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EDUCATION

Union Theological Seminary – New York, New York

Degree: **Doctor of Philosophy – February, 2021**

Dissertation: *The Secularization Thesis and US Latinx Evangelicos/as: The History and Revisions of a Theory and Its Implications for a Community*

Major Area: Religion & Society

Secondary Area: US Church History

Degree: **Master in Philosophy – December, 2018**

Comprehensive Examinations:

- Classical Theorists of Sociology of Religion
- Contemporary Theorists of Sociology of Religion
- Secularization Thesis: History and Revisions from the Enlightenment to the Present
- Race, Gender, and Revivals from the Colonial Period to the Rise of the Religious Right

New Brunswick Theological Seminary – New Brunswick, New Jersey

Degree: **Master of Arts in Religion (MAR) – May, 2009**

Major Area: Church & Society

Minor Area: Christian Ethics

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary – Boston, Massachusetts

Degree: **Master of Arts (MA), Magna Cum Laude – May, 2001**

Major Area: Urban Ministry

Minor Area: Church History

Nyack College – Nyack, New York

Degree: **Bachelor of Science – May, 1994**

Major Area: Business Administration

Minor Areas: Bible & Psychology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor of Church History & Practical Ministry (2010-2013, 2016-Present)/ Instructor of Church and Society & Contemporary Church History (Tenure Track, 2013-2016). GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL

SEMINARY, South Hamilton, MA. Currently developing Spanish-language online courses. More than 30 Courses taught in the USA (NY, NJ, CT, FL, TX, CA, WA, AL, SC), Peru, South Africa, Bahamas, Jamaica, including:

- *History of the Church from Pentecost to the Reformation & History of the Church From the Reformation to the Present*
- *Theology Survey 1 & 2*
- *The Church and Its Community*
- *Christian Ethics and Social Issues*
- *Theology and Principles of the Dynamic Ministry of Youth*

Adjunct Professor of Church and Society and Church History (2017-2021). WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Holland, MI. Courses taught include:

- *Church History Since the Reformation (hybrid – online/ classroom. Bi-lingual)*
- *The Life, Theology, and Works of W.E.B. Du Bois*
- *Introduction to Theological Studies (hybrid – online/ classroom. Bi-lingual)*

Adjunct Instructor of Church History (2021). VANGUARD UNIVERSITY, Costa Mesa, CA.

- *The History and Theology of the US Hispanic Church*
- *Church History Survey*

Teaching Assistant, Religion & Society and Church History (2010-2013). UNION THEO. SEMINARY, NY, NY.

- *Contemporary Theories of the Sociology of Religion*
- *Christianities in the City*
- *The Church and Its Participation in the Community, Semesters 1 & 2*
- *US Church History*

- *Reformation Church History*
- *Creating a Dialogue Between the Hispanic American and African American Church (co-facilitator)*

Adjunct Professor, over 20 undergraduate courses taught at **Nyack College** (2001, 2003) and the **Spanish Eastern Bible College** (over 20 courses, 2002-2013). Courses Include:

- *Introduction to Urban Ministries*
- *Intercultural communication*
- *Introduction to Sociology*
- *Christian Ethics*

PUBLICATIONS

- “Between *Basileia* and Utopia: Exploring the Impact of Kingdom Theology in US Latinx Pentecostalism”, *Religions*, Issue 12(7), p.470. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12070470>
- BOOK REVIEW – *Christianity, Empire and the Spirit: (Re)Configuring Faith and the Cultural* (Boston: Brill Publishers, 2018) by Nestor Medina. Published in, *Pneuma: the Journal of the Society of Pentecostal Studies*, Vol.42 (2), 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Pastor – (January, 2019 – Present). PARK SLOPE CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE, Brooklyn, New York

- Provide pastoral services such as: preaching, teaching, home and hospital visitations, pastoral counseling
- Oversee church ministries including Christian education, community outreach, and evangelism
- Currently creating a discipleship curriculum that focuses on spiritual formation and Biblical social consciousness
- Co-founded REACH Family and Education Center. A PSCT ministry dedicated to creating education-related ministries for schools in low-income communities and, in the near future, to assist churches with similar goals
- Partner with Youth for Christ ministries to provide mentoring to youth in NYC juvenile detention centers
- In 2020, raised \$95,000 in grant funds for community ministries and outreach - \$25,000 seed grant for an after-school program, \$15,000 technology grant for COVID support, \$10,000 grant for food distribution ministry, \$5,000 grant for Christmas toys for underprivileged children, \$40,000 grant for church plant training and implementation

Assistant Dean, Hispanic Ministries Program (HMP), & Instructor of Church and Society (July, 2013-May, 2016).

GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, South Hamilton, MA

- Ensured compliance with legal, regulatory and policy requirements in all non-chartered states where Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary offers courses (NY, FL, AL, FL, CA, TX, WA)
- Supervised all aspects of registration services (i.e., registrar, student accounts, admissions, etc.), course scheduling and assistant teacher contracts
- Provided program and course advisement to over 100 individual students
- Established new cohort sites and revitalized existing sites contributing to enrollment growth of 200 students to more than 350 students in 3 year period
- Coordinated HMP compliance efforts for 10-year accreditation reviews of ATS and NEASC
- Assisted in fund development initiatives
- Represented HMP and GCTS at conferences, denominational conventions, pastoral association meetings and other public forums
- Liaised with denominations and pastoral associations to establish partnerships with HMP
- Taught in the areas of Church History, Church and Society and Practical Ministry
- Initiated courses towards Korean-language MA program along with GCTS Chaplain of Korean Student Support for pastors and ministers

Pastor (March, 2006 – January, 2011). HOSANNA, ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Ellenville, New York

- Entered crisis situation and re-established all aspects of the church's spiritual life and oversaw reorganization of all ministries and departments
- Pastoral services provided including: preaching, teaching, pastoral counseling, discipleship, presiding over special services and functions, visitation to hospitals / homes, prison ministry and annual congregational camp retreat

- Trained young people to create and manage a summer camp program that became the Ulster County (NY) model site for the New York State Summer Youth Employment Program
- Partnered with local school district to provide service opportunities to high school students
- Developed leadership through the creation and preparation of a curriculum that focused on personal vision, community engagement and the long-term and short-term direction of the church
- Programs and services were implemented with the objective of involving children, youth and adults in leadership roles and ministerial service in the community. Policies, procedures and systems were established to encourage and facilitate the development of community programs by parishioners

LATINO PASTORAL ACTION CENTER (LPAC), Bronx, NY (September, 2002-March, 2007)

P/T Technical Assistance Coordinator, National Holistic Ministry Development Program of LPAC (NHMDP- LPAC) (September, 2006 – March, 2007)

- Collaborated in writing and updating organizational development curriculum for ministries and community organizations in New York and Chicago
- Facilitated trainings and workshops for religious ministries and other non-profit organizations
- Provided technical assistance to organizations in all aspects of organizational development
- Reported to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in all aspects of the Project
- Reports of coordinated project end-of-project grants for HHS

Coordinator / Manager of the Project, Development Project of the National Holistic Ministry of LPAC (NHMDP- LPAC) (September, 2005 – September, 2006)

- For dozens of ministries and non-profit organizations in New York and Chicago, coordinated and oversaw all aspects of Federal intermediary grant project including: raising awareness of the Project in non-profit community, engaging in organizational recruitment, creating the grant application process, selecting the grant awards committee, processing accepted organizations admitted into Project, developing the holistic ministry development curriculum, providing on-site technical assistance, general training in the areas of board development, community development, leadership development and program development
- Collaborated to develop curriculum and related literature for holistic ministry development
- Oversaw ongoing compliance of grantee organizations to grant requirements

Associate Director of Operations, LPAC (September, 2005 – September, 2006)

- Provided supervision of daily operational aspects of the Latin Pastoral Action Center
- Oversaw compliance with program directives funded by federal, corporate and individual donors
- Served as an intermediary between funders and program managers
- Served as liaison for LPAC with denominations, organizations and funders

Cofounder, Service Our Youth (SOY -LPAC) (December, 2004 – November, 2005)

- Created a Bible-based study for at-risk youth and those in the criminal justice system. Curriculum included character development and tools for emotional and spiritual healing
- Facilitated group orientation sessions and follow-up activities for program participants
- Wrote grants proposals, established relationships and contact maintained with funders (*Fiscal Conduit-LPAC*)

Case Manager / Job Skills Facilitator – LPAC Fatherhood Initiative (September, 2003 - January, 2005)

