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Employment

Current

Assistant Professor of New Testament. Boston University; Boston, MA (July 2019–).

Affiliations

Core Faculty. Pardee School of Global Studies. Latin American Studies. Boston University.

Affiliated Faculty. Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies Program. Boston University.

Previous

Core Doctoral Faculty. Graduate Theological Union; Berkeley, CA (August 2017–May 2019).

Assistant Professor of New Testament. California Lutheran University/Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; Berkeley, CA (August 2016–May 2019).

Education

Vanderbilt University. PhD in New Testament and Christian Origins (May 2016).

Vanderbilt University. Master in New Testament with Honors (May 2013).

Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Madrid). Master in Theology (September 2006).

Universidad Pontificia (Salamanca). Sacrae Theologiae Baccalaureus (September 2003).

Certifications and workshops

Hispanic Theological Initiative (Princeton). *Theologians in the Public Square*. Henry Luce Foundation (July 2018).

University of Virginia. *Religion and its Publics*. *Emerging Scholars Workshop* (June 2018).

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. *Workshop for Early Career Theological School Faculty* (2017-2018).

Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University. *Mellon Certificate in Humanities Education* (Spring 2016).

Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University. *Teaching Gender and Sexuality Certificate* (Spring 2012).

Harvard Divinity School. *Certificate Language Program in Latin* (Summer 2010).

Publications

Monographs

Thinking Sex with the Great Whore: Deviant Sexualities and Empire in the Book of Revelation (London/New York: Routledge, 2018) [peer-reviewed].

<https://www.routledge.com/authors/i17939-luis-menendez-antuna>

Peer Reviewed Articles

- “Of Social Death and Solitary Confinement: The Political Life of a Gerasene (Luke 8:26–39)”
Journal of Biblical Literature 138.3 (2019): 643–664.
- “Black Lives Matter and Gospel Hermeneutics: Political Life and Social Death in the Gospel of Luke,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 45.4 (October 2018): 29–34.
- “Is Caravaggio a Queer Theologian? Paul’s Conversion on the Way to Damascus,” *Critical Research on Religion* 6.2 (2018): 132–150.
- “The Queer Art of Biblical Reading. Matthew 25:31-46 (*Caritas Christiana*) through *Caritas Romana*,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 45.4 (2017): 732–759.
- “Cuerpos ambiguos. Un estudio comparativo del status antropológico y político de las mujeres en las Cartas Pastorales y los Hechos Apócrifos de Pablo y Tecla,” *Ilu. Revista de Ciencias de las Religiones* 21 (2016): 93–113.
- “Is There a Room for Queer Desires in the House of Biblical Scholarship? A Methodological Reflection on Queer Desires in the Context of Contemporary New Testament Studies,” *Biblical Interpretation* 23 (2015): 399–427.
- “Male-Bonding, Female Vanishing. Representing Gendered Authority in Luke 23:26-24:53,” *Early Christianity* 4 (2013): 490–506.
- “Relecturas desde el ‘más-acá’. Introduciendo la óptica postcolonial en el panorama bíblico de lengua hispana,” *Theologica Xaveriana* 61.171 (2011): 169–202.
- “Status desviado: mujeres estigmatizadas en el cristianismo primitivo,” *Estudios Eclesiásticos* 322 (2007): 571–610.

Other Publications

In edited volumes

- “The Task of the Cultural Biblical Critic: Constructing the Text,” in Francisco Lozada, Amy L. Allen, and Yak-Hwee Tan (eds.), *The Critic in the World: Biblical Criticism and Glocal Realities* (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2021)
- “The Colonies Strike Back,” Jin Young Choi and Gregory Cuéllar (eds.), *Activist Hermeneutics of Liberation in the Bible* (London: Routledge, 2021).
- “The Ethical Turn in Biblical Studies and its Relevance for the Classroom as a Inter-religious Space,” in Or N. Rose, Lucinda Allen Mosher, Axel Takács, Mary Elizabeth Moore (eds.), *Deep Understanding for Divisive Times: Essays in Celebration of Ten Years of the Journal of Interreligious Studies* (xxx)

“La ambigüedad poscolonial: lecturas ambivalentes del evangelio de Marcos,” in Carlos Gil (ed.) *El Evangelio de Marcos*. *Reseña Bíblica* 85 (Primavera 2015), 25–38.

