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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Graduate Theological Union, Ph.D., October 2001
Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Union Theological Seminary, M.A., 1996
Systematic Theology

Georgetown University, B.S., 1994
French Literature

Université de Paris VII: La Nouvelle Sorbonne, Special Student, 1992-1993
French Literature

L'Institut Catholique, Special Student, 1992-1993
Biblical Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Scranton

- Academic Leader of the College of Arts and Sciences, the largest College/School at the University
- Develops and implements the academic vision of the College
- Designed and is implementing the five-year CAS Strategic Plan in collaboration with CAS faculty, staff, and students
- Managed CAS response to Covid-19 pandemic
- Initiated multiple Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives within the College
- Worked with Alumni and Development to for the CAS Pre-Medical Advisory Board
- Dean's Committee Participation
 - General Education Curriculum Review Committee
 - Council for Diversity and Inclusion

- Hiring for Diversity Workgroup
- Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Development Workgroup
- Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Planning Team
- Chair, Associate Provost Search Committee
- Chair, Kania School of Management Dean Search
- Vice President of Mission and Ministry Search Committee
- Participant, Anti-Racism Training Lily Fellows
- Participant, *Me and White Supremacy* Workgroup

Assistant Provost of Undergraduate Education, University of Miami, 2014-2019

- Created and managed the Undergraduate Advisor Consortium, which consists of all Professional Academic Advisors in the 9 Schools and Colleges and Supplemental Advisors
- Served as Academic Ombudsperson for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Collaborated with the design and implementation, and managed the Plus One Scholarship program, offering student a tuition free semester or year for enrichment
- Assisted with the implementation and promotion of substantial revisions to our University General Education requirements
- Collaborated with the 9 Academic Deans of the Undergraduate Schools and Colleges
- Managed the UM in Rome Study Abroad program
- Collaborated with Enrollment Management on recruitment, particularly of historically underrepresented and first generation students
- Met regularly with students from Student Government.
- 2012-2018 supervised the Residential Faculty Program at the University
- Collaborated with the Office of Civic and Community Engagement to create the office, service learning courses, and Faculty Fellows Program
- Provost's Cabinet Member
- Provost's Advisory Council Member, working on the creation and implementation of strategic plan initiatives

Executive Director, Office of Academic Enhancement, University of Miami, 2016-

- Directed the Office of Academic Enhancement, which supports historically underrepresented, first generation, high achieving and/or first year residential students in pursuit of academic excellence, campus engagement and professional development. We aim to equip and empower our diverse student body with the knowledge, skills and resources to successfully navigate their undergraduate education and beyond
- Direct reports include:
 - Prestigious Awards and Fellowships division
 - The Foote Fellow University Honor's Program
 - The Programs of Academic Excellence (approx. 150 scholarship students),

- Residential College Advising (with a staff of 2 advisors and 30 peer mentors in-residence)
- Created division for First Generation Students, Empower Me First, offering academic support, mentoring, programming and advocacy for this student population
- Collaborated with the Miller School of Medicine to establish pipeline programs for historically underrepresented students at the high school and college levels.
- Managed a budget of \$900,000

Professor of Religious Studies, University of Miami, Miami, 2015-2020

Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Miami, Miami, 2010-2015

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Miami, Miami, 2006-2010

Marie V. Gendron Endowed Visiting Professorship for Hispanic/Latino Theology and Ministry, Barry University, Miami, 2007-2009

Part-Time Faculty, Loyola Marymount University Study Abroad, San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala, 2006

Theologian-in-Residence, San Lucas Tolimán Mission, Guatemala, 2004-2006

Assistant Professor of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, 2001- 2005

Assistant Director, University Honors Program, Loyola Marymount University, 2003-2004

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Professorship in Feminist/*Mujerista* Theology, Hispanic Summer Program, Mundelein, IL, June 2003

Associate Professor, Starr King School for the Ministry, Course Title: “Voices of the Other: Transforming Theology”, 2000-2001

Teaching Assistant, Dr. Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Hispanic Summer Program 1999, Course Title: “Ética Cristiana desde la Perspectiva Hispana / Latina”

Research Assistant, Dr. Alejandro García-Rivera, Graduate Theological Union 1997-1999, Course Title: “Theological Aesthetics”

ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION

Latino/a and Latin American Theology
Afro-Caribbean and Latino/a Studies
U.S. Minority, Third World, and Feminist Theologies
Constructive and Cultural Theologies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Oxford Handbook of Caribbean Religion, editor (Oxford University Press, 2023).

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: An Introduction to Monotheism, co-authored with Amanullah De Sony and William S. Green (Bloomsbury, 2021).

