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ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION

Afro-Cuban Studies
U.S. Minority, Third World, and Feminist Theologies
Latin American Religion
Constructive and Cultural Theologies
Theological Anthropology and Theological Method

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Graduate Theological Union, Ph.D., October 2001
Systematic and Philosophical Theology

Dissertation Title: Defended, June 2001
“A Latin American *Ressourcement*: The Theological Contribution of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz in Light of Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Methodology”

Union Theological Seminary, M.A., 1996
Systematic Theology

Georgetown University, B.S., 1994
French Literature

Université de Paris VII: La Nouvelle Sorbonne, Special Student, 1992-1993
French Literature

L’Institut Catholique, Special Student, 1992-1993
Biblical Studies

LANGUAGES

Spanish, French, German

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Louisville Institute, First Book Grant Program for Minority Scholars, 2004-2005
Loyola Marymount University, Herstory Award, 2004
Loyola Marymount University, Greek Council Professor of the Year, 2004
Loyola Marymount University, Summer Research Grant, 2004
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Loyola Marymount University, Faith and Justice Grant, 2003
Loyola Marymount University, Summer Research Grant, 2002
Fund for Theological Education, North American Doctoral Fellowship, 1999-2001
Hispanic Theological Initiative, Special Mentoring Award, 1999-2000
Hispanic Theological Initiative, Doctoral Level Grant, 1998-1999
Newhall Fellowship, 1998-1999
Graduate Theological Union Presidential Scholarship, 1997-1999
Faculty Research Fellowship, 1997-1998
Center for Women and Religion Fellowship, 1997-1998
Program for the Analysis of Religion Among Latinos Conference Scholarship, 1996
Union Theological Seminary Scholarship, 1994-1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Miami, Miami, 2006-

Theologian-in-Residence, San Lucas Tolimán Mission, Guatemala, 2004-2006

Assistant Professor of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, 2001-2005

Assistant Director, University Honors Program, Loyola Marymount University, 2003-2004

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Professorship in Feminist/Mujerista Theology, Hispanic Summer Program, Mundelein, IL, June 2003

Board Member, The Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States (ACHTUS), 2002-2004

Steering Committee, Theology and Religious Reflection, the American Academy of Religion, 2004-2005

Co-Chair, Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, the American Academy of Religion, 2001-2004

Steering Committee, Women and Religion Section, the American Academy of Religion, 2002-2003

Vice-President, La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Theology and Religion, 2002-2004

Editorial Council, *The Tidings: Southern California's Catholic Weekly*, 2002-2004

Steering Committee, Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group, the American Academy of Religion, 2000-2001

Associate Professor, Starr King School for the Ministry, Course Title: “Voices of the Other: Transforming Theology”, 2000-2001

Teaching Assistant, Dr. Ada María Isasi-Díaz, Hispanic Summer Program 1999, Course Title: “Ética Cristiana desde la Perspectiva Hispana / Latina”

Research Assistant, Dr. Alejandro García-Rivera, Graduate Theological Union 1997-1999, Course Title: “Theological Aesthetics”

Teacher of Religion, Notre Dame Academy High School, Staten Island, NY, 1996-1997

PUBLICATIONS

Imago Dei: Theological Anthropology from a Feministic Perspective. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007).

Afro-Cuban Theology: Race, Religion, and Identity. (Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2006)

Sor Juana: Beauty and Justice in the Americas. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2003).

“**The Virgen and the Scholar: Afro-Cuban Contributions to Latino/a and Latin American Theologies,**” in *Feminist Intercultural Theology: Religion, Culture, Feminism, and Power* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007).

“**Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Latin American Church Mother.**” in *Theological Canon and Empire*, eds. Joerg Rieger, Kwok Pui-lan, and Don Compier (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, forthcoming 2007)

“**Greg Boyle.**” In *Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice* (SAGE Press, forthcoming 2007)

“**One is Not Born a Latina One Becomes One: The Construction of the Latina/Feminist Theologian in Latino/a Theology.**” Reprint in *Rethinking Latino/a Religions and Identity*, eds. Miguel de la Torre and Gastón Espinosa (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2006).

“**What About Mulatez? An Afro-Cuban Contribution.**” in *Futuring the Past: Explorations in the Theology of Tradition*, eds. Orlando O. Espín and Gary Macy (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006).

“**Native/First Nation Theology Roundtable: Response.**” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 22:1 (2006): 109-114.

“**Christology, Latino Views of,**” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

“God, Latino Views of,” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).

“Keeping It Real: The Theological Contribution of Ada María Isasi-Díaz.” *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, forthcoming 2006.

“Liberation Theology,” in *Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2005).

“Christology,” in *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes*, eds. Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2005)

“Juana Inés de la Cruz de Asbaje y Ramirez,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2nd ed. (New York, NY: Macmillan Reference, 2005).

“Hans Urs von Balthasar and Contemporary Feminist Theology.” *Theological Studies*, Vol.65, No. 3 (September 2004).

“Who is americano/a? Theological Anthropology, Post-Coloniality, and the Spanish-Speaking Americas.” in *Postcolonial Theologies: Divinity and Empire*, Catherine Keller, Michael Nausner, Mayra Rivera, eds. (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2004).

“Latino/a Christology.” in *Handbook of Latino/a Theologies*, Miguel de la Torre and Edwin David Aponte, eds. (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2004).

“The Color of God: Diversity as the Doorway to the Divine,” *National Catholic Reporter* 40:9 (December 26, 2003)

“One is Not Born a Latina One Becomes One: The Construction of the Latina/Feminist Theologian in Latino/a Theology.” *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 10:3 (Feb 2003): 5-30.

