

Hispanic Theological Initiative



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HTI Recognized for Its Excellence!



Hermanas y Hermanos,

It is a pleasure to share with you a recent event that is cause for a community-wide celebration! On September 29, the Washington, DC-based non-profit, *Excelencia* in Education named the HTI as the winner of its 2010 Examples of *Excelencia* at the graduate level. The organization recognizes programs that best fulfill a responsibility to help Latina/o students succeed.

This award is a great honor which comes at a critically important time, as it acknowledges HTI's success at creating leaders for the wider educational community, while highlighting the needs we must continue to address as America's Latina/o population grows. Accompanied by my colleagues, **Angela Schoepf**, HTI's Assistant Director, and **Maria Kennedy**, HTI's Office Coordinator, I accepted the honor at a ceremony in Washington, DC at the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center. The keynote speaker was Hilda Solís, U.S. Secretary of Labor, who followed other speakers at the event, including Raúl Grijalva, representative from Arizona and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Education Taskforce chair, and Rubén Hinojosa, representative from Texas and the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Legislator of the Year, among many other prominent Latina/o leaders from across the country.

After the awards ceremony, we were able to talk to many people who warmly congratulated us, including Secretary Solis and Sarita Brown, president of *Excelencia* in Education, who was enthusiastic in her praise of HTI. She stated that, "The proven effectiveness of the Hispanic Theological Initiative charts a course for graduate education. Strong connections to the community, engaged and committed faculty, and a curriculum that support students as they apply their academic skills to serve society are powerful elements that other graduate programs from many disciplines could emulate and achieve similar results. I hope many follow HTI's lead."

Our program competed against educational programs across the country that were nominated for this year's Examples of *Excelencia*, which recognizes programs that accelerate Latina/o students' success at the associate, baccalaureate and graduate levels, and that share information with educators and policymakers. The three programs were honored based on graduating Latina/o students, accelerating Latina/o students' achievement, creating strong networks of stakeholders, providing professional staff focused on addressing the needs of Latina/o students and all students, and integrating the Hispanic culture and enhancing students' navigation between their homes, communities, schools, and professions.

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This is important because the need for an integrated plan to help Latina/o students is evident when you study the changing demographics of our culture. The U.S. Census projects that Latinas/os will represent twenty percent of the U.S. population by 2025. Yet, as of 2008, only 19 percent earn a college degree. That's compounded by the fact that only three and a half percent of the faculty at schools accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) is Hispanic. By helping more Latinas/os become educators, we are helping all culture in the new marketplace.

Upon learning about the award, **Justo L. González**, who helped create HTI in 1997 and served as past executive director, said that HTI's results were influential in the Examples in *Excelencia* selection process. "Awards like this seldom go to schools teaching religion. This honor shows HTI is making itself felt beyond the confines of theological education. It also reflects the impact our alumni make. Several have become the first Latina/o deans at their respective schools, many are known for their writing, research, and community efforts. They are making contributions beyond religion," said González, who is co-chair of the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium, the collaboration of nineteen schools supporting the HTI mission.

On behalf of the HTI staff, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to the many, many individuals who have committed themselves to the HTI and the HTIC, for our work is, as always, truly "en conjunto."

¡Gracias!



L to R: Joanne Rodríguez, Sarita Brown, Angela Schoepf & Maria Kennedy.

For more information on the celebration, visit <http://www.edexcelencia.org/initiatives/examples-of-excelencia/2010/celebración>

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Graduates First HTIC Scholar!

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary joyfully celebrated with Dr. Manuel Villalobos at his graduation on May 14, 2010. Villalobos' graduation sets a milestone, as he is the first doctoral candidate to graduate with the accompaniment of the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium.



Garrett-Evangelical's affiliation with the Hispanic Theological Initiative, beginning in 1996, stands within a long tradition of the seminary's theologically based inclusivity. The Church and the Black Experience was instituted in 1970 and focuses on African American experience and ministry. In 1984, the Asian-American Ministries center was established to offer guidance and support to Asian and Asian American students. Four years later, the Hispanic/Latino/a Latin-American Center (HLA Center) was founded in order to bring Hispanic culture and experience into the life of the seminary. In addition, Garrett-Evangelical has continued to provide summer courses in Spanish for the United Methodist Course of Study program.



Dr. Nancy Bedford, a native of Argentina, is the Georgia Harkness Professor of Applied Theology at Garrett-Evangelical and a steering committee member for HTIC. In casting a vision for the HLA Center at Garrett-Evangelical, she states, "My own vision for the Center is primarily for it to be a space for the construction of theological knowledge that consciously takes into account the reality of Latinos and Latinas in the United States, and the reality of people in Latin America. My own work toward a 'theology in migration,' that is, a theology that is able to change and adapt to the demands of the present ('migrate') in dialogue with the traditions of the past, as well as to take seriously the phenomenon of migration, is an example of the kind of theological construction I mean."

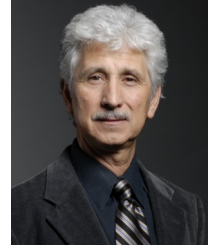
As part of this vision, the HLA Center is hosting a panel discussion this October entitled, "A Grain of Truth." Bedford explains: "We want to focus on the matter of food production and consumption as a site for theological reflection, since it touches on everything from economic justice and the distribution of wealth, to our practices of commensality in the footsteps of Jesus." In particular, she explains, is a desire to present this from the Latino/a perspective, "we want to remind people that the food we eat every day is harvested largely by migrant farm workers, the majority of them not native to the United States and also that treaties such as NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement) have had a profound effect on family farmers both South and North of the U.S.-Mexican border."

