

CURRICULUM VITAE

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POSITION

Assistant Professor of Theology and Latin American Studies
Director of Academic Writing
Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

EDUCATION

- 2004 **Ph.D.**
Theology
Queen's University, Belfast
"Contextual Theology for Latin America."
- 1999 **BA (Hons) in Spanish and Theology**
Queen's University, Belfast
- 1997 **Professional Certificate, Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages**
Trinity College, London
- 1997 **Professional Certificate (with High Commendation),
Teaching English as a Foreign Language**
Queen's University, Belfast
- 1997 **Professional Certificate (with High Commendation),
Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages**
Queen's University, Belfast

HONORS, GRANTS

- 2021-2022 Conant Fund award, “Engaging Latino/a Theologies.”
- 2021–2022 Meade Seminar Series, Virginia Theological Seminary, “Engaging Latino/a Theologies.”
- 2020–2021 Conant Fund award, “Towards an Understanding of Latino/a Theological: Reflection in the United States of America: Application and Implications for Ministry.”

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Integrated approach to scholarship in Christian formation founded on relationships, respect, and collegiality.
- Pedagogical excellence that empowers students to create communities of dialogue, trust, and transformation through bilingual and multicultural discernment.
- Research, writing, and publications that are collaborative and always in conversation with classroom and community.
- Relational worldview that resources deepening relationships with the wider church, academy, intercultural ministries, organizations that seek life-giving witness, and pastors and practitioners on the ground.

EMPLOYMENT & EXPERIENCE

- 2019–present Assistant Professor of Theology and Latin American Studies
Virginia Theological Seminary
- 2017–present Director of Academic Writing
Virginia Theological Seminary
- 2017–2019 Visiting Professor, Latino/a Theology and Language
Virginia Theological Seminary
- 2016–2017 Adjunct Instructor of Theology and Global Christian Mission
Virginia Theological Seminary
- 2016–2017 Co-director, Writing Center
Virginia Theological Seminary
- 2014–2021 Doctoral Program Instructor
Virginia Theological Seminary
- 2014–2016 Adjunct Instructor of Theology and Global Christian Mission
Virginia Theological Seminary

- 2010–2013 Senior Lecturer
School of Theology and Religious Studies
St. John’s University of Tanzania
- 2010–2013 Curriculum Advisor/Consultant for Master of Arts in Theology
School of Theology and Religious Studies
St. John’s University of Tanzania
- 2010–2013 Quality Assurance Officer
School of Theology and Religious Studies
St. John’s University of Tanzania
- 2007–2009 National Examiner, Religious Studies
Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA), UK
- 2006–2009 Teacher, Religious Studies
Bloxham School, Oxfordshire, UK
- 2004–2006 Curriculum Administrator
Matthew Arnold School, Oxford, UK
- 2005 Teacher, A-Level Psychology
Matthew Arnold School, Oxford, UK
- 2004–2006 Private English Language Tutor, Oxford, UK
- 1999–2001 National Coordinator, Youth and Children’s Ministry
Crosslinks (Anglican Agency), Ireland
- 1992–2004 Private Music Teacher, Piano, UK and Ireland
- 1992–2004 Private Music Teacher, Violin, UK and Ireland
- 1997–1998 Teacher, English
El Instituto de Severo Ochoa, Granada, Spain

TEACHING AND RESEARCH SPECIALISM

- Latin American Theologies
- Liberation Theologies
- Latin American Protestant Theologies
- Latino/a Theologies
- Latino/a Hermeneutics and Homiletics
- Liturgy in Spanish
- Contextual Theologies
- *Misión Integral*
- Social Justice, Wealth, and Poverty
- Theological Research and Writing Skills
- Academic English for Theology

