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Building Bridges Award Winner

Dr. Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi, (HTI mentor 2001-03, married to **Lizzette Oquendo**, HTI Office Manager 1996-1999) Associate Professor of World Christianity at Columbia Theological Seminary will receive the “**Building Bridges Award**” from the **Islamic Speakers Bureau Association**. This award is given to persons/institutions who have worked for peace between religions, particularly Islam and Christianity in the United States. The ISBA was created—after 9/11—as a response to the negative bias presented by media regarding Islam and Muslims in the United States. They also recognize the work of teachers in helping students understand Christian/Muslim relationships in the world. Dr. Cardoza-Orlandi is being recognized for his exceptional ability to help students understand other inter-religious activities in the Atlanta area and beyond.



LOGROS



The October 2007 issue of *Spotlight on Teaching* published by the American Academy of Religion featured three HTI fellows (two post-doctoral and one dissertation). In this issue **Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre**, (HTI 2000-01 Postdoctoral fellow) Associate Professor of Social Ethics at Iliff School of Theology, wrote about “On Being the Academic Other.” In his article, he reveals that he will never be a “popular” teacher because as a liberation ethicist he continually creates uncomfortable spaces for students to explore and challenge oppressive structures that are normalized. These spaces, although uncomfortable, nevertheless need to be created for institutions to find new ways of teaching and enhancing curriculum. Dr. De La Torre states that professors who are about unmasking oppressive systems will continue to encounter opposition, facing dismissive behavior and hostile environments. Dr. De La Torre is a tenured professor who has seven years of teaching experience, including five at one very conservative college and two at a liberal seminary. He has also written and co-edited over thirteen books with numerous publishing companies.

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In the section *From the Student Desk*, **Néstor Medina**, (HTI 2006-07 Dissertation Year fellow) who migrated from Guatemala to Canada at the age of 22 and is now a PhD candidate in religion/theology and culture at Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology at the University of Toronto, wrote about "Exploring the Intersecting Spaces of Culture and Religion in Academia". At the University of Toronto he has made the distinction that culture and religion are not separate entities that make up our entire reality. In fact, Néstor feels that culture is a medium for religion and religious belief, and their practices are intertwined to such a degree that faith expressions are cultural expressions. He notes that he would not be as keenly aware of some of the intricacies of his own cultural reality if it wasn't for his own personal journey and experience as a former refugee and immigrant.

Dr. Gastón Espinosa's (HTI 1999-00 Postdoctoral fellow) essay, "The Other within Mexican-American Religious Studies," introduces us to the challenging dynamics presented to Latino theologians by the upsurge of the Latino population in America, and the upcoming need for present day curricula in academia reflecting that change, particularly in Mexican-American religious studies. A brief history of those who were the pioneers of Mexican-American religious studies, their contributions and the history related to the cause can be found in this informative piece. Dr. Espinosa is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Claremont McKenna College.



The School of Ministry at the University of Dallas presented **Dr. Miguel Díaz** (HTI 1998-99 Dissertation fellow, HTI Mentor, and HTI 2002 Book Prize Winner), Associate Professor of Theology at Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN, at the ninth annual Landregan Lecture. In this lecture, titled "Seer of the Word: The Sacramental Imagination and the Human Vision of God," Dr. Díaz discussed the St. John's Bible, commissioned by a Benedictine monastery as the first handwritten, illuminated Bible to be produced in approximately 500 years.

Dr. Gastón Espinosa served as Conference Convener and Respondent for **Dr. Otto Maduro's** (HTI Mentor 2002-04) essay "The Role of Pentecostal Congregations in the Creative Adaptation of Hispanic Immigrants to the United States" for the Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology Conference, Pittsburg, PA, November 3-5, 2007.

Dr. Espinosa was also invited to give two keynotes in France in November 2007. The first is on "Demographic Shifts in U.S. Latino Religions" at the Religion in the Americas Conference sponsored by the American Studies Program at the University of Paris and the second is on "U.S. Latino Pentecostal Religion and Politics" at the Ecoles des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales—Europe's premier social sciences institute. Espinosa is one of the first U.S. Latino scholars to give a lecture at the Ecoles.

Dissertation Fellowship

The **University of San Francisco** invites applications from underrepresented ethnic minority scholars for the **USF Dissertation Fellowship Program** for the 2008-2009 academic year. Candidates must have completed all course work leading to the doctorate by Summer 2008, and complete applications must be received by January 15, 2008. Detailed information is available on line at:

<http://msphds.usf.edu/forum/viewtopic.php?p=1192&sid=14bfc6c90850e43b7f11cd0f7ea888b7>

New Books!!!



