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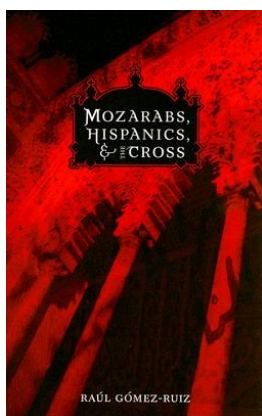
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HTI Book Prize Winner Announced



Fierce could be a word used to describe the competition for this year's Book Prize as the distinguished readers faced the daunting task of carefully evaluating each excellent work submitted by various publishers. After carefully evaluating each submission while considering the established criteria, the senior scholars unanimously agreed that the entry submitted by Orbis Books and penned by **Rev. Dr. Raúl Gómez** (1999-2000 Dissertation Year fellow) should be declared the winner for his sweeping and multidisciplinary *Mozarabs, Hispanics, and the Cross*. Drawing upon years of painstaking research, the work presents original ways of viewing Hispanic Christianity, both historically and geographically. Rev. Dr. Gómez is Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of Intellectual Formation, and Professor of Systematic Studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology. He will give a lecture on his prize-winning book on Saturday,

August 2, 2008 during HTI's annual Summer Workshop. The respondents will be **Dr. Peter Casarella** (HTI Selection Committee member and mentor), Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University, and **Dr. Alberto Hernández** (2000-2001 Dissertation Year fellow and former HTI Advisory Committee member), Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Assistant Professor of History Christianity at The Iliff School of Theology.

Sammy Alfaro Joins Growing List of HTI Graduates



We are proud to announce that **Sammy Alfaro** (2007-2008 Dissertation Year fellow), recently fulfilled the requirements established by Fuller Theological Seminary in order to receive a doctoral degree, making him the **55th** HTI graduate. Always mindful of the needs of his community, Sammy is busy at work developing a church in his home, and in the fall he will assume an adjunct teaching position at Grand Canyon University. ¡Felicidades, Sammy!

HTI Fellow Named Associate Dean at The Iliff School of Theology

Yet another HTI fellow makes history! **Dr. Alberto Hernández** (2000-2001 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), was just named to the position of Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at The Iliff School of Theology. Alberto will continue to serve as Associate Professor of the History of Christianity at Iliff, and he was a member of the HTI Advisory Committee.



HTI Consortium Meets at ATS Biennial

During the recent biennial meeting of the Association of Theological Schools, representatives from the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium's member institutions convened. **Dr. Iain Torrance**, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, and **Dr. Daniel Aleshire**, Executive Director of the Association of Theological Schools, welcomed the twenty-one attendees who engaged in a conversation that gave evidence of their institutions' commitment to the mission of HTI, by implementing procedures that will ensure the program's future. We thank Dr. Aleshire and his assistant, **Mary McMillan**, for their considerable efforts in making this gathering possible.



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Edwin Aponte, Dr. Lallene Rector, Dr. Jan Love, Dr. Sherwood Lingenfelter, Dr. Su Yon Pak, Mr. Howard Wilson, Dr. Susan Nelson, Dr. Richard Mouw, Dr. David Trickett, Dr. William Lawrence, Dr. Justo González, Dr. Maxine Clarke Beach, Dr. Anne Yardley, Dr. Daniel Aleshire, Dr. Jonathan Strom, Dr. Iain Torrance, Ms. Joanne Rodríguez, Dr. Efraín Agosto, Dr. Nancy Ramsay, Dr. Kathleen Billman, Dr. Luis Pedraja, and Ms. Mary McNamara.

LOGROS



The Louisville Institute recently announced the recipients of their 2008 First Book Grant for Minority Scholars. Among the deserving recipients was **Dr. Daniel Ramirez** (2002-2003 HTI Dissertation Year Fellow). Dr. Ramirez received the grant for his work, "Migrating Faiths: A Social and Cultural History of Pentecostalism in the U.S. and Mexico, 1906-1966." He is presently Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Arizona State University.

In March, **Dr. Juan Hernández, Jr.** (2004-2005 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Bethel University, was invited to join the historic North American Executive Committee of the International Greek New Testament Project. He is the first Hispanic to be nominated to the committee in its sixty-year history.



