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### **EDUCATION**

- 1989-1994     **Bachelor of Arts and Master in Philosophy (BA - M.Phil)**  
Cecilio Acosta University (UNICA) (Maracaibo - Venezuela).  
Thesis Topic: “La educación: el medio de la formación del ideal de realización del hombre en Aristóteles.”
- 1994-1998     **Bachelor in Theology (S.T.B.):**  
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome - Italy).
- 2000-2004     **Master (Licenza) in Science in Holy Scripture (S.S.L.):**  
Pontifical Biblicum Institute (Rome - Italy).  
Thesis Topic: “Jesús nos enseña el camino de la vida que no es terminada por las manos de los Hombres. Análisis semántico-narrativo de Mc 9,30-32.” Mentor: Klemens Stock, SJ.
- 2005-2009     **Doctorate in Biblical Theology (S.T.D.):**  
Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome - Italy).  
Thesis Topic: “El espíritu del Señor en el libro de los Jueces. Estudio exegético y teológico del rûah Yhwh bajo la perspectiva deuteronomista.” Mentor: Santiago Bretón, SJ.

### **LANGUAGES**

#### **Research Languages**

- Greek (Koiné): proficient
- Latin (Classic and Ecclesiastic): proficient
- Biblical Hebrew: proficient
- Biblical Aramaic: reading knowledge

These languages are obligatory requirement to obtain the S.S.L. and the S.T.D. at the Biblicum and Pontifical Gregorian University.

#### **Modern Languages**

- Spanish: native language
- English: fluent. Required to obtain the S.S.L. and the S.T. D.
- Italian: fluent. Required to obtain the S.S.L. and the S.T. D.
- French: reading fluency, intermediate speaking competency. Required to obtain the S.S.L. and the S.T. D.
- Portuguese: reading fluency, intermediate speaking competency

- German: reading fluency, intermediate speaking competency (Zertifikat von Kreuzberg Internationale Schulungs - Bonn). Required to obtain the S.S.L. and the S.T. D.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

1998-2000	Major Seminary St. Ignatius of Antioch. Faculty member.
2010-present	University of St. Thomas (Houston, TX). Faculty member.
2016-2017	Chair of the Theology Department (UST).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Courses Taught**

- History of Religion and Philosophy at the Major Seminary St. Ignatius of Antioch: 1998-2000.
  - Introduction to the Sacred Scripture: THEO 1300 (THEO 2300/3310) at UST since 2010.
  - Synoptic Gospels (THEO 3354-A) at UST since 2010.
  - Paul: his Letters and Theology (THEO 3352 - N) at UST since 2011.
  - Luke and Acts: THEO 4320-A Lec (1896) / MLTHE 6320 -N (2097) at UST since 2011.
  - Gospel and Letters of John MLTHE 5365-N (2407) at UST since 2011.
  - UNIV 1111 - L Freshman Symposium: Educating Leaders of Faith & Character (Fall 2013 and Fall 2014).
  - Special Topics FC 6393-N / THEO 4393-N (1715): This is a core course for the Masters in Faith and Culture (cross listed with Theology).
  - HNRS 4395 - N Contemporary Problems Seminar (Honors Program: Spring 2014).
  - HNRS 3391-A Community Service Project (Seminar) (Fall 2016)
  - UNIV 1293 - ROM Special Topics: FYESA (Spring 2015).
  - Webinars for Pastoral and Homiletic for the priests and deacons of the Diocese of San Bernardino. Online courses since 2014.
  - LMU: Instituto Bíblico Católico: Professor of NT. Spanish program: 2016-2017.
  - Notre Dame: STEP Caminos. Course online: The NT Gospels (Spanish version). Recorded during the Fall 2016.
  - American Bible Society (ABS): Creation of a Bilingual Video Seminar on the Patristic Use of Lectio Divina. Sponsored and produced by the American Bible Society. These video seminars are used by the ABS in association with Catholic Ministries nationwide.
- English  
 Part 1: <https://vimeo.com/188868772/078214256b>  
 Part 2: <https://vimeo.com/190720884/c6d7561c2c>
- Spanish  
 Part 1: <https://vimeo.com/189204661/82b7a7b440>

