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Curriculum Vitae

Drew University
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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Teaching Professor in Latinx Studies and Ministries, Drew University Theological School (January 2022-Present)

COURSES TAUGHT

- Migration and Crisis: Theological Approaches to Migration
- Making Theology and Practicing Religion *Latinamente*
- Theology, Race, and Public Policy
- Liberation Theologies
- Transforming Theologies (team taught)
- TREC Arizona-Mexico Border
- Immigration Politics and the Church in the United States
- Introduction to Theological Education
- Migration as the Way of the Cross: Local Immersion in Immigration Justice in New Jersey
- Ethics and the Problem of Evil

EDUCATION

Princeton Theological Seminary Ph.D. Religion and Society Dissertation: <i>Migrants as Crucified People: A Concept from Ignacio Ellacuría for a Theology of Migration</i> . Committee: M. Taylor (chair); R. Barreto; A. Adogame.	Princeton, NJ May, 2022
Princeton Theological Seminary Master of Theology (Christian Ethics)	Princeton, NJ 2013
Latin American Biblical University Master of Theology courses (Systematic Theology)	San Jose, Costa Rica 1997-1998
Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico Bachelor of Theology	Mexico City, Mexico 1988-1992
National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)	Mexico City, Mexico

Philosophy courses

1990-1992

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapter: "Central American Migration as the Way of the Cross: Ignacio Ellacuría's 'Crucified Peoples' as a Theological Reframing of the Migrant Experience" in *Migration and Public Discourse in World Christianity*, edited by Afeosemime Adogame, Raimundo César Barreto, and Wanderley Pereira da Rosa. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2019.

Report: "You Belong Here." New York, N.Y: Auburn Seminary, Winter 2020.
<https://auburnseminary.org/report/you-belong-here/>. Authors: Chris Alexander, Francisco J. Peláez-Díaz, Erica M. Ramirez, Christian Scharen, and Mary Laurel True.

Online Chapter: "La Santa Muerte – Saint Death" in Bloomsbury Academic/Bloomsbury Religion in North America/Latin American Religions in North America. London: Bloomsbury, 2023.

Book Chapter: Pelaez-Diaz, Francisco. "La Santa Muerte – Saint Death." In *Latin American and US Latino Religions in North America: An Introduction*, edited by Lloyd Daniel Barba, 228–34. Bloomsbury Religion in North America. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2024.

Blog Entry: "The Parable of the 'Talents' Is a Parable of 'Courageous Denunciation,'" Political Theology Network, November 9, 2020,
<https://politicaltheology.com/the-parable-of-the-talents-is-a-parable-of-courageous-denunciation/>.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Graduate Instructor, Princeton Theological Seminary

- Migration and Crisis: Theological Approaches to Migration, Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, Princeton Theological Seminary

- The Liberation Theology of Gustavo Gutiérrez, Dr. Mark L. Taylor, Fall 2020
- The Liberation Theology of Gustavo Gutiérrez, Dr. Mark L. Taylor, Spring 2018
- Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. W. Stacy Johnson, Spring 2017
- The Liberation Theology of Gustavo Gutiérrez, Dr. Mark L. Taylor, Spring 2016
- Ecumenism in the Light of World Christianity, Dr. Raimundo C. Barreto, Fall 2015
- Empire and Capital: Theological Considerations, Dr. Mark L. Taylor, Spring 2015

Professor, Biblical Central School for Missionaries of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico

- Calvinist Thought, 2000-2004
- Introduction to Philosophy and Philosophical Schools, 2000-2004

- Homiletics, 2000-2004
- Thesis Research, 2000-2004
- Theology of Evangelism, 1992-1996
- Introduction to the Bible, 1992-1996
- Introduction to Theology, 1992-1996
- Systematic Theology, 1992-1996

Professor, Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico

- Systematic Theology, 2000-2002
- Thesis Seminar, 2000-2002
- Research Methodology, 2000-2002

Professor, Theological Education by Extension Program of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico

- Systematic Theology 1992-1996, 1998-1999

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- Forum for Theological Exploration/Doctoral Fellowship, 2018-2019
- Hispanic Theological Initiative/Lilly Dissertation Fellowship, 2017-2018
- Hispanic Theological Initiative/Luce Dissertation Fellowship, 2016-2017
- Merit Tuition Scholarship, 2013-2018, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Doctoral Fellowship, 2013-2018, Princeton Theological Seminary

