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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Ph.D. 1999	Temple University (Religion)
M.A. 1996	Temple University (Religion)
M. Div. 1995	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
M.P.A. 1985	American University (Public Affairs)
B.S. 1983	Florida International University (Political Science)

SINGLE-AUTHORED BOOK PUBLICATIONS:

Social Justice from a Latina/o Perspective: Constructing a Latina/o Ethics for Survival, Baylor University Press, forthcoming in 2013.

Genesis: A Theological Commentary on the Bible, Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming in 2012.

Trails of Terror: Testimonies on the Current Immigration Debate, Orbis Books, forthcoming in September 2009.

Liberating Jonah: Toward a Biblical Ethics of Reconciliation, Orbis Books, 2007.

A Lily Among the Thorns: Imagining a New Christian Sexuality, Jossey-Bass, 2007.

Leer la Biblia desde los Marginados, Ediciones Mensajero, 2005.

Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins, Orbis Books, 2004.

Santería: The Beliefs and Rituals of a Growing Religion in America, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2004.

La Lucha for Cuba: Religion and Politics on the Streets of Miami, University of California Press, 2003.

The Quest for the Cuban Christ: A Historical Search, University Press of Florida, 2002.

Reading the Bible from the Margins, Orbis Books, 2002.

Ajiaco Christianity: Toward an Exilic Cuban Ethic of Reconciliation, Ph.D. diss., Temple University, 1999.

**MULTI-AUTHORED
BOOK PUBLICATIONS:** Introducing Hispanic Ethics, co-authored with Maria Teresa Davila, Ismael Garcia, and Hugo Magallanes, Abington Press, forthcoming in 2011.

The Quest for the Historical Satan, co-authored with Albert Hernandez, Fortress Press, forthcoming in 2010

Introducing Latino/a Theologies, co-authored with Edwin Aponte, Orbis Books, 2001.

**EDITED
BOOKS:** Out of the Shadows, Into the Light: Christianity and Homosexuality Chalice Press, forthcoming in 2009.

The Hope of Liberation within World Religions, Baylor University Press, 2008.

AAR Career Guide for Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession, American Academy of Religion, 2007.

Rethinking Latino/a Religion and Ethnicity, co-edited with Gaston Espinosa, Pilgrim Press, 2006.

Handbook on Latino/a Theologies, co-edited with Edwin Aponte, Chalice Press, 2006.

Handbook on U.S. Theologies of Liberation, Chalice Press, 2004.

**ENCYCLOPEDIA
EDITOR:** Encyclopedia on Hispanic American Religious Culture, Volume 2, ABC-CLIO Publishers, forthcoming in August 2009.

Encyclopedia on Hispanic American Religious Culture, Volume 1, ABC-CLIO Publishers, forthcoming in August 2009.

**BOOK
CHAPTER:** Dancing with Ochún: Imagining How a Black Goddess Became White, Aesthetics within Black Religion, Anthony Pinn, ed., Cambridge University Press, forthcoming in 2009.

Pray for Elián, Elián González: The Critical Reader, Paul Allatson, ed. University of Wisconsin Press, forthcoming in 2009.

Constructing a Cuban-Centric Christ, Jesus in the Hispanic Community, Harold Recinos and Hugo Magallanes, eds., Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming in 2009.

Beyond Machismo: A Cuban Case Study, Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism: A Critical Reader, Björn Krondorfer, ed., SCM-Canterbury Press, forthcoming in July, 2009.

Confessions of a Latino Macho: From Gay Basher to Gay Ally, Out of the Shadows and into the Light: Struggling with the Sin of Heterosexuality, Chalice Press, forthcoming in May, 2009.

Pastoral Care from the Margins: The Hispanic Community, Injustice and the Care of Souls: Taking Oppression Seriously in Pastoral Care, Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook and Karen Montagno, eds., Fortress Press, (2009): 59-72.

Dealing with Diversity, Best Advice: Wisdom on Ministry from 30 Leading Pastors and Preachers, William J. Carl III, ed., Westminster John Knox Press, (2009): 57-62.

For Immigrants, Church and Public Life: An Agenda for Change, Rebecca Todd Peters and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, eds., Westminster John Knox Press, (2008): 73-84.

For Strength to Fight for Justice, Prayers for The New Social Awakening: Inspired by the New Social Creed, Chistian Iosso and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, eds., Westminster John Knox Press, (2008): 65-66.

Introducton, Seeking Liberation within World Religions, Baylor University Press, (2008): 1-12.

Religion and Religiosity, Latino/as in the U.S.: Changing the Face of America, Havidán Rodríguez, Rogelio Saenz, and Cecilia Menjivar, eds., Springer Publishing, (2007): 225-40.

Dealing with Difficult Issues, AAR Career Guide. Miguel A. De La Torre, ed., American Academy of Religion, (2007): 111-36.