Part 2: <https://vimeo.com/194054752/d25ad0ea06>

### **Collaborative Courses**

- Collaborative teaching with Sr. Damien Savino, Department of Environmental Science and Studies (ESS): Spring 2013: THEO 3322 Theology of Creation.
- Collaborative teaching with Dirk Steffens M.Div. (adjunct): Teachings of the Catholic Church (THEO 1300/3300, Fall 2012).
- Collaborative teaching in the study abroad course, THEO 4393/CS 4393 Mapping the Holy Land, is an interdisciplinary study of the Holy Land's archeological, historical, cultural and theological core (May 22-June 1, 2013).
- Collaborative teaching with Dr. Michalos in Freshman Symposium: lecture of Catholic Intellectual Tradition (Fall 2016).
- Kakehashi Project: International exchange program established between the Government of Japan and the Department of International Studies. The program was developed during Spring 2017 which included three instructional sections, two special activities with Japanese students, the trip to Japan, and final presentations of the core values of Kakehashi project: diversity, character, service, and diplomacy.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Published Books and Monographs**

- *El espíritu del Señor en el libro de los Jueces. Estudio exegético y teológico del rûah Yhwh bajo la perspectiva deuteronomista.* Excerpta ex Dissertatione ad Doctoratum in Facultate Theologiae Pontificiae Universitatis Gregorianae (Roma 2010. N° 5896). (Peer-reviewed)
- *La victoria sobre el poder de la muerte. Ensayo semántico y narrativo del texto griego de Marcos 9:30-32* (Sevilla: Editorial Círculo Rojo, 2012) (ISBN 978-84-9030-136-4). Thesis of Graduation from the Pontifical Biblicum Institute of Rome (Peer-reviewed)  
  
A review of the book was published in *Reviews in Religion & Theology* Volume 21, Issue 1, pages 122–124, January 2014
- *El Modus operandi lucano y paulino: Modelo teológico pastoral para una nueva evangelización. Una propuesta hermenéutica para la evangelización en las comunidades hispanas de los EE.UU.* (Berlin - Madrid: Editorial Académica Española, 2012) (ISBN 978-3-659-05768-7).
- *From John of Apamea to Mark's Gospel. Two Dialogues with Thomasios: a Hermeneutical reading of Horao, Blepo, and Theoreo.* *Studies in Biblical Literature* (volume 160). Publisher: Peter Lang International Academic Publishers (October 31, 2014). ISBN-10: 1433126168 / ISBN-13: 978-1433126161 (Peer-reviewed).

#### **Published Peer-reviewed Articles and Essays**

- *Jesus and the Demons: Portraits of the spiritual Seeing in Mark's Gospel. Origen, Bonaventure, and Ignatius as hermeneutic reading key of the Gospel. Teología y Vida* 54, no. 2 (2013) pp. 307-337. Pontifical University of Santiago de Chile, a Jesuit University.
- *John of Apamea. A Framework of the Problem of his Identity and Assessment of different theories. JECH* 5, no. 1 (2015): 4-25.
- *John of Apamea: His Identity and his dualistic anthropological conception.* Published in the Theological Journal entitled: *Teología y Cultura*, año 11, vol. 16 (2014). ISSN 1668-6233.
- *Jesus: the flowing and living water of Yhwh. Biblical Reflection of the relation between Ez 47:1-12 and Jn 5:1-16.* Published in *Homiletic and Pastoral Review: HPR* (2015). Digital Journal.
- *Dimensión parental e histórica de la fe Ensayo filológico y semántico de la raíz אבן . Scripta Theologica*, Fascículo 1, Vol. XLVII (2015): 41-70.
- “Eliab, Son of Toah (אֱלִיָּהוּ בֶן-תּוֹהוּ ’elîhû’ ben Toḥû), the great grandfather of Samuel.” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “Tannur (תַּנּוּר Tannûr), an oven or furnace.” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. . Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “Oboda (עבדא Avdat/Abda or Ovdad), the name of a city and three Nabatean kings.” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. . Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “Lehun. The location also known as Al-Lahun, Khirbet Lahun, or the biblical land of Moab.” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. . Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “Tamar (תַּמָּר Tāmār), The name of the dwelling place of the Amorites.” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. . Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “Lord of Hosts” (יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת). In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. . Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “Good and Evil, ancient conceptions of.” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. . Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “Mary, the Mother of Jesus (Μαρία)” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. . Bellingham, Wa.: Logos Corporation, 2015.
- “The Will of God or the Will of the gods.” In *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. Logos Corporation. (Pending).
- “Re-assessing the role of the Pharisees in the NT.” In *HPR* (October, 2016). Digital Publication.
- “Introducción a los Evangelios Canónicos. Unidad 1.” Instructional Booklet (8,414 words) published online and copyrighted by the Institute for Church Life: STEP of the University of Notre Dame (2016).