RESEARCH SUPERVISIONS

2019–2022	Cultural Values: Principles and Implications for Ministry with Latino/a Youth
2019–2020	Disability and the Church
2019–2020	Selected Readings in Latino/a Theologies and Pastoral Ministry
2018–2019	Resourcing Latino/a Ministries in the Episcopal Church
2018–2019	Latino/a Ministries: History, Culture and Society
2018–2019	Theology for a Desolate, Brown Skinned Woman
2017–2018	Exploring Latino/a Ministries in the Episcopal Church
2017–2018	Episcopal Liturgies in Spanish
2017–2018	Cross-Cultural Ministry in the Diocese of Ruaha
2016–2017	A Constructive Missiological Approach to Short Term Mission;
2012–2013	Strategies for the Church in Response to Albino Killings
2012–2013	The Local Church and HIV-AIDS in Tanzania
2011–2012	Church and Female Dropout in the Education System in Tanzania
2011–2012	Comparative Youth Ministries in East African Churches

COURSE DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND TEACHING

Theology and Latin American Studies

CHWT 665: Latin American Theology in Context: History, Culture and Society

CHWT 664: Liberation Theologies

CHWT 645: Engaging Latino/a Theologies

CHWT 981: Visions of Transformation I: Biblical Visions

CHWT 982: Visions of Transformation II: Theological Visions

Integration and Praxis

PRXT 520: The Prayer Book in Spanish

PRXT 521: The Bible in Spanish

CHWT 936: Education and Leadership in Light of Liberation

CHWT 983: Visions of Transformation III: Interdisciplinary Visions

CHWT 984: Visions of Transformation IV: Focused Readings

Academic Research and Writing

WRRE 409: The Art of Writing Theologically

WRRE 510: Introduction to Theological Research and Writing

WRRE 600: Advanced Theological Research and Writing

WRRE 500: Advanced Academic English for Theological Studies I

WRRE 501: Advanced Academic English for Theological Studies II

Doctoral Writing Week

SERVICE IN ACADEMY AND CHURCH

2021–present	Peer reviewer for journal <i>Religions</i>
2018–present	Institutional liaison and faculty facilitator, The Episcopal Latino Ministry Competency Course, Ethnic Ministries, The Episcopal Church
2018–present	Academic Consultant, Ethnic Ministries, The Episcopal Church
2017–present	Faculty advisor and co-leader, Multicultural Bilingual Worship Team
2017–present	Oversight of thesis capstone proposal process
2017–present	Design and chair of annual thesis/capstone presentation event
2017–present	Action Reflection Group, Spanish language students
2015–present	Intentional hospitality and pastoral care (informal) International Students
November 2021	“Strategies of Resistance” presentation at <i>How Colonialism Worked</i> , The Center for Anglican Communion Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary
November 2021	Invited panelist, <i>How Colonialism Worked</i> , The Center for Anglican Communion Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary
2021–present	Various forums and seminars on the intersection of Latin American and Latino/a Theologies and Contemporary Christian Community.

PUBLICATIONS

Contextual Theology for Latin America: Liberation Themes in Evangelical Perspective (Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2008)

Engaging Latino/a Theologies (Eugene: Cascade Press, forthcoming)

Academic Style Guide (Virginia Theological Seminary, 2018)

Academic Style Guide revd. (Virginia Theological Seminary, 2021)

English for Academic Purposes Handbook (St. John's University of Tanzania, 2011)

In development

Women at the Center: The Essential Contributions of Latina Theologians

“The Scholarship and Spirituality of Michelle Maldonado Gonzalez.”

“Resisting: Pedagogy and Prophetic Witness in Elizabeth Conde-Frazier.”

“Centering Relationship in Theology: Loida Martell-Otero.”

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion

Latin American Studies Association

Latina/o Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish: full professional and academic proficiency

German: reading

Kiswahili: conversational

ADVISORS

2021–present	Fenya Antonatos-Kazana
2021–present	The Rev. Yoimel González Hernández
2019–present	The Rev. Altagracia Perez-Bullard, Ph.D
2018–present	The Rev. Anthony Guillén
2018–present	The Rev. Al Rodriguez