Job Search, AAR Career Guide. Co-authored with Mary C. Campbell, Miguel A. De La Torre, ed., American Academy of Religion, (2007): 27-48.

Rethinking Mulatez, Rethinking Latino/a Religion and Ethnicity, Miguel A. De La Torre and Gaston Espinosa, Pilgrim Press, (2006):158-75.

Religion and Power in the Study of Hispanic Religions, Rethinking Latino/a Religion and Ethnicity, Miguel A. De La Torre and Gaston Espinosa, eds., Pilgrim Press, (2006):286-98.

Alternative Traditions, Co-authored with Edwin Aponte, Edwin Aponte and Miguel A. De La Torre, eds., Handbook on Latino/a Theologies, Chalice Press, (2006): 206-11.

Pray for Elián: Religion, Politics, and Power in Miami, Hispanic Churches in American Public Life, Gaston Espinosa, ed., Oxford Press, (2005): 249-62.

Cuban Religiosity, entry in A Handbook of the U.S. Latina/o Experience, Hector Avalos, ed., Brill Academic Publishers (2004): 66-85.

Scripture, Handbook of U.S. Theologies of Liberation, Miguel A. De La Torre, ed., Chalice Press, (2004): 85-100.

Afterword, Papal Overtures in a Cuban Key: The Pope=s Visit and Civic Space for Cuban Religion, Anthony M. Stevens-Arroyo, ed., The University of Scranton Press, (2002): 125-36.

La función del barrio en la doctrina del pecado original, Mas Voces de la Iglesia Hispana, Luis G. Pedraja, ed., Arbingdon Press, (2001): 81-94.

Constructing our Cuban Ethnic Identity while in Babylon, A Dream Unfinished: Theological Reflections on America from the Margins, Fernando F. Segovia and Eleazar Fernandez eds., Orbis Books, (2001): 185-202.

Cubans in Babylon: Exodus and Exile, Religion, Culture and Tradition in the Caribbean, Hemchand Gossai and Nathaniel Samuel Murrell, eds., St. Martins Press, (2000): 73-91.

Miami and the Babylonian Captivity, Sacred Text, Secular Times: The Hebrew Bible in the Modern World, Leonard Greenspoon and Bryan F. Le Beau, eds., Fordham University Press, (2000): 267-282.

ARTICLE
PUBLICATIONS:

A Christian Bioethical Response to Health Care for Hispanics, American Journal of Bioethics, Vol. 8, No. 10 (October, 2008).

On Being the Academic Other, "Diversifying Knowledge Production: The Other within Christianity," AAR Spotlight on Teaching, Vol. 22, No. 4 (October, 2007): ii, xi.

Living on the Borders, The Ecumenical Review, Vol. 59, No 2-3 (April/July 2007): 214-20.

Career Guide for Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Religious Studies News, Vol. 21, No. 3 (May 2006): 10, 26.

AAR Produces Career Guide for Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Religious Studies News, Vol. 20, No. 4 (October 2005): 13, 19.

Response to Houlden=s Book Review, Conversations in Religion and Theology, Vol 1, No. 1 (May 2003): 8-11.

The Challenge of Lazarus, Celebration: An Ecumenical Worship Resource, Vol. 31, No. 3 (March 2003): 99-100.

Martí=s Contribution to the Construction of the Cuban Christ, APUNTES, Year 22, No. 3, (Fall, 2002): 84-106.

Evangelism: A Hispanic Perspective, Church and Society, Vol. 92, No. 3 (January/February 2002): 11-24.

Ochún: [N]either the [M]Other of All Cubans, [N]or the Bleached Virgin, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Vol. 69, No. 4 (December, 2001): 837-61.

Confesiones de un macho cubano, Prespectivas, No. 4 (Summer, 2001): 65-87.

The Quest for the Historical Hispanic Christ, Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought, Vol. 14, No. 10 (December 1999): 5-8.

Beyond Machismo, The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics, Vol. 19 (1999): 213-33.

A Preferential Option for McDonalds, APUNTES, Year 19, No. 2, (Summer, 1999): 51-59.

Masking Hispanic Racism: A Cuban Case Study, Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology, Vol. 6, No. 4 (May 1999): 57-73.

Book Review of Teología en Conjunto, by José D. Rodríguez and Loida I. Martell-Otero. Koinonia, X: 2 (Fall 1998): 256-58.

Cubans Reading Psalm 137, The Schuykill, Vol. 1, No. 2, Feb/Mar 1998.

Toward Cuban Reconciliation: An Ajiaco Philosophical Foundation, Koinonia, IX: 1 & 2 (Spring/Fall 1997): 58-78.

The Role of the Barrio in the Doctrine of Original Sin, APUNTES, Year 16, No. 3, (Fall, 1996): 78-90.