- “Introducción al Problema Sinóptico y al Evangelio según Marcos. Unidad 2.” Instructional Booklet (8,789 words) published online and copyrighted by the Institute for Church Life: STEP of the University of Notre Dame (2016).
- “Introducción al evangelio según Mateo. Unidad 3.” Instructional Booklet (9,691 words) published online and copyrighted by the Institute for Church Life: STEP of the University of Notre Dame (2016).
- “Introducción al evangelio según Lucas. Unidad 4.” Instructional Booklet (6,495 words) published online and copyrighted by the Institute for Church Life: STEP of the University of Notre Dame (2016).
- “Introducción al evangelio según Juan. Unidad 5.” Instructional Booklet (8,091 words) published online and copyrighted by the Institute for Church Life: STEP of the University of Notre Dame (2016).
- “Re-discovering the semantics of אָמַן in Qal.” In *Theologica Xaveriana* no. 184 (Julio-Diciembre 2017). Forthcoming. Approved for publication.
- “Black and Brown Pauls: A Pauline case of racial profiling: a hermeneutical reading of Acts 21:27-40a and 22:23-29 and the reality of the African American and Hispanic communities in United States.” Paper presented at the joint ACHTUS-CBTS colloquium as a special session of the CTSA. Albuquerque, New Mexico; June 4-7, 2017.
- “Recovering the semantic connotations of the verb אָמַן (אָמַן) in Qal.” In *Helmantica* LXVII no. 198 (2016):123-159. (Edition published in February 2017).

### Book Reviews

- Garbini, Giovanni, *Letteratura e politica nell'Israele antico* (Brescia: Paideia 2010). Published by The Review of Biblical Literature which is a publication of the Society of Biblical Literature (<http://www.sbl-site.org>), on November 23rd, 2012.
- Pesce, Mauro, *Da Gesù al cristianesimo* (Morcelliana: Brescia, 2011). Published by *Cuestiones Teológicas*, Vol 41, No 96 (2014). The Theological Journal of the Pontifical University of Medellín, Colombia.
- Pesce, Mauro, *Da Gesù al cristianesimo* (Morcelliana: Brescia, 2011). Published by the *Journal of Early Christian History* (JECH), Volume 4, Number 2 (2014): 189-193. ISSN 2222-582X © Unisa Press.

### Consultant Work

- Reviser and consultant for the Spanish translation of the Bible: “Santa Biblia. Nueva Traducción Viviente (NTV).” Commissioned and sponsored by Fundación Ramón Pané Inc. (2013).
- Reviser and consultant for the Spanish translation of the “Evangelios de la Biblia” (The Gospels of the Bible). Commissioned and sponsored by American Bible Society (New York) and CELAM: Conferencia Episcopal Latinoamericana (Colombia) (2013).
- Reviser, consultant, and member of the Task Force of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops for the translation of the Gospels of the Bible in the Americas from the original texts

(Greek into Spanish) since January 2014. Members of the task Force: Archbishop José Gómez, president of the task force (Los Angeles), Bishop Anthony Taylor (AR), and Fr. Dempsey Rosales Acosta (UST).

- Collaboration with the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston: Dr. George Ramirez Manager of Digital Media of the MFAH ([www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org)). The collaboration was the analysis and summary of seven paintings of the artist *Henry Ossawa Tanner* under the aspect of Biblical theology. The Exhibition's title: *Henry Ossawa Tanner: Modern Spirit* (Oct 21, 2012 - Jan 13, 2013).
- Reviser and consultant on matters of Biblical theology and Catholic hermeneutics and tradition for the book: *Hispanic Ministry in the 21st Century*. Edited by Hosffman Ospino, Elsie Miranda, and Brett Hoover. Published in Miami, FL: Convivium Press, 2016. the acknowledgment of my work is attested in page 19 of the aforementioned book.
- Collaboration in the peer-reviewed article entitled “Advocacy for English Language Learners and the Role of Interpreters to Assist Counselors.” In *VISTAS*, online publication of American Counseling Association Knowledge Center. Article 23. Published in February 2017. My contribution is explicitly mentioned in pages 4-6.8.

