

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
updated to June, 2024

# Michael Christian Orellana Mendez

Ph.D. in Ancient Near East and Biblical Archaeology

## ❖ EDUCATION & HONOURS

**Lilly Fellowship Recipient**

Hispanic Theological Initiative (2019)

**Nominated Society Member**

Hispanic Theological Initiative (2017)

**Research and Creative Scholarship Grant**

Andrews University (2017-2018)

**Honor Society Member**

Phi Kappa Phi (2016)

**Platt Fellowship Recipient**

ASOR (2015)

**DeHaan Work Excellence Award**

Andrews University (2015)

**Scholarship Recipient**

Andrews Theological Seminary (2013-2016)

**PhD**

Andrews Theological Seminary (2013-2021)

**Associated Professor**

Peruvian Union University (2010-2013)

**Master in Theological Studies with emphasis in Bible Studies –w/ Publication endorsement**

Peruvian Union University (2009-2012)

**Elected Student to work in Brazil**

Interchange of students Peru-Brazil (1999)

**Member of the Honor Society of Research in Theology**

Peruvian Union University (1998-2000)



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Affiliated University**

Andrews University, MI  
Universidad Peruana Union,  
Peru

**Phi Kappa Phi**

Member since 2016

Number: 12530857

**GPA**

Undergraduate Studies 3.77

Master studies 4.00

PhD - current 3.95

**DISSERTATION**

**RESEARCH**

**Horizons of the Jalul Pottery**

**Assemblage in the Iron Age**

**IIA-C in its Historical and Geographical Context.**

Randall Younker, Adviser.

Area: Jordanian Archaeology.

Defense: Oct, 2021.

**SKILLS**

- Computer Science.
- Leadership and Mentoring.
- Teaching

**Bachelor in Theological Studies**  
Peruvian Union University (1996-2000)

## ❖ WORK EXPERIENCE IN ACADEMICS

**Director of Graduated Studies**  
SALT - Universidad Peruana Union  
2021-present

**Invited Professor – Ancient Near East and Biblical Archaeology**  
Universidad Adventista del Plata - Argentina  
2021

**Director of Research**  
SALT - Universidad Peruana Union  
2019-2021

**Professor of Biblical Backgrounds Master**  
Universidad Peruana Union  
2023

**Professor of Research.  
Master / Doctoral Level**  
Universidad Peruana Union  
2021-23

**Professor of Hebrew, Old Testament and Hermeneutics in the following courses:  
Pentateuch, Prophets, Hebrew poetry, Hebrew narrative, Basic and Advance Hebrew, Church History I,II. Undergrad Level**  
Universidad Peruana Union  
2019-2021

**Graduate Assistant as Web Developer**  
Horn Archaeological Museum  
2015-2017

**Graduate Assistant as Field Adviser**  
Theological Field Education  
Andrews Theological Seminary  
2014-2019

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Archaeological Excavation. Tall Safra, Jordan. May 2018
- Archaeological Excavation. Tall Jalul, Jordan. May 2016.
- Archaeological Excavation. Tall Jalul, Jordan. May 2015.
- Archaeological Excavation. Sicily-Italy. July 2014.
- Evangelistic Student-Worker. Brazil. August-September, 1999.
- Evangelistic Distributor. Argentina. December-February, 1999.

## LANGUAGES

Proficiency Level:  
Spanish. Native  
English. Proficient  
Portuguese. Proficient

Scholarly Tools:  
German. Read with dictionary  
Biblical Hebrew. Read with dictionary  
Biblical Greek. Read with dictionary  
Middle Egyptian. Read with dictionary.  
Akkadian. Read with dictionary.

**Professor of Hebrew, Old Testament and Hermeneutics in the following courses:**  
**Pentateuch, Prophets, Hebrew poetry, Hebrew narrative, Basic and Advance Hebrew.**  
**Undergrad Level**  
Peruvian Seminary SALT-UPEU  
2008-2012

**Director of Distance Theological Education**  
Peruvian Seminary SALT-UPEU  
2008-2013

**Senior Pastor**  
Seventh Day Adventist Church - Peru  
2005-2007

**Chaplain**  
High School “Fernando Stahl”, San Martin-Peru  
2002-2004

**Bible Teacher**  
Industrial Institute of Peru “Julio Vallejos”  
2001

## ❖ SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Organizer of the Certification on Adventist Cosmovision**  
Universidad Peruana Union, 2023.

**International Course on Biblical Archaeology**  
Universidad Peruana Union, 2023.

**Participant in the Project: The Biblical and the Siegfried Horn Museum.** Siegfried Horn Museum, Andrews University.  
2016-2017.

**Database and Web design for the Theological Field Education Program.** Andrews Theological Seminary, Michigan.  
2015.

**Design of a Model of Module of Distance Education on Family Counseling.** Universidad Peruana Union, Facultade de Teologia.  
2011.

## SKILLS IN LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING

- Reengineering of Educational Systems.
- Plan, Training and Execution of Educational Programs.
- Strategic Advising for Personal Development.

## SKILLS IN TEACHING

- Old Testament related Topics: Textual Criticism, Pentateuch, Prophets, Writings, Hebrew.
- Archaeology related Topics: Ceramics, Ancient Near East History, Methods and Techniques.
- Leadership related Topics: Small Groups Dynamics, Training, Assessment, Strategic Planning.

**Construction of a Model of the Tabernacle in Real Size.**  
Union Peruana del Norte de la Iglesia Adventista del Septimo  
Dia, Camporee.  
2012.

**Redesign of Theological Field Education Department base  
on a Mission Paradigm.** Theological Seminary SALT-UPeU.  
Universidad Peruana Union, Lima- Peru.  
2010.