La Vida Sacra: Contemporary Hispanic Sacramental Theology, published by Rowan and Littlefield in 2006, and co-edited by **Dr. Eduardo Fernández**, (HTI 1997-98 Postdoctoral fellow) and Dr. James Empereur, is an original, insightful approach to the sacraments from the perspective and actual practice of Latinos over the centuries. It offers a distinctive take on the actual belief and enculturation of the sacraments in the Latino experience and context. It is ideal for theology courses, as well as directors of ministerial programs and their students who are looking to place Hispanic sacramentality in the larger framework of sacramental theology.

Additionally in 2007, **Dr. Fernández** published *Mexican American Catholics* with Paulist Press, where he presents the history of Christianity in Mexico via Spain, the conditions of Mexican Catholics in America, the challenges facing Mexican-American Catholics and suggestions on how to improve them.



Publishing Opportunities

Dr. Gastón Espinosa, as the newly appointed lead co-editor of the Columbia University Press Series on Religion and Politics, is particularly interested in manuscripts that explore the impact of religion on American and transnational global politics on such themes as: "African American, Latino, and/or Racial-Ethnic Religions and Politics," "Religion and Politics in Mexico, Cuba, or Puerto Rico," "Latin American Religions and Politics," "Catholics and Politics," "Mainline Protestants and Politics," "Evangelicals and Politics," "Religion and American Politics," "Religion and the American Presidency," "Church-State Debates," and "Islam and Politics." If you would like to share a prospective manuscript or a book proposal idea while at the AAR/SBL annual meeting in San Diego, please e-mail Dr. Espinosa at gaston.espinosa@cmc.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

We have much to celebrate this year, beginning with **HTI's Tenth Anniversary** reception on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the San Diego Convention Center, Room 30-E.

You also don't want to miss "**Teologías en Conjunto: A Fiestaschrift Celebrating the World of Orlando Espín**" on Saturday, November 17, at 1 pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, Room Madeleine A & B.

Additionally, we are delighted to announce that at this year's AAR/SBL annual meeting in San Diego, over **forty-eight** members of the HTI community will be presenting with **twenty-eight** individuals of this group being HTI fellows. At the end of this issue we are including a list of the events in which they will be presenting.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Princeton University's Center for Study of Religion announces the availability (pending approval of funding) of a small number of one-year fellowships for pre-tenured scholars and recent PhD graduates. Fellowships will be offered in the area of Christian Thought and Practice (focusing attention on the historical and contemporary religious life of North American Christians, congregations, or clergy). For more information and application requirements, go to <http://www.princeton.edu/~csrelig/fellowships> or contact Dr. Relig, 5 Ivy Lane, Princeton, NJ 08540; 609-258-5545; csrelig@princeton.edu

Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry invites applications for a tenure-track position in **New Testament**, beginning Fall 2008. PhD required. Primary teaching responsibilities will be the foundational course "Christian Scriptures," advanced courses from among synoptic gospels, John and Paul, as well as occasional special topics offerings. For full consideration, all materials should be submitted by December 1, 2007. Preliminary interviews will be held at the 2007 AAR Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. For more information visit: www.seattleu.edu/theomin

Denver Seminary is seeking candidates for a tenure-track position in **Leadership**, to begin August 2008. The candidate would possess an earned doctorate (PhD, EdD, or DMin) with commensurate educational and practical experience in leadership, particularly in a local church as a senior, executive or staff pastor. Applications must be received by December 14, 2007. For more information visit: www.denverseminary.edu

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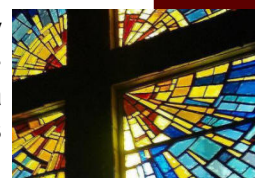
St. Thomas University School of Theology and Ministry is offering two full-time faculty positions for August 2008 in the area of **Christian Ethics/Theology of the Social Sciences**, and **Biblical Studies/Christian History**. Candidates should demonstrate familiarity with, commitment to, and expertise in Practical Theology and Pastoral Ministries. Application deadline is February 1, 2008. For more information visit <http://www.stu.edu/theology---christian-ethics-theology-of-the-social-sciences-article-3127.html>

Andover Newton Theological School invites applications for a tenure-track position in **Worship and Preaching**, with specialization in **Liturgics, Homiletics, or Spiritual Formation**. The successful applicant will teach in these disciplines, conduct research that furthers the practice of one or more of these specializations, and oversees the activities of the recently opened Wilson Chapel. Applications including a letter of intent, curriculum vita, and three letters of recommendation should be sent by December 1, 2007 to Dr. Robert W. Pazmiño, Andover Newton Theological School, 210 Herrick Road, Newton Centre, MA 02459. E-mail address: rpazmino@ants.edu.

