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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Graduate Theological Union

Berkeley, CA; May 2010.

Dissertation: *“What Are We Doing Here?” Local Theologies of Mission from a Shared Roman Catholic Parish in the Midwest.*

M.A., theology, Washington Theological Union

Washington, DC; May 1997.

Thesis: *Cultural Anthropological Approaches to New Testament Exegesis: Theory, Practice, and Their Import for the U.S. Multicultural Context Today.*

B.A., English and psychology, University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA; August 1989.

Graduated summa cum laude.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Loyola Marymount University, Department of Theological Studies, Los Angeles, CA
Assistant professor, 2013-present; clinical assistant professor, 2012-2013; and
visiting assistant professor, 2011-2012.

Loyola University, Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS), Chicago, IL
Research faculty (including graduate level teaching), 2010-2011.

Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT), Berkeley, CA
Adjunct lecturer in field education, 2009-2010.

Franciscan School of Theology (FST), Berkeley, CA
Adjunct lecturer in theology and ministry, spring 2009-spring 2010.

Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University (JST), Berkeley, CA
Adjunct lecturer in theology, 2006-2007; fall 2008.

LMU Extension, Center for Religion & Spirituality (CRS), Los Angeles, CA
Program director for Building Intercultural Competency for Ministers (BICM),
2012-2015; program director for Cultural Orientation Program for International
Ministers (COPIM), 2011-2013 (regional facilitator, 2007-2011; instructor, 2005-
2007).

CLASSES TAUGHT:

- Migration and the Border: Theology and Context (LMU, graduate level, elective)
- Foundations of Pastoral Theology (LMU, graduate level, required course)
- Supervised Field Education (LMU, FST, DSPT, graduate level, required course)
- Pastoral Synthesis Project (LMU, graduate level, capstone course)
- Ministry and Pastoral Leadership (LMU, 300 level, core requirement, engaged learning)
- Church as Communion in a Multicultural World (LMU, 400 level, majors/minors seminar)
- American Catholicism (LMU, 100 level, core requirement)
- In Search of a Way: Spirituality, Faith, and Culture (LMU, 100 level, core requirement)
- Special Studies: Faith and Culture (LMU, 300 level, core requirement)
- Faith and Culture in Pastoral Ministry (LMU, graduate course, pastoral theology elective)
- Theology of Parish (LMU, graduate level, pastoral theology elective)
- Church and Mission (Loyola University IPS, graduate level, required course)
- Introduction to Theology (Loyola University IPS, graduate level, required course)
- Theologies of Cultural Diversity (JST, graduate level)
- Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers (LMU CRS, extension level)
- Cultural Orientation for International Ministers (LMU CRS, extension level)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**ACADEMIC BOOKS:**

- 2016 Co-editor, *Hispanic Ministry in the 21st Century: Urgent Issues* (Miami: Convivium, 2016).
- 2014 *The Shared Parish: Latinos, Anglos, and the Future of U.S. Catholicism* (New York: New York University Press, 2014).
- Reviews: *Christian Century* (2016), *Journal of Catholic Education* (2016), *American Catholic Studies* (2015), *Review of Religious Research* (2015), *Sociology of Religion* (2015), *National Catholic Reporter* (2015), *Connect—Association of College & Research Libraries* (2015), *Catholicbooksreview.org* (2015), *National Federation of Priests website* (2015), *Conscience—Catholics for Choice* (2014), and *ImmigrationProfBlog* (2014).
 - Study session: “Author Meets Critics: The Shared Parish,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), Newport Beach, CA, October 23, 2015.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- 2017 “Silent Majorities: Power Dynamics in Catholic Parishes Shared by Latinos,” *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community* (special issue, forthcoming).*
- 2014 “Lost and Found: Immigrant Conversion Stories, the New Evangelization, and Parish Life,” *New Theology Review* 27, no. 1 (October 2014): 33-39.*
- 2012 “When Work Culture and Ministry Collide,” *Seminary Journal* 16, no. 3 (Winter 2010—published 2012): 43-52.
- 2012 “Transitions in the INSPIRE Project,” *Seminary Journal* 16, no. 3 (Winter

- 2010—published 2012): 53-58.
- 2010 “Memory and Ministry: Young Adult Nostalgia, Immigrant Amnesia,”
New Theology Review 23, no. 1 (February 2010): 58-67.
- 2006 “Virtual Church for Young Adults,” *The Way*, vol. 45, no. 2 (April 2006): 69-82.*
- 2005 “Unlikely Signs: Hope in a Culture of Optimism,” *Seattle Theology and Ministry Review*, vol. 5 (2005): 43-49.
- * *Went through blind peer-review process.*