A Critical Introduction to Religion in the Americas: Bridging the Liberation Theology and Religious Studies Divide (New York University Press, 2014).

Caribbean Religious History, co-authored with Ennis Edmonds (New York University Press, 2010).

Shopping: Christian Explorations of Daily Living (Fortress Press, 2010).

This book has been translated and printed in China, Korea, and India

Embracing Latina Spirituality: A Woman's Perspective. (Cincinnati, OH: St. Anthony's Messengers Press, 2009).

Creada A Imagen de Dios. Antropología teológica femenina. (Bilboa, Spain: Ediciones Mensajero, 2008). Translation of ***Created in God's Image: An Introduction to Feminist Theological Anthropology***. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007).

Created in God's Image: An Introduction to Feminist Theological Anthropology. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007).

Afro-Cuban Theology: Race, Religion, and Identity. (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2006)

Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2003).

Articles and Book Chapters

"Our Ladies of the 305," in *Religion in the Américas: Transcultural and Trans-hemispheric Approaches*, ed. Chris Tirres and Jessica Delgado (forthcoming 2023)

"Latina Women's Theology" in *Emerging Theologies of the Global South*, ed. Mark Lamport and Mitri Raheb (Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming 2023).

"¡Presente!: The Latinx Future of Catholic Higher Education," in *Catholic Higher Education in Light of Catholic Social Thought: Critical-Constructive Essays*, ed. (Paulist press, forthcoming 2022)

"Inter-cultural Friendship and the Argument for an Ethos of Difference," *Concilium* (forthcoming 2022).

"Catholicism and/in Latin America," in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*," ed. Frederick C. Bauerschmidt et al. (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming 2022).

"Cuban Descent Catholics," in *The Oxford Handbook of Latinx Christianity*, ed. Kristy Nabhan-Warren (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2022).

"How We Became a Race? The Racialization of Asian Americans and Latino/as within Theological Studies," in *Theology of the Multitude for Multitudes: The Legacy of Kwok Pui-Lan*, ed. Rita Nakashima Brock and Tat-siong Benny Liew (Claremont Press, forthcoming 2021)

"More than Christian and Latino: Race, Culture, and Identity within Latino/a Theology and Religious Studies," in *Critical Dialogues in Latinx Studies: A Reader*, ed. Ana Y. Ramos-Zayas and Mérida M. Rúa (NYU Press, 2021), 94-103.

"Deans New to Jesuit Education Find Their Way Together," co-author, *Conversations* (September 2021)

"Created for God and for Each Other: Our *Imago Dei*," in *T&T Clark Handbook of Theological Anthropology*, Mary Ann Hinsdale, I.H.M and Stephen Okey (T&T Clark, 2021), 61-70.

"Biblical Silence: Where is the Bible in Latino/a Theology," in *Latino/a Theology and the Bible: Ethnic-Racial reflections*, ed. Fernando Segovia and Francisco Lozada (William de Gruyter, 2021), 73-88.

"Dissent and Hope: The Church in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala," *Horizons* 45:1 (June 2018): 137-141.

"New Developments in the Study of Cuban Religions: Gender, Race, and Material Religion," *Religious Studies Review* 44:1 (March 2018) 65-69.

"Liberation Ecclesiologies with Special Reference to Latin America," in *The Oxford Handbook of Ecclesiology*, ed. Paul Avis (Oxford University Press, 2018), 573-594.

"Mujerista Theology: A Theology for the Twenty-First Century (Orbis Books, 1996) by Ada María Isasi-Díaz: Bringing the Struggle of Latinas to the Table," in *Take and Read: Christian Writers Reflect on Life's Most Influential Books*, ed. Michael Daley and Dianne Bergant (Berkeley, CAL Apocryphile Press, 2017), 211-215.

"Is Pope Francis the First Latin American Pope? The Politics of Identity in América," *Pope Francis*, ed. Nicolas Panotto and Emilie Smith (Palgrave, 2015)

"Difference, Body, and Race," in *Image of God, Image of Humanity? Theological anthropology for the 21st Century*, eds. Lieven Boeve, Yves De Maeseneer and Ellen Van Stichel (Fordham University Press, 2014), 131-147.

"Breaking the Habits of Machismo," *Sojourners* (cover story, December 2013).

"Lydia Cabrera: Translator of the Afro-Cuban World," *Crossing Postcolonial Borders: Latin Perspectives in the Americas Reshaping Religion, Theology, and Life*, ed Joerg Rieger (Rowman and Littlefield, 2013), 55-74.

