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## Leopoldo Sánchez, Endowed Chair



**Dr. Leopoldo Sánchez**, (2000-2003 HTI Doctoral and Dissertation Year Fellow) Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at Concordia Seminary, will be the first professor who will occupy the newly created **Werner R. H. Krause and Elizabeth Ringer Krause Endowed Chair for Center for Hispanic Ministries (CHS)**. The mission of the CHS is to promote and implement theological education in the Lutheran tradition form for the U.S. Hispanic/Latino contexts. CHS fulfills this mission through ministerial formation programs, research and publication initiatives, and continuing education/advanced studies opportunities. For more information on CHS, please visit the website at [www.hispanicstudies.org](http://www.hispanicstudies.org).

We are elated for **Dr. Sánchez** and look forward to featuring the new contributions from this newly endowed chair.

## Programa de Diplomado en Estudios Teológicos

Living out the goals of the HTI, which is to prepare leaders to teach and write for the academy and church, **Rev. Félix Muñoz**, (1999-2000 HTI Masters Fellow) has established **The Galilean Center of Theological Studies for Hispanic-Americans**, an initiative that provides introductory theological education for ministry and leadership in Hispanic churches and communities. Through its Diploma Program, taught in Spanish or Bilingual, classes are designed to help clergy and lay leaders strengthen the faith and witness of churches in Hispanic and Latino communities throughout Northeastern Ohio. The program is also open to individuals who wish to obtain educational opportunities for personal and community enrichment. For more information, please call Rev. Muñoz at (216) 408-8802.

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Several of our community members have reached important milestones in their professional careers and we are proud to share these important and wonderful developments.

**Dr. Daisy L. Machado**, a past HTI Program Director (1996-1999) and former Dean of Lexington Theological Seminary (2004-2007), will be returning to full-time teaching as the Professor of Church History at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.



In the fall of 2007, **Dr. Francisco Lozada**, (1999-2000 HTI Post-doctoral Year Fellow) was appointed the Associate Professor of New Testament and Latina/o Church Studies at Brite Divinity School.

DePaul University in Chicago, announces the appointment of **Dr. Peter Casarella**, (HTI Selection Committee Member) as Professor of Catholic Studies.



**Dr. Rubén R. Dupertuis** (1998-2000 HTI Doctoral and Special Mentoring Fellow) is now at Trinity College as an Assistant Professor in the Religion Department.

The *Sociedad Wesleyana* (The Hispanic Wesleyan Society), recently appointed **Dr. Daniel Flores**, (2002-2003 HTI Dissertation Fellow) as president. The *Sociedad Wesleyana*, (The Hispanic Wesleyan Society), an interdenominational and international society of academics, clergy and laity, dedicated to promoting Wesleyan studies within, or in relevance to, the *hispanoparlante* world. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Wesleys and/or Wesleyan history, piety and thought in relation to Hispanic/Latino context. For information please contact Dr. Flores at SociedadWesleyana@yahoo.com.



### New Scholarship: Doctoral Fellowship in Latina/o Christianity and Religions

The **Graduate Program in Religious Studies** at **Southern Methodist University**, in cooperation with the **Center for the Study of Latina/o Christianity and Religions** at **Perkins School of Theology**, is pleased to announce the availability of a **Doctoral Fellowship in Latino/a Christianity and Religions** for a PhD student entering the program in the fall of 2008. The fellowship is for a student who aims to give particular attention to some aspect(s) of the Latina/o religious experience during his/her doctoral studies and in his/her subsequent teaching and research. It is open to applicants whose interests are in any of the six fields represented in the Graduate Program. This fellowship is supported in part by a grant to the Center from the Henry Luce Foundation. Information and materials are available online at: [http://www.smu.edu/theology/gprs/latino\\_ctr\\_fellowship.html](http://www.smu.edu/theology/gprs/latino_ctr_fellowship.html).

## New Books!!!



Orbis Books is pleased to announce the publication of *Mozarabs, Hispanics, & The Cross* by **Rev. Dr. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz**, (1999-2000 HTI Dissertation Fellow, 2003-2005 Mentor, and 2003-2007 Chaplain) Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of intellectual Formation and Professor of Systematic Studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology. The result is a fascinating study in popular religion and the power of religious symbols, and we look forward to its October release.