REFERENCE ENTRIES:

Conscientization, Liberation Ethics, and Praxis, entries in Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics, ed. by Joel Green, Baker Academics, forthcoming in 2010.

Ephesians 1:15-23; 1 Peter 3:13-22; and 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:5-11, theological entries for Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, eds., Westminster John Knox Press, 2010.

Fifteen + entries in Encyclopedia on Hispanic American Religious Culture, Miguel A. De La Torre, ed., ABC-CLIO Publishers, forthcoming in 2009.

Santería, entry in Encyclopedia on Religion in America, Charles Lippy and Peter Williams, eds., CQ Press, forthcoming 2009.

Latino/as, entry in Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity, Daniel Patte, ed., Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2009.

Fifty + biblical expositions in The People=s Bible: New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha, ed. by Curtiss Paul DeYoung, Wilda C. Gafney, Leticia A. Guardiola-S<enz, George Tinker, and Frank M. Yamada, Fortress Press, (2008): 1415, 1417, 1419, 1423, 1434, 1436, 1453, 1460, 1462, 1473-75, 1477, 1486-88, 1490, 1498-99, 1501, 1503, 1509, 1512, 1519-20,

1538-39, 1543, 1547, 1552, 1555, 1579, 1590, 1596, 1603, 1607, 1625-26, 1633, 1637, 1638, 1657, 1668, 1672, 1682, 1702, 1723, 1728.

Social Ethics 3: Latin America, entry in The Encyclopedia of Christianity, Vol. 5, Erwin Fahlbusch, et al., eds., William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company & Brill, (2008): 54-57.

Propaganda: Antireligious (Cuban), entry in The New Encyclopedia of Unbelief, Tom Flynn, ed., Prometheus Books (2007): 620-21.

Eleven dictionary entries in The Westminster Dictionary of Theologians, Justo L. González, ed. Westminster John Knox Press (2006): 96, 98, 126, 166, 169, 172-173, 178-179, 351.

Eleven dictionary entries in Diccionario de teólogos y teólogas, Justo L. González, ed., Kairos Press (2004): 133, 137, 168, 226, 230, 232-34, 239-41, 473.

Cuban American Religious Communities, entry in Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions, Vol. 1, Gary Laderman and Luis León, eds., Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO Publishers (2003): 187-191.

**BOOK SERIES
EDITOR:**

New Perspectives in Latino/a Religion, 12 volume-set, Baylor University Press, forthcoming in 2010-2016. Books include:

- a) Edwin D. Aponte, Protestant Churches from a Latina/o Perspective: Understanding Latino/a Evangélico/a, Evangelical, Pentecostal, and Mainline Protestants
- b) Jorge Aquino, Racism from a Latina/o Perspective: Nation-Building and Religious Identity in Our America
- c) Maria Teresa Dávila, Economic Mobility from a Latina/o Perspective: The Latina/o Middle Class and the Option for the Poor
- d) Alberto Hernandez, Spirituality from a Latina/o Perspective: Encountering God at the Margins
- e) Hajmil Martinez-Vazquez, Religious History from a Latina/o Perspective: New Methodologies in the Search for Memory
- f) Laura Perez, Cultural Hybridity and Spirituality from a Latina/o Perspective: Decolonizing Beliefs and Practices

**PUBLISHING
ADVISOR:**

Emerging Theology Initiative, Advisory Board Member, Westminster John Knox Publishers.

Religious Perspective on Contemporary Ethical Issues, Advisory Board Member, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

DOCUMENTARIES:

Who is my Neighbor, interviewed on the documentary dealing with the immigration dilemma, produced by the Colorado Council of Churches, 2008.

Beneath the Skin: Baptists and Racism, interviewed on the documentary dealing with the racism within Baptist churches, produced by the Ethics Daily, 2008.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: 2003- present. Syndicated column for Ethics Daily, appearing bi-monthly on a Baptist run website: www.ethicsdaily.com

2002 - 2005. Syndicated column for the Holland Sentinel, appearing bi-monthly in the Editorial Section.

2000-2001. Syndicated column for the Holland Sentinel, co-authored with Deborah De La Torre and titled *Salsa for the Soul*, appearing bi-monthly in the Saturday Religion Section.

NEWS SPOKESPERSON:

Dr. De La Torre has been an expert commentator concerning ethical issues on several media outlets including, but not limited to: CNN News, CNN Saturday Night with Rick Sanchez, CNN en español, Univision News, Telemundo News, NPR Michigan, NPR North Carolina, Time Magazine, The Miami Herald, The LA Times, The New York Post, Dallas News, The Houston Chronicle, The Denver Post, Grand Rapids Press, The Washington Times, The Orlando Sentinel, and The Winston-Salem Journal. In addition, Dr. De La Torre has appeared in international media outlets including, but not limited to: Mexico City=s La Prensa, Canada=s The Ottawa Citizen, and The Kuwait Times.

