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**Education**

- 2018 Boston College  
Ph.D., Theology and Education
  
- 2013 Boston College  
M.T.S., Systematic Theology
  
- 2011 University of Notre Dame  
M.Ed.
  
- 2009 University of Notre Dame  
B.A., Theology and Political Science
  
- 2007 Coursework, Pontífica Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile

**Academic Appointments**

- 2018- Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA  
Assistant Professor of Catholic Studies
  
- 2017-2018 Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, NC  
Lecturer in Theology

**Grants, Fellowships, and Honors**

- 2019 Scholarly Writing and Publishing Fund Grant, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University
  
- 2018 Research Grant, Brewer Fund for Communities and Congregations Research, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
  
- 2013-2017 Doctoral Fellowship, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
  
- 2011-2013 Graduate Fellowship, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry
  
- 2011 AmeriCorps Education Awards Program Educational Grant
  
- 2008 International Research Grant for qualitative research in Uganda, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
  
- 2008 Lou Holtz Leadership Full Scholarship Award, University of Notre Dame
  
- 2008 Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society
  
- 2006-2008 International Scholars Program, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

- (2019) “Fieldwork in Ecclesial Borderlands: Culture, Community, and Belonging in a Multiethnic Catholic Parish.” *Exchange: Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context*, Special Issue on the Anthropology of Catholicism.
- 2018 “The Integration of Hispanic Parishioners in U.S. Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry: Results From a National Survey.” *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community* 46, no. 4: 355-371 (with Andrew D. Reynolds).
- 2017 “Catholic Liturgy and Prenatal Loss: Ritual, Ambiguity, and the Miscarrying Body.” *Liturgy + Power: College Theology Society Annual Volume 62*, eds. Brian P. Flanagan and Johann M. Vento (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis), 128-142.
- 2016 “From the Site of the Empty Tomb: Approaching the Hidden Grief of Pregnancy Loss.” *New Theology Review* 28, no. 2, 47-59.
- 2015 “For there is still a vision:” Metz’ Apocalyptic Eschatology and the Practice of Lament.” *Lumen et Vita* 5.
- 2013 “‘I AM has sent me to you:’ How Thomas Aquinas’ understanding of the divine names illuminates the way in which he reconciles impassibility and compassion in God,” *Lumen et Vita* 3.

### *Accepted for Publication, Pending Revisions*

“Beyond Unity in Diversity: Race, Culture, and *Communio* in U.S. Catholic Parishes,” *American Catholic Studies*.

### *Book Chapters*

- (2020) “Miscarriage, Christianity.” In *Encyclopedia of Bible and Its Reception*. Boston: DeGruyter; under contract.
- (2019) “Latino/a Christian Theologies.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Latino/a Christianities in the United States*. New York: Oxford University Press; under contract.
- 2018 “Cultivating Young Hispanic Catholic Leaders” (bilingual). In *Our Catholic Children: Ministry with Hispanic Youth and Young Adults/Nuestros Jóvenes Católicos: Pastoral Juvenil Hispana en los Estados Unidos*, ed. Hosffman Ospino. Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor Press (with Steffano Montano).

### *Essays and Public Scholarship*

- (2019) “Crossing the Borders in Our Midst: Forging Liturgical Solidarity in Diverse Parishes,” *America Magazine*.
- 2019 “Vigil-Keeping.” In *Of Womb and Tomb: Prayer in Time of Infertility, Miscarriage, and Stillbirth*, edited by Kate Williams. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, pp. 23-26.

- 2018 “Ministering With Authenticity.” *C21 Resources: A Hope to Share: Young Adults and Our Church*, The Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center, Boston College (Fall).
- 2018 “Statement of Catholic Theologians, Educators, Parishioners, and Lay Leaders on Clergy Sexual Abuse in the United States.” *Daily Theology* (blog).
- 2018 *History of the Catholic Church*, Chapters 12-14. Credo Textbook Series. Westerville, OH: Veritas.
- 2017 “Perfectly Loved.” *Five Minutes with the Psalms and the Wisdom Books*, Lou DelFra, C.S.C. and Ann Primus Berends, eds. South Bend, IN: Ave Maria Press.
- 2017 “After the Women’s March, Let’s Build a New Coalition for the Vulnerable,” *Millennial Journal* (blog, January 23).
- 2014 “Alberto Hurtado.” *Five Minutes with the Saints: More Spiritual Nourishment for Busy Teachers*, Lou DelFra, C.S.C. and Ann Primus Berends, eds. South Bend, IN: Ave Maria Press.

