

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

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<b>DOCTORAL</b>	<b>CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, Claremont, CA</b> Ph.D., Comparative Theology & Philosophy	<b>2014-2019</b>
<b>GRADUATE</b>	<b>MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Chicago, IL</b> Master of Divinity	<b>2002-2005</b>
<b>UNDERGRADUATE</b>	<b>JUDSON COLLEGE (now 'University'), Elgin, IL</b> Bachelor of Arts (Majors: Communication Arts & Biblical Studies)	<b>1997-2001</b>

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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#### CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (tenure-track), LATINX STUDIES & RELIGION** **2020-present**

Courses taught/upcoming courses:

- Latin American Liberation Theologies: Historical Sources and Contemporary Relevance
- History of Christian Thought
- Philosophies of Race & Theology
- Global Sensitivity in Ministry
- Latinx Studies and Religion: Questions, Methods, and Issues
- Topics in Latin American and Caribbean Church History
- Comparative Theology: Questions, Methods and Issues
- The Trinity: A Historical and Theological Survey

#### CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, HISTORICAL & COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY** **2019-2020**

Courses taught:

- History of World Christianities
- Christian Church (DOC): A Study of its History, Worship, Thought, and Witness

#### DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION

**2017-2018**

Courses taught:

- Introducción al islam (for: Programa de Certificado de Estudios Ministeriales)
- Disciples of Christ History and Polity

#### ADJUNCT FACULTY

LEXINGTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Summer 2018, J-Term 2020)

CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (Spring 2016, 2018)

MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Fall 2006-2009)

### MINISTERIAL AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

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**DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION** [hereafter, 'DSF']

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL FORMATION

**2014-2020**

<b>CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)</b>	
EXECUTIVE REGIONAL MINISTER	<b>2010-2014</b>
<b>IGLESIA DEL PUEBLO-HOPE CENTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)</b>	
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	<b>2004-2009</b>
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (of Hope Center of Northwest Indiana, community center of Iglesia del Pueblo)	<b>2004-2007</b>
<b>CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) [hereafter, 'CC(DOC)']</b>	
General Board of the CC(DOC)	<b>2010-2014</b>
College of Regional Ministers	<b>2010-2014</b>
Higher Education and Leadership Ministries [CC(DOC)], Board of Directors	<b>2009-2011</b>
<b>PHILLIPS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (TULSA, OK)</b>	
Board of Trustees	<b>2012-2014</b>
<b>INTERFAITH FEDERATION OF NORTHWEST INDIANA (COMMUNITY ORGANIZING NETWORK)</b>	
Clergy Caucus Chair	<b>2008-2009</b>
<b>THE NATIONAL BLACK CHURCH INITIATIVE</b>	
Planning Committee, Black and Latino Regional Summit on Youth and Sexuality	<b>2007</b>
<b>MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY</b>	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES	<b>2008-2011</b>
ALUMNI COUNCIL, CLASS OF 2005	<b>2007-2009</b>
STUDENT ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE, ACCREDITATION REVIEW WITH ATS	<b>2000-2001</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	
Frequent Speaking Engagements (Conferences, Lectures, Sermons, Panel Discussions)	

## LANGUAGES

**NATIVE FLUENCY:** English, Spanish (reading, writing and conversational)

**LANGUAGES STUDIED:** Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, French

## LECTURES & CONFERENCES

2023. "
2022. "Critical Race Theory and Why Matters to the Church." For Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL. (February 4).
2021. "Wondrous Faith, Faithful Wonder, I & II." For the 44<sup>th</sup> Series of Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity Seminar, online. Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity at Brite Divinity School. (October 23 & 30).
2017. "Singing Jesus: From Canticles to Creeds and Back." For "TTH 3069/4069 Who was Jesus? Christological Reflections" course. At Claremont School of Theology. Claremont, California (October 3).
2015. "One in the Spirit: Pneumatological Ground and Goal of Christian Unity." 13th Joe A. and Nancy Vaughn Stalcup Lecture on Christian Unity. Sponsored by the Council of Christian Unity, the Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, and Brite Divinity School. At East Dallas Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Dallas, Texas (June 14).
2015. "U.S. Hispanic and Latin American Pentecostal/Charismatic Movements." For "THC 3007/4007 History of World Christianity" course, At Claremont School of Theology. Claremont, California (April 7).
2014. Keynoter/preacher at Festival of Preaching Northwest. Sponsored by the Congregational Leadership Northwest. At First United Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington (April).
2012. Keynoter/preacher at Festival of Preaching Northwest. Sponsored by the Congregational Leadership Northwest. At Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Seattle, Washington (April).

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## SELECT PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

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2023. *Wonder as a New Starting Point for New Theological Anthropology: Opened by the World*. Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology. Landham, MD: Lexington Books.
2023. "On (In)Visibilities," in *Moved by the Spirit: Religion and the Movement for Black Lives*. Edited by Christophe Ringer, Teresa Smallwood, and Emilie M. Townes. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
2022. "Circling the Elephant: A Comparative Theology of Religious Diversity." *The Journal of Religion* 102 (2): 296-98.
2022. "Matthew 11:1-10 (with Qur'an 3:48-51)." *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible & Theology* 76 (2): 162-64.
2021. BOOK REVIEW: "Dogmatics after Babel: Beyond Theologies of Word and Culture." *Journal of Religion* 101 (3): 424-26.
2019. "The Presence and Absence of Faith: Being Faithful to Christian Particularity and Committed to Interreligious Engagement." *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary* (Spring): 16-22.
2018. BOOK REVIEW: "The Mestizo Augustine: A Theologian Between Two Cultures." *The Journal of Religious History* 42 (1): 136-37.
2015. BOOK REVIEW: "Mystery Unveiled: The Crisis of the Trinity in Early Modern England." *Journal of Religious History* 39 (4): 625-26.
2014. "Hurricanes and Lilies: Glimpses of God When Disaster Strikes." In *Help and Hope: Disaster Preparedness and Response Tools for Congregations*. St. Louis: Chalice Press.
2007. Fear, Cultural Idolatry and the Liberating Power of Faith: On Immigration in the U.S. In *For You Were Once a Stranger: Immigration in the U.S. Through the Lens of Faith*. Edited by Interfaith Worker Justice. Chicago: Interfaith Worker Justice.

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## CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

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American Academy of Religion  
American Philosophical Association  
American Society of Church History  
Medieval Academy of America

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## ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS

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### HISPANIC THEOLOGICAL INITIATIVE

Early Career Orientation Program **2019**  
Doctoral Cohort **2018-2019**

### FORUM FOR THEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION

Doctoral Cohort **2016-2017**

### CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Bishop Golden Award for "outstanding academic achievement and commitment to social justice." **2016-2017**

### DISCIPLES SEMINARY FOUNDATION

Presidential Scholarship **Sept 2014-2019**

### MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Bernadine Orme Smith Fellowship (for Ph.D. studies) **2005**  
Marshall Scott Urban/Labor Ministry Award  
Isabella Blackstone Award in Church History **2004**  
Robert and Jean Boling Memorial Fund for International Travel and Study

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## REFERENCES

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