## **COLLABORATION IN DOCUMENTARIES, JOURNAL COLUMNS, AND RADIO PROGRAMS**

- Documentary series on the Human Dignity. Salt and Light TV. Recorded on the day of 5/8/2014. Topic: The Creation and Human dignity in the Hebrew narrative of Genesis.
- Collaboration in the TV special documentary entitled: *Cazadores del Rebaño ¿A dónde se están yendo los católicos?* The documentary was presented in channel 41: Univision in Houston hosted by the journalist Armandado Rojas. The documentary was presented on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March (1st part) and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May (2nd part): [www.univisionhouston.com](http://www.univisionhouston.com). (<http://univisionhouston.univision.com/noticias/videos-de-noticias/video/2012-05-01/cazadores-del-rebano-por-que-del-exodo-catolico>).
- Collaboration with the Archdiocese of Galveston- Houston Audio reflections posted on the official website of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, in the space "The Daily Vine". The audio reflections are
  - a) Thomas the Apostle (07/03/12).
  - b) Thomas More and John Fisher (06/22/12).
  - c) John the Baptist (06/24/12).
- October 29, 2013: Recording for the opening of 3 documentaries program for the UST Worldview: the series “Panes of Glory”, Episode 1 through 3. They were presented on December 21 and 28 of 2013, and January 4 of 2014.
- Radio program: “Paul's Journey of Faith” in Radio Maria (English). It started on January 19th 2013 lasted 4 months. It was one hour every Saturday from 2-3 pm (central time).
- May 6th, 2015: special guest speaker in a documentary entitled: “Sectas y Cultos” (Sects and Cults), hosted by the journalist Juan José Rodas of Telemundo. Transmitted by Telemundo on 5/6/2015 at 10 pm.

- (2016): Interview for Semana News with the journalist Marina Gil. Date: 2/8/216. Topic: History and Practices of Lent.
- (2016): Radio Interview with Joe McClane in Guadalupe Radio Network: KSHJ – 1430 AM – Houston, TX. Date: 2/8/216. Topic: the Year of Mercy.
- (2016 Fall): special collaboration and appearance in a documentary entitled: “Hispanos al Islam” (Hispanics go to Islam), hosted by the Journalist Rodolfo Sánchez of Univision. Transmitted and sponsored by Univision.
- (2016): “The Exile and Return of Lectio Divina: a Catholic Treasure.” Published in Catholic Herald

### **CONFERENCES, LECTURES, AND PAPERS IN LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS**

- (2010): Member/speaker of the panel of interdenominational discussion for Q-Gathering Chicago 2010: The role of Scripture in Society: Inerrancy of the Scripture, Validity, and Interpretation.
- (2010): New York Catholic Bible Summit: La Cumbre Bíblica Católica de Nueva York "Live the Word of God in Challenging Times" / “Viva la Palabra de Dios en Tiempos Dificiles” (Bilingual). *Date:* Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. *Place:* Fordham University: Lincoln Center Campus, New York City. Paper presented: "Reading the New testament with the eyes of the Old Testament" / Leyendo el Nuevo Testamento con los ojos del Antiguo (Bilingual Conferences).
- (2011): New York Catholic Bible Summit (2011) / La Cumbre Bíblica Católica De Nueva York: "Encounter Jesus - The Living Word" / “Encuentre a Jesús - La Palabra Viva”. *Date:* Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 / Sábado, 25<sup>th</sup> de Junio, 2011. New York Catholic Center: 350 East 56th Street, New York City. *Topic/paper presented:* "Conociendo la persona de Jesús a través de las narraciones de la última Cena" / "Knowing Jesus through the Synoptic reading of the narrative of the Last Supper" (Bilingual Conferences).
- (2011): “Lectio Divina”: an exegetical approach and the Patristic Tradition, at the Siena Forum for Faith and Culture in New York City. Sponsored by the American Bible Society (ABS). *Place:* St. Catherine of Siena: Dominican Friars. 411 E 68th St. New York, NY 10065. *Date:* 21<sup>st</sup> of May 2011.
- (2012): Two presentations in Spanish in the Eucharistic Congress of 2012 sponsored by the ABS and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee: Congreso Eucarístico Arquidiocesano 2012. *Theme:* “La Palabra Hecha Carne.” Event Location: Archbishop Cousins Catholic Center 3501 South Lake Dr. Milwaukee, WI 53207. *Date:* March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
The Papers-Conferences presented:
  - a) Biblical Formation for Christians from the prospective of the post-Synodal document Verbum Domini.
  - b) The Biblical grounds of the Catechesis from the prospective of the post-Synodal document Verbum Domini.

