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Education

Centro para Estudios Teológicos Santo Domingo de Guzmán— Zona Colonial, St. Domingo, Dominican Rep.
2004 *Licenciatura*, Ciencias Religiosas (Religious Sciences degree granted via UNIBE)

Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) — Ave. Francia, D.N. St. Domingo, Dominican Rep.
2008 Four Years of Medicine (Reached “White Coat” level: MA Equivalent)

University of Nottingham — University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, United Kingdom
2012 Master of Arts, Theology and Religious Studies

Universidad de Valladolid — Plaza de Santa Cruz, 8, 47002 Valladolid, Spain
202? Doctor of Philosophy, *mención* Religion and Aesthetics
Studies suspended because of Covid pandemic.

University of Dayton — 300 College Park Ave, Dayton, OH 45469, USA
2028 Doctor of Theology

Taught Courses and Seminars

DOCTORAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE COURSES

Theological Inquiry

Marymount University, Arlington, VA

In-person and online as a requirement of UVa doctoral studies program

An overview of Christian theological concepts and how to conduct proper research via the Theological Sources. The course begins with an Old and New Testament survey, continues with Christology and Church History, and ends with a contemporary look at Morality and Social Justice. I also highlight Mysticism, Angelology and Ecumenism along the way.

Religions of the World

Marymount University, Arlington, VA

In-person and online as a requirement of UVa doctoral studies program

Less of a comparative religions course, it is more an exposition of the major religious world systems: Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Daoism, Shinto, Tenrikyo, Zoroastrianism, the Abrahamic faiths, and Ecumenism. Mythological cosmology is explored respective to each faith.

MASTERS SEMINAR

Liberation Theology in Latin America

University of Nottingham

Nottinghamshire, United Kingdom

A seminar-style presentation for my colleagues in the master’s program. The seminar covered the history of development of Liberation Theology, its inception and theological antecedents and—as a recent article and book had declared its demise—how it is still viable in the modern Catholic Church. A discussion as to the merits of the theology followed.

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UNDERGRAD SEMINARS AND LECTURES

Mariology: *Its Importance for Modern Clergy*

Archbishopric of Santo Domingo

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

A seminar designed for newly ordained young Catholic priests. The archbishop hoped the young men would benefit from this focus on Marian doctrine and dogma, in order that they might become acceptable pastors to female parishioners. Sacred text that focused on the Blessed Mother was explored as well.

The Book of Revelation

Parish of the Order of the Discalced Carmelites

Sabana Larga, Dominican Republic

The OCDs still hold their Bible Study courses, to which they invite a large number of high school students from the outlying communities. We examined *Revelation* not only from a pop-culture perspective, but also harkened back to the Martyrs of the Apostolic Church in order to separate the absurd from the sublime.

Psalms: *Their Relevance in Modern Worship*

Parish of the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Herrera, Dominican Republic

A unique experience in that it was a seminar designed for adults who were not altogether literate. Song, dance, and music played a large part in getting to the heart of Davidic doxology.

Field Experience

PASTORAL

Order of Preachers

Dominican Republic

Volunteer work involving projects that required learning about how NGOs, such as World Vision International, and IGOs, such as UNESCO, function. These projects were realized among both native and immigrant plantation workers, and centered on housing, education and health care concerns.

ACADEMIC

Freelance

Translator and Editor

Preparing academic papers (mainly philosophical) originally written in Spanish for publication in English. Still employed: happy to oblige my colleagues when asked. Work is virtual and completed long distance. Also, editing papers written in English by native Spanish-speakers. Last large project: *The Paths of Creation*, ed. Peter Lang.

COURSE DESIGN

Systematic Theology

The Franciscan Order

Online Project (in the works)

Developed primarily in Spanish, this online project provides basic theological formation for missionary postulants and novitiates. I have developed videos and visual aids for courses in Sacred Scripture, Dogmatics, Morality, Canon Law, Ecclesiology, and Ecumenism.

Ecclesiology

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in conjunction with the Immaculate Conception Seminary and School of Theology at Seton Hall University

Online Project

Development of an online Ecclesiology course for Permanent Deacons in both Spanish and English. The deacons are destined for Catholic parishes with large numbers of Latin American faithful. I have integrated USCCB teaching and guidelines for the permanent diaconate into the course and have approached it from an historical dogmatic and doctrinal perspective.

Articles, Publications and Presentations

Las Diáconos de la Iglesia Primitiva (The Deacons, Male and Female, of the Primitive Church)

2004 *Licenciatura* Dissertation

The Deborah-Barak Cycle in Old Testament Ethics: Imitatio Dei and Law

2012 Masters Dissertation

Echoes of Colonialism in the Dominican Republic: Structural Sin Underlying Dispossession and Forced Economic Migration in El Seibo

2019 Presented at AAR and article presented for publication.

Joseph and the Multi-colored Worldview: A comparison of the Christian and Qur'anic interpretations of the text

2020 Cancelled due to Coronavirus. Will be posted on Academic.edu.

Filosofía de la religión (Philosophy of Religion)

2024 A volume in a series by *Biblioteca de Autores Cristianos (BAC)* for seminarians.

AS TRANSLATOR:

The Paths of Creation: Creativity in Science and Art

2011 *Berna: Peter Lang*

Essential to Art: Kinesthesia and the Artistic Experience

2016 *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*

Research Areas of Interest

Theology, Religious Studies, Interfaith Dialogue, Ecumenical Theology, World Cultures and Religions, Mythology and Cosmogony/Cosmology, Literature, Philosophy, Truth and Axiomatic Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Physics, Science Fiction & Speculative Theology, Liberation Theology/Religion in the Political Space, Feminism Studies, Art & Art Theory, Music & Music Theory, Aesthetics, Ethics, Bioethics, Health Care, Humanities, Anthropology, Socio-cultural Anthropology, Apologetics.

Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Since 2016

2019 – MAR-AAR Presenter: *Echoes of Colonialism in the Dominican Republic*

2020 – MAR-AAR Co-Chair of *Postcolonial and Religious Studies* panel

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (SARTS)

Since 2016

Languages

English Expert (native language)

Spanish Expert (read, written and spoken)

Farsi Conversational

Hebrew Intermediate (can read Biblical/Classical)

Koine Greek Intermediate (read and written)

Classical Latin Advanced (read and written)

Computer Skills

OS: Windows XP, ME, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, 10, 11.

Microsoft Office 365: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Publisher, FrontPage, Access, and Outlook.

Programs: Adobe, Corel, Closed captioning software, Audacity, and video creation software.

Hardware: Installation of non-invasive items such as printers, microphones, etc.

Internet: Email, social media sites, etc.

LMS (Learning Management Systems): BlackBoard, Starfish, Canvas and Moodle.

Graphics: Manipulation of images, and creation of pamphlets, brochures, etc.