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2016 “No Favoritism: Effective Collaborative Leadership Practices in Multicultural Parishes,” in *Collaborative Parish Leadership: Contexts, Models, and Theology*, ed. William Clark and Daniel Gast (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016).
- Introduction and “Hispanic Ministry and Parish Life,” in *Hispanic Ministry in the 21st Century: Urgent Issues*, ed. Hosffman Ospino, Elsie Miranda, and Brett C. Hoover (Miami: Convivium, 2016).
- “From Bonaventure to BustedHalo®: Ministry Beyond the Church Walls,” in *The Church Has Left the Building*, ed. Michael Plekon et al (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock/Cascade, 2016).
- 2014 “Faith from Nowhere: Feminist Ecclesiological Reflections on the ‘Liquid Catholicism’ of New Media,” in *Feminism and Religion in the 21st Century*, ed. Gina Messina-Dysert and Rosemary Radford Rutherford (New York: Routledge, 2014).
- 2012 “Generations and Culture: The Future of Parish Life in the United States,” in *Parish Under Pressure—Quests for Meaning from a Global Perspective: Germany and the USA in Comparison*, ed. Andreas Henkelmann and Matthias Sellman (Münster: Aschendorff Verlag, 2012).
- All book chapters went through peer review process.*

ACADEMIC NEWSLETTERS AND DOCUMENTARY SERVICES:

- 2011 “Generations and Cultures: The Future of Parish Life in the United States,”
Origins (Catholic News Service) 41, no. 14 (September 8, 2011): 218-222.
- 2010 “The Shared Parish,” *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* (Cushwa Center for American Catholicism) 37, no. 2 (Fall 2010): 1-10.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2016 Carolyn McNamara Barry and Mona M. Abo-Zena, eds., *Emerging Adults’ Religiousness and Spirituality: Meaning-Making in an Age of Transition* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014), *Sociology of Religion* 77, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 106-107.
- 2015 Robert Lasalle-Klein, *Blood and Ink: Ignacio Ellacuría, Jon Sobrino, and the Jesuit Martyrs of the University of Central America* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2014), *Horizons* 42, no. 2 (December 2015): 476-477.

- 2014 Anne Phillips, *The Faith of Girls: Children's Spirituality and Transition to Adulthood*, Explorations in Practical, Pastoral, and Empirical Theology (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2011), *Religious Studies Review* 40, no. (September 2014): 142.
- Simon C. Kim, *Memory and Honor: Cultural and Generational Ministry with Korean American Communities* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2013), *American Catholic Studies* 125, no. 1 (Spring 2014): 62-63.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

- 2016 "Qualitative Research: Disciplined and Systematic Listening," Catholic Immigrant Integration Conference, Center for Migration Studies, University of San Diego, CA.
- "Ministry with Hispanic Youth and Young Adults in Parish and Diocesan Life," National Colloquium on Hispanic Ministry with Youth and Young Adults, Boston College, MA.
- "Law and Mercy: Reforming Anti-Immigrant Discourse and Practice in Local Faith Communities," Association of Practical Theology, New York, NY.
- "Ministry and Diversity: Preparing Our Students," Association for Graduate Programs in Ministry, San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 "Immigration Research in Action: An Exchange between Researchers and Pastoral Agents," 2015 Catholic Immigrant Integration Conference, Center for Migration Studies, El Paso, TX.
- "Negotiating the Parish: Power Dynamics in the Multiple Communities of a Catholic Parish," The American Parish Project, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- "Shared Parishes: A Research Narrative," University Seminars on Religion and on Content and Methods in the Social Sciences, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- "The Shared Parish: Latinos, Anglos, and the Future of U.S. Catholicism," Center for Migration Studies, New York, NY.
- 2014 "Choques de cultura: Perspectivas divergentes en entender el Concilio Vaticano Segundo," Vatican II at 50: A Symposium, Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2013 "Inching Toward Solidarity: Intercultural Negotiations and Power Dynamics in Catholic Parishes Shared by Diverse Cultural Groups," Religious Research Association, Boston, MA.
- 2013 "Lost and Found at the Cultural Crossroads: Perspectives on New Evangelization Conversion Narratives," Catholic Theological Society of America, Miami, FL.
- "No Favoritism: Pastors and Collaborative Leadership in Multicultural Parishes," INSPIRE milestone conference, Loyola University, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 "Culture and Generation: The Future of the U.S. Catholic Parish," Crossing Over Conference, Ruhr State University, Bochum/Essen, Germany.
- "The Rhythm of the Saints: Pilgrimage and a Theology of Migration," Catholic

Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA.

