

EDUCATION

- PhD. **Theological Studies area of Practical Theology.**
Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Concentration: Church and Society
Dissertation Title: *“Practices of Hope: Public Presence of the Church in Puerto Rico”*
- M.Div. **Masters in Divinity.**
Concentration track: Global and Community Engagement
Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
Magna Cum Laude
- B.A. **Audiovisual Communication, Modern Languages, and Theater Concentrations.**
University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus
Magna Cum Laude

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

Under Care, Ordination Process Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), New England Region

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2021-Present	Assistant Professor in Religion, Culture, and Psychology with emphasis on Latinx Studies, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN
Fall 2020-Spring 2021	Visiting Assistant Professor in Practical Theology and Community, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
	<u>Courses</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (Fall 2020) Cross-Cultural Communication, co-teacher, Masters Level• (Fall 2020) Practical Theology and Latinx Congregations, Spanish DMin course• (Fall 2020) Faith and Leadership, Spanish DMin Course• (Upcoming Spring 2021) Catastrophe, Trauma, and Hope, Masters Level
	<u>Other responsibilities</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DMin....• Faculty Associate to the Field Education Office• Interim CPE coordinator• Human Subjects Committee (IRB)• Mid-Degree Review evaluations• Student advising

Fall 2019-Present	<p>Contingent Faculty, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Fall 2020) <i>Sustaining the call of Ecclesia: Administration in times of crisis</i> • (Fall 2020) <i>Sustaining the call of Ecclesia: Administration in times of crisis</i> • (Spring 2020, Spring 2021) <i>Building Congregational/Ministerial Frameworks for Contemporary Contexts</i>, DMin course • (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021) <i>Two P's of Seminary: Prayer and Praxis</i>, Masters course
Fall 2019	<p>Adjunct Faculty, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Postcolonialism</i>, Masters and PhD course
Winter 2019, Fall 2021	<p>Instructor, Disciples Seminary Foundation, Claremont, CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to Christian Education</i>, Certificate of Ministry Studies (Spanish and English)
Fall 2015-Spring 2019	<p>Teaching Fellow, Boston University School of Theology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Spring 2019) <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe as Resource for el Pueblo, Mexico Travel Seminar</i>, Professor Cristian De La Rosa • (Spring 2018) <i>Dual Narratives Israel/Palestine travel seminar</i>, Professor Barbod Salimi • (Fall 2017) <i>Urban Ministries</i>, Professor Wanda Stahl • (Spring 2017) <i>Cuba Travel Seminar</i>, Professors Cristian De La Rosa and Bryan Stone • (Spring 2016) <i>Faith and Film</i>, Professor Bryan Stone • (Winters 2015-2017) <i>Arizona/Mexico Travel Seminar, Theology of the Desert</i>, Professor Bryan Stone • (Fall 2015) <i>Introduction to Christian Traditions</i>, Professors Robert Neville and Christopher Brown

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2019-July 2020	<p>Senior Program Coordinator, Contextual Education Office, Boston University, Boston, MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage student records • Digitalize and restructure documents submission and protocol for remote teaching and learning • Manage office website • Manage office budget • Substitute for ITP faculty when they are not able to make it for ITP groups • Follow up to inquiries from community sites wanting to affiliate with STH • Provide information and orientation to students
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August 2019-August 2020	National Director and Grant Manager , Raíces Latinas Leadership Institute <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinate annual meeting and programming for the institute• Manage program grant• Provide academic advising
Fall 2018-Spring 2019	Networking Assistant Intern , AETH (Association of Hispanic Theological Education), Supervisor Elizabeth Conde-Fraizer Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop marketing plans and outreach strategies for ReDET, including advertising, communication flows and web outreach efforts• Work directly with the Theological Entities Network coordinator• Develop webpage content resources for institute administrators, teachers and students• Participate in regular meetings with AETH executive director and Network coordinator• Event planning• Network policy and interaction development
Fall 2017-Spring 2018	Assistant Director of Contextual Education and Community Partnerships, Boston University School of Theology Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-teach the Urban Ministry class with Dr. Wanda Stahl• Help with the design and facilitating of Contextual Education Orientations and training for students, ITP faculty and supervisors• Substitute for ITP faculty when they are not able to make it for ITP groups• Follow up to inquiries from community sites wanting to affiliate with STH• Provide information to students, visit and recruit for the 2018-19 School year• Visit community sites where STH students are placed for 2017-18• Follow up with international sites for Contextual education (Peru, Puerto Rico, Brazil)• Meet with MTS students about contextual education requirements and possible review of MTS project proposals• Edit upcoming textbook on urban ministries