Located just a few miles north of Chicago's diverse Rogers Park neighborhood, students from Garrett-Evangelical are exposed to the realities of the United States' growing diversity and the need for cross-cultural experiences. Many students fulfill their internship requirements serving at churches and community centers throughout the greater Chicago area. The city's Hispanic/Latino/a community comprises 26% of the population and 9% of owned businesses. This growing community in Chicago is a constant reminder of the need to invest in educators and leaders who are capable of making an impact in Latino faith communities. Garrett-Evangelical remains hopeful

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that the partnership with HTIC will continue to train bold leaders for the academy, the Church, and the world.

Dr. Villalobos graduated from the doctor of philosophy program with a concentration in Bible and Culture. His dissertation was entitled, *Abject Bodies in Mark's Passion Narrative: A Butlerian Interpretation by a Mexicano del Otro Lado*. In sharing about his experiences, Dr. Villalobos states, "I was fortunate to come to Garrett-Evangelical to find **Dr. Osvaldo Vena**, who was not just a mentor but a friend and supporter. It was here at Garrett-Evangelical where I started the painful process of recovering and embracing *el ser y estar en el otro lado* as something sacred. Thanks to Dr. Bedford, I begin to heal the historic wound that divides the *Mexicanos del otro lado* and *Mexicanos de este lado*...My dissertation and ideas migrated and crossed over to the English speaking world, thanks to the generous support of HTI."



Garrett-Evangelical, founded in 1853, is a graduate school of theology related to The United Methodist Church. Located on the campus of Northwestern University, the seminary serves more than 500 students from many denominations and cultural backgrounds, fostering an atmosphere of ecumenical interaction. Garrett-Evangelical offers degrees for the master of divinity, master of arts, master of theological studies, doctor of philosophy, and doctor of ministry. Its 4,500 living alumni serve church and society around the world.

HTIC Welcomes Newest Member



As follow-up to the HTIC's Member Council meeting held on June 26th in Montreal, Canada, representatives of the consortium's schools voted to welcome its newest member, **Chicago Theological Seminary (CTS)**, bringing the number of member institutions to **nineteen**. CTS president, Dr. Alice Hunt, shared that, "Chicago Theological Seminary is pleased to become a member of the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium, to partner in the rigorous preparation of religious leaders for the transformation of society toward greater justice and mercy. Thank you for welcoming us."

CTS is an affiliated seminary of the United Church of Christ that proudly carries a legacy of over 150 years educating and preparing future leader for a multitude of ministries.

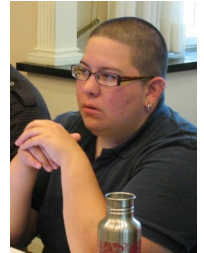
The HTI community is enriched with the new membership of CTS, and looks forward to expanding its outreach to Latina/o students across the country.



Largest Class of HTIC Scholars Welcomed to HTI Summer Workshop



On July 16, the HTI staff welcomed the newest cohort of fellows and scholars to the campus of Princeton Theological Seminary, where the students engaged in a weekend of challenging work and warm camaraderie. First time HTIC scholars quickly found themselves at ease working in the traditional atmosphere of *comunidad* that has become one of HTI's trademarks, while returning fellows and faculty were able to exchange stories and share valuable learning experiences. **Robyn Henderson-Espinoza**, who is the University of Denver's first HTIC scholar at the doctoral level, shared that she and her colleagues "spent a lot of time talking about being mixed race and not belonging. Several of us are mixed and all of us have migrated to study. And, as a result, there are feelings of invisibility and not belonging. Yet, we all had a sense of belonging with one another. This, I am grateful for!"



On the other side of the classroom, **Dr. Alberto Pulido** (HTI mentor), Professor and Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies and Associate Director of Center for the Study of Latino Catholicism at the University of San Diego, expressed that, "It was a wonderful experience working with the students this year and leading the mentoring workshop. The interdisciplinary dialogue was so rich in context for me! I hope it is a sign of the things to come in future HTI summer workshops."

As part of the event, the young scholars and workshop leaders were joined by members of the Princeton community as they attended HTI's annual Book Prize lecture, sponsored by Princeton Theological Seminary. **Dr. Michael E. Lee** (2003-2004 Dissertation Year fellow, pictured on right), Assistant Professor of Theology at Fordham University addressed a rapt audience while presenting on his winning entry, *Bearing the Weight of Salvation: The Soteriology of Ignacio Ellacuría*. Responding to Dr. Lee was **Dr. Gustavo Gutiérrez, O.P.**, John Cardinal O'Hara Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame (pictured on left). One happy student remarked that, "the speakers reminded us of how it is important to persevere and serve with the heart of the Samaritan."