HONORS:

2005 Received the Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award for Santería: The Beliefs and Rituals of a Growing Religion in America.

2005 Received an Honorable Mention in Educational Books by the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada for Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins.

2005 Received ForeWord Magazine=s Book of the Year Finalist Award for Santería: The Beliefs and Rituals of a Growing Religion in America.

2004 Summer Writing Grant from Hope College (\$3,600).

2003 Received First Place in Educational Books by the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada for Reading the Bible from the Margins.

2003 McGregor Award (\$2,000).

2002 "Outstanding Hispanic Educator" award by the Michigan Hispanic Legislative Caucus.

2002 Faculty Fund for Faith (\$4000 + a semester sabbatical).

2001 Summer Writing Grant from the Jobe and Julie Morrison Family.
Faculty Development Fund in combination with the Norman and Ruth Peale Fund (\$3600).

2000 Post-Doctoral Summer Writing Grant from the Hispanic Theological Initiative (\$8000).

2000 The Hispanic Churches in American Public Life Writing Grant (\$3000).
1999 Frederick Douglass Summer Teaching Fellowship (\$1,800).

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE:**

2009-2011 Appointed to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion

2009-2011 Chair of the American Academy of Religion Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

2009-2010 Appointed to the AAR Centennial Advisory Committee

2006 - 2011 Elected to the Board of Directors of the Society of Christian Ethics.

2006 - 2009 Co-chair of the American Academy of Religion Ethics Section

2006 Member of the Human Rights Campaign Editorial Advisory Board

2005 - 2007 Member of the American Academy of Religion Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

2005 & 2008 Member of the Society of Christian Ethics Program Committee

2004 Visiting Co-Editor for *Perspectivas: Occasional Papers* published by the Hispanic Theological Initiative.

2003-2006 Member of the Board of Director of Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity.

2001 - 2006 Elected Executive Board Director of Tulipanes, the Latino Art and Film Festival, a non-profit corporation which celebrates the cultural and artistic heritage of Latino/as and their contribution to the greater Holland area.

2003 Member of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance, whose responsibility is to establish a smart growth@ development plan for the West Michigan region.

2000 - 2002 Editorial Board Member of the *Journal of Religious Ethics*.

2000 - 2002 Elected Vice-president of LAUP (Latin Americans United for Progress), a civil action group which advocates for the social and political needs and concern of Latina/o residents in Holland, MI.

2000 - 2001 Elected Vice-president of La Comunidad, an academic organization which meets during the American Academy of Religion for the purpose of advancing the needs and concern of Latina/o scholars within academia.

1999 - 2001 Member of the Society of Christian Ethics=s Committee for the 21st Century, charged with thinking about future self-understandings and directions which the Society might adopt, sustain, or create as it enters a new century.

1998 - 1999 Consultant for a project titled *The Community Serving Role of the Hispanic Protestant Church*, conducted by Claremont School of Theology for its Urban Leadership Institute, and funded by the Pew Charitable Trust.

1998 - 2001 Founder and organizer of *Ética Latina: A Hispanic Ethical Perspective*, an interest group for the Society of Christian Ethics.

1996 - 1998 Research Assistant for a project titled *Negotiating Political and Economic Crises: Peruvian and Salvadoran Christians in Latin America and the United States*, conducted by The University of Florida Departments of Religion and Political Science, and funded by the Pew Charitable Trust.

1993 - 1994 An ordained pastor of Goshen Baptist Church in Glen Dean, KY.

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE:**

2005 - Present Iliff School of Theology, Associate Professor:

Ethics Perspectives on Justice & Peace

Ethical Analysis and Advocacy

Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins

Biblical Ethics

Erotic Bible

Fanon, Foucault, and Friends

Formative White Male Figures in Christian Ethics

Immersion course in Cuernavaca, Mexico

Immersion course on the U.S. Borders

Multicultural Issues

Postcolonial Ethics

Womanist Ethics

1999 - 2005 Hope College, Assistant Professor:

The Quest for Reconciliation;

Black & Latino/a Theology;

Marx, Foucault & Liberation;

Immersion course in La Habana, Cuba;

Introduction to Liberation Theology;

Reading the Bible from the Margins;

Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins;

The Exotic Bible: Sex for Believers.

1999 West Chester University, Visiting Professor

Introduction to Philosophy

1999 Immaculata College, Visiting Professor

Business Ethics

1997 Rutgers University, Visiting Professor

Religion and Contemporary Culture

1995 - 1999 Temple University, Instructor:

Hebrew Bible;

Introduction to World Religion;

Religion in America;

Racial Justice: A Religious Mandate of Obedience and Revolt.

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS:**

**American Academy of Religion
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Society of Christian Ethics**