podcasts, and HTI Video Talks. Open Plaza is uniquely designed for Latinx intellectuals in religion and theology to connect with a broader audience and exchange resources and ideas that contribute to advancing the well-being of Latinx communities and society at large.

In 2020, HTI received a \$1.6 million grant, which allows HTI to continue providing ten \$25,000 dissertation fellowships to students yearly for four years. And in 2021, Trinity Church Wall Street granted HTI \$100,000 to digitize the Professional Development Curriculum for Latinx Faith Leaders and Scholars.

HTI holds Affiliate Member Status with the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

The Hispanic Theological Initiative was born in a time of extraordinary ferment and creativity in the field of Hispanic ministries.

Founders & Advisors from 1986 thru 2002

Efrain Agosto

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Benjamín Alicea

Arturo Bañuelas

Paul Thomas Barton

Joel Carpenter

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier

Danny Cortés

Esther Díaz-Bolet

Ana María Díaz-Stevens

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Rosendo Urrabazo

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Daisy Machado

Socorro Montañez

Lizette Oquendo

Zaida Maldonado Pérez

Joanne Rodríguez

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María Kennedy

Mercedes Tuya

Suzette Aloyo

João Chaves

Noreen Santos

TESTIMONIAL

“New national networks and associations were rising, but everywhere the same questions came up: How does this movement develop new leaders? Would the rapidly growing churches and movements put down deep roots? Would Hispanic Christians develop theology and missions to address North American realities? So, the HTI has met a great need. HTI graduates have massively strengthened leadership development across the continent by forming new agencies and leavening older ones. Back in the 1990s, HTI seemed like a very good idea. Today, by God's grace, it has done far more than we asked or imagined.”

Joel A. Carpenter, Senior Research Fellow
Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity
Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Princeton Theological Seminary Congratulates the
Hispanic Theological Initiative
on Celebrating 25 Years

Thank you for leading the way for over two decades. In helping Latinx scholars thrive as they achieve their academic pursuits and answer God's call, the Hispanic Theological Initiative betters the academy as a whole. Princeton Theological Seminary looks forward to continuing this important partnership to advance such incredible work.

HTI SCHOLARS

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Chauncey Diego Francisco Handy
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HTI mentor
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Professor Emeritus of Ecumenics,
HTI mentor

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Joanne Rodríguez, ThM '02, MDiv '99





“ The blessing is to be a part of the formation of Latinx scholars, because what is actually happening is that they are forming us as well. I am a better Christian because of the humility, the sensitivity, the competence, the understanding, and most of all the love that I developed for these Latinx scholars. ”

Rev. Dr. Craig Barnes
President,
Princeton Theological Seminary



The HSP congratulates the HTI for 25 wonderful years of support for Latinx doctoral students. The link between our organizations remains strong. From students and faculty who have benefited from both organizations, to the visionary leadership of Dr. Daisy Machado, HTI's first Director in 1996 and the HSP's current Director since 2012, collaboration remains key. We look forward to 25 more years of Latinx theological education en ¡conjuntó!

Learn more about our programming including our new Alumni Network and flagship HSP Summer Session that hosts accredited graduate level courses for Latinx seminarians:
www.hispanicsummerprogram.org

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University of Notre Dame

EL/LA CULTIVADOR/A (CULTIVATOR):

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Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
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TESTIMONIAL

“Being selected for the HTI Book Prize continues to reverberate in my professional life. It was a great affirmation of my scholarly work and the culmination of the Dissertation Year Grant I received in 1999-2000. As an early recipient of this grant I am eternally grateful, not only for the needed financial assistance, but the wonderful community of support and the sense of belonging that HTI provided me in my academic career. I'm very proud to be associated with HTI—a very much still needed organization that I pray will continue to grow and expand in new ways.”

Raúl Gómez-Ruiz

President-Rector, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology
2008 HTI Book Prize Winner

HTI 25TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDING INDIVIDUALS

EL/LA CULTIVADOR/A (CULTIVATOR):

SUPPORT FOR PhD DEBT RELIEF—
\$1,000–\$2,499

Francisco García Treto
Raúl R. Gómez-Ruiz
Luis R. Rivera Rodríguez

HERMANEX (SIBLING): BOOK SUPPORT FOR PhD STUDENTS—\$500–\$999

Aixa Beauchamp
Eric Barreto
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Milagros Peña
Joanne Rodríguez
Grace Vargas

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SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH—\$100–\$499

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Daniel Schipani
Eric Sias
Stephanie Mota Thurston
Efrain Velázquez
Eunice Villaneda-Bolaños

TESTIMONIAL

“ I have served as an HTI mentor for many years, and still continue to do so. I have given talks at the HTI summer gatherings, at the AAR/SBL conventions, etc. I don't recall missing an HTI event. Is there one specific moment that has been very special? Not one, but very many. My entire experience as mentor, working and speaking with many students, and the many conversations at meetings... they have all been very important, and the sum of them has impacted my own theologizing. Few programs have been so impactful not just on my scholarship but on the entire field of Latinoax theology as the HTI has. 'Thank you' to all at HTI for giving me the opportunity to serve more than one generation of Latinoax scholars in theology and religion. It has been a privilege! ”

Orlando Espin
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Néstor Medina

Assistant Professor of Religious Ethics and Culture
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2012 HTI book award presentation

TESTIMONIAL

“ My very first HTI dissertation scholar left abruptly for the Atlanta airport after receiving my feedback on his dissertation. Evidently he’d not experienced what I tout as the gentle side of my editing work, only the forthright one. That was 1996.