Dr. Gustavo Gutiérrez (left) & Dr. Michael Lee (right)

Wabash Center Shares Grant-Writing Skills with HTI Faculty

Wabash Center's **Dr. Paul Myhre** shared his expertise with HTI faculty during HTI's Summer Workshop, allowing them to return to their schools armed with valuable grant-writing skills. **Dr. Rubén Dupertuis** (1998-1999 Doctoral fellow, HTI mentor, and Assistant Professor of Religion at Trinity University) expressed his appreciation for the workshop, sharing that, "Dr. Myhre demystified the process of applying for grants. I was able to get a glimpse of the grant writing process from the inside, giving me a sense of how to go about it, and even allowed time to develop an idea for a grant that I'd been thinking about for a while." We are indeed fortunate to have forward-thinking partners like the Wabash Center, and look forward to supporting our community with joint ventures such as this one. Dr. Dupertuis shared this timely learning experience with:

- **Dr. Gastón Espinosa** (1999-2000 Dissertation Year fellow & HTI mentor), Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Claremont McKenna College
- **Dr. Loida Martell-Otero** (1999-2000 Dissertation Year fellow), Associate Professor of Constructive Theology at Palmer Theological Seminary
- **Dr. Alberto Pulido** (HTI mentor), Professor and Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies and Associate Director of Center for the Study of Latino Catholicism at the University of San Diego
- **Dr. Daniel Ramirez** (2002-2003 Dissertation Year fellow & HTI mentor), Assistant Professor of North American Religious History at the University of Michigan
- **Dr. Ruben Rosario** (2003-2004 Dissertation Year fellow), Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Mev Puleo Scholarship Program at St. Louis University



L to R: Dr. Alberto Pulido, Dr. Daniel Ramirez, Dr. Rubén Dupertuis & Dr. Rubén Rosario.

HTI Grad Joins Rebuilding Efforts in East Angola

Rev. Pedro Goveia, a pastor at the United Methodist Church in Angola, worked in the church for more than a decade without a seminary education. Thirty-seven years of civil war severely damaged most of this African nation's infrastructure, including theological schools. Many pastors, like Pedro, had to do their work relying on informal training and personal studies. This situation, however, is slowly changing after peace was achieved in 2002. The United Methodist Church in East Angola just rebuilt its school of theology in Quessua, Malange. **Dr. Armando J. Rodríguez** (2003-2004 HTI dissertation fellow), just spent a year at this institution, teaching different Bible classes. He was joined by his wife, Icel, and stepdaughter, Amanda, who also taught at the High School and seminary levels. The seminary is now booming with 120 students, both lay and clergy from many denominations. The faculty is also ecumenical,

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comprised of Roman Catholic and United Methodist professors. After a three-year program, students will graduate with a Bachelor of Theology degree. The vestiges of the war are slowly subsiding as people can now work and study in peace.



Dr. Armando Rodríguez (left), stepdaughter Amanda, & wife Icel, with some of their seminary students in Angola.

Recent Events

ACHTUS

Members of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS) met over the summer for their annual gathering. This year's Colloquium focused on the various contexts in which Latina/o theology is researched, practiced, and taught. The underlying impulse of this colloquium was, in many ways, a "state of the union" of ACHTUS and their academic discourse. **Dr. Michelle González Maldonado** (HTI 1998-1999 Comprehensive Exams fellow & 2004 Book Prize winner), who is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Miami University, remarked that, "We situated our work in light of the various publics our theology engages, yet also were reminded by the younger scholars in our midst of those things on our immediate horizon." Among the younger scholars attending the event were:

- **Neomi DeAnda** (2009-2010 Dissertation Year fellow)
- **Dr. Jacqueline Hidalgo** (2007-2008 Dissertation Year fellow), Assistant Professor of Latina/o Studies and Religion at Williams College
- **Gilberto Ruiz** (2010-2011 Dissertation Year fellow)
- **Horacio Vela** (2009-2010 Comprehensive Exams Year fellow)

L to R: Dr. Jacqueline Hidalgo, Neomi DeAnda, Horacio Vela, & Gilberto Ruiz



Hispanic Summer Program Comes to Princeton



Princeton Theological Seminary hosted this year's Hispanic Summer Program (HSP) meeting, with the participation of 75 students. HSP director, **Dr. Otto Maduro** (HTI mentor & Professor of World Christianity at Drew University), expressed his appreciation for "the spirit of cooperation and solidarity of PTS staff, faculty, students and workers, also reflected in the evaluations compiled from the HSP faculty and students. Likewise, the non-Hispanic Presidents, Vice Presidents, Provosts and Deans of Association of Theological Schools (Association of Theological Schools) institutions participating in the Cross Cultural Seminar *Through Hispanic Eyes* gave very high marks to the whole HSP-at-PTS experience."

HSP faculty member, **Dr. Juan Hernández** (2004-2005 Dissertation Year fellow & Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Bethel University), commented that, "*Teología en conjunto* is not an ideal at the HSP; it is a reality. Together-Hispanics and non-Hispanics, Protestants, Evangelicals, and Catholics, gathered to apply a variety of reading strategies to the canonical gospels. Historical-critical, social-scientific, and reader response approaches were examined. Conversations were rich; debates, lively and multilingual, presenting a model of theology in a global context."

During this event, HTI again sponsored the **Latino Pre-Doctoral Conference** where eight previously selected HSP students gained valuable knowledge about the rigors of doctoral studies and currents in various fields of study, as well as tips to improve their writing skills and to prepare them for the financial demands of advanced studies. The conference's director, **Dr. Hjamil Martínez-Vázquez** (2003-2003 Dissertation Year fellow), expressed that, "Thanks to the experienced faculty, the student left with a better sense of their next steps in their academic careers, but, most importantly, the students were able to learn about their own talents and gifts and how they fit not only within academia but also within the Latina/o community."

HTI Fellows Participate in Ethics Conference in Italy



Clockwise from foreground: **Jeremy Cruz**, **Jaime Vidaurrazaga**, **Miguel Angel Sánchez Carlos**, **Víctor Carmona**, **Alejandro Crosthwaite**, **OP**.