- (2012): New York Catholic Bible Summit: Joy and Hope in the Light of the Gospel. On the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council (June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012). Paper-conference presented: “The Meta-physical seeing in Mark's Gospel”/ “El ver metafísico en el evangelio de Marcos” (Bilingual).
- (2012): Lecturer at the University of St. Thomas in the Conference entitled: Is Loving an Art or a Command? Trinitarian Love in the Spirituality and Thought of Chiara Lubich. Sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Center for Faith and Culture of the UST. *Place*: Cullen Hall: 4001 Mt. Vernon. *Date*: March 8th at 7:40 pm, Lecture and Discussion. Open for the public. Keynote speakers
  - a) Dr. Dempsey Rosales Acosta. Conference presented: The Trinitarian aspects in the vocabulary and theology of Luke's Gospel.
  - b) Dr. Thomas Norris. Conference presented: The Dogmatic aspects of the Trinity and the Focolare spirituality.
- (2012): ANSH (National association of Hispanic Priests) XXIII ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION: October 8 – 11, 2012. *Place*: Galt House Hotel: Louisville Kentucky (USA). *Theme*: “The New Evangelization: The Future of the US Church”/ “La Nueva Evangelización: El Futuro de la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos”.
  1. Title of the Conference presented: “La teología lucana, modelo interpretativo para la Nueva Evangelización en Estados Unidos” (Bilingual).
  2. Workshop's Theme/Tema del Workshop: “La carta a los Gálatas: modus operandi de Pablo como modelo para una Nueva Evangelización en Norteamérica” (Bilingual).
- (2013): *Congreso Teológico Pastoral: El año de la Fe*. *Place*: Pontifical Seminary St. Thomas Aquinas, Santo Domingo (República Dominicana). *Dates*: 15-17 of March, 2013. Sponsored by the Pontifical Seminary and the Archdiocese of Santo Domingo. Two Presentations (papers):
  - a) Porta Fidei and the New Evangelization: Problem and Biblical Pastoral Proposal: “Abrir las Puertas a la Fe”
  - b) Biblical Vocabulary of Faith: divided in three parts:
    - i. Confianza y Fidelidad: La raíz 'mn: Vocabulario veterotestamentario de la Fe
    - ii. Pístis y la Fe de Jesús: Vocabulario neotestamentario de la Fe
    - iii. Teología católica de la Fe
- (2013): Biblical Convention of the Diocese of San Pedro de Macorís (DR). Sponsored by the American Bible Society and Bishop Francisco Ozoria Acosta. *Place*: San Pedro de Macorís. *Date*: 18-21 of April, 2013. My participation consists of two Workshops and a Conference.
 

*Conference*:

  - a) “Abrir las Puertas a la Fe”: Porta Fidei and the New Evangelization: Problem and a Biblical Pastoral Proposal. Thursday April 18th 2013 at 7:00 pm.

*Workshops*:

  - a) Workshop of Lectio Divina: *A Patristic Exegesis* (Spanish) for all the priests and monsignors of the Diocese (From 9am-5 pm: 7 hours): Friday April 19th 2013.