ACADEMIC PAPERS (CONTINUED)

- 2010 "God's Scattered Children: Local Theologies of Mission from a Parish Shared by Mexican Immigrants and Euro-Americans in the U.S. Midwest," Local Ecclesiologies in Dialogue International Conference, Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA.
- 2009 "Baptismal Ministry: Perspectives from Asian/Latino Contexts," Epiphany West Conference on "Baptismal Water, Thicker Than Blood," (Episcopal Church), Berkeley, CA; co-presenter with Rev. Nak-Hyon Joseph Joo.
- 2009 "Interpretations of Order: Culture Clash in a Catholic Parish Shared by Latino/as and Euro-Americans," Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 "Negotiating the Church: The Separate and Interconnected Worlds of Latino/a Immigrant Catholics and Euro-American Catholics in a Shared Parish in the Midwest, 1990–2008," American Academy of Religion National Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 "In Search of Culture After Geertz: The Content and Process of Teaching Culture in Theology," American Academy of Religion Western Regional Conference, Berkeley, CA; co-presenter with Ricky Manalo.

PEER REVIEWING:

- 2016 NYU Press
Social Currents.
- 2015 *Sociology of Religion*

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MINISTERIAL WORKS

BOOKS:

- 2011 *Comfort: An Atlas for the Body and Soul* (New York: Riverhead).
- 1998 *Losing Your Religion, Finding Your Faith: Spirituality for Young Adults* (New York: Paulist Press). Catholic Press Association winner.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:

- 2017 "The Unruly, Chaotic Wind of God: Imagining a Church and Ministry Stirred Up and Prodded by the Spirit," *Celebration*, 46, no. 5 (May 2017): 3-5.
- 2016 "Help My Unbelief," *Celebration* 45, no. 9 (September 2016): 11. `
- "Blaming the Stranger: Parishes Must Resist the Myth of the Latino Threat," *America* 214, no. 17 (May 16, 2006): 23-25.
- 2015 "Watered Down or Dried Up?" *Commonweal* (October 23, 2015), 38.
- 2014 "Dorothy Day: The Seeker Saint," in *All Holy Men and Women: A Paulist Litany of Saints* (New York: Paulist, 2014).
- "Best Practices for Shared Parishes," *U.S. Catholic* 79, no. 3 (March 2014): 34-35.
- 2007 "How Quickly We Forget," *US Catholic* 72, no. 4 (May 2007): 33-35.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**Departmental Service:**

- 2017 Faculty team, LMU Youth Theology Institute
- 2016 Lead faculty, LMU Youth Theology Institute
- 2016 Session chair, "Christian Family Life and the Challenges of Faithfulness,"
Huffington Ecumenical Institute Symposium
- 2015 Grant application committee to Lilly Endowment youth theology programs
- 2014-present Graduate curriculum committee, Department of Theological Studies
- 2014-2015 Search committee, tenure track Christian spirituality position
- 2014 Search committee, visiting professor positions, Theological Studies
- 2013-present Committee member, Loyola Marymount University Latino Theology and
Ministry Initiative (ex-officio committee member from 2011-2013)

Service to Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts:

- 2015-2016 Curriculum and Assessment Committee
Task force on American Cultures

Service to Loyola Marymount University:

- 2016-2017 Working group, Martin Gang Institute Study of the Future of Interfaith
Dialogue in Los Angeles
- 2016 Cinema and Sacrament event, *Oh, God!* Screening, panel respondent
Hannon Library event, "The St. John's Bible in Word and Art,"
respondent
- 2015-present University Core Curriculum Committee (UCCC) Approval Subcommittee
for Interdisciplinary Connections and Engaged Learning Flag
- 2015 Western Conversations Conference: "Spirituality, Mission, and Pedagogy
in Jesuit Higher Education," University of San Francisco
Resilience student group, presentation on being an ally.
- 2014-present Advisory board, Center for Religion and Spirituality, LMU Extension

Professional Organizations:

- 2015-present Advisory board, Immigrant Integration Initiative, Center for Migration
Studies, New York, NY
- 2013-2014 Convener, practical theology topic session, national convention, Catholic
Theological Society of America
- 2012-present Treasurer, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities for Pastoral,
Theological, and Ministerial Education (AJCU)
- 2011-2014 Steering committee, National Symposium on Hispanic Ministry
Administrative team, practical theology topic session, Catholic
Theological Society of America

COMMUNITY SERVICE**TRAINING FOR PASTORS AND PROFESSIONAL CHURCH PERSONNEL:**

- 2015-2017 Homily Preparation Webinars, Diocese of San Bernardino.

- 2016 Pastor Training Workshop, Diocese of San Bernardino.
Workshop for Pastoral Associates and Parish Life Directors, Department of Parish Life, Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
- 2015 “Best Practices for Parishes in Times of Demographic Change,” Priest Continuing Education Day, Archdiocese of Atlanta.
Pastor Training Workshop, Diocese of San Bernardino.
- 2014 “The Shared Parish: Navigating Two (or More) Cultures in Parish Life,” webinar, Conference for Pastoral Planning and Council Development.
“Intercultural Competence,” Diaconate Formation Program, Diocese of Sacramento.
- 2013 “Teología multicultural para el ministerio,” Lay Ministry Formation Program, Diocese of Reno.
“Una pastoral intercultural y laica en la Iglesia actual,” Instituto Hispano, Santa Clara University (live classroom and 12 remote sites).
- 2012 “The Parish as Hub of Faith: An Intercultural Toolbox for Communion,” Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions National Conference, San Jose, CA.