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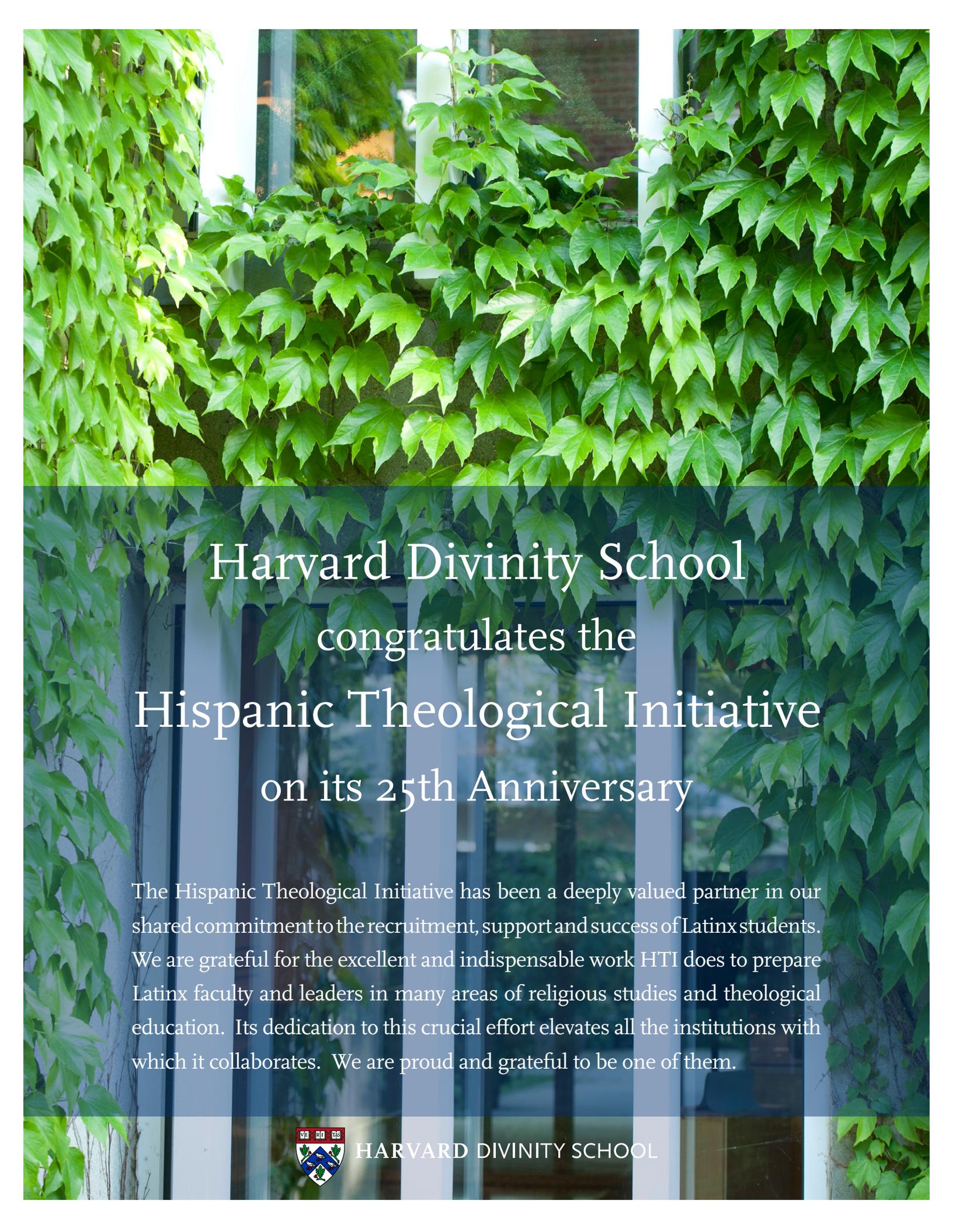
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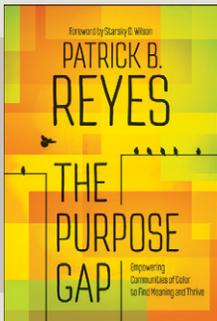
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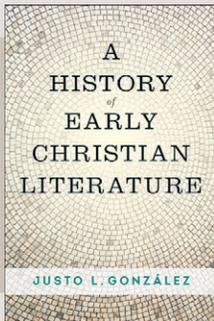
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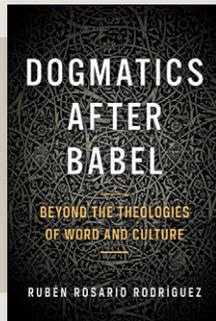
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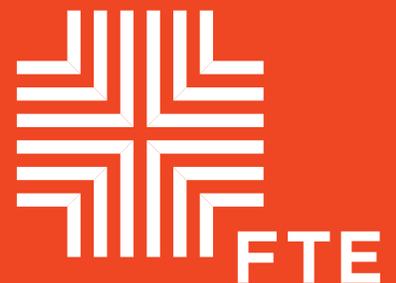
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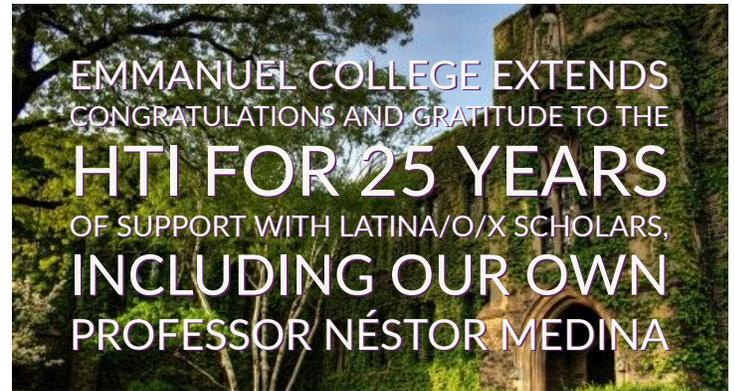


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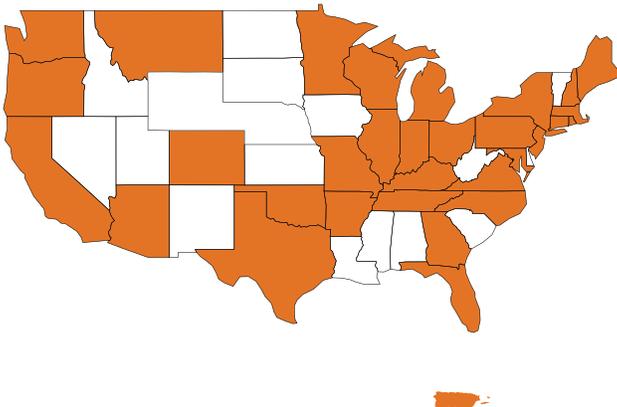
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In the past twenty-five years, HTI has embodied its “*En Conjunto*” model both in its supportive programming and daily activities. Now that we have a cohort of scholars represented nationally and abroad with connections that expand beyond theological and religious education we are in a position to broaden our scope and vision.