"The Jennifer Effect: Race, Religion, and the Body" in *She Who Imagines: Feminist Theological Aesthetics*, ed. Laurie Cassidy and Maureen O'Connell (Liturgical Press, 2013), 87-102.

"Alejandro Garcia-Rivera: A Legacy in Theological Aesthetics," *Dialogo* 16:2 (Fall 2013): 33-36.

Guest Editor, *Political Theology*, Issue 13.5.

"Editorial: Faith Matters: Religion in the 2012 Presidential Election," *Political Theology* 13.5 (2012): 529-535.

"Religion and the U.S. Presidency: Politics, the Media, and Religious Identity," *Political Theology* 13.5 (2012): 568-585.

"When We Don't Chose Our Friends: Friendship as a Theological Category," *Theology Today* 69:2 (July 2012): 189-196.

"Is Shopping Sinful?" *Faith and Leadership* (Duke University, March 27, 2012).

"The Power of Words, the Power of the Classroom," *Postcolonial Networks*, December 29, 2011.

"If It is not Christian, Is it Theology? Espiritismo, Evil Eye, and Santería: A Dialogue with Latino/a Theology" in *Decolonizing Epistemology: New Knowing in Latino/a Philosophy and Theology*, eds. Ada María Isasi-Díaz and Eduardo Mendieta (Fordham University Press, 2011), 151-168.

"Keeping It Real: The Theological Contribution of Ada María Isasi-Díaz" *Feminist Theology* 20:1 (Sept 2011): 28-32.

"Ecclesial and Theological Humility: A Response to Paul Lakeland" Proceedings of the Catholic Theological Society of America (2011)

"Expanding Our Academic Publics: Latino/a Theology, Religious Studies, and Latin American Studies" *Wading in Many Voices: Toward a Theology of Public Conversation*, ed. Harold Recinos (Westminster John Know Press, 2011), 17-32.

"Theological Anthropology," in *In Our Own Voices: Latino/a Renditions of Theology*, ed. Benjamin Valentin (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010), 64-84.

"Christology, Latino Views of," "God, Latino Views of," in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

"Liberation Theology," "Religious Thought: Latino," in *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, eds. Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams (CQ Press, 2010).

"Latina Theology: Past, Present, and Future Theology" *The Ecumenist: A Journal of Theology, Culture, and Society* Vol. 47:2 (Spring 2010): 1-7.

"I Confess ..." *Insights* 125:2 (Spring 2010): 23-25.

"Latina Feminist Theology: The Past, Present, and Future," *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 25:1 (Spring 2009): 150-155.

"Womanist and Latina/Mujerista Theology in Dialogue" *New Theology Review* 21:1 (Feb 2008): 57-63.

"De la Cruz, Sor Juana," "Gebara, Ivone," "Mujerista Theology," "Tamez, Elsa." In *Introductory Dictionary of Theology and Religious Studies*, eds. Orlando O. Espín and James Nickoloff (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2007), 326, 484, 919-919, 1351.

"The Virgen and the Scholar: Afro-Cuban Contributions to Latino/a and Latin American Theologies," in *Feminist Intercultural Theology: Religion, Culture, Feminism, and Power* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007), 125-144.

“Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Latin American Church Mother.” in *Theological Canon and Empire*, eds. Joerg Rieger, Kwok Pui-lan, and Don Compier (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2007), 229-242

“Greg Boyle,” in *The Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice* (Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Press, 2007), 264-265.

“One is Not Born a Latina One Becomes One: The Construction of the Latina/Feminist Theologian in Latino/a Theology.” Reprint in *Rethinking Latino/a Religions and Identity*, eds. Miguel de la Torre and Gastón Espinosa (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2006).

“Native/First Nation Theology Roundtable: Response.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 22:1 (2006): 109-114.

“What About *Mulatez*? An Afro-Cuban Contribution.” in *Futuring the Past: Explorations in the Theology of Tradition*, eds. Orlando O. Espín and Gary Macy (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006), 180-203.

“Christology.” in *Handbook of Latino/a Theologies*, Miguel de la Torre and Edwin David Aponte, eds. (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2006), 17-24.

“Theology,” in *Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2005), vol. 4, 231.

“Jesus Christ,” in *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes*, eds. Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2005), 161-200.

“Juana Inés de la Cruz de Asbaje y Ramirez,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2nd ed. (New York, NY: Macmillan Reference, 2005), 4967-4968.

“Hans Urs von Balthasar and Contemporary Feminist Theology.” *Theological Studies*, Vol.65, No. 3 (September 2004): 566-596.