Nearly 600 registrants from 73 countries participated in the Roman Catholic Theological Ethics conference "In the Currents of History: from Trento to the Future" in Trento, Italy from July 24-27, 2010. This international gathering, the second of its kind, sought to create spaces for intercultural dialogue among Roman Catholic ethicists, moral theologians, and ministers, and to develop institutional networks for future dialogue concerning complex social problems and questions. Participants included 2010-2011 Dissertation Year fellows, **Victor Carmona** and **Jeremy Cruz**, who also presented a paper. Fellow HTI community member, **Dr. María Teresa Dávila** (2004-2005 Dissertation Year fellow & Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics at Boston College), delivered a plenary address at the event.

20th Annual AETH Meeting Heralds Major Developments

On August 4-6th, the *Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana* (AETH) hosted a pivotal meeting in its history at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, the program's birthplace. Twenty years later, HTI's sister program is witnessing the fruits of its labor. A recent evaluation conducted by an independent consulting firm to assess the program's achievements, concluded that the country's growing religious Latino communities are in great need of AETH's resources, thereby fulfilling the program's strong mission, aided by its many partners. To expand its efforts and meet these growing needs, Rev. Stan Perea was recently appointed as the program's new director. Stan comes to AETH with extensive financial and church experience and with important connections with prominent Latina/o leaders. Additionally, AETH received a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. for \$500,000 to establish the Justo L. González Center to begin an elaborate and extensive marketing plan to bring its growing number of publications, both in Spanish and English, to Bible institutes and pastors across the country. They are relocating their offices to Aurora, Colorado, and have also revamped their website (www.aeth.org) where members can order books and take classes on-line, expecting to have it fully operational by early December. We congratulate our *hermanas y hermanos* at AETH, wishing them many blessings as they continue their work.



(Attendees at the AETH meeting were, left to right: Joanne Rodríguez, Rev. Stan Perea, and HTI community members and graduates: Dr. Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Dr. Paul Barton, Dr. Awilda González-Tejera, Dr. Justo González, Dr. Zaida Maldonado Pérez, Rev. Félix Muñiz, Dr. Efraín Agosto, & Dr. Juan Martínez)

LOGROS

Dr. Teresa Delgado (2001-2002 Dissertation Year fellow, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Coordinator for the Peace and Justice Studies Program at Iona College), was selected as the 2010 recipient of the Hugh J. McCabe Memorial Award for Social Justice. In her scholarly contributions as an ethicist, Dr. Delgado has explored the cultural and religious reasons for the exploitation of women of color and has argued for a just sexual ethic for Catholic Latinas and African-American women. As a scholar, teacher, and mentor to students, Dr. Delgado has demonstrated a passionate and exemplary commitment to building a more just and peaceful world. The award was conferred during the May commencement ceremony.



The 2010 Sarlo Excellence in Teaching Award was recently given to **Dr. Alejandro (Alex) García-Rivera** (HTI Selection Committee member), Professor of Systematic Theology and Graduate Theological Union Core Doctoral Faculty Member. The Sarlo award recognizes him as a teacher who embodies the values of interreligious sensitivity and commitment, interdisciplinary approach and content in teaching, sensitivity to ethnic and cultural diversity, and creative classroom pedagogical methods and performance.

Dr. Angel Santiago (2006-2007 Dissertation Year fellow) has been named Lecturer in World Christianity at Columbia Theological Seminary. He is the author of "Richard Shaull and the Struggle for the Identity of the World Student Christian Federation, 1968-1972" *Studies in World Christianity* 16:2 (Fall 2010), 180-193, as well as "The Gospel in a New Tune: The Appropriation of Ada María Isasi-Díaz's 'historical project' by Latina/o Pentecostals in the Formulation of a Theology of Evangelism" *Feminist Theology* 19:1 (Fall 2010), 173-185. Dr. Santiago recently saw the publication of his new book, also on the work of Richard Shaull. Please see page 11 for more information.



The Oblate School of Theology recently appointed **Dr. Renata Furst** (1999-2000 Dissertation Year fellow) as Professor of Scripture. Dr. Furst has contributed articles and commentaries to several publications, including *Proclaiming the Word*, used by liturgists and celebrants of the Word. She is also Director of Studies at Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas.

Uli Guthrie, who has worked with HTI as an editor since the program was established, has found another passion, that of painting. She recently helped organize Paint Bangor Day in her home state of Maine, and won best in show with her interpretation of Bangor's Main Street. Congratulations, Uli! Other pieces of Uli's artwork can be seen on her website: http://ulrikeguthrie.com/Ulrike_Guthrie_Art.html



Coming Events

During this year’s annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) in Atlanta, the HTI staff will be looking forward to welcoming friends to our receptions at each gathering. The event times and locations are as follows:

AAR

SBL

AAR	October 30	9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hyatt Regency	Piedmont Room
SBL	November 20	9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Marriott Marquis	M303, Marquis level

A complete list of events at each of these meetings where HTI community members will participate can be found on pages 17-22.