HTI is committed to the recruitment, retention, and graduation of Latinx PhD students in religion and theology, and also to help Latinx faculty publish more, gain tenure, and move into the leadership roles of dean, provost, and president to academic institutions. Additionally, HTI wants to be in conversation with the educational leaders of denominations to see how, mutually, we can help support the academic growth of Latinx communities.

Here are several examples of how HTI continues to address the needs presented by the shifting landscape of academia:

- Pre-dissertation HTI internship Program to enhance and advance the leadership capacity of HTI Scholars;
- Early Career Orientation (ECO) provides post-graduate career development through mentoring and workshops, which supports graduates transition into professional careers for greater contributions and partnerships at their hiring institutions;
- Latinas in Leadership (LIL) provides Latinas who bring bi-vocational, entrepreneurial, and mid-level careers in religion and theological education an *en conjunto* program to explore and advance their skills for executive level leadership.

Additionally, during this anniversary year, HTI has introduced these new opportunities:

- The Hispanic Theological Initiative Series on Religion and Theology *En Conjunto*—an academic book series published by Baylor University Press. The HTI/Baylor Press series will strengthen Latinx scholarship beyond HTI circles, contributing innovative research to a number of disciplines and providing a site for the publication of minoritized junior, mid-career, and also senior scholars in and outside of the HTI networks.
- The HTI Lecture Series at Member Schools—These lectures are co-sponsored by several consortium member schools and they will continue to strengthen HTI’s *en conjunto* work by disseminating cutting-edge scholarship over the next three years.

For more information about how to become more involved in HTI’s current and future programming subscribe to *Journeys*, HTI’s newsletter.



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“ I have very fond memories of the Writing Retreats that HTI put together to help me finish my dissertation. Lots of laughs and struggle-sharing with my cohort. But if I had to share the most impactful moment it would be this: that moment when HTI told me that they would do ‘EVERYTHING’ within their power to help me finish my doctorate. I know they meant it, and it was such transformative experience. How can you not live up to someone who believes in you unconditionally? ”

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“ When I went to this event [Early Career Orientation], I had left a job of 13 years and had just completed the PhD. I was also still processing the loss of my mother. Needless to say, I was very much in a period of transition at the time. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier was the HTI’s scholar supporting this program. She also happens to be someone whom God has used at various times in my life, since we met in California many years ago. I had a conversation with her that helped bring clarity and focus in a time of chaos. I journaled much of the conversation and have referred back to it from time to time.

I met Chris Cavanaugh during this week at Princeton. HTI was generous and kind enough to ‘hire’ her to help me with my CV. Chris’s help was invaluable. The conversations we had went well beyond the CV and were very profitable at a personal level.

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Lizette Acosta
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2019 - Early Career Orientation



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Dr. Dan Treier
Professor and Director of Graduate Studies,
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“ The great thing we have is so many HTI scholars out there and so many publications for the academy, the church, religion departments, and theological schools. ”

Dr. Lallene Rector
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Boston University School of Theology celebrates the 25th anniversary of the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium

We are proud to support the HTI on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.

*Boston University School of Theology Latinx faculty members met recently to discuss the future of Latinx programming at the School. **From left to right:** Alejandro Botta, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible; Cristian De La Rosa, Associate Dean for Students and Community Life; Filipe Maia, Assistant Professor of Theology; Luis Menéndez-Antuña, Assistant Professor of New Testament; Jonathan Calvillo, Assistant Professor of Sociology of Religion; and Rady Roldán-Figueroa, Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.*

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- Luis Menéndez-Antuña, *faculty member*
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“ It gave me great hope to discover HTI and to learn that we don’t just have this faculty, we are producing more faculty. There is a tremendous need going forward for excellent scholars and future leaders. ”

Dr. Craig Hill
Dean,
Perkins School of Theology

“ We now have a presence of Latino scholars training not only Latino scholars and theological leaders for the future, but also helping Anglo, African America, Asian, and Asian American students to understand the needs and opportunities for the Hispanic and Latino/a church in the US, Latin America, and around the world. ”

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HTI Open Plaza contributors work *en conjunto* with a faculty-led team of editors from academic institutions throughout the United States and Canada.

Through its HTI25 Series, Open Plaza honors HTI's quarter century of *Excelencia*.

Perspectivas is the online peer-reviewed bilingual subscription journal of the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI). *Perspectivas* began in 1998 as *Perspectivas: Occasional Papers* to feature the contributions of Latinx scholars in theology and religion. It served as a critical resource to stimulate further dialogue and research in theological and religious studies. As interest, readership, and impact grew, *Perspectivas* evolved into a peer-reviewed print journal through 2009 when publication ceased due to financial constraints. Although *Perspectivas* was no longer being published, readers continued to engage the existing issues and as a result, demand for the publication increased. *Perspectivas* has become a vehicle to reach a broad audience, including faculty and students, as well as a growing number of churches and other community organizations across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Because of its continued success, HTI was thrilled to move *Perspectivas* to its new online home in 2016.

Journeys is HTI's online quarterly newsletter whereby you will see HTI's member schools' shared commitment to advancing the recruitment, retention, and graduation of Latinx PhD students in the larger landscape of theological and religious education, and hear about the contributions HTI graduates and current HTI scholars are making in the academy, the church, and the world.

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“ I had never been surrounded by so many bright, beautiful, kind Latinx thinkers until I arrived to the campus of Princeton Seminary. My interaction with each colleague, mentor, staff member, and most importantly editor (Santa Uli), inspired me to go through this process. Perhaps I should confess that even if I had passed my comprehensive exams, I still didn't believe I would graduate.

Prior to my arrival to the Summer's Writing Weekend, I had spent six months, researching and had only written 20 pages. I'm aware that working full time and having a young family didn't leave much time, but there was a much deeper issue that was getting in the way of my progress. I confess, I was fearful of writing. I was afraid that my ideas were not good enough and that I would never meet the deadlines. Everything changed once I met my editor Ulrike Guthrie, right away, she asked me, 'What are you afraid of?'