“1 Corinthians,” in Mark Roncace and Joseph Weaver (eds.) *Global Perspectives on the New Testament* (New Jersey: Pearson, 2014), 148–150.

“Pastoral Epistles,” in Mark Roncace and Joseph Weaver (eds.) *Global Perspectives on the New Testament* (New Jersey: Pearson, 2014), 185–187.

“What Queer Hermeneutics Can Do for Us in Spain,” in Yung Suk Kim (ed.) *1 and 2 Corinthians. Texts@Contexts* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2013), 147–162.

Review: <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=9155>

Translations (German-Spanish) (Selected among 10 other published translations)

“María de Magdala, ¿primera apóstol?” [orig. Andrea Taschl-Erber, “Maria von Magdala –erste Apostolin?”] in Mercedes Navarro Puerto and Marinella Perroni (Eds.), *Los Evangelios. Narraciones e Historias, La Biblia y las Mujeres* vol. 2; Estella: Verbo Divino, 2011.

“Personajes masculinos y femeninos en el evangelio de Juan. Perspectivas de género” [orig. Judith Hartenstein, “Männliche und weibliche Erzählfigure im Johannesevangelium. Geschlechterperspektiven.”] in Mercedes Navarro Puerto and Marinella Perroni (Eds.), *Los Evangelios. Narraciones e Historias, La Biblia y las Mujeres* vol. 2; Estella: Verbo Divino, 2011.

Book Reviews

Michael Gorman (ed.), *Scripture and Its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible*; *Review of Biblical Literature*, *Review of Biblical Literature* (03/2019).

Jabari Mahari, *Deconstructing Race. Multicultural Education Beyond the Color-Bind; Teaching Theology & Religion* (*Reflective Teaching*, 2017).

Robert Karl Gnuse, *Trajectories of Justice. What the Bible says about Slaves, Women, and Homosexuality*, *Review of Biblical Literature* (05/2018).

Hans de Wit and Janet Dyk, *Bible and Transformation: The Promise of Intercultural Bible Reading*, *Review of Biblical Literature* (05/2018) [in Spanish].

Mark G. Brett, *Political Trauma. Biblical Ethics for a Postcolonial World; Currents in Theology and Mission* 45:3 (July 2018), 72.

Elisabeth Schüssler-Fiorenza, *Los caminos de la Sabiduría; Ciencia Tomista* 132.2, (2005), 401–403.

Margaret McDonald, *Las mujeres en el Cristianismo Primitivo; Ciencia Tomista* 132.2 (2005), 403–404.

Other venues

“What biblical scholars don’t do” in *Living Lutheran* (December 2018).

“Academic talk is not racial justice” in *Daily Theology.com* (28-10-2017).

See <https://dailytheology.org/2017/10/28/academic-talk-is-not-racial-justice/>
“San Juan 11:1-45. Comentario,” “San Mateo 27:11-54. Comentario,” “San Juan 13:17, 31b-35. Comentario,” “San Juan 18:1-19:42. Comentario,” “San Marcos 5:21-43. Comentario,” “San Juan 3:1-17. Comentario,” “San Marcos 3:20-35. Comentario,” “San Juan 15:26-27, 16:4b-15. Comentario,” in WorkingPreacher.Org (2016-2017).
See <https://www.workingpreacher.org/profile/Luis-Menéndez-Antuña>
“John 15: 1-11” and “John 15: 12-17,” in Cynthia A. Jarvis and Elizabeth Johnson (eds.) *Feasting on the Gospels. John, Volume 2* (Louisville: KY, Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 181-182.
“Por donde pasa este torrente. Experiencias de Dios en la vida cotidiana”, Todos a uno 164 (2005).
“El Reino de Dios”, in Miguel Iribertegui (Ed.), *El Rosario de María* (San Esteban: Salamanca, 2003), 55-63.