**Training on Christian Leadership of Native Peruvians from  
a Shipibo Community,** Lower Ucayali.  
2011-2012

**Founder of the Program “Escuela del Talento Joven”.**  
Tocache, Colegio Fernando Stahl.  
2004.

## ❖ PAPERS IN SYMPOSIA

**The Square Rim Cooking Pot: a Review of its Development  
during Iron Age II**  
American School of Oriental Research – Paper  
November 17, 2023

**Feeding the gods: Ritual Analysis of Food Offerings During  
the Neo-Babylonian Empire**  
American School of Oriental Research – Paper  
November 17, 2022

**Drawing ceramic plates for Jalul with Rhinoceros-  
Grasshopper**  
American School of Oriental Research – Paper  
November 18, 2021

**Iron Age IIA assemblage at Tall Jalul**  
American School of Oriental Research – Paper  
November 16, 2018

**Deuteronomistic Source? Updates from an Archaeological  
Perspective**  
14th Annual Seminary Scholarship Symposium, Andrews  
Theological Seminary.  
February 9, 2018

## PARTICIPATION IN TV

- Several interviews for Evidencias
- Nuevo Tiempo Org.
- <http://nuevotiempo.org/tv/>
- Several interviews for Controversia
- Nuevo Tiempo Org.
- <http://nuevotiempo.org/tv/>

## SKILLS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Database Designer in Caspio Bridge, FileMaker, Omeka, Endnote.
- App developer in Grasshopper, Rhinoceros.
- Webpage designer in Wix, Blogger, Wordpress.
- Video Editor in Pinnacle, iMovie.
- 3D Editor in Meshlab, Rhinoceros, Agisoft PhotoScan.
- Advance Features in Office 2013-2017.
- Educational Apps: Moodle.

## **MICHAEL ORELLANA – CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **Building an Iron IIB-IIIC Pottery Assemblage for Tall Jalul**

American School of Oriental Research – Paper

November 2017

### **Legacy of Inanna**

American School of Oriental Research - Poster parade

November 2016

### **Syncretism in the Cult to Ishtar**

Nineveh Symposium, Andrews Theological Seminary

July 7, 2016

### **Syncretism in the Cult to Ishtar**

Seminary Scholarship Symposium. Andrews Theological Seminary

May 2, 2016

### **Jubilee in the ANE**

Seminary Scholarship Symposium

Andrews University

2014

### **Implicancias de los sistemas éticos después de la reforma hasta**

### **hoy día sobre el carácter moral del hombre.**

CONACIN: I Congreso Nacional de Investigacion.

November 2-4, 2011.

### **Components of the disciple in accordance with the book of Mark**

Third South-American Symposium: Reading the book of Mark

Adventist University of Chile.

2000

### **The sword of God: A perspective as to the function and**

### **Interpretation of the ‘Sword of YHWH’ in Isaiah**

First South-American Symposium: Message and Theology of the book of Isaiah.

Peruvian Union University.

1998

## ❖ PUBLICATIONS

Michael Orellana, ed. *Echoes of Ancient Near East Archaeology and the Torah*. Forthcoming. Editorial Theologika.

Michael Orellana, “**Legacy of Inanna**”. Searching the Scriptures: Andrews University Seminary Emerging Scholars Pay Tribute to Their Professors. Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 2017.

Michael Orellana, “**¿Derivaron las leyes del santuario de la cultura del antiguo cercano oriente?: Una respuesta desde el análisis del Jubileo**”. Berit Olam 7, no. 1 (2011):61-76.

Michael Orellana Méndez, “**La demora de la profecía y Habacuc 2.3**”. Berit Olam 6, no 1-2 (2009): 74-80.

Michael Orellana Méndez, “**¿Es la iglesia el reino de los cielos?**”. Berit Olam 9, no. 1-2 (2012): 37-46.

Michael Orellana Méndez, “**El Sábado y el Jubileo: Dos realidades complementarias**”. Berit Olam 7, no. 1 (2010): 76-87.

Michael Christian Orellana Méndez, “**El sellamiento y el fuerte pregón**”. Estrategias para el cumplimiento de la misión 6, no 2 (2009):87-94.

Jesús Hanco y Michael Orellana, “**La ‘espada de YHWH’ en Isaías**”. Theologika 14, no. 1 (1999): 122-153.

Michael Orellana Méndez, “**La educación transgeneracional y la familia**”. Estrategias para el cumplimiento de la misión 9, no. 1 (2012): 62-70.

Michael Orellana, “**‘traedme un tañedor’ (2 Rey 3.15): Relación entre música, profetismo y Espíritu Santo**”. Theologika 26, no. 1 (2011): 2-27.

Michael Orellana, “**El conflicto del conocimiento: Un análisis sobre hermenéutica basado en Génesis 2 y 3**”. Theologika 26, no. 2 (2011) 138-175.

Michael Orellana, “**El reloj de Dios**”. Evidencias: La relación entre la ciencia y la Biblia”, ed. Joel Turpo Chaparro (Lima: Ediciones Universidad Peruana Unión, 2012)

Michael Orellana, "Principios éticos derivados del Jubileo, según Levítico 25" (Tesis de Maestría, Universidad Peruana Unión, 2012), 1-212.

Michael Orellana, "¿Qué significa la frase “El primogénito de toda la creación” de Colosenses 1: 15?" Revista Estrategias para el Cumplimiento de la Misión 7, no 1 (2010): 137-139

Michael Orellana, "Etapas de desarrollo en la vida de un grupo pequeño: Necesidades y cuidados" Estrategias para el Cumplimiento de la Misión 7, no 1 (2015): 5-11

## ❖ REFERENCES

**Constance Gane.**

Former Curator of Horn Museum, Andrews University.

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**Randall Younker.**

Director of Institute of Archaeology, Andrews University.

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Professor of Archaeology, Andrews University.

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