Keeping HTI On Speed Dial

Some time ago, after observing the growing number of queries fielded by the HTI staff, HTI Assistant Director, **Angela Schoepf**, colorfully labeled the HTI as having become “the 411 for Latino theological education.” This proved evident recently when Dr. Rodolfo Girón, the Director of USA Hispanic Educational Ministries for the Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee was organizing the First Summit for Hispanic Young Scholars for the Church of God. He called upon recent PhD graduate at Fuller Theological Seminary, **Dr. Sammy Alfaro** (2007-2008 HTI Dissertation HTI Fellow) who recommended that Dr. Girón invite the director of HTI to attend this event, as well as a few HTI PhD graduates. The main objective of the meeting was to gather students at the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral level to inspire this young generation of Hispanic Pentecostal scholars to pursue doctoral studies. During the summit, held from May 2-4, three of the five speakers came from the HTI com-

munity and they were **Dr. Sammy Alfaro**, **Dr. Loida Martell-Otero** (1999-2000 Dissertation Year Fellow), Associate Professor of Constructive Theology at Palmer Theological Seminary, and **Joanne Rodriguez**, HTI Director. The young audience was rapt with attention as Dr. Alfaro shared his trials and tribulations during his doctoral studies, detailing the moments of doubt in his faith that he experienced when his church community expressed skepticism at his ability to continue serving in the church while pursuing his doctorate. Having struggled with opposing forces was very challenging, but in the end, Dr. Alfaro found his faith strengthened and today believes he is in a better position to educate both parishioners and pastors. He looks to be an organic scholar teaching at a seminary and also leading a church. In addition to adjunct teaching, he is hard at work in establishing a new church development in Arizona.



Attendees at First Summit for Hispanic Young Scholars for the Church of God.

McCormick Theological Seminary Hosts Ground Breaking Event

Given HTI's commitment to Latino faith communities, there was no hesitation on the part of HTI Director, **Joanne Rodríguez**, **Dr. Edwin Hernández** (former officer at the Pew Charitable Trusts), and **Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier** (2007 HTI Dissertation Fellow), Assistant Professor of Religious Education at Claremont School of Theology, to participate in the Consultation on Latino/a and Asian American Second Generation Ministerial Leadership on May 28-31. This ground breaking event was coordinated by **Dr. Luis Rivera Rodríguez** (HTI Selection Committee Member and mentor), Associate Professor of Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary, and his colleague, Rev. Virstan Choy, Interim Director of the Center of Asian American Ministries. The gathering brought together pastors, governing body staff members, seminary faculty, staff and students from across the nation to help develop both a healthy ministerial identity and key practices/skills for wise and effective ministry in the following congregational contexts: the second generation church, the multicultural church, and the Anglo church. In convening this group, the hope is to encourage intercultural dialogue, analysis and reflection among leaders of these cultural communities as they face

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different and similar challenges in the formation and preparation of their respective second-generation ministerial leaders. Ultimately, this will help to better equip and sustain second generation Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans in congregational ministry. We look forward to the findings that will help us learn mutually and collaborate across cultures. Thank you, McCormick, for an insightful and excellent consultation.

ACHTUS Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary

The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS) marked its twentieth anniversary at its Annual Colloquium and General Meeting, held in Miami Beach, Florida. Incoming ACHTUS President **Dr. Carmen Nanko-Fernández** (HTI Mentor and Selection Committee Member), who is Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology Chicago's Catholic Theological Union, planned the colloquium on the theme of "*Cultura en lo cotidiano: Intersections of Faith and Popular Culture.*" The working sessions of the Colloquium, characterized by lively discussion among all the participants, actualized the working principle of *teología de conjunto*. Conversations partners addressing the theme with diverse presentations included:

- **Dr. Peter Casarella** (HTI Selection Committee member), Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University
- **Neomi de Anda** (2005-2006 HTI Comprehensive Exams Year fellow)
- **Dr. Orlando Espín** (HTI Mentor and Selection Committee member), Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of San Diego
- **Dr. Roberto Goizueta** (HTI Mentor), Professor of Theology at Boston College
- **Dr. Michelle González Maldonado** (1999-2000 HTI Comprehensive Exams fellow), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Miami
- **Jacqueline Hidalgo** (2007-2008 HTI Dissertation Year fellow)
- **Dr. David Sánchez** (2006-2007 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), Assistant Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University
- **Dr. Christopher Tirres** (2003-2004 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at DePaul University
- **Dr. Theresa Torres** (2001-2002 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Anthropology at the University of Missouri, Kansas City

During the Banquet, ACHTUS members and distinguished guests heard Dr. Carmen Nanko-Fernández deliver the Presidential Address, "Theologizing in Espanglish: The *Imago Dei* in the Vernacular," as the festive spirit of the occasion continued with music and dancing that marked the importance of this twentieth anniversary Colloquium. The Presidential Address, together with revised, reviewed, and edited versions of selected papers discussed during the Colloquium, will be submitted for publication in the *electronic Journal of Hispanic / Latino Theology* (<http://latinotheology.org>).

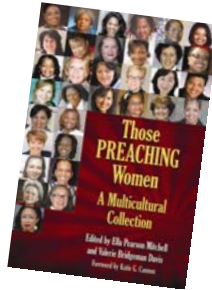
¡Feliz Cumpleaños, ACHTUS!