“Who is americano/a? Theological Anthropology, Post-Coloniality, and the Spanish-Speaking Americas.” in *Postcolonial Theologies: Divinity and Empire*, Catherine Keller, Michael Nausner, Mayra Rivera, eds. (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2004), 58-79.

“One is Not Born a Latina One Becomes One: The Construction of the Latina/Feminist Theologian in Latino/a Theology.” *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 10:3 (Feb 2003): 5-30.

“Unearthing the Latino/a Imagination: Literature and Theology, Some Methodological Gestures.” in *Nueva Voces / New Voices: Horizons in U.S. Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology*. Benjamin Valentin, ed. (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2003), 119-137.

"Teaching as Social Action," *Vistas: Loyola Marymount University* 6:3 (Spring 2003)

"Seeing Beauty Within Torment: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the Baroque in New Spain." in *Religion, Feminism, and Justice: An Introduction to Latina Feminist Theologies*. María Pilar Aquino, Daisy Machado, and Jeanette Rodriguez, eds. (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2002), 3-22.

"Latino/a Theology: Doing Theology *Latinamente*." *Dialog*, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Spring 2002), 63-72.

"Nuestra Humanidad: Toward A Latina Theological Anthropology." *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (February 2001), 49-72.

Web publications for *Religion Dispatches*

"Pope Francis Brokers End to Cuba Embargo," December 17, 2014

"Mourning Jenni Rivera: 'When a Lady Dies'," December 13, 2012.

"Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Mother of Mujerista Theology" May 14, 2012.

"Why Did the Pope Choose Cuba?" March 7, 2012.

"Obama at Romero's Tomb" May 23, 2011

"A Meditation on Shopping and Desire" December 15, 2010

"Cuba Opens its Doors to the Catholic Church," November 5, 2010

"God, The 34th Miner in Chilean Ordeal," October 14, 2010

"Eat, Pray, Double-Standard," August 17, 2010

"A State Without A Mexican," August 1, 2010

"New Report Breaks Silence on Faith-Based Orgs," July 16, 2010

"Furious, Shaking, and Nauseated," May 2, 2010

"Christian Imperialism in Haiti? Missionaries, Theo-tourism, and the Invasion of the Global South," February 8, 2010

"Biblical' Disaster in Haiti: Pat Robertson and the Curse of Unyielding Ignorance," January 15, 2010

"Biblical" Disaster: Understanding Religion in Haiti," January 13, 2010

"Bad Magic: Voodoo According to Disney," December 4, 2009

"Latina in America: What CNN Got Wrong," November 11, 2009

"Rum and Gunpowder: How to Take Out a Vodou Doll," September 22, 2009

"Sotomayor is Sworn in: Latina Wisdom Personified," September 8, 2009

Publications in the *National Catholic Reporter*

"The Pope and Machismo," (September 2013)
"Building Bridges and Fostering Dialogue: Revisiting Lisa Sowle Cahill," (October 2013)
"We Lost a Brilliant Scholar and Our Tía," (December 21, 2012), 8.
"Liberation Gift is Vatican II's Legacy," (October 11, 2012): 44
"Reclaiming a Space for Legitimate Anger," *National Catholic Reporter*, online, September 12, 2012.
"The Color of God: Diversity as the Doorway to the Divine,"
(December 26, 2003)

Book reviews

Review of Joel Robbins *Theology and the Anthropology of Christian Life*, *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society*, December 2021.

Review of *Riding With Death: Vodou Art and Urban Ecology* by Jana Evans Braziel, *Spiritual Citizenship: Transnational Pathways from Black Power to Ifá in Trinidad* by N. Fadeke Castor, and *Migration and Vodou* by Karen E. Richman, *Caribbean Studies* 48:1 (June 2020): 175-179.

Review of *Afro-Catholic Festivals in the Americas*, *Religious Studies Review* (May 2020).

Review of Prieto: Yorùbá Kingship in Colonial Cuba during the Age of Revolutions, *New West Indian Guide* (June 2020).

Review of *Cuéntame: Narrative in the Ecclesial Present*, *American Catholic Studies* 130:1 (Spring 2019): 82-84.

Review of *Afro-Cuban Religious Arts: Popular Expressions of Cultural Inheritance in Spiritismo and Santería*, *Journal of Religion* 96:4 (Oct 2016): 563-564.

Review of Seth Holmes, *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States*, *The National Catholic Reporter* online 2013.

Review of Susan A. Ross, *Anthropology: Seeking Light and Beauty*, *Horizons* 40:1 (June 2013): 117-118.