During our conversation, Uli shared helpful advice and encouraged me to just write. For the first time I felt empowered and I decided to use every second I had available to research and write. I didn't sleep much or do anything fun during the weekend, but at the end of the weekend I had written my introduction, first chapter, and outlined my writing for the next six months. The HTI monthly reports and conversations with Ulrike helped me maintain a writing momentum. Also, my deep commitment to my family and the fact that my wife was scheduled to give birth to our baby daughter on December of 2019.

Although, I wasn't able to attend the HTI Winter Writers Week the HTI support helped me meet the deadline for the dissertation submission on January 15, 2020. I didn't get much sleep within those six months, but as I reflect on those difficult days, I still cannot believe that I wrote more than 200 pages in only 6 months and that had a successful defense on February 25, 2020. How can someone put together a full dissertation in 6 months? A miracle???

There was no way I could have done this without the resources provided by HTI. I'm forever in debt to you!!! ”

Saul Barcelo
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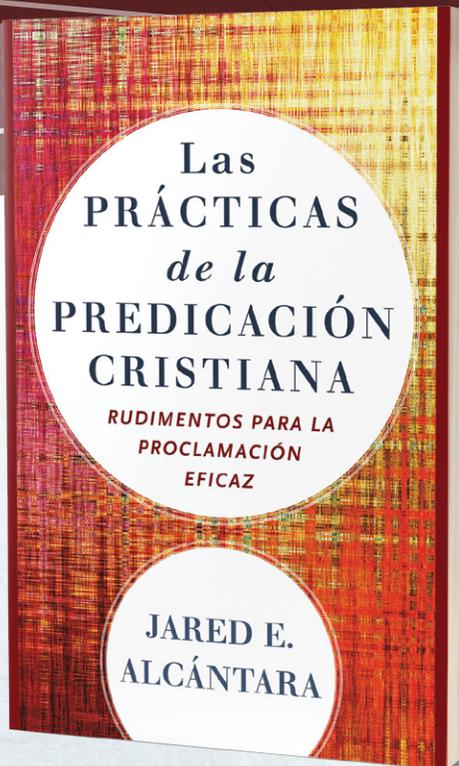
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“ Of the many memorable moments in HTI, the one that I’d like to share is the moment we danced. At a July 1999 HTI gathering in Menlo Park, and after a series of productive presentations and dialogues, a weekend evening was upon us. And so we cleared our space to create a dance area. HTI scholars had brought CDs of salsa, Tejano and disco music: Gloria Estefan, Marc Anthony, Jennifer Lopez, Selena, the Texas Tornados, and Barry White soon filled the air with festive celebration. I’ll never forget that evening; HTI scholars not only practiced rigorous theological reflection, but also festive celebration! ”

Oswald Nira
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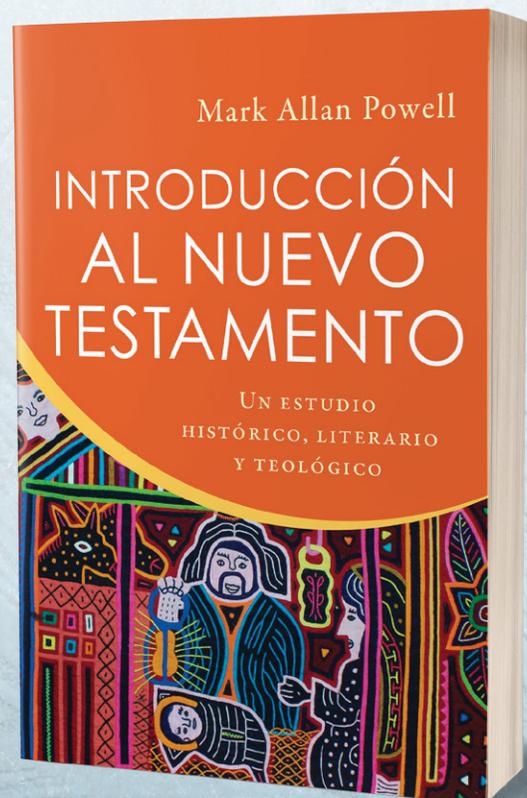
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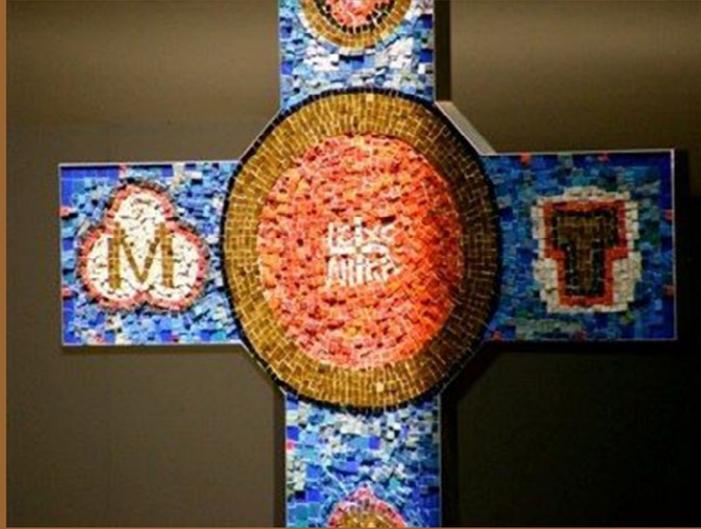
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Dr. Tom Shepherd
Professor,
Andrews University

TESTIMONIAL

“ I have been a member of HTI Steering Committee for six years. This committee works closely in supporting and resourcing the work and leadership of the executive director, Rev. Joanne Rodríguez. The committee is responsible for program oversight, review, evaluation, and planning, and meets at least two times a year. There is always a lot of work and also times for prayer, camaraderie, and one celebratory dinner in a nice restaurant. We always interact with staff and students.

I am always inspired by the joy, creativity, commitment, generosity, friendship, and vision that these colleagues bring to the table. The meetings are a laboratory for doing Latinx theological education and a hub for practicing leadership ‘*en conjunto*.’ Many good things have come out of these meetings! There are always plenty of smiles and good feelings as we enter and exit those gatherings. This kind of service has enriched and blessed deeply my personal and professional life. Happy anniversary HTI! ”

Luis Rivera
Associate Professor of Theology, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
2016-2019 - Chair, Steering Committee and Member Council
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This year we gather to celebrate HTI's silver anniversary and we offer gratitude and pay honor to the many individuals and institutions who have made the mission and vision of HTI real and impactful.