Warmed by the Florida sun, the ACHTUS anniversary gathering attendees are all smiles.



New In Print and On-line

Latest in Series of "Those Preaching Women" Now Available



Judson Press announces the May 2008 release of "Those Preaching Women: A Multicultural Collection." Edited by Ella Pearson Mitchell and Valerie Bridgeman Davis, the collection is the fifth title in the "Those Preaching Women" series, which saw its first volume published in 1985. While the first four volumes were dedicated to the sermons of African American women, this resource uniquely reflects the rich ethnic diversity of the United States in the twenty-first century, including African American, Cuban, Native American, European American, Puerto Rican, South Korean, South Vietnamese, and West Indian. Contributors to this collection include:

- **Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier** (1997-1998 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), Assistant Professor of Religious Education at Claremont School of Theology
- **Dr. Daisy Machado** (former HTI Director and mentor), Professor of the History of Christianity at Union Theological Seminary
- **Dr. Loida I. Martell-Otero** (1999-2000 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), Associate Professor of Constructive Theology at Palmer Theological Seminary
- **Dr. Zaida Madonado Pérez** (former HTI Director and 1997-1998 HTI Dissertation Year fellow), Associate Professor of Church History and Theology at Asbury Theological Seminary-Florida Campus

Espin Announces New Blog

Please join us in welcoming the new online blog/site on U.S. Latino/a (Catholic) theology "En Conjunto." The blog/site is an effort by **Dr. Orlando Espin** (HTI Mentor and Selection Committee member), Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of San, and others, with the intention to make Latina/o theology known to as wide an educated public as possible. You can visit the site, add comments etc., and if you think the site is worthwhile, recommend it to friends, students and colleagues, as well as people in ministry. The site's URL is as follows: <http://web.mac.com/espin1/latinocatholictheology/Blog/Blog.html>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Brite Divinity School, affiliated with Texas Christian University, invites applicants in the fall of 2008 for a tenure track position in Christian theology beginning in the fall of 2009. Level of appointment is at the Assistant Professor level. Ph.D. or equivalent is required.

Commitment to teaching and scholarly research is expected. Teaching load is four courses per year at masters and doctoral levels. The position includes an emphasis in constructive theology drawing upon historical and contemporary sources. Teaching responsibilities include a two semester introductory Masters level course sequence in Christian theology, elective courses in major figures and topics, and possibilities for interdisciplinary and integrative team-taught courses. Send to David J. Gouwens, Chair, Theology Search Committee, Brite Divinity School, TCU Box 298130, Fort Worth, TX 76129. Review of applicants will begin September 15 and continue until the position is filled.

More Career Opportunities...

Xavier University, Department of Theology, invites applications for a tenure-track position in historical theology at the Assistant Professor level beginning August 2009. Primary competency is open but the candidate should be prepared to teach an undergraduate version and graduate version of a course that critically and selectively explores Church history and theology from the Reformation to the contemporary period, including some attention to the colonial and postcolonial eras. PhD (or equivalent) or imminent receipt of doctoral degree required. Some teaching experience is preferred.

Send application letter, CV, graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Prof. Marie J. Giblin, Department of Theology, Xavier University, 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207-4442. Application and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by Sept. 26, 2008. Web page at www.xavier.edu.

Dr. Miguel De La Torre (2000-2001 HTI Post Doctoral fellow), a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Christian Ethics (SCE), reports that historically, representation at the SCE of Latino/as has been dismal. To date, the average has been of three Hispanics attending the annual conference. To rectify this inequality, the SCE is providing at least ten scholarships for Hispanic students to cover their registration fee to the annual meeting and their membership fee for up to four years. The objective is to create a critical mass of Latina/o ethicists within the society.

The next annual conference will be in Chicago 1/9/09 through 1/11/09.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this scholarship, please contact Victor Carmona (vcarmona@nd.edu) and/or Dr. De La Torre (mdelatorre@iliff.edu).

Please keep them in your prayers

Ernesto Valiente (2007-2008 Dissertation Year fellow) recently returned from El Salvador, where his father passed away.

HTI Advisory Committee member, **Dr. Katharine Sakenfeld**, is grieving the loss of her mother. Dr. Sakenfeld is Professor of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis, as well as Director of PhD Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Dr. Alberto Pulido's father is hospitalized and very ill. Dr. Pulido is an HTI mentor and Director and Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of San Diego.



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. Remember to include pertinent information, such as website or email addresses, as well as any photographs (preferably in .jpeg format). The deadline for receiving submission is the **25th** of each month. Keep in mind that each submission should be no more than two paragraphs long, and remember to help us maintain our newsletter mailing list up to date, by advising us of email address changes. ¡Gracias!