#### *Book Reviews*

- (2019) *Public vs. Private: The Early History of School Choice in America*. By Robert N. Gross. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018. 209 pages. *American Catholic Studies*.
- 2018 *Acts: A Theological Commentary on the Bible*. By Willie James Jennings. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017. 289 pages. *Horizons* 45, no. 1, 202-204.
- 2015 *Bishops on the Border: Pastoral Responses to Immigration*. By Mark Adams, Minerva Carcaño, Gerald Kicanas, Kirk Smith, and Stephen Talmage. *Political Theology* 16, no. 5, 481-483.

#### *Translations (selected)*

- 2018 Gustavo Gutiérrez, OP, “Medellín: A Spiritual Experience,” in *The Grace of Medellín: History, Theology, and Legacy: Reflections on the Significance of Medellín for the Church in the United States* (Miami, FL: Convivium), 12-19; Spanish to English.

#### *Interviews, Commentary, and Media (selected)*

- Interviewed on WESA, NPR Pittsburgh, on Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report and Clergy Sexual Abuse Summit in Rome. February 21, 2019.
- Interviewed on WBUR *On Point*, “Pope Francis Admits Priests, Bishops Have Sexually Abused Nuns.” February 7, 2019.
- Roundtable Guest, PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff, “Amid More Revelations of Catholic Church Abuse and Cover-Up, Survivors Galvanize.” December 26, 2018.
- Interviewed, “Les évêques américains se réunissent dans un climat de défiance,” *La Croix International*. December 11, 2018.
- Interviewed, “Catholic Bishops Promising to Fix Sex Abuse Problem Face Cover-Up Accusations,” *The New York Times*. October 19, 2018.
- Profiled in *National Catholic Reporter* (online), “Theologians Face Challenges When Entering the Public Square.” September 29, 2018.
- Profiled in *National Catholic Reporter* (print edition), “Taking Theology Into the Public Square.” September 20, 2018.

- Interviewed on CNN Headline News, on February 2019 Catholic Bishops’ Summit. September 12, 2018.
- Interviewed, “Iemand In De Kerk Staat Op En Stelt Een Vraag,” *Netherlands Dagblad*. September 2, 2018.
- Guest, *Church Life Today* on Redeemer Radio, on transformations in the U.S. Catholic Church. September 1, 2018.
- Interviewed on WFAE *Charlotte Talks*: “Grappling with the Latest Allegations of Abuse in the Catholic Church.” August 30, 2018.
- Interviewed in CNN (online): “For Catholic parents, choosing to raise kids in a church marred by sex abuse is ‘a painful thing.’” August 27, 2018.
- Interviewed in *America Magazine*: “What happened when a dad challenged his priest during Mass about the sex abuse crisis.” August 22, 2018.
- Interviewed in *The Atlantic*: “Catholics Are Desperate for Tangible Reforms on Clergy Sex Abuse.” August 22, 2018.
- Interviewed on WBUR *On Point*: “Can the Catholic Church Survive Another Sex Abuse Scandal?” August 21, 2018.
- Interviewed on NPR *All Things Considered*: “One Congregation’s Question of Faith Following the Pennsylvania Clergy Report.” August 20, 2018.
- Interviewed on CNN Headline News, on parish responses to Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. August 20, 2018.
- Interviewed on NBC Nightly News, on Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. August 20, 2018.

## Teaching Experience

### *Courses Taught*

#### Emory University

- “Catholicism and Migration in America,” graduate
- “Methods of Social and Congregational Analysis,” graduate
- Master of Divinity Contextual Education Integrative Seminar

#### Belmont Abbey College

- “Introduction to Scripture,” undergraduate

#### Boston College

- “Exploring Catholicism,” with Prof. Hosffman Ospino, undergraduate

### *Online Instruction*

- “Fluent in the Faith: Speaking the Language of Faith with Adolescents.” Course: Teaching Religion to Adolescents: Creative Strategies and Best Practices. STM Online: Crossroads, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Fall 2016.
- “Who Are My Students? Adolescent Development.” Course: Teaching Religion to Adolescents: Creative Strategies and Best Practices. STM Online: Crossroads, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Fall 2016.

### *K-12 Teaching*

- Language Arts, Social Studies (Grades 6-8), St. Anthony Catholic School, Harlingen, TX, 2009-2011
- Math, Language Arts (Grades 6-8), St. Adalbert Catholic School, South Bend, IN, Summer 2009.