Western Theological Seminary plans to open a **Racial-Ethnic Faculty Fellow Program**, to commence in the fall of 2009, with two racial-ethnic ABD scholars. The scholars will be appointed for a 2-year term, teach one course a semester and be offered housing and stipend. At the end of the fellowship, the seminary hopes to be able to offer a faculty appointment. For further information regarding the Racial-Ethnic Faculty Fellow program, please contact Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich, Associate Professor for Continuing Theological Education, Western Theological Seminary, 101 13th Street, Holland, MI 49423 and/or e-mail her at cynthia.holder.rich@westernsem.edu.

Please keep them in your prayers . . .

Recently having open-heart surgery, **Dr. Gary Riebe-Estrella** (HTI Advisory Committee Member 2005-2007 and past HTI mentor) is now at home recovering. Let's keep him in our prayers. Also, let's continue to pray for **Maria Kennedy** who is still recovering from knee surgery, and **Dr. Luis Pedraja's** (HTI Mentor) wife, who is still undergoing intensive chemotherapy.



Let us also pray for **Ched Myers**, (HTI editor 1999-03) founder of Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, who is recovering from major spinal surgery.

Please keep them in your prayers . . .

Natural disasters have wreaked havoc among our sisters and brothers in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.



The heavy and prolonged rainfall provoked by Tropical Storm Noel resulted in rivers overflowing their banks, causing major flooding, landslides and the destruction of bridges throughout the Dominican Republic. More than 137 communities remain inaccessible. Eighty-four persons have been killed, 48 are missing and 3,436 persons have been rescued. It is estimated that over 80% of the country's territory has been affected by the storm and ensuing floods, in some way or another, including damage to 80% of the crops.

Days of rain and unusually large waves off the coast have inundated Tabasco, a low-lying and oil-rich state on Mexico's tropical Gulf coast, causing the largest natural disaster in recent Mexican history. Seventy percent of the state is flooded and more than 700,000 homes are under water. The official estimate of the population directly affected by the flooding exceeds 1.3 million people. The situation has been compared to the flooding from Hurricane Katrina. There has been major damage to the infrastructure, loss of water and sanitation, crops and small farm animals.



In addition to our prayers, support for our brothers and sisters in Mexico and the Dominican Republic is much needed. Donations can be made to the American Red Cross at <http://american.redcross.org> where the contributions can be made specifically for either of these disasters at the "International Response Fund" link.

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. Also, please help us to maintain our newsletter mailing list up to date, by advising us of email address changes.