Review of Kwok Pui-Lan, ed., *Hope Abundant: Third World and Indigenous Women's Theology*, *Theological Studies*, Sep 2011, Vol. 72 Issue 3, 688

Review of Bryan N. Massingale, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, online 2011.

Review of Michele Saracino, *Being About Borders: A Christian Anthropology of Difference*, *The National Catholic Reporter* online 2011.

Review of Anthony Pinn and Benjamin Valentin, eds., *Creating Ourselves: African Americans and Hispanic Americans on Popular Culture and Religious Expression*, *Theological Studies*, Sep2010, Vol. 71 Issue 3, 737-739

Review of Ondina E. González and Justo L. González, *Christianity in Latin America: A History*, in *Theological Studies* Vol. 70 (2009): 211-212.

Review of Margaret D. Kamitsuka, *Feminist Theology and the Challenge of Difference* in *Modern Theology* 25:1 (Jan 2009): 137-139.

Review of Dolores R. Leckey and Kathleen Dolphin, eds., *Monica K. Hellwig, The People's Theologian*, in *The National Catholic Reporter* available online.

Review of Jennifer Heath, ed., *The Veil: Women's Writer on Its History, Lore, and Politics* in *The National Catholic Reporter* available online.

Review of J. Kameron Carter, *Race: A Theological Account*, in *The National Catholic Reporter* (April 29, 2009) available online.

Review of Reinaldo L. Roman, *Governing Spirits: Religion, Miracles, and Spectacles in Cuba and Puerto Rico, 1898-1956*, in *The Journal of Law and Religion* Vol. 24, No. 2 (Spring 2009)

Review of Gerald E. Poyo, *Cuban Catholics in the United States, 1960-1980: Exile and Integration* in *The Journal of American History* (June 2008): 277-278.

Review of Brown, *Santería Enthroned: Art, Ritual, and Innovation in Afro-Cuban Religion*, in *The Journal of Religion* Vol. 85, No.1 (January 2005): 177-178.

Review of Marcella Althaus-Reid, *Indecent Theology: Theological Perversions in Sex, Gender, and Politics*, in *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, Vol. 9, No.4 (May 2002), 70-72.

Review of Ivone Gebara, *Longing for Running Water: Ecofeminism and Liberation*, in *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 10:3 (Feb 2003):78-80.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"Future Directions of Hispanic Theology," Lumen Christi Institute, The University of Chicago (June 2021).

“Beauty and Justice in the City,” Lumen Christi Institute, The University of Chicago (May 2021).

“The Francis Factor at Eight Years: Global Impacts, U.S. Challenges” Dahlgren Dialogue, Georgetown University (March 2021).

“Inside Out: The Latinx Future of Catholic Higher Education,” University of San Francisco (February 2021)

“Race and Church in the Americas,” Hispanic Innovators of the Faith, Catholic University of America (January 2021)

“Judaism, Christianity and Islam: An Introduction to Monotheism,” panelist. Chester Beatty Library (December 2016).

“The Legacy of Jim Cone: Latinx and Black Theologies in Dialogue” Northwestern University (November 2019)

“Conversion to Justice: A Catholic Response to the Sin of Racism” University of Saint Mary (September 2019).

“Assessing the Strategic Context” Reinvention Collaborative National Meeting, Arlington, VA (November 2018).

“Lydia Cabrera” Emory University (October 2018).

“So Now We Are Latinx? Reflections on Race, Culture, and Identity Within Latino/a Theology and Religious Studies” Hispanic Summer Program Keynote Speaker, Southern Methodist University (June 2018).

“Varieties of Protest in the Age of Trump: Religious Studies and Direct Action in Charlottesville, St. Louis, and the NFL” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 2017).

Presider, “The Legacy of Virgilio Elizondo,” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 2017).

“Borderland Spirituality: Aesthetics and Accompaniment in the Theology of Roberto S. Goizueta” Boston College (April 2017).

“Latina Intellectuals” TedX Talk, University of Miami (April 2017)

“Masking the Virgin Mary: La Caridad del Cobre and Religion’s Resiliency in Cuba”
Cane Talk, University of Miami (April 2017)

“Africa in the Americas: Religion in the Caribbean and Its Diaspora Communities”
University of Notre Dame (March 2017).

“Dissent and Protest in the Catholic Church” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2016).

“From Trent to Francis: Understanding Reform in Catholicism” Princeton Seminary, Princeton University (October 2016).

“Promoting Resident Engagement to Promote a Community of Academic Support”
Third Annual Residential College Symposium, Vanderbilt University (October 2016).

“Redeeming Race: A Theological Construction of Racialized Humanity” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Theology, Durham University (June 2016).