### *Pedagogical Formation*

2013-2017      Apprenticeship in College Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence, Boston College  
2009-2011      Alliance for Catholic Education Teaching Fellow, University of Notre Dame

### *Graduate Student Project Direction*

- Director, D.Min. Project, Anthony Butler. Projected completion: 2020
- Advisor and Second Reader, M.A. in Theology and Ministry Thesis Projects (25 total), Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, 2015-2016
- M.A. thesis editor and consultant, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, 2013-2016
- M.A. thesis translator (Spanish-English) for Hispanic Ministry Track Students, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, 2013-2016
- Consultant, Writing Companions Corner, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry Summer Institute, 2015

### **Invited Academic Presentations**

- 2019      Inaugural Catholic Women in Public Life Lecture, “Speaking Up: From Anger to Resolve,” Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT. February 2.
- 2018      Respondent, Roundtable on *Theologically Engaged Anthropology* (Oxford, 2018) with Derrick Lemons and Don Seemon, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University. November 28.
- 2018      “Becoming the Body of Christ: Hispanic Catholicism and the Transformation of Parishes and Catholic Schools,” Liturgy and Life Symposium, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, University of Notre Dame, IN. June 27.
- 2018      “Renewing a Sacramental Imagination: Insights from Hispanic Catholicism,” Sacramental Catechist Symposium, Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, University of Notre Dame, IN. June 20.
- 2018      “Liturgy and Solidarity: Beyond Frontiers,” Boston College School of Theology and Ministry/Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center Continuing Education Lecture Series. April 19.
- 2016      Invited author and section leader, “Developing Hispanic Catholic Young Leaders” Group. National Colloquium on *Pastoral Juvenil Hispana*/Ministry with Hispanic Youth and Young Adults, Boston College.
- 2015      Respondent to James Bretzke, SJ. “Re-Reading the Roman Tea Leaves: The Francis Effect in the Synod on the Family.” Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Center, Boston College. November 4.

- 2015 Respondent to Elizabeth Johnson. “The Natural World: A Preferential Option for the Poor?” *Lumen et Vita* Graduate Theology Conference, Boston College. January 31.

### Conference Presentations

- 2018 “‘A Revolutionary Intimacy:’ Multiethnic Catholic Parishes and the Ecclesiological Imagination of Willie Jennings.” College Theology Society Annual Convention, Ecclesiology Section, St. Catherine’s University, St. Paul, MN.
- 2017 “Culture, Community, and Borderland Space in Shared Catholic Parishes.” Anthropology of Catholicism Section, Invited Roundtable. American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA.
- 2017 “Experience, Encounter, and Ritual in the Aesthetic Theory of John Dewey.” Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- 2017 “Solidarity in Difference: Pushing the Limits of *Communio*.” College Theology Society Annual Convention, Ecclesiology Section, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI.
- 2016 “Liturgy and Prenatal Loss: Ritual, Ambiguity, and the Miscarrying Body.” *Respondent*: Susan Ross. College Theology Society Annual Convention, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO.
- 2016 “Multicultural Parishes as Borderlands: An Exercise in Practical Ecclesiological Imagining.” Association of Practical Theology Biennial Conference, Fordham University, Bronx, NY.
- 2016 “From Allyship to Intimacy: White Self-Understanding and Pedagogical Possibilities in Catholic Universities.” New England-Maritimes Region – American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA.
- 2015 “Educating for Life in Ecclesial Borderlands: Transformative Pedagogy and Religious Practice in U.S. Multicultural Parishes.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 “Transformative Learning in Ecclesial Borderlands: Imagining Pedagogical Possibilities.” Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2014 “‘Mourn First:’ Interrupting and Unlearning Violence through Community Practices of Lament.” Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 “Mourning the Loss of the Great Work Begun in Us: Toward a Practical Theological Response to Pregnancy Loss.” College Theology Society Annual Convention, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA.
- 2013 “Passion of the Neighborhood: Life, Death, and Resurrection in Roxbury.” Ways of Knowing: Graduate Conference on Religion, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.

- 2013 “‘Truly a person:’ Migration as a Peace Issue in a Transnational Age.” Peace Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow: Celebrating 50 Years Since *Pacem in Terris*, University of Notre Dame, IN.
- 2012 “Liturgy of Life/Crisis of Truth: The Body of Christ on the U.S.-Mexico Border.” *Respondent*: David Hollenbach, S.J. Borders and Transnationalism: Religious Perspectives, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.
- 2008 “Inculturation and Human Development in Uganda.” Ford Family Institute Research Conference on Human Development, University of Notre Dame, IN.

