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## EDUCATION

**PH. D.** (2012 with distinction) Chicago Theological Seminary. Chicago,

Program: Theology and Ethics

Scholarships: *Hispanic Theological Initiative Fellow,*

*United Methodist Women of Color Scholar,*

*Fund for Theological Education (FTE) Scholar*

**Masters of Sacred Theology** (2002) Chicago Theological Seminary. Chicago, IL

**Masters of Divinity** (1987) Wesley Theological Seminary. Washington, D.C.

*UM Crusade Scholar, UM Ethnic Scholarships*

**BA Religious Studies** (1983) University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA.

*Community Involvement Program Scholar, UM Scholarships*

**Office Management Diploma** (1982) Humphrey Business College. Stockton, CA

**AA Degree** (1981 with honors) San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**Associate Dean for Students and Community Life**

**Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology and Practice**

Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA 2021 – Now

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**Clinical Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology and Practice and**

**Director of Contextual Education and Community Partnerships**

Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA 2011 – 2021

-Teach courses in Urban Ministry, Wesleyan/UM Studies, Contextual Theology, Liberation Theologies, Hispanic Church and its history.

-Design and facilitate, national and international travel seminars.

-Coordinate the contextual education learning and practicums for 40-50 students every year.

-National direction for Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA) and Raices Latinas Leadership Institute. These are national leadership initiatives for Latinx high school, college and seminary students coordinated with UM colleges and seminaries.

**National Director for *Tertulias Pastorales***, Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH), Austin, Texas. 2006 – 2010.

-Facilitated the organizing of interdenominational groups of Hispanic pastors that gathered for theological and pastoral dialogues (Lilly grant initiative).

**National Director, Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy,**

Boston University, Boston, MA. 2012-Now

Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX. 2004 – 2011

-Designed this initiative and direct its coordination and planning.

It involves the recruitment and training of new generations of Latinx leadership within the United Methodist Church. Through summer leadership academies high school and college students discern their call to ministry/ vocation, prepare for higher education and strengthen their identity.

**Faculty/administrator**, Christian Institute of Ministry, Dallas, Texas.

Full time. 2003 – 2006.

-Served as faculty for Theology and Bible and coordinated the Ministry internship program for 30 students serving in congregations and organizations.

**Director of Continuing Education and Ministerial Course of Study**

**School**, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary,

Evanston, IL. 1999-2002

Directed the Continuing Education program of the Seminary. It included lectures, workshops and conferences.

Planned and directed the Ministerial Course of Study for the United Methodist Church. It included 40 faculty members and about 300 local pastors preparing for ministry with a track in English, a track in Spanish and a track in Mong.

**Senior Pastor**, Calvary UMC. Lincoln, NE. Full time. 1997-1999.

Pastoral and administrative duties of a local United Methodist Church.

Directing of cooperative after school programs at three congregations.

**Executive Director and Pastor**, Casa del Pueblo Community Program and Calvary United Methodist Church.

Washington, D.C. Full time. 1992-1997.

Managed a non-profit community organization sponsored by the UMC.

Facilitated the organizing of a multicultural UM congregation

**Associate Pastor for missions and youth Ministry**, Linthicum UMC.

Linthicum, MD. Full time 1990-1992.

Pastoral and administrative duties of a local congregation with main

Coordination of the youth program.

**Office Manager/Seminar Designer** General Board of Church and

Society (GBC&S) of the UMC, National and International Seminar Program, Washington, D.C. Full time 1986-1990.

Coordination of the office and design of seminars for youth and adult church groups on National and International issues.

**Director**, Conference Commission on Hispanic Ministry. Baltimore-

Washington Conference of the UMC. Washington, D.C. Part time 1983-86.

Facilitated the organizing of Hispanic Ministry in the Conference.

**Student Pastor and Community Developer.** Outreach ministries of

St. Mark UMC. Stockton, CA. Full time. 1981-1983.