*The Touch of Transcendence, a Postcolonial Theology of God*, a new publication by **Dr. Mayra Rivera**, (2000-2005 HTI Masters, Doctoral & Dissertation Fellow), Assistant Professor of Theology at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, is an engaging and critical dialogue between theological and non-theological discussions about transcendence to uncover not only its problems, but also its promises for theologies concerned with social justice.



**Dr. Miguel De La Torre**, (2000-2001 Post-doctoral Fellow) Associate-Professor of Social Ethics & Director of the Justice and Peace Institute at Iliff School of Theology, announces the publication of his latest book, *Liberating Jonah: Forming an Ethics of Reconciliation* which describes the significant role that can be played by the underrepresented and oppressed as instruments of reconciliation today. Accessible language makes this book appropriate for undergraduate classrooms and church study groups.

## Upcoming Events...

**Joanne Rodríguez**, HTI Director, will be attending the "**Diversity and Explorations Program**" at Harvard Divinity School, scheduled for October 24 and 25. This event intends to attract talented undergraduate students whom are underrepresented in graduate theological education. During the two-day program to be held at Harvard Divinity School, 40 undergraduate students from across the country will network and attend workshops and panels, including a panel on funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities through such organizations as HTI, The Fund for Theological Education, and others.

### Save the Date.

#### An event you do not want to miss!

HTI will celebrate its **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 17, 2007** in San Diego, CA, from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm, at the San Diego Convention Center, Room CC 30-E. Please RSVP by November 5, 2007 at [htiprogram@ptsem.edu](mailto:htiprogram@ptsem.edu). We hope to see you there!

The application process for the 2008-2009 HTI doctoral and dissertation scholarships is now underway. Latina/o students interested in pursuing doctoral studies in theology and religion and doctoral students preparing to write their dissertations are encouraged to visit [www.htiprogram.org](http://www.htiprogram.org) and download the applications. The deadline for doctoral applications is **December 7**, and for dissertation applications the deadline is **January 11**.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University**, seeks a faculty member in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. Interest and ability in interpreting the Old/ Testament/Hebrew Bible in its theological, cultural, literary, and historical dimension is essential. This is a full-time, tenured or tenure-track appointment, at the associate or assistant level.

Perkins is also looking for a faculty member in Global Christianities and Mission Studies. Essential is a scholarly competence in general Church History, fluency in a spoken language other English, and lived experience with global Christian communities in intercultural or ecumenical settings. This is a full-time, tenured or tenure-track appointment, with rank negotiable.

For more information regarding both positions please visit <http://www.smu.edu/theology/people/jobs/jobs.html>.

**Lexington Theological Seminary (www.lextheo.edu)** announces a search for Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. Qualifications include experience in theological education, strong administrative skills, and teaching experience. A Ph.D. and a proven scholarly record are required.

**Hartford Seminary** is searching for an Academic Dean to take office July 1, 2008. The Academic Dean should be an accomplished scholar, preferably in the field of theology, history, or organizational leadership, with an active faith commitment. For more information visit [www.hartsem.edu](http://www.hartsem.edu).

**Yale Divinity School** is conducting a search at the junior level to appoint an Assistant Professor in the field of Ethics. Particular expertise is sought in Christian ethics (theological and social). A strong grounding in ethical and social theory is also essential. Additional possible areas of scholarly focus include: biomedical ethics, sexual ethics, feminist ethics, comparative religious ethics, and inter-traditional or cross-cultural studies. For more information visit [www.yale.edu/divinity](http://www.yale.edu/divinity).

**The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest** is looking for a professor of preaching. The John Hines Professor of Preaching teaches both required and elective courses in the theology, history, and practice of preaching. Candidates should have a DMin, or a PhD in homiletics, practical theology, or a related field of theological or biblical studies. They must have demonstrated excellence in preaching and teaching. The appointment is to begin June 1, 2008. For more information visit their website at <http://www.etss.edu/HinesPreaching.shtml>.

**The Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of San Francisco** invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level beginning in Fall 2008. Teaching responsibilities require teaching in both the undergraduate and graduate programs. Salary and benefits are competitive. Qualifications include a primary competence in Catholic Systematic Theology with the ability to teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels in fundamental theology, sacramental theology, and Christology. Completed written applications must be received **by October 19, 2007**, in order to ensure full consideration. For more information visit [http://www.usfca.edu/artsci/ug/theology\\_religious\\_studies/](http://www.usfca.edu/artsci/ug/theology_religious_studies/).