When you stop, reflect, and truly take in all of the achievements of these past twenty-five years, it is certainly inspiring and exciting! When you see a Latinx student graduate begin to make vital and long-lasting changes at an academic institution, a denomination, a church, or a nonprofit, it is the best feeling in the world. HTI scholars are passionate about the work that they do and watching them in action is confirmation that the work HTI does to support them is crucial.

“ I can still remember my conversation with Dr. Ada María Isasi-Díaz at a restaurant near Princeton Theological Seminary. Our conversation so impacted me at multiple levels. I greatly appreciated her candor and honesty about many different theological, ministerial, and practical issues involving social justice ‘y la Lucha.’ But, I also appreciated her heart. I felt like that mentoring dinner provided a space and place for me to really get a sense of her heart for the people, for the Lord, and for me as a young Hispanic scholar. We connected at the level of story-telling and ‘talking story’ which really made me feel like I belonged. I felt like I truly belonged in the academy and ‘en la Lucha.’ I felt like Dr. Isasi-Díaz really cared and I knew that she was investing in me because she wanted me to succeed. I felt connected to Dr. Isasi- Díaz as one would to a family member. I saw in her eyes faith, hope, and love and I saw that lived out in her way of life. Even after I graduated she continued to serve as a mentor from afar, cheering me on, supporting me with encouraging words, and standing in my corner as I continued to grow in my calling. In many ways, I have tried to do the same for other young scholars. I am truly grateful for HTI and the mentoring program. ”

Tommy Casarez
Associate Dean, Vanguard University
2011-12 Mentoring Dinner Event with Ada-María Isasi Díaz

HTI helps emerging scholars actualize their vision of doing the work that fulfills them and also ushers in change. With words of encouragement and admiration, with our advocacy, together we help Hispanic leaders enhance and use their own voices. The partnerships HTI builds extend to the HTI scholars, empowers them with resources, and creates spaces for them to build relationships and make their dreams a reality. This reality continues to give to hundreds and thousands, both in the United States and abroad, to both the Hispanic community, and to all with whom they come in contact. Your continued partnerships and giving is what makes the work of HTI possible, and that is why it is so important! So we urge you to continue to dream with us and give of your time, treasure, testimony, and talents to expand HTI's mission.



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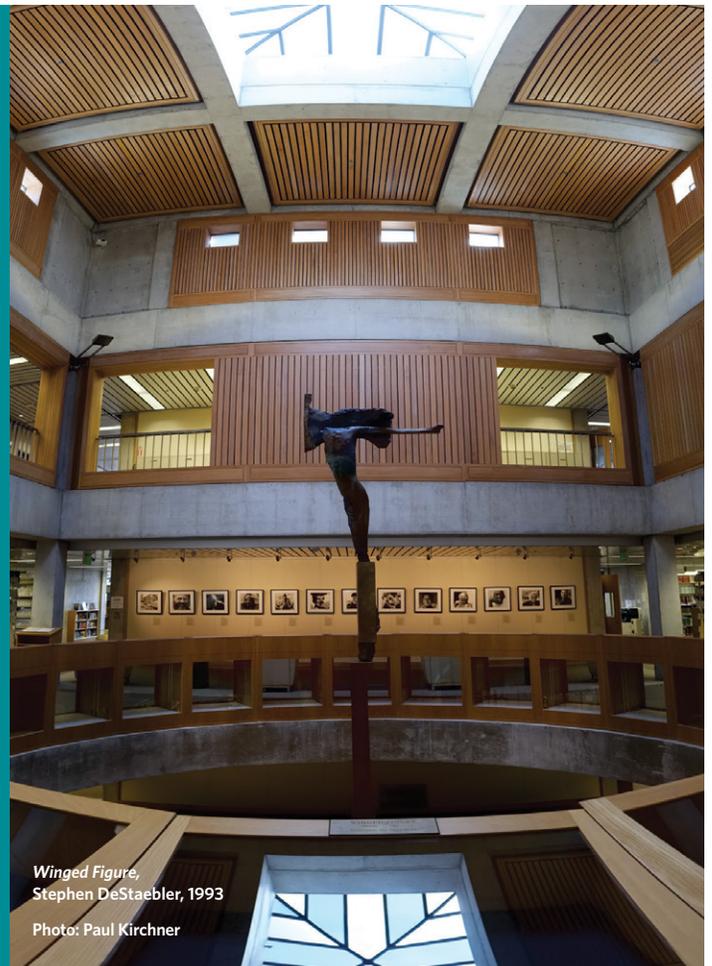


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“ We don’t have a safety net, so if I fail, there is nobody to catch me; if I fall, there is nobody in my home who got to seminary or sometimes even college, to say ‘keep going, we are going to support you.’ I had to do that myself and HTI became that safety net. ”

Dr. Alexander Gonzales
Professor,
Dallas Theological Seminary

TESTIMONIALS

“ One of the greatest assets that the HTI has is its Writer’s Workshop. Speaking to a professional editor encouraged me to finish my PhD dissertation, because it gave a point of view from outside of my institution. I felt like my contribution to scholarship was taken seriously and valued by someone who had a perspective that was not competitive, but encouraging. Also, some of the best moments I have experienced with HTI have been my conversations with Joanne Rodríguez. Her ability to listen and share her wisdom is invaluable for Hispanic scholars who typically see obstacles versus ‘logros’ in the academy. I am deeply grateful for all of this. ”

Renata Furst
Associate Dean for Hispanic Engagement, Oblate School of Theology
2001 Writer’s Week

“ David Sánchez led a powerful mentoring meeting that persuaded me to finish my dissertation and think about an academic career. It was a difficult year but his mentorship and work on Revelation opened a pathway for mine. Thanks, HTI for setting up these transformative conversations! ”