Organized community ministry for the United Methodist Church and

educational programs for the Hispanic youth in the community.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- ✓ Member-American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- ✓ Mentor for Women of Color Scholars program, GBHEM of UMC
- ✓ Mentor for the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI)
- ✓ Serve as President and Vice-president for the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Summer Program (HSP)
- ✓ Clergy member of the New England Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- ✓ Member – ACLAMEN (National Association of Latina UM Clergy Women)
- ✓ Serve as board member with the Massachusetts Council of Churches
- ✓ Serve as United Methodist representative with the National Council of Churches.
- ✓ Serve with the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) at Princeton University
- ✓ Serve with Immigrant ministries of the New England Annual Conference (Conference committee on Hispanic Ministry and J Fund)
- ✓ Member of Methodist Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans (MARCHA) and served on its Board of Directors.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Teaching at Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA (2011- now)  
*Travel seminars to Cuba and Mexico, Urban Ministry, Contextual Education, Liberation theologies, UM studies.* Courses for M.Div. students
- Teaching with the Hispanic Summer Program (HSP) (Summer 2012).  
*Cultural Anthropology: Our Lady of Guadalupe as a resource for el Pueblo.*
- Teaching at Phillips School of Theology, Tulsa, OK (January intensive 2010)  
*Global Sensitivity: Pressing ministry issues today* – course for M. Div. students
- Student Teaching at Chicago Theological Seminary (Spring 2009)  
*Global Sensitivity in Ministry* – course for M.Div. students.
- Teaching for UMC Advance Course of Study Schools, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (2001 – 2011) Perkins School of Theology (2003-2011)
- Exchange student to Japan with ICYE (1979-1980).
- International Observer with the National Council of Churches at refugee camps in Honduras (summer 1982).
- Study Tour to South Korea with the National Korean Institute (Aug. 1989).
- Congressional Intern with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus as part of the GBC&S College intern program. UMC. Washington, D.C. (Summer 1981).
- Leader within the Student Christian Movement in United States and the World Student Christian Federation -WSCF (1980-1987).
- Participated in Student Government in college/University and Seminary.
- Served for ten years with the Central American Refugee community in Washington, D.C. (1987-1997).
  
- **Academic areas of interest, research and exploration:**

Women's studies  
Latin American Liberation Theology  
The Latino Church and its history in the context of the US  
Cultural Theory  
Institutional power dynamics in relation to colonialism  
Contextual Theologies, particularly Mujerista Theology  
United Methodist Studies  
Globalization and human migration, particularly immigration in the US  
Access to higher Education by Latinx students

➤ **Training/formation as consultant in the following areas of interest and expertise:**

Community organizing (Industrial Areas Foundation and GBGM/UMC)  
Church revitalization in urban settings/inner city and Hispanic community  
Urban ministry (Shalom initiative in the UMC, IAF organizing in D.C.)  
Hispanic/Latino ministry (National Plan for Hispanic Ministry, UMC)  
Immigration issues and ministry (UMC, National Council of Churches).  
Grant writing and economic development (UMC and Texas Meth. Found.)  
Institutional Capacity building (AETH/ Lilly Foundation)  
Leadership Development/Theological Education (ATS)  
Cross-cultural competencies.  
Communication across differences (gender, racial, etc.)  
Anti-institutional racism  
Mentoring with young people, particularly Latinx students

## **Publications**

- De La Rosa C. “ Navigating Dangerous Intersections: A response to doctoral students of color” In *Voices of the Mentored: Students of Color Speak*. Editors: Cosgrove, Charles. 97-106. Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE), Atlanta, GA 16 Dec 2020 (Book chapter)
- De La Rosa C. “Latina Women and the Church: Mujeristas y Nepantleras” In *Nevertheless She Leads Postcolonial Women's Leadership for the Church*. General Board of Higher Education and Ministry 28 Feb 2020 (Book chapter)
- De La Rosa C, De La Rosa in Working Preacher (Internet publication in Spanish)
- Bible commentaries (3) for *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series* by Westminster John Knox Press 2020.
- De La Rosa C. “Mentoring New Generations of Latin@ Leaders” In *Mentoring Biblical, Theological, and Practical Perspectives*. Editors: Dean, Thompson, Murchison, Cameron. 148-163. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, Michigan May 2018 (Book chapter)