AAR/SBL Annual Meeting

November 15-20, 2007 – San Diego, CA

Lecture/Workshop Curriculum

Time	#	Location	Event	Speakers
Thursday, November 15, 2007				
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	M15-101	MM-Warner Center	HTIC Meeting	Private Event
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	M15-102	MM-Coronado	HTIC Dinner	Private Event
Friday, November 16, 2007				
9:00 am - 4:30 pm	A16-100	CC-24A	Chairs Workshop: Best Practices: Diversifying Your Faculty – Honest Conversations	Miguel A. De La Torre, Edwin D. Aponte, Sharon Watson Fluker
9:00 am - 4:30 pm		By Invitation Only	Strangers No More	Edwin D. Aponte, Evelyn Parker, James Logan, Emiles Townes, Mayra Rivera
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	M16-109	CC-24B	Review of Mayra Rivera, The Touch of Transcendence: A Postcolonial Theology of God (WJK, 2007)	
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	S16-103	Madeleine B - GH	Latinas in Theology	María Pilar Aquino, Leticia Guardiola, Theresa Torres
Saturday, November 17, 2007				
7:15 am - 8:45 am	A17-136	GH-Maggie	La Comunidad	
9:00 am - 11:30 am	A17-100	MM-Point Loma	Special Topics Forum	Elizabeth Conde-Frazier
9:00 am - 11:30 am	A17-109	MM-Coronado	Theology and Religious Reflection Section	Hjamil A. Martínez Vázquez
9:00 am - 11:30 am	A17-122	MM-Los Angeles	Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Consultation	Nelson Maldonado-Torres, Arlene Sánchez Walsh, Daniel Ramírez, Jesse Miranda
9:00 am - 11:30 am	A17-129	CC-28E	Rethinking the Field Consultation	Cecilia González-Andrieu, Alejandro García-Rivera, Davina C. López
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	A17-207	MM-Solana	Ethics Section	Miguel A. De La Torre
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	A17-215	GH-Madeleine A&B	Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group	Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernández, Daisy L. Machado, Jorge A. Aquino, Nestor Medina, Orlando Espin
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	A17-223	MM-Mission Hills	Signifying (on) Scriptures Group	Efraín Agosto
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	A17-318	CC-30E	Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Religion and Migration Consultation	Jorge A. Aquino
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm	M17-135	CC-30E	HTI Reception	
Sunday, November 18, 2007				
9:00 am - 11:30 am	A18-111	MM-Anaheim	Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group	Faustino Cruz, Gregory Cuellar, Fernando F. Segovia
9:00 am - 11:30 am	S18-3	22 - CC	Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies	Eric Barreto
9:00 am - 11:30 pm	S18-23	24 B - CC	John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern	Jean-Pierre Ruiz
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	A18-207	GH-Emma AB	Ethics Section	Miguel A. De La Torre, Luis León
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	A18-208	GH-Emma C	History of Christianity Section	Michelle González Maldonado
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	A18-215	GH-Annie	Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group	Hjamil A. Martínez Vázquez, Luis Enrique Murillo, Elaine Padilla, Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Benjamin Valentin

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Sunday, November 18, 2007

1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	S18-55	25 C - CC	Book Review Session: True To Our Native Land: An African American New Testament Commentary.	Fernando Segovia
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	S18-54	Chicago - MM	Bible and Visual Art	David Sánchez
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	S18-70	Columbia 2 - MM	John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern	Juan Hernández
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	A18-262	GH-Molly B	Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group	Rudy V. Busto
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	A18-268	CC-30B	Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group	Theresa Torres
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	A18-269	MM-Manchester 1	Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group	Jeanette Reedy Solano, María Pilar Aquino, Daisy L. Machado, Jeanette Rodríguez, Michelle González Maldonado, Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Rafael Luevano
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	S18-112	24 B - CC	Contextual Biblical Interpretation	Fernando Segovia
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	S18-105	Los Angeles - MM	Bible and Cultural Studies	Gregory Cuellar, Leticia Guardiola
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	S18-136	28 D - CC	Synoptic Gospels	Francisco Lozada
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	A18-322	MM-Manchester 2	Evangelical Theology Group	Arlene Sánchez Walsh, Daniel A. Rodríguez

Monday, November 19, 2007

9:00 am - 11:30 am	A19-105	CC-25B	Ethics Section and Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group	Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernández, Otto A. Maduro
9:00 am - 11:30 am	A19-106	CC-28B	Philosophy of Religion Section	Rudy V. Busto
9:00 am - 11:30 am	A19-125	CC-24C	Liberal Theologies Consultation	Elizabeth Conde-Frazier
9:00 am - 11:30 am	S19-15	Salon A - MM	Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible	Sharon Ringe
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	S19-43	29 B - CC	Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Luncheon and Panel Discussion	Francisco Lozada
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	A19-209	MM-Solana	Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group	Mayra Rivera, Jon L. Berquist
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	A19-222	CC-28A	Practical Theology Group	M.T. Davila, Loida I. Martell-Otero
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	A19-230	GH-Oxford	Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Consultation	Sammy Alfaro, Gastón Espinosa
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	S19-53	23 B - CC	Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative	Ruben Dupertuis
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	S19-67	Cardiff - MM	Graduate Biblical Studies: Ethos and Discipline	Fernando Segovia
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	A19-309	CC-30E	Theology and Religious Reflection Section	Miguel A. De La Torre
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	S19-117	Salon G - MM	John, Jesus, and History	Francisco Lozada, Fernando Segovia

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

9:00 am - 11:30 am	A20-119	CC-28A	Person, Culture, and Religion Group	Nestor Medina
9:00 am - 11:30 am	S20-18	25 B - CC	The Bible and American Popular Culture	Ruben Dupertuis