“Whiteness, Race, and Theology” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Theology, Durham University (June 2016).

“Al Raboteau’s *Slave Religion*” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA, Nov 2015)

“Religion in the Americas” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA, Nov 2015)

“Politics, Culture, Gender—Successes, Disappointments, Opportunities” Our Inheritance: Vatican II at 50 The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century (Fordham University, March 2015).

“Shopping, Consumerism, and Christianity” *Creating Common Good: Academic Symposium* (Trinity Institute, January 2015)

“The Dead, the Spirits, and Saints: Latino/a Eschatology Grounded in Everyday Religion” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (San Diego, CA, Nov 2014)

“Response to *When God Talks Back*,” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (San Diego, CA, Nov 2014)

“The Study of Latino/a Theology and the Imperative for Interdisciplinarity” Latino/a Studies Conference (Chicago, IL, July 2014)

"From Africa to the Americas: Religion in the Diaspora," Zerby Lecture, Bates College (November 2013).

Response to Miguel de la Torre's *Latino/a Social Ethics*, Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Baltimore, MD, November 2013)

"Latino/a Theology and the Bible," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Chicago, IL, November 2012)

"Innovative Job Hunting Strategies in the Academy and Beyond," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Chicago, IL, November 2012)

"What is Latina About Latina Spirituality," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Chicago, IL, November 2012)

"Lydia Cabrera: Translator of the Afro-Cuban World," Annual Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (San Francisco, CA, May 2012).

"Translator of the Afro-Cuban Religious World: Lydia Cabrera" and "The Quinceañera and the Traje Tipico: Religion, Ritual, and the Mercado" annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA (November 2011).

"The Spirituality of Shopping" Wilson Lecture, Wimberly School of Religion at Oklahoma City University (November 2011)

"'Pied Beauty': Implications for Art, Aesthetics, and Systematic Theology" De Paul University, Chicago, IL (October 2011)

"Global Catholicism: The Church in the Americas" The Most Reverend John McCarthy Lectures Series on the Catholic Church in the 21st Century, St. Edward's University (October 2011)

"When We Don't Choose Our Friends: Friendship as a Theological Category" Women, Theology and Ministry Forum at Candler School of Theology, Emory University (October 2011)

"Retablos" Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami (October 2011)

"Who is More Popular? Unofficial and Official Saints in Latino/a Catholicism" Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA (June 2011)

"Ecclesial and Theological Humility: A Response to Paul Lakeland" Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA (June 2011)

"The Spiritual Within the Material: Daily Life, Culture, and the Human" expert seminar at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium: Anthropos: Exploring Theology, Exploring Humanity (April 2011)

"Is Shopping A Sin?" Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York (March 2011)

"Hispanic Women in the Media" National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Miami, FL (March 2011)

"Nuestra Iglesia" Chicago Catechetical Conference, Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry, Chicago, IL (November 2010)

"Communion and Cultural Integrity in U.S. Catholicism" The U.S. Catholic Church: The Challenge of Communion, DePaul University (November 2010).

"The Multi-Racial and Multi-Ethnic Caribbean: Microcosm of the World" Survive and Thrive Conference, Mast Academy (November 2010).

"Nuestra Iglesia" Chicago Catechetical Conference (November, 2010).

"Presidential Address," The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (June 2010).

"Web-bing Theology" Constructive Theology Workgroup, Union Theological Seminary (May, 2010).

"Saints, Spirits, and Madonnas: The Everyday Religion of Latina Culture" Fairfield University (April, 2010).

"Ecclesial Catholics, Orishas, and La Virgen: Theological Developments in Cuban-American Religions" annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada (November 2009).

"They Were All Together in One Place? Toward Minority Biblical Criticism" annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada (November 2009).

"Orisha Aesthetics," Cuban Heritage Collection, University Of Miami (September 2009)

"Are Afro-Cubans Black?" Union Theological Seminary (October 2009).

"Evil Eye, Séances, Folk Christianity, and the Orishas: The Study of Bad Religion in Latin American and the Caribbean" Distinguished Speaker Series, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Miami (April 2009).

“If It is not Christian, Is it Theology? Espiritismo, Evil Eye, and Santería: A Dialogue with Latino/a Theology” Drew University (November 2008).

“Afro-Catholicism in the Americas,” *Transformed by Hope: Building a Catholic Social Theology for the Americas*, De Paul University and the Catholic Theological Union (October 2008).

“Nuestra Cristianidad: Liberation Theology, Evangélicos, and the Future of American Christianity” Andover Theological Seminary (October 2008).