New in Print & On-Line



Dr. Angel Santiago-Vendrell (2006-2007 Dissertation Year fellow & Lecturer in World Christianity at Columbia Theological Seminary) examines primary, secondary, and historical documents that shine a light on Richard Shaull’s transformation into a contextual theologian of the poor, in his book ***Contextual Theology and Revolutionary Transformation in Latin America: The Missiology of M. Richard Shaull***. Published by Wipf and Stock Publishers, the work presents a definitive view of this North American Protestant missionary who wrote extensively on Latin American liberation theology, the base Christian communities, and how conversion to solidarity with the poor offers transforming possibilities for the mainline churches’ theological identity and practical faith.

Juan de Ávila was one of the most significant exponents of Spanish Golden Age spirituality. Scholars have increasingly identified him as the author of a distinctively judeoconverso spirituality. Currently, however, there are no comprehensive studies of his spirituality that seriously take into account his judeoconverso background. Brill presents this work, by **Dr. Rady Roldán-Figueroa** (2002-2003 Comprehensive Exams Year fellow & Assistant Professor of Historical Studies at Baylor University) that seeks to analyze his ascetic spirituality and place it against its proper early-modern Spanish context.





Rev. Dr. Javier (Jay) Alanis (2003-2004 Dissertation Year fellow), announces the publication of the Lutheran Seminary Program in the Southwest's latest newsletter. Rev. Dr. Alanis is Interim Executive Director, Associate Academic Dean, Associate Professor of Theology, Culture and Mission of that institution. The newsletter can be accessed at: <http://www.lspss.edu/Newsletter.pdf>

Career Opportunities

The Department of Religious Studies at the **College of the Holy Cross** invites applications for a full-time tenure-track appointment (to begin in August 2011) as an Edward Bennett Williams Faculty Fellow in the field of Roman Catholic Systematic Theology with a focus on theology from the Reformation to the twentieth century. Secondary interests might include Ecumenism, Inter-religious dialogue, or Ecological theology. Ph.D. required. This position carries a 3-2 teaching load with a full-salary one-semester research leave prior to tenure review and generous sabbatical and fellowship leaves for senior faculty. Please send a cover letter describing research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, statement on teaching, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to Prof. Alice L. Laffey, Chair, Search Committee Ref: 932, Department of Religious Studies, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA 01610. Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2010. Preliminary interviews by invitation will be held at the AAR Annual Meeting in Atlanta, October 30-November 1, 2010.



Drew Theological School invites applications for the full-time tenure-track position of Assistant Professor of Christian Social Ethics, pending budget approval, starting Fall 2011. Applicants must have a completed Ph.D. or equivalent degree by July 1, 2011. We are seeking candidates with research and teaching interests in moral theology traditions and, preferably, one or more of the following areas: global economic ethics, particularly related to Latin America; environmental justice; moral subjectivity of children and youth. Responsibilities include teaching and mentoring: master's students in the seminary, and PhD students in the Graduate Division of Religion. Candidates must show evidence of a scholarly research and publication agenda as well as promise of and/or a record of excellence in teaching. To apply, all applicants must send curriculum vitae, a cover letter that includes teaching and research interests, a writing sample, three letters of reference and copies of transcripts to hr910-3@drew.edu by November 15, 2010. Informal conversations will be held at the AAR in Atlanta with qualified candidates selected by the committee who are either registered with the AAR Job Center or send a cover letter and CV to hr910-3@drew.edu before October 21, 2010.



Lafayette College announces a tenure-track position, beginning fall 2011, for a scholar with expertise in Christianity in either Latin America or East Asia. Required qualifications include a PhD in hand or demonstrably near completion. Prior teaching experience is preferred. In addition to teaching courses in his/her area of specialization, the successful candidate will teach courses in New Testament, world religions, and the interaction of Christianity with other religions in his/her geographical area of expertise and make a contribution to the College's interdisciplinary programs. Applicants should send a letter of application, C.V., short writing sample, and teaching portfolio, and arrange for academic transcripts and three confidential letters of reference to be sent by Oct. 8, 2010 to: Robin Rinehart, Head, Department of Religious Studies, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042.

Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University announces a full-time, tenured or tenure-eligible position, with rank open. The appointee will teach courses in the degree programs of Perkins School of Theology, and will also teach in the M.A. and Ph.D. curricula of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies of Dedman College. Essential qualifications include a Ph.D. or equivalent, demonstrated achievement or potential as a teacher in Christian Theology, interest and ability in addressing a wide range of theological issues including historical and contemporary perspectives, and knowledge of and commitment to the life of a faith community. Openness to Wesleyan and other Christian theological traditions is desired. Background check required. Position begins fall term of 2011. To ensure full consideration the application must be received by November 30, 2010. Applications should include a CV and all contact information. Applicants should arrange that three letters of reference to be sent. Contact: Search Committee in Christian Theology, Job reference #050174, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas TX 75275-0133 or scarroll@smu.edu. For full ad, visit our website at <http://www.smu.edu/perkins>.



Perkins School of Theology is also offering a Faculty position in Christian Worship. This is a full-time, tenured or tenure-eligible position, with rank open. The appointee will teach courses in the various degree programs of Perkins School of Theology. Participation, including appropriate leadership, in the diverse worship life of the Perkins community is expected. A Ph.D. or equivalent degree and scholarly competence in the field of liturgical studies are essential. Demonstrated achievement or potential as a teacher and scholar in this field, ability to teach and form students in the Wesleyan tradition as well as ecumenical traditions, competency in working across diversities in worship, and membership and participation in the life and work of a worshipping community are also essential. Ordination with sacramental authority, competency in emerging cultural trends in worship, and the ability to teach homiletics are desired. Position begins with the fall term of 2011. To ensure full consideration the application must be received by November 30, 2010, but the committee will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. The committee will notify applicants of its employment decision after the position is filled. Hiring is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check. Applications should include a CV and contact information, including an email address. Applicants should arrange that three letters of reference be mailed directly to the search committee. Address inquiries or applications to: Search Committee in Christian Worship, Job reference #050178, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas TX 75275-0133 or send application electronically to scarroll@smu.edu.