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**Denver Seminary** is seeking candidates for a tenure-track position in Philosophy, to begin August 2008. Rank to be determined in accord with the successful candidate's qualifications. The candidate would possess the Ph.D. (or ABD) in philosophy, a record of (or potential for) excellent teaching, a record of (or potential for) scholarly productivity, and a commitment to teamwork and the nurture of students. The ideal candidate would also have competencies in Metaphysics and Epistemology, the History of Philosophy (particularly ancient philosophy), and Christian Apologetics. Application close date is **December 14, 2007**. The job outline for this position and the Seminary's statement of faith are available for your review via the following link:

<http://www.denverseminary.edu/about-us/employment-with-denver-seminary/position-in-philosophy>.

**The Yale Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School** invite applications at the rank of Professor for a tenured faculty position in Christian Art and Architecture beginning July 1, 2008. Successful candidates will have a demonstrated gift for teaching, strong scholarly credentials, and primary specialization within the early Christian to early modern periods. Expertise in architectural history and interest in theological education are necessary qualifications as is commitment to cross-disciplinary interaction with colleagues in liturgical studies and the arts. Secondary specializations may include art and architecture of other periods, geographies or religions. **Applications will be read beginning November 15, 2007**. Send curriculum vitae and letter of application to Martin Jean, Director. Yale Institute of Sacred Music. Visit their website at <http://www.yale.edu/divinity>.

**Loyola University Chicago Institute of Pastoral Studies** is seeking applicants for a Full Time Senior level tenure-track faculty position. Record of excellence in teaching and solid commitment to research and publications preferable. For fullest consideration, applications should be submitted to Robert A. Ludwig, PhD **before November 15, 2007** online at [www.careers.luc.edu](http://www.careers.luc.edu).

**Boston College Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM)** seeks a Full Time non-tenure track faculty member. A proven record or promise in scholarly or publishing, PhD required. The position begins in Fall 2008. More information is available at [www.bc.edu/stm](http://www.bc.edu/stm).

**Union Theological Seminary** in NYC is searching for a junior person for the faculty position of Church and Society. The position is to begin July, 2008. For further details go to [www.utsnyc.edu/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?&pid=416#church](http://www.utsnyc.edu/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?&pid=416#church).

The Journal of Latino Studies, a nationally peer reviewed journal, is seeking a graduate student to become the journal's managing editor. This is an excellent opportunity for any graduate student interested in learning about manuscript submission and publication. For further details, please send a cover letter and CV detailing your qualifications to: Professor Suzanne Oboler, Editor Latino Studies, at: [soboler@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:soboler@jjay.cuny.edu).



**Celebrate!**

We congratulate **Dr. Gregory Cuéllar** (2002-2005 Doctoral and Dissertation Fellow) on the birth of his third daughter, Rayah, born August 10, 2007.



**Dr. Arlene Sánchez Walsh** (2005 HTI Book Prize Winner) announced the birth of her second daughter, Siobhan Rai Walsh in Pasadena, CA, on September 7, 2007. Congratulations to Siobhan Rai's family!

Congratulations go to **Mariana Alessandri**, (2006-2007 HTI Special Mentoring Fellow) PhD candidate at Pennsylvania University on her recent marriage to Alex. We wish Marianna and Alex safe travels as they spend a research year in beautiful Mexico.



### **Please keep them in your prayers...**



We continue praying as a community for **Dr. Luis Pedraja** (1997-1998 HTI Post-doctoral fellow) and his wife **Amber**, who is battling cancer,

For **Rev. Maribel Piña** (2000-2007 HTI Chaplain) and her son **Josué**, and for our Office Coordinator, **Maria Kennedy**, who is recovering from knee surgery.

We also pray for our sisters and brothers in Peru and Nicaragua. The latest statistics show that the August 15 earthquake in Peru had a toll of 595 deaths and 318 missing people. Additionally 319,886 people lost their homes. Also, the North Atlantic autonomous region of Nicaragua was severely afflicted by hurricane Felix, with at least 150,000 disaster victims, 138 persons missing and 67 dead. Miskitos and Mayagnas indigenous communities are in a situation of utmost vulnerability after such a catastrophe. Much shelter, food and prayer is needed. For contributions visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

As always, we ask all of our community members to keep us posted of any news items you would like to have considered for inclusion in our newsletter by emailing us at [hti@ptsem.edu](mailto:hti@ptsem.edu). Also, please help us to maintain our newsletter mailing list up to date, by advising us of email address changes.