Summer 2017	Administrative Assistant , Alumni Relations and Development Office, Boston University School of Theology Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Event Planning: Creating flyers, calling alumni to invite to events, attending events and greeting alumni, taking notes at Dean’s Advisory Board meetings• Development: Fiscal year end solicitations, track calls in BBEC and send follow-up emails, assist with compilation of calendar year end mailing solicitations• Stewardship and Donor Relations: Run weekly reports of gifts, MS Word and Excel proficient, mail merging thank you notes from Development Director, assist with mailing Holiday cards to donors• Research: Contacting alumni and updating records in BBEC (database), run specified reports of alumni as directed, update alumni records• Clerical Tasks and Communications
Summer 2016	Program Assistant Coordinator , Raíces Latinas Leadership Institute, Boston University School of Theology Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programming curriculum• Event and logistics planning• Provide academic advising to participants• Manage program budget
Summer 2016	Program Assistant Coordinator , Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy, Boston, MA Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programming curriculum• Event and logistics planning• Provide academic advisory to participants• Provide counseling to participants• Manage program budget
2013-2016	Program Coordinator , Leadership Bible Institute, United Methodist Church Latino Ministries, Chelsea, MA Responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach one course a semester• Provide strategic and operational expertise and oversight of the institute• Provide curriculum revision and foresee the implementation of changes• Provide counseling to students from diverse economic and ethnical backgrounds• Develop outreach strategies• Fulfill the duties of registrar• Facilitate on-going curriculum evaluation to meet the educational needs of the students, including developing effective assessment tools and ongoing review• appointment or reappointment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide orientation, mentoring and continuing professional development opportunities to Religious Studies faculty
September 2013-2014	<p>Graduate assistantship, Office of Contextual Education, Boston University School of Theology.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in academic research for the office • Support students of color groups in their events • Event planning and budget management • Grant researching and application
2013-2014	<p>Interfaith Staff, Brazilian Immigrant Center, Allston, MA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain communication with faith-based organizations in the Boston area • Create a network of participation among faith organizations and BIC • Pair organizations with needs of the community as they arise
2010-2012	<p>Information Office Manager, Press and Community Relations Office, Court of Law Administration Office, San Juan, PR</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor local news (written press, radio, television) • Assist audiovisual team • Distribute and archive news pertaining the court of law in Puerto Rico • Represent the institution at various informational events
May 2010- Sept. 2010	<p>Office Systems Technician, Press and Community Relations Office, Court of Law Administration Office, San Juan, PR</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize and update filing office • Sort and distribute office mail • Answer phones and direct press inquiries to press officials • Represent the institution at various informational events
2008-2010	<p>Assistant, Office of Admission, Law School, University of Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as contact and support for all inquiries and applicants. • Oversee the application process and application system • Represent the institution at various informational and recruiting events • Partner with the Admissions Director to facilitate the recruitment of diverse students and support
2005-2008	<p>Assistant, Students Affairs, School of Communications, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus.</p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide student support and academic advising • Maintain student records updated • Student class enrolment • Submit graduation candidates to registrar

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent the institution at various informational and recruiting events
2003-2005	Cashier , Farmacias Truinfo, Fajardo Puerto Rico <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance cash register • Restock shelves • Customer service

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Spring 2020	Co-researcher with Lis Valle-Ruiz, Divine Wisdom Festival: A Showcase of Proclamation Practices, Teacher-Scholar Vital Worship Grants, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with IRB proposal and project design • Conduct interviews • Interview Transcription
Summer 2017	Research Fellow to Dean Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University School of Theology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked on Yale Youth Ministry Institute’s Youth and Joy project for Yale Divinity School
Summer 2015, Fall 2016	Research Fellow to Rady Roldán-Figueroa, Boston University School of Theology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcription and editing of a 17th century manuscript of Tomás Carrascón which is pending for publication
Summer 2013	Research Fellow , Finding Faith Today Project, Center for Practical Theology, Boston University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translation of documents to Spanish • Recruitment of subjects for surveys • Data collection

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books	(Forthcoming 2022) <i>Practices of Hope: Building a Sustainable Decolonial Practice</i> , Lexington Books.
Book Reviews	Teresa Delgado. <i>A Puerto Rican Decolonial Theology: Prophecy Freedom</i> . July 2018. http://perspectivasonline.com/books/a-puerto-rican-decolonial-theology-prophecy-freedom-by-teresa-delgado-palgrave-mcmillan-2017-xv-204-pages-99-99-2/
Chapters	(Forthcoming 2022) “Protestant Ecclesiology,” <i>The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Latino/a/x Theology</i> , Second Edition (Forthcoming 2022) “Contextual Theology,” <i>The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Theology and Qualitative Research</i>