“Are Afro-Latino/as Black? Solidarity and Dialogue Among African-American and Latino/a Theologians” McCormick Theological Seminary (September 2008).

Panelist, “Scratching Beyond the Surface: Liberation Theology and Its Appeal to Black Americans” Miami Dade College (September 2008).

“Are Cuban-Americans Latino/a? A Caribbean Theological Contribution” annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami, FL (June 2008).

“The Jennifer Effect: Race, Religion, and the Booty” Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Miami, FL, (June 2008).

“The Future of Latino/a Theology: New Directions” Barry University (June 2008).

Commencement Speaker, Graduate Commencement, the University of Miami (May 2008).

“Afro-Latin Religion.” University of Rochester (April 2008).

“Immigrant Christianity: Solidarity and Communion Across the Americas.” Saint Paul School of Theology (September 2007)

“Evil Eye, Séances, and Maximón: Mayan Catholicism and Solidarity with the Poor in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.” University of the Incarnate Word (March 2007)

“Cuban-American Religious Identity.” Barry University (March 2007)

“Religion and Race: Blacks and Latino/as in Dialogue.” Catholic Theological Union annual Tolton Lecture (February 2007)

“Race, Religion, and Identity: The Afro-Cuban Contribution.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC (November 2006)

Panelist, “Legacies of Colonization: Comparative Religious and Theological Perspectives on ‘America’ from the Margins.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC (November 2006)

“Reading the Nican Mopohua Through Guatemalan Eyes: Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.” *Guadalupe Madre de América: Narrative, Image, and Devotion*. Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame (November 2006)

“On Becoming the Other.” Fairfield University (October 2006)

Panelist, “Mujerista Theology: A Theology of Struggle and Liberation: The Work of Ada María Isasi-Díaz.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

Panelist, “Latinas' Experiences and Lives in Literature and Theology: A Reading by Sandra Cisneros.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

Moderator, “Ekklesia and/as Koinonia: The Ecclesiological Influence of Latin American Theologies in North America.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

“Friend of Foes? Hans Urs von Balthasar and Contemporary Feminist Theology: A Conversation.” *“Beauty of All Things Beautiful”: Theology and the Arts*. International Conference on Theological Aesthetics, St. Bonaventure University (May 2004)

“Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Latin American Church Mother.” Hispanic Theological Initiative Summer Program, Princeton theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ (July 2004)

“Standing at the Well: An Encounter and a Call.” Loyola University Chicago (February 2004)

“Daily Life is Not Abstract: The Theoretical Turn in Contemporary Latina Theologies,” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 2003)

Panelist, “The Ties That Bind: African American and Hispanic American / Latino/a Theologies in Dialogue.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 2003)

“Diversity and Excellence: Interculturalism in Honors,” 2003 Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council, Chicago, IL (November 2003)

Panelist, **“Teaching Undergraduates: What is the Theologian Doing?”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH (June 2003)

Panelist, **“Delores Williams: The Womanist Who Went before Us in the Wilderness.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto (November 2002)

Moderator, **“Race and Liberation: Commentaries on Andrés G. Guerrero’s *A Chicano Theology*.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto (November 2002)

Panelist, **“There are many rooms: Recent Developments in Under-represented Theologies and Their Relationship to the CTSA.”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, New Orleans, LA (June 2002)

Moderator, **“Feminism and Catholicism: Reading the Signs of the Times.”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, New Orleans, LA (June 2002)

“One is Not Born a Latina, One Becomes One: The Construction of The Latina/Feminist/Theologian in Latino/a Theology.” Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Washington, D.C. (June 2002)

Moderator, **“Revisiting the Reformation: A Latino Perspective.”** annual colloquium of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Chicago, IL (June 2001)

Moderator, **“Teaching Latina/o Religious Studies and/or Theology: Sharing our Sources.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN (November 2000)

Panelist, **“Learning to Transgress: Asian/North American/Feminist/Latina/ Womanist Theories and Pedagogies that Subvert.”** Graduate Theological Union Faculty-Student Colloquia (November 2000)

“Transcending the Convent: The Theological Contribution of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.” presentation at the annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA (June 2000)

“Nuestra Humanidad: Toward A Latina Theological Anthropology.” presentation at the annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 1999)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Alumni of the Year, Graduate Theological Union, 2015

Selection Committee, Grawemeyer Award in Religion, University of Louisville, 2013

Gabelli Scholar, University of Miami, 2012-2014

Civic Engagement Fellow, Office of Civic Engagement, University of Miami, 2012-2013