Texas Christian University, Department of Religion invites applications for a junior-level, tenure-track appointment in Religion in Latina/o Communities to begin Fall 2011. Ph.D. required. Disciplinary orientation open; interest in anthropological or sociological methods desirable. Teaching responsibilities include courses in one's field of study, introductory courses in religion, and participation in the University's Latina/o Studies minor. The department (<http://www.rel.tcu.edu>) is committed to excellence in undergraduate teaching and scholarship. Applications must include a letter indicating interest in and qualifications for the position, a dossier including graduate school transcripts, and three recent letters of recommendation. Consideration of candidates will begin on October 4, 2010, and continue until the position is filled. Preliminary interviews will be held at the AAR in Atlanta by invitation only. Applications should be sent to Dr. Nadia Lahutsky, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Religion, TCU Box 298100, Fort Worth, TX, 76129. Texas Christian University is an EEO/AA employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

HTI Student Aides Heed the Doctoral Call

The HTI staff, and the community we serve, has been very fortunate to have dedicated Latina/o students from Princeton Theological Seminary work with us. Two of these young scholars who were with HTI for their three-year program at PTS, caught the doctoral "bug" while working in the HTI office. **Rafael Gómez** has just begun his second year of PhD studies in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program at the University of Albany (SUNY), where he's focusing on the Evangelization efforts that took place at the earliest stages of the Colonial period in his native Hispaniola. He recently shared these words about his HTI experience:

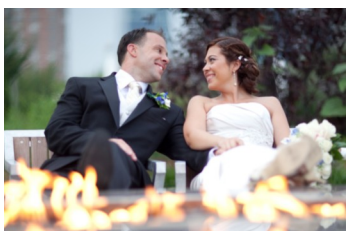
"Working at HTI afforded me with a unique opportunity not available to many Master's level students. The environment of collegiality and *compañerismo* always present and embodied by the staff and those affiliated with HTI does not always exist in universities and seminaries across the .country. At a more practical level, the interaction I had with the fellows and mentors allowed me to learn the importance of having a strong relationship with my faculty-advisor. I also benefited greatly from auditing different sessions at the HTI summer workshops. Truly, without my experience at HTI, I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am today."

Rafael and wife Gillian recently welcomed the arrival of their second daughter, **Naomi** who, with big sister Aubrielle, makes the demands of doctoral studies a worthwhile endeavor for Rafael.



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Rafael’s fellow PTS graduate, **Carla España**, is starting her first year of doctoral studies at Hunter in Urban Education, focusing on bilingual education at the Graduate Center, City University of New York, while also continuing with her position as a sixth grade dual language (Spanish/ English) teacher in Harlem, New York. Her experience with adolescents awoke a passion for studying bilingual education and how teachers of English Language Learners can negotiate language policy. Like Rafael, the HTI experience played an important role in Carla’s decision to pursue a doctorate. She expressed that, “Being a part of the HTI community had a large influence on my decision to do further studies in this field. I have been directly impacted by the helpful workshops as well as the friendships with faculty and fellows. I believe that being in the midst of scholars and the HTI staff was the greatest motivation!

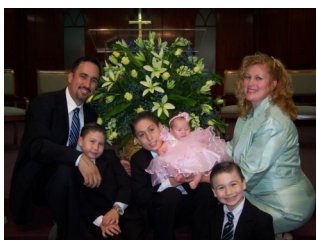
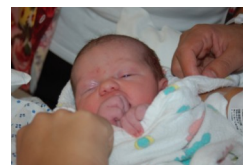


Before taking the doctoral plunge, Carla exchanged wedding vows with her new husband, Craig Persiani. The ceremony was officiated by **Rev. Gabriel Salguero** (2003-2004 Comprehensive Exams Year fellow), Director of the Hispanic Leadership Program at Princeton Theological Seminary. Witnessing the joyful fireworks-laden celebration were **Angela Schoepf**, HTI Assistant Director, and **Maria Kennedy**, HTI Office Coordinator. Following are HTI’s student aides who share the doctoral journey with Carla & Rafael:

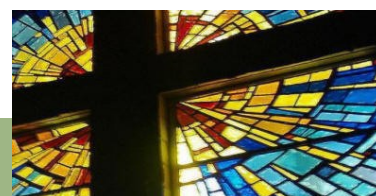
Dr. Eric Barreto	Assistant Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary
Rev. David Coello	Pastor at Presbyterian church in Maryland
Esteban Hernández, Th.M.	Teaching at Esperanza College
Lisa López, M.Div.	Graduating in May
Elias Ortega (ABD)	Writing dissertation
Rev. Juan Soler, Th.M.	Hispanic Pastor at Life Gate Church in Milpitas, CA
Rev. Amaury Tañón, M.Div.	Pastor of historic Central Baptist Church of Elizabeth, NJ
Lt. Mark Torres, M.Div.	Lt., deputy group chaplain for Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
Dr. Heather White	Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion at New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL

HTI's Newest Family Members

Víctor Carmona (2010-2011 Dissertation Year fellow), wife, Astrid, and eldest daughter, Ella Victoria, welcomed Ella's baby sister, María Regina.