Teaching Experience

Boston University School of Theology

“Sex, Gender, and the Bible” (Graduate Level, Summer 2021).
“Intermediate Greek” (Graduate Level, Spring 2021).
“Methods and Exegesis in Paul’s Letters” (Graduate Level, Fall 2020).
“Introduction to Biblical Greek” (Graduate Level, Fall 2020).
“Sex and the New Testament” (Graduate Level, Summer 2020).
“Last Suppers: New Testament texts in historical, artistic, and multi-cultural perspectives” (Graduate Level, Spring 2020).
“Introduction to the New Testament” (Graduate Level, Spring 2020; Spring 2021).
“Queer Theory and New Testament Interpretation” (Graduate Level, Fall 2019).

California Lutheran/Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary/Graduate Theological Union

“Introduction to the New Testament” (Graduate Level, Spring 2019).
“New Testament and Critical Theory” (Doctoral Seminar, Spring 2019).
“Academic Theological Writing and Researching” (Graduate Level, January 2019).
“Theological Methods and Hermeneutics” (Graduate Level, Fall 2018).
“Exegesis Workshop: Greek for Pastors and Preachers” (Graduate Level, Fall 2018)
“Intermediate Biblical Greek” (Graduate Level, Spring 2018).
“Introduction to Biblical Greek” (Graduate Level, Fall 2017, Fall 2018).
“Exploring Sex-Positive Theologies” (Reading Course; Graduate Level, Spring 2017).
“The Global Text: Theory and Method for the New Testament” (Graduate Level, Spring 2017).
“Gospels: Ancient Texts, Contemporary Contexts” (Class and Online Versions. Graduate Level, Spring 2017).

“Introduction to the Gospels” (Theology for Emerging Ministries, January 2017, January 2018).
“Introduction to the Gospels” (Graduate Level, Intersession 2017; Spring 2018).
“Introduction to Biblical Languages” (Online. Graduate Level, Intersession 2017).
“Paul: Ancient Texts, Contemporary Contexts” (Graduate Level, Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Fall 2018).
“Ministry across Cultures: Race and Sexuality for the Church” (Graduate Level, Fall 2016; Fall 2017; Spring 2019).

Vanderbilt University

“Intermediate Koine Greek” (Graduate Level, Spring 2016).
“Introduction to Koine Greek” (Graduate Level, Fall 2015).
Teaching Assistant “Constructive Theology II” (Graduate Level, Spring 2014, Spring 2016).
Teaching Assistant “Themes in the Hebrew Bible” (Undergraduate Level, Fall 2011, Fall 2013).
Teaching Assistant “Introduction to the New Testament” (Graduate Level, Spring 2011).

Other Institutions

Southern Methodist University (Dallas), Summer Hispanic Theological Program (2018–2019).
CIFI (International Financial College) and Loyola College in Maryland in Spain (Madrid and Alcalá de Henares). Adjunct Professor of Theology (Undergraduate Level, 2006–2009).
Saint Louis University in Madrid. Adjunct Professor of Old Testament (Undergraduate Level, 2009).
Colegio Fray Luis de León (Madrid). Teacher of Classics, Latin, and Philosophy (2006–2009).
Colegio Stella Maris (Madrid). Teacher of Religion, Ethics, and Classics (2005–2006).

Honours/Awards and Grants

Research and Teaching Grants

Digital Salon: Latinx Perspectives on Possibilities of Teaching Theology and Religious Studies. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (2020-2021).
Curriculum Development Award. *Sex, Gender, and the Bible*. Summer Term Advisory Board Boston University (Summer 2020).
Project Grant. Director (with Ken Stone), *Nurturing Queer Education: Exploring the Embodiment of Queer Life in Theologically Diverse Settings*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (2020–2021).
Peer-Mentoring Cluster Grant. Director (with Xochitl Alvizo, Manuela Ceballos, and Julian González-Holguín). Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (2020–2021).

Research Grant. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (2018–2019).

Faculty Research and Creative Work Award. California Lutheran University (2018).

Hewlett Faculty Development Grant. California Lutheran University (2017).

Hispanic Theological Initiative/Luce Foundation. Dissertation Fellowship (2013–2016).

Robert Penn Warren Center. Dissertation Fellowship. Vanderbilt University (2014–2015).

Vanderbilt Graduate Department of Religion. Doctoral Fellowship (2009–2016).

Fulbright U.S Program. Doctoral Fellowship (2009–2016).

Awards

European Association of Biblical Studies. Best Paper Award (2012).

Spanish Ministry of Education. Best National Young Researcher in Humanities (2006).