### **Invited Community Presentations, Workshops, & Preaching**

- 2019 “When Womb Becomes Tomb: Breaking the Silence on Pregnancy Loss,” Sunday Coffeeshouse Conversation, St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, Decatur, GA. April 7.
- 2019 Lenten Morning of Reflection, St. Matthew’s Parish, Matthews, NC. March 30.
- 2019 “The Church Women Want: Life Stories from Catholic Women,” St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, Decatur, GA. March 20.
- 2019 “60 Second Sermon,” *Pray Tell Blog*. March 3.
- 2018 “God of the Victims,” Sermon on Psalm 10 and John 10, Taizé Service of Lament and Hope after the Sexual Abuse Crisis, St. Thomas More Catholic Parish, Decatur, GA. September 24.
- 2018 “Why, God? Theological Perspectives on Suffering.” Three-week adult education course, St. Matthew Catholic Parish, Matthews, NC. May-June.
- 2016 “Bringing Theology Back Down.” Half-day workshop for new religion teachers, Urban Catholic Teacher Corps, Boston College.
- 2016 “Love in Word and Deed.” St. Mary’s College, Embody: Beauty, Justice, and Faith in Action High School Conference. Notre Dame, IN.
- 2015 “Learning from Your Students: Teaching with Paulo Freire.” Professional development workshop, New Catholic Teacher Conference, Roche Center for Catholic Education, Boston College.
- 2014 “Sin and Reconciliation.” Blessed Sacrament Parish, Walpole, MA.
- 2014 “Forming and Communicating Catholic Identity.” Professional development workshop, South Boston Catholic Academy.
- 2013-14 “How Gloriously Different the Saints.” Notre Dame Vision High School Conference. University of Notre Dame.
- 2013 “So Many Ways to Pray.” Blessed Sacrament Parish, Walpole, MA.

- 2012 “‘Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope:’ U.S.-Latin American Immigration and Catholic Social Teaching.” St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish, Boston, MA.
- 2011 “Inviting Creativity with Performance Assessments.” Alliance for Catholic Education, University of Notre Dame.
- 2010 “Teaching Children with Learning Exceptionalities.” Professional development workshop, St. Anthony Catholic School, Harlingen, TX.
- 2008 “Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Uganda.” Professional Development Series, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame.

### **Empirical And Ethnographic Research Projects**

- 2016-2019      Becoming Borderland Communities: Ritual Practice, Solidarity, and Pedagogy in Shared Parishes, Boston, MA  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: Brewer Fund for Theological Research, Candler School of Theology at Emory University
- 2014            National Survey of Catholic Schools Serving Hispanic Families  
 Role: Research Assistant (PI: Hosffman Ospino, Patricia Weitzel-O’Neill)  
 Funder: Our Sunday Visitor Foundation
- 2013-2014      Passion of the Neighborhood: Life, Death, and Resurrection in Roxbury, A Study in Lived Ecclesiology  
 Role: Principal Investigator
- 2011-2014      National Study of Catholic Parishes with Hispanic Ministry  
 Role: Research Assistant (PI: Hosffman Ospino)  
 Funder: Our Sunday Visitor Foundation
- 2008-2009      Liturgical Inculturation in Three Dioceses in Uganda  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Funder: Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2006-2008      Research Assistant to Paul Kollman, University of Notre Dame Department of Theology  
 Funder: Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

### **Academic Service**

#### *University*

- 2019            Search Committee, Executive Director of Aquinas Center of Theology, Emory University
- 2018-          Catholic Studies Program Advisory Board, Candler School of Theology



2018- Aquinas Center of Theology Board, Candler School of Theology

#### *Professional Organizations*

2018-2021 Ecclesiology Section Convener, College Theology Society  
2019 Moderator, Rahner Session, Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Pittsburgh, PA, June 6-9.  
2018- Hispanic Summer Program Board, Emory Representative

#### *Conference Planning*

2013 National Convention of Emerging Catholic Leadership in U.S. Hispanic Ministry Conference, Boston College

#### *Church and Community*

2018- Leadership Crisis Action Committee (Clergy Sexual Abuse Response Task Force), St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Decatur, GA  
2018- Contributor, Ignatian Marriage Preparation Program, St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Decatur, GA  
2013-2017 Advisory Board Member, Hispanic Recruitment Initiative and New Immigrant Scholarship Program, The Catholic Schools Foundation, Boston, MA  
2014 Advisory Board Member, Catholic Extension Young Professionals of Boston  
2012-2013 Liturgical Coordinator, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish, Boston, MA  
2011-2012 Minister in Residence, St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Parish, Boston, MA  
2008-2009 President, Notre Dame Folk Choir, University of Notre Dame, IN

### **Other University & Pastoral Employment**

#### *Campus Ministry (Selected)*

2011-2015 Retreat Director, Kairos Retreat Program, Boston College  
2013-2014 Assistant Coordinator, Arrupe International Immersion Program, Boston College  
2012-2013 Guatemala Immersion Leader, Arrupe International Immersion Program, Boston College

#### *Library Employment*

2011-2013 Library Associate, Theology and Ministry Library, Boston College

#### *Diocesan Employment*

2006 Intern, Colorado Catholic Conference, Denver, CO

### **Languages**

- Spanish
- French
- Portuguese

### **Professional Memberships & Associations**

- American Academy of Religion

- Catholic Theological Society of America
- College Theology Society
- Association of Practical Theology