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Central American Caravans as The Way of the Cross: Religious Roots of the Migrant Caravans to the U.S.”
Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, New Jersey, February 28, 2019
- Moderator of the panel: “Central American Migrants and ‘La Bestia’: Imminent Dangers and Government Responses.”
Part of the *Herencia* Lecture Series “Reaping What We Sow: Roots of Central American Migration,” Princeton Theological Seminary, October 5, 2018
- “Breaking Boundaries: Central American Migration to the U.S. through Mexico as the Way of the Cross.”
Paper presented at the Conference “Migration, Exile, and Pilgrimage in the History of Missions and World Christianity” organized by the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity, Yale University, June 30, 2017
- “El culto a la Santa Muerte: ¿un caso de conversión?” [“Devotion to Saint Death: A Case of Religious Conversion?”]
Paper presented at the 2016 RIFREM Conference (RIFREM: *Red de Investigadores del Fenómeno Religioso en México*/Network of Researchers of the Religious Phenomenon in Mexico), Universidad Autónoma de Tlaxcala, Mexico, June 3, 2016

- “The Crucified People at the U.S.-Mexico Border.”
Paper presented at the Annual Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Student Conference 2016 “The Life of the Mind: Worship and Learning,” Princeton Theological Seminary, February 20, 2016
- “An Abstract: Latin@ Ministry in the Context of the Church Today!”
Panel Presentation for the *Herencia* Lectures Series “The Legacy of John Mackay: Contributions and Impact,” Princeton Theological Seminary, September 24, 2013
- “Immigration: Modern Implications in North America.”
Presentation for the program “Ministry in Our Midst” organized by the student organization Community Action Network, Princeton Theological Seminary, November 7, 2013

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND POSITIONS (Selected)

Professional Development

Certificate in Digital Pedagogy Princeton Theological Seminary
June 1-August 10, 2020

Certification, “Cultural Competence: Serving Culturally Diverse Students”
Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, Jr. and Rev. Eric Law
Princeton Theological Seminary
Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Course “Foundations for Teaching” Princeton Theological Seminary
2013-2015

Workshops “Fundamental Skills for Building Inclusive Community” and “Models and Processes for Community Transformation”
Kaleidoscope Institute East
Trinity Conference Center, W. Cornwall, CT
June 13-18, 2010

Conference workshops “Emerging Grace: Leadership for ‘Emerging Generation’” and “Leadership and Community Building in a Multicultural Context”
11th National Multicultural Church Conference, PC(USA)
May 26-30, 2010

“Dayton Dialogue on Race Relations’ Honest Conversation About Race and Racism”
Dayton Dialogue on Race Relations (DDRR) and
City of Dayton Human Relations Council
May 7, 2010

Workshop “Training on Ohio Civil Rights Laws, Protected Areas and Theories of Discrimination”

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
April 4, 2010

DART's Summer Orientation Workshop Direct Action Research Training Center, Inc.
June 19-23, 2007

Institutional Service:

Appointed Representative: Faculty Advisory Committee on Diversity
Princeton Theological Seminary
January 2016-March 2017

Appointed Representative: Religion and Society Committee
Princeton Theological Seminary
September 2014-March 2017

Appointed Representative: Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity
Princeton Theological Seminary
September 2014-November 2015

Professional

American Academy of Religion, Member 2014-present

Religion and Resettlement Project, Consultant Office of Religious Life
Princeton University
May-September 2019

Copy Editor *Perspectivas* (Journal of the Hispanic Theological Initiative)
August 2015-present

Professor and Faculty Team Leader to reform the school curriculum
Biblical Central School for Missionaries,
National Presbyterian Church of Mexico
Mexico City
2003

Academic Dean and Professor Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico
Mexico City
2000-2002

Interim Academic Dean Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Mexico
Mexico City
1999-2000

Theological Education by Extension Program Director and Professor

- Co-designer and teacher of Homiletics of the Spanish Language Lay Education/Commissioned Lay Pastors Diploma School at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, 2010-2011
- Solo Pastor, Emanuel Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, 2005-2006
- Missionary, PCUSA Reconciliation and Mission Exchange Program, Dayton, OH, 2004-2005
- Co-Pastor, El Divino Redentor (The Divine Redeemer) Presbyterian Church, Puebla, Mexico, 2003
- Associate and Youth Pastor, Puerta de Salvación Presbyterian Church, Mexico City, 2001-2002
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry Chair, Berea Presbytery, National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, Mexico City, 2000-2001
- Solo Pastor, Berea Presbyterian Church, Toluca, Mexico, 2000-2001

LANGUAGES

Spanish, English

Portuguese (reading knowledge)