(Forthcoming 2022) “Del dicho al hecho, hay un gran trecho: How Latina/o/e Life and Faith are Contained in Popular Refrains,” *In Color: Embodies Approaches to Theopoetics*

POPULAR MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

<i>Articles</i>	<p>“Ariel, just fighting to get above water...” March, 2019. https://feminismandreligion.com/2019/03/12/ariel-just-fighting-to-get-above-waterby-yara-gonzalez-justiniano/</p>
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PRESENTATIONS

2021	<p>Ecclesial Practices Unit’s virtual session, Prayers in Defiance of Empire: Engaging Claudio Carvalhaes' Liturgies from Below: Praying with People at the Ends of the World (Abingdon, 2020), American Academy of Religion 2021 Meeting</p>
2021	<p>“Educación Teológica En Un Mundo Globalizado,” Tercer Encuentro Latino De Educación Teológica (3ELET), Junio 2-4, 2021</p>
2021	<p>Graduation address InterMetro, Universidad Interamericana, San Juan, Puerto Rico</p>
2020	<p>“ Racism in Puerto Rico”, Co-presenter with Yolanda Santiago, Podcast, Episode 5, Mesa de Diálogo Martin Luther King Jr., San Juan, Puerto Rico</p>
2020	<p>“Popular culture and theological praxis,” Podcast, <i>Teología Sin Vergüenza</i>,</p>
2018	<p>“Should it end?: Hope in the Apocalypse,” Liberation Theologies Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17-20.</p>
2018	<p>“Latinx YA Ministerial Practices/Initiatives and the Institutional Church,” Panelist, <i>ENCUENTRO: Latinx youth/Young Adult Identities and Ministry</i>, Hispanic Youth Leadership Academy (HYLA), Boston, MA</p>
2018	<p>“The Aftermath: Puerto Rico post Hurricane Maria,” <i>Women in the World Conference, Am I the Earth’s Keeper?: Climate Change and Faith Community</i>, Boston University School of Theology</p>
2018	<p>“Youth Speaking to Joy: Fiesta, Resilience and the Wisdom of Youth,” Co-presenter with Dean Mary Elizabeth Moore, Yale Youth Ministry Institute, Yale Divinity School</p>
2017	<p>“Me duele Puerto Rico,” Panelist, <i>Puerto Rico and Maria: Histories and Vulnerabilities in the Eye of the Storm</i> Panel, American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Boston 2017</p>

2017	<i>"Wild Child Practical theology,"</i> Center for Practical theology 10 th Annual Lecture, Respondent to Elizabeth Conde Frazier, Boston University School of Theology
2017	<i>Resistencia En Conjunto:A practice in radical solidarity and the embodiment of the Eucharist,</i> Beyond the Margins Conference: Indecent theologies in times of Trump and New England Maritime American Academy of Religion Meeting, Boston University School of Theology
2016	<i>Dynamics of Race and Gender in Voluntary Work,</i> Guest Lecturer Community Engagement Course, Hellenic College
2016	<i>Theology and Anarchism in the music of Calle 13,</i> Respondent to Rady Roldán-Figueroa, Boston University School of Theology
2015	<i>Postcolonial Theology/theory and Film,</i> Lecture, Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico, San Juan
2014	<i>Leadership: Women and Power Dynamics,</i> Woman in the World Conference, Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University
2013	<i>Institutionalized Racism Panel,</i> conference speaker, Boston University School of Theology

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020-22	Louisville Postdoctoral Fellowship, Louisville, Kentucky
2018-2019	William Gilbert and Florence Leonard Jones Scholarship, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Summer 2018	Doctoral Students of Color Leadership Award, Boston University School of Theology
2018-2019	Dissertation Scholarship, Hispanic Theological Initiative
2018-2019	Dissertation Scholar, Forum for Theological Exploration
2016-2017/2017-2018/2018-2019	Doctoral Student Association Conference Travel Scholarship, Boston University School of Theology, Boston, MA
2016-2017	Frank & Bertha Howard Fellowship Stipend
2016-2017	Edgar Sheffield Brightman Theology Stipend
2013-2014	Rev. Dr. Allen J. Moore School of the Prophets Scholarship, Boston University, School of Theology
2013-2014	Rowley Scholarship, Disciples Home Missions
2012-2013/2013-2014	M.Div. Dean's Fellowship, Boston University, School of Theology
2012-2013/2013-2014	Beth Hume Ethnic Scholarship, Boston University
2012-2013	Charles Kenosian Endowed Memorial Scholarship Fund, Boston University
2012-2013	Thomas J. and Nellie M. Scholarship Fund, Boston University
2008	Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
2006	Puerto Rican Youth Medal, Puerto Rico.
2000	Roberto Clemente Award, Carolina, Puerto Rico
2000	Citizenship Medal, Carolina, Puerto Rico