In Puerto Rico, **Dr. Efraín Velázquez** (2006-2007 Dissertation Year fellow) and wife, Mariella, welcomed their first daughter, Hadassa Marie, who is sure to keep her three older brothers, Ben, Nathan, and Ezekiel, very busy. Dr. Velázquez is Academic Dean and VP of Academic Affairs at the Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary.



For Your Prayers

Dr. Peter Casarella (HTI mentor & Selection Committee member), is grieving the loss of his mother, Sarah Casarella. Dr. Casarella is Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University.

Mati Moros (2009-2010 Comprehensive Exams fellow) asks for continued prayer for her mother, who has again been hospitalized in Venezuela.

Dr. Gastón Espinosa (1999-2000 Post-Doctoral fellow) and his family are praying for successful treatment and surgery of his father-in-law. Dr. Espinosa is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Claremont McKenna College.

Dr. Ruben Rosario (2003-2004 Dissertation Year fellow, Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of the Mev Puleo Scholarship Program at St. Louis University) and his family are grieving the recent passing of his grandfather.



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!

AAR Annual Meeting
October 30 – November 1, 2010 – Atlanta, Georgia
Lecture/Workshop Curriculum

Time	#	Location	Event	Participant
Saturday, October 30, 2010				
9:00 am-11:30 am	A30-105	Marriott Marquis - A707	Ethical Diversity in the Face of War	Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
9:00 am-11:30 am	A30-116	Marriott Marquis - M301	Religion and Humor in Popular Culture: The Sacred, the Satirical, and the Scatological	Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
9:00 am-11:30 am	A30-125	Marriott Marquis - L506	Islam in the Borderlands: Remixing Mestizaje	Luis Leon, University of Denver; Ivan Petrella, University of Miami
11:45 am-2:45 pm	A30-141	Hyatt Regency – Lenox	LGBTIQ Mentoring Lunch (bring your own lunch)	Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	A30-207	Hyatt Regency - Hanover E	Author Meets Critics: Thomas A. Tweed's <i>Crossing and Dwelling</i> (Harvard University Press, 2008)	Daniel Ramírez, University of Michigan
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	A30-222	Marriott Marquis - A702	Critical Feminist and Decolonial Readings of Mary	Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco; Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College; David Sanchez, Loyola Marymount University
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	A30-229	Marriott Marquis - M109	Panel Discussion on the <i>Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2010)	Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	A30-309	Marriott Marquis - L505	<i>Review of Hope Abundant: Third World and Indigenous Women's Theology</i> (Orbis Books, 2010)	Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	A30-311	Marriott Marquis - M108	Latino/a Theology and the Bible	Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University; Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University; Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco; Loida Martell-Otero, Palmer Theological Seminary; Luis R. Rivera, McCormick Theological Seminary; Michael E. Lee, Fordham University; Nora O. Lozano, Baptist University of the Americas
9:00 pm-11:00 pm	M30-423	Hyatt Regency – Piedmont	Hispanic Theological Initiative Reception sponsored by Baylor University Press	

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Time	#	Location	Event	Participant
Sunday, October 31, 2010				
9:00 am-11:30 am	A31-100	Marriott Marquis - A704	The Past, Present, and Future of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession	Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliiff School of Theology
9:00 am-11:30 am	A31-109	Hyatt Regency - Hanover FG	Polydoxy: Theologies of the Manifold	Mayra Rivera, Harvard University
9:00 am-11:30 am	A31-120	Marriott Marquis - Marquis Ballroom A	Crossing Disciplines at the Table: Latina/os in Conversation with Giorgio Agamben	Edwin David Aponte, Lancaster Theological Seminary; Orlando Espin, University of San Diego; Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College; Néstor Medina, Seminario Evangélico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba; Elias Ortega-Aponte, Princeton University
9:00 am-11:30 am	A31-131	Marriott Marquis - L507	Religion, Food, and Eating in North America	Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	A31-203	Hyatt Regency - Hanover C	Enrique Dussel's Transmodernity Philosophical Project and Theology	Néstor Medina, Seminario Evangélico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	A31-208	Hyatt Regency - Hanover FG	Sexuality and Spirituality Revisited	Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliiff School of Theology
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	A31-210	Marriott Marquis - A706	Religion and the Cognitive in Neurosciences	Elias Ortega-Aponte, Princeton University
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	A31-216	Marriott Marquis - A702	African-American and Latino/a Mennonites: Marginal No More	Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A & M University
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	A31-222	Marriott Marquis - A601	Bedazzling Diversity: Mary Daly's Transformative Influence on Lesbian, Gay, and Feminist Identities	Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliiff School of Theology and University of Denver
3:00 pm-4:30 pm	A31-261	Hyatt Regency - Hanover E	The God Question	Mayra Rivera, Harvard University
3:00 pm-4:30 pm	A31-263	Marriott Marquis - M302	Review Panel: <i>The Africana Bible</i> (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2009)	Luis R. Rivera, McCormick Theological Seminary; Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University