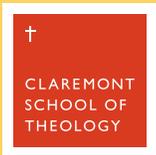
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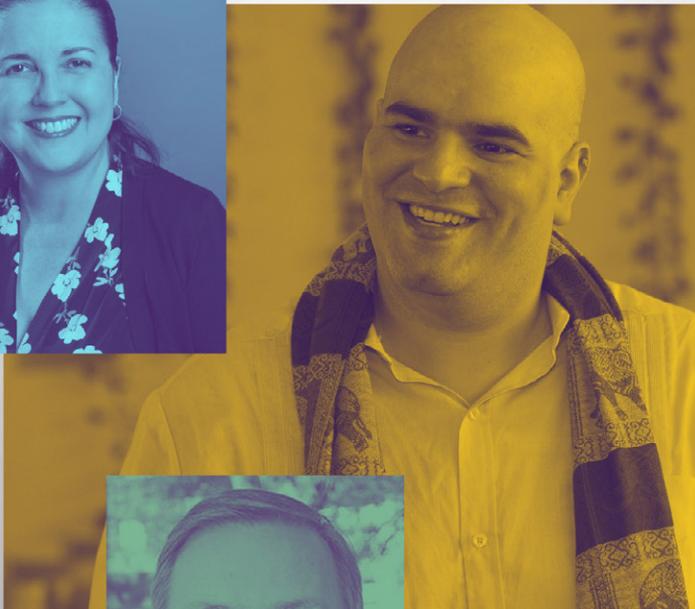
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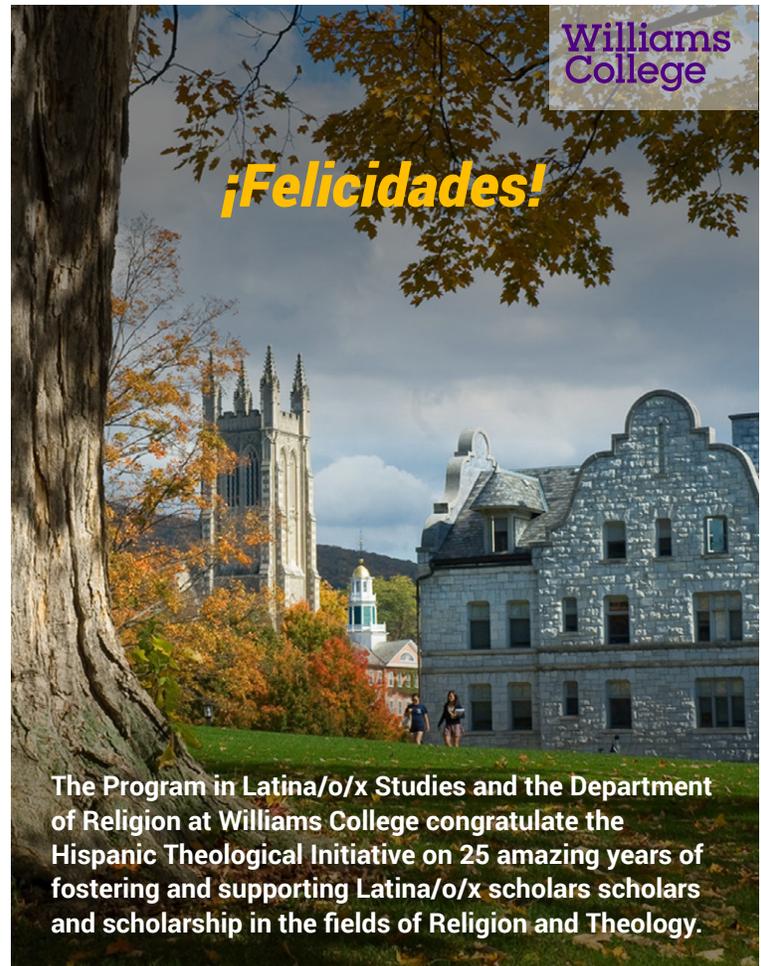
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Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore
Professor and Dean Emerita,
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TESTIMONIAL

“ I was very nervous as I was going to be interviewed for the HTI scholarship, Father Raúl Gómez-Ruiz was the chaplain of the event and he approached me (he must have seen something). He listened to me and shared with me about his spiritual journey. I was filled with peace in the midst of my own insecurities. I failed the interview and did not receive the fellowship and I was truly disheartened at first, but my peers were super supportive and loving and I left with hope and peace. I was able to apply again and I received the fellowship the following year. The rigor taught me many lessons, the support at the worship spaces and opportunities to be nurtured impacted my life in very meaningful ways. The *familia* of HTI has been a blessing that has transformed my life. The journey *en conjunto* has been one that has changed the course of my life. *Gracias.* ”

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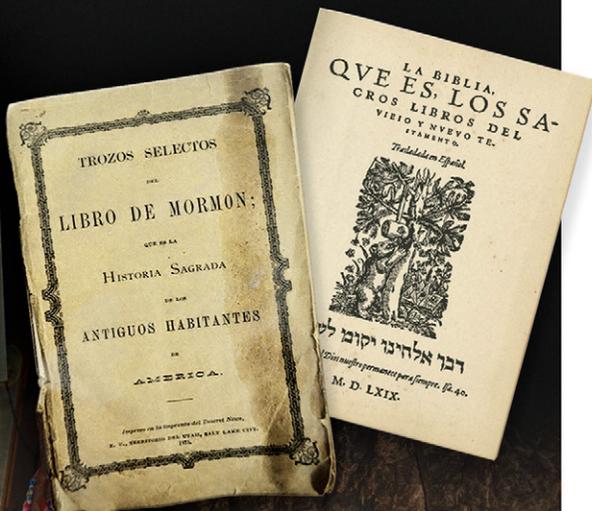


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“ Working with other Latinx scholars on the Teaching Borderlands Podcast has brought me back to my first contact and workshop with HTI which led to me receiving a postdoctoral fellowship back in 1997, an opportunity which marked the beginning of my teaching career at the Jesuit School of Theology, now part of Santa Clara University, as well as the Graduate Theological Union. Like what I experienced then, this coming together with other scholars in a supportive, ecumenical setting, one in which we shared not only our current research but our connections to communities responsible for our vocation as theologians, I felt a special kind of freedom, one in which you did not have to explain yourself or experience the dreaded imposter syndrome. As we were interviewed by the selection committee and in subsequent discussions, I could feel first director Dr. Daisy Machado’s concern that our scholarship and teaching be done for the right reason, that is, not our personal glory but for the good of our sisters and brothers. Dr. Justo González’ dedicated mentorship in putting together a book proposal based on my dissertation project, similarly, led to my first book, *Cosecha: Harvesting Contemporary United States Hispanic Theology (1972-1998)*, which recently appeared in its third incarnation in Spanish out of Chile, a work for which he wrote the prologue. Now engaged in this Teaching Borderlands Project, one of its fruits being these podcasts, has reminded me, in the words of our goal, that our aim is ‘not only to offer a counter story of the borderlands but ultimately to foster a life-giving vision of Latinidad for educational ecology.’ *Gracias a Dios* for HTI and for good mentors! ”