“Unearthing the Latino/a Imagination: Literature and Theology, Some Methodological Gestures.” in *Nueva Voces / New Voices: Horizons in U.S. Hispanic/Latino(a) Theology*. Benjamin Valentin, ed. (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2003)

“Teaching as Social Action,” *Vistas: Loyola Marymount University* 6:3 (Spring 2003)

“Seeing Beauty Within Torment: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the Baroque in New Spain.” in *Religion, Feminism, and Justice: An Introduction to Latina Feminist Theologies*. María Pilar Aquino, Daisy Machado, and Jeanette Rodriguez, eds. (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2002).

“Latino/a Theology: Doing Theology *Latinamente*.” *Dialog*, Vol. 41, No. 1 (Spring 2002).

“Nuestra Humanidad: Toward A Latina Theological Anthropology.” *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (February 2001).

“Feminist, Theology.” in *Manual de Teología en los Estados Unidos*. Justo L. Gonzalez et al., eds. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, forthcoming.

Review of Marcella Althaus-Reid, *Indecent Theology: Theological Perversions in Sex, Gender, and Politics*, in *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*, Vol. 9, No.4 (May 2002).

Review of Ivone Gebara, *Longing for Running Water: Ecofeminism and Liberation*, in *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 10:3 (Feb 2003):78-80.

Review of Eduardo C. Fernández, *La Cosecha: Harvesting Contemporary United States Hispanic Theology (1972-1998)*, *Dialog* 2002.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Race, Religion, and Identity: The Afro-Cuban Contribution.” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC (November 2006)

Panelist, **“Legacies of Colonization: Comparative Religious and Theological Perspectives on ‘America’ from the Margins.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC (November 2006)

“Reading the Nican Mopohua Through Guatemalan Eyes: Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.” *Guadalupe Madre de América: Narrative, Image, and Devotion*. Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame (November 2006)

“On Becoming the Other.” Fairfield University (October 2006)

Panelist, **“Mujerista Theology: A Theology of Struggle and Liberation: The Work of Ada María Isasi-Díaz.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

Panelist, **“Latinas' Experiences and Lives in Literature and Theology: A Reading by Sandra Cisneros.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

Moderator, **“Ekklesia and/as Koinonia: The Ecclesiological Influence of Latin American Theologies in North America.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 2004)

“Friend of Foes? Hans Urs von Balthasar and Contemporary Feminist Theology: A Conversation.” *“Beauty of All Things Beautiful”: Theology and the Arts*. International Conference on Theological Aesthetics, St. Bonaventure University (May 2004)

“Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Latin American Church Mother.” Hispanic Theological Initiative Summer Program, Princeton theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ (July 2004)

“Standing at the Well: An Encounter and a Call.” Loyola University Chicago (February 2004)

“Daily Life is Not Abstract: The Theoretical Turn in Contemporary Latina Theologies,” annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 2003)

Panelist, ***“The Ties That Bind: African American and Hispanic American / Latino/a Theologies in Dialogue.”*** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 2003)

“Diversity and Excellence: Interculturalism in Honors,” 2003 Conference of the National Collegiate Honors Council, Chicago, IL (November 2003)

Panelist, **“Teaching Undergraduates: What is the Theologian Doing?”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH (June 2003)

Panelist, **“Delores Williams: The Womanist Who Went before Us in the Wilderness.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto (November 2002)

Moderator, **“Race and Liberation: Commentaries on Andrés G. Guerrero’s *A Chicano Theology.*”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto (November 2002)

Panelist, **“There are many rooms: Recent Developments in Under-represented Theologies and Their Relationship to the CTSA.”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, New Orleans, LA (June 2002)

Moderator, **“Feminism and Catholicism: Reading the Signs of the Times.”** annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, New Orleans, LA (June 2002)

“One is Not Born a Latina, One Becomes One: The Construction of The Latina/Feminist/Theologian in Latino/a Theology.” Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Washington, D.C. (June 2002)

Moderator, **“Revisiting the Reformation: A Latino Perspective.”** annual colloquium of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States, Chicago, IL (June 2001)

Moderator, **“Teaching Latina/o Religious Studies and/or Theology: Sharing our Sources.”** annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN (November 2000)

Panelist, **“Learning to Transgress: Asian/North American/Feminist/Latina/ Womanist Theories and Pedagogies that Subvert.”** Graduate Theological Union Faculty-Student Colloquia (November 2000)

“Transcending the Convent: The Theological Contribution of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.” presentation at the annual convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA (June 2000)

“Nuestra Humanidad: Toward A Latina Theological Anthropology.” presentation at the annual convention of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 1999)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion, 1997-

Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the United States, 1998-

Catholic Theological Society of America, 2000-

College Theology Society, 2001-2005

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Reporter Theologian, “**Raíces y Alas 2003: Hispanic Catholics: Emerging Voices, Urgent Choices.**” National Catholic Council for Hispanic Ministry, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana (May 2003)

Instructor, “**La Teología Moral.**” Certificate Program in Pastoral Studies in Spanish, Center for Religion and Spirituality, Loyola Marymount University (April 2003)

Instructor, “**La Fé y La Inculturación.**” Continuing Education Program for Clergy, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, St. John’s Seminary, Camarillo, CA (June 2002)

Instructor In-Service, “**La Trinidad.**” Ministry Formation Institute, Diocese of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA (May 2002)