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Time	#	Location	Event	Participant
3:00 pm-4:30 pm	A31-268	Marriott Marquis - M103-104	Las Musas Latinas: Retrieving Theological Voices from the Convents of las Americas	Jeremy Cruz, Boston College; Neomi De Anda, Loyola University, Chicago; Gilberto Cavazos-González, Catholic Theological Union; Néstor Medina, Seminario Evangélico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba; Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
5:00 pm-6:30 pm	A31-306	Hyatt Regency - Hanover FG	Race-ing Forward, Engendering Justice, and Embodying Ethics	Klem-Mari Cajigas Chimelis, Vanderbilt University; Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Monday, November 1, 2010				
9:00 am-11:30 am	A1-100	Marriott Marquis - A701	Scholarship and Activism	Orlando Espin, University of San Diego
9:00 am-11:30 am	A1-105	Marriott Marquis - M101	The Future of Southern Religious History	Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
9:00 am-11:30 am	A1-127	Marriott Marquis - A702	Of Spirits and Virtual Bodies: New Research on the Crossings of Body and Spirit in Latin American Religions	Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	A1-212	Marriott Marquis - A707	Aesthetics and the Political	Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	A1-234	Hyatt Regency - Hanover E	The Rhetorics of Humanism	Santiago Pinon, University of Chicago
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	A1-300	Marriott Marquis - A702	Religion, Literature, and Ethnic Identity	Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	A1-314	Marriott Marquis - A707	Review of Néstor Míguez, Joerg Rieger, and Jung Mo Sung's <i>Beyond the Spirit of Empire: Theology and Politics in a New Key</i> , Reclaiming Liberation Theology Series (London: SCM Press, 2009)	Mayra Rivera, Harvard University; Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	A1-335	Marriott Marquis - A701	Religious Encounters: Migrations, Genders, and Theologies across Time and Space	Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida

SBL Annual Meeting
November 19-22, 2010 – Atlanta, Georgia
Lecture/Workshop Curriculum

Time	#	Location	Event	Participant
Friday, November 19, 2010				
9:00 am-11:30 am	S19-306	Marriott Marquis - A702	John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Theme: <i>Revelation in the Visual, Performing and Liturgical Arts</i>	Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Saint John's University
Saturday, November 20, 2010				
11:30 am-1:00 pm	S20-141	Marriott Marquis - L502 Boardroom	Program Committee	Francisco Lozada Jr., Brite Divinity School, Presiding
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	S20-206	Marriott Marquis - A703	Bible and American Popular Culture	Rubén Dupertuis, Trinity University
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	S20-212	Marriott Marquis - L402 & L403	Contextual Biblical Interpretation Theme: <i>Preparing a Volume on Matthew for the TEXTS@CONTEXTS Series, Fortress Press</i>	Francisco Lozada Jr., Brite Divinity School
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	S20-301	E - Hyatt Regency - Hanover Hall	Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Theme: <i>The Past and Future of the Study of Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative</i>	Ruben Dupertuis, Trinity University
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	S20-323	Hyatt Regency - Vinings	Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Theme: <i>Popular Reading of the Bible</i>	Efrain Agosto, Hartford Seminary; Fernando Segovia, Vanderbilt University; Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz, Seattle University; Gregory Cuellar, Texas Christian University
9:00 pm-11:00 pm	M20-411	Marriott Marquis M303	Hispanic Theological Initiative Reception	

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Time	#	Location	Event	Participant
Sunday, November 21, 2010				
9:00 am-11:30 am	S21-130	Marriott Marquis - International 3	John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern	Juan Hernandez Jr., Bethel University
9:00 am-10:30 am	S21-145	Hyatt Regency - Lenox	The Bible and Haiti: Reading and Re-Reading before and after the 2010 Earthquake	Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Saint John's University; Hector Avalos, Iowa State University
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	S21-218	Marriott Marquis - International 9	Jesus Traditions, Gospels, and Negotiating the Roman Imperial World	Gilberto Ruiz, Emory University
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	S21-327	Hyatt Regency - Fairlie	Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Theme: Liberation Hermeneutics: Then and Now	Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College; Cristina Garcia-Alfonso, Brite Divinity School; Guillermo Ramirez-Munoz, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	S21-331	Hyatt Regency - Greenbriar	Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Theme: Critical Sources for Minoritized Biblical Interpretation	David Sanchez, Loyola Marymount University
Monday, November 22, 2010				
9:00 am-10:30 am	S22-131	Marriott Marquis - M303	Navigating the Job Market	Edwin Aponte, Lancaster Seminary
11:30 am-1:00 pm	S22-152	Hyatt Regency - Roswell	Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Luncheon Theme: "Cultural Taxation": Definitions, Issues and Tips for Survival	Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	S22-203	Hyatt Regency - Courtland	Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics/ Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Theme: Book Review: The Peoples' Bible (Fortress, 2008) and The Peoples' Companion to the Bible (Fortress, 2010)	David Sanchez, Loyola Marymount University
1:00 pm-2:30 pm	S22-226a	Hyatt Regency - Lenox	How To Reveal Oppression	Sharon H. Ringe, Wesley Theological Seminary

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Time	#	Location	Event	Participant
1:00 pm-3:30 pm	S22-233	Marriott Marquis - M102	LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics Theme: Apocalyptic Literature under a Queer Lens	Jacqueline M. Hidalgo, Williams College
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	S22-318	Hyatt Regency - Regency VII	Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Theme: The Politics and Practices of Commentary Writing	Sharon Ringe, Wesley Theological Seminary
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	S22-326	Hyatt Regency - Vinings	Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Theme: Crossing the Color Line	Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College; Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz, Seattle University; Gregory Cuellar, Texas Christian University
4:00 pm-6:30 pm	S22-330	Hyatt Regency - Dunwoody	Paul and Politics Theme: Paul and the Politics of Introduction, Part 2	Efrain Agosto, Hartford Seminary

Information updated on September 15, 2010