Eduardo Fernandez, SJ
Professor of Pastoral Theology and Ministry
Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
2019 - Open Plaza

“ In the winter of 2016, I flew to Princeton to join others as we worked together on our dissertations. Coming together—and getting snowed in—provided the community that I needed just when I was feeling ‘stuck’. It was mentally and spiritually healthy for me to be with others who understood and could encourage me in my journey. ”

Melisa Ortiz Berry
Assistant Professor of History and World Christianity, Bushnell University
2016 - Winter Writing Workshop

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“ Part of my work has been to continue to emphasize why HTI’s work is so significant, why this work deserves the attention and the support of people all over the country. ”

Dr. Jeffrey Kuan
President,
Claremont School of Theology

TESTIMONIAL

“ Goodness, there are so many impactful moments I could share from the almost 22 years of involvement I’ve had with HTI. Receiving a doctoral dissertation scholarship award in 1999, the book award and lecture from 2003, and the many years of participation and the networks made possible by HTI in all of the years since. But two moments and opportunities stand out the most. The first was the Summer Workshop of 1999. This was when HTI gathered a group of doctoral students who were at the dissertation writing stage in the programs and brought them to Atlanta, GA for a workshop. This event allowed me to interact with a brilliant group of Latina/o scholars in the making. Just the opportunity of knowing that there were other Latinos and Latinas who were preparing to enter the academy along with me was a huge moral boost for me that has lasted to this day. But in that event and from that group I also began friendships with some of my fellow colleagues, friendships that continue till this day and that have been vital for me. The second event or opportunity I will mention has been the chance to mentor two amazing doctoral students and human beings: Rafael Reyes III and Seth Villegas. For all of this I am grateful! ”

Benjamin Valentin
Professor of Theology & Latinx Studies, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
1999 Summer Workshop



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Dr. Tammi Schneider
Professor and Chair of Religion,
Claremont Graduate University

“ Even in my role as president, because now there are multiple generations of HTI graduates, I feel like I have a cohort in my own role. We have been connected through HTI. HTI serves multiple functions. As support for students primarily, but also to faculty and to administrators in our roles. ”

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TESTIMONIALS

“ My recollections of HTI-inspired and infused moments are many. Two come to mind. The first has to do with paradigm shifts, and the second with catalytic impact. When I met my assigned mentor, Luis Rivera-Pagán (then of the Universidad de Puerto Rico), and shared my preliminary research plans, he turned me on to Marcelino Menéndez y Pelayo’s *Historia de los Heterodoxos Españoles*. This magisterial work by one of Spain’s greatest literary critics introduced me to a deep bibliography of Spanish scholarship on Iberian Christianity. This in turn allowed me to engage meaningfully and add new material (unknown to the faculty, who did not read or require Spanish) to seminars on Christian Heresy and Calvin in Duke’s Graduate Program in Religion (I was the first Latino student in the doctoral program). Luis also mentioned that liberation philosopher Enrique Dussel was coming to campus for a semester residency with Latin American cultural studies guru Walter Mignolo. With permission from my Duke mentor, I made a beeline for Mignolo’s office upon arrival to campus in the fall semester. I not only gained an additional mentor, as a result, but also garnered support to organize a symposium around Dussel’s 1998 spring residency, ‘New Directions in Latino/a Theology and Religion.’ The unprecedented conference, generously supported by the Divinity School and Religion Department and featuring a dream team of scholars from across the country (Justo González, Daisy Machado, Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Alan Neely, Manuel Gaxiola, Teresa Berger, etc.), helped me to map my research path forward and partially seeded Duke Divinity School’s institutional trajectory in a Latino/a direction. ”

Daniel Ramírez

Associate Professor of American Religions, Claremont Graduate University
1997 - Mentoring

“ I remember sitting in a session on professionalization, at the HTI Summer Workshop. I don’t remember who the presenters were, but what they said has never left me: Don’t Burn Bridges. I was at a point in my education when I wanted to burn all of the bridges at my institution, but I took their advice to heart and didn’t burn any. It was the best professional advice I’ve ever gotten and I pass it along whenever I think a student needs to hear it. Thank you, HTI! ”