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY AND THE COMMUNITY

2021-Present	Board of Advisors, Journal of Religion Film and Media
2021-Present	Steering Committee, Ecclesial Unit Practice, American Academy of Religion
2021-Present	Chair, Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit, American Academy of Religion
2021	Panel moderation and organization, “ <i>Conversatorio Inter Religioso: Esperanza y Solidaridad en Tiempos Post COVID,</i> ” Mesa de Diálogo Martin Luther King Jr., San Juan, Puerto Rico
2019-present	Vice-President, Art Religion and Culture Collaborative Board of Directors
2019	Moderator, “Apprenticing Practical Theology,” Association of Practical Theology, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
2019-Present	Secretary Treasurer, Association of Practical Theology
2017-2019	Executive Board Member At-Large Association of Practical Theology
2016-2019	Director At-large, Art Religion and Culture Collaborative
2017-2018	School of Theology representative, Provost for Graduate Affairs Graduate Student Advisory Board Boston University
2017	Organizer, <i>Beyond the Margins Conference: Indecent theologies in times of Trump</i> , First Annual Graduate Student Conference, Boston University School of Theology
2016-2017	DACA and Immigration Rights Committee, Boston University School of Theology
2016-present	Steering Committee Member, Association for Theopoetics Research and Exploration
2016	Organizer, <i>Protest, Public Religion, and Social Change</i> , Second Annual Boston University Graduate Conference in Religious Studies
2015-present	Member Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Boston University School of Theology
January 2016	Workshop facilitator, <i>Listening for a Change</i> , Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA
2012-2013	Organizer, Raíces Latinas Week, Boston University School of Theology
August 2013	Intern, MARCHA, Methodist Association Representing the Cause of Hispanic-Americans
Summer 2013	Intern, ACLAMEN (Asociación de Clérigas Latinas Metodistas Nacional)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2020	Inclusive Teaching: Supporting All Students in the Classroom, edX course, Columbia University, New York
Summer 2019	Early Career Orientation, Hispanic Theological Initiative
October 2018	HTI Doctoral Fellows Gathering, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
April 2018	Preparing Future Faculty Workshops: Backward design, online teaching, and philosophy of teaching, Boston University School of Theology
March 2016	Theopoetics A Transdisciplinary Conference With Workshops And Dialogue, Boston MA
Spring 2016	IRB Certification for Researchers
Summers 2014-2018	Professional Development Conference, Hispanic Theological Initiative
Summer 2014-2015	Christian Leadership Forum, Doctoral Cohort, Forum for Theological Exploration
March 2014	Student Christian Movement National Leadership Training Conference, Washington DC
October 2013	Proposal Writing and Research Workshop, Essex County Community Foundation
Jun-Jul 2013	Hispanic Summer Program
June 2012	Health and Pastoral Counseling workshop with Daniel S. Schipani, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

2020-present	Online Learning Consortium, Professional membership
2019-present	Member, Latin American Studies Association
2018-present	Associate Member, International Academy of Practical Theology
2017-2018	President, School of Theology Doctoral Student Association, Boston University
2016-present	Member, Hope Central Church, Jamaica Plain, MA
2016-2017	Vice President, School of Theology Doctoral Student Association, Boston University
2014-present	La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Theology and Religion
2014-2019	Hispanic Theological Initiative Scholar
2014-present	Member, American Academy of Religion
2014-2016	Facilitator and Internship Committee Member, Pub Church, Boston, MA
2013-2015	President, BU STH Hispanic/Latin@ Association
2012-2013	Vice President, BU STH Hispanic/Latin@ Association
2008-2009	Representative Council Member, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Puerto Rico.

2004-2016

Member, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fajardo

SOFTWARE/TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Online learning/teaching
platforms**

- Canvas Software
- Moodle
- Edvance360
- Sakai
- Blackboard
- BrightSpace

Research Software

- Nvivo
 - Zotero
 - Qualtrics
 - Endnote
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LANGUAGES

Spanish, English (Full proficiency)
French, Italian (Professional working proficiency)
Portuguese (Elementary proficiency)