TRAINING FOR LAY PASTORAL LEADERS:

- 2016 “Building Intercultural Competency in Schools,” Department of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
“For Mercy’s Sake: Being the Face of Mercy in a Complicated World,” Peer ministers training, Mt. St. Mary University, Los Angeles, CA.
Reflection day for parish leaders, St. Jerome parish, Westchester/Inglewood, CA.
- 2015 “Convivencia en la parroquia multicultural,” Los Angeles Religious Education Conference, Anaheim, CA.
“La Cultura in al Dirección Espiritual,” Certificate in Spiritual Direction (Spanish), Center for Religion and Spirituality.
- 2014 “Church as Communion in a Multicultural Society: Struggling with Differences of Culture and of Power,” and “La comunión eclesial en una sociedad multicultural: Luchando con las diferencias de cultura y de poder,” Regional Religious Education Congress, Our Lady of the Angeles Pastoral Region, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Inglewood, CA.
“Forming Adult Faith in 2014/Formando la fe de adultos en el 2014,” bilingual formation day for catechists, Office of Religious Education, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, CA. Co-presented with Michael Horan.
- 2012 “Recalculating the Road: Navigating Catholic Life in a Diverse Church,” and “Caminando con Cristo: Letreros en el camino de la Iglesia multicultural,” Diocesan Ministries Celebration, Diocese of Orange, Santa Ana, CA.

LOCAL ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS:

- 2017 “Avoiding Parochial Malpractice: Moving from Bad to Good Habits in Parish Life,” Dive-In Adult Education Series, St. James, Redondo Beach, CA.
- 2016 “For Mercy’s Sake: Being the Face of Mercy in a Complicated World,” Dive-In

- Adult Education Series, St. Catherine Labouré, Torrance, CA.
- 2015 “For Mercy’s Sake: Being the Face of Mercy in a Complicated World,” St. Monica parish, Santa Monica, CA.
- 2015 “Just Leadership,” Esteem Program presentation, Caruso Catholic Center, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- “A Year of Mercy for Whom?” Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Santa Monica and Venice, CA.
- 2014 “Mystics and Saints in America? In the Americas?” Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Westchester and Carson, CA.
- 2013 “Catholic Identity and Cultural Diversity,” Easter Series, Tri-Parish Acts Community, Mary Immaculate Parish, Pacoima, CA.
- 2012 “All Who Wander Are Not Lost,” Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Westchester, CA.
- “From Nazareth to L.A.: Faith and Culture in Jesus’ Hometown and in Yours,” Theology on Tap, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Westchester, CA.

OTHER RELEVANT COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- **Companions in Mission, Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange**, Orange, CA, Sept. 2014.
Assist Sisters of St. Joseph with “Wisdom Circle” discernment of the future mission of the congregation and its lay associates.
- **Consultant, St. Brigid Parish**, Memphis, TN, Sept. 2013.
Helped parish develop plan to address its intercultural tensions.
- **Consultant, Archdiocese of Chicago**, Chicago, IL, Jan. to May, 2011.
Helped plan and execute sessions for international priests.
- **Consultant, Cultural Diversity Secretariat of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**, Washington, DC, 2011-2012.
Assisted in development of *That They May All Be One: Best Practices for Shared Parishes*, U.S. bishops’ document on multicultural parishes.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Lilly Endowment Youth Theology Institute Grant, 2016-2019: \$600,000
- The American Parish Project Fellowship, 2015: \$1000
- Congregational Studies Team Research Fellowship for 2012-2014: \$18,000
- Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship for 2008-2009: \$18,000
- Newhall Fellowship for Teaching and Writing, Fall 2008: \$3000
- Phi Beta Kappa, Spring 1988

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2015-present Association for Graduate Programs in Ministry
- 2013-present Religious Research Association
- 2012-present Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU) for Pastoral, Theological, and Ministerial Education
- 2009-2010 Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2008-present Member, Catholic Theological Society of America
- 2005-2010 Member, American Society of Missiology

2004-present Member, American Academy of Religion

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Ethnographic research on parish life and migration, Central Mexico, May 2008.

SPECIAL SKILLS:

- Ethnographic research
- Competency in using N-Vivo qualitative research software
- Languages:
 - Spanish: spoken, reading, and writing fluency
 - German: reading
 - Biblical Greek: reading