- b) Workshop of *Lectio Divina: A Patristic Exegesis* (Spanish) for all the diocesan departments of Catechesis, Youth Ministries, and Pastoral Departments of the parishes of the Diocese: (From 9am-5 pm: 7 hours): Saturday April 20th 2013.
- (2013): New York Catholic Bible Summit 2013/Conferencia Cumbre Encuentro Bíblico Católico de Nueva York 2013. Paper/Workshop presented: "La crisis de los dos Evangelios en la carta a los Gálatas" / "The Crisis of the two Gospels in Galatians". Place New York Catholic Center (350 East 56th Street, New York City). Date: Saturday, June 22, 2013.
  - (2014): Presentation of the paper entitled "Segunda y tercera carta de Juan: Paradigmas del problema de la unidad de los cristianos". "Second and Third Letter of John: Paradigms of the problem of Christian Unity". Saturday, June 21, 2014 New York Catholic Center. 350 East 56th Street, New York City.
  - (2014): Participation in the 2014 National Symposium on Catholic Hispanic Ministry organized by Loyola Marymount University (LMU). Date: June 23-25, 2014. Place: Mater Dolorosa. Sierra Madre CA.
  - (2014): Presentation of the paper entitled: "Jesús: Un ministerio alegre y para los demás en la teología Paulina". "Jesus: A joyous ministry for others in Pauline Theology". In National Convention of the Association for Hispanic Priests in U.S.A. (ANSH). Date October 2nd, 2014. Place: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Houston, TX.
  - (2014): Key note Speaker of 36th Annual Catechetical Conference: Missionary Disciples of Hope: Setting Hearts on Fire. Invited by Archbishop Thomas Wensky of Miami. Location: Archdiocese of Miami. date: October 25th, 2014.
    - *Title of the keynote Conference*: "Biblical Dimension of the Catechesis: From the prospective of Verbum Domini" / Dimensión Bíblica de la Catequesis: Desde la perspectiva de la Verbum Domini".
    - *Title of the Workshop* presented in the same conference: "Luke 24:13-35 and Acts 21:37– 22:21: Two Biblical Paradigms of Catechesis."
  - (2015): Participation at the Catechetical Conference in El Paso, TX with a bilingual presentation entitled: "Luke and Acts as Paradigms of Biblical Catechesis" / "Lucas y Hechos como Paradigmas de la Catequesis Bíblica." Date February, 21st, 2015. Location: Diocese of El Paso, TX.
  - (2015): Participation with a bilingual conference in the New York Bible Summit sponsored by the American Bible Society and the Archdiocese of New York. The presentation is entitled: "Mary and Jesus' Siblings in the NT: Patristic and Modern Approach to the Problem" / "María y los hermanos de Jesús en el NT: Opiniones Patrísticas y Modernas sobre el Problema." Date June 20, 2015. Location: Archdiocese of New York.
  - (2015): Presenter at the World Meeting of the Family in Philadelphia, September 22-24, 2015. Title of the presentation: "Lectio Divina: Praying with Scripture to Connect with the Living God (English)." Date of the presentation: September 23rd. Time 4:15-5:15 pm. Location: Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA.

- (2016): Participation in the New York Bible Summit sponsored by the American Bible Society and the Archdiocese of New York. The presentation's title: "The Biblical Notion of Mercy" / "La noción bíblica de Misericordia." Date June 18, 2016. Location: Archdiocese of New York.
- (2016): Keynote Speaker of the Conference "In God's Image", A congress on Theology of the Disable. Sponsored by the Center of Faith and Culture and the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Date: 11/12/2016. Location: University of St. Thomas.
- (2017): Keynote Speaker of the South West Liturgical Conference. Theme: " Breaking Bread: The Eucharist and the Domestic Church." SWLC 55th annual study week: January 18-21, 2017. Location; Convention Center, El Paso TX.
- (2017): Presentation of the paper entitled: "Scripture and the Domestic Church. Center and Periphery: Lukan Paradigm of Catechesis." SWLC 55th annual study week: January 18-21, 2017. Location; Convention Center, El Paso TX.
- (2017): ACHTUS-CSTA joint colloquium: presentation of the paper entitled: "Black and Brown Pauls: A Pauline case of racial profiling: a hermeneutical reading of Acts 21:27-40a and 22:23-29 and the reality of the African American and Hispanic communities in United States." presented in the joint session of ACHTUS and BCT.