Travel Grants

California Lutheran University/ELCA. Convocation for Teaching Theologians. Chicago, July 3rd–August 2, 2017.

Vanderbilt University. Carpenter Program in Religion and Sexuality/Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the Professions/ Dean Funds. Festival Internacional de la Fe, El Salvador (2014).

Vanderbilt University. Graduate Department of Religion. Summer Program (2011, 2012, 2013).

Vanderbilt University. Carpenter Program in Religion and Sexuality (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012).

Fulbright Spain. Summer Scholarship. International Conference, “Land, Postcoloniality and Empire,” Bethlehem (2011).

Vanderbilt University. Teaching Grant. Seminar “Teaching sex/gender and sexuality” (2011).

Academic Conferences/Invited Presentations and Lectures*

*Moderator. *The Queer Art of Reading & Resilience: Uplifting BIPOC Transgender Life and Spirit*. Boston University School of Theology. October 31, 2020.

* Panelist. *To be or Not to Be? Why Pursue a PhD in Bible*. Society of Biblical Literature Webinar. Organized by Committee on Underrepresented Racial Ethnic Minorities in the Profession (CUREMP). October 31, 2020.

* Panel Book Review, *Minoritized Women Reading Race and Ethnicity: Intersectional Approaches to Constructed Identity and Early Christian Texts* (Lexington, 2020). SBL Annual Meeting, Boston November–December 2020.

*Reading the Bible Queerly. Online Presentation. Elon University.

- *The Bible and Trauma. Online Presentation. Oklahoma University.
- *Black Lives Matter and Gospel Hermeneutics. Online Presentation Columbia Theological Seminary.
- *Talking about Apocalypse in Apocalyptic Times. Boston University School of Theology, Online Seminars. June 23, 2020.
- *Beyond the Liberal Paradigm in Queer Biblical Interpretation, SBL Annual Meeting. Boston. November–December, 2020.
- *Teaching the Bible with the Stories of Others. SBL Annual Meeting, Boston. November 21–24, 2020.
- *Living in the Hyphen. Making Room for Liminal Space. Hispanic Ministry Competency Course (Episcopal Church). Boston University, May 27, 2020.
- *Dis/abling Interpretations. How Ableism Pervades Hermeneutics. Northwest SBL Regional Meeting. Boston, March 6, 2020.
- Borders and Felt Communities. The Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit (Presiding). AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 23–26, 2019.
- *Queer Theory in the Context of Liberation Theology. Anna Shaw Center (Boston University). Boston, November 14.
- Is the Gerasene a Human Outside the Economy (Luke 8:26-39)? SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego. November 23–26, 2019.
- Los maestros de la sospecha latinoamericanos. Buñuel, Gutiérrez-Alea y la última cena. Congreso Internacional de Estudios Bíblicos. Buenos Aires, Argentina. July 16–19, 2019.
- The Colonies Strike Back: How Latin-American Liberation Theologies Saved Christianity in Post-dictatorial Spain. SBL Annual Meeting, Denver. November 17–20, 2018.
- The Bare Life of a Gerasene (Luke 8:26-39). SBL International Meeting, Helsinki. July 30–August 3, 2018.
- The Global Text: Biblical Activism in the Age of Capitalism. SBL Annual Meeting, Boston. November 18–21, 2017.
- *Christian Understandings of Social Death. The Challenge of Solitary Confinement. California Lutheran University, Berkeley. September 29, 2017.
- The Task of Biblical Critique. International SBL Annual Meeting, Berlin. August 7–11, 2017.
- Women in the Biblical World (Presiding). SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago. November 19–22, 2016.
- Converting Paul: Exploring the Contribution of Art for Queer Hermeneutics. SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio. November 19–22, 2016.
- *Embodied Resistance: The Book of Revelation as Anti-Imperial Literature. Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Nashville. April 14, 2015.
- The Queer Art of Biblical Reading. SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego. November 26, 2014.