Mariana Alessandri

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
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David Nirenberg
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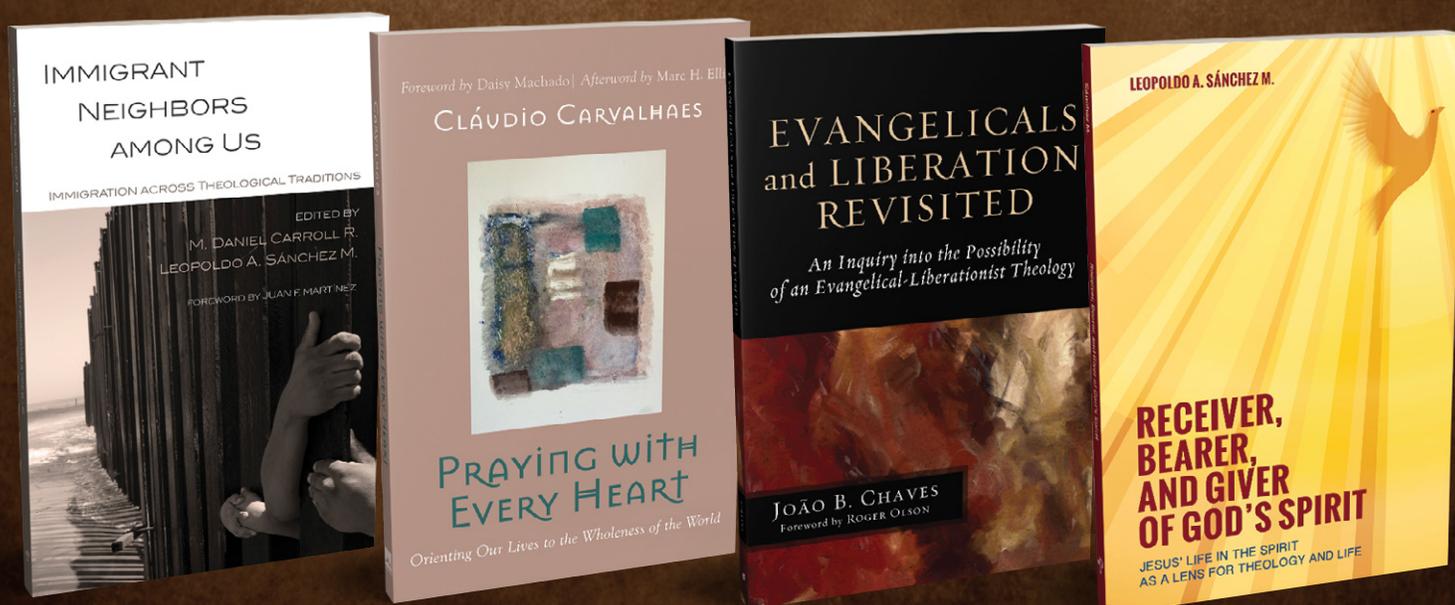
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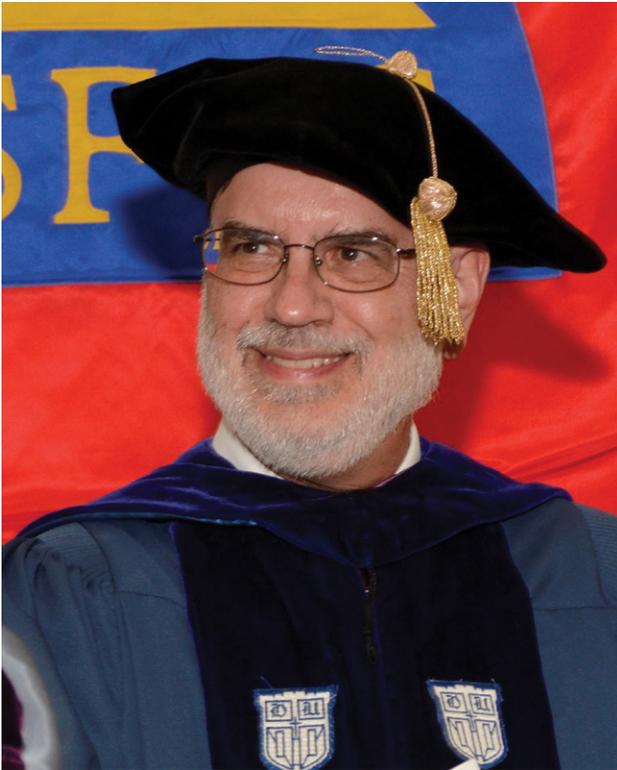
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Dr. Arthur Holder
Professor,
Graduate Theological Union

TESTIMONIAL

“ During the discussion following Miguel Diaz’s lecture at Princeton Theological Seminary, the late, great Otto Maduro (Drew University) talked about his problem with those who talk about the marginality of Latino/a perspectives in our culture and in the academy as if it were a bad thing. Rather than trying to bring Latino/a perspectives into the mainstream, Otto argued that the critique from a Latino/a liberative perspective says the ‘middle’ (the status quo) is part of the problem and what needs changing. It was a celebration of marginality as solidarity that has shaped my scholarship ever since. ”

Rubén Rosario Rodríguez
Professor of Systematic Theology, Saint Louis University
2002 HTI Book Prize honoring Miguel Díaz’s book *On Being Human: U.S. Hispanic and Rahnerian Perspectives* (Orbis, 2001)

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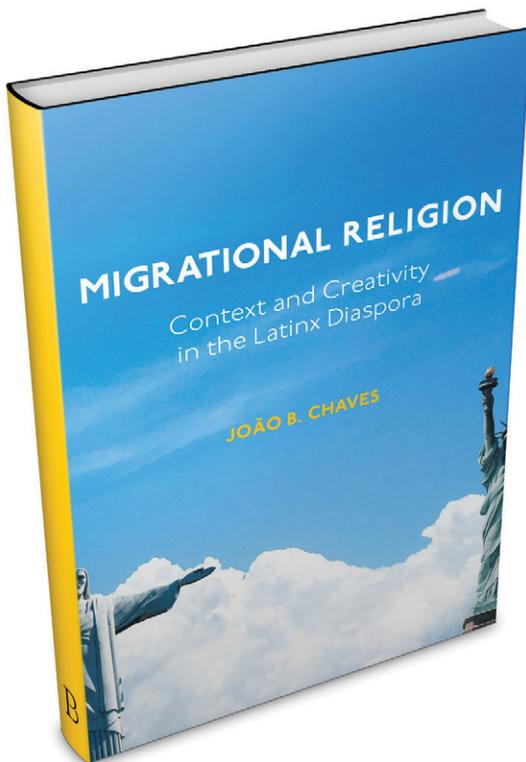
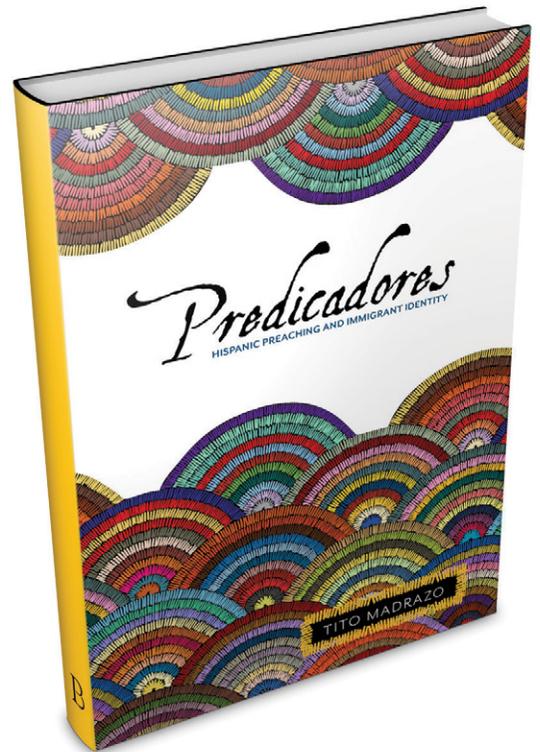
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