- Ministered in areas of teaching and pastoral counseling in Way Out and Salvation Army drug-rehabilitation ministries for ex-offenders
- Provided individual and group counseling to more than 40 men in recovery programs
- Facilitated workshops in the areas of life skills, anger management, conflict resolution, parenting and job readiness
- Developed career plans with participants and provided job-seeking assistance

Associate Supervisor/ Crisis Counselor, LPAC–Project Liberty (September, 2002 – August, 2003) FEMA funded, established to work with families directly affected by September 11th attacks:

- Supervised six employees. Supervision responsibilities included; providing quality control for thousands of documented interviews, coordinating interview sites and weekly work and interviewing schedules, providing weekly and monthly reports for supervisors; facilitating weekly staff meetings that provided motivational and team-building exercises and literature, making site visits to interview locations
- Provided pastoral counseling to affected families. Coordinated services and one-on-one crisis counseling with affected families

- Facilitated workshops for low-income families on: stress management, children's education, administration of family finances, etc.
- Conducted surveys, provided group counseling and referral services mainly to affected people and families in the Spanish-speaking community

NYACK COLLEGE / ALLIANCE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (NC / ATS), New York, NY; *Associate Registrar / Administrative Faculty* (July, 2001 – September, 2002. Resigned to provide group counseling to 9/11 families.)

- Managed all aspects of course programming and semester registration
- Managed transcripts and student academic records
- Supervised streamlining communications regarding all aspects of registration services
- Served as liaison between the Seminary and religious and denominational organizations
- Organized conferences and special events to promote the school, its faculty and programs

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- *Facilitator and Curriculum Consultant (2007-2014)*, ACTS URBAN YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TRAINING, LATINO LEADERSHIP CIRCLE, New York, New York – 12-week training offers conferences and workshops for pastors, youth pastors and ministers in the areas of youth ministry and project development and implementation, youth leadership development, community involvement, board development, fund development and theological development for young people ministry.
- *Facilitator and Curriculum Consultant (2005-2009)*, MARRIAGES OF HOPE-ESPERANZA US, Philadelphia, PA – Provided workshops and conferences on marriage and relational education in the metropolitan areas of New York, Philadelphia, San Antonio and Los Angeles. Consulted on the development of the curriculum for Hispanic and urban constituencies.
- *Volunteer Founder and Branch Coordinator of NJ Branch (2012-2015)*, SPANISH EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE of the Spanish Eastern District of the Assemblies of God (SEST), Bronx, NY – Established a Spanish SEST program in New Jersey and resurrected an English-language program in the Bronx for aspiring ministers who are 2nd generation+ and active ministers who desire undergraduate preparation in Bible and theology

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- *Board member*, Spanish Eastern Bible College (SEBC); Old Tappan, New Jersey; 2021-Present: school of ministry to provide undergraduate-level education for ministers of the Spanish Eastern District of the Assemblies of God. Courses are offered via in-person class sites throughout the Northeast US region, online (asynchronous and synchronous course formats), and through the Global University of the Assemblies of God
- *Volunteer Coordinator of Hispanic Clergy*, NYC Campaign for Living Wage; New York, New York; 2010–2012: assisted in mobilization of Latino clergy in NYC to advocate for a living wage
- *Board member*, National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NaLEC); Orlando, FL; 2011-Present: coalition of over 3,000 Latin@ churches, ministries and non-profits advocating on the issues of poverty, immigration and education in the US Latin@ community
- *Board member*, Latino Leadership Circle (LLC), New York, New York; 2001-2013: training organization for Latino youth leaders in the areas of organizing, advocacy and program development
- *Volunteer Youth Pastor (2004-2006, 2011-2013)*, EVANGELICAL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Union City, New Jersey – revitalized and developed Latino youth leadership through retreats, trainings and workshops and individual mentoring. Youth were trained to organize weekly, monthly and annual events, and to create community needs-based ministries (e.g., food pantries, tutoring classes, etc.).

MEMBERSHIPS & HONORS

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
 American Academy of Religion (AAR)
 American Society of Church History (ASCH)
 Society of Pentecostal Studies (SPS)
 Hispanic Theological Education Association (AETH)
 Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)
 PhD Dissertation Fellow (2019-2020), Lilly Foundation/Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI)
 Ordained Minister (2006), Assemblies of God (Spanish Eastern District)

References Furnished Upon Request