#### **LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS: LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL**

- (2012): *Forum*: Adult Faith, Formation, and Evangelization Forum 2012: Light the Fire of Faith / Cumbre de Evangelización y Formación en la Fe de Adultos: Enciende el fuego de la Fe (Bilingual Forum. *Date*: November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. *Place*: New York Catholic Center 350 E 56th St. New York, NY 10022.
- (2013): Workshop of Lectio Divina: *A Patristic Exegesis* (Spanish) at the Pontifical Catholic University of Santo Domingo: Madre y Maestra. Sponsored by the American Bible Society and Campus Ministry of the Pontifical University. *Place*: Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (Santo Domingo, RD). *Dates*: March 18-19, 2013.
- (2013): Faith and Fertility Seminar (Fe y Fecundidad) May 4th, 2013. St. Dominic Center: 2403 Holcombe Blvd. Houston, TX 77021. *Perspectiva Bíblica del Matrimonio*. Sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.
- (2014): Lenten Lecture entitled: "Pauline path of Discipleship: The Crisis of the two Gospels in the letter to Galatians". 25th Lenten Lecture Series. Sponsored by the Theology Department of the University of St. Thomas. April 9, 2014 at Anderson Hall.
- (2014): Seminar regarding the Patristic Exegesis and Lectio Divina. Historical and Jewish Background. Invited by the Biblical Institute of Mexican American Catholic College (MACC), San Antonio. Date 11/22/2014.
- (2016): Lecture on Ecclesiology: Communion and Mission (Spanish). Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as part of its Diplomado Mater Dei. Organized by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. *Date*: 1/23/2016. *Place*: St Dominic Chancery, Salon 140. 2403 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Tx 77021.

- (2016): Workshop Seminar on Moral Theology (12 hours) on Christ, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Dates 2/6/2016 and 2/20/2016.
- (2016): Workshop Seminar on the year of Mercy: Biblical and Moral Dimension of the notion of Mercy (Spanish). Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. Date: April 15-17 of 2016. Location: Diocese of Arlington, VA.
- (2017): Lecture on Ecumenism for the program of Fundamentos del Liderazgo Catequético. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Location: St Dominic Chancery Auditorium, 2403 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Tx 77021. Date: 4/21/2017.

## **FACULTY SERVICE**

- Member of the Faculty Development Committee at UST since 2011. Posted renewed in 2013 until 2016.
- Member of the Faculty Senate representing the Theology Department. Appointed time: 2013-2016.
- Member of the Academic Affairs Policy Committee representing the Theology Department. Appointed time: 2013-2016.
- Member of the task Force for the Concurrent Enrolment and Summer Courses representing the Academic Affairs Policy Committee. Appointed time 2013-2014.
- Member of the Committee of the Angelicum Foundation for the organization of the International Symposium that will take place on 2015. Period of service: 2014-2015.
- Chair of the Task Force for the Graduate Student Association (GSA): 2015.
- Chair of the Task Force for the Open Syllabi Website: 2015.
- Member of the University Planning Committee: Spring and Summer 2016.
- Member of the Search Committee for the Dean of Arts and Sciences: 2015-2016.
- Member of the Search Committee for the Director of the Center of faith and Culture: 2016.
- Chair of the Theology Department: 2016-2017.
- Faculty Advisor of Chi-Rho Theology Club: Pax Christi at UST. Appointed time: 2011-2012.2015-present
- Faculty Advisor and director of the Interfaith and Humanitarian Affairs Council at UST. Appointed time: 2011-present.
- Faculty Advisor and director of Youth for a United World (Y4UW) at UST. Appointed time: 2013-2016.
- Faculty Advisor and director of Celts for Life at UST. Appointed time: 2016-present.
- Faculty Academic Advisor of 16 students.
- Member of the Task Force regarding Promotion and Tenure Policy (2017).
- Member of the Search Committee for the VPIA: 2017.

- Chair of the Theology department: 2016-2017.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Bible Society
- Catholic Theological Society of America
- ACHTUS: Association of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of United States

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Gospel of Mark
- Luke and Acts
- Deuteronomistic History
- Linguistics and Semantics of Hebrew and Greek
- Ruah Yhwh
- Letter to the Galatians
- Book of Judges
- Syriac Patrology: John of Apamea
- Hebrew Semantics
- Latino Biblical Hermeneutics