- Thinking Resistance in the Age of Empire. SBL International Meeting, Vienna. July 6–10, 2014.
- A Revelation against Empire: a material reading of liberationist approaches to the Apocalypse of John. SBL International Meeting, Vienna. July 6–10, 2014.
- Queering Caritas Christiana through Caritas Romana. SBL International Meeting-European Association of Biblical Studies, Vienna. July 6–10, 2014.
- La prostituta, una vez más. La confluencia de los estudios postcoloniales y los estudios críticos de género a la hora de evaluar Rahab como personaje bíblico. XXIV Jornadas de la Asociación Bíblica Española, Santander. September 2–4, 2013.
- Women in the Biblical World (Presiding). Theme: Bible Trouble: Queer Reading at the Boundaries of Biblical Scholarship (ed. Teresa J. Hornsby and Ken Stone; Semeia Series; SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago. November 16–21, 2012.
- Is There a Room for Queer Desires in the House of Biblical Scholarship? SBL International Meeting, Amsterdam. July 21–26, 2012.
- Can Thecla Speak? Postcolonial Representational Politics in the Apocryphal Acts of Paul. SBL Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 19–22, 2011.
- Paul and the Colonialist Project: Romans 1:18-32: A Historical Case in Racial Reasoning. SBL Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 19–22, 2011.
- The Rhetorics of Same-Sex Relationships and the interpretation of Romans. SBL Annual Meeting. Atlanta, November 20–23, 2010.
- *A mujeres nuevas ¿hombres nuevos? Reflexiones sobre héroes y antihéroes. Congreso Internacional de Teología Feminista. Universidad de Sevilla. October 14–16, 2010.
- *El Reino de Dios y los evangelios sinópticos. Conferencia Internacional del Rosario. León, September 20–23, 2003.

Peer-Reviewer

Journal of Religious Ethics
Routledge Series on Interdisciplinary Religion
Transgender Studies Quarterly
Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology
Anglican Theological Review
Toronto Journal of Theology

Thesis/Dissertation Advisor

Gary C. Sharp, *Transforming Parents: Our Most Influential Leaders*. Doctor of Ministry Thesis. Second Reader (Main Advisor: Cristian de la Rosa) [04/15/2020].

Lynn Cooper, *The Sacrament of Friendship: Disrupting Lonely Landscapes in American Higher Education*.

Doctor of Ministry Thesis. Second Reader (Main Advisor: Robert Hill) [04/01/2020].

Anne Renee Atwell, *Rethinking queer theology homogeneity: holy conversations for lesbians in metropolitan community churches*. Doctor of Ministry Thesis. Second Reader (Main Advisor: HeeAn Choi) [03/31/2020].

Other Work Experience

Higher Education

Vanderbilt Divinity School. Writing Tutor (2015–2016).

Editorial Assistant for the following Research Projects and Publications:

Francisco Lozada and Fernando Segovia (eds.), *Latino Biblical Hermeneutics* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014); Roland Boer and Fernando Segovia (eds.) *The Future of the Biblical Past: Envisioning Biblical Studies on a Global Key* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012).

Fundazione Valerio/Editorial Verbo Divino. Translator German-Spanish (2009–2010).

Efeta. Escuela de Teología Feminista. Scientific Advisor (2009–2010).

Social and Community Service

More than 12 years of experience working as an activist in prisons, homeless shelters, and HIV related organizations.

Service

Member. Search Committee for Martin Luther King, Jr. Chair in Religion and Black Studies. Boston University (2020-2021).

Co-Chair with Jacqueline Hidalgo (Williams College). International Society of Biblical Literature Section “Political Criticism” (2021–2025).

Board of Directors. Hispanic Summer Program (2020–).

Jury Member. Latin American Student Essay Contest. Center for Latin American Studies. Boston University (2020).

Academic Programs, Policies, and Fellowships (APPF), Boston University (2019–2020).

Chair, Commission for Equity and Inclusion (C4), California Lutheran University (2016–2019).

Faculty Representative, Transition Committee, California Lutheran University (2016–2019).

Consultant, Curriculum Revision Committee, California Lutheran University (2016–2019).

Steering Committee, Anti-Racism Training, California Lutheran University (2016–2019).

Languages

Modern languages

Spanish (native), English (proficient), German (fluent reader), Portuguese (fluent reader).

Classical Languages

Biblical Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Latin.

Memberships

Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS) (2017–).

Society of Christian Ethics (2016–).

European Association of Biblical Studies (2010–).

American Academy of Religion (2009–).

Society of Biblical Literature (2009–).

Asociación Bíblica Española (2009–).