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MACC Names Chávez as President



Arturo Chávez, PhD, a 2004-2005 Dissertation Year fellow, was recently chosen to succeed Sister María Elena González, RSM, as President of the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, TX, to become effective August 1, 2007. MACC is a national institute for leadership and language studies, whose mission is to empower and educate leaders in a culturally diverse Church and society.

During his six years at MACC, Arturo has held various positions at the Center, including Programs Director and Vice President. He is the co-author of RESPETO Program: a Curriculum for Latino Youth Leadership Formation, which he developed with his wife Mary. Arturo obtained his doctorate from the Iliff School of Theology, and is the proud father of two daughters, Graciela and Angélica.

We are thrilled to hear of Arturo's appointment, one that exemplifies the contributions of *nuestra gente* to the community.

Programa Hispano de Verano/ Hispanic Summer

Our sister program, the Hispanic Summer Program, recently appointed as its new Director Prof. Otto Maduro -- a long time HTI mentor, speaker, and consultant. The HSP, where many HTI fellows have been students and/or faculty, is readying itself for its 2008 20th Anniversary celebration and annual two-week course at Mundelein Seminary, June 28-July 11, 2008. This summer's program will be held at Duke University Divinity School, June 16-29, 2007. HTI will again co-sponsor with HSP, the Latina/o Pre-doctoral Conference, an event designed to guide Latina/o masters students as they prepare for doctoral studies in religion and theology. For more information, please visit:



<http://hispanicsummerprogram.org>



HTI fellows achieve new milestones!



LOGROS

Several of our fellows have had important developments in their professional careers, and we are proud to share these wonderful pieces of news.

Gregory Cuéllar, PhD (2005-2006 Dissertation Year fellow) was recently appointed to the position of Hispanic Studies Curator at Texas A&M University's Cushing Library.

Emory University has named **Tom Flores, PhD** (2005-2006 Dissertation Year fellow) to head the Religion, Conflict, and Peace-building Program at that institution.

Join us in congratulating **Angel Méndez, PhD** (2003-2004 Comprehensive Exams Year fellow) for his recent successful dissertation defense. Angel is currently Professor of Theology at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.

Teresa Delgado, PhD (2001-2002 Dissertation Year fellow) has been named Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Iona College.

The Southwest Commission on Religious Studies recently named **Rubén Dupertuis, PhD** (1998-1999 Doctoral fellow) and **Hjamil Martínez-Vázquez, PhD** (2002-2003 Dissertation Year fellow) as the recipients of their two junior scholar grants, with each receiving \$2,000 to further their research.

PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Miguel De La Torre, who is editing the series *Latino Religious Thought for the New Millennium* at Baylor University Press, is seeking to obtain submissions from individuals who have addressed, or are addressing, the boundaries of Latino/a religions by moving beyond the liberationist framework and focusing on Christian Hispanic popular religiosity. The series will not only include theological analyses, but also historical, sociological anthropological, political cultural, feminist, Chicano/a Latin American, literary, gay/lesbian, and pop culture analyses. For more information, please contact Dr. De La Torre at mdelatorre@iliff.edu.

Yet another HTI graduate, **Dr. Gastón Espinosa**, editor of the Columbia University Press Series on Religion and Politics, is also looking to receive submissions that will explore the impact and influence of religion on American and transnational global politics in several subfields, among them U.S. Latino, Latin American and Caribbean, African American, and Racial Ethnic Religions and Politics. For a complete list of the subfields to be addressed, please contact Dr. Espinosa at gaston.espinosa@claremontmckenna.edu.

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