Catholic Press Association Book Award for *Created in God's Image*, 2nd Place Gender Issues, 2008

Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, The Virgilio Elizondo Award, 2007

Catholic Press Association Book Award for *Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas*, 2004

Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Prize *Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas*, 2004

Fund for Theological Education, North American Doctoral Fellowship, 1999-2001

Hispanic Theological Initiative, Special Mentoring Award, 1999-2000

Hispanic Theological Initiative, Doctoral Level Grant, 1998-1999

Graduate Theological Union, Newhall Fellowship, 1998-1999

Graduate Theological Union, Presidential Scholarship, 1997-1999

Graduate Theological Union, Faculty Research Fellowship, 1997-1998

Graduate Theological Union, Center for Women and Religion Fellowship, 1997-1998

Program for the Analysis of Religion Among Latinos, Conference Scholarship, 1996

Union Theological Seminary Scholarship, 1994-1996

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

**American Academy of Religion, 1997-
Program Committee, 2015-**

Co-Chair, Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group, 2011-2017
Steering Committee, Theology and Religious Reflection, the American Academy of Religion, 2004-2007
Co-Chair, Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, the American Academy of Religion, 2001-2004
Steering Committee, Women and Religion Section, the American Academy of Religion, 2002-2003
Vice-President, La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Theology and Religion, 2002-2004
Steering Committee, Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, the American Academy of Religion, 2000-2001

Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, 1998-

President, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS), 2010-2011
President-Elect, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS), 2009-2010
Board Member, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS), 2002-2004

Catholic Theological Society of America, 2000-

College Theology Society, 2001-2005

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SERVICE

University Committee and Administrative Responsibilities:

Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2011-

Curriculum Committee, University of Miami, 2012-

Atheism Chair Search Committee, University of Miami, 2017

Dean of Student's Search Committee, University of Miami, 2017

International Student Task Force, Co-Chair, 2015-2016

Black Student Concerns Committee, University of Miami, 2014-2015

New Testament Search Committee, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2013-2014

Islam Search Committee, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2011-2012

Civic Engagement Task Force, University of Miami, 2011-

Search Committee, Director of Housing and Residential Life, University of Miami, 2010

Senior Residential Faculty, Hecht Residential College, 2009-2018

Search Committee, Director of Latin American Studies, University of Miami 2009-2010

Director of Housing and Residential Life Search Committee, University of Miami, 2010

Director, Latin American Studies Search Committee, University of Miami 2009-2010

Senior Residential Faculty, Pearson Residential College, 2008

College Council, University of Miami, 2007-2012

Curriculum Committee, University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2007-Spring 2008

Islam Search Committee, Chair: University of Miami, Department of Religious Studies, 2006-2007

Model Class, Parent's Weekend, October 2009-2016

Model Class, Orientation, August 2008-2016

Model Class, Singer Scholar Weekends, University of Miami, Spring 2007-2013

Selection Committee, Commencement Student Speaker, University of Miami, April 2008

Faculty Advisor, SACS Humanities Rubrics, University of Miami, March 2008

CAS Committee on Latin American Studies, University of Miami, 2007-2008

Selection Committee, Special Interest Housing, University of Miami, 2008-2009

Steering Committee, Africana Studies, University of Miami, 2007-2012

Steering Committee, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Miami, 2007-2011

Steering Committee, Latin American Studies Degree Program, University of Miami, 2007-

Student Advisory Appointments:

Faculty Advisor, Black Female Development Circle. 2012-

Faculty Advisor, CANES International Outreach, 2009-2017

Faculty Advisor, Society for the Study of Religion and Culture, University of Miami, 2009-2012

Faculty Advisor, Jews and Muslims in Dialogue, 2012-2014

LANGUAGES

Spanish, French, German

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Catechist, St. Augustine Catholic Church, Coral Gables, FL, 2012-2015

Instructor, Christ the King Lutheran Parish, Miami, FL (2009-2011)

Instructor, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL (February 2010)

Reporter Theologian, "**Raíces y Alas 2003: Hispanic Catholics: Emerging Voices, Urgent Choices.**" National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana (May 2003)

Instructor, "**La Teología Moral.**" Certificate Program in Pastoral Studies in Spanish, Center for Religion and Spirituality, Loyola Marymount University (April 2003)

Instructor, "**La Fé y La Inculturación.**" Continuing Education Program for Clergy, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, St. John's Seminary, Camarillo, CA (June 2002)

Instructor In-Service, "**La Trinidad.**" Ministry Formation Institute, Diocese of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA (May 2002)

Editorial Council, *The Tidings: Southern California's Catholic Weekly*, 2002-2004